

RINGMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER NO.67 FEBRUARY 1991

What a warm welcome the twinkling Christmas tree lights give as one comes into the village after dark over the Christmas period. Especially if you have been away for some time. The Christmas tree was put outside the Church during the time when Peter Lutwyche was Churchwarden. The lights were then the indoor fairy type. We had to make sure they were all pointing down so that the rain did not get in! I insisted that we both wore rubber boots, especially as the two strings were joined by sellotape! We have progressed since then to real outdoor lights and automatic timing. Apologies for the odd time they were not on, the human element interfering with the automation. Much safer now but not as much fun! For a number of years now your Parish Council has covered the cost of the Christmas tree for which we are grateful.

Fruit & Veg. are now being delivered to the village by Jill Downing. See Advert p.4

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RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting. Please make an advance note of the date of the Annual Parish Meeting - your opportunity to question the Parish Council and, hopefully, your District Council and County Council representatives.

This meeting will be at 7.30pm on on Tuesday 9th April.

Parish & District Council Elections - these will be on Thurs. 2nd. May. There will be more information in the March Newsletter about the procedure for making nominations.

Planning. The Parish Council has approved a retrospective application concerning new garage doors and stone walling at Cross Manor.

An application for the installation of an air compressor at The Boat House, Challaborough was strongly opposed - largely on the grounds of noise.

Village Post Box. Some three months after the District and Parish Councils had agreed to the transfer of the post box from Ivy Cottage, the G.P.O. had apparently made no attempt to re-site the box. Eventually the village was left with no posting facilities except during the opening hours of the village Post Office. This caused great inconvenience to us all and especially to Mrs. Rosemary Tate. Thanks are due to her for her forbearance, to Mr. Alan King for his speed in building around the post box when it eventually arrived and to all who helped to put pressure on the GPO - including the Chairman, Mr. Guy Eddy, Earl Grey and Mr. Anthony Steen.

Local Police. The police officers with particular responsibility for our area are P.C. Gerry Porteous, P.C. Matthew Hunt and P.C. Peter Bumblecombe. They may be contacted at Kingsbridge Police Station (852326). Any call requiring immediate action can be dealt with by the Duty Officer at Kingsbridge or Paignton (0803 555201). In an emergency, dial 999.

Weather-Watch Scheme. The aim of the above scheme is to provide a secondary means of communication using Citizens' Band Radio, if an emergency such as severe weather disrupts the telephone system. Any C.B. radio enthusiast who would be willing to participate should contact Mr. Guy Eddy.

Storm Damage to Trees & Woodland A newly-appointed Tree Adviser, Mr. Charles Dale, (Exeter 384588) is now available to advise on small woodlands which have been damaged by storms. Grant aid may be available for the work recommended.

Adult Literacy. Ivybridge Community College (Plymouth 896662) would very much like to hear from anyone willing to help local people who have difficulty with reading, spelling, writing letters etc. Also anyone who would like to take advantage of such help (on a completely confidential basis) should contact Di Rees, the Open-Learning Co-ordinator, on the same telephone number.

THE POST OFFICE, Cross Park, Ringmore - 10am - 12 noon Monday to Friday. Take advantage of special offers on stationery items and look out for the books of new greeting stamps, on sale shortly.

BELLE VUE FARM for your fresh poultry, eggs & cream. Call or ring 810286.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - The meeting at 7.30pm on Thurs. 14th.Feb. will hear an illustrated talk by Capt.Trinick on "Banana Boats".

The meeting at the same time on Thurs. 14th.March will hear a talk by Mrs.Gardner on "Memories of a Prisoner of War".

Visitors will be welcome at both meetings at 8.15pm.

SOUTH HAMS CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

The Bigbury Branch of the South Hams Conservatives Association held their Christmas dinner and party on the evening of Sat. 8th.dec at the Bigbury Memorial Hall. This event was attended by over 80 members and guests, including Mr. Greg Johnson, Area Chairman, and Councillor Gilbert Sercombe; everyone enjoyed a superb buffet supper prepared by Committee members, their families and friends - the tables literally groaned with traditional Christmas fare!

There were no conventional speeches, nothing in fact to detract from the enjoyment of the excellent food and company, but Mr.John Tucker, Branch Chairman, kept things going with his well-timed remarks, and Mrs.Carole Hext, Hon.Secretary, made sure all went smoothly around the tables. The evening was rounded off with carol singing, and a most enjoyable event ended with appreciation of the hard work and preparation which had been contributed. The occasion was helped by the interest and support of local businesses.

B.W.

JOHN & BARBARA TAYLOR, MARWELL CROSS GARDENS - Flowers for weddings, funeral and all occasions. Good varieties of perennials. Phone 810366.

INTER-PARISH QUIZ

Many thanks to all who came to support us on 25th.Jan for the 1st leg of our match against Ivybridge, who were represented by their Guiders team. We went into an early lead and the half-way score was 32 to 25. Refreshed by welcome cups of tea & coffee, we faced the 2nd half. Our spelling (or lack of it!) nearly let us down but we managed to hold our lead, ending with a score of 66 to 57. The Guiders team was very sporting and the whole evening was both entertaining and humorous. We would point out that John Borne does not know Angela Estyn-Jones's husband and thus does not know if he is left-handed! Angela as Question Master was ably assisted by Bill Warne as timekeeper and Brain Hucker (Chairman of Quiz Committee) as scorer. Apart from John, my thanks go to Guy Eddy and Reg Trant, who one again showed their vast range of general knowledge.

Please note that the return match will be held on Tues. 26th.Feb at the South Dartmoor Leisure Centre, starting at 8pm, and if anyone would like transport, please contact me and I'll see what can be arranged. Please come and support your team - we can guarantee an entertaining evening, but without supporters, it can be daunting for the teams.

M.W-P.

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ANNUAL SPRING SALE

The Women's Section, Royal British Legion, are holding this event on Saturday, 23rd. February at Bigbury Memorial Hall, St.Ann's Chapel, at 2pm. Stalls will include Jumble, Tombola, Cakes, Bric-a-brac; there will be a raffle and tea will be served.

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 & Shoes, Outdoor Clothing, Electrical Goods and Free Deliveries of Calor Gas, Oil & Coal, every Thursday.

PARISH CHURCH PAGE

Returning from our winter break, I would like to record thanks to those who have looked after things during January- the Rev. Dick Rayner of Ashburton, the Rev. Basil Britton (a regular visitor to Kingston) and our Archdeacon, the Ven. Tony Tremlett, with the major portion falling to the good offices of our own Louvain and Charles Beer of the Henley Hotel.

Through the years I have tried to suggest a Motto Text that seems to be appropriate for the year just beginning. Thinking about the bewildering changes that come at us from all angles these days, I looked for a text that we might take with us at such a time. Of course we may dig in our heels and resist change fiercely, but it'll get us in the end!

However, the changing world is God's world so perhaps we could pray that the unavoidable changes that will come in our lives this year may be the kind of things that our heavenly Father wants for us; then the whole process will lead to rejoicing rather than regret!

So here's the text - it's a prayer really and it comes from Hebrews chapter 13 and part of verse 21....

".....may God make of us what He would have us to be through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever! Amen" (New English Bible)

SUNDAYS AT RINGMORE

Feb.17 6.0pm Evening Service

Feb.24 9am Holy Communion

Mar 3 11.0am Family Service

Mar 10 9.0am Holy Communion

Sundays at Kingston & Bigbury

9am Holy Communion at Bigbury

11am Family Service at Kingston

11am Family Service at Bigbury

6pm Evening Service at Kingston

9am Holy Communion at Kingston

6pm Evening Service at Bigbury

11am Morning Prayer & H.C. at Bigbury

6pm Evening Service at Kingston



LENT '91

Ash Wednesday this year falls on Feb.13th and we mark the day with a Communion Service at St.James', Kingston at 9.30am. That evening, we begin this year's Lent Course, a series of illustrated studies in the Gospel of John -

" SIGNS OF LIFE ".

The illustrated part will come from a video made by The Riding Lights Theatre Company of York and we trust these dramatised excerpts from John's Gospel will lead on into discussion about the ministry of our Lord.

We hope to show the same programme on Wednesday evenings, Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings each week throughout Lent. The Wed. and Thurs. meetings will alternate between Bigbury and Kingston, but all the Sat. mornings will be at The Rectory at 10.00am.

We will publish the venues for the afternoons and evenings in our Sunday Bulletin, but the opening 'batting' is as follows :-

Wed. Feb.13 at 7.30pm at The Small House, Easton (Mrs.Mary Smallwood, 810271)

Thu. Feb.14 at 2.30pm at 2 Church Park, Kingston (Mrs.W.Smith, 810435)

Sat. Feb.16 at 10.0am at The Rectory (810565)

Women's World Day of Prayer is always held on the first Friday of March. This year, 1st.March at 2.30pm it is Kingston's turn to host the service which has been written by the women of Kenya on the theme "On the Journey Together". Our speaker is to be the Rev.Nora Allen of Kingsbridge Baptist Church.

The Rectory
Ringmore (810565)



ARTHUR DROWLEY
Rector.

BIGBURY YOUTH CLUB

The area activity programme - "K I C K - O F F ' 91 " , organised by the Ivybridge and District Youth Committee, is about to begin. We from Bigbury Youth Club hope this year to have junior and senior teams competing in all events.

We are hosting the TRIVIAL PURSUITS QUIZ on 12th.March - Trixie's birthday! Last year this was a very exciting evening, attended by about 70 young people. We have a lot to live up to this year!

Three of our members have spontaneously decided to organise a fund-raising event for the Rumanian Orphans. Please try to support their efforts - details given below.

We have recently splashed out on some great new equipment - two remote-control cars with rechargeable batteries, a badminton set and a splendid new football. Many youngsters are eagerly anticipating the arrival of the goal-posts, promised by the Parish Council.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

BLUE PETER RUMANIAN ORPHANS APPEAL

Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy

Saturday 16th February 10.30am

Memorial Hall. Entrance 30p.

Stalls will include cakes, toys, books, produce - and a Bring and Buy Stall & Raffle.

Please do support this event. It is being completely and enthusiastically organised by a group of our young children from Bigbury - Kerry Harper, Teresa Troup and Shane Edgecombe. Their combined ages are less than 30 years!

" K I D ' S K L U B "

Following on from the Ringmore 'Fun Day' last December, there will be a couple of hours each first Saturday morning of the month when youngsters can meet at the Church Institute for games, activities, videos, sing-songs and chat-time. For the modest sum of 20p per child per session, we'll also have a 'squash break'. In September we plan a beach picnic ' games, and then in December, an anniversary 'Fun Day' once again.

The helpers at the Fun Day will once again be looking after the programme and the first one is planned for Saturday 2nd March at 10am. Graham Peck from Ivybridge Community College hopes to be with us for that morning.

JILL DOWNING Fresh Fruit and Veg I will be calling at Ringmore on Tuesday and Friday mornings. If you would like me to call, please ring 810715 and leave a message. I will be pleased to call.

COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

I have recently been appointed Community correspondent for the Evening Herald - the sister-paper to the Western Morning News.

If any organisation, event, group or individual would like to take advantage of some free publicity, please give me a ring or send me a press release. Also, if there are any important local stories I would be very keen to hear them.

I am hoping this will be an interesting little job and of some benefit to the local community. URSULA PHELAN, The Coach House, Easton. Tel. 810426

INNSIGHT - THE JOURNEYS END - Christmas and New Year went well and the standard of fancy dress was excellent. Kenny Dann won the turkey again in our Christmas Draw (it wasn't fixed, either!). Our next function is a Trivia Quiz Night on Saturday 23rd.February. The Entry fee is £1 per person, with a maximum of four people to a team. There are cash prizes, spot prizes (no Biactol) and Best Team's Name. Brains are not essential! Proceeds go to the Dame Hannah Rogers' School for Handicapped people in Ivybridge.

We still offer a 10% discount on Thursday lunchtimes for village people.

Ivy Youth
Friday 12th
We have a
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