

Comments about the first newsletter have been mostly favourable, which is very encouraging. Sorry Challaborough if you felt left out. Please note new title. A spelling mistake has been reported (only one!) in fact there were two. We hope to better that score in future! Please do let us have your comments, small ads, or even a letter. Did we miss anybody with the first newsletter? Let us know at CLIFF PATH.

Parish Council News

Christmas Gifts. A Forsythia bush had been ordered for the grounds of the Mencap Centre and a pot plant would be presented to Coombe Royal. A Christmas box had been given to the Parish Road Sweeper.

Finance. On the basis of a penny rate, the precept for 1985/86 was likely to be much the same as that of the previous year.

Footpaths. The Council Chairman is to discuss, with the farmer concerned, the possibility of accepting the invitation of the County Engineer to make good the footpaths leading to Aymer Cove.

The County Council footpath warden is to be asked about the safety of the coastal path near Challaborough.

The newly appointed Assistant Heritage Coast Officer is to be invited to a Council Meeting, to discuss his job.

Community Quiz. No members of the public had expressed interest in the Community Quiz, organised by Ivybridge Community College and advertised in the Post Office. Ringmore would therefore not enter a team.

Water Supplies. The Council decided to write to South West Water, asking why the level of the Avon Dam could not be raised - as was envisaged when its foundations were built - in order to store more water for the summer months.

Best Kept Village Competition. Consideration would be given at the next meeting to entering Ringmore for the Best Kept Village Competition, organised by the Council for the preservation of Rural England.

Ringmore Women's Institute.

The January meeting was well attended, and a new member was enrolled. How about more enrolments on February 14th, when our speaker will be Mr. and Mrs. Sampson of Loddiswell Vinery, talking about their wine-making industry.

At the January meeting, a discussion on saving the rural bus services, resulted in members agreeing to support the Friday bus, and persuading others to do likewise.

PLEASE USE OUR BUS IF YOU CAN. TALLY HO! BUS

DEPART Ringmore 10.06 a.m. ARRIVE Plymouth 11.10 a.m. Change at Modbury for Kingsbridge. DEPART Modbury 10.40 a.m. ARRIVE Kingsbridge 11.05 a.m.

RETURN JOURNEY. DEPART Plymouth 4.30 p.m. ARRIVE Ringmore 5.34 p.m.

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<u>FARES</u>	<u>SINGLE</u>	<u>RETURN</u>
Ringmore - Modbury	60p	95p
Ringmore - Kingsbridge	95p	£1-50p
Ringmore - Plymouth	£1-30p	£1-75p

Classes in toy making began this month at a members home, and several outings are planned including one to the Theatre Royal, Plymouth.

The Parish Church

Hearty Congratulations on the first issue: a splendid production, interesting and informative.

Shrove Tuesday - 19 February. Coffee Morning in aid of The Save The Children Fund. 10.30 a.m. at Belle Vue, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Freenan. Entrance 30p Bring-and-buy stall. Pancake race open to all. Assemble at Church gate at 10.a.m.

Ash Wednesday - 20 February 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion. Ringmore Church. On the remaining Wednesdays in Lent the 9.30 Communion Service will be in Bigbury Church. Theme: The Seven "I Ans" of St. John.

It is hoped to have a new series of House Study Groups in the Autumn. Meanwhile, in response to requests and suggestions, we shall be having a series of straight-forward BIBLE STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN throughout Lent. Please note the changed time and venue - 7.30 p.m. in the Rectory EVERY WEDNESDAY from February 20th to March 27th inclusive.

This month's SUNDAY SERVICES at RINGMORE PARISH CHURCH:

Feb. 3rd	9 a.m.	Holy Communion (with hymns)
10th	6 p.m.	Evening Prayer
17th	9 a.m.	Holy Communion

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24th 11 a.m. Morning Prayer

Mar. 3rd 9 a.m. Holy Communion (with hymns)

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER. This year's Service will be in Kingston Church at 3 p.m. on Friday 1st March. See notice boards for details.

Extracts from the Rector's address following his Institution:

"Not everyone is in agreement with the present practice of lumping parishes together and arguing that there is no alternative way forward".

"The new situation here means that Bigbury no longer has a parson to itself living in the village; and Ringmore and Kingston find their 50% share in an Incumbent reduced to 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ %. I very much hope that, instead, they will see me as 100% available to them all".

"That which rejoices our hearts, and encourages us, in the knowledge that we serve a great God who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we could ever dare hope or think or ask or expect; and whatever is achieved will be to HIS praise and glory".

"A word to those who like to feel that they are connected with the Church: We do not want you to be connected, we want you to be COMMITTED. There is a tremendous and exciting work waiting to be done and we need you ALL".

Ringmore Historical Society.

The Committee has met again and agreed a draft constitution and arrangements for the care of documents, etc. which can be seen at Middle Manor by appointment. The Chairman would be glad to receive any material of historical interest concerning Ringmore. The next open meeting will be on Wednesday 20 February at 7.30 p.m. in the W.I. Hall. Details will be published later, probably a second edition of our last meeting which was enjoyed by those who came.

Ringmore Parish Emergency Team

It has been decreed by the County Council acting through the District Council, that each Parish and Town shall have an Emergency Committee to be activated in times of natural or man made disaster. The Parish committee consists of Messrs. G. Eddy, S. Brunskill, B. Baughan and R. Perraton.

By way of training most of us have attended lectures and a number of the parishoners have completed the WRVS Welfare Course. Those of you that were at last September's open day will have seen and tasted the results of those efforts.

It is hoped that we can run another course in the spring and a tentative date for starting the six session course is Thursday 28 March at 7 p.m. and then weekly on the following five Thursdays.

A number of you expressed interest at the time, so I do hope that you will have a go now, because we are in need of some more team members.

Please contact our local WRVS member Mrs. Margaret Messervy on Bigbury 233 or Mr. Guy Eddy on Bigbury 203. Given the response we will organise the course!! More details next month.

Pantomime at The Memorial Hall St. Ann's Chapel. Dick Whittington and His Cat. 24-25 and Saturday 26 January at 7.45 p.m.. Tickets Adults £1.00 Children 50p from local shops. (This price includes tea and biscuits).

British Legion meets Journeys End 7.30 p.m. Friday 1st February.

Women's Section. Annual Spring Sale Saturday 23 February 2 p.m. Memorial Hall, St. Ann's Chapel.

Challaborough - News or comments to "Slipway Cottage".

The Wind

I saw you toss the kites on high
and blow the birds about the sky;
and all around I heard you pass,
Like ladies skirts across the grass.

I saw the different things you did,
But always you yourself you hid.
I felt your push, I heard you call,
I could not see yourself at all.

O you that are so strong and cold,
O blower, are you young or old?
Are you a beast of field and tree,
Or just a stronger child than me?
O wind a blowing all day long,
O wind that sings so loud a song.