

UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

March 2018



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Now at last there are signs of Spring and our newly trimmed hedgerows are full of wild flowers. But have you noticed as you walk our quiet lanes that there are also less welcome items visible? As we walked the other day, we picked up and brought home empty Pinot Grigio, Lucazade and Evian water bottles. Can you help to keep Ugborough beautiful by also clearing up the ugly waste that thoughtless people have discarded?

Ugborough Neighbourhood Development Plan -George Beable

Here is the latest, and good, news on the progress of our Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Following the SHDC Regulation 16 consultation in September 2017, the Ugborough Neighbourhood Development Plan was submitted to South Hams District Council in October 2017 for them to forward to the examiner.

South Hams have now received the examiner's report and it says ' **I find that the Ugborough Neighbourhood Development Plan can, subject to the recommended modifications, proceed to Referendum**'.

The Plan is now in the process of being amended by SHDC to include the recommended modifications in the examiner's report and they will then be organizing a referendum at which time you will be invited to vote on whether you approve the Plan or not.

We will post further information in the Newsletter and on our website as soon as we hear from South Hams. It is anticipated that there will be a meeting in the Ugborough Village Hall to publicise the UNDP prior to holding the referendum.

We hope to see you there! George Beable, Ugborough Parish Council Chairman

Garden Club Anne Holway



The Snowdrop Walk at Fowlescombe was blessed by beautiful sunshine on the driest day for weeks and fifteen of us were welcomed back by Barbara to enjoy delicious cake and hot tea. A memorable start to the New Year!

On Thursday March 22nd our guest will be Andy Breare of BBC Spotlight and Radio Devon fame who will tell us how he became an allotment fanatic. Do come along if you have an allotment or would be interested in having one.

We will meet at Oakenham, opposite Hillhead Farm, by kind invitation of Shelley and Richard Hutcheon. We will start at 7:30 p.m., there will be refreshments and non-members are welcome to join us for just £3.00 each. Please phone Anne on 01752 941872 if you would like to join us.

Coffee Drop-In Centre

***From Monday 12th March to Tuesday 20th March ***

St. Peter's Church and Churchyard will be closed for the Removal of the Church Bells for Re-casting.

This will affect the Post Office and Coffee mornings.

There will be no Post Office on the following dates-
Tuesday 13th, Thursday 15th and Tuesday 20th March.

There will be no Coffee morning on Thursday 15th March.

All back to normal on Thursday 22nd March, Coffee Drop in 10.30 a.m. -Noon

Post office available 10 a.m.-12 noon

Meet up with friends and neighbours again over coffee, tea, cake & biscuits.

Everyone welcome.

Tamar Male Voice Choir in concert with Launceston Male Voice Choir
at St. Petroc's Church South Brent on Saturday 17th March at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £7.50

Available from ARTWORKS SOUTH BRENT

or Jeremy Wells Tel. 01364 72180, or at the door.

Supporting Children's Hospice South West and St. Petroc's Church Funds

Mary's Coffee Morning Shelley Hutcheon

I have decided to have a year off the coffee morning. I double booked myself with a Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group meeting here at the house which I do the catering for. We will aim to run the Victorian Christmas Fair here as the roof is hopefully getting replaced this summer!!

I hope you all don't mind and will enjoy the first Wednesday in March looking at the daffodils and enjoying a cup of tea in memory of my granny in your own home!!

Ceremonial flying of the Flag.

The flag will be flown on the following occasions-

March 10th *Birthday of the Earl of Wessex*

March 12th *Commonwealth Day*



Congratulations to all at Ugborough Dramatic Society for the brilliant pantomime-Aladdin. What a slick and professional production and a huge amount of talent!
Thanks for all your hard work.

Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School-(incorporating breakfast club and after school club) Charity Number 1043499- *Faith Matthews*

Open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday - Friday during term time in Ugborough Village Hall
Baby and Toddler Group (drop-in) - Monday 10 -11.30 a.m.

Contact 07763215455

admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk

The children had an exciting time at Big School whilst relocating from the Village Hall during Panto Week. There, they got the chance to see many old friends (now settled in Hillhead Class) and learn about the school's new Phonics scheme from Mrs Crudge. The children were also visited by Drama Practitioner Sarah Farrow-Jones who led a story based session exploring animals from *Jungle Book*.

Recently the children have been focussing on Physical Development, exploring small motor skills, threading beads, using tools such as scissors and cutlery, and construction activities. This also provides a chance to develop self-help skills, such as putting coats and socks on.

After half-term we held a 'Stay and Play Fortnight' where we welcomed parents/carers to spend half an hour chatting with their child's Key Worker about their child's progress, and offered the chance for them to play alongside them too.

Now we are in the latter half of the Spring term we are starting weekly focus activities for the oldest children on a Wednesday morning. This provides a gentle way to help the children focus and is especially useful in the run up to school, for those children who are starting this September. We are also looking forward to our weekly Forest School sessions now things are starting to thaw out!

We are delighted to be an approved setting for the Government's 30 free hours of childcare. This can be used throughout our opening hours, i.e. Breakfast and After School Club too, so please contact us for more information.

Ugborough Local History Group- *Merryl Docker*

"Brixham and Mayflower 2" is the subject of our next talk on Wednesday March 28th at 8 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall by our dear friend the Lighthouse Keeper, Gordon Partridge. Gordon has given many talks to us, he is always lively and entertaining with many a good yarn to be told. His family are Brixham sea farers going back many generations so this is bound to be an excellent evening in his company. Do join us. Members free of charge, non-members very welcome £4 on the door. We look forward to seeing you.

African great supper

Kenya cook? Or will you Rwanda main course? What Congo wrong? What else are you Ghana do on March 24th? Pathetic effort or pith-hat-ic?.....you decide...
Presenting the 2018 safari supper, raising money for the Ugborough School PTA.
Please email safari HQ (Ugborough.safari@gmail.com) or contact Catherine Gwynne on 07817175460 for more information and an entry form.
Forms with payment by 9th March please.

Hope you can join us for what promises to be A African great supper, Safari HQ

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

Internet Safety It was Safer Internet Day recently with the theme "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you." All classes throughout our Federation revisited the importance of Internet Safety and had a special assembly on the topic. A timely reminder for parents (as well as schools) to recap e-safety with our children especially as recent news stories are sending out alarming messages about the safety of young people online. Surveys show that many children do not feel safe online and parents can help by having healthy conversations with them about e-safety.

Parents Evenings Parent consultation evenings will be held during the week of 5th - 9th March.

Thursday 29th March - Last Day of Spring Term

Keats, Coffee and Cake

On Friday 16th March at 7.30 p.m. in Ermington Parish Church, there will be a Celebration of the poet John Keats' visit to Devon in March 1818.

Enjoy music, words and song followed by delicious cakes and a chance to chat with the performers and composers.

Tickets £7 includes light refreshments - Ellen Hill 01548 830369

(Proceeds to Church Fabric Fund and Ermington Village Hall)

Ugborough Church Bells *Francis Douglas and Peter Povey*

The processes towards the Re-casting of the Bells of St. Peter's Church are now well advanced. The Bell Fund having reached its initial target, the Parochial Church Council has contracted with John Taylor & Co, The Loughborough Foundry, to Re-cast the Bells over the next months, and to rehang them in the Church Tower as a harmonious set. Taylor's technicians, with assistance from the Ugborough Bell Team, will be lowering each Bell to the ground from the Bell Chamber using a spider crane, before the eight bells are transported to The Loughborough Foundry. Consequently, whilst this is taking place, St. Peter's Church and Churchyard will constitute a Building Site under the control of John Taylor & Co. Health and Safety considerations therefore mean that entry will be restricted to Taylor's employees and named officers of the Church and Bell Team. The Church and Churchyard will be closed for the duration of the work, except for the Sunday Services. A full photographic record will be made of the Bells as they are removed.

John Taylor & Co. have programmed the work in Ugborough to commence on Monday 12th March, to be completed by Tuesday 20th March, so entry to the Church and Churchyard will be restricted between those dates. Consequently, it will not be possible to hold the Post Office Sessions on Tuesday 13th March, Thursday 15th March, and Tuesday 20th March, and there will be no Coffee Morning Drop-in on Thursday 15th March, nor Holy Communion Service.

The Post Office Sessions will resume on Thursday 22nd March, and there will be a Coffee Morning Drop-in and Holy Communion Service that day. The Sunday Morning Service on Sunday 18th March will be at 9.30 am as usual.

Two visits to The Loughborough Foundry to view the Re-casting have been arranged (5th April and 9th May). If you are interested in going, please email Francis Douglas on francis@ugborough.eclipse.co.uk by Friday 2nd March.

It is anticipated that the Bells will be returned after Re-casting in August or September, when the Church and Churchyard will again have to close during necessary work.

Ivybridge U3A - *Jean Sherrell*

The March General Meeting of Ivybridge U3A will be held on Monday 19th March at 2 p.m. in the Watermark.

Our Speaker Jo Woodcock will talk about "My life with my Guide Dog Unis" She will talk about her decision to have a Guide dog and how Unis has changed her life.

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child 2017 Shoebox Appeal Destination

Update - Kate Brampton

Thank you to everyone (including St Peter's Church and Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays) who supported the Appeal last year by providing filled shoeboxes and/or monetary donations - it has all helped.

The **42 Gift Shoeboxes** started their journey after a lovely Blessing Service on 5th November 2017 to Shoe Zone in Plympton, which is our local drop off point for the next part of their journey. **We have just been notified that the Gift Shoeboxes went to needy children/young people in Albania.**

Several people have said they would like to do shoeboxes this year for the Appeal - as most of you want to collect shoeboxes and items such as new toys, school supplies, hygiene items etc. for the shoeboxes during the year leading up to October, I am happy to confirm that the Appeal will definitely be on this year for those who want to contribute.

Thank you once again for your generous support.

Guided Tour

Violet Pinwill, Wood Carvings at St Peter & St Paul Church Street, Ermington on Saturday 14th April Tours Start at 10.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

Violet Pinwill was a major force in woodcarving in Victorian Devon. Based in Ermington, near Ivybridge, Violet and her sisters produced beautiful work across Devon and Cornwall. St Peter & St Paul, Ermington has an unrivalled body of Violet Pinwill's work, including her first piece for the church carved when she was just 17 years old in 1890 - to her final piece, the World War II memorial plaque, carved over half a century later.

This guided tour of St Peter & St Paul, Ermington will celebrate her career, tell her unique story and explain her beautiful woodcarvings.

Led by local architect, Grant Elliott, the tour will last 30 minutes and is free of charge, with donations much appreciated. Violet Pinwill guide booklets will be on sale, plus fresh coffee and tea, homemade biscuits and produce. Proceeds will go towards the restoration of the World War I War Memorial Clock.

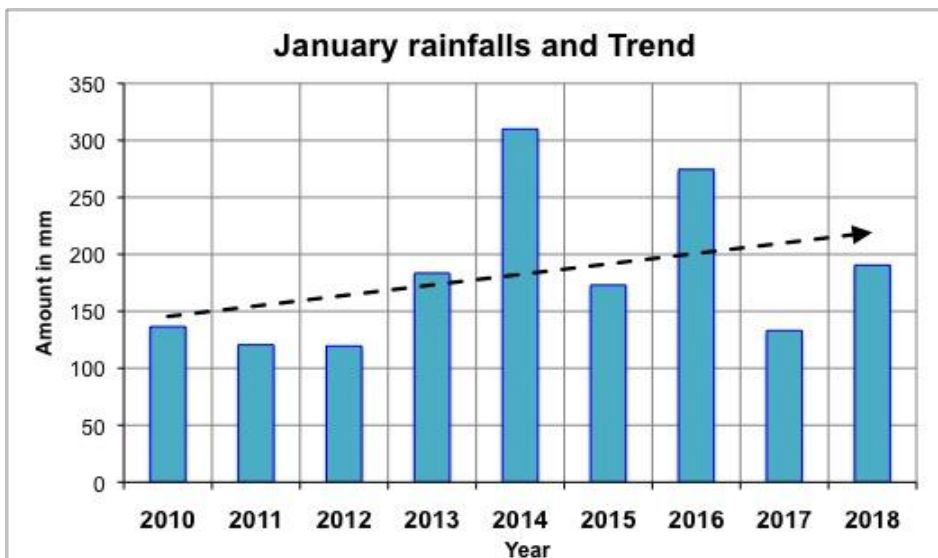
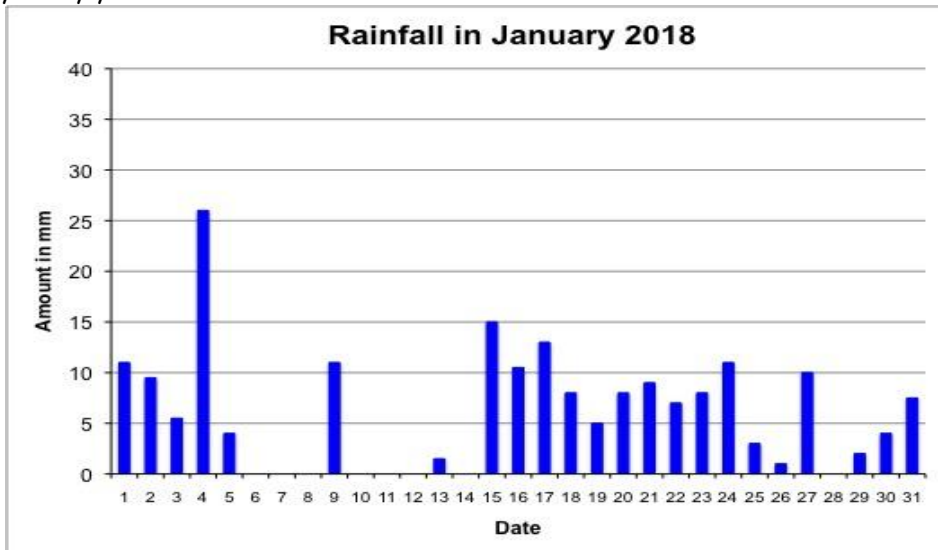
Ugborough Ladies' Lunch Willa Howe

The next Ladies' Lunch will be held at The Ship Inn Ugborough on Wednesday 21st March at 1 p.m. Please contact Willa Howe to reserve a place:

Tel: 01792 960173 Mob: 07920118950 email: willahowe50@hotmail.com

Rainfall at Shellwood Hill *George Arnison*

January 2018 pretty much continued where December left off - undramatically but persistently wet - and at Shellwood Hill I recorded 190.5mm (7.5") of rain during the month. This was slightly above my now nine year average for January of 182mm; and the second graph shows how January monthly totals have fluctuated year by year ... and the overall trend since 2010.



Beryl's Bookworms - Joan Fletcher

Our book this month was *Birdcage Walk* by Helen Dunmore. This deals with legacy and what we leave behind. The themes of the book are particularly poignant as the author passed away in June last year just a few months after the novel was published. Helen Dunmore was also a poet and was recently awarded the Costa poetry book award (2017) for *Inside the Wave*.



Birdcage Walk is set in 1792 when Europe was seized by political turmoil and violence. Lizzie Fawkes has grown up in radical circles where each step of the French Revolution is followed with eager idealism. But she has recently married John Diner Tredevant, a property developer who has heavily invested in Bristol's housing boom and he has everything to lose from social upheaval and the prospect of war. Diner believes that Lizzie's independent, questioning spirit must be subdued.

Birdcage Walk considers the traces we leave through history, particularly through the voices of women. Reading this book now seemed particularly appropriate as this month is the centenary of the 'Representation of the People Act' which gave women over 30 the right to vote.

We've read a number of books by Helen Dunmore and some of these we enjoyed more than *Birdcage Walk*. There were mixed views among us, however we all agreed the book was easy to read. We gave the novel an average score of 3 out of 5.

Next month's book is *Everyone Brave is Forgiven* by Chris Cleave.

Did you know...

South Hams District Council fund a loan scheme for homeowners, for essential home repairs and improvements? [Subject to Status]

For more information, visit www.wrcic.org.uk, call 01823 461099, or email enquiries@wrcic.org.uk Your local, not for profit lender working in partnership with South Hams District Council, **Wessex Resolutions CIC** Heatherton Park Studios, Bradford on Tone, Taunton, TA4 1EU

Three Rivers Mission Community

EVENING LENT STUDY GROUP 'LIFE ON THE FRONTLINE'

These continue to take place at Cherry Knoll, Totnes Road, Ermington at 7.30 p.m. on the following Thursdays: 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd March.

If you would like to know any more about the course or the venue, please contact David on 01548 821199 or email parish_sayle@me.com



Your Stars Tonight The steamed dieter picks up the post and exclaims "This must be the Visa bill for your new German Equatorial Mount star thingy - I wonder how much it was?" As she tears open the envelope I ascertain that my escape route to the garden is blocked and retire rapidly backwards. The under stairs broom cupboard seems a safe refuge; but to no avail when she appears brandishing the bill. Emergency measures are called for, so I plug in the vacuum cleaner and emerge in carpet cleaning mode, chanting "La La, I can't hear a word you are saying". For the rest of the morning I am pursued around the house as I furiously concentrate on carpet cleaning until I eventually slump exhausted in a pristine home. At this point the steamed dieter leaves the house with just the slightest suggestion of a smirk on her lips - and I realise I may well have been duped.

But there have been other tensions in the editorial office. Throughout the steamed dieter's glorious nine year reign on the parish newsletter throne she has become a byword for probity, honesty and straight dealing. But her suspicions were raised concerning the visual abilities of the Stars Tonight contributor who appeared to have increasing difficulty in seeing the Ugborough village road sign let alone distant stars and nebulae. In truth, cataracts in both eyes have made my vision increasingly murky and through the telescope I was having more than a few problems in distinguishing celestial delights from artefacts in my clouded lenses. Now however, by a true miracle of modern microsurgery, these have been replaced and I am now the proud processor of a brand new pair of crystal clear eyes.

So what celestial delights will I be viewing with them in next month? Throughout the early evenings of March I will use them, naked as nature intended, to follow the rise and then fall of Venus and Mercury above the north western horizon. Venus will be blazing at a brilliant minus 3 magnitude while Mercury a more modest magnitude 1. About half an hour after sunset on the 18th March they will be joined by a very thin crescent moon just below them. Worth an evening excursion to a suitable high viewpoint looking across to the Beacons; perhaps the ridge road at Hillhead, or Spriddlescombe farm - and an interesting photographic challenge.

And with the camera and telescope mounted on its "German Equatorial thingy" I am hoping to get a long exposure shot of Orion striding above St Peter's church tower - for Orion will soon disappear from the Spring night skies. Over the next couple of months the constellation of Leo will dominate the evening southern sky (look for the sickle or reversed question mark representing the Lion's head) and this area of sky is the "realm of galaxies" where an endless variety of distant galaxies, each containing billions of stars, can be seen stretching unimaginable distances towards infinity.

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays -Sarah Scanlon

I was recently speaking to someone who has lived in Ugborough for over 30 years. He was saying that he had not long ago met a gentleman that lives no more than 500 meters away from his house but has never seen him to talk to in the village.

It is a fact that we all lead such busy lives that sometimes we do not take the time to stop and see what goes on around us.

It has been announced that Teresa May has appointed a Minister to tackle loneliness issues.

Ugborough doesn't need an MP for Loneliness when we have so much going on.

There are so many ways to get out of the house and meet people.

You can choose from the coffee morning on a Thursday in the Church, the fund-raising events (Big Breakfast, whist drive), the Ladies' lunch at the Ship, the forthcoming Safari meal, not to mention the clubs and societies running throughout the year.

The recent very successful Pantomime was a classic example of pure joy derived from a gathering of people.

And then there is USS, the fortnightly place to stop what you're doing, take a walk or drive to the village hall and have a coffee and a chat with fellow parishioners in a friendly environment.

Make it a late new year's resolution to take some time out to reconnect.

It can't do you any harm and may be very beneficial.

Dates for March are 3rd, 17th and 31st.

Ugborough Parish Council

Clerk: Sarah Woodman Tel: 01364 661127 Email: ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk

Website: ugboroughparishcouncil.org

Community renewable energy projects were outlined at the start of the February Parish Council Meeting. Katie Reville of South Dartmoor Community Energy is actively looking for new projects, and this is one of the things we hope to discuss at our Annual Parish Meeting. More details on their work and advice service are available at <http://www.southdartmoorcommunityenergy.org/>.

The budgets for County & District Councils are now being set, and we received a tale of woe from South Hams District Council, where spending restrictions may result in the complete closure of public toilets in Ugborough and Bittaford, and loss of support generally.

Highway concerns are raised at every meeting, and this time complaints had been received about speeding through Ugborough and car-sharers parking in Ugborough Square throughout the day - which means that there is no parking for local

businesses, such as the pubs. The Parish Council could not come up with a practical solution for this parking problem, and have suggested that it may be an item for discussion at our Annual Parish Meeting.

Some more positive news: A further allocation of National Pothole Repair fund is being made in the spring, with repairs being carried out to the Ludbrook-Filham lane; DCC Highways has raised an order to dredge the upper section of the Lud Brook (although no timescale has been given); and advice is awaited on the introduction of 20mph speed limits. Our Community Lengthsman continues to clear the buddle holes and gullies, and we have had positive feedback from local residents who have benefitted from the work.

Even more positive: Highways England is undertaking environmental improvement works to the A30 & A38, including planting over 10,000 trees and shrubs, and creating over 5km of new hedgerows - and some of these works are being undertaken in Ugborough Parish.

The Annual Parish Meeting is planned for Wednesday 11th April and will be held in Ugborough Village Hall. Amongst other subjects, the Meeting will be highlighting the Neighbourhood Development Plan, which has now completed its inspection by an external Examiner prior to being put forward for public vote at a referendum. Have a look at <http://www.ugboroughplan.org/> for more details.

Planning Applications considered at the meeting are listed below, with the Parish Council recommendations given in **bold** (those who read this newsletter online will be about to click the link to the planning application):

- Redevelopment of grass rugby pitch to provide World Rugby Compliant Third Generation Artificial Grass Pitch, with associated hard and soft landscaping, fencing, ancillary storage container and dugouts, and new floodlighting at Ivybridge Rugby Football Club Filham Ugborough Ref [0126/18/FUL](#) Mr Ross Baxter **Support**
- Householder application for single storey rear extension and alterations to existing roof at 4 The Square Ugborough Ref [0111/18/HHO](#) Mr Tim Chambers **Neutral**
- Construction of detached dwelling and associated detached double garage in the garden area of Godwell House at Godwell House, Godwell Lane, Ivybridge Ref [0242/18/FUL](#) Mr & Mrs P Sankey **Neutral**
- Fell T1: Eucalyptus at Palk House Ware Hill Ugborough Devon Ref [0391/18/TCA](#) Mr Paul Payne **Support**

Donkey Lane Burial Ground is to receive a bit of attention, with a new fence around the spoil heap, and tidying up the yew tree. Cllr Fairclough-Kay has very kindly taken on the responsibility of managing the refuse collection.

The former phone box at Bittaford has now been refurbished to provide a library and general community facility. Thank you, Simon & Sue Daniels, for your hard work and enthusiasm. The Parish Council has decided to take on the redundant phone box at Wrangaton, too, which it hopes will accommodate a defibrillator.

Finally, Mad Monk/Banijay are developing a unique television series for a 'major British TV broadcaster' and 'want to see how public art can bring a small community together to collectively'. They are looking for small villages, with fantastic stories and even more amazing people, that would like to win over our experts and claim an unbelievable prize... a privately funded piece of public art that will celebrate the local people and the heritage of their community, that will become a new local landmark and cultural beacon'. If you have any ideas, email bigthings@banijayuk.com

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th March, starting at 7.30 p.m. Agenda and minutes will be displayed on the noticeboards and website.

Bittaford Methodist Chapel *Jutta Berger 01752 226733 mobile 07265285828*

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

Our services start at 10.30 a.m. unless otherwise stated

Sunday 4th March- B. Youngs

Sunday 11th March- 6 p.m. Rev Lawrence- Sacrament (Mothering Sunday)

Sunday 18th March- Rev D. Youngs -Sacrament

Sunday 25th March- Mr/Ms Middleton (Palm 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
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

A letter from our Priest in Charge- Rev'd David Sayle

This year's Lenten Journey continues

As we have the opportunity to reflect on God's purposes for our own lives the Church of England is inviting us to participate in a new challenge. It is a very practical and impactful campaign for all of us to consider and hopefully make a conscious decision to reduce our own use of plastic.

You will be able to find some details from the day to day Lent Plastic Challenge in this magazine* or you could use the Plastic-Less Lent 2018 Facebook page.

**(Due to limitations of space, there is not room to include each day's challenges, but a sample is shown below. For more information see the church porch or the website mentioned above).*

During Lent and the Easter period.

Many people enjoy walking and exploring our churches around the Mission Community, local people, those researching their family histories, visitors and folk who simply enjoy the tranquil space our churches offer amidst the busyness of life. My invitation to you as Spring approaches is to take the opportunity to go to your local church and or visit some other churches in our Mission Community and take a look around.

Our churches are full of symbols of our Christian faith and in particular crosses. Take time to try and count how many crosses you can find. Some are ornamental, some are in the stonework, around the buildings and sometimes up high on our ceilings. When you find them stop and think about what the cross may mean to you and what it symbolises for those who identify themselves as Christian.

Some people choose to wear a cross as a piece of jewellery, others put them in their cars, some have them on display in the windows of their homes. Have you ever considered the question "What do I believe about Jesus, Easter and the resurrection story?" Questions like this are often asked by young people in schools, assemblies, by new parents as they consider baptism for their child, and those approaching the end of their lives too.

Perhaps you dismissed these sorts of questions in the past. This Lent, why not revisit them? You could start by visiting a church and enjoy being still and taking time to look around and explore for yourself and see where the exploration leads.

May I wish you all a blessed Lent and a Happy Easter.

David

Samples of the challenges- 1 for each day of Lent

Shop at markets

Fresh food markets are not only often cheaper and fresher than supermarkets, but they sell fruit and vegetables loose. Don't forget to take your reusable bags.

Choose milk in returnable glass bottles

Many areas have local dairies that provide milk in returnable glass bottles rather than plastic or plastic-coated cardboard.

Check labels of toiletries

Did you know some facial scrubs & toiletries products contain tiny plastic beads? Avoid anything with "polyethylene" listed as an ingredient.

Use bar soap instead of liquid hand soap

This is an easy change to make. If you are feeling keen you can even make your own soap bars.

Avoid foil wrapped crisps and chocolates

Some sweet wrappers are now recyclable but don't forget to check.

Invest in quality

By doing this you are minimising the demand for cheap items that end up in landfill. In the long run it will save you money.

And finally.....What lasting changes are you going to make?

Do you find yourself looking at plastics in a different way? List three things you are going to commit to changing.

St Peter's Church Services in March

All services now start at 9.30 a.m. unless otherwise stated.

Date	Service
Sunday 4 th March	All Age Worship
Sunday 11 th March	Holy Communion (Mothering Sunday)
Sunday 18 th March	Service of the Word (led by members of the congregation)
Sunday 25 th March	Holy Communion (Palm Sunday) Messy Church at 4.30 p.m.
Thursdays at 12 noon (not 15 th March)	Mid-week communion

There are special services throughout the Mission Community during Holy Week. See below for Ugborough and Ermington and full details are in the church porch or on the Three Rivers Mission Community website.

www.threeriversmissioncommunity.org.uk

Maunder Thursday Holy Communion at Ermington church at 7 p.m.

Good Friday Devotions at Ugborough at 2 p.m.

Good Friday Sacred Music at Ermington church at 6 p.m.

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

You can find out about everything that's going on across all the parishes at its website, ***www.threeriversmissioncommunity.org.uk***

For all church business and parish matters, please contact Rev'd David Sayle, The Rectory Diptford Totnes Devon TQ9 7NY
01548 821199 email ***parish_sayle@me.com***.

The Three Rivers Mission Community

*invites you to our Messy Church at Ugborough Church
on Sunday 25th March from 4.30 to 6 p.m.*

Craft activities, songs, games and Bible stories

followed by a Party Tea

Everyone Welcome- All children to be accompanied by an adult

Clergy Contact: Rev'd David Sayle Tel: 01548 821199

or email: parish_sayle@me.com or www.threeriversmissioncommunity.org.uk



Damaged Vehicle- Can you help?

On Sunday 18th Feb whilst parked outside of the Ugborough Football Field at Hillhead, Ugborough my car was damaged by what would appear to be the wheel of a tractor or trailer. There was no note of apology or contact details left, so I am hoping that the driver was maybe unaware of what had happened and will have the decency to make contact.

My car is a Silver Citroen Berlingo Multispace and has suffered surface damage to the bodywork along the passenger side of the vehicle. I have photographic evidence of the state of the car when I returned to it.

If anyone reading this feels responsible for what has happened they can contact me as follows; My name is Peter Watts and my mobile telephone number is 07721918129.

Contributions

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter.

Contributions should be sent to - Mrs. Norma Roe, The Editor, Ugborough Parish Newsletter, 20 Lutterburn St, Ugborough, Ivybridge, PL21 0NG.

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

E mail is welcome to norma-davidroe@tiscali.co.uk (I use Microsoft word, font Comic Sans. Any articles as attachments in this format would be particularly welcome.)

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