

## RINGMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER NO. 71 JUNE 1991

Molly Trueman would like to thank everyone who was so kind and helpful during her recent illness and her stay in hospital. She is most grateful. Our apologies for not including her thanks in the May newsletter.

**THREE FREE KITTENS** see Susan Freeman, Belle Vue Farm.

**RAINFALL:** 28 April - 3 June 1 1/16".

### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Ayrmer Cove.** There will be a beach-cleaning party at Ayrmer Cove, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 22 June. Please do try to come along, bringing a plastic bag for collecting rubbish and a pair of gloves to protect your hands. If enough people join in, we will soon have the beach tidy for the summer. Children will be particularly welcome.

**Traffic Through Ringmore.** The Parish Council has written to the County Highways Department, describing the damage caused to Ringmore Conservation Area by large "Mobile homes" passing through the village. A site-inspection has been requested, followed by a meeting with representatives of Highways and of Challaborough holiday camps. Bigbury Parish Council has complained about similar damage to property at St. Ann's Chapel. Concern has been expressed about the recent huge increase in parking facilities in Challaborough, which has increased the number of cars passing through Ringmore - especially on Sundays. District and County Council representatives have undertaken to discuss the traffic problems in our area with the appropriate officials.

**Sewage Works.** The Parish Council has received a letter, from South West Water, saying that options for changes in the Ringmore sewage treatment works are being considered. One option might be the pumping of sewage from Ringmore to Bigbury. The Parish council has asked for an opportunity to discuss the options with South West Water, after their appraisal has been made, but before a decision is reached.

**Bus Shelter Tree.** Representatives of the Parish Council have moved the bin of road salt from the vicinity of the tree, outside the bus shelter, in order to avoid damage to the tree by salt spillage.

**Accident Black Spot.** The Parish Council has written to the Area Engineer, thanking him for the prompt action taken by his department to warn motorists of the dangerous "narrows" between St. Ann's Chapel and Seven Stones Cross. P.C. Porteous has suggested that the sign warning of the bend should be moved nearer to the danger spot.

**Footpath to Kingston.** Representatives of the Parish Council will shortly walk the footpath from Ringmore to Kingston, with the County Footpath Officer, in order to examine discrepancies between the path normally walked and the route marked on the Definitive Map.

**Blackberry Lane.** Blackberry Lane has become very overgrown and the Chairman of the Parish Council is to ask the Heritage Coast Service for help in getting it cleared.

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

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

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**JOHN & BARBARA TAYLOR, MARWELL CROSS GARDENS.** FLOWERS FOR WEDDINGS, FUNERAL & ALL OCCASIONS. GOOD VARIETIES OF PERENNIALS. BEDDING PLANTS IN SEASON. PHONE 810366.

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

**Journey's End Inn.** In order to stop wild speculation the following statement by the new management of the Inn is made. On the morning of 3 June the owners of the Inn left, leaving a note for Mr. Richard Sully to the effect that they would not be coming back and would he do his best to sort out the mess. Because of heavy commitments in Portugal, they had decided that they could no longer carry on the business. Mr. Sully informed Lloyds Bank of Kingsbridge, who because of the financial state of the business, called in the receivers. These gentlemen were appointed by the Court on the morning of Thursday 6 June and have taken over the running of the affairs of the Inn. Their decision after a quick survey of the Inn, was that it would be best for it to continue to operate as near to normal as possible in order to demonstrate to any prospective buyer that it is a viable proposition. They have appointed Mr. Richard Sully to manage the day-to-day running of the establishment.

The hours of business will be **Mon - Sat 11.30 - 2.30**

**6.30 - 11.00**

**Sunday 12.00 - 3.00**

**7.00 - 10.30**

The Parish Council fully support the continuation of the running of the Inn. They feel that having already lost the shop in the village, to lose the Inn as well would be nothing short of a disaster for the survival of the village. Therefore they invite parishioners to continue their support for the new management, because the thought of the Inn being turned into yet another holiday home is unthinkable.

G.P.E. Chairman P.C.

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**RINGMORE POST OFFICE** **MONDAY - FRIDAY 10 A.M. - 12 NOON.** EXCELLENT VALUE, UNUSUAL GREETINGS CARDS. NEW ADDITIONS REGULARLY DISPLAYED, SO KEEP BROWSING!! **POTTERY WITH A DIFFERENCE.** HAND-THROWN MUGS AND CASSEROLE DISHES BY RINGMORE POTTER, STEPHANIE GREY. GARDEN POTS AVAILABLE SOON. **ALSO** UNIQUE CERAMIC COTTAGES HAND-MADE AND HAND-PAINTED IN RINGMORE BY JENNY AND ROGER POWER.

#### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next meeting, on 13 June, will be at 7 p.m. at Hill Cottage. If the weather is fine, the meeting will take place in the garden. There will be a report on the Triennial Meeting, which recently took place in Birmingham. At the meeting on 11 July, at 7.30 p.m. in the W.I. Hall, there will be a Quiz on Devon and Cornwall, conducted by Colin Stephenson.

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**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.

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**REMINDER! REMINDER! REMINDER! REMINDER! REMINDER! REMINDER!**  
from **RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Do join us on Wednesday 19 June at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall, when, following her recently published book and her discoveries in Ringmore, Bigbury and Kingston, Frances Griffith will give a slide show and talk on **Archeological Air Photography in Devon**. This promises to be a fascinating and informative evening, and the 50p admission fee includes coffee and biscuits.

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

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**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.** The next meeting will be on 6 SEPTEMBER at the Reading Room, Kingston. It is hoped to organise a trip to the China Fleet Club, Saltash in July. Anyone interested please contact Reg. Trant 810663 or here at Cliff Path 810654.

PARISH CHURCH PAGE

The Rector writes...

Last month I wrote of the natural beauty all around us, giving us cause to praise God, and most of us are familiar with the quote "You are nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth" - and yet the beauty of the coast and the garden do not seem to lead folk to a personal knowledge of God. It is as if we see His handiwork, but do not meet Him personally.



PEOPLE. NOT THINGS

When it comes to personal introductions, it seems that God uses people rather than things - there are aspects of His character which can't be observed, they have to be revealed. God's word comes to us spoken or written, through the agency of people who are His messengers. In Old Testament days there were people like Moses, the great law-giver, or Elijah, the fearless prophet who spoke the word of the Lord. In a different strain, David, the psalmist, produced the first hymnbook and he gave us a treasury of praise and prayer "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want....."

FINALLY, BY HIS SON

John's Gospel actually introduces Jesus by calling Him God's "Word". He came to show us what God is like, to speak the words of God and show the love of God, to the uttermost, in the cross. The coming of the Holy Spirit ensures the continuing work of Jesus through to our own day. And how does the Holy Spirit communicate? Well, certainly through God's word, the Bible, but also, to a very large extent, through people. No, I don't mean clergy (Tho' I hope He can speak through them sometimes!) - I mean ordinary people who love the Lord and want to share His love with others. Perhaps I can carry this theme further next month.



SUNDAYS AT RINGMORE

16th June 6.0pm Evening Service

23rd June 9.0am Holy Communion

30th June 6.0pm Evening Service

7th July 11.0am Family Service

14th July 9am Holy Communion

Sundays at Bigbury & Kingston

9am Holy Communion at Bigbury

11am Family Service at Kingston

11am Family Service at Bigbury

6pm Evening Service at Kingston

9am Holy Communion at Bigbury

11am Morning Service & HC at Kingston

9am Holy Communion at Kingston

6pm Evening Service at Bigbury

11am Family Service & HC at Bigbury

6pm Evening Service at Kingston

NOTES & NEWS

Thur.13th June - Confirmation Service at Aveton Gifford Church at 7.30pm

Sunday 16th The Rev.Dick Rayner takes the services throughout the day.

Sunday 30th Mr.Nigel Speller, the Stewardship Adviser for the Diocese, is the visiting speaker at all our services.

Monday 1st July Kingston Church Council meets .

Sa'day 6th July Kids' Klub, starting with a Treasure Hunt! Too good to miss!

Monday 8th July Ringmore Church Council meets at the Rectory at 7.30pm.

Tu'day 9th July Tear Fund Coffee Morning at 2 Arnold's Close, Kingston, with Plants and Bring 'n Buy stalls - a united effort for our three churches.

The Rectory  
Ringmore (810565)

ARTHUR DROWLEY  
Rector.

## INTRODUCTION

**NIGEL FROST** - BSc (Hons.) FBCO - OPTOMETRIST (Ophthalmic Optician) has now moved from Kingsbridge to his new practice at Chene Court, Modbury Tel.(0548 830944. Nigel was born at Flete (then a nursing home) educated at the Kingsbridge Schools - graduated at City University, London. He has practiced in this area for over 10 years and has now started his own practice. He is quite renowned for his thoroughness, tenacity and helpful approach to problems relating to the eyes. We wish him well in his new venture.

**NIGEL FROST - OPTOMETRIST (OPHTHALMIC OPTICIAN) BSc (HONS) FBCO.** PERSONAL ATTENTION FOR COMPLETE EYE EXAMINATIONS, PRESCRIBING AND FITTING OF CONTACT LENSES & SPECTACLES. FOR APPOINTMENT TEL. MODBURY (0548) 830944. SPECTACLE REPAIRS, CONTACT LENS SOLUTIONS, LENS CLEANERS, CASES, ZIESS & RAYBAND SUNGLASSES.

**DAVID LAIDLER M.P.S. MODBURY PHARMACY.** 5 BROAD ST. TEL. MOD. 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.

## BATS IN THE BELFRY?

Bats in the belfry and eerie sounds at midnight are most people's idea of wildlife in a churchyard. But churchyards can be great places for wildlife both by night and day and a visit at any time should prove worthwhile.

Nearly every city, town and village has a churchyard. There are more than 20,000 in England and Wales alone! Many have survived almost unchanged over hundreds of years while everything around has altered. Churchyards act as sanctuaries for wildlife as well as people.

Bats live in churches, but not in the belfries. These small, harmless creatures much prefer to roost in a warm, sheltered church porch than a cold dusty, draughty belfry. Small brown droppings and moth and butterfly wings on the ground are a sign that there are bats in a church.

A terrifying screech late at night from a country churchyard is likely to be a barn owl. Its ghostly white shape was once a regular sight around many rural churches, but as the rough grassy areas where barn owls feed have disappeared, the birds have become less common.

Hundreds of years ago, villagers planted yew trees in churchyards, believing they kept away evil spirits. Yews may drive off wicked spirits but they do not scare off birds. The dense cover provided by yew trees is ideal for roosting tawny owls and the berries are food for smaller birds such as robins and dunnocks.

Long grassy areas in overgrown corners can provide colourful wild flowers and food and cover for mice, voles and insects. Overtidy churchyards with closely cut short grass are unfriendly places for wildlife, lacking both food and shelter.

Lichens grow on walls and gravestones and form bright patterns of yellow, orange red, grey and green. They grow very slowly over hundreds of years and in one Surrey churchyard, more than 150 lichen species were counted. Some lichens cannot live in polluted places and scientists can tell how polluted the air is by the lichens growing in a churchyard.

The Young Ornithologists' Club, junior section of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds is carrying out a nationwide survey to find out more about wildlife in churchyards. To take part, write to Joan Childs, YOC Churchyard Survey, The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire, SG19 2DL for details.

