

RINGMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER NO. 68 MARCH 1991

RAINFALL: 4 February - 4 March 27/16"

Apologies to JULIE for not printing your advert last month.

We would like to draw your attention to the Annual Parish Meeting in April and hope that as many people as possible will be there.

PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting will be at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 9 April 1991. Mr. Simon Day, our representative in Devon County Council will attend and we have asked the District Council to send an official who will be able to answer questions on the Poll Tax - and the implications of the new Rebate Scheme. In addition, we have invited a representative of the Rank Organisation to address the Meeting, on his plans for the future of Challaborough Holiday Camp.

The Parish Council hopes that as many members of the public as possible will attend.

Parish Council Elections. Polling Day (for Parish and District Councils) will be Thursday 2 May 1991 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Anyone wishing to stand for election to the Parish Council should obtain nomination papers from the Parish Clerk, Mrs. Margaret Wood, 2 Coastguard Cottages, Challaborough. Nomination papers, including consent forms, must be returned to the Returning Officer at Pollaton House by noon on Friday, 5 April 1991, but it is requested that they be returned as soon as possible.

Notice of withdrawal of candidature must be submitted by 10 April 1991.

Applications for absent voting facilities i.e. postal voting or the appointment of a proxy, must be received by the Returning Officer by noon on Monday 15 April 1991.

Accident Black Spot. Many people will know that Mr. & Mrs. Williams recently suffered an unpleasant car accident - though fortunately neither of them was seriously hurt - in "the narrows" between St. Ann's Chapel and Seven Stones Cross. There have been a large number of similar accidents to residents of Ringmore and Bigbury parishes, while driving with due care up the narrow hill. All these accidents have been caused by cars approaching St. Ann's Chapel too fast and skidding on a wet surface as they came round the bend, where the road narrows.

Ringmore Parish Council, supported by Bigbury Parish Council, has written to the County Surveyor, with copies to the police and to County and District Council representatives to ask for better warning notices at the approach to this accident black spot.

Burglars. There has recently been a spate of burglaries at Bigbury on Sea and, as so often happens, these seem to follow visits by "antique dealers". Residents are warned not to allow strangers, posing as antique dealers, into their homes.

Lifebelt at Ayrmer Cove. Recently the lifebelt, which is normally kept at Ayrmer Cove, disappeared.

Thanks to prompt action by the Parish Clerk, arrangements have been made for it to be replaced.

Orchards. Since the Second World War, over 90% of the traditional orchards have been lost from the South Hams. As part of a campaign to save what remains, the South Hams Environment Service has organised an exhibition of photographs by James Ravilious. This will be in the Gallery, above the Town Hall, in Kingsbridge, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. from 30 March to 5 April (except Sunday). On 30 March there will also be an Apple Cookery Demonstration at 12 noon.

Water Supply. The Parish Council has written to South West Water, asking for an assurance that Ringmore will benefit from the large new pipeline which will pass through the South Hams, to link Roadford Reservoir to Torquay.

"JULIE" YOUR LOCAL MOBILE HAIR STYLIST. FOR PERMS*SHAMPOO & SETS*BLOW DRY*TRIMS*
RESTYLE ETC. FOR APPOINTMENT TEL. BIGBURY-ON-SEA 810634 ANSWERPHONE AVAILABLE.

BELLE VUE FARM FOR YOUR FRESH POULTRY, EGGS & CREAM. CALL OR RING 810286.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next meeting will be at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 11 April. Mrs. Sally Blades will speak on "Chinese Acupuncture" and guests who wish to hear her will be welcome at 8.15 p.m. The Group Meeting will be on Wednesday 17 April at the Memorial Hall, St. Ann's Chapel.

RINGMORE POST OFFICE. OPEN MONDAY - FRIDAY 10 A.M. TO 12 NOON. NEW RANGE OF RECYCLED GIFT WRAP AND CARDS. STATIONERY FOR HOME, SCHOOL AND BUSINESS. PHOTO-COPYING AND FAX FACILITIES OUT OF POST OFFICE HOURS, TOO.

SOUTH HAMS SOCIETY

Instead of the usual buffet supper, the South Hams Society will be holding a sit-down supper party at the Cottage Hotel, Hope Cove, on Thursday 16 May 1991. The hotel has an excellent reputation and although the price - £9 - may seem high good value is assured. The number of tickets is limited and early application should be made to Ardene Bennett at Hill Cottage.

JOHN & BARBARA TAYLOR, MARWELL CROSS GARDENS. FLOWERS FOR WEDDINGS, FUNERAL AND ALL OCCASIONS. GOOD VARIETIES OF PERENNIALS. PHONE 810366.

INTER PARISH QUIZ

The second leg of the first round, against Ivybridge, was held at the South Dartmoor Leisure Centre, a very different venue from the normal village halls we are used to. A photocall for the Evening Herald, provided entertainment for the audience, as we were posed for the correct effect. We had a poor start, as we were not up on the weeks non front page news, we were therefore trailing after the first four rounds. But, by the halfway mark we had gained a two point lead (30 to 28). Our knowledge(?) of sea side plants helped us to hold onto our slender lead and we ended up with a score of 60 to Ivybridge's score of 59. This score, together with the first leg, gave us a victory with 126 to 116 points. If you could define autology or orthology, or recognise a Mobius strip, then we need you! Volunteers as reserves for the team are urgently needed. Once again thanks to our loyal supporters and to the team members John Borne, Guy Eddy and Reg Trant. We now face Ughborough, at their village hall, on Friday 22 March at 8 p.m. We look forward to an enjoyable evening, so please come along, and remember, when they come to Ringmore, it felt like a bus-load of their supporters came!
M W-P.

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.

BIGBURY, RINGMORE, KINGSTON CONSERVATIVES

AGM will be held at the Small House Easton by kind permission of Mrs. Mary Smallwood on Friday 22 March 1991 7 p.m. followed by a fork supper at 8 p.m. Tickets £5 available from Carol Hext 810251 and John Tucker 810267 Bill Worne 810214

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

BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

Coffee morning will be held on Sat. 23 March at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith, Sedgewell Sands at 10.30 a.m. in aid of the Womens Section Royal British Legion, benevolent fund. There will be a cake stall, a bring & buy and a raffle. Our annual sale made a profit of £134. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to this splendid result.

The Rector writes....

People may be born into a Christian culture, but that does not mean that they are born Christian. We become Christians through faith in Jesus Christ and the decision to follow Christ may be made at any point along life's route - but it has to be made. The assumption that everyone has ample opportunity to hear of Christ during school days can no longer be made, so Christians today have to be ready for any opening that comes to them to share the Good News.

Holiday time is such an opportunity. To present the Gospel in the relaxed setting of the beach etc., may give folk a special moment for the kind of thinking that all-too-often gets pushed out by the busy-ness of everyday life.

This is the burden of John Richard's visit to us on Palm Sunday, 24th Mar., exploring the possibility of bringing a team in the Summer to share their faith with us and our visitors.



SUNDAYS AT RINGMORE

Mar 17 6.0pm Evening Service

Mar 24 9.0am Holy Communion
for PALM SUNDAY

Mar 31 6.0pm Festival Evening Service
for EASTER DAY

Apr 7 11.0am Family Service

Sundays at Bigbury & Kingston

9am Holy Communion at Bigbury

11am Family Service at Kingston

11am Morning Prayer & HC at Bigbury
6pm Evening Service at Kingston

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER

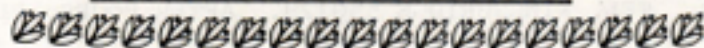
Maundy Thursday, 28th Mar at 7.30pm - A celebration of the Lord's Supper is planned to recall the night before Jesus' crucifixion, with hymns and singing led by the United Choir, to be held at All Hallows, Ringmore. All very welcome.

Good Friday, 29th. Mar - at 10.30am, a Family Service at St. Lawrence's Bigbury at 2.00pm, The Last Hour of the Cross at St. James' Kingston, with hymns, readings, comment and prayer.

Easter Day, 31st Mar - Holy Communions will be celebrated at Bigbury at 9am, and at Kingston at 11am when there will be a special "Family Communion" with all the family most welcome. The United Choir will share in the Festival Service at 6pm at Ringmore, with brief Communion following.



" Christ is risen - Alleluia "



LOOKING AHEAD - Annual Church Meetings are planned as follows (all at 7.30pm) :-

Kingston - Tu'day 9th April in the Reading Room

Bigbury - Thursday 11th April in the Memorial Hall

Ringmore - Monday 15th April in the Church Institute

H O M E A G A I N !

David and Susan Pouncey, Anna and Samuel have arrived back in this country for their mid-term furlough. Despite the intention that these weeks shall be holiday, they are completing their slides' sequence and preparing to come down here later this month or early April. Goods for them to take back for the hospital should now be brought in, especially small items such as needles, cottons, safety pins, nappy creams, rolls of plastic bags etc. The offerings at last summer's 'Sunset Praise' meetings have been banked against paying towards the transportation of the barrels to Zaire - so any further donations to that fund can still be received. We thank God for bringing the family safely home.

The Rectory
Ringmore (810565)

ARTHUR DROWLEY
Rector



KIDS' KLUB

A good cross-section of boys and girls, and of ages, gathered in the Church Institute on Saturday, March 2nd for the first Ringmore "Kids' Klub".

Fourteen of the village children joined in, with five adult helpers. Two youth workers from Ivybridge came to support the team (once their broken-down car got going!) and one musical helper from Torquay made up the work force.

Energetic games worked off some of the Kids' steam, and after a quick cup of squash & a biscuit, everyone was ready for a sit-down and a singsong. The video "How it all began" saw 'Superbook' take the children back in time to meet Adam and Eve and to discover that grown-ups and children alike are much happier when they follow God's rules!

The next Kids' Klub is planned for Sat. April 6th from 10.0 until 12 noon - do encourage any Ringmore children to come along and join in the fun.

DAVID LAIDLER M.P.S. MODBURY PHARMACY. 5 BROAD ST. TEL. MODBURY 830215. OPENING HOURS
MON. TUES. THUR. & 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.

BIGBURY YOUTH CLUB

Congratulations to our senior doubles Badminton Team - they won the competition and everyone enjoyed the evening. It was an exciting evening and our senior team were runners-up in this event.

The disco on 8 Feb. (probably our coldest evening of the winter) cannot be called a success. However we must give a big thank you to everybody involved.

We were delighted with the efforts towards our Romanian Orphans Appeal Coffee morning. Although poorly supported we made the magnificent sum of £103-43. A particular 'thank you' must go to all the people who kindly made such lovely cakes for the stall. They really were much appreciated and all sold.

'Kick-Off 91' Quiz Night 12 March Bigbury M. Hall. This is our next important date - hosting this event, we can expect lots of enthusiastic youngsters from other Youth Clubs.
Ursula Phelan Tel. 810426

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

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Nearly 200 years of service to the Royal British Legion were honoured by the Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore Branch when long service awards were presented to poppy collectors. Four ladies, all members of the Women's Section, were given For Merit Badges and Letters from the Legion thanking them for their dedication. The badges are awarded for over 25 years' service. The senior recipient was Kit Taylor - who attended the unveiling of the Cenotaph in London in 1921 and remembers collecting outside Harrods in the 1920s. Also presented with For Merit awards by Poppy Appeal Organiser Guy Eddy were Alice Mason, who has collected for 40 years, Edith Toms and Christine Freeman. Pam Brunskill was presented with a badge marking 15 years service as a poppy collector (at the Journey's End Inn.) All the ladies intend to continue collecting - with the exception of Mrs. Taylor, who this year decided that the hills had finally got the better of her!

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.

INN-SIGHT - THE JOURNEY'S END. Well spring seems to have arrived. Our Trivia Quiz Night went well. The team of Jim Freeman, Val Dyer, Jim & Rose Owen, known as Knobs and Knockers won first prize with an amazing 30 points from a possible 43. Some good team names were conceived, the winners being "THE ROAD RUNNERS" (which included one of our louder regulars who has recently lost his licence).

Our next event is a silly games night on Saturday 23 March. Shut the box - beer mat flipping - bottle walking - penguin races - pass the bottle - win a bottle of scotch for 10p - Mikes Matches - Darts, high or low score. Proceeds to Dame Hannah Rogers School for handicapped children. Good Friday 29 March by popular demand Rockin'Ray is back. Recently recovered from his Christmas hangover, he is coming back to entertain us with his 60's Rock'N'Roll and Blues - sponsored by Lowenbrau.

-----LOST & FOUND-----

We often find articles of clothing (not underwear), but we have recently found children in the Inn. They always seem to be hungry and thirsty but do not have much money between them. Some of them are not very good at getting ash and cigarette ends in the ashtrays, and occasionally tomato sauce misses the plate and is spread on the tables. Some of the language is atrocious and one boy with crutches has a great gaping hole in the back of his jeans. We have only managed to find out their first names, but if their parents read this we may be able to repatriate them. Please help these poor children!!!

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Notes from the Journal of Robert Randle of Ringmore Cottage (Cross Manor).

RINGMORE'S WEATHER.

1814 7 Jan. at night the first deep snow fell: 10 Jan. at night the second snow fell. The snow lay in places 10½ ft. deep and the surveyors of the highways had to employ men to cut paths through all the roads in the Parish from 10 to 15 men daily, the roads being quite impassable. Supposed to have been the deepest snow that had fallen here about for more than half a century.

1829 Great year of cider more than for 52 years before price under 10/- per hhd. Great drought.

1830 Very severe frost for two nights at Candlemas.

1833-1834 From the beginning of November to the end of February incessant rain for more than 100 days continuously. In Autumn a great drought which lasted till 1835 February, when the rain came in torrents; no water up to that date to water the meadows, the Town Well dry and people living on the Cross obliged to go for water to the Lower Farm. 1836. Great gale from the S.E. to S.W. On 29 Nov. a complete hurricane the wind upset many mows blew down several chimneys, unroofed several houses and more or less shattered nearly every house in the place (a Tuesday).

1837. On Good Friday 24 March a very heavy fall of snow and a severe frost the like never remembered by the oldest inhabitant Joseph Osbornethen 87 years old. 4 and 5 April very heavy snow, Blackberry Lane impassable.

1838. Jan. and Feb. very severe frost for 6 weeks. 15 Feb. Great Gale from east which shattered many houses. Heavy snow all day. 28 Nov. Heavy gale from S.E. to S.W. On morn of the 29 a French Schooner on shore at Sedgewell Beach bottom up, crew all lost. At 10 the same day a brig drove on Bantham Beach and went to pieces in half an hour 8 men drowned and 3 saved. Her name was the Bar Bara of North Shields, 256 tons from Constantinople laden with seed chiefly Linseed. 1839. 16 May Severe frost. Plump-pool frozen over. 20 June Great thunder storm with tremendous rain which washed down many hedges. A bad hay harvest and worse Barley Harvest, scarcely a farmer had a bag of unstained Barley. The wettest summer and autumn ever remembered. Unsaved Barley to be seen on 25 October. We removed two Barley mows to dry them. 26 October and on the same day saved Yardland Meadow of Hay.

1840. 13 Nov. Great Gale from S.E. to S.W. by W.

1841. Great Gale 6 Feb. from N.E. and heavy snow which lasted several days.