

UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER



May 2012

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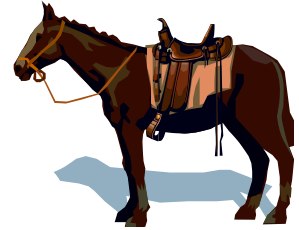
Ceremonial flying of the Flag.

The flag will be flown on the following occasions-

June 2nd- Coronation Day Anniversary June 3rd- Big Street Party!



Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled. *Peggy Douglas*
(tel. 07882286421)



We are now looking forward to a busy summer term. In addition to our usual coffee morning and BBQ we are running a fitness or target challenge from 24th April to 7th July. We are aiming to get 100 people to take part, set your own goals, sponsored or £10 entry. Come and have a go! 7th July will be an in house dressage day at The Brook, open day with teas, competitions and opening/ dedication of Mary's garden. All are welcome!

Our dressage team are now in training and 10 riders will be competing in Cornwall on 22nd May.

Some of you will have seen that I am carrying the Olympic torch on 20th May at 9 a.m. in Brixton. I'm obviously honoured, but slightly worried about running!! So if you see me walking around the village, tell me to run!

Other news- we now have a lovely resurfaced road. Also we are hosting the County and Regional Training days. Our usual helpers week from 18th to 21st June is always an opportunity to pop in and see our venue and how we operate. As always we are in need of volunteers, not only to help with sessions but also around the yard doing maintenance. If you can help in any way, please let us know.

Last but not least, we are finally on the last stage of becoming a Ltd. Company- just the accounts to go, (poor Sue!)

Garden Club *Anne Holway*

At our April meeting 'the cloud and rain forests of Ecuador' proved a fascinating topic ably presented by Oliver Sanders who recently returned from working there in his gap year.



Paul Rendell will give a talk on 'The Wild Birds of the West Country' on Thursday 17th May at 8 p.m. in the Old Post Office.

Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School. Naomi Williams

This is the beginning of a busy summer term, involving "Stay and Play week" and "Sports Day". We are planning a fun theme focused on "Babies". We are going to invite a couple of parents, who have recently had new babies, into a session for the children to see and ask any questions. Also we will ask the children and adults to bring in baby photos of themselves, and look at how we change as we grow up. At pre-school, staff are continually looking for ways in which they can build on their existing knowledge, improve and update their own personal development in order to support and extend each individual child's learning and progress in a number of different ways. This is why all the team regularly attend Early Years courses and meetings. Currently two members of our team are in the middle of their "Forest School" level 2 and level 3 training, from which they hope to be able to provide additional exciting experiences for the children at pre-school.

Ugborough and Bittaford Pre-School welcomes children from all over the area from 2 years old to school age. We fill these precious years with fun and friendship in a stimulating, well-resourced environment and our activities in the pre-school are reinforced by close daily communication with parents that succeeds in achieving the best outcome for the child, and their family. At Ugborough and Bittaford Pre-School we offer an experience that has been judged "*Outstanding*" by Ofsted in March 2011 who awarded us this standard in every single category. We are open term-time only on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday between 9am and 3pm, and on Tuesday and Friday between 9am and 12.45pm. Likewise, the Toddler Group meets on Monday between 10am and 11.30am. For more information on the pre-school please call Tania/Naomi on 07763 215455 or phone Sara on 07739 826422 for Toddler Group enquiries. Or you can visit our website www.ugboroughandbittafordpreschool.org.uk

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

Ugborough Primary School. Some dates for your diary-

Monday 7th May- May Day Bank Holiday

w/c 14th May - SAT's Week

Friday 25th May - Joint concert with the Tamar Male Voice Choir in Ugborough Church - more information to follow

Friday 1st June - Sports Day

4th -8th June - Half Term

Monday 11th June- Non Pupil Day

Friends of Ugborough School- Caroline Ross

Didn't We Do Well!!

What a night in the village hall on 16th March 2012! Full to capacity, the crowd enjoyed a whole evening of live music. Special thanks must go to Steve and Jo Manning, Josiah Manning and the rest of V8 for their involvement, especially arranging the guest appearance of Michael Collings!

Thanks also to Karen Milner from Friary Mill Bakery for providing the pasties, Jake Prowse for the lighting and to all the volunteers who worked so hard behind the scenes to make the evening a success, and of course to everyone that attended to make the evening a success!

We raised £700.00 which will be divided equally between Ugborough School and the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Feel like you missed out? V8 will be back on Saturday 16th June 2012 at our Annual Barn Dance at Hillhead Farm - watch out for further details.

A note from Sue & Howard

We 'blew in' on the 12 December 2000 and we 'blew out' on 12 April 2012!

Yes, we moved into the village on a very cold winter's evening after a very long journey from Yorkshire, but when we arrived at Vine Cottage, our neighbours had already organised our removers (knowing where the key was kept!) and most of the furniture had been 'moved in'. That Christmas, our family were made so welcome in the village and we felt a part of the community immediately.

It has been a privilege to live in Ugborough, especially in Vine Cottage where we feel we have been custodians of a very special piece of history. We have made many friends and we would like to thank everyone for their wonderful support and friendship, particularly in recent times.

We are now in Teignmouth near our daughter and family, where we are able to give our support and much needed help.

(Sue and Howard, you have both given so much to the village and we thank you so much for everything you have done. We send you our love and very best wishes for the future. We look forward to seeing you in Ugborough as often as you can make it!)

Come to a

FARMHOUSE LUNCH



At Dunwell Farm, Ugborough

By kind permission of Cliff & Sue Johns

On Wednesday May 9th at 12 noon

£10

Proceeds to St Peter's Church, Ugborough

Bring & Buy

Draw

Ivybridge U3A - Doreen Flood

Ivybridge U3A monthly general meeting for May 2012 will be held in the Methodist Church, Fore Street, Ivybridge on Monday May 28th at 2pm.

The speaker will be Patrick Goddard and Andy Hopper - 'Funding Long Term Care'

Ivybridge Inter Parish Quiz Tom Holway

After a hard fought contest and some unlucky questions, our intrepid team lost to Bigbury in the first round of the Ken West Plate competition. Thanks and commiserations to Clive, Detha, Eric and Hugh.

Ugborough Parish Walking Group- Merryl Docker

The May walk is traditionally the "*Bluebell Walk*", when we admire the blue carpet and new beech leaves in Ladyswood followed by an easy sojourn onto the Moor from Owly to Moorgate. However, who knows this year if the bluebells will be too early for us, or will the recent cold snap have slowed them down a bit? Join us on **Sunday 6th May at 10.45a.m. in Ugborough Square** to find out. Everyone welcome, bring along you doggies too, just make sure you are dressed for whatever the weather will throw at us. There will be a short car journey to the start of the walk - transport will be shared, so don't worry if you don't have access to a car. Contact Tom Holway (01752 893114) or Merryl Docker (01752 893651) for more information. We also plan to walk the first Sunday of June (3rd) which is the Queen's celebration weekend.



Book Lovers *Anne Nonymous*

A Bigger Digger by Brett Avison



Another book for the young ones found, not in the library, but in the Supermarket.

'They were doing no harm on Mum's little farm'

A story about Bryn and his dog Oscar who begin by digging in the corner of the farm - BUT things soon get out of hand, as they find parts of a dinosaur and need a 'bigger digger'. A big surprise at the end.

Notwithstanding by Louis de Bernieres.

I'm not one for short stories, but was pleasantly surprised by 'Notwithstanding'. My previous attempt at reading Louis de Bernieres, sadly lacked staying power, but this book made me laugh from the beginning and made it into a page turner.

'Notwithstanding' is a collection of short stories revolving around a fictional English village and its eccentric inhabitants. He looks back to a time when 'villages were proper communities', with pubs, shops, church and rectory. Wonderful characters fill each of the stories - a mysterious hedging and ditching man, who turns up in most of the stories and Obadiah Oak, the village's last peasant, who exudes the aromas of wet leather and horse manure.

An excellent read and great fun!

Ugborough Village Hall- *Stafford Williams (Secretary)*

The AGM is in the Hall on Tuesday, 8th May at 8 p.m. and everyone is welcome to attend. The committee will report on the year's activities and the current status of the building and finances. If you are interested in joining the committee or just learning about the facility please come along as it gets dull just talking to ourselves.

Please let me know if you have any agenda items for the night.

Thank you to the After-School Club for paying for the carpet to be cleaned, it is very helpful in maintaining the facility. Also thanks go to Howard Webster, who has left the committee after several years helping represent the Fair Committee and doing many jobs around the Hall - good luck to you and Sue in the future.

SPORTS REPORT - Janner Motson

FOOTIE ALMOST OVER

With only a game or two to go, the Uggies have settled into the likely end of season league positions. The U13s are mid-table after a mid-season slump gave away early promise. They have recovered in the last few matches and are playing the best we have seen. They have played the unbeaten Heavitree 3 times this year, starting with a 13-0 drubbing, then a 7-0 improvement and recently managed 4-0. Given another game or two they should win.

The U11s have resolved to finish in second place and should be very proud of their runner's-up medals, particularly with the way they have brought the whole squad along. They look good for next year's move to 9v9. The U9s split into 2 teams at the mid-way point of the season and the results were affected accordingly, but every player has now played many more games and the benefits will be felt downstream. The U7s have established the potential for next year's U8s, but they will need additional players by September to get a full team each week.

Cricket training has been busy and the first matches for the U11s, U13s and U15s will have been played by the time you read this. And for the aficionados, the men's team have a full fixture list and are keen to better their impressive performance from the last 2 years - 100% defeats! Team selection and bribes will be around soon and Sports Report will be at every game to give you every twist and turn of action...or ankles!

Bittaford Village Hall

Our AGM will be held on May 16th at 7p.m. Come along and hear how your hall is doing. New committee members and ideas welcome!

To celebrate our Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the committee are holding a tea party for the village 60s and over on Sunday 3rd June from 2.30-4.30p.m.

You are welcome to attend. To book please call Carole 896521

Regular events at the hall-

Mondays- 7.30p.m. Eyes down- Bingo

Tuesdays-3.30p.m. LADA children's dance classes

Wednesdays- 7p.m. Art Class

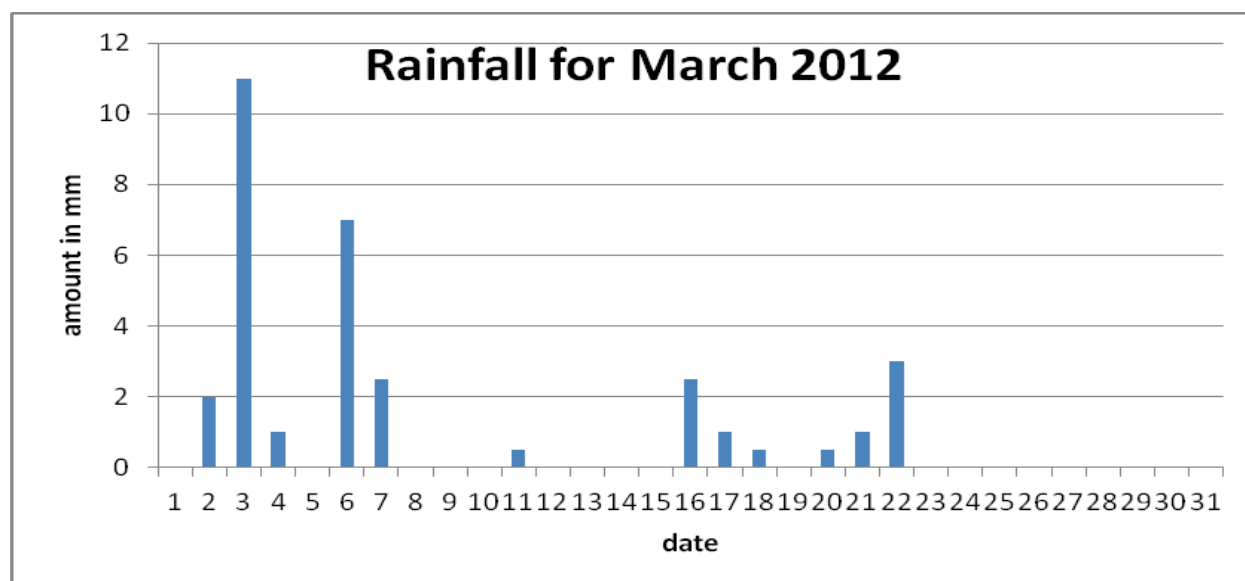
Thursdays- 7.30p.m. Whist drive

Fridays- Line dancing

Come along to enjoy good company!

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

Thanks to Len Wakeham for this detailed record.



Total rainfall for March= 32.5mm = 1.27 inches

Coffee Drop-In Centre 10am-Noon

Every Thursday morning in Ugborough Church.

Why not drop in for coffee/tea/cake/biscuits? Here is a wonderful opportunity to meet up with friends and neighbours. Post Office available at the same time. Everyone welcome.



Ugborough Local History Group- Merry! Docker

A.G.M. & Members' Night

Don't worry, the necessary Annual General Meeting will be over and done with as soon as possible, refreshments served and we can get on with more interesting forays into Ugborough's Past!

Do you know what a *Cordwainer* is? Ugborough was famous for them! Come and join us on Wednesday 30th May, 8.00pm, Ugborough Village Hall for the Cordwainers of Ugborough and the Wellington Boot Trade! Plus a look into our extensive archive.

Members and non-members made equally welcome!

Contact Merry! Docker 01752 893651 for more details.



Your Stars Tonight. "Oh do stop snivelling!" snaps the exasperated steamed dieter, "Just because we forgot to put in most of your April Stars Tonight apart from the punch line". I pull my hoodie down further and mutter into my cocoa about disaffected and deprived star gazers of Ugborough.

"Yes indeed!" retorts the steamed dieter cheerily, "This month's newsletter has several reports from our own correspondent about rioting astronomers in Fore Street and how further unpleasantness was only quelled by the prompt action of PCSO Jacqui Hopper."

"But all the stuff about frolicking frogs and tumultuous toads and Jupiter disappearing from the evening sky by the end of April was left out," I grumble to which she responds in a soothing fashion by saying, "No doubt your star gazing chums will have realised that Venus continues to brighten in the western sky - and of course it will reach maximum brightness in May before disappearing into the glare of the setting sun at the end of the month."

"Then it will pass between us and the sun to give a historic Venus transit at dawn of 6th June," I interject and then go into Elf and Safety mode with, "But of course we would never, ever, look directly at the sun even if we could get up for 3.50 am."

"And a salmon pink Mars remains high in the south western sky," she continues in a placatory fashion to which I enthusiastically respond, "But don't forget it will become fainter as the distance between us begins to increase over the next few weeks".

"Of course," she intones gravely, "Saturn is easy to spot as it is about a hand's width above the southern horizon - and with the bright star Spica it makes a parallel line to the horizon. Currently Saturn is a 'must see' with binoculars, (or even better a telescope), as its ring is now tilted at quite a high angle and at the moment it is such a wonderful and surreal sight," she pronounces.

I gaze at her with rekindled wonder - "I didn't know you cared," I murmur, "How clever you are to remember everything I wrote for last month's lost article".

"Not at all," she exclaims breezily, "I'm downloading last month's newsletter from the very excellent www.ugborough.com website, put together by the wonderful Richard Barker. What a rich source of information it is - all the Parish Newsletters back to 2009, links to the Parish Council meeting minutes, the home pages of the History Group, the Church, the Village Hall, and the Friends of St Peter's... and just look at this lovely photo of me and Mum at the last year's Royal Wedding celebrations!"

COME AND CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE WITH FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS.

DECIDE WHO'S BRINGING WHAT TO EAT AND DRINK, SET UP YOUR TABLES AND CHAIRS AND JOIN IN THE FUN.

DON'T WORRY IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY GARDEN FURNITURE AS SOME WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE COME ALONG.

(HELP WILL BE REQUIRED FROM 11AM TO SET EVERYTHING UP.)

MUSIC WITH RICK THE STICK AND OTHERS
CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT.

THE BIG JUBILEE LUNCH WOULD NOT BE COMPLETE WITHOUT A BIT OF BUNTING, SO GET INVOLVED! THERE IS A NATIONAL COMPETITION CHALLENGING SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS ACROSS THE UK TO CREATE THE LONGEST SINGLE LINE OF BUNTING FOR THEIR JUBILEE LUNCH. TEMPLATES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB OR IN THE CHURCH PORCH.

A GREAT WAY TO JOIN IN!

FOR ANY FURTHER DETAILS, CONTACT PHILOMENA ON 892086.

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The Police Report The spray painting of 5 cars, causing criminal damage, was highlighted in the Police Report - part of a series across a large area of the south west. Other crimes in March included production of class B drug (cannabis) and burglary by forcing open a patio window.

Residents were advised not to leave valuable items, such as sat nav systems or mobile phones on display in their cars when they leave them - either remove them, or store them out of sight, under the chair or in the car boot. More people are using bikes over the spring & summer. Cyclists should ensure their bikes are properly secured and get them security marked and registered, using the free service, www.immobilise.com.

Bittaford Play Area now has its new play equipment and the existing equipment has had a facelift, thanks to the hard work of Cllrs Sue Daniels and Jim Abraham. The next step is for the Parish Council to provide new round picnic benches to both the Bittaford and Ugborough play areas, which should arrive very shortly - now all we need is the summer weather to enjoy them. ,

County Cllr Mumford again urged parishioners to press for improved broadband speeds in the parish by going to www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk and completing the speed survey and short questionnaire.

District Cllr Ward announced a 'Super Cluster Meeting' in May, in which the details of a Devolved Services and Assets Project would be discussed.

Cheaper heating oil may now become a reality, following an initiative by the Devon Oil Collective. This new community-based countywide oil buying scheme is run by the Community Council of Devon, and a leaflet and membership form are available from their website www.devonrcc.org.uk, follow the link to Devon Oil Collective. Annual membership costs £24 and savings of up to £120 on 1000 litres of heating oil have been achieved.

The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held at 7.30pm on Monday 14 May at Moorhaven Clubhouse, and this is an opportunity for YOU as parishioners to find out about and have your say on local issues affecting YOU. Wide-ranging issues will be discussed, including highways, parking, local services and affordable housing. At the Meeting, Ian Sherriff, Plymouth University, will be talking about Dementia Friendly Parishes and Frances Reeve will discuss the work of the Ivybridge Memory Cafe. Dementia is a growing problem, where sufferers are often not diagnosed, and those with dementia and their carers can be very isolated. The Dementia Awareness campaign aims to dispel the myths surround it and look at how sufferers and their carers can get the vital support they need.

The Dartmoor National Park Authority is certainly suffering as a result of the economic downturn. Its income has been reduced by over 35%, and 1 in 4 full-time equivalent staff places will be lost over the next 2 years. As a result, the number of planning officers in Development Management and Forward Planning will be reduced, together with the reorganization of key posts. The Parish Council was asked to respond to a consultation on the governance of National Parks: it supported proposals to include some directly elected members, and to remove the need for the Secretary of State to appoint parish members. However, it expressed concern that an 8 year maximum length of service be introduced, as it would result in the loss of valuable experience.

Planning Applications No objections were raised to the proposed minor alterations at Wrangaton House, nor to the replacement stables, hay barn and tack room at North Parsons Park, Ugborough. No objection was also raised to the Listed Building Consent amendments to the internal layout and roof lights at the Hayloft, Haye Farm, Ludbrook, although Councillors did object to the amended openings.

Well outside the Parish, at Luson Farm, Ermington, a solar farm is proposed, and the Parish Council raised no objection provided the proposals satisfied a visual impact assessment.

Support was given to the proposed residential caravan for a temporary period of 10 years at Higher Witchcombe Farm, on the grounds that it would result in reduced travel to work and would replace an existing caravan. It was suggested that conditions be included restricting occupation and requiring the caravan to be removed after the 10 years had expired.

Finally, Councillors were concerned to learn of the unauthorised subterranean extension at Lakeview Cottage, Moorhaven. This was considered as yet another incident of the applicant flouting planning law, and the DNPA were asked to look into the application of any available sanctions.

May is a very busy month for the Parish Council (and its Clerk). First, the accounts will have to be agreed, and notices will be displayed on the noticeboards about the audit. Then, on Wednesday 9th May at the earlier time of 7pm, the Annual Parish Council Meeting will decide on administrative arrangements for the following year, followed by the normal Parish Council Meeting.

Finally, the Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 14 May at Moorhaven Clubhouse - I hope to see you all there!

Come along to the Ugborough Annual Parish Meeting
Moorhaven Clubhouse Monday 14th May at 7.30pm

*Speakers: Ian Sherriff, Plymouth University -
Dementia Friendly Parishes*

Frances Reeve - Ivybridge Memory Cafe

Find out about & have your say on local issues affecting you

Housing - policing - highways - parking

local services - planning - environment recreation facilities

This is your chance to be involved in your Parish - make the most of it!

Need a lift? Call Tom Holway on 01752 893114



Dementia Awareness

In the south west alone, there are estimated to be some 66,000 people living with dementia and experts project that this figure will rise to more than 91,000. But the stigma surrounding it means that only one in three sufferers ever get a formal diagnosis and others have no idea where to turn for help. Now a new campaign aims to change all that. People with dementia and their carers can be very isolated. Carers have to spend a huge amount of time looking after them. As we have an ageing population, many more people will be affected by it.

The aim is to raise awareness of the condition, dispel the myths surrounding it and look at how sufferers and their carers can get the vital support they need.

Bittaford Methodist Church - Jutta Berger 01752 698 381

Please come and join us for our Services.

6 th May -	Revd. David Youngs	Sacrament of Holy Communion
13 th May -	Revd. Ambrose Wright	
20 th May -	Revd. Ralph Ward	Sacrament of Holy Communion
27 th May -	Mr. Mike Cade	
3 rd June -	Revd. David Youngs	Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

Green Pastures Coffee Bar for families with small children.

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

Please come and join us - we look forward to welcoming you.

A Community Outreach by Bittaford Methodist Church

St. Peter's Church, Ugborough

Lent Course

It has been very heartening to have positive reaction to the speakers who provided us with very stimulating talks during Lent - they certainly gave us plenty on which to ruminate and I'm sure some of the ideas will influence our plans for the future.

With a view to **next Lent**, it would be helpful to know whether you would like a similar format or whether some people feel they were excluded from the exercise because there weren't meetings in more centres - though it has to be said that last year the numbers in scattered groups weren't that thrilling! Please take the trouble *now* just to send me a one-liner e-mail or quick phone call to say which you would prefer - 01803 868445 or pgandcml@btinternet.com so the result can go into our forward planning.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning - Saturday 19th May - Harberton Vicarage

Philip & Caroline have made this part of the local tradition - and would love to see people from all the parishes of the Mission Community - and your donations for this aspect of the Church's work with the most disadvantaged of the world's communities.

Sometimes people ask what Christians actually **do** to help others - this is one of the answers - enabling people with expertise and local knowledge and contacts to bring instant and long-term relief in dire situations - but they do need our prayers and money.

So do come along between 10.30 and 12 noon - raffle & Bring & Buy, of course.

My dear Friends,

Every year on Maundy Thursday all the clergy and authorised lay ministers are invited by our diocesan Bishop to join him in the Cathedral to renew our ordination vows together and to receive the holy oils for use in our parishes. Each year I find the service and the atmosphere very moving and it reinforces the sense of what an incredible privilege it is to have been called to be part of the ministerial body.

But we do not perform our role - distinctive in character though it may be - in isolation; we do it as members of the whole Body of Christ so **all** churchgoers have the responsibility and privilege to minister to one another and to the rest of our communities.

In his sermon, Bishop Bob drew attention to the holy oils as symbols of that ministry. Reflecting on the nature of oil, he reflected that if it's spilt, it can't be put back; if it touches our skin, it reaches into every pore; if it's used it frees up blocked and rusty apparatus; if it's released into God's service, in ways beyond all understanding it brings his grace and power into people's lives.

So we have the Oil of Catechumens - used in making the sign of the cross at Baptism to seal the relationship between God and the new members of the Church. That reminds us of our duty to be missionaries and to bring others to the knowledge of Christ through our examples and teaching.

We have the Holy Chrism - oil mixed with balsam used to mark the setting aside of Christians for their task of ministry and service, most usually in Confirmation and Ordination. We are reminded that we have a duty to ask ourselves if God is calling us to some further task or whether we should be identifying and suggesting to others that they have a special gift that can be used in God's service.

We have the Oil for Anointing the Sick - not just those at the point of death, but people facing an operation or a particular moment in their illness - a sign of healing and caring as well as an acknowledgement of our mortality. All Christians are called to care for those in any sort of need.

So together we embark on another year in the lives of our parishes as the Annual meetings mark new beginnings. Together we are called to be Christ's ministers to his world. We need to make sure - through prayer and worship - that we are nourished and equipped for the task and then we can go out as Easter people in the joy and power of the new life of Christ's resurrection life.

With love and Eastertide blessings, Caroline

St Peter's Church Services in May

Date and time	Service
Sunday 6 th May 9.30a.m.	All Age Worship (a more informal service suitable for all the family.)
Sunday 13 th May 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 20 th May 9.30 a.m.	Family Communion
Sunday 27 th May 11 a.m.	Whit Sunday Communion
Sunday 3 rd June 9.30 a.m.	All Age Worship
Tuesday 1 st May And 4 th June, 9 a.m. All other Tuesdays	Celtic Communion Celtic Prayer
Every Thursday 8.30a.m. 5.30 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer

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

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Reader

David Stafford, Whitsun Cottage, Fore St. Ugborough

Friends of St Peter's - Grave Yard project

We will be having an "open" day for the Grave Yard project at 9.30 am Saturday 26th May - the early start is to dodge the weddings!

The Grave Yard project involves mapping the site, numbering and identifying the graves, photographing and recording the information, linking it to other sources of information and then putting it on the web as a searchable website. If you are interested - please come along. Later in the day there will be a Barbecue at Fowlescombe. Check with Taff and Philomena for further information (892086).

Apologies

Sorry for the duplicating problems last month and especially to our resident astronomer, whose brilliant article was lost. If you want to read how it should have appeared, please visit the website where it is in all its glory!

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 15th of the month please. Thank you for keeping to this.

E mail is welcome to 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

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Stop Press!

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!