

If anyone has any comments or suggestions regarding the newsletter please contact the writer of the article or here at Cliff Path if in any doubt.
Susan Freeman wishes to thank everyone who helped and contributed at her recent coffee morning. £106 was raised for the E.E.G. Dept.

ADVERTS. See end of newsletter.

Parish Council News.

Annual Parish Meeting. It was hoped that Mr. Simon Day would be able to attend this meeting on 9 April, but unfortunately he will be unable to do so. If necessary an alternative date will be agreed, but please watch Notice Boards for confirmation of the date. It was also hoped that a representative from the S.W. Water Authority would attend the Annual Meeting to answer questions, but so far no reply has been received to the letters sent by the Parish Clerk.

Beach Cleaning. Mr. Perraton, of Lower Manor Farm, has very kindly offered the use of a tractor and trailer, if required, for the Community effort on Saturday 23 March.

Footpaths. Mr. Guy Eddy, representing the Parish Council, and Mr. Carter, Assistant Heritage Coast Officer, have walked the footpaths leading to Ayrmer Cove to decide what improvements could be made, and it is hoped to start work during the week commencing 11 March on draining the Bridle Path. The farm footpath will, hopefully, be improved by stiles, but the problem of draining the very wet section is more difficult to solve. Mr. Carter has discussed with Mr. Major the safety of the Coastal Path near Challaborough and any necessary steps will be taken.

Finance. Mr. Balkwill, the District Councillor, reported an increase in the District Rate from 14.5 pence to 18 pence.

Planning. An application for Planning permission to build four houses on the Orchard, opposite the Church Hall, aroused a great deal of opposition in the village. Twenty members of the public attended the meeting of the Parish Council, at which the application was discussed, and a further four more letters to the Chairman condemning the proposal. The Parish Council voted unanimously against the granting of planning permission. A decision will be made by the District Council early in April.

THE PARISH CHURCH

The special Services of HOLY WEEK:

Wednesday 3 April 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Bigbury
7.30 p.m. Last of the present series of Bible Studies at the Rectory.
Thursday 4 April 2.30 p.m. Armchair Travelogue - see below.
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion at Bigbury.
GOOD FRIDAY 11 a.m. Litany and Ante-Communion.
EASTER DAY 8 a.m. Service of EASTER PRAISE followed by Holy Communion.
(Identical Services: Bigbury 9.30 a.m.; Kingston 11 a.m.)

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP. This was launched at a meeting in the Rectory on 7 February. Ladies of all three parishes (Ringmore, Kingston and Bigbury) whatever their denomination, are invited to attend the meetings which are normally held in different homes on the first Thursday of each month, at 2.30 p.m. There is always a warm welcome to a happy hour of fellowship and a nice cup of tea. The APRIL meeting falls in Holy Week, so there is a special event to which men are also invited. See next item.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELOGUE. The Rev. John Milburn, who has conducted many pilgrimages to the Holy Land, will be showing slides, and speaking about the interest and value for Christians of a trip to the Land of the Bible. In anticipation of a large attendance (so please don't let us down!) we have booked RINGMORE W.I. HALL, and we start at 2.30 p.m. on Maundy Thursday 4 APRIL.

Times of Church Services at RINGMOLE:

7 April 8 a.m.
14 April 6 p.m.
21 April 9 a.m.
28 April 11 a.m.
5 May 9 a.m.

CONFIRMATION. At present there is no firm date for a Confirmation, but the Rector would be glad to discover if there would be sufficient candidates to make it worthwhile asking for a Confirmation Service. Candidates must be at least 11 years of age. Special arrangements are made for adults, and the Rector will gladly supply information on request. Please act AT ONCE if you are interested.

SICKNESS. There has been a lot of sickness in all three parishes recently. The Rector makes every effort to visit as soon as possible when he has been notified. Where people are in hospital it is helpful if he can be told which hospital and which ward; but please also let him know when patients return home: this avoids a fruitless search round the many hospitals in the Plymouth area.

BISHOPS. Bishop Mercer retires in May. The new Bishop of Exeter is to be the Right Reverend Hewlett Thompson, at present Area Bishop of Willesden, London.

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LOOKING AHEAD. Pingmore Church Fete will be on Wednesday 21 August, at 2 p.m.
W.I. HALL AND GROUNDS.

Ringmore Women's Institute.

On Tuesday 14 May W.I. members will set out on their annual 5 mile sponsored charity walk, this year in aid of the Ethiopian Famine Appeal. Anyone interested in supporting this event may either sponsor a W.I. member or make a donation. For further details please phone Bigbury 654 or any W.I. member.

The coach outing to the Theatre Royal Plymouth on 27 February was so successful, that already our outings organiser is making plans for a future trip.

On 3 May, some of us will join other Devon W.I. members on a trip to Trellisick Gardens and Truro, and in the Autumn, a County organised visit to Normandy has attracted three members and a friend.

At the March Meeting talk on Beekeeping; no one was stung by a bee, but at least one member was stung by the bug of beekeeping. On Thursday 11 April, we look forward to Ruth Fuller-Sessions illustrated talk entitled "An expedition to Greece".

British Legion

Mens Section. The next meeting will be held at Jacks Smiths Cafe, Sedgwell, Bigbury-on-Sea 12 April at 7.30 p.m.

Women's Section. The next meeting will take place on 1 April at 18 Yellands Park, Kingston at 7.15 p.m. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall. On Tuesday 9 April, a coffee morning will be held in the W.I. Hall Pingmore from 10.30 a.m. - Noon. There will be a cake stall and new stall. The Women's Section are having this special effort in aid of the "Freedom for the Young Disabled" to contribute towards the purchase of "The Ever Aids Turbo Power Wheelchair" suitable for the needs of Children 12 months - 12 years. We shall welcome your support.

Parish Emergency Team

As previously advertised in Newsletter No. 2 and 3 the WRVS Welfare Course begins the first of its six sessions on Thursday 28 March at 7 p.m. in the W.I. Hall.

Surrounding Parishes have been invited and it is hoped that quite a number will take advantage of attending this worthwhile course.

There is no charge, except for a cup of coffee so do come along - husbands, wives and young people are all invited.

RINGMOORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY held its second open meeting on 20 February when we were entertained by more reminiscences by Alice Mason, Margaret Lock and Dorothy Buck. There are now 30 members of the Society. The Village will be sorry to say goodbye to Reg and Peggy Hussey. Harry Park has kindly agreed to be Hon. Treasurer in Reg's place. The next open meeting will be on ~~Thursday~~ ^{Wednesday} 17 April at 7.30 p.m. in the W.I. Hall. The subject will be "Our Inheritance" - The History of Ringmore as far as we know it. Col. George Grimshaw will speak from collected information.

BIGBURY BAY DIVERS

Join us for a swim on a Monday night at Central Park Pool Plymouth to watch our activities or try an Aqualung under the supervision of an experienced instructor contact Roger Race Bigbury 217 or Malcolm Quick Bigbury 465 for further details.

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FINGMORE POST OFFICE STORES

FROM MONDAY 1 APRIL WE WILL BE OPEN FROM 08.30 HRS TO 1800 HRS. (EARLY CLOSING WEDNESDAY 1300 HRS) MONDAY TO FRIDAY. 08.30 to 1700 HRS SATURDAYS AND 0900 to 1200 SUNDAYS. OUR NEW SHOP EXTENSION WILL BE OPEN FROM TUESDAY 2 APRIL 1985. OUR THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

SUDDENLY

Sap on the run, strength in the sun,
Bees on the wing, blackbirds sing,
Salmon to spawn, rosy dawn,
Warm southern winds, butterfly wings

Vixen with cubs, swelling buds,
Cuckoo is heard, thieving bird,
April Showers sweet gillyflowers,
Swallows in sky, catching fly.

Cows in the field, richer yield
Cream in the churn, lovers return.