



We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the Newsletter in 1986. Without you there would not be a Newsletter. We would more than welcome articles, short or long. Other people are interested in what you get up to in your spare time or at work: but I'm afraid you won't get paid for your contribution. Another big thank you to our production and distribution team, your cheerful cooperation is very much appreciated.

We would all like to wish everyone a HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a safe journey if you are travelling.

No, 33 inches of rain did not fall in Ringmore in 5 days. It should have been 3 inches  $\frac{3}{8}$ th between 29 Sept. and 3 Nov. (See Nov. News Letter.)

RAINFALL between 3/11/86 and 30/11/86 was 5  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

B. B.

#### PARISH COUNCIL

Trees. The Parish Council will be planting beech trees this month along the grass verge at the approach to the village. Individual householders, who have ordered trees, are asked to collect them from "Hill Cottage" on the evening of Tuesday 9 December or during the day on 10 December. They should be planted as soon as possible after collection.

Footpaths. The Parish Council is to protest to the District Council about the lack of positive action in response to complaints about the muddy state of the footpaths, the need for a warning sign about cliff erosion and the pollution of the stream.

Water Ski-ing on the River Avon. The Parish Council has written to the Legal Department of the South Hams District Council objecting to a proposal that the area in which water ski-ing is allowed should be extended beyond Doctor's Wood.

Aveton Gifford By-Pass. A letter is to be sent to the County Engineer asking for the utmost priority to be given to work on the Aveton Gifford By-Pass. At present this is scheduled for 1992.

Bus Service. The Chairman of the Parish Council has agreed with the Western National Bus Company that passengers for Kingsbridge will not have to change buses at Harraton Cross. Instead they will change at Modbury and proceed by the Loddiswell bus.

Council Houses Gates. After representations by the Clerk, both gates to the Council Houses have been repaired.

#### Draft Electoral Roll

The draft electoral roll is on view on the notice boards in the parish. Parishioners are asked to check their own entries on the roll to ensure that they are correct. To date at least three errors have been identified. You have until 16 December to notify South Hams District Council of errors and omissions.

# PARISH CHURCH

## Church Services - Ringmore

7 December	9.00	Holy Communion	Fr. Sandeman	(Bible Sunday)
14 December	6.00	Evening Prayer	Mr. Boxwell	
21 December	9.30	Holy Communion	Prebendary Wedgewood	
25 December	9.45	Joint Christmas Communion Service at Bigbury		
		The Bishop of Plymouth.		
28 December	3.00	Carol Service		

## At the other Churches

	<u>Bigbury</u>		<u>Kingston</u>		
7 December	11.00	Fr. Sandeman (M.P.)	6.00	Mr. Boxwell	(E.P.)
14 December	11.00	Miss Sutherland (M.P.)	11.00	Rev. Alan Teage	(H.C.)
21 December	11.00	Carol Service	6.00	Mr. Edinburgh	(E.P.)
23 December			7.30 p.m.	Carol Service	
25 December	9.45	Joint Christmas Communion Service at Bigbury			
		The Bishop of Plymouth.			
28 December	11.00	Mr. Peters (M.P.)	9.30	Rev. J.K. Milburn	(H.C.)

## Time of Evensong.

Mr. Peters of Kingsbridge who took our evening service on Advent Sunday, is responsible for arranging lay readers for parishes who need them. In discussion after service, he said that it would be easier to get readers if we moved the time of evening service in the winter from 6.00 p.m. to perhaps 3.00 p.m. Initial response to this suggestion is favourable but it will be discussed at the P.C.C. on 9 December. Any reactions will be helpful.

## Carols

Carols are among the oldest of folk songs. The Oxford Book of Carols says that they "are songs with a religious impulse that are simple, hilarious, popular and modern". The word 'carol' probably comes from dancing - it used to mean to dance in a ring - and in this sense came into our language around 1300; It may even go back to the Greek "choraules" the flute player for chorus dancing and to "choros", originally a circling dance and the origin of the drama. In its early form, the leader sang the verse, the dancers standing still, then they sang the chorus as they moved in a circle, stamping or clapping when their hands were not linked, to mark the rhythm. If this impulse, movement and brisk rhythm is ignored, we lose much of the effect that carols should have. Carols were intended for all the seasons of the church year. The tune of 'Good King Wenceslas' is first found in a 13th century ms. set to a Spring carol in Latin with words beginning "The time of flowers is at hand"; unfortunately Dr. Neale's words have forced the tune out of its original, quick-moving, stamping measure. "Gabriel to Mary came" was a 14th century Advent hymn "Angelus ad virginem" known all across Europe and mentioned by Chaucer in 'The Miller's Tale' as being sung by Nicholas, the Clerk of Oxenforde. When sung buoyantly and with gaiety as it should be, we can realise why it is one of the greatest European songs. Until perhaps the last century, carols celebrating Christmas were not sung until the feast of Christmas, that is the twelve days from Christmas to Epiphany (6 January) so don't put your carol books away too quickly.

## SOUTH HAMS SOCIETY

The South Hams Society, which planted primroses along the grass verge opposite "Westbury" in 1984 has, this year, planted 100 wild daffodil bulbs on the Town Well. On Saturday 10 January at 2.30 p.m., the South Hams Society is having a Cream Tea at West Charleton Village Hall. There will be an illustrated talk on "Dartmoor - A Region of Conflict" by Mr. E. R. Vinnicombe - and it will be a good opportunity to meet other members. Admission will be £1 - including the tea. It is hoped that a number of our Ringmore members will come. Car sharing can be arranged. Tickets will be available at the door or, in advance, from us at "Hill Cottage". A. Bennett N. Hilton

## RINGMORE W.I.

Theatre Outing. Here is your chance to see the worlds greatest musical EVITA at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth on Wednesday 11 March 1987. Tickets including coach from

Ringmore £9.80. Pay £5 on booking and £4.80 in January. Tickets limited - so hurry and BOOK NOW with Suzanne at Post Office.

Christmas Party. The members Christmas Party will be on Friday 12 December at the Journeys End Inn. Our entertainer will be Dave Wilkins with guitar singing favourite folk songs. Tickets to include a choice of hot or cold buffet are £4.25. Members please contact Myra Eddy on Bigbury-on-Sea 810203 if you have not already booked.

#### ERME & AVON FLOWER CLUB

As from Tuesday 27 January 1987 monthly meetings will be held every 4th Tuesday at the Memorial Hall, St. Ann's Chapel at 10.00 a.m. Admission members 50p Non members 70p. There will be a demonstration at each meeting. Sales table, coffee and biscuits, raffle. New members and friends welcome.

#### A warning to Gardeners!!!

A menace that has become a threat to our gardens and indeed to the man himself has over the last few years appeared in our gardens in ever increasing numbers. It is usually female and has its hand permanently clasped round secateurs or a pruning knife, or both. The name of this phenomenon is the Flower Arranger. As a gardener of old may have remarked 'Shee that would have posies is a sore tryall to the good husbandman of his garden'. Gardeners of old must have cut "strewing herbs" from their gardens, but these were essential to mix with straw as early "carpets" to deter mice, flees and lice. As femaletraps (male=mantrap) are now illegal it is essential not to allow the P.F.A. loose in the garden on its own. Another way of minimising the damage is to make sure the flowers last as long as possible before <sup>any</sup> ~~foray~~ <sup>is</sup> carried out. Tips regarding making flowers last longer can be obtained from the ERME & AVON FLOWER CLUB. (See above).

Life begins at 40, or so they say.  
40 years, that magic figure,  
Is an age thats set to trigger  
A future, that, when you recall  
The laughs and loves, they will not pall:  
But the sad moments they will fade  
As the chances that you have taken,  
Mature, and you may awaken more content, with less desire.  
But, make sure you do not lose your fire!  
Life begins at 40, or so they say.

#### MEALS ON WHEELS

As some of you know, we shall be leaving the district early next year therefore I can no longer be involved with the Ringmore and Bigbury Team. From 1 December the organisation will be in the capable and experienced hands of Molly Trueman, Tel. 810575. Thank you all so much for your continuing, kindly support of those who need the service. It has been so nice to work with you, and may it go on from strength to strength!

Margaret Messervy

#### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

The total raised this year was £853-75 which is £140 more than was raised last year a remarkable performance. When you take into account that the total electoral roll for the three parishes of Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore is less than 900 the wonderful generosity of the parishioners is fully appreciated. Truly those who gave so much are not being forgotten.

G.P.E.

When you go home  
Tell them of us, and say  
For their tomorrow  
We gave our today.

#### Royal British Legion Meeting

The January meeting of the mens section of the RBL will be held at the Journeys End Inn on Friday 9 January at 7.30 p.m.

### INTER PARISH QUIZ

Ringmore are again entering a team in the Inter-Parish Quiz. This time they are drawn away to Diptford and then home to Diptford, both to take place during January, the winner of the accumulated results to go forward to the next round in February. Dates are yet to be arranged. Mr. Bill Warne of Trewarne has undertaken to be manager of the team and is looking for eager volunteers to form a team. If possible he would like two ladies and two gents with at least one reserve, so please don't hesitate to get in touch with him on Bigbury-on-Sea 810214 as soon as possible certainly no later than mid December.

### Ringmore Historical Society

The next open meeting will be on Thursday 19 February at 7.30 p.m. in the W.I. Hall when the slides of Old Ringmore will be shown. An open meeting for 9 April is also planned when there will be a talk on "Domesday and Devon", if we can get a competent speaker. The Committee meets on the 1st Wednesday in the even months i.e. 4 February: 1 April: etc. It is hoped that these dates will not clash with the meetings of other village organisations.

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