

# UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

April 2013



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Garden Club *Anne Holway*

Our next meeting will be at 8:00 pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April in the Old Post Office, when Barry Phillips will be giving a talk entitled 'From Kew to Cornwall'.



Ceremonial flying of the Flag.

The flag will be flown on the following occasions-

<u>April 21<sup>st</sup></u>	<i>Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II</i>
<u>April 23<sup>rd</sup></u>	<i>St. George's Day</i>

**Bittaford Village Hall**

The Bittaford Village Hall AGM will be held at 7pm on the 8<sup>th</sup> May. Everyone is welcome!

**Coffee Drop-In Centre**

**10,30am-Noon every Thursday morning in Ugborough Church**

**Post office available 10am-12 noon**

Why not meet up with friends and neighbours over coffee, tea, cake & biscuits?

Everyone welcome.

Ugborough Parish Walking Group- *Merryl Docker*

Spring is out there waiting to surprise us (I hope). A few flowers are cling on to the banks through the wind, rain and frost. Come and join **Sunday 7th April - 10.45am in Ugborough Square** for a wander beautiful parish to look for signs of hope of better weather and longer days. Optimists very welcome especially with dogs with waggy tails.



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For more details of our Parish rights of way please contact Merryl Docker (01752 893651) or Tom Holway (01752 941872)

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Bo Peep's crook has been found! Thanks to Shelley Johns who discovered it tucked away in the church! I am very grateful to her for it.

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Many thanks, Sue Prowse (Bo Peep)  
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Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School *Naomi Williams*

We hope everyone had a pleasant Easter break. Last month we had fun on Red Nose Day when children were invited to come in dressed in their pyjamas which raised £24 in donations for Comic Relief. Also we would like to say "Thank you" to Matt and Emily Fairclough for hosting the pre-schools Easter egg hunt in their gardens at Ugborough House.

It will soon be the start of a new summer term, when we will be making the most of the hopefully improving weather during April by planting seeds such as sunflowers and growing potatoes and carrots and a selection of other vegetables. On Friday mornings, we will be continuing our focus for the older children. This will support and extend the development of their listening and attention skills, helping to prepare them for the start of school in September. This gives the opportunity for our younger children to enjoy their time in a smaller group with specialised activities suitable for their needs, to help encourage their communication skills and build confidence and self-esteem. Pre-school will be closed on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May as the village hall will be used for Polling Day.

Our rural pre-school, which was officially judged by OFSTED as "Outstanding" in March 2011, welcomes children from all over the area from 2 years old to school age and we offer 15hrs of funded childcare for 3 and 4 year olds. We offer two free taster sessions which enable you and your child the time to settle in to a new environment and meet the highly qualified and experienced staff members who will provide a fun, caring and happy experience for each individual. Our opening hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9am to 3pm and Tuesday and Friday 9am to 12.45pm, term time only. For further information please contact either Tania or Naomi on 07763 215455. Likewise, the Toddler Group meets on Monday between 10am and 11.30am phone Sara on 07739 826422 for Toddler Group enquiries.

**Whist Drive** In Aid of St. Peter's Church  
At Ugborough Village Hall on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm  
Entry £3.00 Raffle & Refreshments

Ugborough Pannier Market *Detha Saunders and Vici Hemming*

A meeting to plan a possible fortnightly local produce market along the lines of Sustainable Ermington. Please come along to The Ship at 8pm on Monday 22nd April. If you can't attend, or would just like to express interest and/or ideas, please email [market@mondopeople.org](mailto:market@mondopeople.org)

The Beacon Federation     *Executive Headteacher - Mrs. Jane Byrne*

Ugborough Primary School.

March 15<sup>th</sup> was Red Nose Day and we are pleased to announce that mufti donations and the KS1 cake sale raised a total of £183.36 for this good cause. Money raised saves thousands from malaria in Africa and provides communities with fresh water and life saving vaccines. A big thank you to the children in Key Stage 1 for their superb baking and, of course, to parents for all your support.

Children have been really busy with many different activities including art, cooking and sport. The Watermark Concert was an outstanding success and we are very proud, as no doubt you are, of each and every child's achievements. A big thank you to staff for all their hard work to make this event a hit, especially Lucy French, Gemma Crudge and Lucy Perry and to parents for your continued support. The collection for the Make a Wish Foundation raised £387.31!

Children took part in a Cross Country event at Ivybridge Rugby Club recently and whilst we were not placed there were some good individual results - well done to everyone who took part. Unfortunately the Football Tournament at ICC was cancelled due to the weather - we hope this will be reinstated at a later date.

#### **Parental Questionnaires**

Thank you very much to everyone who completed our recent Parents' Questionnaire which was conducted in both Ermington and Ugborough. More than half of each school's families responded which was really helpful. We have also conducted a survey of staff and pupil views and the Governors have begun to consider the results.

We look forward to seeing you again on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April!

#### **CHERNOBYL CHARITY SEEKS HOST FAMILIES**

Would you like to host two 9/10 year old children from Belarus for two weeks this summer? The Totnes and South Hams Link of national charity Chernobyl Children's Lifeline is once again bringing a group of ten children over to the UK to give them a month's respite care in a clean and healthy environment. The dates are either 14 -28 July or 28 July- 11 August. On previous visits, families have found hosting these children to be a rewarding and enriching experience.

For more details please contact Chair Sue Wyeth on 01548-821201 or Vice Chair Ian McClure on 01548-830578.

Ugborough Local History Group- Merryl Docker

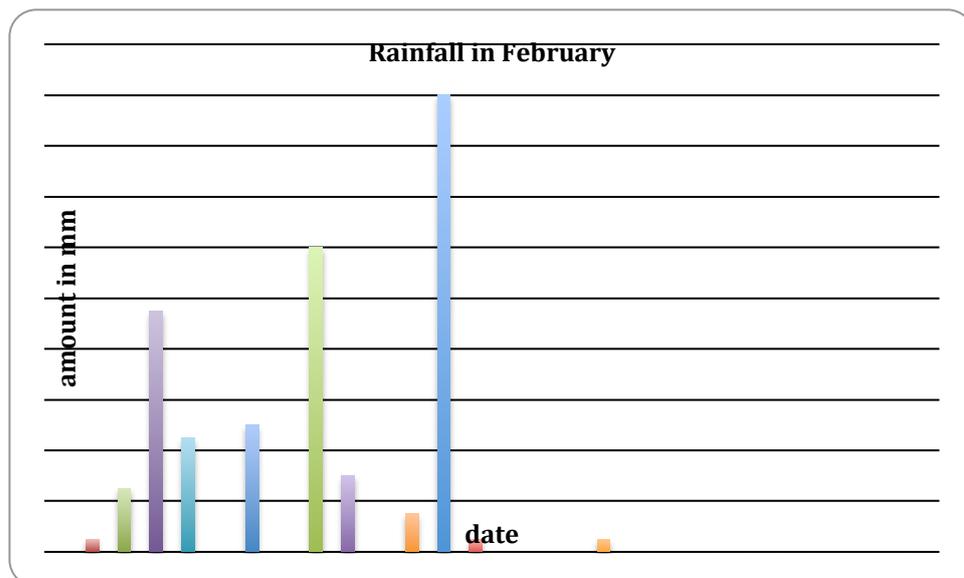
We are going to be very much 'home grown' this month! Please come and join us, even if you have never been to a History Group meeting before

**Wed 24th April, 8.00pm in Ugborough Village Hall** for a talk by Dr. Robert Perrin, ably assisted by well known local farmers George Beable, David Johns and Bill Hoskins. We are straying slightly from history and into geology and geography with Robert's talk on "**The Geology of Ugborough and its farming through the ages**". Robert has carried out extensive research into the geology of our unique parish, spanning half into granite moorland and half into lush lowland pasture, our farmers will be discussing how this affects the land, what can and cannot be grown and farming methods old and new. This is likely to be a most unusual and fascinating journey into Ugborough's very land.

As usual members free, visitors just £1 on the door, tea and coffee will be served. We look forward to seeing you all.

Rainfall at West Cannamore, Ugborough, 510 ft. above sea level

Thanks to Len Wakeham for this valuable record.



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rainfall for month- 57.5mm, 2.26 ins.

Ivybridge U3A - Doreen Flood

The general meeting of Ivybridge U3A for April 2013 will be on Monday April 22nd at 2.00pm in the Methodist Church Fore Street, Ivybridge.

The speaker will be Ian Wintersgill on Slavery 1813 -2013.

Ivybridge and District Inter Parish Quiz. Tom Holway)

The Ugborough team had a convincing win over Bigbury in the first round of the Ken West Plate, scoring 115 points to their 87.

Ugborough now goes on to play Diptford in the Semi-final which will take place in Ugborough Village Hall at 8:00 pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. Come and support your team.

Lupridge Singers' Concert

*Mass in C (Coronation Mass) - Mozart, Nelson Mass - Haydn*

Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2013 at 7.30 pm in St. George's Church, Modbury

Tickets: £8 in advance, £10 at the door including a soft drink or glass of wine.

In advance from Pickles of Modbury, and members of the choir.

Bittaford At Its Best!

We are looking for more people who can help us make Bittaford look at its best! We are a small informal group who meet on the **first Saturday of each month at 10am by the viaduct**. We cut back weeds, tidy up rubbish and will, as the spring arrives, plant flowers. There is no need for any experience just a willingness to join in. If you have gloves, a trowel or a fork to bring along that's great. There is no committee just an informal group who enjoy meeting up and making Bittaford look better. We hope you can join us. If you have any queries, please contact Sue on 01752 690130.

Ugborough Annual Parish Meeting

out about and have your say on local issues affecting you.

Come along to the Ugborough Annual Parish Meeting at Bittaford Community Hall on Thursday 25th April at 7.30pm

Speaker: Peter Dale, SHDC Emergency Planning Officer

Responding to flood, snow & ice, Community Safety Partnership Neighbourhood Watch, Neighbourhood Planning - affordable housing - police - highways, local services - environment - recreation facilities. This is your chance to be involved in your Parish. Make the most of it! **Need a lift? Call George Beable on 01364 649273**



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**TABLE TOP SALE** St. Peter's Church, Ugborough

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April from 10.30am-1.00pm

Refreshments and soup lunch available

Tables £6, no traders, pre booking only. Enquiries to Sally 01752 691525



**Your Stars Tonight.....**

Is suffering from post decorative stress and lack of clear skiesitis.  
Back next month!

Beryl's Bookworms - Sue Johns

The Midwife's Daughter by Patricia Ferguson was our March Book. Set in the early twentieth century, the story is centred on the adoption of a mixed race child by an unqualified midwife. The story tracks the child growing up with the inevitable curiosity and prejudices of the rural England of that era. Various subplots contrive to tackle many issues from the regulating of midwifery to the horrific effect of the First World War on the community.



We were divided as ever in our opinion of this book. Some of us felt the characters were well drawn and interesting - enhancing the storyline, resulting in an engrossing read. Conversely some of us considered the book mediocre, and some anomalies in the plot failed to tie up the loose ends satisfactorily.

It was interesting that despite a tragic twist towards the end of the book none of us were moved to tears.....!

Marks out of 5 ranged from 2 to  $4\frac{1}{2}$  - with an average of  $3\frac{1}{4}$

Next month: The Woodcutter by Reginald Hill.

*(This story was set in Cornwall and revived interesting memories for one member of her first seeing Emperor Haile Selassie's granddaughter in Penzance, where she went to school. Coincidentally an article and correspondence about this has been recently published in the Western Morning News.)*

Ugborough Village Hall- Stafford Williams

Thanks go to the grants that the Hall has now received from the Fair Committee, Parish Council and SHDC to help us upgrade to a bigger oven in the kitchen. Once sourced, the oven should be installed during a break in the school terms and it will greatly improve the opportunities for catering in the Hall.

The main hall will be occupied as a polling station from 6am until 10pm on the 2nd May so regular hirers will need to make other arrangements on that Thursday.

A recent audit of the Hall inventory revealed that among the usual losses due to breakage there were a number of items missing, presumed borrowed. If you happen to know the whereabouts of 34 matching white dinner plates, 25 wine glasses, 2 large white jugs, a large metal teapot and a brown crockery teapot please either return them to the Hall or let one of the committee know what has happened to them.

### SPORTS REPORT - Janner Motson

It has been a wet couple of months and there has been somewhat sporadic sport. The athletes have been doing sportshall and cross-country with some locals really impressing at various age groups. The footballers have missed lots of action, but the U8s have been indoors doing Futsal, the game the Brazilians use to be the best. This has really improved them all, ready to return to the mud and they had a great day playing Ivybridge last week - honours pretty even.

The cricketers are deep in winter training at the leisure centre on Sundays and rumour has it that the gentlemen of the village have an 8-match Test Series planned for the summer. The rugby players continue to thrive, although mostly at the junior ages as few seem to play into the old age that is 16. Netball is still very big in the community although SPORTS REPORT reporters seem to miss it all - Ugborough girls are reputedly doing very well at ICC and County level.

Elsewhere, the swimming ladies are planning their next marathon, which I don't believe is a euphemism for chocolate bar! We will also see the return of the winter sports fans shortly: the skiers, boarders, drinkers, lying in archairers, walking the dog if it not raining too muchers.

If your family is not involved in local sport it is worth exploring the options, particularly getting the kids to play with others in the village. Many have grown up doing sport together and are better citizens as a result, but they also contribute so much to the life of the Village.

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I'm afraid my report is only going to tell half the story, as it is being prepared before the Parish Council Meeting! In order to enable the Clerk to go away on her well-earned holiday, the Meeting was deferred for a week - which means it misses the Newsletter deadline. The Clerk is also moving house on the day of the meeting, so may be too preoccupied to put 'pen to paper'.

The Police Report identified only one crime of note in February - theft of tools from a building site. Advice was given on securing all windows and doors, even when you are at home. Expensive items, such as laptops and mobile phones, should be kept away from clear view of windows. More advice on how to mark your property and protect your home is given on [www.devon-cornwall.police.uk](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk).

The Ugborough Police Surgery/Drop in will be held in Ugborough Church on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 13.30-14.30 and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 10.30-11.30.

Planning applications to be considered at the meeting include:

Change of use of agricultural land to mixed use agricultural/residential garden amenity space at Land adjacent The Four Shippen, Filham; and installation of temporary anemometer mast at Dunwell Farm. Parish Council comments on these applications will be displayed in the minutes, which will be available on the Parish Council website and the noticeboards.

Dartmoor National Park Authority is due for another shake-up. The consultation deadline for planning applications is to be reduced to 21 days. And there are proposals to change the governance of National Parks, including the possibility of directly elected members. For full details - and your opportunity to respond to the proposals - go to [www.defra.gov.uk/consult/open/](http://www.defra.gov.uk/consult/open/)

The Devon Tag Rugby Festival is to take place at Ivybridge RFC on Sunday 28 April, which sounds rather fun, with over 1500 expected to attend the event. For more information, contact Liz Slater on [liz@slater.entadsl.com](mailto:liz@slater.entadsl.com)

The Ugborough Annual Parish Meeting is to be held at Bittaford Community Hall from 7.30pm on Thursday 25th April. With all the snow, ice and flooding we have experienced over the last year, it seemed appropriate to invite SHDC Emergency Planning Officer to discuss responses to these disasters. He is also involved in the Community Safety Partnership and Neighbourhood Watch, so will discuss these, too. (*See separate item on page 6 for details.*) **This is your chance to be involved in your Parish, so make the most of it!**

The next Parish Council Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. Agenda and minutes are displayed on the Council's noticeboards and website.

Bittaford Methodist Chapel Services- *Jutta Berger 01752 698381*

Our services are at 10.30 a.m. unless shown otherwise. Please come and join us - we look forward to welcoming you.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April Revd. David Youngs Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April Revd. Ambrose Wright

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April Revd. Ralph Ward Sacrament of Holy Communion at 2.30 pm

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April Mr. Brian Westlake

Our Hall is available for hire. We have a small Tea Kitchen. All enquiries contact: Jutta Berger as above or e-Mail to: [juttaberger@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:juttaberger@tiscali.co.uk)

Green Pastures Coffee Bar for families with small children.

Open every Friday from 10.00am 'til 12 noon including School Holidays!

St. Peter's Church, Ugborough

My dear Friends,

*Now the queen of seasons, bright  
with the day of splendour,  
with the royal feast of feasts,  
comes its joy to render;*

With the words of that well-know Easter hymn, may I wish you a truly joyful Eastertide - 50 days of rejoicing about the new life Jesus has brought, and is continually bringing, from

darkness, despair and death. His resurrection affirms that it is the Father's will, expressed also in the cycle of birth and death in nature, that life, hope and renewal are the bases of existence. This gives us a motive for never giving up - on our failings, our relationships, our efforts, our faltering steps along the path of life. "Always and in every situation", shouts the empty tomb, "there can be new and vigorous life".

This challenges us to look at how we live our lives and practise our faith. Maybe we need to re-evaluate some aspects of both, to change - however difficult that may seem - to notice different ways of doing things and embrace the best, rather than just bemoaning the passing of familiar ways.

Opening our hearts and minds to new inspirations can be very enriching and invigorating. I came across this version of the Lord's Prayer recently, written by the Team Vicar of Bangor, the Revd. Janet Fletcher. It bears being said and thought about and repeated to give a freshness to such a wonderful model of prayer.

*Holy and eternal God, your name is precious.  
May heaven and earth be as one, held in love and peace.  
May all our daily needs be met.  
In our straying and wrongdoing, pour upon us your forgiveness,  
and enlarge our hearts to bring forgiveness  
to those who cause us pain and hurt.  
Lead us always to walk in the light of your love  
and away from all that tempts us,  
for you are the God of all creation,  
throughout this and every age. Amen.*

Why not try using this version for a few days or weeks, or laying it alongside the traditional words to illuminate them afresh and enliven your perceptions of Jesus' meaning?

With Easter blessings to you all,

Caroline

Cheese and Wine Evening - 7.00 - 9.00 p.m. Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>. April

People from all across our Mission Community are welcome to Harberton Vicarage to celebrate St. George's Day - whichever part of the UK you originate from! Do come along and bring some friends. Proceeds in aid of Mothers' Union initiative. This is to raise the funds to buy copies of the booklet "Labelled for Life" for us to give to the families of the pre-school children attached to Harbertonford and Diptford Schools. This is to help parents make informed choices about commercial pressures on small children.

### Contributions

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter.

Contributions should be sent to - Mrs. Norma Roe, The Editor, Ugborough Parish Newsletter, 20 Lutterburn St, Ugborough, Ivybridge, PL21 0NG.

**The deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> of the month please. Thank you for keeping to this.**

**E mail is welcome to [norma-davidroe@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:norma-davidroe@tiscali.co.uk)** (I use Microsoft word, font Comic Sans. Any articles as attachments in this format would be particularly welcome.)

Your Newsletter is available online at the Parish Council website and the **Ugborough Website** - <http://www.ugborough.com/>

If you have any stories, pictures, accounts of history, adverts you want to run or anything else to go on the web site for the whole parish please contact Richard Barker on 01548 821000 or email him at [richard@fowlescombe.co.uk](mailto:richard@fowlescombe.co.uk)

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### Village services.

A reminder that you can hop on board the Devon Libraries Mobile Library Service at Ugborough Square, Tuesdays from 9-9.45 a.m. fortnightly.

Join the Library and benefit from this wonderful free service!

And don't forget to visit your Post Office in Ugborough Church on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning.

St Peter's Church Services in April

| The | Date and time                              | Service                                                                                         |
|-----|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|     | Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March<br>7 a.m.    | <b>Dawn Easter Communion at Dunwell Farm (In addition to the 9.30 Easter Communion service)</b> |
|     | Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> April<br>9.30 a.m.  | All Age Service<br>(an informal service suitable for all the family.)                           |
|     | Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April<br>11 a.m.   | Sung Eucharist (with Baptism.)<br>This service will be followed by the A.P.C.M.                 |
|     | Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April<br>9.30 a.m. | Family Communion (with Baptism.)                                                                |
|     | Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April<br>11 a.m.   | Holy Communion                                                                                  |
|     | Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April<br>9 a.m.    | Celtic Communion                                                                                |
|     | All other Tuesdays                         | Celtic Prayer                                                                                   |
|     | Every Thursday<br>8.30 a.m.<br>5.30 p.m.   | Morning Prayer<br>Evening Prayer                                                                |

**Three Rivers Mission Community** covers the parishes of Diptford, Ermington, Halwell, Harberton, Harbertonford, Moreleigh, North Huish and Ugborough.

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