



UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER



December 2009

A very Happy Christmas to all and a peaceful New Year,



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Look out for all the special Christmas Services!

Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled. *Peggy Douglas*



First of all, congratulations to Jane Lankaster on her ordination after 12 long years- we are all very proud.

Congratulations also to Hannah Rogers on doing so well with her photography project last term. Good luck to Peter Gunning, who is now studying at Bicton on a Land Management course.

Joy organised a first aid course in September and several are attending a safeguarding children course.

Our website (www.thebrookrda.co.uk) is now up and running with some work still to do. Maybe you might be able to help with some quotes or items for the news section?

Welcome to our new riders- Geoffrey, Ryan, Sara, Sophie, and Jordan as work placements and of course also a big welcome to our new helpers. We hope that Hannah Pyne soon gets well after a recent operation.

Recent fundraising

We are very grateful for the following-

Ugborough Fair - £540

Wrangaton Golf- £270

South Dartmoor Young Farmers- £300

Can you help with any of the following items that are needed for the Brook?

Toilet and floor cleaner, hand soap, washing powder, kitchen roll and rabbit food. Thank you.

Christmas hamper

Alison Weeks (Sara's mum) is collecting for a Christmas hamper and is selling tickets. We are also selling sweatshirts, polo shirts and Anniversary mugs!

Last session before Christmas is 17th December- restart 6th January.

To herald in the Christmas celebrations
come and enjoy a feast of Christmas music with

The Lupridge Singers

(under the direction of Trefor Farrow
with accompanist Irina Kosogova)

At St. George's Church Modbury

on Saturday December 5th at 7.30p.m.

*'What sweeter Music can we bring than a caroll for to sing
the birth of this our Heavenly King?' (Robert Herrick)*

Thanks to all those people who sponsored me, Adrian Southwood and Katie Tingle. Together we raised £245.00 which will be shared between St Peter's and the Devon Historic Churches Trust.

Regards, Taff.

Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School *Naomi Williams*

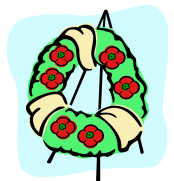
We have some exciting news! The local representative of "Musikgarten" comes to Ugborough and Bittaford Pre-School for half an hour of singing, music and dance every Thursday, which is proving to be a lot of fun for the children and staff alike. Also continuing the close links with Ugborough Primary School, three of our children, who are due to start school in January, have begun their weekly visits in to the reception class. This really helps the children become more confident about their transition to school as well as familiarising them with their future surroundings.

With Christmas fast approaching, preparations are well under way for our "Christmas sing-a-long" on Thursday 10th December to which everyone is welcome, for further information on this event please contact the pre-school. To ensure your child gets the opportunity to experience our happy, fun and stimulating environment please contact either Tania or Naomi on 07763 215455 to enrol them on the waiting list and to receive a prospectus. The pre-school welcomes children from 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years old to school age, offering two FREE taster sessions so that you and your child get the opportunity to come and see the setting and meet the staff prior to starting. Our opening hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.00am to 12.45pm and Wednesday 9.00am to 2.00pm, term time only.

Pre-schools last day of term is Friday 18th December and will re-open again on Tuesday 5th January 2010! Finally we would like to thank the community for all their support over the last year and wish everyone a fun filled and happy Christmas.

Poppy Appeal - Francis Douglas

Thank you all for your support with this Appeal which raised £455.66 in the static collection boxes. The individual collection points have each been advised of the amount collected.



Ugborough Parish Walking Group *Merryl Docker*

December is upon us already - that means there will be 2 walks planned for you to enjoy!



Sunday 6th December ~ meet in Ugborough Square at

10.45am ~ yes this is the morning after the Safari supper so I can guarantee some bears with sore heads will be joining us. Please bring along dogs and children to act as guides! I cannot imagine the walk will be too long or arduous (but other than negotiating natural objects, they aren't usually.) Special thanks to Sarah and Richard Parson at the Old Dairy in Ugborough Square who have very kindly invited us to their home for mince pies and mulled wine afterwards

Boxing Day Walk ~ Sat 26th ~ meet in Ugborough Square at 10.45am. Our annual parade of new hats, scarves, gloves and brightly coloured jumpers! Bring along your over full tummies, thick heads and spare relatives/visitors - all will be made welcome. Again, route as yet undecided, (weather dependant) but we will end up in a pub! This is always a great social occasion, we have had some lovely Boxing Day walks in the past, so do make this part of your Christmas plans.

As we will be all worn out, there will be no walk planned for January - you have our permission to stay by your fireside.

For information about our walks or the parish rights of way contact: Merryl Docker (01752 893651) or Tom Holway (01752 893114)

Friends of Ugborough School

So how many did you spot?

A total of 21 scarecrows were entered and scattered throughout Ugborough, Bittaford and Moorhaven, although additional scarecrows were spotted outside the Ship and in Lutterburn Street. The children (and the adults) had a great time guessing all their names, although some were more obvious than others. If you would like to know who was who, photographs of all the entries are displayed on the school notice board.



We have had nothing but positive feedback and would welcome more. If you have any ideas as to how we can make this event better next year or you would be willing to sponsor the event please contact either Helen Garner at hgarner@plymouth.ac.uk or Caroline Ross at caroline.ross11@btinternet.com

A big thank you to everyone who took part.

Merry Robins- Ian McClure

'Tis the season to be jolly. And boastful. For at this time of year, along with the Christmas cards and festive emails, we are bombarded with Round Robins - gushing newsletters detailing the achievements of our friends and their families over the past twelve months. Here is a sample of last year's offerings, only slightly exaggerated I assure you:

'Well, what a year we've had! Our annual skiing holiday in January with all the family was a bit different as we went to Tibet (see pics attached!!). What fun our grandchildren had throwing snowballs at the lamas! (brainy hubby says that should be 'llamas', or 'yaks', actually - llamas were in the Andes, on our '07 ski hol!!!). Must digress here, as I mentioned grandchildren. Tristan is now 5 and Candida 3, both little geniuses (or at least proud grandparents think so!!). T is taking 12 GCSEs next year and C is busy working on a translation of Ovid's poems.

Much of the spring and summer was spent turning our absolute wilderness of a garden into the prize-winning pleasaunce it is now - opening to the public in May, with some trepidation! Also, I have found the time to chair various committees and take an Open University course in brain surgery. As usual we spent October on foreign travels, visiting the few parts of the world we hadn't yet been to!! Won't bore you with the details, but trekking in Patagonia was the highlight (see more pics, attachment 3!!!).

As for our children, Wilberforce is running the very successful South Devon Hedge Fund and Samantha juggles a busy family life with a top PR job in Brussels.....'

It is strange how we received very few letters along the following lines:

'Cor, what a year, even worse than the last one! In January our house burnt down (grand-brats playing with matches) and in Feb we both lost our jobs. One highlight was that elder grandchild Tracey went on from her success in winning the Wet T-Shirt Competition in Benidorm to gaining a Z grade in her GCSE Text-Messaging exam in the summer. Also, grandson Wayne has now finished his time in Wormwood Scrubs and his social worker says he is coming on well..... Ah well, Happy Christmas.'

At the Horse and Groom- Sunday 20th December at 7p.m.

Christmas QUIZ in aid of the RNLI

followed by our Grand CHRISTMAS DRAW!

Ugborough Youth Group Sue Johns

The Safari Supper was a roaring success! Everyone made a huge effort to provide three sumptuous courses - and most members were dressed to kill. Roving reporters from the Ugborough ~~Gazelle~~ Gazette tracked down their prey, in several characters (!) and captured the evening on camera. Members performed much warrior like dancing to end the evening. Thanks to Lynsey Hughes in particular for doing the lion's share of the organisation.

The Christmas Film Night on 4th December will give everyone a chance to re-live many of our memorable activities this year. All members are encouraged to bring along their 2-5 minute video to share. Secret Santa will be giving out his wares... (Members who have not yet chosen a name please see Andy Hughes)

On the following day - Saturday 5th December - we are preparing our Christmas Gifts for the local community in the Village Hall. **Everyone** is welcome to pop in and lend a hand, 9-12 am.

PANTOMIME TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO ALL MEMBERS
See Nellie or Sue ASAP to secure your place, for Aladdin on Friday

January 22nd at the Theatre Royal. Tickets are £11.50
And a heart felt thank you to all those who have supported the Youth Group this year. In particular to the Fair Committee for their generous donation - and to the Village Hall Committee for their hospitality and amazing Sound System.



Ugborough Bookworms

In November Beryl's bookworms were fascinated by The 19th Wife by David Ebershoff. We learned a lot about early Mormon history and the life of Brigham Young's 19th (at least!) wife, Ann Eliza Young, and the interlocking story of a present day polygamous sect- an interesting mixture of fact and fiction.

It's our Christmas party in December and we will be discussing Spilling the Beans, the autobiography of Clarissa Dickson Wright over a collection of her own recipes. Should be fun!

NOT JUST NOT A COOK BOOK!!- *Anne Nonymous*

Riverford Farm Cook Book

Guy Watson and Jane Baxter

'This is a super book', Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall

The book begins by setting out the foundations of organic farming and the ethos behind Riverford. There are some fantastic photographs - views around Riverford, the workers and food, in the field and on the plate.

The recipes are well set out and easy to follow and there is the added bonus of storage ideas, preparation and tales from the fields.

All in all, I love my copy - it is really worth looking into.

And for the children

'Dave' written by Sue Hendra

This is a simple story of woe, brilliantly told, with lots happening on every page. There is a great cast of characters trying to help out Dave the cat and Liz Pichon's bright, vibrant and energetic illustrations sit perfectly with the text. And DAVE well..... what a character and such an explosive ending!! This book will thrill any child and many who might say they are in their second childhood - I loved it!

Ugborough Village Hall *Stafford Williams (Secretary)*

The sound system is now in use, but folk do need some instruction before they can 'make music' and it is also important to be aware of noise levels so as not to disturb the neighbours. Please liaise with a committee member if you would like to use it. We have moved cleaning materials into the kitchen to make space for secure storage of the sound system.

We gratefully received £780 from the Fair committee towards the running of the Hall and would like to pass on our thanks to those who contributed and the hard working organisers, without whom much less would become available. Unfortunately, our grant application to update the lighting in the Hall, to make it more efficient and more effective, failed so we will look at alternative options for the future.

If anyone remembers when the upstairs rooms were added to the Hall please let me know, it will help in sorting some history and research.

The Hall provides an inexpensive venue for your events and please remember that the committee room upstairs can be used where a smaller room is preferred. Contact any committee member for details on hiring hall facilities.

SPORTS REPORT- Janner Motson

Ups and Downs of Football

The U13s did well against an excellent Dawlish side in the County Cup, but ended up with a 6-2 reverse in the mud at Brent. The crowd were impressed with what they saw, but one lifelong Uggies fan, Steve Hughes told Sports Report; "Our goal scoring is like ketchup, you never know how much is going to come out of the bottle".

The U9s showed some more depth to the squad with a straight-forward 6-0 thrashing of Waldon despite fielding 3 of the 6 year olds towards the end of the game. They played a good passing game that gave the forwards plenty of opportunities, but they were also resolute at the back with young Ben Privett keeping a clean sheet. On being asked about the winning streak, Manager Fabio McKenna, said; "We are developing the whole squad and don't care about records; Kylie Minogue makes records".

The shock of the week was the normally dominant U11s falling to a 10-0 thrashing at the hands of WBB. With several key players missing and a couple of caretaker managers left in charge they lacked the usual leadership and structure that serves them well. Allowing their skill and movement to desert them they were given a lesson in why it is a team game by a talented WBB. Recriminations focused on who could be blamed, but the Board closed ranks leaving a spokesman to say; "It was a game of 2 halves and we lost both, but I thought we showed improvement after the final whistle when we stopped conceding goals. To be honest we stayed level until their first goal and football games turn on things done by players - the longer they stayed in front the more you had to fancy them winning."Onwards and ?

Get involved - be an Ugborough Parish Councillor!

One Councillor vacancy has arisen on Ugborough Parish Council

Get involved in issues which affect you and your Parish

Planning - Highways - Footpaths Environment - Recreation - Police

Parish Council Meetings are held once a month and training is available

For more information, call Chairman Tom Holway 01752

893114 or Clerk Sarah Woodman 01364 642145

or email ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk

ARE YOU THINKING OF MOVING IN 2010?

Local family currently in rented accommodation are seeking a 3 or 4 bedroom house in Ugborough.

If you are thinking of moving, please e mail house@mondopeople.org or call 078 332129. Thank you.

Ugborough Primary School *Sue Whiteman*

We are busy with Christmas preparations and look forward to the many events planned for the festive season. Our KS2 children will be entertaining us this year with a performance on 15th December and we have a visit from a touring theatre company who will perform "A Christmas Carol".

The School is holding its Carol Concert on Thursday 17th December at 6pm in the Church - please feel free to come and join us.

Some of our Year 6 children have taken part in a Science programme, at Ermington Primary School, where they studied the sun and its importance to Planet Earth. This gave them a wonderful opportunity to extend their knowledge and begin to understand the work of astronomers. Ugborough won the schools award and Lily Coxon won the best girl award - well done to them all!

FAIR FUNDING FOR DEVON SCHOOLS

Teachers and school governors in Devon have this month launched a campaign for 'fairer' funding for schools in Devon.

The Hands Up for Fairer School Funding campaign says the county is one of the worst funded education authorities in England, ranked 148th out of 151 councils. In practical terms, funding for every pupil in Devon is £3,842 - £375 less than the national average of £4,217.

The campaign organisers have set up a petition calling for fairer school funding for Devon on the Number 10 website. They are urging parents and anyone to view and sign the petition -

<http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/handsup4schools/>

YOUR NEWSLETTER ON LINE.

Do you know that you can access the Newsletter online by following the link on the Ugborough Parish Council website?

Just visit www.ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk and click on to Parish Newsletter.



Your Stars Tonight. "What a wonderful time of year for stars" I exclaim as I remove my gloves and scarf, "and there is a two for one offer on planets as well this month. Orion is back in the evening sky with his belt and dagger - you can just see the faint patch of the Orion nebula in his belt. Jupiter still dominates as the brightest object in the south western skies before it sets around 10 pm - but the real treat is Mars which is now rising in the South East at around 9pm. You can't miss it because it is about the second brightest object in the sky and it has got such a distinctive orange red colour".

I peel off my balaclava knitted by my long departed grandmother and can scarcely contain my enthusiasm for the wonders of the December night sky. "Through the binoculars Mars is a small angry orange disc with just a hint of detail on its surface. It's going to get brighter all through Christmas until the end of January when it will be as bright as Sirius - that's when it will be at its closest. " I pause for breathe while removing my salopettes which are proving to be welcome protection from the chilly winter night, before proceeding. "Of course the Maths is a bit difficult to explain - and I expect $2\pi r$ comes into it - but if you think of us on earth circling the sun -with Mars on the outside track you start to get the picture. It gets more complicated because we go round the sun in one year while Mars takes a year and 320 days to get back to the same place. So that means we overtake it on the inside lap every 780 days which is when we are nearest to each other.

I pull off my Arctic Fox snow boots with patent cosy foot lining and enthuse "But do remember that none of the planets has a circular orbit around the sun - they all actually do slight ellipses and so every so often that closest point is even closer - it varies between 55 and 78 million kilometres - remember that time back in August 2003 there was internet scare about the end of the world when we were the closest for 60,000 years." As the warmth comes back to my extremities I pontificate "Amazing how all these civilisations like the ancient Babylonians, Mayans and Chinese managed to accurately predict the movement of the planets across the backdrop of the stars - they must have collected data for decades before they started to see a pattern it."

I realize that the steamed dietor is staring at me wild eyed - and wearing her fathers WWII tin helmet. "They say we are doomed" she moans, "Ugborough will be beneath the waves by 2012 and it's all in the stars."

I decide on the Churchillian calming mode "Just make a nice cup of tea dear" I say as I remove my Men'r'Us fisherman's jumper "and remember what your mother used to say - never trust the internet, a Hollywood film plot or a past by his sell by date Mayan"

Ugborough Local History Group *Merryl Docker*

By the time you read this, we will have had our annual History Group Members party with guest speaker Adam Hart-Davis, and as ever, I would like to sincerely thank our hosts Richard and Barbara Barker for inviting us to use the excellent facilities at their lovely home Fowlescombe farm. As December is usually such a busy month, there will be no History Group meeting. Therefore our next event will be **Wednesday 27th January at 8.00pm in Ugborough Village Hall.**

Wishing all our members a very Happy Christmas and New Year. See you all in 2010!

Can you help us? One of our group members, researcher George Nicolle, has realised our church doors have been moved and altered over the past 100 years. It has become a fascinating story as to who, when and how these enormous doors have come to be where they currently stand. Do you have any old photos (preferably from before the great Wars) taken in Ugborough Church Doorway/porch? Many wedding or christening photos are taken in the door or porch of a church, you never know, even the smallest glimpse of the door or frame may add another piece to this 'jigsaw'.

Also, do you have any other information, written or handed down story, of any repair work done on the church from the turn of the last century? We would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with Merryl Docker (01752 893651) or any other History Group member to pass information on.

History Corner *Alan Yates*

At the 2008 Ugborough Fair Concert, our esteemed editor sang Pete Seeger's "Where have all the flowers gone?" Historical records do not tell us the answer, but a couple of old adverts for timber auctions do give us some understanding of where all the trees have gone. The first relates to Fowlescombe in the 18th.C and the second to a sale on behalf of Mr Arthur White of Wrangaton Manor in the 19th.C, both of which suggest suitable uses for the timber. It is also interesting to note that in 1776 the suggested route for transporting the timber is via the navigable part of the River Arm, which is presumably what we now know as the Erme.

NOTICE is hereby given, That on Saturday the 22nd. of this Instant February, by Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, a public SURVEY will be held at the Half-Moon, Modbury, for felling Two Hundred Eighty-three Oak Trees, Great Part whereof are Capital Ones, in all Respects fit for His Majesty's Navy. Also fifty fine Maiden Ash, and thirty Sycamore Trees, mark'd,

number'd, standing and growing on the Barton of Fowelscombe, in the Parish of Ugborough and the County of Devon, at no great Distance from the Navigable Part of the River Arm, to which they may be conveyed at an easy Expense. For viewing the said Timber, apply to William Reap at the Premises, and for further Particulars to Mr. George Herbert, junior, in Plymouth.

Exeter Flying Post 17th. December 1776.

To be sold by Auction, Timber Trees, with their Tops, Lops and Bark.

The above Timber will be found well worth the attention of Dealers generally.

The Oak is sound and hearty, and the Tops of many of them contain a number of knees, fit for Boat-building. The Ash is of excellent quality, well suited to Wheelwrights, Coopers, &c. and the Elm is long and good. The timber consists of 721 Oaks, 93 Ash and 45 Elm.

Auction by Mr. Robert Bourne at the Seven Stars Hotel, Totnes on Friday 9th. February 1855 on behalf of Mr. Arthur White, Land Agent, Ugborough.

And a seasonal quote by PFS Amery from Transactions of the Devonshire Association 1927.

"Hours of sun on Christmas Day"
"So many frosts in month of May."

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Become a Parish Councillor Twelve members of the public attended the November Parish Council Meeting. This level of interest is very gratifying as a vacancy has arisen for a new Parish Councillor, following the resignation of Geoff Burrell, who found his work commitments regularly clashed with Parish Council Meetings - I think we will all miss Geoff, whose contribution in debates was always very perceptive.

The Statutory Notice of the vacancy will have expired by the time you receive your newsletter and the Parish Council is keen to fill the vacancy as soon as possible by co-option - so put your name forward and get involved in the life of your parish! With co-option, you will not have to face an election and the role of Parish Councillor is interesting and rewarding, with a commitment of only one evening meeting a month. If you would like to become a Parish Councillor or have any queries, please contact the Clerk or Chairman Tom Holway on 01752 893114

The Housing Needs Report, which was presented by Rural Housing Officer John Scott, started the Parish Council Meeting. John has submitted a separate item for the Newsletter and a full copy of the Report can be accessed on the Parish Council website, www.ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

Questions from the Public related to three separate concerns:

Complaints were again raised concerning the Dartmoor National Park Authority decision-making procedure in relation to the replacement bungalow at The Retreat, Shute Lane, Wrangaton and the Clerk is writing to the DNPA asking what measures are available when, as in these circumstances, objections are raised to a planning decision and the decision-making process. Also at the meeting were our regular Cutwellcombe parishioners, who confirmed that the Public Enquiry was to be held on the 24th November (and not as stated in the October Newsletter). Finally, supporters from the Reddacleave Brakes Golf Course attended the meeting to rally support *against* the enforcement action being taken by the Dartmoor National Park Authority, which would result in the golf course being closed down. Although the golf course lies in Dean Prior parish, a significant number of Ugborough parishioners regularly use it, and its impact on the moor would appear to be minimal. The Parish Council has therefore objected to the enforcement action.

The Moorhaven Playing Field plans are slowly moving forward, as details such as insurance cover have been resolved and the Highway Authority has given a more positive approach to the proposal. The next step is to carry out a detailed survey of the field to establish its geology and whether planning permission is required to level it. Exciting ideas have been proposed, including an adventure playground in the woods and multi-use on one of the tennis courts.

Christmas is fast approaching and the Parish Council is again entering into the Christmas spirit by arranging for trees to be provided to Bittaford Community Hall and Ugborough Church - thanks to the generosity of Richard Prowse. Grants will also be given to the Ugborough PCC, Bittaford Methodist Church and Bittaford Community Hall to cover the cost of Christmas lighting.

Grant funding is available from the Greater Dartmoor Local Action Group (Local Enterprise Action Forum), which has £1.8m to spend on environmentally sustainable projects which will bring economic benefit to the area. Further details are available on www.greaterdartmoorLEAF.org - as funding will be allocated on a first come/first served basis, it is advisable to submit funding applications as soon as possible.

Funding is also available from Devon Renaissance to help create prosperity and jobs and to improve access to services in rural areas, and their team also gives hands-on project development support. For more details, call 01837 658 643 or email info@ruraldevon.org.

Planning Applications No objections were raised to the proposed studio and entrance loggia at Rose Villas, Bittaford or the extension at Full Circle Motors, Ermington Road, Ivybridge (which lies just outside the Parish boundary); and the Parish Councillors supported the resubmitted application to convert a barn to a new dwelling at Hayloft, Haye Farm, Ludbrook.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 10th December and you are welcome to attend.

UGBOROUGH HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY REPORT *John Scott*

In the May the Devon Rural Housing Partnership with Ugborough Parish Council carried out a survey to discover if there are a significant number of people living or working in Ugborough who have not been able to obtain housing suitable to their circumstances.

There were a total of 15 Surveys returned, which is a response rate of 36.5%.

- 8 households were found to be in housing need with a local connection to Ugborough.
- The biggest reason for wanting to move was the cost of their existing home.
- House prices in the parish were shown to be high and unaffordable for first time buyers on a typical local income.

WHAT THE REPORT RECOMMENDS.....

- There is need for the provision of 8 affordable homes.

WHAT NOW??

The Rural Housing Enabler will work with Ugborough Parish Council and South Hams District Council to work up proposals for affordable housing in the Parish.

Bittaford Methodist Church *Ruth Whitfield*

Sunday morning services continue each week at 10.30a.m. You are very welcome to attend.

Preachers for December	
6 th December	Rev. D. Youngs
13 th December	Rev. S. Caddick
20 th December	Mrs. L. Sharp
24 th December Carol service at 6 p.m. Rev. S. Leigh	
27 th December	Miss S. Bolt

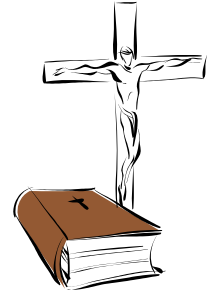
Lord, you did not rest upon a cloud, looking down on high,
You did not let a ladder down for us to climb the sky.
Oh no, oh no, you came right down to this, our very earth
To be with us in joy and pain and life, and death, and birth.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

St Peter's Church, Ugborough

Dear Friends

I suspect the grapevine is working overtime at the moment, so I want to take this opportunity to let you know the latest news from the church.



I have had the honour of being the Vicar here in Ugborough for 8 years, and the time has come for me to move on to serve in another Benefice with new challenges.

Indeed, it is almost exactly 8 years since I first arrived, and I've been thinking back over the time, so much has happened in the Church and in the community and in my private life, most very good, some a source of deep sorrow. Today as I write a dear friend from Modbury, who I have known for 20 years and who was a great support has just died. All this echoes the experience of us all.

I can remember the wind whistling through the windows at my Induction and being surrounded by supportive friends, relatives and parishioners and the presence of Bishop John Garton who had been the principal at my Theological College. With the re-ordering done and plans being put in place for the future the Church (people and building) are in a good place for the next stage of ministry here.

I shall be moving to Dousland to be Team Vicar in the South Dartmoor Benefice. There are plans afoot to make this a large Mission Community and I look forward to working with a team of colleagues once again. At the time of writing I am not sure when I will be moving but most likely at the beginning of March.

Initially the Clergy from our mission community and other retired clergy, including The Rev'd Peter Povey, will ensure that ministry continues, and as soon as anything more long term has been decided I will let you know.

The approach of Christmas, with the message of Peace on Earth reaches out to all of us, whether we are Christians or not. Peace and Love, the things that we all long for and which can be so elusive here on earth, but that are worth working for, are once more brought to our attention and challenge us to live differently.

Now come, thou precious Crown, Lord Jesus, God's own Son! Hosanna!

With many blessings

Nicola

Services in December		
Date	Ermington	Ugborough
6 th December 2 nd in Advent	11am Eucharist	9.30am All Age Worship
Sat 12 th December	4pm Christingle	
13 th December 3 rd in Advent	9.30am Family Eucharist	11.00am Eucharist
Wed 16 th December	11am Pre-school Nativity 1.30pm-2.30pm School Carol Service	
Thurs 17 th December		6pm School Carol Service
20 th December 4 th in Advent	11. am Eucharist	9.30am Family Eucharist 6pm Carol Service
Thurs 24 th December	11.30pm Eucharist	4pm Crib Service 11.30pm Eucharist
Fri 25 th December	11am Family Eucharist	9.30am Family Eucharist
Sunday 27 th December	6pm Carol Service	11am Eucharist
Sunday 3 rd January	11am Joint Eucharist	

First Tuesday 9am Celtic Communion All other Tuesdays Celtic Prayer Ugborough
Wednesday 9am Celtic Prayer 6pm Prayer at the end of the day Ermington

Contributions

A very merry Christmas and a happy New Year to everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter and other Newsletters in 2009. Please keep the contributions coming! Contributions should be sent to Mrs. Norma Roe, The Editor, Ugborough Parish Newsletter, 20 Lutterburn St, Ugborough, Ivybridge, PL21 ONG. **The deadline is 15th of the month please.** E mail is welcome to normajroe@ukonline.co.uk

(I use Microsoft word, font Comic Sans. Any articles as attachments in this format would be particularly welcome.)

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