

In spite of the wet windy weather and "apparent" late spring there has been no stopping the bursting buds and by the middle of April the robins had hatched their eggs in the garden. So someone has confidence that spring is here!

No, I don't write the poems. They are not that bad surely?

In this issue, exclusive, eye witness report of one of the number of cliff rescues by one of the rescuers.

CONGRATULATIONS and JUBILATIONS at Belle Vue Farm on the 6 June. It is the GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF MR. & MRS. WALLBUTTON, The Laurels, the SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY of SUSAN & DAVID FREEMAN and the 91st birthday of AUNTIE JESSIE. It is also the Anniversary of "D DAY"!!

PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting on 9 April dealt with the following matters:-

Blocked Road Drains: Mr. Westwell would be pressed to have these cleared.

Water Supply: The Public Relations Department of S.W. Water would send a representative to the next Council Meeting on Tuesday 7 May to discuss water rates and the annual problem of hose-pipe bans. It was hoped that a number of residents would attend to question him about possible solutions.

Beach Cleaning: Over 20 people enjoyed the afternoon at Ayrmer Cove and the result was very satisfactory. A further effort might be necessary after the recent storms.

Bridle Path to Ayrmer Cove: The Heritage Coast Officer had arranged for temporary drainage of the path. He would be reminded that a more permanent, and vandal-proof, solution was required.

Electoral Roll: There were currently 184 names on the electoral roll.

Grass Cutting: Arrangements would be made to have the grass cut on the Bowling Green and in front of the council houses.

Planning: The District Council had approved the applications made by Mr. Macintosh and Mr. Wynn-Powell. (The application to build four houses on the orchard opposite the church hall has been rejected by the District Council because of the effect on the character and appearance of the village and unsuitable access).

Slurry at Harraton Cross: Bigbury Parish Council would be asked to investigate the dangerous state of the road at Harraton Cross, due to the dumping of slurry.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting followed the meeting of the Parish Council on 9 April. Unfortunately, neither the District Council Representative, Mr. Balkwell, nor the County Council Representative, Mr. Day, were able to attend. Apart from the Parish Council, nineteen members of the public were present.

In his address, the Chairman, Mr. Ken Williams, said that residents of the parish were becoming increasingly aware that Ringmore was one of the few remaining relatively unspoiled villages in the South-West. It was a privilege to live there and, in return, every effort must be made to preserve and enhance its character. The whole village was within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, most of it was designated a Conservation Area and the remainder was in the Coastal Preservation Area. Therefore, it was inevitable that there would be reservations about some planning applications.

The village suffered from excessive tourist traffic in July and August, but it was recognised that the area needed tourists. An attempt had been made to reduce danger by the erection of road signs and it was hoped that, within two years, there would be legislation to restrict the movement of caravans close to the coast.

Ringmore had suffered seriously from the felling of trees - largely due to Dutch Elm disease. In the Conservation Area, there was an obligation to replace trees which had to be felled and the Parish Council had set up a Sub-Committee to make recommendations on the planting of young trees.

He welcomed the increased tidyness of the village, (due largely to the efforts of Mr. Woodall); the setting up of a Historical Society and the start of a Parish News sheet.

Mr. Eddy reported on the activities of the Parish Emergency Team and Mr. Race gave an account of the Bigbury Auxiliary Coastguard, which was now based in Ringmore. Mrs. Freeman gave a Vote of Thanks to the Chairman.

RINGMORE PARISH CHURCH

Sunday Services at RINGMORE:

5 May	9 a.m.
12 May	6 p.m.
19 May	9 a.m.
26 May	11 a.m.
2 June	9 a.m.

THANKYOU. The Rector would like to take this opportunity of thanking parishioners for their very generous offering on Easter Day.

ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION. Churchwardens and sidesmen are reminded that the Visitation takes place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 7 May in Kingsbridge Parish Church.

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V.E. DAY. As part of the celebrations for the 40th Anniversary of V.E. Day, the Royal Legion have organised a special Service FOR THE PEOPLE OF BIGBURY, RINGMORE, AND KINGSTON. The Service will be held at Bigbury Church on WEDNESDAY 8 May at 7.30 p.m. CONGRATULATIONS. We send our prayerful good wishes and hearty congratulations to "Aunt Peggy" who will be celebrating her 103rd birthday on 16 May.

UNITED WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP. The meeting will be on Thursday 2 MAY at 2.30 p.m., at "Wave Crest", Marine Drive, Bigbury-on-Sea, by kind invitation of Mrs. Isaac.

Advance Notice: Miss Burrows has kindly invited the ladies to a GARDEN MEETING at "Greystones", Cot Lane, Bigbury at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday 6 June.

ASCENSION DAY. Holy Communion Services on Ascension Day, 16 May, will be:-

8 a.m. at Bigbury
9.30 a.m. at Ringmore
11 a.m. at Kingston.

CONFIRMATION. The Confirmation has had to be postponed, but arrangements can be made for ADULTS to be confirmed at another Church if they will please get in touch with the Rector immediately.

RINGMORE W.I. NEWS.

The Women's Institute will be glad to loan any of the following items on a Temporary basis:- A wheelchair. A commode. A bedtable. Please phone Bigbury 467 or 654.

Eleven of us enjoyed a W.I. Social Evening at Aveton Gifford recently, and were entranced by the Antiques brought along by members of 6 local institutes, interesting comments were made by 2 experts from Sotheby Bearnes of Torquay.

The next meeting of Ringmore W.I. will be at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday 9 May when Resolutions to be debated at the Albert Hall in June will be discussed. The W.I. acts as a National Pressure Group concerned with many issues that could affect any of us.

For example resolutions put forward this year include the following:-

- (a) The Govt. is urged to provide continuing help for drug addicts and their families.
- (b) Steps should be taken now to control the emission of nitrogen and sulphur oxides from power stations in order to reduce acid rain.
- (c) The gov't. is urged to establish a long term programme to assist the 3rd world countries to become self-sufficient.
- (d) The gov't. will be urged to increase the Death Grant to a realistic level.
- (e) Local Education authorities should be urged to provide sufficient trained teachers to meet the needs arising from dyslexia and deafness.

When a resolution is passed, positive action is taken.

Will all W.I. members please try to attend next Thursday's meeting as we shall be discussing the possibility of holding evening meetings to enable more young Mums and working wives to join us.

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Ringmore Historical Society propose to resurrect the ancient custom of beating the bounds of the Parish in Ascension Week. We will start from outside the Church at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday 14 May and see how far we get! Bring packed lunches. It is about 10 miles. Lifts by car will NOT be frowned on!! Much will depend on gaining permission from land-owners. G.G.

BIGBURY PLAYERS

The next play has been postponed until June. Dates later.

BRITISH LEGION

The next meeting will be held on Friday 3 May at Jacks Smith Cafe, Segwell, Bigbury-on-Sea.

Women's Section. Thank you to everyone who supported the Coffee morning in aid of the wheelchair for the disabled £70 was raised. The next meeting will be held on Monday 6 May at Edith Tom's House, Bigbury-on-Sea.

A CASE FOR OLD ROSES.

Do you suffer from the BLACK SPOT, MILDEW and the like? If you answer yes, which you probably will in this part of the country, you should consider planting one or more of the ALBA roses as a flowering shrub. Unlike modern roses they will look entirely in place with other plants or shrubs. They are also very hardy and will thrive in difficult positions and tolerate some shade.

ALBA ROSES date back to the Middle Ages. Colour is restricted to blush, pink and white. They are steeped in history and have intriguing names. All are fragrant and have hips in winter. They are almost entirely disease free.

ALBA MAXIMA The JACOBITE ROSE Survives under difficult conditions. Recommended in the year 1307 for use as a hedge. The rose found surviving in old cottage gardens. Double flowers, blush later creamy white. 6ft X 5ft.

ALBA SEMI-PIENA Probably the WHITE ROSE of York. Milk white single flowers. Red hips. 6ft X 5ft.

ALBA CELESTIAL VITA SACKVILLE WEST (Sissinghurst Castle) describes this rose as ONE of the loveliest shrubs one could ever wish to contemplate. Semi double flowers of shell pink. 6ft X 4ft.

MAIDENS BLUSH Also known as Cuisse de Nympe, La Virginale and La Seduisante. Why? I will leave this to you to decide: but, V. Sackville West notes, "She holds her petals longer than most" and again, "When she blushed a deep pink she was called Cuisse de Nympe Emue". So, perhaps the reason is best left sub rosa! Blush pink semi double flowers. 5ft X 4ft. Prior to the 15th Century.

Alas, they only flower once, but so do many flowering shrubs and we don't complain. So.

Gather ye rose buds while ye may.....

At Christmas I no more desire a rose
Than wish a snow in May's new fangled mirth,
But like of each thing that in season grows.

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.

BIGBURY AUXILIARY COASTGUARD MARINE RESCUE UNIT.

There are six auxiliary coastguards in the local team. The marine rescue equipment is based in Ringmore, central to the area covered from the river Erme to Avonmouth. All are on 24 hour alert, 7 days a week. A 999 call is received at Brixham Coastguard, the Marine Rescue co-ordination centre, and information is given by an eye witness that there appears to be people in distress at the foot of the cliffs 'somewhere between Challaborough and Ayrmer Cove'. Immediately Bigbury Auxiliary Coastguard is contacted. " I have just finished working on the latest development at Ringmore Post Office and decide to relax in the bath, first one foot then the other, still a bit hot, then complete relaxation as I sink into the steamy hot water. The telephone rings, Suzanne will answer it, I say to myself sinking lower in the water. Bigbury on Sea 217 I hear her say, then a moments silence followed by a thunderous shout 'COASTGUARD RESCUE'. I leap out of the bath taking half the water with me and dive for my coastguard overalls, no time to dry properly or worry about water everywhere, immediate thought is to alert the team. The key never seems to unlock the rescue vehicle fast enough but as soon as it is open I grab at the maroon waiting inside and in seconds its fired and the 'call out' signal is sounded.

We arrive at Toby's Point and are quick to find that there is a man and girl stranded on the rocks below with the tide rising around them. Steel stakes are hammered into the ground immediately above them and using special rescue equipment our team leader volunteers to descend down the cliff to the casualties. He discovers that the girl is petrified by her predicament and is 'frozen' on a ledge above the tide. A harness is secured to her and the long process of lifting her up the cliff begins. It is difficult because she is so frightened. The rope is hauled up by the team at the top bringing our team leader and the girl up together. As she reaches the top it is clear she is suffering from severe shock, she is laid on the ground and warm blankets are put over her and she is placed in the coma position as she is also feeling very sick. Brixham coastguard is contacted on our portable radio and an ambulance requested immediately. She recovered fully after hospital treatment. The next time there is a 'call out' there may not be such a happy ending, but we will always be there quickly no matter our personal predicament!
R.R.

ADVERTISEMENTS

RINGMORE POST OFFICE STORES

FOR YOUR RELAXATION IN THE SUN THIS SUMMER ENJOY A BARBECUE FOLLOWED BY DELICIOUS SALCOMBE DAIRY DOUBLE DEVON ICE CREAM AVAILABLE IN NINE DIFFERENT FLAVOURS INCLUDING MAPLE AND WALNUT. CHARCOAL IS IN STOCK NOW.

BELLIE VUE FARM

FOR YOUR FRESH POULTRY, EGGS AND CREAM.

JULIE MOBILE HAIRDRESSERS

FOR YOUR FERMS * SHAMPOO & SETS * BLOW WAVE * TRIMS ETC. DONE IN YOUR OWN HOME COMPETITIVE PRICES. JULIE HAS MOVED TO CHALLABOROUGH AND IS WAITING TO HAVE THE PHONE CONNECTED VERY SOON. SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE. MESSAGES PLEASE TO DENNIS ON BIGBURY 456 BETWEEN 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. or after 5 p.m..

FREE RANGE DUCK EGGS, NODDON FARMHOUSE. BIGBURY ON SEA 233.

Great, wide, beautiful, wonderful world,
With the wonderful water round you curled,
And the wonderful grass upon your breast
World, you are beautifully drest.

The wonderful air is over me,
And the wonderful wind is shaking the tree;
It walks on the water, and whirls the mills,
And talks to itself on the top of the hills.

You friendly Earth how far do you go,
With the wheatfields that nod and the rivers that flow.
With cities and gardens, and cliffs and isles,
And people upon you for thousands of miles?

Ah, you are so great, and I am so small,
I tremble to think of you, world at all;
And yet, when I said my prayers today,
A whisper inside me seemed to say,
"You are more than the Earth, though you are such a dot;
For you can love and think and the earth cannot".

Canadian Carrot Cake

13 X 9 X 2in cake tin
160C or 325F 45 minutes.

Ingredients.

- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups S.R. flour
- 2 tspns cinnamon
- 1 tspn salt
- 4 beaten eggs
- 1 cup cooking oil
- 2 tspns vanilla essence
- 2 cups finely grated carrot
- 1/2 cup walnuts

Icing

- 2 cups icing sugar
- 2 ozs butter
- 4 ozs Philadelphia Cream Cheese
- 1 teasp. vanilla essence

Method

Sift dry ingredients together. Make a well in the centre and add remaining ingredients. Mix well and pour into prepared tin.

Icing

Cream ingredients together to spreading consistency. Ice when cool.