

This, the first Ringmore Newsletter of recent times, as far as we are aware, will come to you, with a little luck, every month during 1985. Your Parish Council has agreed to cover the cost for 12 issues. We would welcome your suggestions, Comments, small private advertisements and contributions for consideration to CLIFF PATH RINGMOPE.

We hope you will find the newsletter interesting and informative.

### Parish Council News

The Parish Council has been concerned for some time about the difficulty of publicising its discussions and decisions. Few people avail themselves of the opportunity to attend the monthly meetings and the only other means of communication has been the, frequently vandalised noticeboard in the bus shelter. With the introduction of a Ringmore News Sheet, the Council intends to include in each issue a brief report of the previous Council meeting.

Meanwhile, some indication of the scope of Council activities might be welcomed. It must be remembered that the Parish Council has very little power and its Financial resources are confined to an annual precept of about £365.

The Council gives considerable thought to the allocation of its small budget. Apart from the wages of its Clerk and the rent of its meeting room, the largest item of expenditure is £70 p.a. towards the up keep of the churchyard. It is felt that, whereas the fabric of the church itself is the concern of members of the Church of England, the churchyard is a visual amenity for the whole village and a last resting place for villagers of any denomination.

The Christmas tree outside the church is provided each year by the Parish Council and small Christmas gifts of £5 are sent to Combe Royal Home and to the Mencap Centre.

An annual donation is given to the Challaborough Lifeguards and, in 1984 a £10 donation was given in response to an appeal by the Cookworthy Museum, which is urgently in need of funds from time to time, the Council considers other charitable requests on an ad hoc basis.

Ringmore village and its surroundings suffer from litter left by holiday makers at the sides of the lanes and even in the winter, when there are no tourists, there is a problem with mud washing down the banks. Until recently, the only response of the County council was to send a mechanical sweeper from Kingsbridge to progress along the centre of the roads - leaving the edges untouched. The Council therefore decided to ask whether it would be possible to dispense with the mechanical sweeper and instead to employ our own workman to keep the village tidy. This was agreed and, for over a year, the work has been carried out most conscientiously by Mr. Tom Woodall - with very gratifying results.

In addition, the Council pays for the mowing of the Town Well and the cleaning of the bus shelter. Whenever necessary, it reminds the County Council to cut the grass on the Bowling Green and in front of the Council Houses.

During 1984 the Parish Council has persuaded the County Council to place warning signs on the roads leading to the village, in the hope of slowing down the increasing traffic, which has become a danger to pedestrians.

Each time a planning application affecting the village is submitted to the South Hams District Council, the Parish Council is consulted. It always meets promptly to consider and comment upon these applications - with the general aim of dealing sympathetically with the needs of local residents,



while opposing any development which would spoil the beauty and tranquillity of the village. There is evidence that, within its own guidelines, the District Council is normally influenced by the views of Parish Councils.

#### Ringmore Womens Institute

Ringmore Womens Institute was formed on November 20th 1924, <sup>and in</sup> its Diamond Jubilee year, was still thriving with 28 members of mixed ages, the old and young ideas blending successfully. The Institute goes from strength to strength, and abounds with enthusiasm. Courses are available for those interested, for example, a member has recently attended a course on Heraldry at the Womens Institute's own Denman College in Oxfordshire. In June 2 members visited the W.I. exhibition at Olympia.

Locally outings are organised to the theatre, and a trip to Morwellham on the Tamar was a great success.

Talented members are willing to impart their knowledge, and toy making sessions will shortly be starting. Several interesting speakers have been booked for this year, and the public are always welcome. On Wednesday, January 9th at 3.15 Roger Race, Ringmore Post Office will be showing his underwater film in the W.I. Hall. Don't miss this - it is a real treat. Do come along - see the film and join ~~us~~ us for tea.

New members are welcome and we normally meet at 2.30 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

#### Ringmore Parish Church

Christmas 1984. We were much encouraged by the splendid congregations at all our Christmas Services. The collection at the Carol Service (for the work of the Church of England's Children's Society) amounted to £51.85. Some of us braved "the rude wind's wild lament, and the wintry weather" to go round the Parish singing carols. The weather was not really as bad as all that, but heavy rain cut short our itinerary, and we apologise to those we had to miss this year. We collected £60.60 for work amongst mentally and physically handicapped children in the lands of the Bible.

The United Benefice. After nearly seven years as "Priest-in-Charge" of Ringmore with Kingston, and a year serving the Parish of Bigbury, the Rev. G. Corbett is to be officially instituted and inducted as Incumbent of the combined Parishes on Monday 7th January. The Service will be conducted by the Bishop of Plymouth and the Archdeacon of Totnes. It will be held in Bigbury Church and will commence at 7 p.m.. All parishioners are warmly invited. There will be refreshments in the Memorial Hall at St. Ann's Chapel after the Service.

Bible Reading Leaflets are available free of charge in all three Churches. They provide a 3-months course of readings, together with some helpful notes on how to get the best out of your study of God's word day by day.

Deanery Synod. The next meeting of the Synod will be at Charleton on Wednesday 6th February.

#### Sunday Services at RINGMORE Parish Church

Jan. 6th	9 a.m.	Holy Communion (with hymns)
13th	6 p.m.	Evening Prayer
20th	9 a.m.	Holy Communion
27th	11 a.m.	Morning Prayer

Feb. 3rd	9 a.m.	Holy Communion (with hymns)
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British Legion Ringmore, Bigbury and Kingston Branch meets monthly  
Chairman Viv Freeman Kingston Tel. Bigbury 255 New members welcome.

British Legion Womens Section. Chairman Edith Toms Bigbury 595  
New members welcome. Meets 1st Monday in the month.

Flower Arranging - Starting Wednesday 23 January 10 a.m. - 12 noon.  
Beginners welcome. W.I. Hall Ringmore.

Ringmore Historical Society Ringmore now has a HISTORICAL SOCIETY formed  
on Oct. 17th 1984 by the unanimous vote of the 29 who attended. Eight  
committee members were elected who elected George Grimshaw/ Chairman/  
Secretary and Reg Hussey Treasurer. All past historical work will be  
collected. Please send in to Chairman or Treasurer any information or  
document you may have. Jan. 1985.

### Winter

The frost is here,  
and fuel is dear,  
and woods are sear  
and fires burn clear,  
and frost is here,  
and has bitten the heel of the going year.

Bite frost bite!  
You roll away from the light.  
The blue wood-louse, and the plump doormouse,  
and the bees are still'd, and the flies are killed,  
and you bite far into the heart of the house,  
but not into mine.

Bite, frost, bite!  
The woods are all the searer,  
The fuel is all the dearer,  
The fires are all the clearer,  
My spring is all the nearer,  
You have bitten into the heart of the earth,  
But not into mine.



