

We "try" to issue the Newsletter as soon as possible after the Parish Council Meeting so that the news is as "new" as possible. Inevitably, there will be times, when, for various reasons this does not happen. A reminder to think ahead. Please check with us if a date is important and you wish to make sure it will be in the Newsletter. Please note change in the date of the Historical Societies A.G.M.

RAINFALL from 1 September to 6 October 1½ inches of rain fell in Ringmore.

The Devon Branch of the National Pony Society raised enough money with Anne Lambell's coffee morning and their annual show to give £650 to Exeter Hospital Children's Ward which is sufficient to buy the new equipment they required. Next year our aim is £1000 for a guide dog for the blind to be bought and trained for a Devon person.

PARISH COUNCIL

Road Maintenance: At the request of the Parish Council, pot holes in the roads near the Bowling Green and near "Kimberley" have been repaired and the gutters alongside the village roads have been cleared.

Farm Smell: An A.D.A.S. Officer, from the Ministry of Agriculture, together with the Pollution Officer of S.W.W.A. have been asked to advise on a revised method of handling slurry - in order to avoid pollution of the stream and minimise inconvenience to village residents.

Boundary Stones: The Historical Society has been concerned about the safety of the two remaining Parish Boundary Stones. The Council has therefore arranged for the Heritage Coast team to mount them in concrete and the work has been carried out.

Footpaths: Attempts are still being made to secure improvements in the drainage of the two footpaths and to have a notice, warning of cliff erosion, erected at Toby's Point.

Notice Board: Mr. King has kindly erected a new Parish Notice Board, presented by Mr. Trant, on the side of the bus shelter. Anyone wishing for notices to be displayed should contact Mr. Williams or Mrs. Davis.

Inter-Parish Quiz: Mr. Warne is now manager of the Ringmore team.

Emergency Team: The Parish Council has congratulated the Emergency Team on their successful exercise. It is possible that they will be arranging a visit to Hinkley Point Nuclear Power Station. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Eddy.

Community Policeman: The New Community Policeman for this area has been invited to attend a future Council Meeting.

Signs in Conservation Areas: The District Council has informed us that no sign should be erected in the village without their consent. Details of guidelines are available.

Ivybridge Community College: The Council has been unable to find a nominee for the Youth and Community Education Committee.

THE PARISH CHURCH

FAVOURITE HYMNS. (2)

I do not like the tune to which it is normally sung. I used to find one of the words in the hymn difficult to appreciate. The first four words of the hymn sound almost sugary. The last word is "death". Those are hardly the ingredients for a favourite hymn, but it is MY NUMBER ONE, or at any rate the "first among equals" for me.

The somewhat hackneyed tune which I do not like is called "St. Peter". If you know your tune-titles you are well on the way to discovering the hymn.

Now for the next clue (I think you'll get it this time). The word I found difficult to appreciate was "husband", but that was only because in those early days of my acquaintance with the hymn I did not know my Bible well enough to realise that the Church is referred to as "the Bride of Christ" (See 2 Corinthians 11: 1 and 2; Ephesians 5: 25-32; Revelation 21:2 and 22:17); and I was not mature enough to understand that the "Song of Solomon" in the Old Testament is, amongst other things, an allegory of Christ's love for the Church.

In some hymnbooks the word "husband" has been replaced by "Saviour". Whichever word is employed it emphasises the LOVE of God - a special love which reaches out even to those who do not deserve it. As Paul says in Romans 5:8, "God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us".

And now we are getting round to why this hymn (have you worked out which it is yet?) is my Number One, because of a combination of some of the reasons I mentioned last time. Firstly there is a personal reason. As a youngster I had attended a Church where the minister

frequently told us how good we were, and I quickly developed a superior attitude towards "those dreadful sinners who never come to Church". In short, I became an obnoxious, unbearable religious prig. But at the same time I was having a spot of trouble with my conscience because I knew that, in reality, I was no better than the people I had chosen to despise, and was worse than some of them. Changed circumstances found me worshipping at another Church where the minister told us how bad we were! With texts like Isaiah 64:6 and Jeremiah 17:9 and Romans 3:23 he was hitting me hard but I knew all the time that he was right. But just as a doctor probes and diagnoses and then announces the cure, so this minister showed us that we are all sinners, and then pointed us to Jesus as the sinner's Saviour. Then Romans 6:23 became a key-verse. What a discovery! - that God's love reaches down to wretches and offers them eternal life as a free gift through faith in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Got the Hymn yet? Well now something about the writer of the hymn. It is a fascinating story, but too long to tell in detail here. Briefly, he was a man who had traded in slaves. Eventually he sunk to such depths of degradation that he himself became the slave of a negress who revelled in her power over him. At a crisis-point in his life the love of God reached right down into the depths to save him, wretch that he was. Later he became an ordained minister, an ardent preacher of the Gospel, and a prolific hymnwriter. Here-on the grand scale - was the evidence of God's love reaching down to the deepest-dyed sinner (see what God says in Isaiah 1:18); a glorious indication that no-one is beyond the reach of God's willingness to forgive and to save.

The hymnwriter was John Newton, and from the many delightful hymns which came from his pen, my Number One is the hymn which begins:

"How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear".

I still don't like the tune "St. Peter". In some hymnbooks John Newton's words are set to the tune "Lloyd". We sang it to that tune on our wedding day!

RINGMORE W.I.

PLEASE HELP! Have you any oddments of materials, cottons or wool? Please let Suzanne have them at the Post Office or better still bring them with you to the next craft meeting on Wednesday 15 October at 2 p.m.

Our next monthly meeting is the A.G.M. on Thursday 11 November at 7.30 p.m.

PARISH EMERGENCY TEAM OPEN DAY

The Parish Emergency Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make Saturday 4 October so successful. To the team who worked so long and hard, to Suzanne and Roger Race for selling tickets for us, and above all to the customers who made it all worth while. This time we fed 72 people and it was generally suggested that this was our best yet. Team members are reminded that there will be a wash-up meeting on Wednesday 15 October in the W.I. Hall at 7.30 p.m.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We would like to remind everyone that REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY this year is on 9 November. The service will take place in Bigbury Church at 11 a.m. Last year our Branch sent £712 - 05p to the Poppy Appeal Fund. This was achieved by a great effort by everybody: but mainly because of your generosity. Please be generous again this year.

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The A.G.M. of the Society will now be held on Thursday 23 October (NOT 16 October) in the W.I. Hall at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. TANNER will be speaking to us beginning at 8 p.m. on the new design of the COOKWORTHY MUSEUM and other related matters involving records and archives including the computerisation programme.

The Society organised a visit to LEIGH BARTON near Kingsbridge on Saturday 11 October. It is a restored medieval fortified farm of considerable historical interest.

Sales of "RINGMORE. A walk round the village", are going well and we are now into our third impression. You should get your copy if you have not done so already. GCG

SOUTH HAMS SOCIETY

WINTER MEETINGS

Thursday 6 November at Kings Arms Hotel, Kingsbridge Mr. D. Murch on 'Wreck & Rescue on the South Hams Coast'.

Wednesday 3 December at Stokenham Parish Hall Mr. G. Waterhouse and Mr. Bryan Ashby on 'A Walk from Salcombe to Slapton'.

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Saturday 10 January at West Charleton Village Hall. Afternoon Meeting with Tea. Mr. E. R. Vinnicombe on 'Dartmoor, Region of Conflict'.

Thursday 5 March at Cliff House, Salcombe. Mr. Clive Easter on 'Costume on English Brasses 14th-17th Centuries'.

Thursday 26 March at the Old Grammar School, Kingsbridge. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING followed by a talk by Mr. Craig Rich on 'Ramblings of an ex Sailor'.

The evening meetings will all start at 7.30 p.m. Except for the A.G.M., admission will be 50p to include coffee and biscuits. The afternoon meeting will start at 2.30 p.m. admission £1.00 which will include TEA.

BUFFET PARTY Once again a very happy evening was enjoyed by 66 members and their friends at South Efford House, Aveton Gifford in April and our special thanks and congratulations to Mrs. Steer for arranging this for us. We hope to hold another Buffet Party next year, the place and date have still to be finalised. The later time of mid-May has been suggested.

TOWN WALKS We have recently updated the popular sheet of 'Kingsbridge Town Walks' which is available from the Tourist Information Centre, Kingsbridge, price 15p.

JIGSAW PUZZLES STILL REQUIRED FOR THE HOUSEBOUND. Also childrens clothing with at least 6 months wear still in them, for needy families. Please contact Pam at Cliff Path or 'phone 810654.

ADVERTISEMENTS

RINGMORE POST OFFICE STORES SPECIAL OFFER TO 31 OCTOBER 1986 CHANGE TO SHELL BUTANE GAS FREE OF CHARGE (EXCEPT FOR GAS) AND ENJOY THE BENEFIT OF LOCAL FREE DELIVERY AVAILABLE EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK.

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DOES YOUR WILLOW PATTERN PLATE TELL THE WHOLE STORY???????

Two pigeons flying high,
Chinese vessel sailing by.

Weeping willow hanging o'er
Bridge with three men if not four.

Chinese temple here it stands
Seems to cover all the land.

Apple tree with apples on,
And a pretty fence to end my song.



THE MILLER

He who takes his grist to the Miller
May oft-times have to wait,
But his load will come back sometime
As sure as the hand of Fate.

"Though the mills of God grind slowly,
Yet they grind exceeding small".
The mills of the gods run ever,
They grind for good and all.

If hate is the grist you take to be ground,
Hate will come back to you,
For every account shall be settled,
No matter how long overdue.

The old mill stones keep turning,
They grind and grind and grind,
Whatever you take to the Miller
Will always come back in kind.

But if'tis love, friendship and kindly deeds
That you take up to the mills
Full measure in kind will come back to you
From the Miller beyond the hills.

Walter Hawkins