

# Nostalgia . .

The first Newsletter was issued in January 1985. It may be of interest how this came about.

The Parish Council were anxious that meetings, discussions and decisions on behalf of the Parish were publicised. At that time there was no Church Magazine. I offered, with Pam's help, to produce a Newsletter incorporating Church news. We gathered together a team of distributors with me as Co-ordinator/Editor.. The Parish Council agreed to underwrite it after fees paid by advertisers had been taken into account. The cost to the Council in the first year was £15.31p.

We were in trouble from the start as the first issue was called 'Ringmore Newsletter'. It was pointed out, within the law, that Ringmore is Ringmore but what about Challaborough AND there is a spelling mistake. (I think there were two but thankfully, the second one was missed.) The lady hasn't changed in 10 years!. We called No. 2 'Ringmore Parish Newsletter', which seemed to satisfy.

Marion Gorin, who lived at Bigbury-on-Sea, produced our copies on an old Roneo machine. We couldn't go over to Marion's until after 10.00pm as she was looking after her elderly mother until that time. So, come rain or moonshine, we walked over the hill to Marion's. The first 10 copies were crinkled but between us and cups of tea - tea? we got there. It was certainly a lot of fun. Everything went well until I had to go on my own and was seen coming back from Marion's at midnight by someone who knew me, apparently without greeting them. Honestly, I didn't see who it was and we did have trouble with the Roneo that night!

We didn't please everyone but I do believe most people read it, if only to find the spelling mistakes.

Times changed. Photocopying and of course, the presentation and clarity now are not comparable. The changes brought different problems, more difficult to solve and certainly not as much 'fun'. Progress???

Stan Brunskill