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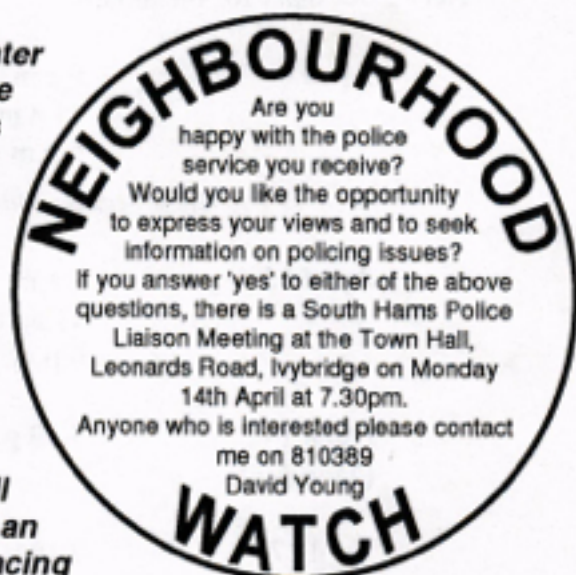
The initial meeting of the group formed to carry out the Village Appraisal, which was arranged for 26th March, did not take place owing to a misunderstanding over the starting time. It has been re-arranged for Tuesday 15th April to start at 7.00pm in the WI Hall

A new fortnightly children's group will start on Friday 11th April in the Church Hall. There will be Games, Stories and various 'Goings-on' but the organisers would welcome support from anyone who feels able to give a little time to demonstrate a hobby or to give a brief talk about a particular subject, an event, a visit, a meeting with someone the children would be aware of or anything which would hold their interest. If you can help please ring Jackie or Michael Tagent on 810520

This month's Beach Clean deserves a mention. The winter storms had deposited a mountain of rubbish in the Cove but a sterling effort by a dozen or more villagers has removed every trace in time for Easter. Well done! Many thanks from everyone who, for one reason or another, was unable to help.

Apologies for omitting a notice about the sale of logs at the Church from last month's pages. Space defeated us and in juggling a number of items, the Ad was inadvertently dropped.

Has the time has come to get a Water Butt? The rainfall to date in '97 is approximately 5½" compared with an average for '94, '95 and '96 of 15". Could we be facing restrictions?



APRIL DIARY

WEDNESDAYS: Step Aerobics Church Hall 8.30pm
THURSDAYS: Quiz Night JE 9.00pm
2nd Bigbury YC Coffee Morning at Korniloff, Bigbury on Sea 10.30am
4th GIN - Music Night at the JE
5th Conservative Assn Coffee Morning 10.30 Sedgewell Sands, Bigbury-on-Sea
10th WI Meeting 7.30pm Guest welcome 8.15pm
11th Friday Club, Church Hall 5.30pm-6.45pm
13th WI Group Meeting - Loddisswell
14th SH Police Liaison Meeting - Town Hall, Ivybridge at 7.30pm
15th Village Appraisal Meeting 7.00pm WI Hall
22nd Annual Parish Meeting 7.00pm WI Hall
11th Friday Club, Church Hall 5.30pm-6.45pm
25,26,27th Beer Festival at the JE

DEADLINE Friday 25th April

Mobile Library

April
Dates:- 1st, 15th & 29th
St Ann's Chapel
11.10 - 11.30
Challaborough
1.50 - 2.00
Ringmore Church
2.05 - 2.40
Kingston Fire Station
3.00 - 4.00



The National Trust

is inviting applications from vendors of ice cream and refreshments to be sited at Ayrmer Cove this summer. The successful applicant will also be responsible for keeping the beach clear of rubbish.

Applications should be made in person to the National Trust Officer who will be at the Cove between 9.00am and midday on 1st April.

Parish Church of All Hallows, Ringmore



Another exciting meeting

Well, they have to be, these Annual General Meetings. In the Church, as usual, they are different: we have two, one after the other. The first is the Annual Vestry Meeting, at which the Churchwardens are elected. Immediately following is the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, at which annual financial and other reports are heard and, one hopes, accepted, and a third of the Parochial Church Council is elected or re-elected. April is the month for these, and you are very warmly invited to attend and, if you are on the electoral roll, use your vote. Why not get in practice before May 1st, when others, locally and nationally, would like your support?

Here's our diary for the month:

April 6	9 a.m.	Kingston	<i>(Holy Communion, BCP)</i>
	11 a.m.	Ringmore	<i>(Worship at Eleven)</i>
	6 p.m.	Bigbury	<i>(Evening Prayer, BCP)</i>

(These Services will all be led by the Team Rector, the Revd. John Cole)

April 13	9 a.m.	Ringmore	<i>(Holy Communion, ASB)</i>
	11 a.m.	Bigbury	<i>(Worship at Eleven)</i>
	6 p.m.	Kingston	<i>(Evening Prayer, BCP)</i>

April 14 (Monday) 7.30 p.m. Annual Meetings for St. Lawrence, Bigbury at The Small House, Easton

April 17 (Thursday) 7.30 p.m. "Seeing the Bible Whole": 11th Seminar Evening in the Memorial Hall, Aveton Gifford

April 20	9 a.m.	Bigbury	<i>(Holy Communion, ASB)</i>
	11 a.m.	Kingston	<i>(Worship at Eleven)</i>
	6 p.m.	Ringmore	<i>(Evening Prayer, BCP)</i>

April 21 (Monday) 7.30 p.m. Annual Meetings for All Hallows, Ringmore in the Church Hall

April 24 (Thursday) 7.30 p.m. Annual Meetings for St. James. Kingston in the Church

April 27	9 a.m.	Ringmore	<i>(Holy Communion, BCP)</i>
	11 a.m.	Bigbury	<i>(Communion at Eleven)</i>
	6 p.m.	Kingston	<i>(Evening Prayer, ASB)</i>

Journey's End Journal

Events taking place at The Inn this month are:

Quiz Night each Thursday at 9.00pm. The last Quiz before the summer recess will be on 22nd May and we will recommence in September.

We are holding a Beer Festival on Friday 25th, Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th when we will be open all day. Our theme for the festival will be seasonal, e.g.

Adnams - Mayday
Brains - Summer Ale
Dorothy Goodbody - Springtime
Hopback - Summer Lightning

Practice sessions nightly ---no appointment necessary!

Live Music on Friday 4th April - GIN



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Mon - Sat 11.30am - 3.00pm & 6.00pm - 11.00pm
Sun Noon - 10.30pm

Last time for ordering food
Lunch 2.00pm Dinner 9.00pm



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

At a very well attended March meeting, Gordon Waterhouse and Brian Ashby guided us with words and pictures around Andrew's Wood near Loddiswell. The wood has grown up over the last 100 years as ancient farmland and is now maintained by the Devon Wildlife Trust. It is a haven for a wide range of plant species including mosses, lichens, fungi and wild flowers and for birds, butterflies, moths and reptiles.

Brian Ashby's slides, built up over the 20 years he has been visiting the wood, were stunning. The photos of nesting birds and their young were particularly lovely. Taking them involved creating ingenious hides. When a woodpecker nested high in a tree, the hide had to be equally high and was built on scaffolding.

Gordon Waterhouse was the amusing and informed speaker. He brought every plant and animal to life.

Margaret Wood gave a vote of thanks and, on behalf of us all, wished Mr Waterhouse a long and happy retirement from his position as Headmaster of Modbury School. Arrangements for transport for the Loddiswell Group Meeting on 17th April starting at 7.30pm, will be arranged on 10th April. On that date, please would members bring photographs for the Group Meeting competition entry.

After normal business on 10th April, Jonathan Stanesby will show slides of India. Guests are welcome at 8.15pm.

The next fund-raising event which the Ringmore WI will hold is a guided walk around Ringmore, ending with a Cream Tea in the WI Hall, in aid of the Children's Hospice South West. The guided walks will start at 2.00pm and 3.00pm from the WI Hall and will be led by a member of the Historical Society. The Cream Tea will be served from 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

Jill Rooney

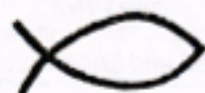
TEN YEARS AGO . . .

The Parish Council determined to write to the Department of the Environment urging the speedy adoption of the proposed bye-law to control water eking on the River Avon.

Questions were raised about powerful street lights in Challaborough. Any details?

The Parish Emergency Team continued to prepare for Doomsday.

Pam Brunskill's glasses were found!



Coming shortly . . .

Friday Club

for everyone aged 5 to 11

Ringmore Church Hall

from 5.30 to 6.45 p.m

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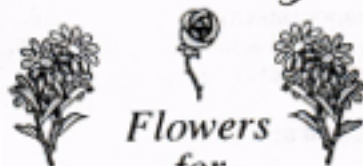


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RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on 18th March. Present: 6 Parish Councillors, District Councillor and 3 members of the Public. Apologies received from Rob Batten.

Blackberry Lane

A promise has been made that it will be cleared by the end of April. The council would like to encourage people to walk the lane, if only to keep the weeds down. The path is shown on the adjacent map.

Rumble Strips

These are now in place at Challaborough and the damaged ones in Ringmore will soon be attended to.

District Council

Mr Anstey, our District Councillor, reported on how the amount of Council Tax we have to pay was calculated. He was very informative and answered certain questions of the councillors.

Planning

Higher Manor Farm - an application for Conservation Area consent for partial demolition of a small building at the entrance, in order to improve visibility, was submitted. The Council had no objection.

Next Meeting

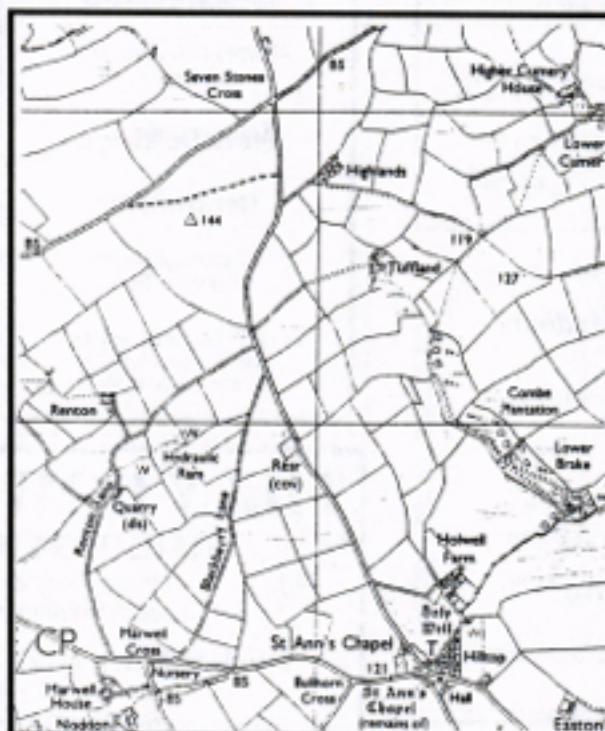
Please note that the usual meeting of the Parish Council in April will not be held unless urgently required but The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd April at 7.30pm. Sir Simon Day and Mr Trevor Smales from SHDC have received invitations to talk to us. Everyone is cordially invited to be there. We hope there will be a good attendance.

Thelma Mann

STOP PRESS - Blackberry Lane

I was informed on 25th March, by Heritage Coast Service, that Blackberry Lane has been cleared of the rubbish - walkers and horse riders please note.

Adrian Muller
Footpath Warden



March solution

5776=76	1521=39
7569=87	1225=35
9216=96	1849=43
3136=56	6889=83
3364=58	1681=41
7225=85	7396=86
4489=67	8649=93
1369=37	1936=44

Total of square roots =
 $\sqrt{1026} = 32$

All entries this month were correct. Was it really just tiresome, having to wade through the various squares or did someone work it out? It doesn't matter as everyone wins 3 points plus a bonus of 1. Standings will be published in June.

April

This month's word puzzle is a quest for words with double letters. Before you plough through the dictionary or, worse still, run them through the computer, try a little brain power!

--- B B ---	--- D D ---
--- E E ---	--- G G ---
--- H H ---	--- K K ---
--- L L ---	--- N N ---
--- R R ---	--- S S ---
--- T T ---	--- Z Z ---

There is a bonus for one word with three contiguous pairs of letters.

Ringmore Historical Society

On 12th March, the Society was treated to an interesting talk by the chairman's son, John Grimshaw, on the work of the charity Sustrans. Its object is to nurture a sustainable transport system and to this end they are installing a network of cycle paths across the country. They hope that with the aid of a lottery grant of approximately £42 million they will complete the chain of routes by early in the next century.

The proposed visit to Drogo Castle has been deferred until May in the hope that the weather will be warmer. Details will appear in the May Newsletter.

John Parry, Hon Sec

Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery

The programme for March, April and May includes two exhibitions on Wildlife, Contemporary Prints, the City & the Sea and Laszlo Acs. People in Ringmore may be particularly interested to see the overall winner of the annual photography exhibition organised by the Natural History Museum and BBC Wildlife Magazine, the subject being 'Badger Running' by Jason Venus. It runs from 15th March to 19th April.

All for free: Tuesday - Friday 10.00am - 5.30pm
(except 28th March)
Saturday and Bank Holiday Monday - 10.00am - 5.00pm

Belated WELCOME

to
Susan and David Brearey
who have moved to
Marwell House from
Aveton Gifford
with their three children
Eleanor, Sophie and
Giles.



Inter Parish Quiz

Sickness forced changes to our team for the return leg at Brixton but unfortunately, our luck was no better. We were well beaten by a superior team and so we can now concentrate on the Ken West Plate!

The first match is in fact a semi-final and we have been drawn against Diptford and Ermington in a three-way competition. The winners will be the team which scores the most points. The match will take place at Diptford Village Hall during the week commencing 21st April. When known, the date will be advertised. The team would welcome support from anyone who wishes to make the journey.

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It only costs a penny to be rid of badgers

"There were some queer looks from the female side of the family - perhaps they were jealous - but we have carrots", writes a grateful H S Poole from Bridport in Dorset.

Mr Poole, a keen gardener and reluctant martyr to badgers, was inspired by an item in Parish Pump and, in a desperate attempt to deter Mr Brock and friends from destroying his garden, liberally hosed his vegetable plot with male urine. "I've tried it and it works", he confirms, having aimed his regular offensive 'a few yards from the carrot line'.

Sadly, this organic method of deterrence is unlikely to catch on locally due to the animal-loving habits of those Mr Poole believes are incoming retired townies who "interfere with nature".

As he complains, "The local badger population has never had it so good, with nightly offerings of bread, vegetables and other kitchen waste."

Thus Mr Poole must be eternally vigilant - and hope his pipes don't freeze. "I missed three days with the deterrent and the badgers had a go but not enough to do any lasting damage," he says.

This excerpt was published first in the Sunday Telegraph under 'Parish Pump'. It has been sent in by James Parkin.

Julie and the BIGBURY FUN RUN 31st May 1997

Julie Linzell, Jane Pitt and Dave & Lyn of Old School Cottage, are planning to take part in the FUN RUN in aid of the Ringmore Fireworks Fund. Anyone else who wishes to join them would be welcome. If you want to have some fun and do something towards 5th November, have a word with Julie.

Sponsorship forms will be available later.

Here's one I made earlier . . .

from
Sebastian Shephard

If you want to go green but can't make or afford a wooden compost bin, Blue Peter have come up with an inexpensive and simple-to-make alternative. You will need:-

- 4 5ft or 1.5 metres canes
- 1 2 yards or 2 metres of rigid green plastic mesh
- 1 length of string

Make the mesh into a cylindrical shape, overlapping by about 2 inches or 5 cm and secure with string at the top, middle and bottom and insert four canes between the mesh. Drive the canes into the ground to form the compost container. Start the compost heap with a thick layer of newspaper around the sides and fill with grass and plant cuttings. Carry on topping-up the heap with more plant refuse and vegetable waste from the kitchen.



Bigbury Youth Club

We had a very successful Easter Party which has resulted in lots of 'Thank you' letters and some very kind donations. 'Thank you' to the shops and pubs who provided a raffle prize, to the Mums and Dads for raffle prizes and the splendid tea, to Shane Edgcombe and Andrew Troup for Bingo, to Mervyn from Bigbury Court Farmhouse for the teatime serenade and to Joanne Peace and 'me' for the entertainment. Last but not least, 'Thanks' to the Youth Club members for all their hard work and to the Committee members who worked so tirelessly backstage and in the kitchen.

On March 18th, WPC Williams came to the Youth Club to talk to the members about being a police woman in the community and about Street Safety. After 9.00pm, when the younger members had gone home, there was a detailed viewing of all illegal drugs and information was given on their affect: a very informative evening.

I would like to apologise to Brian Hughes who provided the New Year's Eve donation and, not as we thought, Bigbury Fair Committee. Sorry Brian and thank you.

Youth Club will be open on April 1st but NOT on April 8th. April 2nd - Coffee Morning at Korniloff - 10.30am by kind permission of Mrs Jean Drinkwater.

Linda Patterson

Bigbury Youth Club

Don't forget to apply
for tickets for the
OVER 60's PARTY
May 8th

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SATURDAY 3 MAY 1997

*Guided Walk of historical interest around Ringmore
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Tax Planning

The tax planning opportunities at the end of the tax year on 5 April 1997 are this year heightened by the anticipated change in government on 1 May 1997.

Mortgages

If you are having difficulty obtaining a mortgage to move house, we may be able to obtain non-status mortgages through our independent Financial Advisor Christopher Bacon of Alton Associates (regulated by FIMBRA).

Investments

PEPs/TESSAs

Spare cash can be invested long term (at least 5 years) in a PEP (Personal Equity Plan) or TESSA (Tax Exempt Special Savings Account) with exemption from income tax and capital gains tax. You can invest each year:-

£6,000 in a general PEP & £3,000 in a single company PEP.

You can make a £3,000 initial investment and £1,800 annual investment, up to a maximum of £9,000 in a TESSA.

Pensions

If you wish to carry back pension tax relief to 1995/96, the deadline for payment of the premium is 5 April 1997. Please allow a few days for the post and because 5 April is a Saturday in 1997.

Inheritance Tax

If you are considering gifts, the annual exemption can be used of £3,000 per annum and £250 small gift exemption. A Labour government may re-introduce a lifetime tax to replace the current PET regime so inheritance tax planning should be considered now.

Capital Gains Tax

Gains are exempt up to £6,300 in the year ended 5 April 1997 but the annual exemption must be used by 5 April for gains in 1996/97. An individual's annual exemption is £6,500 for 1997/98.

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

The Inland Revenue are imposing a stricter interpretation of self employment on workers in the construction industry as from 6 April 1997. The rules for determining whether a worker is self employed or employed will particularly affect labour only sub-contractors, even though they are working short term or on a casual basis for more than one employer.

The tests for deciding if a worker is employed are set out in the Inland Revenue's booklet which differentiates the degree of control and responsibility a person has over equipment and how the work is costed and done.

The disadvantages of employment are the increased taxes and administration regulations with which an employer must comply. An employer will need to account under PAYE for the employee's tax and national insurance deducted from gross salary, plus the employer's national insurance contribution of up to 10% of gross earnings. The employee will usually be unable to claim as many expenses under the stricter Schedule E rules which will increase their tax and national insurance payable to the Inland Revenue.

The consequences of making the wrong decision about a worker's tax status is that the employer could be liable to tax and NIC retrospectively as from 6 April 1997 if there is evidence of evasion. It is important to review the employment status of your own sub-contractors so action can be taken where possible to reduce the impact of these rules on your business.

VAT SCALE CHARGE

Self Assessment

The Inland Revenue have issued new forms and changed procedures without a lot of warning to either accountants or to Inland Revenue staff, but we expect the system to become clearer from the new tax year.

1997 Tax Return

The new self assessment forms should arrive from 6 April 1997, but do not require to be filed until 31 January 1998 when automatic penalties will apply to late returns. We already have our new software in place to prepare tax returns on our computer system for electronic filing with the Inland Revenue in due course.

Tax Planning

There is scope to consider a change of accounting date closer to 5 April to minimise taxation of large profits under the transitional provisions. This change is subject to anti-avoidance provisions, tighter administrative deadlines and cashflow disadvantages if profits are rising.

Payments on Account

A claim to the Inland Revenue to reduce payments on account for 1996/97 can be made up to January 1998. Interest and penalties may arise where the claim is not valid. If your tax payable for 1995/96 is less than £500 the Inland Revenue will not seek payments on account for 1996/97 until 31 January 1998.

Record Keeping

The new rules for record keeping under self assessment are already in effect. There is an obligation under tax law to keep satisfactory records for at least 12 months (personal) and at least 5 years (business) after the tax year's last filing date of 31 January.

Are you claiming VAT input tax on fuel for your motor car? The table below shows the revised scale charges and the output tax payable each accounting period. You must use the new scales from the start of your first accounting period beginning on or after 6 April 1997.

3 month period				1 month period			
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Scale charge diesel	VAT due per car	Scale charge petrol	VAT due per car	Scale charge diesel	VAT due per car	Scale charge petrol	VAT due per car
185.00	27.35	200.00	29.78	61.00	9.08	66.00	9.82
185.00	27.35	252.00	37.53	61.00	9.08	84.00	12.51
235.00	35.00	372.00	55.40	78.00	11.61	124.00	18.46

Employers

Employers will need to provide more information to staff. There will be new deadlines for supplying employees and the Inland Revenue with information from 6 April 1997 for the 1996/97 tax year:-

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| 19 May | Forms P35/P14 and SC35 must be submitted to the Inland Revenue. |
| 31 May | Form P60 must be given to employees. |
| 6 July | Form P11D must be submitted to the Inland Revenue and the same information provided to the employee. |

Penalties will be automatic for late or incorrect returns. There will be a maximum penalty of £3,000 for incorrect forms P11D and P60 and initial penalties of £300 per form and up to £60 per day for continuing failure to provide forms P11D.

Business Miles

Directors and higher paid employees who wish to reduce their car benefits should ensure documentation is available to claim either 2,500 business miles or 18,000 business miles.

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