

A representative from the S.W. Water Board attended the May meeting of the Parish Council. We print an account of his address in full for the benefit of Parishioners who were unable to attend the meeting.

Parish Council News Visit of South West Water Board Representative

Mr. Williams welcomed Mr. Adlard from the South West Water Authority, and said that the problems of water had raised a great deal of dissension locally and he was disappointed that more parishioners had not turned up to the meeting.

Mr. Adlard began by saying that he welcomed the opportunity of meeting Councils and explaining the background of water supply and answering questions.

Ten Regional water Authorities had now been implemented throughout the country and now responsible for the supply of water, treatment of sewage and the control of rivers. It was considered that it would be advantageous to have water and sewage controlled by those same authorities.

The original plan was to build a dam at Swinburn in 1974 but for a number of reasons this had fallen through. The next proposal and much more ambitious was to supply the whole of Devon and Cornwall by three large dams. This has gone ahead. The one at Wimbleball on the South Side of Exmoor is now in operation and supplying North and South East Devon. The one at Colliford on Bodmin moor is now complete and filling up and will supply all of Cornwall. The new dam at Roadford when finished will supply the water for North West Devon, Plymouth and the South Hams.

The construction of Roadford has now started; it was originally hoped to have it completed in 1985 but because of inquiries and other delays it will not now be supplying water until 1990, when complete it will have an initial capacity of five thousand two hundred million gallons (5,200,000,000) and hopefully later eight thousand two hundred million gallons (8,200,000,000) by comparison the Avon Dam when full holds three hundred million gallons (300,000,000) When the three dams are all fully operational they will be able to supply three times the volume of water required at this time.

However for the next 4-5 years the main problem will be drought and maximum demand. During the last summer, the hosepipe ban and save water posters had brought an enormous response from the public. In addition S.W.W.A. had been able to bring forward some schemes that had not been scheduled to be started for some years.

1. A large main, able to supply 10 million gallons a day, was drawing water from the lower reaches of the river at Totnes and this will give more flexibility over the next 4-5 years.
2. In addition a good new source of water has been found to supply Dawlish, which will leave more available to the South Hams.

These additional sources of water would help the South Hams by virtue that more of the Avon Dam water would be left for those who had no other source of supply. Referring to Ringmore Parish, no serious problem were envisaged with the St. Anns and Seven Stones reservoirs able to hold $\frac{1}{3}$ million gallons in storage and carried by a nine inch main as far as Houghton. Mr. Adlard then gave the following answers to questions asked.

1. The S.W.W.A. has the authority to impose hose-pipe bans on private property. For a ban on commercial use, a drought order has to be approved by law.
2. A licence is required by Act of Parliament to draw water from your own well.
3. Raising the Avon Dam had been considered but rejected in favour of proceeding with Roadford Dam as quickly as possible, this being a better utilisation of resources.
4. Garden taps were no longer a separately rated item, now being a part of the consolidated rate.
5. Water consumption at this time in South Hams was rated at 14-15 million gallons a day in winter, rising to 20-21 million gallons a day in the summer. This is increasing at an average of 200,000 gallons a day per year.
6. A lot of work will be done on updating sewage works as soon as money becomes available. This refers to Thurlstone Hope Cove and Kingston in this area, all of whom have serious problems.
7. Some householders might find it to their advantage to have their water by way of a meter. The water board would be able to advise them.

In answer to a question on future privatisation, Mr. Adlard said that there were many things to be considered for and against.

The Chairman then thanked Mr. Adlard for coming to Ringmore and giving such an interesting and informative talk and for answering questions.

THE PARISH CHURCH

Sunday Services at RINGMORE:	2 June	9 a.m.
	9 June	6 p.m.
	16 June	9 a.m.
	23 June	11 a.m.
	30 June	6 p.m.
	7 July	9 a.m.

UNITED WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Thursday 6 June 2.30 p.m. GARDEN MEETING at "Greystones"
Bigbury. Bring-and-Buy Stall (proceeds to Bible Society)

Visiting Speaker: Mrs. R. Lancaster Recently returned from Zambia.

VISITING PREACHER. At the evening Service at 6 p.m. on Sunday 9 June we shall be welcoming as our preacher The Rev. Robin Lancaster who has been working in Zambia on behalf of the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL. The next meeting of the PCC will be on Tuesday 11 June.

CHURCH REGISTERS - BAPTISMS 14 April Clemency Lara St. Aubyn. (at Kingston)

17 May Sara Anne Louise Lubbock.

BEATING THE BOUNDS. Congratulations to the History Society on reviving the ancient Rogationtide custom of Beating the Bounds. It was unfortunate that the event clashed with a W.I. sponsored walk, but 11 of us - plus two dogs - thoroughly enjoyed the event. Our thanks to Col. Grimshaw for the interesting information imparted along the way.

THE SIXTH OF JUNE will certainly be a special day! Our hearty congratulations and prayerful good wishes to:- David and Susan Freeman - SILVER WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Warburton - GOLDEN WEDDING

Aunty Jessie - 91st Birthday.

Ringmore W.I. News

The resolutions meeting was well-attended and lively. Alice and Naomi spoke enthusiastically of a music day spent in Exeter, and sang the song they had composed. The weather was kind for our sponsored walk to Kingston and 12 of us plus 2 children enjoyed lunch at the Dolphin Inn. We hope for fine days for the heritage walks at Broadhembury, Noss Mayo and Newton Ferrers, and of course for the garden meeting to be held on Thursday 27 June at Noddon Farm House by kind invitation of Margaret and John Messerwy. It is hoped that all members will be able to attend this meeting as we shall be planning the Summer Fayre and, hopefully, be reaching a decision on the issue discussed at the May meeting.

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Members have taken part in two activities in May. On Tuesday 14 in Ascension Week they beat the bounds of the Parish from Cockle Lane to Ockenbury via Seven Stones Cross. The Rector and the Chairman led the party from the Church 'up Cross' and then down Cockle Lane. A fine day, an interesting walk, two initialled boundary stones were identified and Treeby Pool located. Other members joined Kingston members on 22 May in visiting the new lay-out at Cookworthy Museum, Kingsbridge. It is well worth a visit. Next Committee meeting Wed. 11 Sept. (July meeting cancelled). Annual General Meeting Thursday 17 October. Please note in your diaries. G.C.G.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The next meeting of the Royal British Legion will be held at the Sedgewell Cafe. Bigbury on Sea at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 7 June. This will be the last meeting until September. The VE Day commemoration service at Bigbury Church on 8 May raised £61 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Thank you all.

Parish Emergency Team

There will be a meeting of the Parish Emergency Committee and Parish Emergency Team at the W.I. Hall on Wed. 19 June at 7.30 p.m. All members are asked to attend, when amongst other items, the Autumn Exercise will be planned.

Bigbury Players

There goes the Bride 27, 28 and Saturday 29 June. Tickets £1 from Local P.O.'s after 8 June. This play is not really suitable for young children.

Bigbury Bay Divers

Our entry in Modbury Carnival won a second prize in the Adult Float section. Join us on a Thursday night at 8.30 p.m. at Ringmore Church Hall to find out all about aqualung diving.

Bigbury Auxiliary Coastguard Marine Reserve

The maroon was launched again this month but this time for a boat rescue to a windsurfer who was drifting out to sea having suffered a broken mast. He was picked up 2½ miles out from Thurleston and taken back to the beach. Immediately this rescue was complete a second emergency was reported of the possibility of a person being stranded on the flat rock entrance to Aymer Cove. However nobody was found in the area.

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