

RINGMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

*Merry
Christmas*

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS

This edition of the newsletter (the 100th!) is, sadly, our last one. We should like to thank our advertisers and distributors, all contributors, Julia for typing, and all those who have supported the newsletter in any way during 1993.

We are delighted to tell you that Andrea Stanesby of 2 Cumberland Cottages, Ringmore, will be taking over production of the newsletter from January 1994.

We wish Andrea every success, and we hope she enjoys working on the newsletter as much as we have.

Andrea will be happy to collect your newsletter items, if you ring her on 810760. Or if you are passing her home, please knock on the door and hand them to Andrea - please do not hand them to the dog via the letterbox (as he is partial to post)!

Andrea would very much appreciate some assistance with the newsletter. If you were thinking of volunteering, but felt hesitant, hesitate no more! Please give Andrea a ring and offer your help. It's much easier with more than one!

HAVE A SUPER YEAR IN 1994

Rob Batten and Rosemary Tate



From the Rector...

Here we go again! The time for carols is almost upon us and nearly everyone is thrilled with them. Folk who wouldn't dream of darkening the church door go a bit weak at the knee when it comes to carols. What's the attraction?

Well, our winter setting helps, doesn't it? The scene is familiar - snow in varying degrees, winter sun and gossamer-frozen trees. It always seems wrong to me when it rains at Christmas!

Then there's the music - carols have inspired composers over the centuries to pen the most beautiful tunes, yes, and some very stirring ones too. What a wonderful method of conveying the meaning is enshrined in music and how thankful we should be for those who have the gift of composition - particularly carol tunes.

But what of the message the carols seek to convey? They have a common theme - the Babe of Bethlehem, and they faithfully portray the wonder of His birth. But what follows? Why did He come? What happened after Bethlehem? I am thrilled and delighted by the music and meaning of the carols, but I am even more delighted that the faith of Christ takes me on into January.

In wishing you - even if a little early - a very happy and joyous Christmas may I add the hope that its significance may sustain you through the New Year.

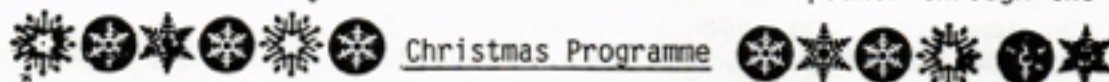
DECEMBER DIARY

Wed.8th -7.30pm Evening Fellowship at the Church Hall, Ringmore
"Good News and How to Share It" series of studies

SUNDAY 12th - 3rd Sunday in Advent

9.0am 1980 Communion at Ringmore
11.0am Morning Prayer & Communion at Bigbury
6.0pm Evening Prayer at Kingston

Mr.D.Hamblyn of The Gideons will be our speaker through the day



- * SUNDAY 19th - 4th Sunday in Advent *
- * 9.0am 1980 Communion at Bigbury *
- * 11.0am Family Service at Kingston *
- * 6.0pm Festival of Lessons & Carols at Ringmore *
- * Tues. 21st - 7.30pm Carol Concert by the Lupbridge Singers *
- at Kingston Church *
- * Frid. 24th -11.30pm Christmas Eve Carols & Communion at Bigbury *
- * CHRISTMAS DAY *
- * 9.0am Family Carols & Communion at Kingston *
- * 10.45am Family Carols & Communion at Ringmore *
- * SUNDAY 26th 11.0am Family Carols & Communion at Bigbury *
- * 4.0pm Festival of Carols & Christingle at Kingston *
- with tea afterwards. *
- * (There is no 9.0am service this Sunday) *
- * Frid.31st - 11.30pm Watch Night Service at Kingston *
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SUNDAY 2nd January 1994 - 2nd Sunday after Christmas

9.0am 1980 Communion at Kingston
11.0am Family Service for the New Year at Ringmore
6.0pm Evening Prayer at Bigbury

When I wrote the introduction to the Poppy Appeal in October and spoke of last year's record £1805, I posed the question "How do we follow that". You have given the answer in your usual way. This year's total is £1644:59, which once again demonstrates your wonderful generosity. The break-down of how the money came in is as follows.

On Friday 12th November our annual auction was held at the Journey's and Inn by kind permission and a great deal of tolerance of James and Gillian Parkin. Many and varied were the items on offer, the highest price being paid for a boat trip for 4 from Plymouth which raised £95. All in all the evening's activities raised £545:46. Our thanks are due to Viv Freeman for squeezing the money out of the bidders, to Stan Brunskill, David Young, Brian McCabe and Alistair Rimmer who did the humping and heaving, and to my wife Nyra who made sense of the book keeping. A splendid result from a great evening.

Saturday 13th November saw the Coffee Morning at Sedgewell Sands, Bigbury-on-Sea by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith. Despite the awful weather it was well attended and realised £276:04. Once again our thanks are due to all those helpers who ensured that it was such a success.

The following morning Sunday 14th November the Remembrance Service was held at Ringmore Church, conducted by Rev. Arthur Drowley. In his sermon to a full church, the Rector spoke of leadership both secular and spiritual, and the need to remember, in order that the lessons of the past help us build a more secure future. The collection contributed a further £100:00 to the Poppy Appeal.

On Monday 15th November the last event was held. This was a Whist Drive held in Ringmore W.I. Hall, and organised by the Ladies Branch. This realised a further £68:50 for the Appeal.

During the first two weeks of November our dedicated band of collectors were out and about the three parishes knocking on doors and they, together with static boxes in pubs, clubs and shops raised no less than £809:49, once again a record.

As we celebrate another year's wonderful support for the Poppy Appeal the full importance of the existence of the Royal British Legion has been brought home to us. Sadly we mourn the passing of one of our stalwarts, Eric Lock. For many years Eric was one of the mainstays of this branch until ill-health forced him to curtail his activities. Our thoughts at this time are with Margaret, herself still a very active member of the Women's Branch. It is reassuring to know that the Legion is there to offer practical help should the need ever arise.

Thank you all once again for ensuring that those who need our help are not being forgotten.

Guy Eddy. Poppy Appeal Organiser.



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The November A.G.M. saw some changes to the offices of President and Secretary, and grateful thanks go to Pam Brunskill and Natalie Hilton for their hard work and enthusiasm during their terms of office.

Naomi Warne has taken on the role of Secretary and I have agreed to serve as President. Myra Eddy continues as our valued Treasurer.

We have a most varied and interesting programme for 1994 and I hope that we shall have the opportunity to welcome some new members - please come and join us, if you want to chat first, give me a ring on 810450.

Our first meeting in the new year will be in the second week of January - please watch out for details which will be displayed around the village.

Wishing everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Carol Allan, Maple Bank.

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Visit Dates : Monday 10th January
Challaborough : 2.30 p.m.
Ringmore : 2.50 p.m.



To all that read the Newsletter:

This year, as usual, I have no money
(What's new, I hear Trixie say)
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Hazel Mackintosh



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FRIDAY 17TH 8.30 p.m. Live Music with DAVE HOLLAND
TUESDAY 21ST 9.30 p.m. The Journey's End CHRISTMAS DRAW
WEDNESDAY 22ND 8.00 p.m. CHRISTMAS EUCHRE
THURSDAY 23RD 9.00 p.m. CHRISTMAS QUIZ
FRIDAY 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLS
SATURDAY 25TH Open lunchtime only 12.00 - 2.00 p.m.
SUNDAY 26TH Boxing Day Hours 12.00 - 3.00 p.m. and 7.00 - 10.30 p.m.
FRIDAY 31ST New Year's Eve DISCO Bar food served up to 8.30 p.m.
DANCING to 12.30



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HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

- * The meeting on 7th December was attended by all councillors and three parishioners
- * Ringmore Newsletter! Andrea Stanesby attended the meeting and agreed to be responsible for running the newsletter from January 1994
- * Neighbourhood Watch - David Young attended the meeting and reported that booklets 'See it - note it' had been produced and would be circulated with the newsletter. Parishioners should note that a number of Household Insurance Policies offer a discount on properties within a Neighbourhood Watch Area. Check with your insurance company - you may be entitled to cheaper insurance!
- * A public meeting is to be arranged in January to discuss the local government review, which will determine whether Devon County Council and South Hams District Council will continue. Your views will be heard, in order that a parish view can be put forward.
- * South Hams District Council have changed their telephone number to 0803 861234
John Tate Vice Chairman

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Frank and Drina Williams would like to thank everyone for their friendly welcome to Ringmore and send best wishes for your happiness at Christmas and throughout 1994



Julie and Denis and boys would like to wish all their friends a Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year
Thank you to all Julie's customers for their support and custom throughout the year.



Julie

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

This is to wish all in the neighbourhood a Very Happy Christmas and New Year in 1994, and to say a very special 'Thank You' to those below for their particular help and many kindnesses to me in 1993, which I have very much appreciated:

- St. Ann's Chapel : Mr Molynaux, Mrs Hilda Brenton
- Bigbury : Mr Kenneth Light, The Ballemys, The Bardens - P.O.Stores, Bigbury, The Clarkes, Mr B Carson, Mr Pat Kingdom, Mrs Carol Walters, Mr Parnell
- Ringmore: Miss Coleman-Mills, Mr Jim Freeman, Mrs Sue Freeman JP , Mrs Ivy Cullum, Ardene Bennett, Natalie Hilton, The Eddys, The Brunskills, The Williams, all the newsletter people!
- Modbury : Mr David Laidler, The Doctors, Nurses and Staff -- The Health Centre

Happy Christmas 1993 and a Happy New Year 1994

Barbara Drabble Ringmore 1993



Ringmore Firework Display 1993

Three members of the Parish Council who attended the Bonfire Night would like to congratulate all who played a part in its organisation. All agreed that it was a first class display, and the safety measures incorporated very effective.
 Congratulations to all concerned.

Guy Eddy Ardene Bennett Brian McCabe

 What about this for a really super bridging the generation-gap idea?

BIGBURY YOUTH CLUB INVITES OVER 60s TO A TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

You can be collected by car from your home, hear Alice on the organ, join in a sing-along, enjoy a nice afternoon tea organised by youth club members. There will also be bingo and a raffle, with prizes to be won.
 When and where?
 At Bigbury Memorial Hall on Saturday 18th December from 2pm onwards.

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Make your own crackers with our kits, and see our 'table snowmen' which can be used over and over again.

Take the hassle out of last minute shopping by ordering your fresh fruit and veg, dairy products and bakery goods (including delicious mince pies) from us - forms available from the shop.

Choose individual, hand-crafted Christmas cards, or boxes of 40 for only £1.99

See our attractively-priced range of gifts and crafts, including Devon stoneware, hand-decorated with cockerels - selling very fast!

Try sparkling wines from France and Spain. Also New Zealand Lindauer (as featured on BBC 'Food and Drink') @ £6.99 a bottle.

Old Windsor Ginger Wine £2.99 a bottle (£3.30 a litre). Stones Ginger Wine £4.95.

Please note:

The shop will be open as usual up to and including Christmas Eve (8am-1pm and 4-6pm). Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Open Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th from 9am to 12 noon only.

Thursday 30th open 8am-1pm, and Friday 31st 8am-1pm and 4pm-6pm.

Closed New Year's Day, then open Sunday 2nd and Monday 3rd from 9am to 12 noon only.

After that it's back to normal!

Rosemary & John Tate

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