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Thank you to all those who made positive and complimentary comments about our first effort. Advertisers are delighted with the response so far, so please keep supporting them.

After the quiet spell of weather during the past few weeks, it's a pleasure to see early signs of Spring appearing in our gardens.

There's no doubt about it, the coming season is definitely in the air, with two births in the parish, and a new spring in his step for Douglas Hall, following his long-awaited hip replacement.



Rob Batten
810680

Rosemary Tate
810238

INTER PARISH QUIZ

You may well be wondering why we haven't played a match yet. Well, due to 17 teams entering this year, we had to wait for the extra matches to be played between Brixton and Shaugh Prior. Brixton won the set and we are playing away on **Wednesday 12 February** at Venn Court, Brixton (ring 810407 for directions or a lift). We will field our last years team (Guy, Reg, John and Mike) with a new reserve, Carol Allan. Please do join us, we need and welcome your support, and we can promise you an enjoyable and entertaining evening. The home match will be on **Wednesday 19 February** at the W.I. Hall with Carol enjoying (?) her first taste of being a full team member. Both matches start, as usual, at **8 p.m.** All team members (and Manager) have volunteered to make way for new team members, so anyone who would like to join Carol as a volunteer (!) will be very welcome.


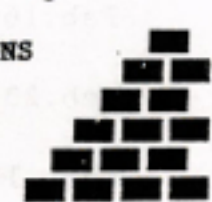
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The Rector writes...

For some years now it has been our privilege to attend an Autumn conference for folk working in Christian ministry.

This time the principal address was given by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay. He spoke of his office, his responsibilities in the House of Lords and oversight of the courts, judges and magistrates. The burdens that fall upon those in high office in a democracy must often include tension between the will of the majority and the personal conviction of the individual. Lord Mackay spoke firmly yet humbly, of his own Christian upbringing and personal commitment in the midst of the heavy responsibilities he carries.

We found ourselves deeply thankful that such folk can still be found in high office and it reminds us that prayer for the nation's leaders is not just a formality. And there is another point to be borne in mind - the imminent General Election. The presence of Christian men and women in Parliament is really important, not only for what they may say, but also for their influence thro' understanding prayer. In the past, people's belief was taken for granted and, more recently, forgotten if possible; there are signs that it may be of much greater significance in the future!



SUNDAYS THIS MONTH

At Ringmore

Feb 9th 9.0am Holy Communion
Feb.16th 6.0pm Evening Service
Feb.23th 9.0am Holy Communion
Mar. 1st 11.0am Family Service
Mar. 8th 9.0am Holy Communion

Sundays at Bigbury & Kingston

11am Morning Prayer & HC at Bigbury
6pm Evening Service at Kingston
9am Holy Communion at Bigbury
11am Family Service at Kingston
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6pm Evening Service at Kingston
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6pm Evening Service at Bigbury
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY :- ... in February

Wed 19th Israel evening in Ringmore Church Hall, following up the introductory meeting on Feb.5th. All very welcome.

Thu.27th Annual Parochial Church Meeting 7.30pm Church Institute. The presence of all members of the Electoral Roll is most important.

in March

Tues.3rd Coffee Morning 10.30am at Ayrmer House- watch for details.

Ash Wednesday this year falls on Mar.4th. We mark the day with Communion Services at Bigbury at 10.30am & Kingston at 7.30pm.

Fri.6th Women's World Day of Prayer - the service this year is held in Ringmore Church at 2.30pm. The speaker, Rev.Margery Simpson from Bristol. Light refreshments served in church afterwards.ALL welcome!

The Rectory
Ringmore TQ7 4HR (810565)

ARTHUR DROWLEY
Rector



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

As notified in the last newsletter, the next Women's Institute Meeting, on Thursday 13th February, will hear Mrs. B. Marshall on 'Something for Nothing - Almost'. We hope to learn how to make material to sell at the village fetes. Members, and any interested non-members, should note that Mrs. Marshall will speak at 7.30 p.m. - with the business part of the meeting coming after her talk.

The March meeting will be of interest to all lovers of the countryside. Mr. Fred Frewer, of the Ramblers' Association, will show his slides of Devon on 12th March.

There will be an afternoon meeting at 2 p.m. on Wednesday 19th February at Cliff Path. This will take the form of a flower arranging demonstration by Mrs. Ann Walker.

Do not forget the Theatre Royal outing on Thursday 19th March. The bus will leave Ringmore Church at 6 p.m.



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Thank you from us all for the cards and good wishes. Mary and James, Hugh, Clemency and Louisa.

RAINFALL

From 30th December 1991 to 3rd February 1992 was 1". B B

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Meeting held on Tuesday 4th February was attended by 9 parishioners in addition to council members.

It was reported that the Planning Committee would be considering the proposal for an alternative route to Challaborough the following day. The council are in full support of this proposal and have been campaigning for such action for some time. Cllr John Tate presented a report on notified traffic problems since May 1991 which listed over forty incidents plus the increase of heavy lorries.

The Planning Committee would also be considering proposals for the Bigbury-on-Sea coastal development.

The Parish Council were unanimous in opposing the application for outline planning permission to erect a dwelling on the land between Cumberland Cottages and Little Barn.

Progress was being made on the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and the Council agreed to purchase an official sign to be erected at the village boundary.

Cllr Rob Batten and Rosemary Tate were congratulated on the first edition of their Newsletter and the following terms of reference were agreed: "That the Ringmore Parish Council shall approve an editor or editors of the Ringmore Parish Newsletter to whom shall be given editorial responsibility under the auspices of the Parish Council".

Mike Wynne-Powell agreed to organise a team for the Inter-Parish Quiz once again and a £5.00 donation was approved towards the organisation based at Ivybridge.

Finally, it was agreed to encourage young people in the area to make their views known at future meetings.

John Tate

STOP PRESS!

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE - At the Planning Committee Meeting on 5th February, it was decided that there would be a full site inspection, following which the decision will be deferred until the next Planning Committee Meeting on March 4th.

Guy Eddy

Neighbourhood Watch

Please note that the Parish Council has agreed to finance the purchase of a sign which, after planning permission has been obtained, will be erected at the main entrance to the village, and thus all visitors will know that we have a neighbourhood watch scheme in operation. In the meantime if you want help or further information, please contact David Young. Tel: 810389



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Visit Dates : Monday 24th February
Monday 9th March

Challaborough : 2.15 - 2.30p.m.
Ringmore : 2.35 - 3.00p.m.

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The deadline for items for inclusion in the March newsletter is Thursday 5th March 1992.





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Foster Carers Needed

When a child has to be looked after by the Social Services Department every effort is made to rehabilitate him or her back home but this is not always possible. The sort of homes needed are varied: some for short placement to enable a family crisis to be resolved, some as a bridge between own family and finding a permanent family and others for respite care, when parents need a break from caring for a handicapped child. It is particularly difficult to find foster carers for older children and for brothers and sisters who need placing together.

Who can be foster carers? Almost anyone! Applications are welcomed from single people or couples in a stable relationship.

Foster carers work together with Social Services, parents and child in making plans. It is important that foster carers and their children are all included in the decision whether to foster. Allowances are paid depending on age of children and additional costs in relation to special needs, education trips, equipment etc. are made. In addition enhanced allowances are given for long term and emergency placements. These include a financial incentive to undertake particular tasks which carry extra stress.

There is an assessment period and training given before a child is placed and meetings are held with experienced foster carers so people can find out at first hand some of the joys and difficulties!

Many youngsters will still have contact with their own families but some of them will have no one. Some youngsters have had unhappy experiences and several moves and this is often reflected in their behaviour and emotional reactions.

This is a challenging task but of great importance so the young people can experience love and consistency of relationships. Many have not known ordinary happy family life and acceptance of them as individuals. They will often test out the new situation and can be exasperating and demanding. Sometimes the rewards are slow to emerge but many youngsters keep in touch with foster carers after they have left. Much support is given both to the young person and the foster carer(s).

Foster carers are needed in the Kingsbridge, Modbury and surrounding areas for children and young people aged 11 - 18 years who are not able to live with their own families. Homes are always required for both short and long periods for children who may have emotional, behavioural or physical difficulties.

Robina Brand, Family Finder for Social Services in Kingsbridge said that this locality is particularly short of foster carers and that the Department has virtually no foster carers living in the area between Kingsbridge to Yealmpton, including Modbury. Robina could give no specific reason for this but is particularly keen to hear from people who might wish to foster teenagers.

If you are interested in finding out more about fostering please contact Robina Brand, Family Finder, at Social Services Department, Combe Royal, Kingsbridge, TQ7 4AD, telephone 0548 857366.

Did you hear.....?

Two ladies went to do a job;
One fell through the cooker hob.
The Churchwarden got such a fright
When he saw that poor lady's plight.

With no more ado
A Coffee Morning was arranged
At Belle Vue.
Bring and buy and competitions were the aim

To show a profitable gain.
So thanks to all who helped and came.

But I wonder.....will that poor
Lady's knee ever be the same?

**COFFEE MORNING AT BELLE VUE ON
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 29TH**

Thanks to all who helped, came, and gave a
donation. £187 was raised, not only enough
for a replacement cooker, but other items
needed in the Church Hall.

Competition Winners

Rabbit's Birthday - June 5th
Won by Mrs J Pitts
How many golf tees in jar? (594)
596 guessed by Mrs M Lock.
How long has Eileen worked at Belle Vue?
(24 yrs 5 months) Guessed by Mrs M St.
Aubyn - 24 yrs 9 months.

A lovely, happy, chatty morning with a
wonderful result. Thank you everyone.
Susan Freeman

As your editors stated last time, **YOUR
NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOU.** But we have been
completely underwhelmed by your response
so far! So whether it's a building, a
person or an item of interest for 'Local
Focal Point', don't be shy, please come
forward with any ideas.

P.S. Bill Warne is still answering fan
mail after his new-found fame!

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WOMEN'S SECTION

SPRING SALE- Saturday 29th February 2 p.m.
Memorial Hall, St. Ann's Chapel
Jumble - Bric a Brac - Tombola - Raffle -
Refreshments
Proceeds in aid of Royal British Legion
Women's Section Charities


COFFEE MORNING at Sedgewell Sands, by kind
invitation of Mr and Mrs Jack Smith, in
aid of Women's British Legion Section
Charities. Tuesday 3rd March at 10.30 a.m.

MEN'S SECTION

NEXT MEETING- Friday 6th March at 7.30p.m.
Kingston Reading Room


Theatre Royal Outing Thursday March 19th

There are still just a few seats available
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