

Our thanks to everyone who responded to the Rumanian Orphans Appeal.

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RUMANIAN RELIEF TRUST APPEAL

A letter of thanks has been received from Graham Townsend, administrator of the Trust, for all the goods which have been collected by the people of Kingston, Ringmore and district. A report of the activities of the Trust describes the heart breaking condition of the children in the orphanages and the indescribable, filthy and degrading conditions at their first visit last May. A second visit was made in August when in most cases conditions had improved remarkably.

A vast quantity of goods were taken over on the first visit including 3 tons of clothing, toys, milk powder and baby foods, 2 tons of oranges, also 5½ tons of pharmaceutical and medical equipment. A second delivery in August included blankets and clothing for the desperately poor who were too ill or whose circumstances rendered them unable to manage. A third delivery is planned for October.

There still remains a need to improve the situation and anyone interested in this and the long term plans of the Trust then a large S.A.E. should be sent to Graham Townsend, Administration Rumanian Relief Trust, 1 Limeberry Cottages, Plymouth Road, South Brent, TQ10 9HX.

In addition to the goods collected locally, donations totalling £200 have been received including £100 from Kingston Church which has been sent to the Rumanian Orphanage Trust. The remainder has been sent to the fund set up by the Rumanian Relief Trust to purchase wholesale supplies of medical equipment which can only be used for that purpose and will be conveyed by the Trust direct to the end user.

Thanks for the splendid response from Kingston and Ringmore to the appeal. Although this is now closed anyone interested in alleviation of the continuing plight of the Orphanage children and those in desperate need, they should contact Graham Townsend as above or Tel. No. 0364 72508.

John Chalk.

BIGBURY CONSERVATIVES

Anthony Steeh once again is making his village tour. He will be at the Pickwick Inn between 2 and 3 p.m. on October 9th. We invite you to come along and discuss with him any problems, such as your community charge, planning, beaches, education etc. Reservation of time can be arranged. Contact John Tucker 810267 or Carol Hext 810251.

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

THE POST OFFICE, CROSS PARK, RINGMORE. 150 SERVICES, STAMPS AND A SMILE! OPEN MONDAY - FRIDAY FROM 10 A.M. TO 12 NOON ALSO STATIONERY FOR HOME, SCHOOL AND BUSINESS, AT VERY REASONABLE PRICES.

CLASSES AT BIGBURY MEMORIAL HALL

Flower arranging with Barbara Taylor on Wednesday for 6 weeks - 24, 31 October; 7, 14, 21, 28 November; 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Beginners or advanced £15 the block.

Painting: The date has had to be changed to Monday to fit in with Laurie Cotton. Mary Smallwood will take September 10 and 17 at £1.50 a session. Laurie Cotton will give us a block of four on September 24, October 1, 8 and 15. 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. at £10 the block of four. Beginners and advanced students are welcome - water colour, gouache pastel, and black and white work.

Ivybridge Community College classes at Bigbury Memorial Hall. Picture Framing: Thursdays starting 4 October, 8 sessions of 2 hours each 10 a.m. to 12 noon with Henry Evered. You will receive sufficient instruction to save a great deal by doing your own framing. If you have a workmate, bring it. For other requirements check the poster in your nearest Post Office. 8 sessions £22 (25% off for OAPS, bring your pension book on enrolment)

M.M.M. Basic Dance Exercise Class: 8 sessions starting Friday, 5 October with Anne Craddock 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon - price £16 (25% off for OAPS, bring your pension book on enrolment). This is a fun class with the added bonus of no splinters in the backside on our new floor!

JOHN AND BARBARA TAYLOR. MARWELL CROSS GARDENS. FLOWERS FOR WEDDINGS FUNERALS AND ALL OCCASIONS. GOOD VARIETIES OF PERENNIALS. 810366

BIGBURY YOUTH CLUB

Our regular Tuesday meetings are in full swing now with the split ages proving successful and giving more 'space' to each age group. Football, volley ball and an assault course have been most popular so far, admirably referred to by Trevor Burnham. An important date approaching - 12 October - a village disco with the "Nightbirds" at Bigbury Memorial Hall to raise money for the fireworks display. Tickets £3. Youth Club parents please give your support. Trixie will be looking for volunteers among the parents for refreshments and Mary Smallwood will be calling on the friends of the Bigbury Youth Club to do some cooking as well. Watch for the posters around the village for more details. Our Guy Fawkes night will also be exciting. A huge bonfire is envisaged this year on the playing field behind Bigbury Memorial Hall, with a torch procession to the Royal Oak for simple grub, following the firework display. TUESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER - please note - time to be decided later. During October we will be making guys on our Tuesday evenings.

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

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.: 2.30 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.: 2.30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

CHALLABOROUGH SUPER MARKET (Andrew Baker)

Hours for October 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.: 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Sat - Sun 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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

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.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

At the beginning of November the Royal British Legion will be once again staging its major fund raising events in the form of the annual Poppy Appeal. Some of our younger readers may wonder why this is still necessary after over 40 years without a major conflict. The fact is that over 4000 servicemen have been killed and over 16000 injured during the 70 so called "peacetime" conflicts since 1945. Add these to the 250000 service pensioners and widows from the two Great Wars, and the need for the Poppy Appeal is obvious. In fact, last year, over 100000 persons were helped in some form by the Royal British Legion.

As a young R.A.F. pilot I took part in the Berlin Air Lift of 1948-49, and occasionally wondered what it was all about. Why should we concern ourselves with the fate of the West Berlin Germans, who, only a few years before, we had been at war with. This was especially so when I acted as a pall-bearer at the funeral of one of the 23 British aircrew who were killed in flying accidents during the Airlift. Just a few years ago I was introduced to two Germans who had been resident in West Berlin during those days, and they said how grateful they were for the Allied resistance to the Russian aggression at that time. This summer I met those two Germans again. They were so happy at the events of this last year, when all the barriers to Eastern Europe came tumbling down. It made me realise that it had been worthwhile although it had taken 40 years to prove it. This is just one small illustration why the Royal British Legion will be raising money to help those who have suffered and will continue to do so as long as there is a need.

Last year's national appeal raised £11,978,810 which is an all time record and re-presents 21.40 per head of population throughout the United Kingdom. The South West Area was top of the list with 32.48 per head of population. Our three parishes of Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore collected a new record total of £1244.03, which for our listed population of 1140 is an astonishing performance.

ONCE AGAIN WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CONT.

Dates to note.

House to House Collection between 1 November and 10 November. Friday 2 November - Auction of memorabilia at Journey's End Inn at 9 p.m. Saturday 10 November at 10.30 a.m. Coffee morning at Sedgewell Sands, Bigbury-on-Sea.

Sunday 11 November at 10.45 a.m. Remembrance Service at Ringmore Church

Monday 12 November 7.30 p.m. Whist Drive W.I. Hall Ringmore.

Please watch for posters giving details closer the dates. Guy Eddy. Poppy Appeal Organiser.

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

NETTING

If anyone has any netting old or new of any kind or condition which they are willing to donate or sell we would like to know at Cliff Path 810654. This will be used to protect trees that have been planted around the village and is urgently required. T.S.B.

INN SIGHT - THE JOURNEY'S END. THE SUMMER SEASON IS NOW OFFICIALLY OVER - WE LIT OUR FIRE THE OTHER NIGHT AND YOGI HAS STARTED DRINKING EXMOOR INSTEAD OF LAGER. WE HAVE A COLLECTION JAR ON THE BAR FOR FIREWORKS. THIS YEAR THE BONFIRE IS ON SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER SO TELL THE CHILDREN. THOSE OF YOU WHO WATCHED THE DISPLAY LAST YEAR, EITHER FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN LIVING ROOM OR THE NATURAL WAY (WELLIES AND ANORAKS), WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THE WONDERFUL DISPLAY THAT WAS PUT ON. FIREWORKS ARE VERY EXPENSIVE SO THE MORE THAT YOU CAN HELP THE BETTER THE DISPLAY.

JUST A REMINDER THURSDAY LUNCHTIME IS STILL "VILLAGE DAY" AND A 10% DISCOUNT ON FOOD IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL VILLAGE PEOPLE AND THEIR GUESTS.

THE BRITISH LEGION AUCTION WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER AT 9 P.M. IF YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS OF INTEREST OR ANTIQUITY THAT ARE CLUTTERING UP YOUR ATTIC OR GARAGE - EITHER CONTACT THE INN OR GUY EDDY. LAST YEAR ABOUT £160 WAS RAISED IN ABOUT ONE HOUR.

PARISH COUNCIL

Local Plans Review. Residents are reminded of the important meeting which is to be held in the W.I. Hall, at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 9 October. This is an opportunity to influence the next "Modbury Plan" - as it affects Ringmore and Challaborough.

Telephone Kiosk. In spite of repeated requests, S.W.E.B. has still not installed lighting in the new telephone box (although the old red box is still brilliantly illuminated). Largely because of the lack of light, the new "vandal-proof" telephone box has already been vandalised twice.

Village Roads. The County Council is still promising to send workmen back to the village, to repair the damage caused by their "Tar and Chipping" team. The Parish Council has asked for the road edges to be cleared of mud and weeds before the winter, so that the drains will not become blocked when it rains. The work of the Parish Road Sweeper, who replaced Tom Woodall, is unsatisfactory and some system of supervision is required.

Trees. 159 trees have been ordered from the County Council for planting this winter, including a sweet chestnut to replace the tree outside the bus shelter, which was vandalised last year. The trees will be collected from Exeter in late December or early January and those who have ordered them will be notified of the date, when this is known, so that planting sites can be prepared. Those who have ordered trees are reminded of the need for careful planting and after-care - including watering, if there is a drought next summer.

PVC Windows in Old Post Office. The insertion of plastic windows in a listed building, without any planning application is contrary to rules laid down by the Department of the Environment. The District Council's solicitor is still considering what action should be taken about the windows in Ivy Cottage and the old Post Office. The Parish Council has written to ask for the matter to be expedited.

Plot 1, The Orchard. After all these years, problems over the old orchard are continuing. Patio doors and a balcony have appeared on the first floor of the house on Plot 1, contrary to the planning permission. The owners have been given until 10 October to put in a

PARISH COUNCIL. CONT. Plot 1, The Orchard. cont.

"retrospective planning application", after which Enforcement Action to remove the balcony will be considered by the District Council.

Parish Council Contributions. At its last meeting, the Parish Council decided to make the following contributions:-

£90 to the P.C.C. towards the up-keep of the churchyard.

£10 to the Cookworthy Museum.

£10 to the Bonfire Party, which is being organised by the Journey's End on Saturday 10 November - to which the whole village is invited.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next meeting, at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 11 October, will hear a talk by Mr. Tony Murdoch, who is in charge of the beautiful sub-tropical garden at Sharpitor - where Sally Davies is a voluntary worker. Mr. Murdoch has some beautiful slides of the garden and visitors who would like to see these will be welcome at 8.15.

Will members please remember to bring their photographs of gardens to the meeting - so that we can select our entry for the Group Meeting.

The Group Meeting will be held on Tuesday 23 October. Ringmore is the host Institute and the Group Meeting will be in our Church Hall at 7 p.m. Mr. Chris Pierce will give a talk, with slides, on his visit to India and there will be a short entertainment by Val and Mike O'Rourke. It is hoped that all members will help with providing the refreshments.

HOME ON THE MUD

A cold, wet, windy estuary may not seem a pleasant place to us, but it has one big attraction for birds - food! A huge number of tiny creatures live in the mud, providing lots for birds to eat. In a single square metre of mud there may be up to 40,000 tiny snails, and up to 60,000 shrimp-like creatures.

Splashing around in mud can be great fun, but would you want to live on it?

At this time of year more than two million birds come to this country to do just that, leaving their summer homes in the Arctic to spend the winter on our muddy estuaries.



PARISH CHURCH PAGE

The Rector writes...

Harvest is a glad time, but it also signifies the end of the season, a time when many things are wound up or put away until next year.

Challaborough beach early on Michaelmas morning, quiet in the steady rain, had been re-possessioned by the gulls - they remain as the rush and bustle of the holiday crowds becomes a memory. It is a special privilege to be able to stay on into the Autumn and experience the quality of the cooler beauty which follows Summer's heat.

"Is there life after death?" - the debate goes on. We look to the resurrection of Christ to answer that we believe there is. But what of the other side? "Is there life after bereavement?" There surely is, but isn't it like Autumn after Summer? A different time, one of memories and not without a beauty all of its own, a time to pause and look back with thankfulness, but also a time to look ahead, to prepare for the eventual Spring.

When we speak of Christ's resurrection it must not only be for those who have died - the living Jesus is also for those who inhabit the Autumn!



SUNDAYS AT RINGMORE

Oct.14 9.0am Holy Communion
Oct.21 6.0pm Evening Service
Oct.28 9.0am Holy Communion
Nov. 4 11.0am Family Service
Nov.11 10.55am Remembrance Day Service.
Nov.18 6.0pm Evening Service

Sundays at Bigbury & Kingston

11am Morning Service & HC at Bigbury
6pm Evening Service at Kingston
9am Holy Communion at Bigbury
11am Fam.Service & Baptism at Kingston
11am Family Service at Bigbury
6pm Evening Service at Kingston
9am Holy Communion at Kingston
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6pm Evening Service at Kingston
9am Holy Communion at Bigbury
11am Family Service at Kingston

n.b.The Remembrance Day Service is at Ringmore this year, starting at 10.55am. We expect to be full up, so come early!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

A Christmas Display of cards, calendars, books, gifts etc. will be placed in the church for 9.0am on Monday 15th, especially bearing in the mind the mums who have seen their children onto the school bus! Come and browse - orders will be ready in plenty of time to send off cards in time for Christmas.

Then at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 17th the display will be at the The Rectory, this time followed by a House Group get-together for those who wish to stay on.

A welcome return of Jimmy & Diane Girling of the Far East Broadcasting Association is during the weekend of Sat/Sun 20-21st. We hope to put on an informal reception at the Rectory sometime over that weekend, for you to meet them informally.

Baby News! - Samuel Cosmo Pouncey was born to our doctors Sue and David, in Zaire on August 4th, weighing in at 7lb 12oz. We have sent them our love and best wishes.

Calling all kids between 4 and 14! An advance notice of a "Fun Day for Kids" is mentioned here to make sure the date is booked in parents' diaries! The day will include learning circus skills(!), indoor bowling, crafts, games, video etc. and parents will be invited to a cuppa' and demonstration at about 3.30pm. Watch for details, (Some members of Kingston and Bigbury Sunday Clubs will be invited as special guests!).

The Rectory
Ringmore (810565)

ARTHUR DROWLEY
Rector.