



# UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

## January 2010

*Wishing you all a Happy, Peaceful and Healthy New Year!*



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### Gardening club *June Gilbury*

Our next meeting is on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January when our speaker will be our friend, Jeremy Wells on the subject of bees. We meet at the Post Office at 8 p.m. and you are welcome to join us.



*Message from the Christmas-tree Fairies*

*Thank you to Richard Prowse for kindly providing the trees again for both Ugborough and Bittaford.*

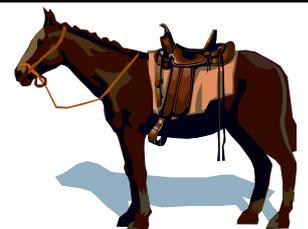
*We were concerned to note the amount of dog mess on the grass in front of the church and had some difficulty avoiding it when we were putting the tree up and fixing the lights.*

*It would be a lovely place for the village children to play if it could be kept clean so we sincerely hope that all the dog owners will make New Year's resolutions to clear up after their dogs when they take them out, and to not let them out on their own. Contact with dog mess has been known to cause blindness in children, so we may come back from time to time to check that it's a poop free area.*

*Hope you all had a very happy Christmas and wishing you a prosperous and clean New Year.*



Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled. *Peggy Douglas*  
Sessions restart on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2010.



Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School. *Naomi Williams*

We hope you have all had a very happy Christmas, and everyone at pre-school is looking forward to a fun filled 2010. Towards the end of last year we were fortunate enough to have one of our parents volunteer to set up a website for the pre-school, and we are very excited to hear that the site should go live on 10th January. The sites address will be [www.ugboroughandbittafordpreschool.org.uk](http://www.ugboroughandbittafordpreschool.org.uk) so please feel free to have a browse and find out more about us. We are also very pleased to be able to continue this term to have the local representative from "Musikgarten" join us every Thursday for half an hour of singing, music, and dance. The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience last term, and we are all enthusiastic to see him return after the Christmas break.

To find out more about Ugborough and Bittaford Pre-school, and to ensure your child gets the opportunity to experience our happy, fun and stimulating environment, please contact either Tania or Naomi on 07763 215455. The pre-school welcomes children from all over the area from 2 ½ 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. We look forward to hearing from you.

Ugborough Parish Walking Group *Merryl Docker*

Very Happy New Year to you all. You can put your New Year's resolutions to one side for the moment and aim to get fit in February when we start our monthly parish walks again. You have our permission to stay indoors by your firesides this month! See you all again on **Sunday 7th February**. Best Wishes Merryl Docker & Tom Holway.



### St Peter's Operation Christmas Child Appeal

A huge thank you to all of you who helped make this year's Christmas shoebox appeal the most successful ever. Thanks to the very generous donation of filled shoeboxes, gifts, toys, knitted items, money and time, we were able to send 67 boxes to children that are the victims of war, poverty and disease around the world. Some of us also helped children from our village pack gift boxes in St. Peter's on 14 November: a really happy and meaningful start to Christmas. Thank you again.

*Charlotte Walliker*

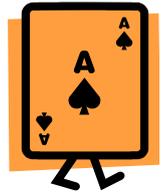


Ugborough Bookworms

We had a wonderful party night at Hillhead Farm where members each contributed a dish inspired by a Clarissa Dickson Wright recipe. Only a short discussion of Clarissa's autobiography before we got on to the serious business of enjoying the amazing food and friendship! Thanks to Jane for her warm hospitality.

*(If you are looking for a beautifully written, gripping read by the fire, can I recommend 2 books that I have recently finished? Talking to the Dead, by Helen Dunmore and The Light of Day by Graham Swift- I enjoyed both of these immensely. )*

RUBBER BRIDGE  
UGBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL.  
7p.m. Friday 29th Jan.2010  
£2.50. including refreshments.



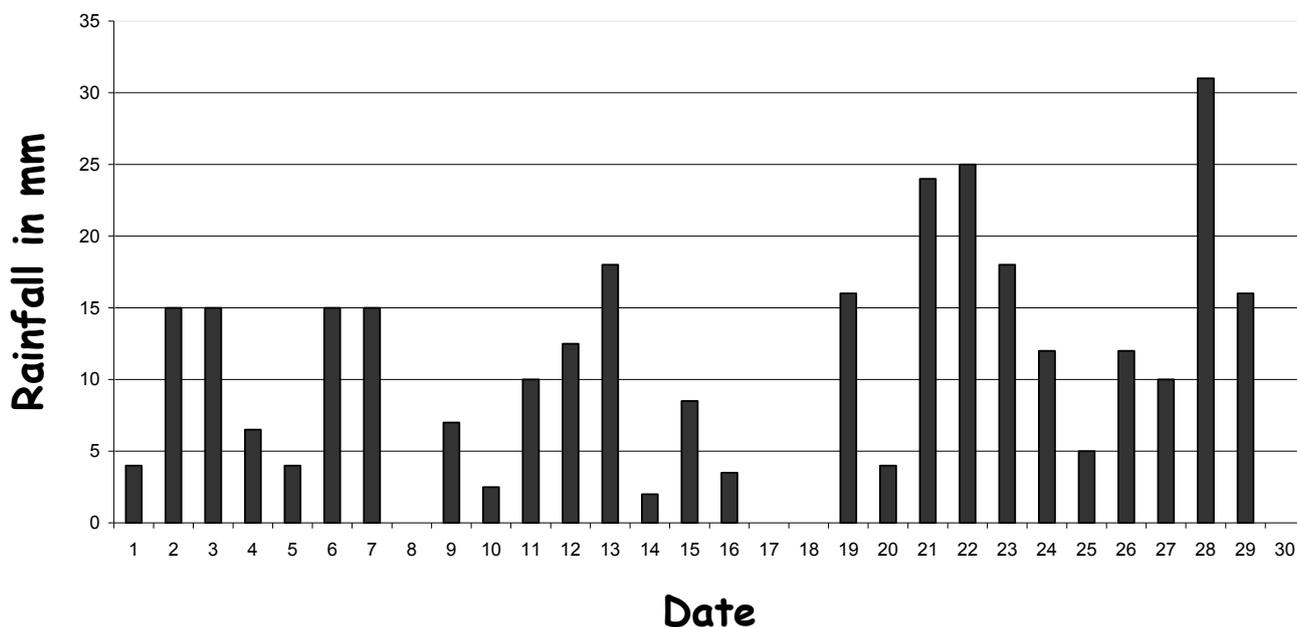
SPORTS REPORT- *Janner Motson*  
**WET, WET, WET**

An incredibly wet November (*see graph below!*) saw a dearth of football despite the valiant efforts of grounds man Arfur Divet. The U9s have barely kicked a ball, but managed to get a couple of games against the U11 Reserves thanks to the reluctance of Head Coach, Alberto Privetto, to let them stay in bed on Saturday mornings. The best performance was a 3-3 draw that taught both sides a great deal about taking responsibility and not panicking on the ball. Despite the weather, Alberto Privetto and Stephano Ferguson-Evans both gained their Level 1 coaching awards to boost the availability of high class coaching for the Uggies.

The U11s held onto their unbeaten record at Hillhead Uggie Park by coming back from 3 goals down to draw 3-3 against Chudleigh in the League. The usual slow start by the Uggies cost them dear as Chudleigh took their chances by pushing 4 men forward into attack. A rally in the first half saw the Uggies slowly grip the game and apply pressure for the last 30 minutes. Man of the match Ollie Clark showed real skill and enthusiasm, whilst Sam Williams once again popped up at the far post to poach a goal. The turning point for this reporter was when Tom Fenton found his feet and dominated the middle of the park, finding the net himself and providing the platform for the rest to play the beautiful game.

At the time of writing the Ugborough Board was waiting to see if Uggie Park had been selected for the 2018 World Cup bid. A high powered bid team, including Mayor, The Lord Holway; Uggie President, Billy Blatter-McKenna; and football icon, Harry Ross; had wooed the FIFA grandees in the run-up, but it was Chief Executive, Charlotte Brady-Walliker that summed up Ugborough's credentials: "We have the playing surface, tourist attractions, knowledgeable crowds and a bus twice a week. Once we get permission for the 20,000 seat stadium and the blow-up dug-out, I can't see the bid failing."

## Rainfall in Ugborough November 2009



I am grateful to Len Wakeham for the above information which was collected at West Cannamore, 510 feet above sea level.

The total rainfall for the month was 311.5mm (12.26ins.) and the total for the 11 months was 1546.5mm (60.84ins.)

*(Editor's note- 5 feet of rain in 11 months! Being somewhat vertically challenged that's quite alarming!)*

### Congratulations!

Congratulations are due to 2 parish residents!

First-

To Jane Johns of Hillhead Farm. Jane has been awarded one of only 3 Breakfast Awards from the farm holiday co-operative Devon Farms Accommodation for the level of excellence in the quality of food, service and hospitality of her breakfasts!



Anyone who has experienced Hillhead hospitality will endorse this! Well done!

Secondly-

To Gareth Jones (Taff) who has been rewarded for his hard work, commitment and determination by receiving a B.A. Honours degree (2.1) in History. Many congratulations, Taff and what next?



The Hall finances have settled down to normal levels following a spurt of expenditure in the summer. A number of donations and an upturn in hirings has been the key factor. Although we did not get a grant to update the hall lighting, the bulb that was out and the doorbell, which went missing mysteriously, have now been replaced. I also understand that the vacuum cleaners now work. The alarm on the rear fire exit was another victim of the Hall poltergeist, but I have been told that his Dad has forced a replacement out of his pocket money - I didn't know that ghosts get pocket money!

Thanks go to Kate Brampton for the wine and minced pies at the Christmas meeting. The few of us there were very appreciative. Remember that anyone is welcome to show an interest in the running of the Hall and can be co-opted onto the committee if not representing a particular user group.

Season's greetings to all.

The Village Fair Committee will be holding their New Year Quiz on  
Wednesday 20th January at 8pm in the Village Hall. Bar.  
Cost £2 each on the door.

## ***Back By Popular Demand- The Gents and V8***



On Saturday 16th January 2010 from 6.00pm until 9.30pm ish.....  
at Ugborough Village Hall.

**Everyone is warmly welcome to this fantastic event.**

Adults £7.00, Children £3.00 or a Family Ticket £18.50

with proceeds going to the *Multiple Sclerosis Society* and *Ugborough School*  
Bar and light refreshments. Tickets available at the door

or from The School Office, Helen Garner ([hgarner@plymouth.ac.uk](mailto:hgarner@plymouth.ac.uk)) and Caroline Ross  
([caroline.ross11@btinternet.com](mailto:caroline.ross11@btinternet.com))

**Please note all children must be accompanied by an adult**

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### Your Stars Tonight.

As I stack the last of the plates from yet another mammoth wash up I hear the steamed dieter proclaim "of course he always does such a wonderful meal - I'll get him to make us a nice cup of tea when he'd finished in the kitchen".

I look outside and glimpse a glittering night sky and feel that streak of rebelliousness that my mother warned me about - and decide to slip outside to the companionship of the stars.

How it has all changed since the summer - above my head the Plough and the five stars that make up the "W" of Cassiopeia still circle around the Pole star but all the summer constellations - Hercules, Cygnus the Swan, Aquila the Eagle are below the horizon. Orion is striding up from the southern horizon (I have only just realized that each evening he walks up hill during November and December but as spring approaches he goes down hill - look at the angle of his belt to the horizon. Behind him comes Sirius the Dog Star burning a cold white compared with the orange red of the planet Mars which is still climbing in the SE. After about ten minutes the eyes adjust to the darkness and I begin to think about the different colours of the stars. Red stars have a surface temperature of around 3,000 degrees, hotter stars such as our sun are yellow at 5000 degrees, at 10,000 they become white hot like Sirius while a few stars are found reaching awesome surface temperature of over 20000 degrees and burn with a blue green light. Look above and slightly to the right of Orion and you will see the V shaped head of Taurus the Bull which is made up of the Hyades group of stars dominated by Aldebaran - which has a distinctly orange colour. Even more noticeable is Betelgeuse - the bright star that makes up the left shoulder of Orion. This is a strange star that varies quite considerably in brightness over the years. It is only in the last few months it has been shown to be a boiling mass of red/orange plasma gas - which is best described huge cloud rather than a well defined globe like our sun. If we orbited Betelgeuse we would be inside this inferno - which would put a new meaning to global warming - but frequently this star billows outwards to as far as where Mars orbits making it over 300 million miles in diameter.

I return to the house to find the party is warming up. I am dragged close to the fire and a glass thrust into my hand. "Yet another of my dedicated correspondents," proclaims the steamed dieter, "Day and night they are combing the parish to bring us news - they deserve a toast - to all those who scour the parish in search of history, horses, sport, church and good works - a happy and prosperous New Year". As the crowd spills out of the front door in the direction of the Anchor, Ship (or probably both) I understand what it is like to be in orbit around Betelgeuse.

Are you thinking of moving in 2010?

Local family seeking 3/4 bed house in Ugborough to buy or for long-term let.

Tel 01752 898799 or 07811 332129



FRIENDS OF ST.PETER'S CHURCH, UGBOROUGH

**Four Tales of Ugborough Church- A Historical Pot-pourri.**

Come and find out what lies underneath the floor, hear stories of the stained glass windows, Henry the Eighth, and an Ode of Old Ugborough.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30p.m. in the church.

Refreshments and Drinks available, entrance cost £2:00.

And don't forget to visit our website pages at [www.ugborough.com](http://www.ugborough.com)

Why not join the Friends for 2010? Make it your New Year's Resolution!

Ugborough Local History Group *Merryl Docker*

I know it seems a long way away now, but what a great success the Annual History Group Party was in November at Fowlescombe. Adam Hart-Davis was a true star and, not only entertained us, but also enjoyed himself enormously! He has emailed me to say we were the warmest and most appreciative audience he could have wished for and is very keen to come back to our group again! The venue was also first class. Richard Barker took the opportunity to show us the new Ugborough Parish web site, which is very impressive indeed. If you haven't already taken a peek do have a browse now: [www.ugborough.com](http://www.ugborough.com). Here you will find links to all things 'Ugborough' including the History Group, Friends of Church etc. We start the New Year with a very local topic: **"Days of Future Past" a Year in the life of Ugborough at the Millennium.** By yours truly Merryl Docker! Do come along and join us, even if you have never been to a History Group meeting before - **Wednesday 27th January at 8.00pm in Ugborough Village Hall.** Free to members, just £1 on the door to non-members. This will be your chance to see the unique and beautiful Millennium Photo Album, hand made here in this village, a collaboration of several talented local craftsmen (& women!) and see a 'snapshot' of life in our lovely corner of the world - a very special book to be laid down for future generations to enjoy. We are a very friendly group and will offer you a warm welcome (& hot drink & biscuits) on a cold dark winter's night.

Bittaford Methodist Church *Ruth Whitfield*

*Services continue each Sunday at 10.30 a.m.. You are very welcome to attend.*



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A new Parish Councillor was appointed at the December Parish Council Meeting: Rebecca Taylor lives just outside the Parish, in Ivybridge, but has strong links with Bittaford. She has already shown enthusiasm for the work of the Parish Council by sitting in on our meetings over the past few months.

The Citizens Advice Bureau received funding of £200 in support of their invaluable work during these hard financial times. They have produced a leaflet giving tips on reducing your bills, and what to do if you've got into debt or have a dispute with your supplier. South Hams CAB can give you a benefit check to make sure you are getting all you are entitled to. For more information, call South Hams CAB on 01830 867329/862392.

The Home Heat Helpline 0800 336699 and Energy Savings Trust 0800 512012 can provide energy-saving advice and grants for insulation, draft proofing, light bulbs etc.

The Fare Car timetable has changed to reflect changes in the rail timetable. The scheme is operated by Ivy Cabs and runs to set times, but only if passengers have arranged a journey in advance. The journeys run between Ivybridge (Somerfield car park), Ivybridge station and Tesco Lee Mill and cost £2 each way. For more information, pick up a leaflet from the Post Office, visit [www.devon.gov.uk/buses](http://www.devon.gov.uk/buses) or call 01752 895658

The Boundary Committee has published its recommendation for Devon. It is recommending a single unitary authority covering the whole of the County and specifically does not recommend a unitary for Exeter. Comments can be submitted to the Secretary of State until the 19<sup>th</sup> January, after which he may implement (with or without modifications): a) The original proposal of Exeter City Council of a unitary Exeter; or b) The recommendation of the Boundary Committee; or c) Do nothing. You can express your views by emailing [DevonStructures@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:DevonStructures@communities.gsi.gov.uk).

The Draft Local Development Framework has now been published, which proposes 20 dwellings by 2016, with a further 45 dwellings beyond 2016. The development site has been identified to the North and East of the school and would include the retention and enhancement of the school playing space; footpath access to the village centre; and about 0.1ha of play provision and 0.2ha of other public space. Further details on the draft Local Development Framework and the Princes Trust South Hams District Design Review Assessment are available via the Parish Council website as above.

Planning Applications No objections were raised to the proposed conservatory extension at Ivydene Nursing Home, which lies just outside our parish boundary at Staniforth Drive, Ivybridge; the extended use of floodlights at Erme Playing Fields; or the amendments to the barn conversion at Hayloft, Hays Farm, Ludbrook. Councillors supported the proposed agricultural workers dwelling at Dunwell Farm, Ugborough; the extension at Serendipity Cottage, Filham; and, subject to a restriction for agricultural use only, the timber agricultural barn at Shellwood Hill, Ugborough.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January, when the 2010/11 budget and precept - the Parish element of your council tax - will be discussed. You are welcome to attend.

## St Peter's Church, Ugborough

Dear Friends

This is my penultimate letter to you.

First of all I pray that all of you begin 2010 in hopeful expectation of blessings to come. Life does not always bring what we hope for ourselves but never- the-less many good things we don't expect do happen .

Life for some this year will be tough, especially for those who are serving overseas and their loved ones. The church, and I mean the body of people who worship in Ugborough, always prays for anyone in need, for Peace and for our troubled world, and this continues daily.

Since I last wrote I have more news about life after I move.

The Reverend John Ough who is the Rector of the Diptford Team of Parishes, with whom Ermington and Ugborough have formed a Mission Community, will be the new Priest-in-Charge, The Reverend Carolyn Luff is his assistant.

Eventually the plan is to have a 'house for duty priest' living in Ugborough Vicarage. This will be someone who covers Sunday Worship, Occasional Offices, (Baptism, Marriage and Funerals), and will work 2 or 3 days a week. The Vicarage may be let for a short period of time. Next year enquiries re Marriage and Baptism should go to him on Tel 01548 821148, I will cover funerals until I leave.

I have been trying to gather my thoughts about my time here, and found part of a verse from a poem by RS Thomas, who was a priest in Wales...which helped me recall the reason for being here. This one half sentence seems to combine the reality of the sleepless nights in ministry and their blessing too.

*There are nights so still  
that I can hear the small owl calling  
far off and the fox barking  
miles away. It is then that I lie  
in the lean hours awake listening....  
and the thought comes  
of that other being awake, too,  
letting our prayers break on him,  
not like this, for a few hours,  
but for days, years, eternity.*

*With love to you all Nicola*

## Services in January

	Ermington	Ugborough
<b>Sunday January 3<sup>rd</sup> The Epiphany</b>	11am Joint Eucharist	
<b>Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup> The Baptism of Christ</b>	9.30am Family Eucharist	<b>11am Eucharist</b>
<b>Sunday January 17<sup>th</sup></b>	11am Eucharist	<b>9.30am Family Eucharist</b>
<b>Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am Matins	<b>11am Eucharist</b>
<b>Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup></b>	11am Eucharist	<b>9.30am Matins</b>

First Tuesday in the month 9am Celtic Communion Ugborough all other Tuesdays Celtic Prayer

Wednesdays Prayer at the end of the day 6pm Ermington

### Contributions

Thanks (and Happy New Year) 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 ONG. **The deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> of the month please.** E mail is welcome to [normajroe@ukonline.co.uk](mailto: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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