

UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

June 2014



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Garden Club Anne Holway



On Thursday 19th June we are off to Andrew's Wood with Gordon Waterhouse so please bring a picnic and meet in the car park at 6 p.m..

Notes for your diary: Our Annual produce Show will be on Saturday 30th August, in the Village Hall. More information next month.

On Fair Day we have a plant and produce stall so if anyone who can spare anything grown or growing please bring it to the stall or leave it at the Old Post 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.

Ceremonial flying of the Flag.

The flag will be flown on the following occasions-

June 2nd *Coronation Day Anniversary*

June 10th *Birthday of the Duke of Edinburgh*

June 14th *Queen's Official Birthday*

June 21st *Birthday of the Duke of Cambridge*

June 28th *Armed Forces Day*



Farmhouse lunch-A message from Sue Johns

Dear All,

Thanks to the fantastic support of all those who came, donated food, prizes, bring and buy and monies, the Lunch raised £642! Amazing.

We fed around 50 and the ages ranged from 6 months to over 90 years!

Thanks especially to Flo and Anne Holway and all the Washer uppers!

(Many thanks to Sue to for hosting this wonderful community event.)

And a message from Vernon Tuck

The bells were ringing out on the evening of Sunday 27th of last month- a joyous and wonderful sound. What a great evening- surrounded by family and friends-all there to help me give thanks to God that I have been able to continue as Church organist for 60 years, (where has the time gone?)

My sincere heartfelt thanks to ALL who helped to make the occasion such a memorable one-many, many thanks.

My sincere thanks to all who provided the wonderful buffet afterwards. Thank you for the gift of money, (now put to good use), and the much needed new bird table- now being enjoyed by more of my feathered friends every day. Once again, thank you all very, very much.

Footnote- the singing was better than anything heard on 'The last Night of the Proms!' God Bless, Vernon

(Congratulations, Vernon, What a wonderful achievement!)

Liz Lloyd

It was a privilege to join the joyful celebration of the life of Liz Lloyd at the packed St. Peter's on 19th May and the magnificent reception afterwards at Shilston Manor House. The inspirational celebration had been meticulously planned by Liz and Steve and the glorious singing of *Amazing Grace*, *How Great Thou Art* and *Love Divine* confirmed the sincere Christian confidence of the whole family that Liz is now fine and the parting will be only temporary. Steve, Liz's dad, her sisters, daughters and friends all spoke movingly of their treasured memories of Liz's courageous spirit, and her love and commitment to family and friends.

Her amazing fortitude and her strong Christian faith shone through.

Sincere thanks to all the family. Liz- 'The Special One'- is now at peace.

Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School- Tania Barretto

During May we were very excited to experience sunshine and warm weather, which enabled us to spend more time outside giving children space to run around and play in the fresh air. In the summer term is great to encourage children to think about 'how and why things grow', and we have planted broad beans, sunflower seeds, carrots and some bedding plants. Over the next couple of months we will be monitoring the growth of these plants to notice changes over time. This month we will be holding our annual "Teddy Bears' Picnic" in the beautiful gardens at Ugborough House, which is always very popular with the children, parents and staff alike and we would like to pass on a big thank you to Matt and Emily Fairclough who are kindly allowing pre-school, once again, to descend on their property. We are lucky to have Mervyn from Musikgarten and local photographer Claire Tregaskis join us during this event, so hoping for some more lovely sunshine.

We also have some exciting news; we will be offering After School care until 6 p.m. from September and we also looking closely at offering a Breakfast Club from 8 a.m. to give working parents maximum flexibility. If this is of interest please telephone the number below.

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 to request a welcome pack.

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

British Legion Every school in the UK has received poppy seeds to mark the Centenary of the First World War, as part of an educational initiative by The Royal British Legion aimed at helping young people understand the impact of conflict.

This is part of the national campaign to cover the UK with poppies during the centenary period and is being run in partnership with B&Q so that the public can purchase Flanders poppy seeds to plant on their own land. At school, we have decided, in conjunction with the local parish council, to integrate this into our WW1 week next month and create a poppy mural which will be on display at the Ugborough Village Fair and also in the Church.

After School Club Provision

We are very pleased that the Pre School Committee has agreed that to take over After School Club provision from September 2014.

Teaching Schools


Ugborough has become a strategic partner to Ermington, which has been chosen by the National College for Teaching and Leadership to become a Teaching School as part of a joint alliance with Sir Robert Gefferys in Landrake, Cornwall.

This is a very exciting initiative to ensure high quality, school-led initial teacher training and professional development opportunities for teachers at all stages in their careers.

Dates for your diary

Friday 6 th June	Sports Day (Reserve date - 20 th June)
9-10 th June	Proposed Y5 trip to Dartmouth
Wednesday 18 th June	New intake induction afternoon
27 th June	Non pupil day* Please note - previously stated 10/6

Ugborough Parish Walking Group- Merryl Docker

As I write the weather is full on summer and the ground dry - you could go for a walk in sandals! How often can that happen? Let's hope for this  to continue so we can enjoy our next month's foray into the glorious bountiful countryside that we live in. Join us on our next walk on:

Sunday 1st June ~ 10.45 a.m. Ugborough Square ~ dogs, children, friends and relatives will all be made welcome. See you soon.

Merryl Docker (01752 893651) & Tom Holway (01752 941872)

(Tom Holway has some information about how to get discounted price Ordnance Survey maps. If you are interested, please speak to him).

Ugborough Local History Group

Wednesday 4th June ~ 8 p.m. Ugborough Village Hall.

Following a very brief necessary business part of the AGM the topic will be "**Ugborough Voices: Memories of World War One in Ugborough Village**" Please don't miss this amazing piece from our archive when, over 20 years ago, local folks were recorded for a BBC Radio program recounting their very own memories of how WW1 affected the lives of Ugborough people. Wine and nibbles will be served in place of our usual tea and coffee. Please join us. Members free of charge, £1 on the door for non-members.

Another season of excellent talks has drawn to a close. This month is our 'away day' - we are visiting Mothecombe House for a guided tour (£10 in aid of Holbeton church heating fund) by kind invitation of Mrs. Anne Mildmay-White.

I am currently drawing up a list of History Group members who want to join in ~maximum 20. Please let me know if you want to see the delights of Mothecombe House on Wed 25th June at 2 p.m. Merryl Docker (01752 893651)

Community Herb Garden- Merryl Docker (01752 893651)

Work has begun! The area was cleared one windblown rainy Saturday morning by a willing and energetic band of volunteers - thank you all! We have a local builder lined up to start work on building the retaining stone wall and I have had many offers of plants so we are *all systems go*. I still need more plants, offers of help, top soil and top up funds. If you are willing to help in any way please let me know. This is a community garden, created by us all and for the use and enjoyment of everyone. Edd Johns (Hillhead Farm) has very kindly volunteered to move the stone seat to its new more prominent position in front of the War Memorial. This coupled with the renovation of the memorial by the Co-op Monumental Masons and the new garden will create a fitting and lasting memorial to the men who lost their lives in both world wars. This spot at the top of the village square is a lovely peaceful place to enjoy views of the village and church. I hope that more people will use this community open space when work has been completed.

Dog Poo Campaign - Thanks

Kate Stephenson

Hello from Moorhaven,

A big THANKS to walkers in the village who pick up after their dogs. We have started a 6 month campaign to clean up



Moorhaven and it's going well; already the children have made posters and we've held a clean-up event. We're also keen to raise awareness among visiting dog walkers so in JUNE we will be handing out leaflets to remind people of the location of poo bins etc. It's also a chance to say Hello and we look forward to seeing you then.

Ugborough Village Hall- Stafford Williams

We had a record turn-out for modern times at the Hall AGM this month, with 9 interested citizens. Whilst very encouraging, this really reflects that we now have 9 who are involved in the committee and there were no additional representatives of the groups that hire the Hall or from the wider community.

The main news is that it was decided to raise the cost of hire to £7 per hour for the main hall and £3.50 per hour for just use of upstairs. These are now single prices regardless of where hirers live and they are subject to a minimum fee of £20 for all main hall hires. The reasons for the uplift include increased costs, a need to get a fair return on short bookings and the gradual improvement in facilities.

The hearing loop will be fixed shortly, new chairs are on order and the side path will be refurbished in the summer holidays. Additionally, a new vacuum cleaner has been purchased to make cleaning up after hires easier for everyone.

SeaMoor children's centre

Starting Friday 6th June: 5 week CV writing course at SeaMoor children's centre for parents with under 5's. Creche provided.

Thursday 12th June: 1 - 2.30 p.m. Lone Parents group: a new group for lone parents with under 5's at SeaMoor Children's centre

Monday 16th June: 10 -11.30 a.m. Young parents group at The Den South Brent Primary School. A group for parents aged under 25 with under 5's.

Tuesday 17th June: 10 - 11.00 a.m. Let's talk more: a new group for children under 5 with speech and language difficulties at SeaMoor Children's Centre. Please call to arrange an initial assessment.

Saturday 21st June: 10 - 11.30 a.m. Dads' Group at The Den, South Brent Primary school. Fun and games for Dads and their under 5's.

For all of the above call 01752 896356 for more information and to book.

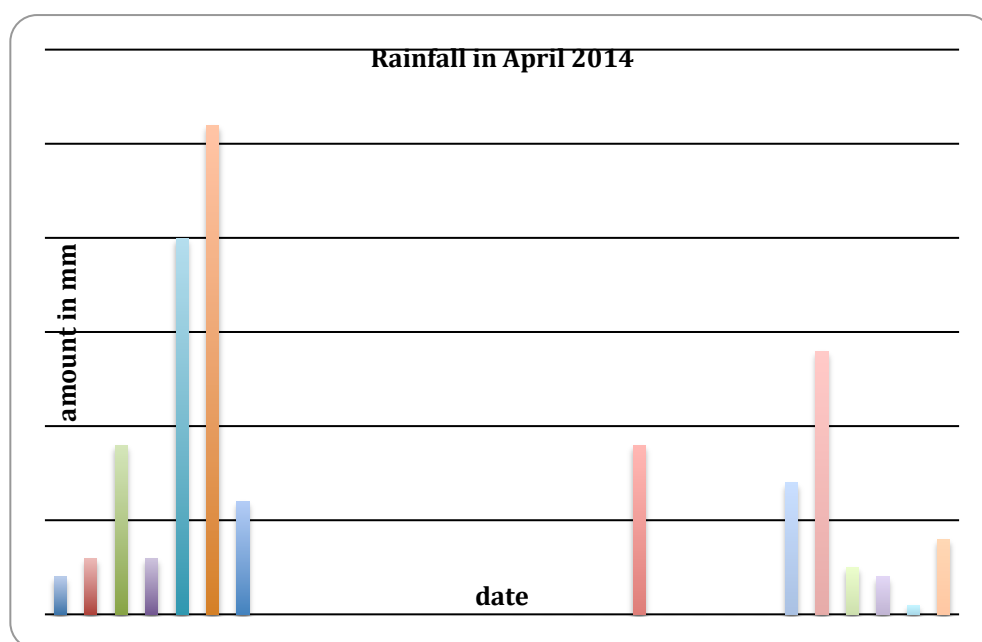
(Ed: I see from the Gazette Friday 9th May that South Hams is carrying out a consultation about the future of children's centres, which runs until 6th June. If you have a view or wish to put forward suggestions, details can be found on www.devon.gov.uk/toughchoices)

Ivybridge U3A - Doreen Flood

The June general meeting of Ivybridge U3A will be held in The Watermark on Monday 16th June at 2 p.m.

This month's meeting is a special Open Meeting when members are invited to bring along a friend who might wish to learn more about our U3A and perhaps join one or more of the group activities available. There will be a short talk by Michael Bailey entitled 'A Brief History of a Sporting Adventure'. This will be followed by a chance to chat with many of the group leaders and other members and learn what is available.

Rainfall at West Cannamore, Ugborough, 510 ft. above sea level *I would sincerely like to give my thanks to Len Wakeham for faithfully providing this information each month for the last few years. This will be Len's last contribution as the Wakehams have now moved to their new home outside the Parish. We wish them every happiness.*



Total rainfall for April= 108mm= 4.25 ins. *He is going to be a very hard act to follow, but is there anyone else in the Parish who would be able to keep regular rainfall records for us? Please contact the Editor if you are able to help. Thanks.*

It is with deep sadness that we report that James KELLY (Jim), Landlord at the Horse and Groom Bittaford passed away 26th April 2014, 12 years to the day the family took over the pub.

Thank you to all who gave him such a good send off at Efford crematorium and back at the Pub. Jim will always be in our hearts ☐

Clothes for Chernobyl Children- Ian McClure Vice Chairman & Publicity Officer

Once again we are hosting a group of ten ten-year-olds (four boys and six girls) from Belarus this summer. The children come from a deprived and highly contaminated region of the country, which is only a few miles from the nuclear power plant at Chernobyl, across the border in Ukraine. We give them four weeks of fresh air, healthy food and lots of love and fun.

Often the children only have the clothes they arrive in - sometimes not even a toothbrush or spare underwear - and so as usual we are asking your readers for donations of good quality nearly new clothes and footwear. Please don't forget warm clothing such as fleeces, as the winter temperatures in Belarus can be as low as minus 30 degrees centigrade.

If you feel you can provide some clothes, or help in any way, please contact our chairman Sue Wyeth on 01548-820201. More information about our charity can be found on our website, www.cll.org.uk/totnes

Totnes & South Hams Link
Chernobyl Children's Lifeline
Tel: 01548-830578

The Horse and Groom Summer Festival

A Great Weekend awaits at The Horse & Groom in Bittaford from Friday 4th July to Sunday 6th July 2014 in aid of local charities the Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled Association (The Brook, Ugborough), and The "Brain Cancer Charity" in memory of Jim. Great entertainment throughout the weekend, with over 30 local Real ales, BBQ and Live Music


Friday 4th: Opening of the BEER TENT supporting local breweries with over 30 Local Real Ales, **where 30p per pint sold will be donated to the charities all weekend.**+ Live Local Band "SWEAT"

Saturday 5th: From mid-afternoon, the "Plymouth Morris Men" will be dancing and singing LIVE in the afternoon, BBQ throughout the day and LIVE entertainment in through the evening with Local Band "Retrospect"

Sunday 6th: The Annual "Betty Stogs" Waitress Race, LIVE MUSIC with Oli Hannaford, " the World famous duo "Off the Cuff" then Rick The Stick, followed by a Charity Auction and Raffle..

If you would to get involved, sponsor a barrel or enter the race please contact us on 01752 892358

Beryl's Bookworms -Norma Roe in Sue's absence!

This month's book was Life after Life by Kate Atkinson. Well,  we all fell in love with Jackson Brodie in her earlier sequence of novels and enjoyed Behind the Scenes at the Museum, but this novel presented us with many challenges. As the author herself explains in her note, we are all intrigued by 'What if?' scenarios and she uses this question to present us with many alternative narratives. All are given equal validity - the baby dies, the baby doesn't die but lives to drown in childhood, no, she lives to fall off the roof, no she lives to have an abortion after being raped in her mid- teens, no she marries an abusive husband who kills her, no she marries a German and is lives one of her lives in Germany during the 2nd World War, including an early attempt to assassinate Hitler, but, no, there she is again in London during the Blitz! Using this technique enabled Kate Atkinson, through the heroine, to explore more than one way of looking at the cataclysm that was World War II.

And it's not just the heroine who keeps popping off only to pop up again. There are up to 7 alternative versions of the same events with different outcomes.

Oh, yes I forgot to mention that the story isn't told chronologically either but jumps around in time with characters reappearing after apparently being killed off! You have to keep very alert! All very clever (too clever?) Some of us found this totally confusing, but if you just go along with it and enjoy the wonderful writing, it is a really good read. It is extremely well researched, but this never intrudes into the story telling. Surprisingly, by the end of the discussion everyone decided they had really enjoyed, if not totally understood, the book and the scores were high, giving an average of 4.25 out of 5!

Next month's book is Harvest by Jim Crace.

Fraudsters want your PIN, bank card or cash

The Police have alerted us to a particularly unpleasant scam. Please be aware that you may be contacted by fraudsters claiming to be your bank, or the police, to say that your bank card is being used fraudulently. The fraudster is after your PIN number and may instruct you to withdraw money from your account and arrangements will be made to collect by courier or taxi.

Just remember that your bank and the police will NEVER ask for your bank card or PIN or your cash-

DON'T GIVE THEM TO ANYBODY.



Your Stars Tonight. I am in a comet chasing mood - there is a fascination in following these nomads of the solar system even though they are often naught but faint smudges of light. One problem is how to distinguish them from the hundreds of other nebula, star clusters and distant galaxies and this can be

done by observing them on successive nights - if they move against the background of stars they are comets; if they are stationary they are not!

At the beginning of May I spent a happy hour in Exmoor trying to spot Comet 2012 K1 PanSTARRS and finally convinced myself I had found it. Alas! A quick check against the star chart showed I had spotted Messier 51 which been first identified as a "non-comet" by the French astronomer Charles Messier 250 years ago. Comet hunting back then was a very competitive business and Messier was red-hot - in total he bagged over 20 new comets. However he became so frustrated at the difficulty of telling slow moving comets from everything else that he dedicated most of his life to listing all the faint fuzzies that he could find and ended up with a total of 109 in his catalogue. Ironically this has now become the amateur astronomer's "must see" list.

With hugely improved telescopes we now know that the Messier Catalogue contains a ragbag of astronomical oddities - relatively close supernova remnants, star forming clouds of gas such as Orion's Nebula, more distant clusters of stars in our own galaxy and many galaxies such as M51 which are at distances that would have dumbfounded Messier's generation of astronomers.

I can just glimpse C2012 KI PanSTARRS with my 8" telescope as it proceeds in a stately fashion across the length of the Plough in May, and in June it will move into Leo brightening all the time as it is drawn to the sun. I find comets wondrous; predictable but never boring, with a serene, stately and ethereal quietness that soothes the body and soul. And yet there is a gritty and dogged determination in their trek across the skies from the icy outer limits of the solar system to the gravitational embrace of the sun before they escape its clutches to return to the realms far beyond Jupiter.

As I ruminate in the dark a meteor flashes across the sky - it's all over in less than a second as the tiny particle of interplanetary grit hits the earth's upper atmosphere and is vaporised - and soon the memory fades. I fall to thinking about poor little Peaches Geldof who similarly flashed into a media driven light but soon will fade from memory after a life so sadly transitory and inconsequential.

But then I think of someone else we have lost and who touched us all. And I decide I will rename C2012 KI PanSTARRS as my Liz Lloyd comet. As I follow it across the heavens in the next few months, I will remember a wonderful and brave person.

Ugborough Parish Neighbourhood Planning Working Group (UPNPWG) News

Richard Hosking

The UPNPWG and leaders of the Focus Groups attended an all day workshop on 24th April to formulate a Vision and Objectives Statement for the Ugborough Neighbourhood Plan. The day was organised by Jo Widdecombe of Planning Aid England who invited volunteers Mary-Ann Nossent and Clare Wright of the Community Spirit Partnership CIC to guide the group towards a shared vision. This very interesting day produced the following Vision Draft which will be discussed and refined in future months;

"Ugborough sits between moor and sea with a distinct and historic natural environment and has a strong balanced rural community. Our aim is to maintain its character, support the local community while responding to evolving needs and aspirations."

A second workshop is now in contemplation to develop the draft and decide what steps we will next take towards wider participation of the community in the Neighbourhood Area in the planning process. The community will decide how Ugborough develops in future years. We hope to make a presentation at Ugborough Fair so please share your ideas with us then.

You can influence this exciting planning process for Ugborough by joining the Focus Groups either by contacting Richard Hosking 01752 690775 or rwh007@ricsonline.org or any of our Focus Group leaders;

Housing - Clive Hart

cwjhart@sky.com

Car Parking - Joan Fletcher

joan.w.fletcher@btinternet.com

Open Space - Owen Davies

Owen.Davies@babcockinternational.com

Shop/Community Shop/Café - George Beable

georgebeable@hotmail.co.uk

Pre-School Play Group - Tom Holway

tomholway@lineone.net

Can you improve on this Vision Draft for Ugborough? Join a focus group and tell us how.

Village services.

A reminder that you can hop on board the Devon Libraries Mobile Library Service at Ugborough Square, Tuesdays. The times for the mobile library are from 9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. since the change to every four weeks. The dates for 2014 are: June 3rd, July 1st, July 29th, Aug 26th, Sep 23rd, Oct 21st, Nov 18th, and Dec 16th (*Thanks to Dot Southwood for this information*)

And don't forget to visit your Post Office in Ugborough Church on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning.

Sports Report - Janner Motson

UGBOROUGH AWARDS EVENING

The stars and glitterati were out in force last week at the annual Uggies Awards Ceremony. This is the time of year when the WAGAMs (Wives and Girlfriends and Mums) put on a posh frock, the players wear suits that don't look right on them and some high-priced celebrity is booked to wow the crowd.

2014 was no exception, although the celebrity turned out to be Club Chairman Billy Mehmet Dalman-McKenna, who flew in by private helicopter to wave at the crowd, said he wanted to change the club name to Manchester United, and flew out again when someone said that Leon's Dad worked for the Inland Revenue. Therefore, it fell to Mandy Dardis to present the silverware, ably supported by the comedy acts called in to entertain - Priv, Dan, Steve and Simon.

For the U15s, Ronaldo did not show up so Player of the Year went to a surprised Sam, whilst Eleanor collected the same for Hillhead, Tom for Dunwell and Oscar for the U9s. The eagerly awaited Golden Boots went to Elliott, Ben, Jamie and Robbie, although the committee are considering whether to introduce minimum qualifying criteria of more than 2 goals in future. Elsewhere, the cricketers started with an easy win over Modbury by introducing the youth policy that has served them well before. A combination of good fielding and tight bowling kept Modbury to 54 all out, which Paul Stewart (25 not out) and Andy MacMillan (16) cantered to in less than 12 overs. Ivybridge must have seen this as they pulled out of the next match claiming that they had a bone in their leg and their Mum would not let them out to play. Watch out Buckfastleigh next!

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May was a busy month, with three meetings....

The Annual Parish Meeting started on a sad note, with one minute's silence in memory of Liz Lloyd. She will be greatly missed.

The Chairman's report summarised events over the year, including: The electoral review of the South Hams, in which Ugborough would be included in a ward with Ermington, with one District Councillor; Spending on items previously funded by SHDC, including the maintenance of Bittaford play park; the renewable energy planning applications for wind turbines and solar farms which may affect the parish; and flooding, in which the community of Lutterburn/Undertown came together to address the problem, with help from the Parish Council.

Merryl Docker gave a fascinating insight into the effect on Ugborough of WWI. Twenty-four villagers lost their lives during WWI, and as everyone knew each other, with many related, the whole village was affected. Ugborough lost all its working men and horses (on which they relied for farming and transport) and hay stocks, and trees were felled for the war effort - now there are no old trees in the parish. Bittaford was given a Nissan hut as a village hall in recognition of how the community was fractured by the war. Of the 24 who died, 16 were in the army, 6 in the navy, 1 marine and 1 in the air force - he was buried in the churchyard, with the other dead being buried throughout the world. Three men from the same road died in the Battle of the Somme, two of them cousins.

Finally, Merryl provided details of the community memorial herb garden, and asked the community to provide and use the herbs.

Reports were received from your District Councillor; DNP ranger Ella Briens, who detailed plans to resurface and install a gate to the path above Moorhaven; and local groups, including Ugborough Village Hall Committee and Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays, both of whom reported success. New Committee members and volunteers were needed for the village hall, and more 'punters' were needed for Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays.

The discussion at the end of the meeting included the early arrival of school buses, which blocked the village streets for about an hour before the end of school.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting preceded the regular Parish Council Meeting, and determined administrative arrangements for the next year, including membership of local organisations, the meeting schedule and asset register - and George Beable was voted in to continue as Chairman.

The May Parish Council Meeting

Planning applications. No objections were raised to the proposed side extension and vehicular access at Station House, 1 Station Cottages, Wrangaton, nor to the replacement rear extension at The Haven, The Square, Ugborough. Councillors supported the proposed change of use of agricultural barn to licensed wedding venue (for no more than 28 days between 1st June-30 November) at Dunwell Farm.

A new Parish Councillor was selected. Laurie Nelson lives in Bittaford and is already involved in a number of community groups, including the Bittaford Village Hall Committee. He is keen to generate more community interest in the aims and work of the Parish Council, particularly among Bittaford residents.

The Devon Highways Maintenance Hierarchy was considered at the meeting, which will determine whether or not a lane is maintained in the future. The Parish Council is requesting that three lanes be upgraded to reflect their usage: From Whitely Cross to Combe Cross; the lane to Coarsewell; and the lane to Torpeek.

First Aid Training Courses may be on offer, depending on demand. St John Ambulance is offering training at £25 (+VAT) per person, and the Parish Council would fund hall hire. The training would last for 3 hours and include treatment for severe bleeding, choking, chest pains, unconscious casualty, resuscitation, communication & casualty care etc. A certificate of competence is awarded, which is valid for 3 years. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk.

The 2013/14 Accounts were approved by the Parish Council. Over the last year, total receipts amounted to £22,105, and payments £15,211, providing a net surplus of £6,893 - although £5,102 of this sum is TAP funding, which is earmarked for projects over the next year, including

enhanced Lengthsman's service and the e-senior programme. Overall, the Parish Council finances are in good shape and ready to meet the challenges and opportunities of the year ahead.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th June at Ugborough Village Hall. Agenda and minutes are displayed on the noticeboards and website.

St. Peter's Church, Ugborough

Dear All,

It seems to be a time of great change for many at the moment. This morning I have said a big "thank you" and "farewell" to my secretary, Doreen Jevons, thanking her for her work within the Mission Community over the last three years. We also prepare to say goodbye to Fr. Harry on Sunday. Three Head teachers are leaving at the end of term in the Totnes Federation of Village schools in which I am a Governor. Also, I, myself, am starting to sort out, as I prepare to move to retirement at the end of August. In my head I keep hearing words I have often heard on the railway trains, 'All change here'. This change is part and parcel of life, as without it we would not be alive.

Many of us can feel apprehensive during a time of change. I know that I am a little nervous of the changes ahead for us, especially as Kathy and I have lived in the beauty of the South Hams for over 30 years, longer than we have lived anywhere.

However, the journey of life must inevitably involve change. We all have new challenges to face and deal with. Sometimes, I wish I could hunker down and escape all the change about me. Technology is a good example of a constantly changing field. I just learn to operate one computer then I find that it is outdated and needs to be dumped for another "all singing" machine, which will solve all the problems of my life! I am amazed at the stuff we are currently taking to the recycling centre- a completely OK basic type writer, which was replaced by a once modern electric type writer, which in turn was superseded by the Amstrad word processor, and so it goes on.....

Then I am reminded of that old hymn 'Rock of Ages let me hide myself in thee'. The God we believe in does not change. He is ever present, constant in His love and care, offering us a place to hide from the storms of life, in order to refresh, but then to go out again on our pilgrim journey, restored refreshed and invigorated.

So as another hymn puts it "Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy, the praises of my God shall still, my heart and tongue employ". I pray that God will be with us on our journey through life; that we might open our eyes, unblock our ears, lift our hearts and see that Jesus walks with us into the future, so we should not be afraid. The shepherd in Holy land leads his sheep. In the same way Jesus leads us and we must follow him if we are his sheep. It is not always easy, Jesus says 'take up your cross and follow me'. So as the roads in the lanes narrow as the vegetation grows, let us firmly plant our eyes on Him, and not lose sight of what life is all about - His love rooted in our hearts through faith.

Jesus, be with us as we all continue our journey in faith.

God Bless you all. *John*

Installation of our new Diocesan Bishop *Caroline*

This is scheduled for Saturday 5th July at 2.30 p.m. in Exeter Cathedral and will be a very inspirational occasion. Do keep Bishop Robert in your prayers as he undertakes the daunting task of caring for our large diocese.

Bittaford Methodist Chapel *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 1st June- Revd. David Youngs Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 8th June- Mr. Michael Cade

Sunday 15th June- Revd. Simon Leigh Sacrament of Holy Communion **2.30 p.m.**

Sunday 22nd June- Revd. John Richards

Sunday 29th June- Mr. Tony Kirk

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

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 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.)

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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

St Peter's Church Services in June

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Date and time	Service
Sunday 1 st June 9.30 a.m.	All Age Worship
Sunday 8 th June 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 15 th June 9.30 a.m.	Family Communion
Sunday 22 nd June 11 a.m.	Armed Forces Day special service
Sunday 29 th June 9.30a.m.	St. Peter's Day- Joint Benefice service with Ermington at St. Peter's Ugborough
Tuesdays 9 a.m.	Celtic Prayer

Celebration Eucharist to give thanks for the 20th year of the Ordination of Rev'd Caroline Luff will be held on Thursday 26th June at 7.30 p.m. at St. Andrew's, Harberton. All are very welcome

St Peter's, Ugborough- 20th July at 3 p.m. Bishop Richard Hawkins will lead a service of Confirmation for those who wish to take their Christian journey one step further. It is still not too late for others to join with those who have already indicated their desire to be Confirmed. Please let either Caroline or John know if you are interested.

***** All other services, throughout the Mission Community, are cancelled that day *****

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

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