

# UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

## March 2009

### What's on

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Walking group meet at Ugborough Square at 10.45.	See page 3
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March (24 hrs.)	Youth Club Entertainmentathon At Village Hall 9 a.m. onwards	See page 11
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Chocolate Bingo at Bittaford Village Hall 6-7.30 p.m.	See page 6
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	History group- Martin Dyer at Village Hall 8 p.m.	See page 9
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Gardening club-Brian Church at Post Office 8 p.m.	See page 2
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Mothering Sunday service at St. Peter's Ugborough at 11 a.m.	See page 15
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*Great to be rid of the telegraph poles.  
And the mess of wires there,  
A short term inconvenience,  
To park in the village square.  
They dug up Donkey Lane to bury cables.  
Worked hard in wind, and, snow, and rain.  
Finished on the day they said,  
Without damage to any drain.  
But alas, the telegraph poles remain.*

*Lilly Brews*



Gardening club *June Gilbury*

Our next meeting is Thursday 19th March when we will have an illustrated talk by Brian Church. Hope to see you at the Post Office at 8 p.m.

Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled. *Peggy Douglas*

The month of February has been particularly trying weather-wise with lots of extra work around the stables to keep the horses well fed, watered and mucked out!

Poor Billy (Horse) hasn't been so lucky as he has had an abscess in his hoof and although he is now a little sounder, he isn't yet back in work.

Alfie and Anthony are off to compete in their first dressage competition outside R.D.A.- report next month!

John Petit celebrated his 60th birthday on 27th February and the group presented him with a painting of his favourite 4 horses, painted by Vanessa Shaw (a local photographer and horse and dog portrait artist.)

On 21st March, Rosemary Strachan is kindly holding her soup and pasty brunch at Yealmpton. As part of our 25th year celebration we are running a large raffle and so we are looking for some good prizes. If anyone can help we would be very grateful.

We would like to rest our fields when possible over the next few months, so if you know of any available grazing local to the village please tell us. Thanks to Charlotte and Mike Walliker for offering their field to Truffle and Dream for the last few months.

Calling all gardeners!

Ideal for your garden in Spring! Bagged up horse manure is now for sale at 50p a bag. Collect it from the Brook.

Rainfall Count *Len Wakeham,*

These readings were taken at West Cannamore, Ugborough, 510 feet above sea level. All amounts are in inches.

<i>Rainfall for year 2008</i>											
<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sept</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>
7.30	3.56	6.49	3.24	4.96	2.71	9.72	8.38	5.25	7.89	4.09	4.17

*Total for year 2008- 67.76 inches. Rainfall for Jan. 2009- 8.38 inches.*

### Ugborough Under Fives.

After a fun, interesting and enjoyable first half term linked to Nursery Rhymes, we are now into the second half of the spring term, exploring a topic that is very well connected to the local area "Farming and Food". We have arranged for the children and staff to visit a working farm to experience firsthand, different farm animals and the work involved in running a farm.

At present the preschool has spaces available in its sessions, with a couple of vacancies on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for children who are 2 ½ yrs old. We offer two FREE taster sessions so that you and your child get the opportunity to come and see the setting and meet the staff prior to starting. Our opening times are Monday to Friday, 9.15am to 12.30pm, term time only.

If you would like more information about Ugborough Under Fives, a prospectus or to visit the setting please contact either Tania or Naomi on 07763 215455.

### Ugborough Parish Walking Group *Merryl Docker*

A very small band of hardy walkers braved the February weather to battle against frozen wind in the name of a parish walk. I've now had enough of bracing walks, so have ordered a pleasant soft spring day for our next foray into the Ugborough countryside on SUNDAY 1ST MARCH, meet at 10.45 am in Ugborough Village Square, as usual. Do wear suitable footwear and warm/dry clothing to suit the conditions. I hope the beautiful snowdrops we are currently being treated to will still be on show, along with celandines and perhaps the first of our wonderful primroses. One of the many joys of coming along on the monthly parish walks is to map the course of the year by the change in the abundant display of wild flowers in our hedgerows. Do join us, bring nice dogs and children if you have them, or borrow them if you haven't! Contact Tom Holway (01752 893114) or Merryl Docker (01752 893651) for any information on the walks or Public Rights of Way in the parish.

Rubber Bridge  
Ugborough Village Hall  
Friday 27th March 7 p.m.  
£2.50 including refreshments.  
Contact Beryl Wills 01752892879



## Ugborough Bookworms



A 4/5 star read!

Blood River, by Tim Butcher was a stimulating and moving account of the author's 'journey to Africa's broken heart.' He tells the story of the Congo as well as his own attempts to recreate Stanley's epic journey in his lively, journalistic style.

Next month's book is *That Certain Age* by Elizabeth Buchan.

## SPORTS REPORT- WIND TAKEN OUT OF UGGIES SAILS

*Janner Motson*

The poor weather has caused severe disruption to the month's football programme, although training has continued as normal at Uggie Park due to the sterling efforts of management and ground staff. After 3 weeks waiting for the cup match against first division Buckland Athletic it was the offer from Club President John Castro-Rosso to play it at Uggie Park that eventually made it happen.

In the end it was the strong wind that dictated the score with almost all the play at the downwind end. The team making least mistakes would prevail and despite coming back from 4-0 down, it was the Uggies who fell short only managing 3 goals by the final whistle. Team captain Ben Evans told Sports Report that he was very proud of his strike and the super goals from Sam, but he was disappointed as he felt the Uggies had just shaded it in terms of football quality. Speaking after the match, Evans said "When Rory saved that penalty I had a gut feeling in my stomach and felt we could do it. Once it was lucky Arsenal, but now it is jammy Buckland! How am I going to get rich with glorious defeats?"

With league fixtures postponed there was only the trip to Buckland and Milber with a severely weakened squad to enjoy. In the end the Uggies maintained their attack on the League with a 2-1 win, but it was nearly a different story with an end-to-end encounter that was enthralling for the neutral and heart stopping for the coach. Home games follow on 1st, 8th and 14th March, probably at 11.00am and Castro-Rosso has called for maximum support at the Northways Lane ground.

Cook's corner (If you have a favourite recipe to share, please send it in.)

This month's recipe comes from *Anne Holway*

A Winter warmer-----Tomato and red pepper soup.

(Serves 4 )

Olive oil - 3 tbsp,	Red peppers - 2, chopped & deseeded
Red onion - 1 small, peeled & chopped,	Garlic clove - 1 peeled & chopped
400g can of chopped tomatoes,	2 tbsp of tomato paste
Vegetable stock, 750ml,	Basil, 25g, roughly chopped
Salt & black pepper to taste & crème fraiche to serve	

Heat the oil in a saucepan. Add red peppers and onion and fry gently for 5 mins. Add garlic, tomatoes, tomato paste and stock and bring to the boil. Reduce heat and cook gently for 2 mins.

Liquidize or blend the mixture, adding some of the basil. Reheat and season to taste.

Ladle into bowls and top with a little crème fraiche and a grind of black pepper.

Ugborough Village Hall *Stafford Williams (Secretary)*

CLEANER WANTED!

The Hall has lost the services of the last caretaker, Mr Thynne, who has moved on to pastures new. The post is vacant at time of writing and would suit someone living in or near the village, who can pop in to do an hour or so, a couple of times a week.

Whilst advertising the post, it has become apparent that there is a lot of misunderstanding about what the job entails. There is no obligation to be on call or to clear up after events - that is the job of the hirer. The main task is to provide a weekly clean and check on the facilities so that the Hall remains fit for use. The time when the tasks are done are up to the contractor so if you think you might be interested please contact me on 01752 896128.

We are waiting for work to start on repairs to the urinals, repairs to the wall at the side of the Hall and for repainting of the front railings, although the weather has prohibited the latter. It is worth repeating that the Hall will be used as a polling station all day on the 4th June so hirers should make other arrangements.

Finally, a plea from the Badminton Club for the whereabouts of their rackets, net and shuttles that have gone missing from the table cupboard. Not to be confused with the Youth Club equipment, the Badminton equipment was in plastic bags and is sorely missed. Please let Kate Brampton know if you have seen the kit.

### Ugborough Primary School

The Friends of Ugborough School are proud to announce that the children of Ugborough school have made an amazing £806.67 for their school by using their entrepreneurial skills! Children that wanted to take part in The Seed Project were given a pound coin and asked to 'grow' the pound whilst doing something enjoyable with the support of parents and family. Examples of their successes include: washing cars, making cakes/Christmas mincemeat/popcorn; shoe shining; designing and making jewellery and Christmas decorations. The school gave them opportunities to run their stall and sell their craft. Some even re-invested their gains to make more money! On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009 the School Council presented Sue Whiteman (Headmistress) with the cheque during a special assembly to celebrate the Seed Project. The children have been invited to come up with some suggestions on how the money should be spent. The School Council will co-ordinate this project and they will let you know in the next edition of the newsletter what was decided! Thanks to everyone that supported the children.

**Chocolate Bingo**  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2009**  
**At the**  
**BITTAFORD VILLAGE HALL**  
**6pm-7.30pm**

**Great Bingo Chocolate Prizes to be won! Also a Chocolate Raffle 30p a ticket**  
**Tuck shop and soft drinks to buy**  
**Admittance charge to include: a hot dog and an orange/blackcurrant cordial drink**  
**and your bingo tickets!**  
**only £3.00 per person or a family ticket just £10.00 payable on the evening**  
**Another great family night out!**  
**\*\*Free chocolate gift if you know the bingo phrase for number 22**  
**(tell us when you pay at the door)\*\***

**Band Night** - a spectacular evening enjoyed by everyone. Our thanks to Steve and Jo Manning for putting on such fantastic bands to entertain us. We are delighted to announce that with everyone's support we have raised a total of £603.69 which will be equally divided between Ugborough School and The Multiple Sclerosis Society.

**We very much hope to repeat this event later on in the year - Stay tuned!!!**



**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009**  
**EASTER TEA**



In the UGBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL 1.30pm until 4.00pm  
Delight in the competition entries from the School Children  
Indulge in the delicious refreshments, browse the wonderful stalls  
Win fabulous prizes in our raffle and enter our fun competitions  
A simply wonderful afternoon - NOT TO BE MISSED!!!

**COMING SOON!**

The Friends Of Ugborough School & Stowford School PTA

*Proudly present.....*



**The National Festival Circus** A specialist children's circus

On 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at Filham Park, Ivybridge

Tickets: £7 per adult, £5 per child **Booking essential** - We have been able to secure early tickets so to avoid disappointment reserve your tickets NOW - Available from the School Office, on telephone 07931 485968 or email [PTACIRCUS@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:PTACIRCUS@hotmail.co.uk)

**Come rain or shine let us brighten your day!**

All proceeds to The Friends of Ugborough School & Stowford School.



### Your Stars Tonight.

I was pondering whether to venture out to peer at the stars when my eye was drawn to how it all started - "Introducing Astronomy" by J. B. Sidgwick - neatly inscribed by Aunt Edie and Uncle Arthur - "Happy Christmas and if you work hard at school perhaps you will grow up to be an astrologist too". In those days men were men and astronomers aspired to be great husky lumberjacks - just listen to these wise words from the first chapter - "Star gazing can be a very cold hobby and it is sensible to warm your underclothes in front of the fire before you go out". The first time I tried to follow this advice the steamed dieter fixed me with the steely glint and pointed out I was supposed to put them back on before leaving the house. Then she got tetchy about how she had to finish the article on the Under Five's Composting Club or she would never win the Young Journalist of the Year award so would I stop getting under her feet and go out and twinkle with the stars.

At the moment the southern sky is dominated by Sirius - the Dog Star who faithfully follows Orion the Hunter from East to West every winter's night. Sirius is the brightest stars visible to us and with good binoculars it can be seen in daylight while on a clear moonlit night it will cast a faint shadow - not that the heavens have condescended to give me the opportunity. Its first appearance was used by the Egyptians over 5,000 years ago to predict the annual Nile floods that controlled their entire food cycle and all the Middle Eastern and Mediterranean civilisations called the constellation the Dog. Strangely a number of Greek writers described Sirius as red - have we changed or has Sirius? Just below Sirius - and visible to good eyes on a clear night - is M41 - a fussy patch that with binoculars becomes a cluster of thousands of stars.

Next time you see the cold twinkle Sirius think about our own history - 5000 years ago a group of hunter gatherers probably stood on the same hills with their backs to the cold winds from Dartmoor and looking towards Sirius and hoped their dogs would lead them to food. And perhaps in medieval times a weary and hungry peasant trudging home to his hovel down Donkey Lane and prayed that the food would last just a few more weeks until the spring and was then comforted by remembering that last year when Sirius was over Modbury the winter was almost over. Cough! Cough!

Ugborough Local History Group *Merryl Docker*

With sincere apologies to all our members. Sadly last month's speaker, Martin Dyer, was too poorly to come out to us for January's meeting and so it had to be cancelled at the last minute. I think the message reached most of you in time. We have managed to re-book Martin Dyer with the results of the Parish Appraisal on Wednesday 18th March at 8pm in the village Hall - hope you can all make it. (This is an additional meeting.)

We have several copies of the 'Ugborough Parish Heritage Appraisal' carried out by Exeter Archaeology in conjunction with our Local History Group. We are trying to get these copies circulated amongst our members and other interested people for their input and comment. If you would like to see this excellent document please let me know and I can arrange for you to borrow a copy.

Our regular March meeting will see the return of an excellent speaker many of you will remember from last year, Gordon Partridge, Retired Lighthouse Keeper who will present an illustrated talk on "Lighthouse Myths and Mysteries..." on Wednesday 25th March at 8.00pm in Ugborough Village Hall. As always, non-members will be made welcome (£1 payable on the door). Gordon is a first class entertaining speaker, whose own experience as a lighthouse keeper brings his talks to life, so even if you've never been to a History Group meeting before, do come along to this one!

I must say a big thank you to the Friends of Ugborough School Committee for all their hard work in putting on 'Ugborough in the Blitz' last night in the Village Hall. What a fantastic fun evening with authentic rations for our meal and George Formby (Rick the Stick) and Vera Lynn (Norma Roe) to entertain us all. Brilliant costumes; everyone took the theme to heart and turned up in a vast array of outfits from nurses, servicemen, the land army, a disgruntled old lady dragged from her bed by the wailing sirens, to Oliver Hardy who managed to find himself in Ugborough that night. As Lilly Brews said in the February Newsletter, village life is certainly not dead in Ugborough. Village history well and truly brought to life.

*Vici Hemmings* also adds her thanks and tells us that £900 was raised. Well done to all! What a wonderful village effort!

## History Corner Alan Yates

### Can the parish clerk sing?

A little over 400 years ago Ugborough Church was the scene of a competition between two candidates for the post of parish clerk. John Prideaux, born in 1578, was the son of a Stowford farmer, but being able to read and write and having a good voice, he had put himself forward for the job.

Prince, in his *Worthies of Devon*, relates that he (Prideaux) "had a competitor for the office, who had made great interest in the parish for himself, and was likely to carry the place from him. The parishioners being divided in the matter, did at length agree in this, being unwilling to disoblige either party, that the Lord's day following should be the day of the trial, the one should tune the psalm in the forenoon; the other in the afternoon; and the one that did best please the people, should have the place. Which accordingly was done, and Prideaux lost it, to his very great grief and trouble"

William Crossing, in his book *The Old Stone Crosses of the Dartmoor Borders*. (1892) says that the result of the competition was the means of introducing Prideaux to higher things. Not long after, he left Ugborough and made his way to Oxford. Working first in the kitchen of Exeter College, he devoted his spare time to study, and was at length admitted to its literary privileges. In three years he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and was afterwards raised by Charles I. to a bishopric. "If I could but have been parish clerk of Ugborough" he used to say, "I had never been Bishop of Worcester."

### Spinal Cord Injury Association- Great British Fish and Chip Supper

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury.

If you are interested in organising a fish and chip supper as a fundraiser, on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2009 then please contact call the Donor Development Officer, Elizabeth Wright on 0845 678 6633 ext'n 229 or email [fishandchips@spinal.co.uk](mailto:fishandchips@spinal.co.uk) or visit [www.spinal.co.uk](http://www.spinal.co.uk)

Allen Rogers *Peter Povey*

Allen Rogers of White House Farm died in Derriford Hospital on 18th January. Allen, was born at Manaccan, on the Lizard Peninsula, on 20th May 1926, the second son of Thomas and Maud Rogers. He matriculated from Helston Grammar School and then worked with his father and brother on the family farm, until marriage to Margarita (known as "Bobs") in 1947.

Newly-married, they purchased White House, then in a run-down condition, and moved to Ugborough. They lived in the adjacent bungalow, and later the Long family moved in to the farm house, establishing an enduring link between the respective families.

Allen set about putting the farm, then in milk production, into better order, and readily embraced new ideas of farming. In the early years, he received much support from fellow Cornishman Nick Cawrse of Ware, and neighbour Tom Beable of Ennaton. Adrian, Margarita's only child was born in 1955, and after school he joined his father on the farm, working with him ever since. They switched to meat production in 1973.

Whilst the farm was Allen's life, he had a great interest in working for the community. He was elected to the Parish Council in 1952, being vice-chairman for twenty years, and chairman for ten. After fifty years a Parish Councillor, he was given the Freedom of Ugborough Parish, a singular honour. During his tenure of office, he played a lead in the remodelling of the Square, the Silver Jubilee beacons and the creation of the Burial Ground. He served on the Governing Body of the School and the Village Hall Committee, attended National Park meetings, and worked for the protection of the Erme Valley. He was a member of the Dartmoor Commoners' Council, and proud of his commoner's rights. With Margarita, who sadly predeceased him, he organised Harvest Suppers and auctions of produce, and Auctions of Promises in aid of the Church and the Village Hall. A footballer in his youth, he later supported Plymouth Argyle, and would drop everything to go with Tom Beable to Home Park to watch them play.

A great farmer and servant of this community, Allen will be greatly missed. We send our condolences to his son Adrian, daughter-in-law Jacqueline, grandchildren Justin & Tiffany, and the wider Rogers family in their loss.

## Ugborough Youth Group 24 Hour Entertainmentathon.

From 9.00am on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March to 9.00 am on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
In Ugborough Village Hall.

All proceeds to the Shelter Box Appeal – a Cornish based Charity that provides emergency aid for victims of natural and other disasters  
~~anywhere in the world.~~

~~Ugborough Parish Council and enjoy refreshments whilst the Youth Group and other members of the community entertain you with song, dance, music, oratory and who knows what else!~~  
email: [ugboroughnpc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ugboroughnpc@yahoo.co.uk)  
Website: [www.ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Questions were raised on the progress of the planning application for the racing arena at Cutwellcombe Farm. Your District Cllr Fielden, who chairs the South Hams Development Control Committee, advised that additional information was awaited from the applicants before the application could be determined. The application would be determined by the Development Control Committee, at which members of the public would have the right to make representations.

Parishioners also asked about the siting of the incinerator (or 'waste to energy facility' as it is euphemistically called). County Cllr Mumford considered that the Ernesettle site would be most likely as it enabled the local use of heat, and that Anna Mill in Wrangaton was the least likely of the four options.

Of particular significance was the absence of an announcement; the Boundary Committee will defer its announcement on the boundary review in Devon until the 15th July. It is likely that the County Council will still hold its elections in June, although Councillors will probably hold office for a shorter term.

The police reported 6 crimes in the parish over the last month, of which two related to the theft of electric fence power units. Thefts from rural and isolated areas are still going on and the police ask that you report immediately any suspicious activity, together with vehicle registration numbers and descriptions of people. Call 08452 777 444 or, if urgent, 999.

One sign of the economic recession is the reduction in planning applications being considered by the Parish Council. No objections were raised to works to trees subject to Tree Preservation Orders at 1 Bittaford Wood and 16 Sumner Road, Bittaford, nor to the new TPO at land adjacent to Piles Peek Farm, Ivybridge. The office development at the site of the former Woodpecker Inn, Avonwick, received another airing; the planning permission is subject to the Highways Agency not raising objections. The Parish Council has therefore contacted the Highways Agency, expressing its objections to the development on the grounds that the A38 slipways are confusing and inadequate for the projected increase in traffic visiting the site.

The Ugborough Youth Group is likely to get a lot noisier, thanks to a grant from the Parish Council; £200 has been granted to the Group to help buy a sound system. Grants are also available to community groups under the:

Small Green Steps Award 2009, which offers up to £5000 to voluntary groups who have taken steps over the last 24 months to save energy and tackle climate change. Call Karen on 01884 235887 or email [Karen@devoncf.com](mailto:Karen@devoncf.com) for more details.

Grassroots Grants, which offers up to £5000 to voluntary groups who are helping to meet the needs of the community. Contact Charlotte Weedon on 01392 383345 or visit [www.devonrcc.org.uk](http://www.devonrcc.org.uk) for more details.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th March, and you are welcome to attend.

### Community Choir.

Lucy French has started the Community choir on Tuesdays from 5.30p.m. Contact school for more information.

### Bittaford Methodist Church *Ruth Whitfield*

1st March	Rev. David Youngs
8th March	Mr. P Goodfellow
15th March	Rev. S. Caddick (Communion)
22nd March	Miss M. Yelland
29th March	Dr. D. Applebee

All services start at 10.30 and are followed by coffee.

*Jutta Berger* adds- Please may I take this opportunity to Thank my "Desert Cooks" for their delicious contributions to our Wednesday Luncheons.

Everybody enjoyed them and "Licked the platter clean"!

May I invite Everyone to our Lent Luncheons every Wednesday at 11.30 'til 1pm starting on 25th of February 2009.

All proceeds will be going to Christian Aid.

The doors are open to everyone who would love to join us at this special time in our Christian Calendar.

### St Peter's Church, Ugborough

Your church needs you!

24 hours of prayer- from 6 p.m. Friday March 6th to 6 p.m. Saturday March 7th.

The Bishops of the Diocese have asked us all to take part in 24 hours of praying (and fasting for those who are familiar with this discipline) for the church and the Diocese. Prayer meetings will be taking place in different places throughout this 24 hour period.

There will be an opportunity to meet together in St. Peter's church at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Remarkable things happen when we pray, especially together and when we are willing to be part of the answer.

A Lent Course entitled 'Responding to God's World' will start on Thursday 5th March, at 7.30 p.m. and for the following 4 weeks. The meetings will be held at the Vicarage and you are welcome to join us.

A reminder that there is a box at the back of Church for contributions towards the work of Shekinah, the centre for the Homeless in Plymouth. Any offerings of socks, toiletries, tinned fruit and vegetables and meat, are all welcome. We deliver to Shekinah once a month.

### UGBOROUGH CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

*A message from Charlotte Walliker and Judith Rundle-Jones :*

We have recently taken over the running of the Sunday School and welcome all children to come along and join us on Sunday 15th March at 9.30am for our first Sunday School together. Our get togethers will be friendly and informal combining teaching with music. We look forward to meeting you.



## MOTHERING SUNDAY- 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2009



Mothering Sunday has been celebrated in the UK on the 4th Sunday of Lent since at least the 16th Century and it is a day for giving thanks for all the good things our mothers do for us. It was also known as "Refreshment Sunday" because the fasting rules for Lent were relaxed in honour of the parable of the "Feeding of the Five Thousand" which we find in the Bible.

It is not known exactly how the idea of Mothering Sunday began, but we know that on this day over 400 years ago, people who lived in small villages made a point of attending their Mother Church and would say that they had gone "a mothering".

Children who were "in service" were only allowed one day a year to visit their family and this would usually be Mothering Sunday. Often the housekeeper or cook would allow the maids to bake a cake to take home for their mother and this would be a Simnel Cake (a fruit cake, decorated with 11 marzipan balls which are placed on the top symbolizing the 12 apostles, minus Judas who betrayed Christ) or a gift of eggs or flowers from the garden. Flowers were traditional and the children would walk home to their villages gathering them from the meadows.

We look forward to welcoming you to St Peter's, Ugborough on this special day for Mothers.



St Peter's Church Services in March.

Date	Ermington	Ugborough
Sunday March 1 1st in Lent	11.00am Eucharist	9.30am Family Service
Sunday March 8th 2nd in Lent	9.30am Family Eucharist	11.00am Eucharist
Sunday March 15th 3rd in Lent	11.00am Eucharist	9.30am Family Eucharist With Sunday School
Sunday March 22nd Mothering Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 9.30am Mothering Sunday Service	11.00am Special Service for Mothering Sunday. Bring someone special (Sunday school playing key role)
Sunday March 29th 5th in Lent	1.00am Celtic Eucharist	08.00am Holy Communion BCP 11.00am Matins
1st Tuesday		9.00am Celtic Communion
Other Tuesdays		9.00am Celtic Prayer
Wednesdays	6.00pm Prayer at the end of the day	

Contributions

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter. Contributions should be sent to Mrs. Norma Roe, The Editor, Ugborough Parish Newsletter, 20 Lutterburn St, Ugborough, Ivybridge, PL21 ONG. **The deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> of the month please.** E mail is welcome to [normajroe@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:normajroe@ukonline.co.uk)

(I use Microsoft word, font Comic Sans. Any articles as attachments in this format would be particularly welcome.)

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