

RINGMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER NO. 61 JULY 1990.

We would like to draw your attention to the date of the Church Fete on Wednesday 1 August. Details in the Church News. Gifts, cakes and produce for the stalls are really needed. Please help if you can.

The date of the W.I. Fete is Wednesday 22 August.

Thank you to Roger and Suzanne Race for running the village Post Office for nearly 8 years. See the W.I. News for slides of Plymouth before and after the blitz.

RAINFALL 30 April - 28 May ³/₁₆" 28 May - 2 July 2 ⁵/₁₆"

BELLE VUE FARM FOR YOUR FRESH POULTRY, EGGS AND CREAM.

CHARITY COLLECTION IN RINGMORE

Red Cross. 1st week in May £25 - 16p

Cheshire Homes. Last week in May £21 - 12p.

Thank you to all who contributed. M.T.

HIRAM BOWDEN FOR CAR REPAIRS. LUCAS GARAGE, ASHFORD. COLLECTION AND RETURN OF YOUR CAR ARRANGED. TEL. KINGSBRIDGE 550129. AFTER HOURS PLYMOUTH 896065.

PUBLIC MEETING at the School Hall in Modbury to choose a twin town for Modbury. Ringmore is invited to join them on Wednesday 11 July at 8 p.m.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The next meeting will be at Sedgewell Sands on 14 September 1990 at 7.30 p.m.

JOHN AND BARBARA TAYLOR. MARWELL CROSS GARDENS. FLOWERS FOR WEDDINGS FUNERALS AND ALL OCCASIONS. GOOD VARIETIES OF PERENNIALS. BEDDING PLANTS NOW AVAILABLE TEL. 810366.

RINGMORE COMMUNITY POST OFFICE

Further to the Parish Council circular, I am very pleased to confirm that Ringmore Post Office will operate from Cross Park starting on Monday 9 July.

The hours of business will be:- Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and I look forward to seeing you during those times. Rosemary Tate.

CONGRATULATIONS to John Bracey who has received a Certificate of Merit for the conversion of a cowshed into his present dwelling. This was awarded by the R.I.B.A.

PICKLES. MODBURY 830412 FOR HARDWARE D.I.Y. CHINA, BOOTS AND SHOES, OUTDOOR CLOTHING AND ELECTRICAL GOODS AND FREE DELIVERIES OF CALOR GAS OIL AND COAL. EVERY THURSDAY.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

At the next meeting, on Thursday, 12 July, Mr. Colin Stevenson will speak on "Pre-War Plymouth Until Just After the Blitz". Mr. Stevenson has some very good slides of old Plymouth, which will be particularly interesting to those who remember the city before the war.

The Meeting starts at 7.30 and visitors will be welcome at 8.15.

All W.I. members are invited to afternoon tea in the garden at Cliff Path on Thursday 26 July at 3 p.m. In the house if wet.

It is not too early to start thinking about the W.I. Fete, which will be on Wednesday 22 August.

JULIE MOBILE HAIRDRESSERS. FOR YOUR PERMS*SHAMPOO & SETS*BLOW WAVE*TRIMS ETC. DONE IN YOUR OWN HOME COMPETITIVE PRICES TEL. NO. 810634

ROSEMARY OF BROAD STREET, MODBURY. FLOWERS FOR ALL OCCASIONS. POT PLANTS, GIFTS PERSONAL ATTENTION TEL. MODBURY 830048 HOME GARA BRIDGE 444. TELEFLORIST WORLD WIDE.

PARISH CHURCH PAGE

The Rector writes.....

Water!

We are well into this year's hosepipe ban and the scarcity of water seems to be no longer a feature of summer only. What did they say about Spring - the driest on record! And then, just as the drought seemed to be becoming permanent, the rain has come - and welcome! (Well, not too much!!!). But compared with Israel, the land of Jesus, this country is still well-watered and we are very much inclined to take it for granted.



In Israel, water was and is very precious and it is a symbol of life. Jesus used this picture of water to describe the blessing which He gives to those who 'drink' from Him - "whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life"(Jn.4.14)

Few things in life are so vital and so ordinary as water, and Jesus, uses this common stuff of life to remind us of Himself and the blessing which He is ready to bring into our lives. If we fail to get water to our gardens they become parched and dry - how is the 'garden' of your life looking these days?

The last verse of a school and Family Service hymn has it so

Nobody can live who hasn't any water,
When the land is dry, then nothing much grows;
Jesus gives us life if we drink the living water,
Sing it, so that everybody knows!"

SUNDAYS AT RINGMORE

Jul.15 6.0pm Evening Service
Jul.22 9.0am Holy Communion
Jul.29 6.0pm Evening Service
Aug. 5 11.0am Family Service
Aug.12 9.0am Holy Communion

Sundays at Bigbury & Kingston

9am Holy Communion at Bigbury
11am Family Service at Kingston
11am Family Service at Bigbury
6pm Festival of Praise at Kingston
9am Holy Communion at Bigbury
11am Family Service at Kingston
9am Holy Communion at Kingston
6pm Evening Service at Bigbury
11am Family Service & Communion afterwards at Bigbury

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Bigbury Church Fete - Thurs. July 12th at The Small House, Easton -(M.Hall if wet)

Ringmore fete Planning - Monday July 16th, 7.30pm at the Rectory.

United Housegroup - Wed.18th, last of present series, 7.30pm at the Rectory.

Festival of Flowers - Sat/Sun 21/22 in Kingston Church. Teas in the Reading Room.

St.James' Day Communion -Wed. 25th. 7.30pm at St.James', Kingston.

Sunset Praise Sunday nights at 8pm - informal hour's hymn singing at Ringmore.

RINGMORE CHURCH FETE - AUGUST 1st

Set in Rectory field by kind permission of Mrs.Lock and co-operation of Mr.Capps, the Fete is a village occasion in which everyone is invited to share.

The stalls: - cakes (Ardene Bennet & Natalie Hilton); plants & produce (Mickie Trant and George Grimshaw); books(Peggy Williams); bric-a-brac(Mollie Truman);fancy goods (Naomi Warne); children's goods (Jennifer Thomas) all these good people are looking for kind gifts to stock their stalls, not forgetting the teas organised by Margaret Lock and Alice Mason. Ices etc are Alison Wynne-Powell's department!

The sideshows are many and varied - welly-throwing, skittling,, bowling, bouncing, shy-ing etc.etc. Many hands are needed to man all this activity - do let Stan Brunskill know if you'd like to be involved - (the marquee erection on Tuesday needs quite a team!)

The Rectory, Ringmore (810565)

ARTHUR DROWLEY, Rector.

PARISH COUNCIL

Village Post Office. Despite some delay, caused by one objector, the new Community Post Office at Cross Park will open on Monday, 9 July, and will be open from Mondays to Fridays between 10 a.m. and mid-day. It is hoped that all those who have removed their Post Office business from Ringmore will now bring it back - in order to make the new Post Office viable.

The Parish Council is grateful to Mrs. Rosemary Tate for providing this service and to its Chairman, Mr. Guy Eddy, for overcoming all the obstacles. The greatest potential problem was that Uniform Business Rate might have been levied on the new Post Office. Fortunately, the Valuation Office has confirmed that no Business Rate will be charged - in view of the very limited use and the fact that this does not detract from the domestic use of the house.

The Parish Council intends to write to the Community Council of Devon, to tell them of our experiences, in order to help other villages which are faced with the loss of their Post Offices.

Telephone Box. British Telecom informed the Parish Council that they had been asked, by Mr. and Mrs. Race, to remove the red telephone box from outside their premises and it was proposed to replace it with a modern yellow box, which would be sited on the Bowling Green. This proposal led to a protest from the Ringmore Historical Society, who pointed out that the listing of the old Post Office would include "all structures within its curtilage", including the telephone box. It now appears that, although the telephone box itself is listed, its contents are not and there is no right of access to it. Discussions on this matter between Mr. Race, South Hams District Council and British Telecom are continuing. The most widely expressed opinions in the village are that a modern telephone box would be out of place within the Conservation Area and that an isolated site, such as the Bowling Green, would be dangerous on dark winter evenings.

Women's Institute Hall. The Parish Council considers that, with all the changes taking place in the centre of the village, it is more essential than ever that the W.I. Hall and the lawn behind it should be preserved as a village amenity. They have therefore been seeking to ensure that, if at any time the Ringmore W.I. folds up, the Parish Council should have first refusal on the purchase of the Hall. Advice on this matter has been sought from the Devon Association of Parish Councils who have pointed out that, before the Hall could be sold, the consent of the Charity Commissioners would be required and they would wish to ensure that the W.I. charity received market value from the sale. The D.A.P.C. recommend that, if at any time the W.I. wishes - with the agreement of the Charity Commission - to sell its hall, the Parish Council should negotiate the setting up of a Charitable Trust to purchase it. Village halls at Bigbury, Kingston, Aveton Gifford and Modbury are owned by such Trusts and managed by Committees, comprising one representative from each village organisation, with some elected and co-opted members. For the purchase of the building, the Parish would have to raise one third of the cost and, providing that the district Council contributed one third, the D.A.P.C. would consider giving a grant for the remaining third.

This would still leave a considerable sum for the Parish to raise and the present arrangement - under which the W.I. owns the Hall and rents it to other organisations - is obviously preferable. The best way of safeguarding the Hall is to support the Ringmore W.I. Nevertheless, with so many changes taking place in the village, it is advisable to be thinking about the future of the Hall, if the W.I. should close.

Oil Pollution. The Parish Council wrote to South Hams District Council to thank them for the hard work which they did in removing oil from the beaches. In reply, the District Council representative offered further help if the oil returned and, in response to a request from the Parish Council, recently organised further cleaning of the sand at Aymer Cove.

Untidy State of Ringmore Village. Since the retirement of our last village road sweeper, Mr. Tom Woodall, the road verges have become very untidy - with rank weeds at the edges of the lanes. The position has been made worse by the demise of Mr. Guy Eddy's Strimmer so that he can no longer cut the grass and weeds on the Town Well. The Council hopes that somebody will volunteer to take over from him the job of Keeping the upper part of the Town Well tidy - as Mr. Alan King does so well in the lower part. Meanwhile, emergency action is being taken to tidy the village.

PARISH COUNCIL (UNTIDY STATE OF RINGMORE VILLAGE) CONT:

Several complaints have been received about the recent "tar and spray" activities of the County Council, which have left pools of liquid tar at the edges of the road through the village, where pedestrians and dogs have to walk. They have also caused damage to property. A letter about this is to be sent to the County Council - asking them to deal with the roadside tar.

Planning. No objection has been made to a plan to demolish "Burgh Island View" at Challaborough and replace it with a new bungalow of similar height and floor area.

National Rivers Authority. If anyone sees signs of pollution in local rivers, they are requested to telephone the National Rivers Authority on 0392 444000 or, outside office hours, 0800 378500

DAVID LAIDLER, M.P.S. MODBURY PHARMACY. 5 BROAD STREET, MODBURY TEL. MODBURY 830215
HOURS OF OPENING MON. TUES. THURS. FRI. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.: 2.15 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. WED. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.: 5.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. SAT. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.: 2.15 p.m. - 5 p.m.

RUMANIA

The Rumanian Relief Fund is appealing for help in relieving the dreadful plight of children in Rumanian Orphanages.

They live in unsanitary conditions without hot water. They are given no loving care or affection and lose ability to cry. They have no toys, and lack mental stimulation.

Graham Townsend of South Brent, organiser of the trust, is taking two truckloads of goods to Rumania in September.

All contributions to this Appeal will be gratefully accepted and can be stored at JOHN CHALKS residence at PARAWAY, Kingston. Collection can be arranged (telephone Bigbury 810461) or contact Stan and Pam Brunskill Bigbury 810654.

Items wanted include anything in a usable condition suitable for children up to the age of 10. Clothing, shoes, toys, books, pencils, crayons, paints examples of childrens drawings, disinfectants, brooms, soap, and all cleaning materials, surgical bandages, plasters etc., even if used by date is past obsolete but safe or new electrical water heaters, etc.

In fact, anything at all which you think can be used in an orphanage to help the staff to look after these children.

John Chalk's granddaughter who is a children's nurse, is a member of a team in a Rumanian Orphanage giving practical help and much needed advice to staff who lack skills and training to deal with the situation. She knows the South Hams well and it is hoped that items can be delivered from this area to the orphanage where she works.

I would like to emphasise anything suitable in usable condition will be very acceptable.

John Chalk.

TRESILLIAN HANDICAP GROUP

Sale of Work and Tea in the Garden of Sea View (Margaret and Eric Lock)

Wednesday 15 August, 2.30 p.m.

GREAT GREEN CORRIDORS

How much wildlife is there in a hedge? The huge network of hedges which covers our countryside acts as a great green corridor, supporting an enormous number and variety of creatures.

Partridges nest at the bottom of a hedge

