



The Rector writes...

It is strange that the old Prayer Book of the Church of England made no provision for Harvest Thanksgiving - It was only in the proposed Prayer Book of 1928 that a prayer, or collect, for Harvest Thanksgiving was published. Of course many informal services and celebrations have marked harvest over the years and that is hardly surprising when one thinks how crucial the harvest is and how deep is sense of thankfulness when all is safely gathered in.



And yet - harvest-tide is no longer as significant as we have known it even in our own life-times. Somehow it is less immediate as people have moved out of the country and into the towns with little or no garden-space for vegetables. And perhaps the whole process of production itself has become more remote as technology advances. However, the good things of the harvest are more abundant than ever and the opportunity for thanksgiving is really as great as ever.

Let's not lose our sense of gratitude for the good things of life and let's widen our view to include all God's gifts - the fruit of our minds as well as the fruits of the earth, all the wonders of creativity resounding to the Creator's praise. St. Paul summed it all up in Christ when he wrote -

"Thanks be to God for His Gift beyond words!".

THIS MONTH'S DIARY

SUNDAY 10th - 9.0am 1980 Communion at Ringmore
 11.0am Morning Service & Communion at Bigbury
 6.0pm Evening Prayer at Kingston

SUNDAY 17th - 9.0am 1980 Communion at Bigbury
 11.0am Family Service at Kingston
 6.0pm Evening Prayer at Ringmore

Sun.24th 1.0am - the clocks go back!!!

SUNDAY 24th - 9.0am 1662 Communion at Ringmore
 11.0am Family Service at Bigbury
 6.0pm Evening Service at Kingston

We welcome Rev. Gervais Angel of the South American Missionary Society as preacher at all our services this day.

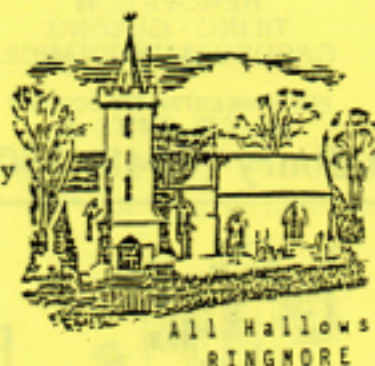
SUNDAY 31st - 9.0am 1662 Communion at Bigbury
 11.0am Morning Prayer at Kingston
 4.0pm All Hallows Festival Service at Ringmore
 with tea in the Church Hall afterwards.

This is the dedication celebration for your parish church and we warmly invite you to share in our thanksgiving in church and hall.

Thu.4th 2.30pm Afternoon Fellowship (venue to be decided)

SUNDAY NOV 7th 9.0am 1980 Communion at Kingston
 11.0am Family Service Ringmore
 6.0pm Evening Prayer at Bigbury

Please note on alternate Wednesday evenings we plan to set up a new series of mid-week studies at the church hall at 7.30pm with the combined churches' choir practising on the intervening Wednesdays.

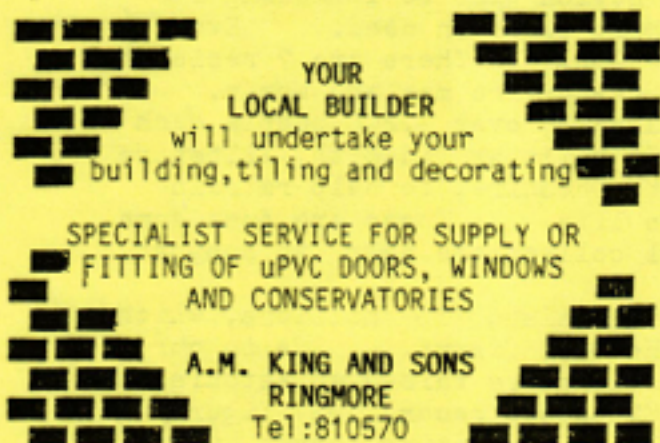


All Hallows
RINGMORE

NOTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- * Four parishioners attended the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th October
- * Revised plans had been received concerning the Challacott Centre at Challaborough and the proposal to build 10 holiday cottages. The plans were approved with four votes for and three against
- * WPC Fiona Fallah attended part of the meeting and emphasised the importance of making contact with the police to report crime or to give information about suspicious behaviour. Telephone numbers to ring are 830242 (Modbury), 852326 (Kingsbridge), 0803 555201 (Paignton). Also, make sure someone knows if you are away. The police are happy to have details of keyholders in case of emergency.
- * £25 was donated to Ringmore Firework Display
- * Present proposals on Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries (the areas covered by Members of Parliament) put Ringmore in 'South West Devon' which would consist of 13 South Hams Wards, 4 Plymouth Wards and 1 West Devon Ward. The M.P. would then represent 40,000 constituents in Plymouth and almost 28,000 elsewhere. The Parish Council unanimously opposed this proposal. However, we are only likely to get any change if lots of people from Ringmore, Bigbury, Kingston and Aveton Gifford turn up to the public enquiry in Plymouth on 2nd November. A coach is being organised at £1.50 per head. Please contact John Tate (810891) or Carol Hext (810251) if you want to go.
- * The government are also reviewing local councils. This may mean abolishing Devon County Council and South Hams District Council. SHDC is organising a display at Modbury on 8th November, and a public meeting that evening for anyone interested.

John Tate Vice Chairman



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The types of tree and bush which are likely to be available are:-

Oak, Ash, Field Maple, Birch, Willow, Alder, Wild Cherry, Lime, Beech, Sweet Chestnut, Hornbeam, Whitebeam, Guelder Rose, Hazel, Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Dogwood, Rowan, Wild Service Tree, Spindle.

Trees will not be ready for planting until the end of the year, but meanwhile a representative of the South Hams Environment Service may wish to inspect the proposed planting sites. Therefore I would like to have your orders before the end of October.

Ardene Bennett, Hill Cottage. Telephone:- 810398



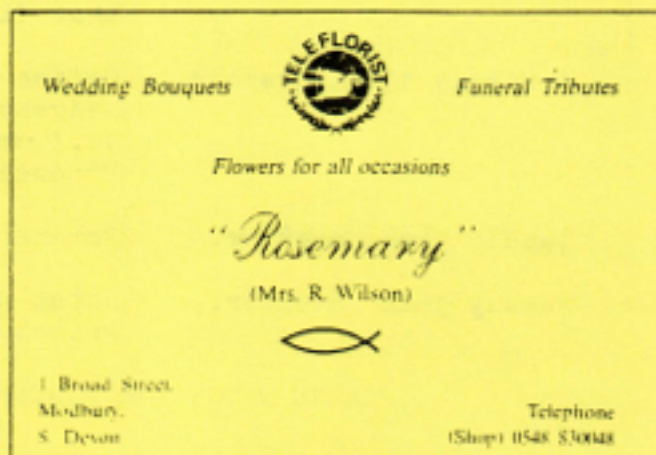
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POPPY APPEAL 1993



The 11th November 1993 will be the 75th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice after World War I. DSS records show that in May of this year there were still 845 war pensioners and 2243 war widow pensioners still alive from WWI, and over a quarter-of-a-million war and war widow pensioners still alive from 1939 to the present time. All WWII pensioners are now senior citizens, and many of them feeling the effects of serving their country in time of war.

Once again the Royal British Legion will be launching its annual Poppy Appeal to raise funds to help those in need. Every year over 100,000 receive help from the RBL. There are 7 residential homes in operation caring for over 300 ex-service men and women. Additionally 3 convalescent homes are used by over 4,200 people each year. A new training centre is being built at Tidworth, Wiltshire to complement the one at Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, to help retrain those leaving the services for civilian life. These are just some of the activities that the Poppy Appeal collections help to support.

Last year's national collection raised £13½ millions, which is an all time record being 1% up on the 1991 figure. We in our three parishes of Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore raised an astonishing £1805, which was an increase of over 18% on our record 1991 figure. How do we follow that?? It certainly is a daunting target, when you consider that we are now approaching £1:50 per head of population in our parishes.

ONCE AGAIN WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SUPPORT

Diary of Events

- 1st November - 13th November. House to house collection in the Parishes.
- Friday 12th November. Journey's End Inn, Ringmore. Auction of memorabilia starting at 9pm. Items for auction urgently needed so please have a look. Last year we raised a magnificent £555, so we will need your help to spend generously to top that figure.
- Saturday 13th November. Coffee morning at Mr. & Mrs. Jack Smith's, Sedgewell Sands, Bigbury-on-Sea, starting at 10.30am. Cake stall, Bring-and-Buy stall, Produce stall and Raffles for good prizes.
- Sunday 14th November. Remembrance Service at Ringmore Church at 10.50am
- Monday 15th November. Whist Drive at W.I. Hall, Ringmore at 7.45pm. Prizes and Raffle.

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Poppy Appeal Organiser

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WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

Everyone who contributed to our Institute's Summer Fete will, I am sure, be interested to know that from the proceeds a donation of £220 has been sent to the CHILDRENS HOSPICE SOUTH-WEST. It will also now be possible to have necessary maintenance work done on the W.I. Hall.

The Annual Meeting will be held on **Thursday 11 November** when a new President will be elected. Business will be followed by a buffet supper.

1994 sees the 70th ANNIVERSARY of the formation of Ringmore W.I. Over the years, the institute has supported many worthwhile charities, and organised educational and social occasions for its members and the village. To be able to continue in this way, we do need **NEW MEMBERS** to help make meetings and outings a success.

I shall shortly be retiring as President and would like to thank villagers and members for the support they have given to me.

Pam Brunskill



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06.09 - 13.09	3 5/16"	
13.09 - 20.09	1"	
20.09 - 27.09	3/8"	
27.09 - 04.10	2 1/8"	B. Baughan

HIP, HIP....

As the most recent member of the Ringmore 'hip, hip, hooray' club, I would like to thank everyone who has, so kindly, sent cards or asked after my wellbeing.

I am hobbling along nicely now and will be home again very soon. **Annabel Major**



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