

Congratulations to the Parish Quiz Team. A very exciting contest and an enjoyable evening. In spite of leaks to the Governor of Dartmoor Prison it is expected that Helen Tate will succeed in her escape. I'm sure she would welcome your support for such a good case. (See last months newsletter.)

RAINFALL: 27 February - 3 April 4  $\frac{1}{8}$  inches.

#### RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our Church Bells. Following the articles on the Church Bells and their refurbishing recently, I would like to thank John and Reg for the work they have done. The bells are much easier to chime and their notes are more resonant and sweeter. This might therefore be the right moment to give you the history of the bells as far as it is known. They are the survivors of a Ring of Three recorded in an inventory of 1553 when the Commissioners spelt the name RYDDEMORE. At one time they were a peal but now they can be chimed only. They were re-hung in October 1869 by Mr. Wm. Aggett of Chagford and again after an inspection in 1962.

TREBLE BELL. The late Rev. H. T. E. Ellacombe of Clyst St. George who made a special study of the bells of the Diocese recorded that our Treble Bell is one of the oldest in the Diocese. It has no name of the founder or of a Warden of the time, only the founder's mark I.T. His name is not known but he was working in Exeter around 1440. The bell has inscribed in 'Black Letter' which is notoriously hard to read 'Voce Mea Viva Depello Cuncta Novicia' trans. 'With my living voice I drive away all things that may do hurt'. It is 29  $\frac{3}{4}$ " in diam. and sounds 'C' Sharp.

SECOND BELL. This was recast by MEARS of London in 1869. It is 30  $\frac{1}{2}$ " in diam. and Sounds 'B'. It was previously recast by a local founder Mordecai Cockey of Totnes. The old inscription used to read: 'Nicholas Hooppell Ch Warden - Mordecai Cockey cast me in Totnes 1692'. Nicholas Hooppell probably lived in Cottage Farm which is now Cross Manor. The bell is inscribed Defunctos ploro - plebem voco - festa decoro I mourn the dead, I call the people - I honour the festivals.

TENOR BELL. It is the largest bell 32  $\frac{1}{2}$ " in diam. and sounds 'A' sharp. It was recast by AMBROSE GOODING of Plymouth in 1740. The inscription reads: 'JAMES GILBERT WARDEN: A GOODING 1740' James Gilbert occupied one of the Tenements at Marwell and is listed in the Survey of 1754. Gooding's bells had a faulty design in the crown staple and the clapper tended to fall out. There are few of his bells left in Devon. The crown staple in our bell has been strengthened, no doubt because of the technical knowledge of Hingston Randolph at the time of the re-hanging in 1869. So we have one of the few remaining Gooding bells in Devon. (Note: The spelling error of the inscription is on the bell.)

Authority: Rev. H. T. Ellacombe. Prebendary John Scott of Bampton.

G.C.G.

#### INTER-PARISH QUIZ

Ringmore defeated Ugborough in a nail-biting match on Friday 31 March. Ugborough brought so many supporters with them, they far outnumbered Ringmore, that the W.I. Hall was bursting at the seams. There were never more than a few points between the teams but Ringmore eventually triumphed 106-102. In the semi-final Ringmore have been drawn against Wembury at Langdon Court, Wembury at 8 p.m. Friday 21 April 1989. We hope that you will come along and support us.

G.P.E.

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#### PARISH CLERK VACANCY.

Our present Parish Clerk, Mrs. Rosemary Tate has told the Parish Council that because of her increasing other commitments she will have to give up the post in the near future. Anyone interested in taking on the post is invited to get in touch with the Parish Council Chairman, Mr. Guy Eddy. It is an interesting job and absolutely essential to the running of the Parish Council. If you feel that you could give some time to help the Parish please get in touch, male or female we would like to hear from you. Finally your efforts are not totally unrewarded, there is some remuneration.

G.P.E.



#### GRAND PRIZE BINGO

Modbury School are holding a GRAND PRIZE BINGO evening in the school hall on Friday 21 April at 7.30 p.m. in aid of funds for the swimming pool improvements. Please come along and bring your friends.

#### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Next meeting at Journey's End on Friday 5 May.

R.B.L. (Ladies Section) Coffee Morning Saturday 15 April. Bring and Buy, Raffle, Cakes. Sedgewell Sands, Bigbury on Sea 10.30 - 12 noon. Next meeting Women's Section on Wednesday 10 May at West Ridge Bigbury on Sea.

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#### HELP! HELP! HELP!

The project to work tapestry seat runners for our Church, started at the W.I. monthly afternoon gatherings last year, has received considerable support from W.I. members, the Church, and friends inside and outside the village, both in the form of donations and in the actual tapestry work. So far, 4 have been completed, and a further 16 are well in hand, but we require more helpers. You do not have to be an expert - it really is very easy - and everyone involved, finds it fascinating. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Pam Brunskill Telephone 810654.

#### PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on Tuesday 11 April, and, apart from councillors and visitors from outside the parish, only seven people attended. This was a great pity, because Mr. Tremlett - formerly Director of Finance and Secretary of South Hams District Council - gave a very clear explanation of the new Community Charge, which he called "a dreadful tax".

Next April, instead of a rates bill going to the householder, everyone over eighteen living in a house will receive a separate bill - although husbands and wives will be taxed together. In the South Hams, the Personal Charge will be about £220 and everyone will pay this in 10 instalments. The owners of holiday houses will pay their Personal charge in the area of their principle home and, in addition, they will pay a standard charge (probably about £440 in this area) for their holiday home. One problem for this parish is that we will no longer be credited with the Business Rates for Challaborough.

In addition to our local policeman, P.C. Penrice, the Annual Parish Meeting was attended by Inspector Allen from Kingsbridge. He told the meeting that, last year, there were 17 offences in the parish and 7 of the offenders were detected. Most of the offences took place in Challaborough and none of them involved violence.

In his Annual Report, Mr. Guy Eddy summarised a very full year's work for the Council, including the consideration of three dozen planning applications for nineteen different sites Mr. Brian McCabe had inspected the Ringmore telephone box every day, as part of the "Watch-a-box" scheme and, under this scheme, British Telecom had awarded Ringmore £180 for refurbishing the bus shelter and notice boards. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council, who were formally presented with this award, had asked for and received an assurance that our old red telephone box would not be replaced by one which would be out of keeping with the village.

The Parish Council had received a helpful reply from our M.P. to the letter which we wrote in support of Thurlestone's suggestion that parish councils should be entitled to appeal against a planning consent, which was granted by a District Council in the face of considerable local opposition.

Mr. Steen said "Certainly I think something needs to be done, and I hope this might be possible sooner rather than later" Thurlestone Parish Council and the Devon Association of Parish Councils also welcomed our letter.

Dogs on Beaches. The District Council wishes to make a byelaw banning dogs from Challaborough beach and part of Bigbury on Sea beach, from the beginning of May until the end of September each year. The Parish Council has been asked for its views on this proposal and the matter will be considered at the next meeting, on 2 May. Meanwhile, comments from residents would be welcome.



INN-SIGHT - THE JOURNEY'S END INN. OUR TOILETS WERE NOT FINISHED AT EASTER DUE TO THE INCLEMENT WEATHER LEADING UP TO IT, AND YOGI NOW HAS TO SUFFER THE PENALTY CLAUSE OF DRINKING BASS AT THE PICKWICK. THE GAMES NIGHT WENT WELL AGAIN THIS TIME WE RAISED £75 FOR THE DAME HANNAH ROGERS SCHOOL. THEY EVEN SENT A COUPLE OF THEIR FUND RAISING REPRESENTATIVES TO SEE HOW WE DO IT. OUT THANKS TO OUR USUAL HARDCORE OF HELPERS, WITH A SPECIAL MENTION FOR MIKE WYNNE-POWELL FOR HIS MATCHSTICK CON-TRICK WHICH EXTRACTED QUITE A GOOD SUM FROM THE PUNTERS. WE DID HOLD AN IMPROMPTU GAMES NIGHT LAST WEEKEND FOR THE MATTHEW SLY FUND, RAISING £50. THE MAIN FUND RAISING CENTRED AROUND THE PICKWICK & A FUN RUN. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE TOTAL RAISED WAS IN EXCESS OF £730. OUR FIRST ANNI-VERSARY PARTY WILL PROBABLY HAVE TAKEN PLACE BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS (SATURDAY 15). WE WOULD HOWEVER OFFER OUR THANKS TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE SUPPORTED OUR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE YOUR VILLAGE INN. TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVEN'T SAMPLED OUR WARES, DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE MISSING? OUR AUSTRALIAN BEACH PARTY IS STILL PLANNED FOR THE 22 APRIL, THOUGH I STILL HAVE YET TO LOCATE SOME OF THE AMBER NECTAR WHICH IS ESSENTIAL FOR THESE OCCASIONS. PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE SILLIEST COSTUMES?!! (HOPE YOUR CHOOKS TURN INTO EMUS AND KICK YOUR DUNNEE DOWN!) INTO THE FUTURE - SAT 14 MAY WE SHALL BE HOLDING ANOTHER TRIVIA QUIZ. BRAINS ARE NOT ESSENTIAL, JUST STUDY AND REMEMBER ALL THOSE USELESS BITS OF INFORMATION.

FOR SALE

Outside glass door with frame. Cliff Path.

Would anyone like a fig tree. Brown Turkey. Will grow outside. Cliff Path.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next meeting, on Thursday 11 May at 7.30 p.m. will be dealing with Resolutions for the A.G.M.

On Thursday 8 June there will be no evening meeting. Instead, at 2.30 p.m., there will be a Garden Meeting at Middle Manor. It is hoped that as many as possible of those who normally attend afternoon and evening meetings will be present. Perhaps those who are making church runners - whether W.I. members or not - would bring them along to this meeting so that we can see how the project is progressing.

Don't forget the Mini-Market at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday 3 May. Cakes, plants, produce and bric-a-brac are needed.

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GOOD LUCK TO THE RINGMORE QUIZ TEAM AT WEMBURY ON FRIDAY.

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## CHURCH NOTES

### THE RECTOR WRITES.....

As we go to press, our Ringmore Annual Church Meeting is about to take place - Monday 17th April, 7.30pm at the Church Institute - and all welcome! The Kingston 'half' of our parish has already met and re-elected Mr. Francis Jarvis as one of the parish's two wardens. Bigbury and Kingston have now adopted 12 as the number of elected Church Councillors; Ringmore, however, has chosen to have only eight. Three members of our present Council have indicated that they will not be standing for re-election - Sally Davis, Peggy Williams and John Milne-Smith. We would thank them very warmly for their past service and look forward to the continuing work of the Church Council in the fellowship of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.



### SERVICES THROUGH TO WHITSUNTIDE

	<u>Bigbury</u>	<u>Ringmore</u>	<u>Kingston</u>
<u>April 16th</u>	<u>8.0am</u> Holy Communion	<u>6.0pm</u> Evening Service	<u>11.0am</u> Family Service
<u>April 23rd</u>	<u>11.0am</u> Morning Service and Communion	<u>9.0am</u> Holy Communion	<u>6.0pm</u> Evening Service
<u>April 30th</u>	<u>8.0am</u> Holy Communion	<u>6.0pm</u> Evening Service	<u>11.0am</u> Morning Service
<u>May 7th</u>	<u>6.0pm</u> Evening Service	<u>11.0am</u> Family Service	<u>9.0am</u> Holy Communion
<u>May 14th</u>	<u>11.0am</u> Family Service	<u>9.0am</u> Holy Communion	<u>6.0pm</u> Evening Festival
<u>WHIT-SUNDAY</u>			

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

- April 17th - the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (see above)
- May 4th - Ascension Day Holy Communion, 9.0am at Bigbury
- (May 9th - Archdeacon's Visitation)
- May 11th - Afternoon Fellowship Meeting at Wavecrest, Bigbury-on-Sea
- May 14th - Whitsunday Festival Service, with the United Choir, 6.00pm at Kingston.
- May 17th - Coffee Morning at the Rectory in aid of Christian Aid - Plants & produce and Cake stalls - contributions welcome.

LOOKING AHEAD to the last week of June - that will be the time when Plymouth Central Hall will be the venue for a "Live Link" with the evangelistic meetings being conducted in London by Dr. Billy Graham. We hope to get a coach party together for one of the evenings - look out for details.

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ARTHUR DROWLEY  
Rector.



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