

# UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

Christmas- January 2014



## What's on

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| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup><br>December   | Ware Winter Warmer- Ware Farm Courtyard from 4 p.m.-8 p.m.                             | Page 2  |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup><br>December | Ugborough Walking Group's Boxing Day walk. Meet in the Square at 10.45 a.m.            | Page 5  |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January       | Back to School for 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Spring Term                                  | Page 5  |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup><br>January  | Ugborough Parish Council meets at Ugborough Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.                  | Page 13 |
| Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup><br>January  | Ugborough Sustainable Saturday at the Village Hall from 10 a.m. to 12 noon             | Page 7  |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup><br>January | Neighbourhood Planning Meeting at Ugborough Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.                  | Page 11 |
| Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup><br>January  | Coffee morning in aid of Tusk Trust at Ugborough Village Hall from 10 a.m. to 12 noon  | Page 8  |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January       | Ivybridge U3A meets at The Watermark, Ivybridge at 2 p.m.                              | Page 6  |
| Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup><br>January  | Ugborough Sustainable Saturday at the Village Hall from 10 a.m. to 12 noon             | Page 7  |
| Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup><br>January | Ugborough History Group meets at Ugborough Village Hall at 8 p.m.- 'The Bedford Boys'. | Page 6  |

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Ceremonial flying of the Flag.

The flag will be flown on the following occasions-

**January 9<sup>th</sup>**      *Birthday of the Duchess of Cambridge*

**January 20<sup>th</sup>**      *Birthday of the Countess of Wessex*



Ware Winter Warmer

Nick, Bev, Hugh and Charlotte invite you for  
mulled wine, mince pies and Christmas cheer

Ware Farm courtyard

Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup> 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Dress warmly!!

Collection in aid of Help for Heroes

Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School. *Tania Barretto*

To finish our term, Father Christmas will visit each and every one of us. No doubt we will have exciting things to tell about our Christmas holidays when we come back fully refreshed to start the spring term. We look forward to some crisp mornings, and watching the frost and ice form. Wrapped up well we will enjoy hot chocolate around the storm kettle at Forest School on Tuesday, watching enthralled as the flames are fed by the adults. We are being visited by the Dogs Trust, to learn how best to treat/deal with dogs, and we have been visited by a School Crossing Patrol Officer. Our new committee of parents hope to run fundraising events this term, so we'll keep you posted!

Come and see what our children love about your local popular pre-school, who achieved an 'Outstanding' rating with Ofsted in March 2011. We accept children from the age of 2 years, accepting 2together funding accessed through a Devon helpline 0845 155 1019, and offer 15 hours of funded childcare for 3 and 4 year olds, charging a very reasonable rate of £3.80/hour beyond this.

We have collaborated too with the Ugborough After-School club, and they provide childcare until 6pm Monday-Thursday to help some of our working parents. 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 about Pre-school, Toddler Group or After School Club enquiries.

Helping Hand

Hard working 14 year old Harry Ross is offering to do odd jobs for you- price to be negotiated. If there is anything he can help you with, then please contact him at [harryjross@talktalk.net](mailto:harryjross@talktalk.net) or phone 691265

**Coffee Drop-In Centre**

**10.30am-Noon every Thursday morning in Ugborough Church**

**Post office also available 10am-Noon**

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

**Please note there will be no coffee drop-in on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**

**Ugborough Bell- Ringers- Francis Douglas**

The Ugborough Bell- Ringers and their partners had an excellent meal out at the Ship Inn on 14<sup>th</sup> November in honour of the retiring Captain of the Tower, John Fox. He has been the Captain for 38 years and has been responsible for maintaining the continuous ringing of church bells.

This tremendous achievement has been down to John's friendly management style, which has ensured that being part of the team is fun. This responsibility has now passed on to Anthony Luger, who was unanimously elected as the new Captain of the Tower. The bells continue to be rung for every Sunday service. For Remembrance Sunday a muffled peel of 8 bells was rung underlining the solemnity of the occasion.

Practice nights are Thursday starting at 7.30 p.m. New volunteers are sought to join the bell-ringing team so that this ancient activity can be maintained in the village. No previous experience is necessary, although if you already have some that would be a bonus. If you are interested, please contact Anthony (01752 892428) or come up and see us on our Thursday night practice.

**The Great War Commemorative Event - Gareth Jones (Taff)**

2014 sees the anniversary of the start of The Great War on 4th August 1914. In commemoration of this event, a formal Black Tie Dinner will be held in The Anchor Inn and Village Hall on Saturday 2nd August 2014. Ticket prices and a full itinerary will be advised in February's newsletter.

As it is anticipated that we will only be able to cater for 70 - 80 people and the event is likely to be oversubscribed, if you wish to book an advance ticket for the dinner please contact Taff, Philomena, Hugh Cornford or The Anchor Inn.

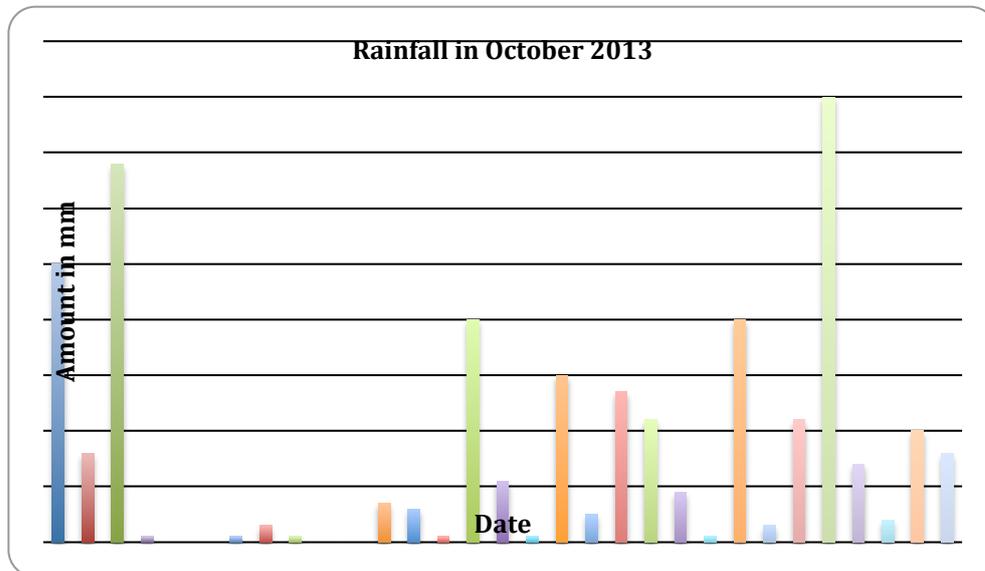
**Anchor News**

On New Year's Eve we will be open until 1 a.m. with live music from local band, FLUKE who will play from 9 p.m. to midnight.

For those looking for a hearty dinner, we will be doing homemade chilli and stew with crusty bread and jackets etc for £7.50 per person but it must be pre booked.

For your diaries, we will also be holding a Burns Supper on January 25<sup>th</sup>

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



Total for October- 248.5 mm= 45.84 inches



#### **Operation Christmas Child**

As a Parish, 26 Christmas Gift boxes have been



sent from Ugborough this year.

Special thanks go to Jane Hooper (Anchor Cottage, Lutterburn St) who co-ordinated this year's Appeal along with a couple of 'little' helpers, Joe and Charlotte. Thank you to all those who contributed.

#### **Poppy Appeal - Francis Douglas**

This year £364 was raised in Ugborough Parish for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Thank you everybody who donated; individual collecting points have been informed of the amount raised on their premises. This was about £100 down on last year, primarily due to the temporary closure of Carew Service Station.

The Remembrance Service was very well attended this year with over 100 people and that raised a further £256.

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

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We will see you again on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

Our Christmas Festivities kicked off with Pre School's Christmas Production watched by older siblings and everyone enjoyed Christmas lunch where an amazing 106+ meals were served! Thank you to all involved in making this possible.

Our school choir took part in the Fantasy Arts Performance at ICC, performing with Mr Ross' Be Champions project. As the only primary school taking part in this project it was a great honour and a wonderful experience for the children, who did exceptionally well. Thanks to parents for supporting us at this busy time of year.

### **The Rucksack Project**

This project is about helping the homeless to survive over the cold winter months. For further information please see [www.rucksackproject.org](http://www.rucksackproject.org) or check out their Facebook page where posters etc. can be downloaded and printed off.

Any items may be handed into the office up to the end of January 2014.

### **Primary School Places for September 2014**

If you have a child who was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010 you will need to apply for a school place for September 2014. This can be done on line at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline) - closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014 or, if you cannot apply online, you can get a copy of the First Step Booklet by calling the Education Helpline on 0845 155 1019.

### **Ugborough Parish Walking Group - Meryll Docker**

We are going to walk off the excesses of Christmas with our customary Boxing Day walk! Bring out your friends and family before you all get fever. Or escape to get away from them all! Either way we want to see your best Christmas jumpers, hats, scarves and socks.



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Join us in Ugborough Square at 10.45 a.m. Thursday 26th December.

There is no walk set for the beginning of January. Please stay in for a 'duvet day'! We look forward to seeing you on Sunday 2nd February. Make sure you hang on to your New Year Resolutions to keep fit and get out and about more until then.

Happy New Year to you all.

New Rainbow Group for 5-6 years olds, starting at Bittaford Village Hall in January.  
Wednesday evenings 5.30-6.30pm  
Contact: [1stbittafordrainbows@gmail.com](mailto:1stbittafordrainbows@gmail.com)  
Tel: 07775827750

**South Brent Police** PCSO Shaun Barker and PCSO Russ Broadhurst will be at Bittaford Village Hall between 2 p.m. -4 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month starting 9th January 2014.

This is an opportunity for the residents of Bittaford to come and speak with their local officers about any issues that we may be able to help with.

We also attend St Peters Church every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at the coffee morning.

We look forward to seeing you.

Phone: 101 Facebook Page: South Brent Police Station

### **Ugborough Local History Group- Meryll Docker**

We have a special treat for you this month ~ a film night! We have been fortunate to obtain a copy of the film "The Bedford Boys" to show you on our History Group night on Wednesday 29th January, 8 p.m. Ugborough Village Hall. The Bedford Boys was shown a couple of years ago and is about the young men from the town of Bedford in the USA who found themselves billeted in Ivybridge during World War Two. It is the story of how they struggled to adapt to life in our small rural South Devon Town whilst they trained for the horrors of the war. Do join us for this true story set here on our own doorstep.

Everyone will be made welcome, whether a History Group member or not - non members just £1 on the door. We look forward to seeing you.

### Ivybridge U3A - Doreen Flood

New for 2014 - New Venue New time!

Starting with our January general meeting these will now be held in The Watermark on the third Monday of the month. The speaker for the January Meeting will be Barbara Harry who will be talking about the work of the Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB). The meeting will be held at the Watermark on Monday 20th January at 2 p.m.

The Christmas Social Meeting was a great success attended by a record number of members who filled the hall. The entertainment provided by the U3A Choir was warmly received and the afternoon was ably compered by Jim Whyte who kept everyone on their toes with a quiz and a witty monologue regarding the adventures of a new member of U3A as he tried out some of the many groups available.

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays- locally produced foods, crafts and cafe.

A big thank you to all those helping to make Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays a success, whether it's by selling, buying or just coming along to have coffee and chat. We'd love to see you on 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. Further information can be found on <http://www.ugborough.com/uss/>. Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays also has a Facebook page where you will find all the latest news.

### Beryl's Bookworms - Sue Johns

Rip Tide by Stella Rimmington was our November Book. This is an espionage novel featuring MI5 Intelligence Officer Liz Carlyle. The plot revolves around terrorist extremists, Somali pirates and travels through Athens and Pakistan culminating in a showdown at a Rock Concert in the UK.



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We were expecting great things from Rimmington, the ex-chief of MI5, but most of us were disappointed by the failure to create a nail biting spy thriller. We felt the lack of tension and credibility of the plot made for mediocre reading. At best a light 'holiday read'.

Conversely (as ever!), a few of us *were* thrilled by the unfolding of the story and the linking of the many facets expertly deduced by our heroine.

The average score was 3 out of 5.

Our Christmas Party at the end of the month certainly did live up to **all** our expectations. Hosted by Anne Holway, we feasted on an abundance of Italian themed food provided by members in Anne's seasonal and convivial setting. This year's literary theme was a 'Murder Mystery - in 500 words in prose or rhyme' and several inspired members took up the challenge. The diversity of style and plot reflected our differing take on the subject, and all made for excellent entertainment. We all agreed that Sharon Hughes' ingenious rhyme accurately observing the banter and characters of a recent Bookgroup meeting with an added sinister twist (when we were all poisoned by Helen's cake!) summed up the reasons why we all thoroughly enjoy our monthly get togethers!

January's Book is the Universe Versus Alex Woods by Gavin Extence.

Ugborough goes on safari again...

Safari Supper 2014 will be Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2014.  
Application forms from John Pursey 01752 896278 or  
[ugboroughsafari@gmail.com](mailto:ugboroughsafari@gmail.com)



### **Commemoration of WW 1 ~ A Community Herb Garden**

As you will be aware, this year marks the centenary of the beginning of World War One. Many towns and villages are marking this special occasion with various acts of remembrance. Following discussion with many local people via the History Group, Garden Club and Ugborough Parish Council we have decided to go ahead with ideas for a community herb garden on the church lawn in front of the War Memorial.

We are currently looking for grant funding for this, but want to get the community involved as much as possible. The idea being that, when the herbs are established, local people can come and cut and use them whenever they are needed. Research will be done into herbs commonly used in cooking and for home made cures and medicines around one hundred years ago. We also hope to use first hand memories of past Ugborough residents that were recorded for a BBC Radio Programme 25 years ago. This is an exciting project and will be a fitting memorial to the 27 men from this parish who lost their lives during WW1. We must never forget them and the sacrifices they and their families made.

Please let me know if you can offer help in any way to this project. Offers of practical help in creating the garden (manpower needed!), materials, plants you may have that you could split and donate or offers of financial help. Any ideas you have also very welcome. This is to be YOUR garden to create, use or just enjoy. Please contact me ~ Merryl Docker (01752 893651), or email [merryldocker@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:merryldocker@yahoo.co.uk)



**COFFEE MORNING** in aid of TUSK TRUST  
10 a.m. - 12 noon on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January  
Village Hall, Ugborough



Tusk Trust is a non-profit organisation set up to protect African wildlife including Rhinos and Elephants. As a charity, it funds conservation, community development and environmental education programmes in Africa.

Come and enjoy a relaxing coffee/tea and cake with friends and help to raise funds and awareness within our local community, who are passionate about its wildlife, about the communities in Africa fighting to preserve theirs.

Everyone is very welcome!



### Your Stars Tonight

Fresh from our tour of New Zealand (in truth exceedingly wearied by the 29 hour return flight) I am sketching out plans for a Penguin Sanctuary at the bottom of the garden. "Perhaps we could defray the cost of the holiday by selling penguin eggs at the Ugborough Sustainable Saturday," I enthuse, "and organic Penguin and Mushroom pie could be a gastronomic sensation in Bittaford" - but I detect a frosty reception to these ideas from the steamed dieter. I am further down cast by the ignominious squib of a spectacle provided by Comet ISON at the end of November. At one point I had become so concerned that I was missing the promised heavenly show of the century that I door-stopped the Director of Wellington Observatory demanding to know its current status. I was mightily relieved to be assured that no-one else in New Zealand had seen it either.

Lost comets notwithstanding, star gazing in New Zealand is stunning. To lie on a beach with the star spangled blackness of the other half of the universe hanging above - a view forever unseen from Ugborough - is something special. But to have it accompanied by a soundtrack of Pacific Ocean surf overlain by the faint rustling of nesting blue penguins settling down for the night in the sand dunes behind is magical.

At first my stellar navigation skills completely deserted me - and I could make no sense of my star charts. Then at last I recognised Orion's Belt low in the sky. I always visualise Orion the Hunter striding across Ugborough's southern winter sky kitted out in a Roman toga so it was perplexing to see him rise feet first above the horizon then hang suspended upside down - we will say no more about the disarray to his toga.

As my eyes became accustomed to the darkness I could see two faint hazy clouds - each about the size of the moon - and realised that they were the Magellanic Clouds. These are two dwarf galaxies that have a loose relationship with our own galaxy - but perhaps the fact that they are around 100 times smaller than our galaxy and are around 200, 000 light years away has cooled their ardour for a long term relationship. But it is only when the eyes fully adjust to the velvety darkness that the wonder of the Southern Hemisphere's Milky Way became apparent - a soft band of light hangs just above the horizon encrusted with a myriad of sparkling stars. It is rare that reality is better than the Sky at Night photographs - but this was. Well worth 29 hours cooped up in a jet plane.

### **SPORTS REPORT** - *Janner Motson*

Some you may not know the characters in the Uggies football set-up so it seems like a good time to update you on the heroes that you can follow through the rest of the year.

The club owner, Mustapha Lot, is one of the new generation of overseas owners looking to exploit the growing UK media market for quality village football. He has teamed up with Manager Mick Takker and the Board (or should that be Bored) to establish a 5-year plan to get the Uggies into the highest reaches of football obscurity.

On the park we have goalkeeper Rick Wall, a long-standing member of the club and grandson of the famous Tone Wall who was the stuff that the club foundations are made of. At the back we have had all 3 of the Gunn brothers this year; Tommy, Bren and Stan, each having been hot shots in the past. Also in defence we have seen Lotte Ry and Nada Hope, foreign imports from Ermington hoping to change their luck.

Two new strikers were brought in this year, Sam Hopes and Fat Chance, both from low-scoring, non-league side Pau City. So far they have yet to pay back the huge investment by actually scoring, but then there are others who can contribute. Making an impact from midfield is Peter from Peterborough and Manny from Manchester, both of who stepped up after the retirement of Wiggy Wiggs to Wigan. Running the flanks are top scorer (he has 1 goal) Stubby Tow and the always hungry Nilby Mouth.

Off the field, physio Thelma Hurt and Tea Lady Chelsy Bun keep the team ready for action, whilst our scout, Hank Chek is out and about seeking new talent. If you want to see these stars impress then pray that Santa brings them some skill in his sack and watch them at Uggie Park on Sunday mornings.

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

Exploratory work has started to identify practical options for improved storage in the Hall, but all ideas thus far will involve substantial inconvenience and costs. It is hoped that grants and donations will fund such efforts and proposals will be costed in due course for all to peruse.

Periodic maintenance continues and the committee hopes to renew information signs and guides in the Hall in the near future. We have been lucky to have the committee bolstered by 3 new faces in recent months, which should increase our ability to improve facilities.

A reminder to all potential hirers of facilities that the website [www.Ugborough.com](http://www.Ugborough.com) provides information on what the Hall has to offer, the hire contract, costs and how to complete a hire.

### **Mobile Delivery Vans**

A reminder that we have mobile delivery vans visiting the village each week.

**Avonwick shop** mobile van visits on Mondays between 3.30 - 4.30 p.m. and on Thursdays between 10.30 - 11.30 a.m. and 3.30 - 4.30 p.m. providing a wide range of groceries. They also offer a home delivery service and orders over £10 are delivered free. Their number is 01364 72235.

**May's fish** van calls on Thursdays around 2 p.m. and has a wide range of fresh fish and shellfish. Ricky will also deliver a range of other chilled and frozen goods such as vegetables and pies on request. His number is 07968 742066.

As well as continuing to travel round to his regular customers Ricky is offering to park up in the square for an hour or so after 2 p.m.



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

The five Neighbourhood Planning Focus Groups have now each met on two or three occasions to discuss their vision and ideas for possible development and planning policies to include in a Neighbourhood Plan for Ugborough. The Focus Groups will be considering the evidence base needed to formulate options for the next round of public consultation. Those of you living in the village will hopefully have been asked to participate in a survey concerning current and future parking requirements and there may be further surveys in future months. A combined Focus Group meeting was held at the Village Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> November to hear progress reports and an exchange of ideas. The next combined Focus Group meeting will be at the Village Hall on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014 commencing at 7.30 p.m. and will be a presentation on the Neighbourhood Planning process by Jo Widdecombe who is providing support for the Ugborough Neighbourhood Planning project through Locality. All are welcome.

We will be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to participate in the five Focus Groups. The current leaders of those groups are;

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 Fletcher ([gh197@btinternet.com](mailto:gh197@btinternet.com))

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

A further Focus Group to consider Planning Policy will be formed at the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> January. Anyone who is interested in joining the Focus Groups please contact the group leaders.

A Message from Gerald Arnold- Lord of the Manor of Ugborough

It is that time of year when one reflects on the past twelve months and wonders what will happen over the next year. Christmas is very much a time for being optimistic- the celebration of the Christ Child and looking forward to the lighter nights after the solstice.

Whilst 2012 was very much a roller coaster year with so many major events happening all over the country and the rest of the world, In 2013, although full of not very good news stories, the events have had much more of a local feel.

We have been fortunate with having a glorious summer, if somewhat dry. For once it did not rain on the Ugborough Fair, which made it even more enjoyable. Once again the village put on 'Ugborough's Got Talent' in St. Peter's. Certainly the village has got lots of talent and it was good to see so many people of all ages being prepared to get up and entertain us all. All the village events always need people to arrange the 'do' and that means a lot of hard work by a lot of the community, putting on shows, fairs and dances in the village hall.

Without all their enthusiasm and hard work the village would not be the better for it- it is what makes the community spirit here in Ugborough. To all those who have done so much for us all, my personal thanks.

The opening of the Church in conjunction with the Post Office on Tuesdays and Thursday has helped bring the community together. We even have had the church clock renovated and it is hoped that the repairs to the lead roof of the north aisle will be started in 2014. With the joys of the celebration of Christmas and the lengthening of the days into the New Year, let us look forward to a good 2014.

Happy Christmas.

*(I would like to add a huge thank you to the Sustainable Saturday team. This venture is a great asset to our community. Your energy, enthusiasm and commitment is appreciated.- Ed.)*

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The November Parish Council Meeting started with exciting proposals from the History Group to commemorate the World War 1 Centenary. The Group is proposing a community herb garden in front of the war memorial - and villagers would be encouraged to help themselves to the herbs.

Joan Fletcher was formally co-opted as the new Parish Councillor, filling the vacancy left when Jim Abraham moved away. She lives in Lutterburn Street and works within the healthcare sector - and has already been heavily involved in the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan preparation continues towards policy development, and a car parking survey is being undertaken. Ivybridge has also started preparing a Neighbourhood Plan, and wishes to annex part of Ugborough Parish into its Plan area - Councillors were unsure about the implications of this proposal in relation to the proposed link road and industrial development, and are seeking advice from SHDC planners.

District and County Council cutbacks were foremost in the reports from your District and County Councillors. Already, we are experiencing the outfall from these cuts, as the mobile library service is to be reduced from two weekly to four weekly; and South Hams District Council has reduced our Council Tax Support and will be handing over to the Parish Council responsibility for grass cutting at Bittaford play park - which will be an additional burden on our resources.

No Police Report was received this month, and this may be due to staff changes. Neighbourhood Beat Manager Jacqui Hopper has retired and has been replaced by PC Gary Addelsee. He has a team of Police Community Support Officers Shaun Barker and Russ Broadhurst, and the team can be contacted on 01803 860437.

Christmas is just round the corner and the Parish Council has contributed to festivities by making grants towards Christmas lights at Bittaford Community Hall and Methodist Church, and Ugborough Church. Thanks to the generosity of Richard Prowse, Christmas trees will be provided outside Ugborough Church and Bittaford Community Hall.

**Planning applications** Councillors supported the proposed wildlife pond at Lower Well Farm, and the barn for mixed horse and agricultural use at 1 Leigh Close, Bittaford. No objections were raised to the livestock/storage building at Quarry Farm or to the replacement garage/workshop and new garage at Godwell House, Ivybridge. No objections were raised to the revised application for a new dwelling at Park Cottages, Ugborough, provided assurances were given that the copper beech would be protected; and no objections were raised to the low level riding manege lighting at Ivybridge Equestrian, Davids Lane, Filham, subject to a 9 p.m. limit on lighting.

Geoff and Margaret Northmore received special mention at the Parish Council Meeting. They have provided an invaluable service to the community by keeping the Burial Ground neat and tidy. However, ensuring that the waste sacks are available for collection has become too much of a burden for them and they have handed over responsibility to Tom Holway. Thank you, Geoff and Margaret, for your help and commitment - and thank you, Tom, for continuing the good work!

The next Parish Council Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 p.m. and you are welcome to attend. Agenda and minutes are displayed on the Council's noticeboards and website.

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

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

24<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Eve Carol Service - **6.30 p.m.**

29<sup>th</sup> December - Mr. Brian Westlake

5<sup>th</sup> January - Rev. David Youngs Sacrament of Holy Communion

12<sup>th</sup> January - Mrs. Sheila Merrin

19<sup>th</sup> January - Rev. Ralph Ward Sacrament of Holy Communion,  
Covenant Service -- **2.30 p.m.**

26<sup>th</sup> January- Superintendent Rev. Simon Leigh

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 a.m. 'til 12 noon including School Holidays!

## St. Peter's Church, Ugborough

Dear Friends,

"Here begins" - a phrase pregnant with anticipation and hope, tinged with apprehension and maybe even fear as we wonder what **will** be the outcome of a reading, an enterprise or a period of time.

We thought at this time last year of how valuable beginnings and endings are in our human story - the chance to evaluate how things have been, to rejoice in the positive and to resolve to learn from and improve on the negative. So, how was 2013 for you; did you find it hard because of illness, difficult relationships, the economic situation or a thousand and one other difficulties that can arise (like faulty technology!!)? Or can you genuinely look back and feel generally satisfied that things weren't as bad as you had feared or were even marvellous?

I hope it's the latter - but suspect most of us will be able to identify both good and bad moments. What are we going to do with them now the calendar has turned to 2014? Maybe there were disagreements; have we sorted them out yet or should we be making an effort now? Maybe there were disappointing tasks or performances; how can we turn them around with a new resolve as we begin a new year? Do we feel we are more prepared for our eternal destiny - after all the number of New Years we can look forward to celebrating in our individual lifetime has just reduced by one!

So to New Year Resolutions - luckily God doesn't restrict them to the first week of January. Every day we should be resolving to take a step nearer to being the person God has intended - and most days we realise we still haven't made it yet!

It's important that we see ourselves as others see us - which removes some of the gloss we have painted on our own picture of ourselves; it's even more important that we see ourselves as God sees us - and that is through the prism of Jesus Christ, whose birth we have just recalled and whose footsteps we trace along the lanes and in the communities of Galilee and Judaea until we came to Calvary and the empty tomb at Eastertime.

His was a life of service and self-giving, of pointing us away from "this world's empty glory" (words from the hymn 'Tell me the old, old story') to the eternal glory of heaven and God's abiding presence. How do our lives measure up to this vision? In the culture of "being true to myself" (Girl Guides' new promise) and selfies, to live like Jesus is certainly counter-cultural and will be more obvious - but that's what we signed up for at our Baptism, when we were bidden to fight against all that is harmful and to shine with Christ's reflected light.

I wish you a happy year filled with Christ's light to pass on to those around us.

With good wishes, Caroline

**The Big Promise: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February in Diptford**

This is an invitation to everyone, whether or not you are or have been married, to celebrate the married state as the foundation of family life. Many, we realise, have had difficult experiences of their own or others' marriages, but it's good to hold the ideal before our society, to give thanks for happy marriages and to pray for all aspects of family life. If you would like to be part of that attempt, you need to register your intention to be there by January 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Caroline for more information.

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

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**Services in St. Peter's Church Ugborough for late December/ January 2014**

| Date and time   | Service  |
|---|--|
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December<br>9.30 a.m.<br>6 p.m.   | Holy Communion (said)<br>Carol Service   |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December<br>4 p.m.<br>11.30 p.m. | Crib and Christingle Service<br>Midnight Holy Communion                        |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December<br>10.a.m.            | Christmas morning service  |
| Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> December<br>11 a.m.               | Joint Holy Communion service at<br><b>Ermington. (No service at Ugborough)</b> |
| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> January<br>9.30 a.m.               | All Age Worship  |
| Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> January<br>11 a.m.                | Sung Eucharist   |
| Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> January<br>9.30 a.m.              | Family Holy Communion  |
| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> January<br>10.30 a.m.             | <b>Mission Community Holy Communion at Ugborough</b>                           |
| Every Tuesday from<br>14 <sup>th</sup> January 9 a.m.     | Celtic Prayer  |
| Every Thursday<br>8.30a.m.<br>5.30 p.m.                   | Morning Prayer<br>Evening Prayer   |

Contributions

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

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

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