

The Newsletter will now, including this issue, be printed at the Rectory. We would like to thank Suzanne and Roger Race for their help with the printing during the last few years.

Your attention is drawn to the change in the wastepaper collection (see Devon Wildlife Trust).

RAINFALL. 4.12.89. to 1 January 1990. $3 \frac{5}{8}$ " 1.1.90. to 5.2.90. $6 \frac{13}{16}$ inches.
 2.1.89. to 1.1.90. $3 \frac{30}{16}$ inches
 1986 $45 \frac{1}{4}$ " 1987 $34 \frac{3}{4}$ " 1988 $39 \frac{9}{16}$ "

HURRICANE 25 January 1990. On the morning of 25.1.90. the B.B.C. weather forecast was for Hurricane force S.W. winds reaching Force 12 on the Beaufort scale. This forecast was, as we all know, proved correct. There was considerable structural damage to buildings throughout the parish and many trees were blown down and branches torn off large trees. The worst damage was suffered at Challaborough. One well built modern house had its complete roof blown away, forty seven caravans were blown over, many chalets were badly damaged and windows blown in. Nearly every greenhouse in the parish was destroyed. Fortunately there were no injuries or loss of life. Had it not been low tide when the winds were at their worst undoubtedly greater damage would have occurred. The minimum atmospheric pressure during the storm was 970 millibars at 10 a.m. This compares with 950 millibars during the storm which caused so much damage in S.E. England in October 1988. The normal pressure in this area is 1010 millibars. B.B.

DAMAGE TO CHURCH. Quite a lot of guttering came down as well as a number of tiles also a few tiles off the Church Hall. The weathercock has lost its tail. If anyone finds it please return it to the Rectory. Thank you.

JULIE (HAIRDRESSER) is now living in Ringmore. Her telephone No. has NOT changed.

INTER-PARISH QUIZ

The first leg of the first round at the Reading rooms at Ermington on 19 January. Unfortunately we had a bad start, and lost ground in the first three sets of questions, despite a valiant effort, we were unable to pick up the lost points and ended up losing this leg 66-51. Our team was without Bill Warne, and Jim Owen gallantly stepped in as the only volunteer (!) to fill the vacancy. Our thanks to him. John Bourne has volunteered to step in for the return match, which has still to be decided. Watch out for posters in the village. We need to win by at least 16 points, to stay in the competition. Please come and give us your support, it is always very much appreciated.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next afternoon meeting will be on Thursday 15 February at 2.30 p.m. at Hill Cottage. We will see a Video on Northumberland. Please note the change of day. The evening meeting at 7.30 p.m. on 3 March, in the W.I. Hall, will have a talk, with slides, by Mrs. Sally Davis on her holiday journey through Russia and China to Hong Kong. Non-members will be welcome at 8.15 p.m.

DEVON WILDLIFE TRUST

The newspaper collection from Hill Cottage is continuing. However, for the time being, until more mills for the recovery of paper have been built, we can no longer accept any other kind of papers - such as books and magazines.

PARISH COUNCIL

9 members of the Public were present.

Fallen Tree at Westbury is now cleared. It has been established that the constructions at Westbury and challaborough are Electricity Regulators to prevent fluctuations in the supply. The Parish Council was not entirely satisfied with their appearance, especially the one between Challaborough and Bigbury-on-Sea which was very obtrusive.

Parish Roadsweeper. Mr. Oliver, a replacement for Mr. Woodall, has now commenced work.

Beach Cleaning. As the gales and bad weather were still continuing it was decided to consider fixing a date at the March meeting.

Planning. The garage at Tosca has been approved and the bungalow adjacent can be built as soon as the garage is completed.

PARISH COUNCIL CONT.

Restaurant at Challacot. A new application has been submitted which differs very little from the original, and therefore the objections already voiced are unchanged. Members of the public who were present were concerned about extra traffic which such a restaurant would cause. They were also greatly worried by the transport of large caravans through Ringmore as these caused damage to trees, walls and sometime's even buildings, and also totally blocked the road for considerable periods of time whilst manoeuvring round corners. Councillor's were also concerned about excavations going on at Challaborough Caravan Park and would make enquiries.

Public Right of Way. Members of the public asked what was the legal position if anyone taking their dog for a walk along the Coastal Path should suddenly meet a sheep or cow which had excaped from it's field. The Chairman promised to find out the position.

Notice Board in Challaborough. This had been destroyed by storms and would have to be replaced.

Mr. Gould, Assistant Director of finance to S.H.D.C. spoke on the Community Charge. The amount for each adult might possibly be £278, but was more likely to be in the region of £328. Second homes could be required to pay twice the adult rate, though this would be decided by the District Council. Caravans on a Park would be classed as a Business. Caravans belonging to individuals would pay the adult rate of Poll Tax. Taxes collected from Business's would not go to the District Councils, as heretofore, but would go to Central government, which would send back a share according to population.

BRITISH LEGION

The next meeting will be on 2 March at the Journey's End.

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- INN- SIGHT THE JOURNEY'S END. HAPPY NEW YEAR - WE HOPE YOU HAVEN'T SUFFERED TOO MUCH FROM STORM DAMAGE. CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR WAS ENJOYED BY ALL, AND WE WOULD ESPECIALLY LIKE TO THANK THOSE WHO TURNED UP IN FANCY DRESS, A VERY GOOD TURNOUT. THE SILLY GAMES NIGHT PRODUCED THE BEST EVER RESPONSE. WE INFACNT RAISED £125 - 00 FOR THE DAME HANNAH ROGERS' SCHOOL FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN. OUR NEXT "EVENT" IS A REPEAT OF LAST YEARS VERY SUCCESSFUL AUSTRALIAN BEACH PARTY. SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY. PLEASE NOTE: IT IS HELD IN THE PUB NOT ON THE BEACH. SHORTS, T. SHIRTS, HATS WITH CORKS & THONGS ARE THE ORDER OF THE DAY. BUT IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT THE LEGS FOR IT COME AS DAME EDNA OR LES PATTERSON. SURFBOARD PARKING WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE IN THE GARAGE. AS A SPECIAL FOR THE EVENING WE ARE OFFERING SURF & TURF (STEAK & GIANT PRAWNS) WITH CHIPS FOR £6 - 00. WE ARE ALSO OFFERING CHEAP

THE JOURNEY'S END CONT.

AUSTRALIAN LAGER-FOR THOSE WHO CAN STOMACH IT. DON'T BE A DAG, GIVE THE SHEILA A TREAT - AND LADIES, DRAG THE OLD OCKER AWAY FROM FOOTY ON THE BOX.

NEW NEW

MOBILE VIDEO HIRE. DELIVERED DAILY BETWEEN 6-7 p.m. PLEASE RING 3-6 p.m. ON 810762 OR STOP ME ON THE ROUND J.T. INMAN (BREAD AND CAKES)

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WOMEN'S SECTION R.B.L.

Our Annual Spring Sale will be held on Sat. 24 Feb. at 2 p.m. in Bigbury Memorial Hall. Stalls include Jumble, Cakes, Tombola, White Elephant and a raffle and teas.

NATURE REPORT

Changes in the weather can confuse nature. A mild spell in winter may lead some creatures to behave as if it were spring already. They will get a nasty shock if the weather turns cold again.

February and March are unpredictable months. Some of the winter's coldest and warmest

temperatures can be recorded just a few days apart. It is a dangerous time for wildlife.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds sometimes receives reports of summer birds

like swallows, wheatears and house martins arriving in this country as early as February!

A few of these migrant leave their breeding ground in Africa long before the rest.

These small insect-eating birds face great dangers arriving so early in the year. A few

cold wet days could mean starvation, as insects hide away or die. But if the weather is

kind, these early birds can set up territories before others of the same species return.

Hibernating creatures do not usually sleep right through the winter. A drowsy hedgehog

will take advantage of a warm spell to forage for slugs and beetles underneath the hedge.

A few flying insects provide a welcome winter snack for an adventurous bat.

Butterflies sometimes flutter out on a sunny winter's afternoon, but they need to find

another warm, safe place for shelter when the weather turns cold again.

In late winter, bad weather is never far away. Some creatures take a great risk by

breeding early during a mild spell. blackbirds have been known to lay their eggs as early

as Christmas, but a hard frost can stop the eggs from hatching, or make it difficult for

parent birds to find enough food for starving chicks. Frogs often spawn in February or

early March, but if the pond freezes it may kill many of the developing eggs in their jelly.

A sudden cold spell can also freeze the soil. Such icy conditions force ground-feeding

birds such as lapwings and skylarks to fly south and west in huge, spectacular flocks, in

search of frost-free dining areas.

Warmer air temperatures in winter make some creatures think spring has already begun, but

true spring does not arrive until daylight hours begin to increase in late March.

Find out more about wildlife through the seasons from the Young Ornithologists' Club,

junior section of the RSPB. Write for details to YOC, The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire,

SG19 2DL.



frog and spawn

CHURCH NEWS

THE RECTOR WRITES....

"Ancient and Modern"

We have two authorised Prayer Books in the Church of England - the familiar Book of Common Prayer, finally published in 1662, and the Alternative Service Book of 1980. It is very obvious that the "modern" 1980 book has been modelled on the "ancient" 1662 edition, though the order is sometimes different, the language reasonably modern and some items quite new.

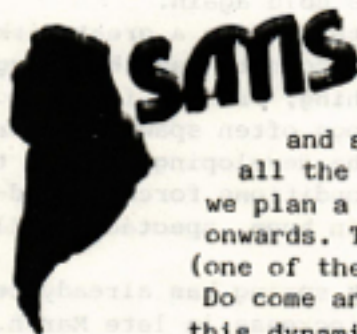
Of course, either book can stand on its own, but it seems to me that there is a great deal of value in comparing them. We have agreed to consider the new Communion Service on Ash Wednesday evening and I hope we can do this in the light of the Familiar Prayer Book version. So that there can be comparison and discussion, the Church Institute will be our venue - 7.30pm, Wednesday, 28th Feb. with everyone most welcome.

In the following weeks of Lent, we hope to mount a series of meetings looking at the general situation for Christian Mission in five continents, with a brief Bible study of some aspect of Jesus' training of the twelve disciples.

Church Services - Where and When

	<u>Bigbury</u>	<u>Ringmore</u>	<u>Kingston</u>
<u>Feb. 11th</u>	<u>11.0am</u> Morning Service & Holy Communion	<u>9.0am</u> Holy Communion	<u>6.0pm</u> Evening Service
<u>Feb. 18th</u>	<u>9.0am</u> Holy Communion	<u>6.0pm</u> Evening Service	<u>11.0am</u> Family Service
<u>Feb. 25th</u>	<u>11.0am</u> Family Service	<u>9.0am</u> Holy Communion	<u>6.0pm</u> Evening Service
<u>Mar. 4th</u>	<u>6.0pm</u> Evening Service	<u>11.0am</u> Family Service	<u>9.0am</u> Holy Communion

FOR YOUR DIARY



Over the week-end of the 18th-20th, Terry Barratt and some of his family will be with us. Terry speaks at all the services on the Sunday, and then on the Monday we plan a "South American Evening" at the Rectory from 7.0pm onwards. There will be music from Los Picaflones, and Terry (one of the original group) will have his guitar with him. Do come and hear his story of work in South America, and meet this dynamic leader and teacher.

Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 27th sees a Coffee Morning at Ayrmer House, the home of Jim and Ella Dodds. It begins at 10.30am and there will be a 'Bring and Buy' stall.

This year it seems fitting that it should be in aid of work amongst children, especially those orphaned through Aids in Uganda. In November last, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the "Convention on the Rights of the Child", and TEAR Fund is urging us to take their needs seriously during Lent.

There will be posters, car-stickers etc., available for any who are willing to publicise this event and the plight of children throughout the world at this time.



Women's World Day of Prayer

The first Friday in Lent is the day for this worldwide joining in prayer, organised by womenfolk for all who will join and pray for "A Better Tomorrow and Justice for ALL". The service with this title was prepared by the women of Czechoslovakia long before the amazing changes we have seen in Eastern Europe! 2.30pm at St. Lawrence Bigbury for our Service this year, Mar. 2nd.

The Rectory
Ringmore (810565)

ARTHUR DROWLEY
Rector.

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JOIN
NOW!

Ringmore Historical Society has now been established for over five years. Whilst the current membership stands at more than thirty people, new members are always welcome.

Why not make 1990 the year that you join?

Please note the following meetings, open to all:

Thursday 22nd February at 7.30 p.m.

Joan Baughan and Barbara Taylor will give their 'Reminiscences of Ringmore'.

Thursday 15th March at 2.30 p.m.

Len Copley will speak on 'Tramways on Dartmoor'.

What is your special local history interest or query?

Are the cobwebs in your attic hiding fascinating glimpses into history?

Is the undergrowth in your garden growing over exciting historic artefacts?

Please let any of these committee members know!

Lt.Col. George Grimshaw (Chairman) Tel: 810264, Harry Park (Honorary Treasurer) Tel: 810583, Joan Baughan Tel: 810311, Ardene Bennett Tel: 810359, John Parry Tel: 810233, Reg. Trant Tel: 810663, Naomi Warne Tel: 810214, Rosemary Tate (Honorary Secretary) Tel: 810238

HELP HELP!

YOUR HELP IS URGENTLY REQUIRED

..... by Veronica Cheshier, a researcher at Exeter University. She would like as much information as possible (and so would we!) about the materials used and the structure of old buildings in and around the parish, and the history of local farms .

So don't miss this opportunity to contribute your knowledge of local history - your help will be greatly appreciated.