

RINGMORE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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DEADLINE Sunday 23rd

THIS MONTH

MONDAYS: Bowls on holiday until 7th October
TUESDAYS: Table Tennis on Summer holidays
WEDNESDAYS: Dance Aerobics Parish Room 8.30pm
THURSDAYS: Quiz Night suspended until Autumn

- 3rd Golden Jubilee Celebrations 6.00pm WI Hall
13th WI Barbecue 6.30pm WI Hall
18th Parish Council 7.00pm WI Hall
29th If Music Be the Food of Love 7.30pm
St James the Less, Kingston
July
3rd Royal British Legion meeting 7.30pm Journey's End
8.15 pm Viv Freeman, 'Ramblings of a Village Idiot'

Mobile Library

Friday:- 7th & 21st

- Ringmore Church
12.05 - 12.30
Challaborough
12.35 - 12.45
St Ann's Chapel
3.15 - 3.30
Kingston Fire Station
3.45 - 4.30

Rainfall - Fiona Batten



Last Month **4 1/4"**

Average - last 10 years - 2"
High - 1994 - 3 1/2"
Low - 1999 - 1/4"

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The Editor
Ringmore Parish Newsletter,
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Alice

I would like to thank everyone for coming to my special service and to the very nice tea afterwards. It was a lovely Thanksgiving.

A special word of thanks to the Rector, John Elliott, Rev. Arthur Drowley, the Churchwarden (Yvonne), Mrs Di Collinson, Mr Michael Tagent, the Readers and Sidespeople, and all who gave food and helped with the refreshments.

Events in the coming month are well spaced so that we should not suffer from 'function fatigue'.

The WI Barbecue is in the middle of the month. There is a brief hiatus to allow recovery in time for the monthly Parish Council meeting before the finale at St James the Less in Kingston where we will be regaled at a concert of 'vocal verbal delights'!

Prior to all of this is the Jubilee Party at the WI Hall. As has been mentioned before, this is not a common event in the history of this country and happens only when a monarch succeeds at a young enough age to stand a chance of passing the milestone. Our Queen was 25 years old when she acceded to the throne, older than any of her predecessors who passed the 50 year mark. The first such anniversary occurred almost 800 years ago which is remarkable as life expectancy was much lower than nowadays. However soon it happens again it is unlikely that any of us will be able to celebrate the event. Let us make the most of this opportunity!

Elsewhere is a reprint, from 115 years ago, of the report of the Victorian Golden Jubilee - the item on Ringmore is below.

In this parish, there was a service at the Church in the morning, conducted by the Rector the Rev. Prebendary Randolph. A dinner and tea were provided for all the parishioners, and over 200 attended, and those who were unable to attend had roast beef and plum pudding sent to them. The sports were held in a field close to the Church lent by Mr Ash, of Ringmore Manor. Mr Ash and Mr Garland Crimp superintended the sports, which (the prizes being numerous and good) were a great success. There were hurdle and other races for all sexes and ages, donkey races, and a remarkably good and amusing race in sacks. The village was beautifully decorated, there being a splendid display of flags from Challaborough Coastguard Station, and others lent by G. H. Secker, Esq., of Ringmore Vean. The day concluded by the parishioners engaging in a dance. The whole arrangements were carried out by a Committee of whom the Rector was Chairman; Mr David Triggs, Secretary, and Miss Agnes Crimp, treasurer; The amount of money collected for the festivities was over £26.

Ringmore tried once again to succeed where it has failed in the past - to win the Inter-Parish Quiz Plate Final. Once again we were unsuccessful but all our supporters both said that we had done well to lose by the narrowest possible margin. No doubt we shall try again next year.

It was reported last month that Anabel Major chose to resign from the Parish Council leaving a vacancy which provides the chance for anyone interested in serving the community to join the Council. If you would like to be co-opted please give your name to the Clerk, Mrs Margaret Wood 810265 before the next meeting. If more than one person comes forward the council has the power to co-opt from the nominees but should one of the candidates ask for an election, the District Council will call one. The cost, to the Parish, of an election is several hundred pounds.

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News from All Hallows



Who's Who in Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore Churches

Resident Minister: The Revd John Elliott (810565)

Reader: Michael Tagent (810520)

Team Rector: The Revd Canon Bob Campbell-Smith (830260)

JUBILATION OR JUBILITIS ?

John Elliott

Okay, so I made up the second word, but both come from "Jubilee", which comes from a Bible base. Every 50 years the Jewish nation was to proclaim liberty (Leviticus 25:10), debts were to be forgiven, fields were to be allowed to rest with no crops planted, property was to be redeemed or restored. A year for bringing things back as they were meant to be, a time to remember that the land is God's, and we are only brief and temporary tenants.

The Jubilee Campaign for the relief of Third World debt took the name in appropriate fashion, as they tried to restore a fair chance to the poor nations. They fight on, for though much has been achieved there is still much to do. We saw some of the pain on our trip to Uganda, but also that man within the poor land is just as able to exploit as the colonialist of history.

The Kingsbridge History Society has produced an excellent booklet that reproduces the celebration accounts of Queen Victoria's reign, with Bigbury bells starting ringing at 6.00 a.m. and continuing "at merry intervals during the day" and 350 people still at it when dancing ceased at 10.00 p.m. Kingston started at 11 a.m. with two Reverends taking the service, and later 430 sat down to tea; whilst at Ringmore, 200 attended their feast. Roast beef and plum pudding seemed to feature on all the menus.

This time we have a Hells Angel called Snob in the London parade, and a reformed bat eating heavy metal rock star in the concert at Buckingham Palace. Easy for "Jubilitis" to set in - an irritation caused by the style, or lack of it, in the Jubilee. The Queen herself said constant change affects the monarchy and parliament, and the Church as well could be included. She suggested that they embrace change and evolve "if they are to provide effective beacons of trust and unity in succeeding generations". Now there's a challenge to those in the Church, so that we might become a blessing to all.

Have a great celebration, enjoy the feast and see if you can find a debt, trespass or sin on which you can offer or receive forgiveness. God bless you, as well as Her Majesty.

CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE

Sunday June 2nd (special Jubilee services)

9 a.m. Kingston Family Communion

11 a.m. Ringmore Family Service

11 a.m. Bigbury Family Service

Sunday June 9th

9 a.m. Ringmore Holy Communion

11 a.m. Bigbury Worship at Eleven

6 p.m. Kingston Evening Prayer*

Sunday June 16th

9 a.m. Bigbury Holy Communion*

11 a.m. Kingston Worship at Eleven

6 p.m. Ringmore Evening Prayer*

Sunday June 23rd

9 a.m. Ringmore Holy Communion*

11 a.m. Bigbury Communion at Eleven

6 p.m. Kingston Evening Prayer

*Book of Common Prayer services are marked **

Christian Aid Week

This year's Christian Aid coffee morning raised a total of £500! Many thanks to all who helped raise this record sum for those in need.

Please pray for . . .

. . . Bob Campbell-Smith, our Team Rector, suffering from constant and intense back pain.

. . . Chris Lally, the Reader in East Allington, recovering from a brain haemorrhage.

Our next Team Service

is on Sunday June 30th at 10.30 a.m. in St James's Church, Kingston, and will be a Family Communion with something for every member of the family. Do join us!

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Journey's End Journal

May has certainly been a busy month for us, starting with our very successful Spring Beer Festival, in which all of the beers went well. We shall be having some of the very popular Spring Tide from Teignworthy Brewery back in during June. Other notable events were a good Jazz performance from Johnny Wurr, a good night of Rock music from TQ7, and not forgetting the Morris Men who danced in the beer garden and then had a very enjoyable sing song in the bar. Our commiserations to the Westerners who gave a good shoot out on Saturday night and also got people trying Indian dancing, but were rather depleted in numbers due to this gastric bug that has been sweeping the area.

Most of our works on the pub and car park are finished for the time being. We now have the dining room closed for the foreseeable future and the side room (Duck or Grouse) available for when we are busy. The car park is looking much smarter and only (desperately) needs our new pub signs, with arrows, so that people can find us. Everyone seems to have settled down with the new route to the Gents, but maps are available for those still having difficulty.

WANTED!

Do you have a Pot Plant that has outgrown its space and needs a new home?

Do you grow things, find you have too many plants and nowhere to keep them?

WE CAN HELP!

We need plants to sell at the Ringmore "OPEN GARDENS" Day on Sunday 14th July

If you have any you would like to donate please telephone Rosemary on 830048 or 810211. We can collect, or leave them on our doorstep at 2 Crossways.

THANK YOU

Inter-Parish Quiz

It seems so long ago that it's hard to remember that it was in May. Ringmore, you might recall, had reached the final of the Ken West Plate in the Inter-Parish Quiz for the second year running! The evening, held at Ivybridge Community College, was a well-attended affair and was played between three teams. Wembury, last year's winners and Cornwood were the other finalists. Each played each other, three matches of 6 rounds with eight questions in each.

As we are not planning to have the bottle bank back in the near future, if there are any elderly villagers who are unable to get out to the ones in Challabourough or Modbury, then if they bring them into the JE we will take them. But no deliveries like the milkman please.

Having now had the car park tidied can I remind villagers that we are not a dumping ground for garden waste and other rubbish – the very few that this is directed at please take note.

The new hanging baskets and flower troughs are looking good and will be updated through the summer, but I have so far failed to paint the outside of the JE, the weather taking a nosedive as soon as I bought the paint.

The big change for June (besides, if the weather improves, our painting the JE) will be that we are changing over a number of our keg beers and lagers. Carlsberg will change to Carling, Carlsberg Export will change to Grolsch, Boddingtons will change to Worthington Cream-Flow, and we will be having Staropramen – a



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premium Czech lager. We will also be trying some Bass bitter, and the Coke will change to Pepsi.

Look out in June for some Folk Music that we are planning and also a food night – probably a Curry Night.

Finally we are looking forward to an enjoyable Jubilee weekend, whatever the weather.

Debbie & Grahame

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A much-loved, dear little cat called Oberon, 'Obie', has died a horrible death from poisoning. Hazel Freeman is distraught, as one can imagine but she is thinking of all other cats in the village who might be at risk.

Destroying vermin of all types is often done by laying down poison. This is very effective but it leaves the risk of domestic animals picking up the remains.

Hazel begs all owners to be aware of this very real hazard.

Pam Denis Noel

Ringmore played Cornwood in the first game. Cornwood, who have not excelled in the past, were worthy opponents and for much of the match scores were close. We did not feel that we had been too successful early on and were surprised to be level after two rounds. It was neck and neck for most of the contest but we managed to subdue them eventually and won 32-28.

Cornwood then played Wembury and showed that they were not afraid of the champions. In an equally close contest, they must have been frustrated to lose, at the last gap, 26-25.

It was all on the final game and our knowledge of butterflies, in Round 4, did not equal that of Wembury and we were 5 points adrift. Try as we might we could not close the gap completely and lost the game and the final by 26-25.

Close matches can turn on a question and each team member can clearly remember the question which, had it been answered correctly, would have won the evening . . . but so can the other teams!

So near, yet so far. As was said last year there is always next year! GDD

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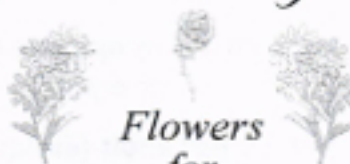
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There will be no meeting in June. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd July at the JE, Ringmore at 7.30pm which will be followed by more self styled "Ramblings of the village idiot" from Viv Freeman; all are welcome to the talk at 8.15pm.

The 100 Club draw for May, June and July will also take place at the July meeting.

We were thoroughly entertained by Chris Roberts following the May meeting, with his descriptions of fly fishing. He brought along some equipment and we were all surprised (at least those of us who don't fish) at the lightness of the rod and line, together with the beauty of the 'flies'. We were also impressed with the skill of the people who tie them.

He didn't give us any details of the ones that got away but we did learn women are more successful at catching fish (is that really surprising?) and in Scotland there are considered to be no other fish than salmon. We learnt about rainbow trout, those that spend all their time in the river, brown trout, those that go to sea and return to spawn in fresh water and the slob trout who only make it as far as an estuary and then return up river.

It was interesting to hear of the variety of equipment used and the advances through the years. It was considered improper to wear waterproof clothing many years ago and fishermen were advised to look down from time to time to see what colour their legs were. It was also acceptable to wade into water up to the 5th button of the waistcoat. I'm sure all modern day fishermen are glad to be cossetted in Goretex and thigh-high waders.

I'm sure many people were inspired to 'give it a go' if only to wander along the river banks looking for 15st men hiding behind bushes and rocks so the fish don't see them.

Robbie McCarthy
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RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: Tuesday 21st May at 7.00pm.
Present: Chairman, 5 Councillors, The Clerk; Neighbourhood Watch: David Young; Millennium Committee: Guy Eddy and 5 members of the public.

Election of Officers

Cllr Rob Batten was re-elected as Chairman and Cllr Geof Dykes was elected Vice-chairman. The voting was unanimous.

Vacancy on the Council

Due to the resignation of Mrs Anabel Major, there is, once more, a vacancy on the Council. If you are interested in being co-opted as a member, please contact the Clerk on 810265.

Bottle Bank

It seems unlikely, in the foreseeable future, that a bottle bank will be located in the Journey's End car park.

Annual Skip Service

In order that you may dispose of unwanted items there will be a supervised skip located in the vicinity of the Bus Shelter on Saturday, 8th June, from 10.00am until 4.00pm.

Refuse Collection

During Jubilee week, the collection will be one day later.

Japanese Knotweed (*Fallopia Japonica*)

This is a plant that seems to be spreading rapidly over the hedgerows in the countryside and smothering all the natural plants. It is an invasive perennial weed,

very difficult to eliminate and we are being asked to report its location, wherever we see it. The mature stems are hollow and have a characteristic pattern of purple speckles. The leaves on the stem are borne in a zig-zag pattern. Flowering occurs in late Summer/early Autumn and consists of clusters of creamy, white flowers. It is rarely propagated from seed but grows very easily from the tiniest rhizome. If you see any or you wish for any further information, contact Thelma Mann on 810673.

Planning Applications

Auglen Fell - the Council was concerned by a number of points including the access to the property, the roof line, the position of the proposed house on the plot. It was also concerned that the plant and machinery to be used would necessitate the destruction of the existing stone wall. The Council objected to the application in its present form and requested a site meeting.

Church Clock

The Council has paid £55 for the application to SHDC.

Post Office at Bigbury

The Post Office at Bigbury Shop and Stores has closed and is in the process of being transferred to Holywell Stores.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 18th June at 7.00pm in the WI Hall

Thelma Mann



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The May meeting was mostly taken up with the presentation and discussions of the two chosen resolutions to be put forward at the forthcoming General Meeting in June -

1 Stricter controls on imports of foodstuffs
2 Support for local abattoirs.
Members were unanimous in their support for the implementation of both resolutions. Although discussion was brisk, it was agreed that support was essential.

Members were then reminded of the arrangements for the Jubilee Celebrations, the WI Barbecue and other Social events during the Summer

To round off the evening, cheese and wine were consumed with enthusiasm!

Naomi Warne

Ringmore W.I.



W.I. Hall and Grounds

Thursday June 13th
6.30 p.m.

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Message In A Bottle

Greetings and salutations from the white (and green) palace in the bay.

Well, what a month May has been. Mixed weather, mixed trade, mixed fortunes! May started with a Bank Holiday and what a cracker it turned out to be, the Sunday being busier than Easter Sunday. During this Sunday afternoon Cream Teas seemed to be the order of the day and both the Pilchard and the Hotel were inundated with requests for them. As the well-oiled machinery swung into action to supply the hungry hoardes, a request went into the kitchen for more jam. Calamity! The jam was in the store-cupboard and the key had been mislaid.

This is where the heights of european co-operation were reached when it was realised that a small person may just be able to squeeze head-first into a gap in the side of the cupboard and retrieve said jam. Our gallant Finn, Tomie, who is the smallest member of the kitchen team, was duly volunteered for this mission. His arms and head disappeared into the gap, a small wiggle and he was halfway through. He reached out and grasped the jam and stuck fast. José, our Spanish kitchen porter, who had been tasked to help, now found himself hanging on to Tomie's legs and trying to pull him out. A volume of expletives in Finnish and Spanish followed. José eventually managing to pull Tomie out, thankfully still hanging on to the tub of jam! Success! All this was being relayed to the assembled guests and the Cream Teas were greeted with a round of applause on their arrival. A triumph for détente.

Bad weaher forced the suspension of tractor trips during several days in May leaving one or two people stranded in the Pilchard but we didn't have any complaints!

June kicks off with another Bank Holiday. Yes, it's Golden Jubilee, a weekend full of fun, frolics and mayhem.

Our Jubilee Ball on Sunday 2nd is D-Day minus 4 days plus 58 years and in that context the island will be 'taken over' by the military. A selection of military vehicles arrives as the tide goes out at about 2.00pm. The island will be festooned with camouflage netting and sandbags. Tin hats will be worn, spam sandwiches are compulsory and beer will be served in the Pilchard at 50p per pint! (not quite 1944 prices but near enough) Listen out for the Air Raid siren around 21.30hrs and stand by for the air raid. The hotel is fully booked but we'll find room for you at the Pilchard so please come on over for what promises to be a fantastic day and night.

As if all that wasn't enough, Monday night is the 'Big Burn', when we light our Beacon around 21.00hrs.

Staff at the Pilchard have all got super new Polo and Rugby shirts to wear, in sky blue and white. If you wish to look as smart and trendy as we do, these items will be on sale in the Hotel Reception soon.

The pub has now got it's new windows, all the better to see you with! The outside seating area has been re-paved and new benches will be arriving in the near future.

A new Head Chef, Fergus, has joined the team at the Hotel and the Pilchard will be starting evening meals (Fridays and Saturdays only) during June.

I hope that has given you plenty of reasons to visit us during the month.

Steve

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NEIGHBOURHOOD
Brian McCabe
has now left the
village and we thank him
for his past services to
Neighbourhood Watch.
We now welcome
Dennis Collinson
who has kindly agreed to
become a co-ordinator
WATCH

A list of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators will be published next month

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

The Newsletter was given incorrect dates for the siting of the Rubbish Skip causing much annoyance among parishioners. This led to cries of . . . yes, you can guess!

Guy Eddy was elected Chairman of the Council and John Tate was the Vice-chairman.



Jubilee Celebrations

Arrangements for what promises to be an evening to remember are almost complete. At least the Committee has thought this on a number of occasions and then the phone rings again. 'Have you a couple more tickets?'. As the notices proclaim, we have sold out. What the notice does not say is that we have sold out a number of times. Obviously there has to be a limit on numbers but we are reluctant to turn anyone away so the limit has been extended more than once. The real deciding factor has to be catering. Once a plan for feeding the five thousand has been drawn up, additional mouths can prove to be a problem. So, we hope we have both aspects right; room for everyone and enough food too.

Contrary to what has been said earlier, the evening will be a raffle-free zone! That does not mean that everyone will leave empty-handed. We have received generous donations of some splendid prizes which will be drawn against ticket numbers which is why you MUST have them with you. It would spoil the anticipation to list them here but be assured that you will be pleased if you are lucky enough to win one of the prizes.

There will be three marquees in the gardens. One for the band and any energetic dancers; one which will be the Beer Tent and one for those who might wish to shelter should the weather be inclement. If it is wet then that part of the WI Hall not required for serving food, will also be available.

The programme, which will be distributed on the evening, is as follows:

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| 6.00pm | Open |
| 6 - 7.30pm | Games for All
A prize for the winner of each game. Join in the fun, we are supposed to enjoy the evening! |
| 7 - 9.00pm | Jubilee Supper |
| 8 - 11.30pm | Music from
Park Bench Aristocrats
Cutting the Jubilee Cake |
| 9.00pm | The Loyal Toast |
| 9.30pm | Game and Draw Prizes |
| 9.45pm | There are some splendid prizes so please make sure you have your numbered ticket with you. |
| 10.00pm | Fireworks |
| 11.30pm | The Queen |

Times are approximate and we shall do our best to keep to the schedule. You will be kept informed of what is happening on the evening. All the Committee asks is that you play your part and enjoy it!

The Organising Committee

The Royal Oak



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MON 3rd JUNE

THE QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

CELEBRATE WITH US, WITH OUR LIVE ENTERTAINER - 'FRED THE TED' 50's & 60's NIGHT

FANCY DRESS - DIG OUT YOUR OLD DRAINPIPE TROUSERS OR YOUR MODS & ROCKERS GEAR AND HAVE SOME FUN AT THE OAK!

TUES 4th JUNE - 'FOLK AT THE OAK' WITH MARTIN & Co FROM MALBORO'

'BIGBURY FUN RUN WEEKEND'

FRI / SAT / SUN 28 / 29 / 30th JUNE

May SOLUTION

S	L	A	P		S	P	E	W
L	A	P		P		R	O	E
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E	D	G	Y		P	E	T	S

This is what it was meant to be. Alas, the source was wrong. There was a P too many and an E too few. All the replies received were correct i.e., IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!!! Apologies from Enigma who is responsible but, in this instance, not to blame.

June

Let us try again. This is a repeat of last month's abysmal failure in that it is a crossword.

Delete unrequired letters so that a standard, completed crossword remains, containing ordinary, sensible words. That does not appear to be ambiguous but who knows?

W	A	I	U	I	S	S	G	H	T	E	N	E	P
Q	F	O	R	A	R	H	R	I	E	I	O	G	R
L	H			I	P			E	H			R	I
O	U			E	H			R	X			X	N
E	I	A	N	A	N	D	A	R	P	E	N	I	E
M	A	E	R	E	O	N	E	A	E	A	T	R	D
O	K			E	N			T	V			C	E
I	A			A	T			E	N			N	O
E	L	O	N	W	E	R	H	H	D	E	C	R	D
N	A	I	R	D	S	T	A	E	N	R	O	K	E

Fingers crossed!

THE JUBILEE

OF THE REIGN OF HER MAJESTY

QUEEN VICTORIA.

The Celebrations

AT

KINGSBRIDGE, DODBROOKE,
SALCOMBE,
AND THE
DISTRICT OF THE SOUTH HAMS,

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ONE PENNY.

The much prepared-for pageant is past. The longest day of this our year of grace will be marked through all time as one which witnessed such celebration as the earth has not before seen. Jubilees of sovereignty there have been in Britain in bygone days, Royal Jubilees, abroad, too; but never such a Jubilee as that of her Most Gracious Majesty Victoria, signalling as it did the completion of this country's brightest half hundred years. The ceremony in the Abbey was the centre of the national rejoicing, in which, later during the day, the rest of London joined with an enthusiasm altogether without parallel; and which had its jubilant ramifications in every city, town, and hamlet of the kingdom and many an echo from gatherings of Englishmen in other lands. The weather, which, for a full week before had been enjoyably summerlike, was, on Jubilee day all that heart could wish for, the hot June sunshine being tempered with refreshing breezes. So it was that the brilliant streamers of bunting, the charming greenery and many hued blossoms, and all that was beautiful which had been filched from the fields of nature and fashioned in the workshops of art to give honour and glory to the Jubilee, and

to make the most pleasing possible show. Everything was successful in the highest degree, and her Majesty could not have wished for a more marked display of national loyalty and sympathetic emotion than that which greeted her upon her Jubilee Festival Day. At night both Kingsbridge and Salcombe were superbly gay, for then gas and many coloured lamps lent an added lustre to the artistic decorations which abounded everywhere. Everything in the streets was as beautiful as the fairy scenes of a splendidly presented pantomime. Out of doors old folks and the poor were feasted and fêted, and the young entertained in a way to make them keep Jubilee Day green in their memories till second childhood dims their senses. The festivities have since been continued in several parishes, so that scarcely anyone seems left who has not participated in the Jubilee commemoration.