

# UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

March 2014



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**Garden Club** *Anne Holway*

Our next meeting is on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 8 p.m. at the Old Post  
We look forward to a talk by Lorna Howell from Lukesland Gardens.



Office.

**Coffee Drop-In Centre**

**10.30 a.m. - Noon every Thursday morning in Ugborough Church**

**Post office available 10 a.m. - 12 noon**

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

Everyone welcome.

**Newsletter Appeal- Sue Johns**

Once again it is time for me to appeal for Funds for Ugborough Parish Newsletter. Thanks to the generosity of individuals, and to some of the organisations that use the Newsletter regularly, we have increased our Funds during 2013. Having carried forward some paper and ink from 2012, I would expect these expenses to increase in 2014, as stock is currently low.

The Risostat duplicating machine is rather elderly and requires TLC to produce copy each month. It is a challenge to produce well centred, evenly inked pages. (Apologies for the upside down page episode - definitely can't blame that on the mechanics!).

The bonus is that the Newsletter is incredibly cheap to produce.

The Accounts are detailed below, and Tom Holway has been kind enough to peruse them with his Accountant's eye.

Thanks as ever to Norma Roe for her efficient editing, which she has managed to fit in despite her busy travel schedule, and caring for a poorly parent in Kent.

Thanks to Anne and Tom Holway for the collating, packaging and delivering to the Team.

And thanks to that Team for their reliability.

Please do give your donation towards cost to Norma, Anne or myself to enable us to maintain this service, any amount is very welcome.

If there is anyone you know of who does not receive a Newsletter and would like to - do let any of us know.

We are still delivering 690 Newsletters to the Parish from The Square to the wilds of Filham and Wrangaton, including Bittaford and Moorhaven.

We send several to Individuals who do not live in the Parish - and they generously reimburse us for that privilege.

I must also thank Richard Barker for his diligence in updating the Parish Website.

**UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS - 2013**

<b>INCOME</b>		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
Individuals	<b>97.00</b>	Risograph ink & Masters	98.70
		Paper	151.09
<b>Organisations</b>		<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>249.79</b>
Parish Council	200.00		
Ugborough Fair Committee	100.00		
Village Hall Committee	50.00		
Erme Valley RDA Ltd	30.00		
History Group	10.00		
St Peter's PCC	90.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>480.00</b>		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>577.00</b>		
<b>Excess income over expenditure</b>	<b>327.21</b>		

*(Thanks also to Sue for the amazing job she does with the ancient and temperamental machine!)*

### **Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays**

Please join us on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March for SOW FOR USS and get free vegetable seeds and support from growers. All we ask of you is to sell some of your harvest at USS providing local seasonal veg for your community. There will be a seed exchange from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. followed at 12.30 p.m. by a vegetable growing master class with Roy Halsey RHS and NVS speaker and judge. There is no charge for this event.

We are also interested in your ideas for other events that we could organise. Here are a few ideas we have come up with:

Marketing and displaying goods

Seasonal events such as apple pressing and chutney making

Cheese making

Seasonal flower arrangements

We look forward to seeing you at USS on 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

**Contact: [ugboroughss@gmail.com](mailto:ugboroughss@gmail.com)**

Thanks to all who attended the Tusk coffee morning. We managed to raise £123 in total. Tusk are very grateful to those who have given their very kind donations. Best wishes- Penny Roberts-Gammage

**Mary's Coffee Morning** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 10 a.m.

In aid of the church, we are hosting the first coffee morning in Ugborough's social calendar! (Not quite- see above!)

At Oakenham opposite Hillhead Farm, come along for tea and coffee and homemade biscuits in memory of my granny. There will be cakes and plants for sale as well as a raffle. Parking is available in the farmyard, at the crossroads and some down our new drive. See you there, Shelley Hutcheon.

*(Thanks to Shelley for taking on the helm for Ugborough Village Fair - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July.*

*Last year we sold a set of balances with a box of weights at the bric a brac stall. If you were the buyer, please contact David Roe (01752 896432) as the missing one gram weight turned up in a pocket!*

*We will of course be looking out for good quality bric a brac again this year. If you are able to contribute any items, please contact us as above).*

**Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School.** *Tania Barretto*

We donned our all-in-ones and wellies to visit Marridge Farm to see lambs being born. (Thank you to those parents who found time to accompany us)

We have been watching the signs of emerging spring at our weekly Forest School. We will celebrate Shrove Tuesday with pancakes and many many toppings! World Book Day is on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March so we invite all parents/carers and grandparents to come and read with our children, and to share their favourite book. The children will also make cards and presents for their Mummies for Mothering Sunday.

Come and see what our children love about your local 'Outstanding' pre-school, offering quality good value childcare with highly qualified staff and a very reasonable rate of £3.80/hour. We accept children from the age of 2 years, accepting 2together funding accessed through a Devon helpline 0845 155 1019, and offer 15 hours/week of funded childcare for 3 and 4 year olds. There is also a busy Toddler Group on Mondays between 10am and 11.30am in the Village Hall. Please telephone 07763 215455 and speak to Tania or Naomi or visit our website [www.ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk](http://www.ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk) to request a welcome pack.

**The Beacon Federation**      *Executive Headteacher - Mrs. Jane Byrne*  
**Ugborough Primary School.**

**World Book Day**

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, children may dress up as a character from their favourite book for a £1.00 donation to school. At a School Council meeting children also suggested that favourite books be brought into school so that they can share them with their class.

**Sport Relief**

All of the children (and staff) will be taking part in Sport Relief on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March and will be running or walking a mile!

The revised dates for Parents evenings are now 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> March.

Other dates for your diary are below-

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March    Afternoon and evening - Watermark Performances

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March      Evening Performance - Watermark

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April              End of Term

**An announcement from the committee of Ugborough After School Club**

Ugborough After School club has provided quality after school care for Ugborough Primary School children aged 4-11 years, Monday to Thursday from 3.15 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sadly, due to a lack of parental support at a crucial meeting, inability to recruit appropriately qualified staff and not enough committee members, the After School club simply cannot function and it is with regret therefore the club will close at the end of this term.

*(Parents will be kept informed of any possible alternative arrangements through school Friday flyers.)*

**Ugborough Parish Walking Group- Merryl Docker**

Snowdrops have been the order of the day in spite of such awful conditions. Join us on Sunday 2nd March, 10.45 a.m. in Ugborough to see if there are any brave primroses about! Do bring your wellies, Children and dogs in life jackets will be very welcome. Come and join us to find out more about our Parish rights of way. Spring cannot be far away so now is the time to get out and about to enjoy our beautiful countryside.

For more information please contact Merryl Docker (01752 893651).



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**Ugborough Local History Group- Merryl Docker**

Come and join us on Wednesday 26th March at 8 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall when Tom Graves will talk to us about "Photography on Dartmoor in the 1860's and 1870's". These fascinating very early photographs of Dartmoor will be available for view. Everyone will be made welcome, members free of charge, visitors just £1 on the door.

**100 years ~ WW1.** Progress is being made on the Community Herb Garden and rejuvenation of the War Memorial. More information in next month's newsletter. If you can offer any help, or materials for creating the garden (it is to be a 'community project') please get in touch with me ~ Merryl Docker (01752 893651). Donations towards costs will be very gratefully received. Many thanks.

**Date For Your Diary**

**Spring Whist Drive**

In Aid of St. Peter's Church

At Ugborough Village Hall on Wednesday 23rd April 7.30 p.m.



*I have been given details of 3 very different charity fundraising events-*

**Mad Dog Mcrea & Hillhead!**

If you fancy a stomping great night out with our very own local band Hillhead and Mad Dog Mcrea, then get down to the Donkey Sanctuary in Ivybridge on Saturday 12th April. Bar and BBQ provided. £12 per ticket ~ book early, last year these two epic bands sold out very quickly! Further details from the Sanctuary- 690200. Tickets are limited!

**"Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives."** *Great British Fish and Chip Supper - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May*

Could you organise a fish and chip supper on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and the Spinal Injuries Association's information and support services? You could make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives.

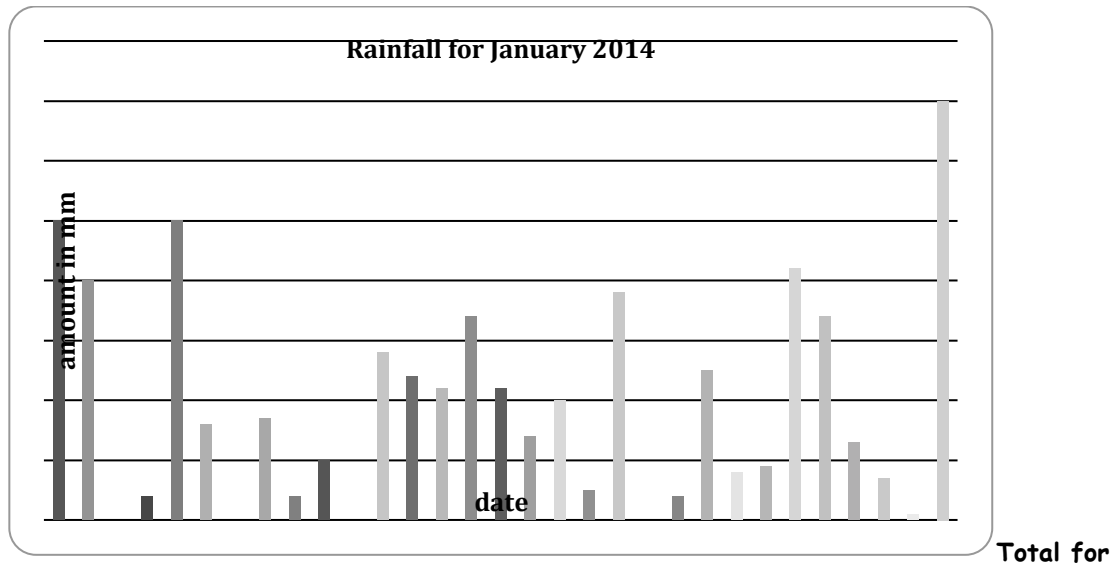
For more information or request a fundraising pack call 0845 0714350 or email [fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk) or visit [www.siafishandchips.co.uk](http://www.siafishandchips.co.uk)

**And now for that very special night out**

Devon Fit Camp are holding a Charity Ball in aid of Clic Sargent and Coppafeel on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April at Boringdon Park Golf Club from 7 p.m.

For more information call 01752 426223 or e mail [info@devonfitcamp.co.uk](mailto:info@devonfitcamp.co.uk) website [www.devonfitcamp.co.uk](http://www.devonfitcamp.co.uk)

**Rainfall at West Cannamore, Ugborough, 510 ft. above sea level** Thanks to Len Wakeham for this valuable record.



**month= 305.5mm=12.02 ins.** For interest I looked back over the last few years and the total rainfall was as shown below. Len's record keeping proves what a wet time we've been having lately!

January 2014	305.5 mm = 12.02 ins
January 2013	200 mm = 7.87 ins
January 2012	119.5 mm = 4.70 ins
January 2011	159 mm = 6.25 ins
January 2010	157 mm = 6.18 ins

**Ivybridge U3A - Doreen Flood**

The March general meeting of Ivybridge U3A will be held in The Watermark on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 2 p.m. The speaker will be Keith Mason and his subject is -'The Making of Musical Instruments.'



### **Beryl's Bookworms** - Sue Johns

January's Book was written by one of our favourite authors, Maggie O'Farrell . 'Instructions for a Heat Wave' is the tale of a family set in the heat wave of 1976. (Interestingly, not everyone could remember this summer - which from a farming point of view was devastating!)



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Most of us agreed that the intensity of the weather was reflected in this family drama, and that individual characters and their behaviour towards each other was heightened by the oppressive atmosphere. The inexplicable departure of the father and the hunt to locate him took us from London to the idyllic West Irish coast. It seemed all members of the family were concealing character faults and inadequacies which rendered the family unit essentially dysfunctional. The majority of the Group agreed that this was a classic O'Farrell, sensitively portraying the falling out and coming together again of the family, whilst exploring the psychological nuances. Most of us agreed this was an addictive read - the rest were relieved to struggle on thorough. Several of us felt that there was a distinct lack of urgency to find the father - but this did allow time for the characters to unfold and explanation of times past to be considered. The shock of the disclosure of the mother's skeleton in the closet surprised us all.

We were split into two camps when discussing the novel's conclusion: Those who felt that all the loose ends were tied up - and this novel did indeed have a beginning, middle and end - and those who felt the conclusion was ambiguous allowing the reader to draw their own conclusions..... will there be a sequel??

Significantly we all finished the book, and our average score was 3.75 out of 5.  
Next book is short stories for a change, is 'A Possible Life' by Sebastian Faulks.

### **Ugborough Village Hall** - Stafford Williams

The Hall is in need of someone to help fill the role of bookings secretary, which is pivotal to the ease of running and convenience for all. The task will suit someone who accesses their email on a daily basis so that they can respond to requests as punctually as possible. If you are interested please contact any member of the committee or me on 07941 588581. The Hall Committee wishes to express a big thank you to the Fair Committee for their contribution of £1500 to the Hall, which we have earmarked towards replacement furniture, in particular the padded chairs that are most popular amongst hirers.

We are trying to identify the owner of the hostess trolley in the kitchen. There is an aspiration to replace it with an improved trolley, but we need to see if it has an owner before it is removed. Please contact the committee if you are responsible for it.



**Your Stars Tonight.** Due to the curtailment of observational astronomy in the South West, my mates Copernicus, Kepler and Galileo came round for bit of an astro-chat which was lubricated by some bottles of Chianti and a crate of Speckled Hen. After a little quaffing Copernicus reminisced about his heliocentric theory and we knew it was going to be a long session when he got out his coloured pencils and drew the Earth's orbit with the sun at the centre. Then he drew an even bigger circle and carefully located Jupiter at 12 o'clock. Kepler then explained that when Jupiter and the earth are both at 12 o'clock we are at our closest (Jupiter is in opposition as we star buffs say).

I enthused about how my scientific imagination had kindled when I first saw the moons of Jupiter through a two inch war surplus naval telescope as a child. Mention of the moons got Galileo going and he did his usual grandstanding about how they were "his moons" and how he was far cleverer than anyone else in the history of science. I must admit I am not a great fan of Galileo - a reading of his life story reveals an egotistical and confrontational man who had a self-destructive streak of arrogance - his enormous talent was ruined by his equally enormous personality faults - sadly reminiscent of a cricketer recently in the news.

The clockwork accuracy of the moons of Jupiter have a fascination as they eternally circle their parent planet, and regularly blink out of sight as they pass in front or behind Jupiter and then blink back into sight as they reappear on the other side. And it is a strangely awesome sight to be 400 million miles away and watch the tiny black circular shadow thrown by a moon on Jupiter's surface as it passes in front of the giant planet.

But Jupiter also casts an enormous cone of shadow behind itself and the little moons are cloaked in darkness when they pass through this. For the next few weeks the earth is at 9 o'clock on Copernicus's chart and therefore we are at a slight angle to the direction of the shadow. (I am sure that those of you who did not fall asleep during trigonometry lessons will want to work out the angle between us and the shadow knowing that the earth's distance from the sun is 93 million miles compared with Jupiter's 480 million.) This angle means that a moon will disappear as normal behind Jupiter but when it emerges on the other side it is cloaked in invisibility by the shadow. As it continues its orbit around Jupiter it will eventually leave the shadow and blink into sight at some distance from the Jupiter's disc.

900,000 years ago our ancestors walked through the mud at Happisburg leaving their footprints behind. How human were they? And when they lay down for the night did they gaze in wonder at the stars above - and perhaps even notice the heavenly clockwork of the night sky?

### **Sports Report- Janner Motson**

What next for Pieterjon?

After what was described as a mixed season last year the Ugborough cricketers met for their AGM and awards in the Ship this month. There was particular press interest following the reported disruption caused by Pieterjon Parham, the maverick Essex boy so popular with the crowds. Although always a (large) magnet to fans he has also proved difficult to manage and cannot find a regular place in the side. Rumours are that the selectors have had enough and that the issue has been discussed at the West of England, South and Ugborough Cricket Conference (WESUCC). Chairman, Jez 'Hole-out' Hobart told Sports Report that "Pieterjon is a big player and all-round, but he has been caught out, needs to stump up, stop bowling dollys, play off the front foot, play with a straight bat and be careful in the gully, or sooner or later he will be run-out". It is hoped that Pieterjon will be able to resurrect his career this season or else we will all miss the massive part that he has...to play.

On the bright side the Ugborough Player of the Year was Paul 'Alex' Stewart, who had an average of over 100 for part of the year and showed the old keeper how it should be done. We understand that the 'old' keeper has been in heavy training to try and regain his position, but it is clear that the competition for places promises an exciting season to go with the usual injuries and age-related excuses.

First match on 4<sup>th</sup> May at Ivybridge ground in Filham Park.

### **Ugborough Parish Neighbourhood Planning Working Group News**

A Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) was last carried out in Ugborough Parish in 2009. This is an important part of the Evidence Base for the Neighbourhood Plan (see Parish Council Website at

<http://www.ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk/index.php?id=399>)

and will assist the Housing Focus Group in their consideration of housing needs and aspirations for the Parish. An HNA has a five year shelf life and South Hams District Council (SHDC) conduct periodic reviews. Ugborough is not on the current review list and the Parish Council were considering commissioning their own survey through the Community Council for Devon. Good news arrived this week with the advice that SHDC are proposing to take this service in house. Any housing provision in the Neighbourhood Plan will be guided by public consultation. More details later.

Work continues in all Focus Groups towards the production of a second Neighbourhood Planning questionnaire.

Anyone interested in joining in this exciting planning process for Ugborough please contact the current Focus Group leaders;

Housing - Clive Hart ([cwjhart@sky.com](mailto:cwjhart@sky.com))

Car Parking - Joan Fletcher ([joan.w.fletcher@btinternet.com](mailto:joan.w.fletcher@btinternet.com))

Open Space - Owen Davies ([davies\\_n10@sky.com](mailto:davies_n10@sky.com))

Shop/Community Shop/Café - George Beable ([georgebeable@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:georgebeable@hotmail.co.uk))

Pre-School Play Group - Tom Holway ([tomholway@lineone.net](mailto:tomholway@lineone.net))

We are still interested in hearing from people who would like to participate in the Planning Policy Focus Group. Please contact Richard Hosking 01752 690775 or [rwh007@ricsonline.org](mailto:rwh007@ricsonline.org)

The Neighbourhood Plan is about the future for Ugborough - be part of it

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The February Parish Council Meeting started early with a discussion about flooding at Undertown.

DCC Highways and the SHDC land drainage service are being asked to help out, and the Parish Council is arranging emergency lighting and flooding signs. But the main approach is community self-help, and we are compiling a list of those who are able to get involved.

*(I would like to add my thanks here to the Community self help team who helped out on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February when once again the drains blocked due to the torrential and continual rain and Lutterburn lake appeared! The heroic efforts made the BBC news and website! Ed.)*

**If you are able to help by joining the Community Response Team, please provide the Clerk with your contact details and any particular help you can provide. A meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March (before the Parish Council Meeting) to discuss the community response.**

WW1 Commemorations are moving forward, thanks to the enthusiasm of Merryl and the History Group. Merryl outlined the plans for the Commemorative Herb Garden, and the Parish Council will be seeking funding for the raised beds. A WWI Ugborough Experience exhibition will be available in the church, and it is hoped to make this the focus of the Annual Parish Meeting later in the spring.

Neighbourhood Watch is producing a regular newsletter, which is being displayed on the Parish Council website - go to [ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk) and look under 'Local Services'.

Planning applications No objections were raised to the proposed single storey side extension at 14 Moorland Close, Bittaford, nor to the conversion of Cider Press Barn, Haye Farm, Ludbrook into 2 dwellings. Councillors considered that the proposed wind turbine at Weeke Farm, Modbury (which is outside our Parish) should be slightly shorter and located closer to the farm. No objection was raised to the works subject to TPO at Moorhaven, provided a professional tree risk assessment was undertaken.

Council Tax increases are proposed by both Devon County Council (1.99%) and South Hams District Council (1.9%), and DCC are undertaking a number of consultations to determine the future of the services it provides - have your say by going to [devon.gov.uk](http://devon.gov.uk) and responding to the 'Tough Choices' given on the home page. Your views are sought on changes to the

following services: Youth services, Heritage, residential care, Adult & social day care, meals, and the Waste Plan.

The new South Hams website has now been running for one whole year, and very useful it is, too. It provides helpful information about the District and enables you to make payments, respond to planning applications, report missed waste collections and much, much more. Feedback is invited on the website, by emailing [feedback@swdevon.gov.uk](mailto:feedback@swdevon.gov.uk). Local concerns currently being pursued by the Parish Council also include: ongoing maintenance at Bittaford playpark; repairs to the Bittaford bus shelter; discussions over the boundary between Ivybridge and Ugborough; the eviction of travellers from Hillhead; and the extension of speed restrictions along the B3213 at Bittaford. So there is quite a bit of work to keep us going!

The next Parish Council Meeting is to be held a week later, on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at Ugborough Village Hall. It will be starting at the earlier time of 7 p.m. for a further discussion on flooding and the community response.

**Bittaford Methodist Chapel Services-** *Jutta Berger 01752 698381*

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

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March- Rev, David Youngs- Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March- Rev. Amos Wright

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March- Rev. Ralph Ward- Sacrament of Holy Communion **2.30 p.m.**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March- Rev. Malcolm Richards

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March- Mr. John Pointon (Mothering Sunday)

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

Dear all,

It has been quite a battle with all the storms recently. The trees have been blown down; the rivers overflowing; the waves pounding our coasts, and the politicians playing the blame game. Life is extremely hard for many as they journey through life.

Yet, in my garden the snowdrops are out and the daffodil shoots are springing up. The signs of hope and new life are everywhere to witness, if we open our eyes. This year, we, as a Mission Community, are going to study a course for Lent which is co-written by the new Bishop of Exeter, the Rt. Rev. Robert Atwell, who takes up his post in July. It is all about the Christian Journey, and we will study the Lord's Prayer. Please come and join the course. It is open to all in our communities, and it is suited to all no matter if you are exploring, questioning, or well into your Christian Journey.

I have given in my formal resignation from the Three Rivers Mission Community from the 1<sup>st</sup> September. This is going to be a challenging time with all the clearing out, planning and the emotional turmoil of leaving a place you love and people you love. However, I have always thought of Christians as moving, ever since singing 'Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war' as a child. We promised at our baptism to be Christ's faithful soldiers and servants. Both these roles involve movement, or consequences follow. The seven Churches must now consolidate themselves and be ready for change and challenge. All must continue to support the churches in our villages or we will lose them. It will be the fault of the community if they close, for without people the church does not exist. The building does not make a church rather a living church is built with the people of God.

We are coming towards the time in the churches' calendar when we elect people for tasks within the church. Please play your part. Don't just leave it up to the few. All are needed. The Baptised are called to be on active service. There was a lady who was blind and deaf at the age of ninety seven kept asking me what more could she do for the church - maybe visit the outlying farms and tell the people that the church was praying for them. She had been imprisoned in a Japanese Prison Camp during the war and was in charge of the only English Bible in the camp. She remained on active Christian duty until she died in her hundredth year. We all need to pray for our churches and the world.

It is as I reflect on twenty years of ministry, I thank God for those who have journeyed with me on my pilgrimage, and sometimes, especially for those who got under my skin and annoyed me! Perhaps that is the sand that can create a pearl in the oyster. Just look at Jesus' early disciples, they were all individuals and characters in their own right!

Please join us this Lent on our journey and dedicate our lives anew to following in the steps of our Lord and Saviour. May the love of Christ blossom in our lives this spring and help us to get ready to greet our risen Lord this Easter!

Yours, on the journey, *John*

### **The Lent Course**

All the parishes of the Mission Community are going to follow the same "Course for the Christian Journey" and in Ugborough the first meeting will be at David and Sally's house (Whitsun Cottage, Fore St). on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m.. This course is entitled "Pilgrim" and is designed both to encourage long-standing Church members and also present aspects of Christian life to those who might term themselves enquirers and want to explore what the Christian faith really stands for. You are very welcome to attend.

### **The Big Promise.**

Thank you to all those who joined in the re-affirmation of Marriage Vows in Diptford and helped to make it such a memorable occasion. There was such an eager atmosphere and so many smiles. It was much appreciated by those who took part. We had 28 couples in Diptford and the final tally for Years of Marriage Represented in the Church, both from those couples and others who had been widowed or whose spouses could not be present for various reasons was 1169 - a tremendous affirmation of the institution of marriage, with all its challenges and sadnesses, its joys and satisfactions.

Greg Taylor has produced some lovely photos of individual couples and the scene in the church. Visit <http://www.leapimages.co.uk/diptford.htm>

Or take the link from the simpler [www.leapimages.co.uk](http://www.leapimages.co.uk)

### **Women's World Day of Prayer - 7.30 p.m. Friday 7<sup>th</sup>. March at St. Peter's Harbertonford**

This year the service has been written by the women of Egypt, a country with a very ancient and sophisticated civilisation and one which is facing enormous challenges in the present day. The theme is "Streams in the Desert", which has a good Biblical resonance. Do come along and join in this (literally) world-wide act of praise and worship.



### **St Peter's Church Services in March**

Date and time	Service
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 9.30 a.m.	All Age Worship
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 9.30 a.m.	Family Communion
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 9.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Joint Benefice service at Ermington Church</b>
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 9.30a.m.	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion
Tuesdays 9 a.m.	Celtic Prayer
Every Thursday 8.30a.m. 5.30 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer

#### **WANTED- Your Church Needs You!**

The Big Spring Clean - St. Peter's Church

Volunteers are needed to assist with this year's Big Spring Clean of the Church.

Just turn up on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> April from 12 noon and Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> April from 9.30 a.m.

Willing men particularly needed-. Please come and help!

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

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**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 ONG.

**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)

**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. monthly.

Unfortunately the Mobile Shop from Avonwick will no longer call at Ugborough. Don't forget to visit your Post Office in Ugborough Church on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning.



**Ceremonial flying of the Flag.**

The flag will be flown on the following occasion-

Monday March 10<sup>th</sup>- *Commonwealth Day and the birthday of the Earl of Wessex*

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