

# UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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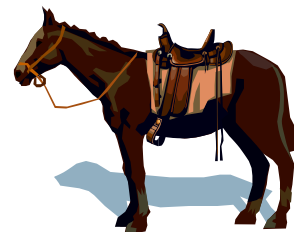


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Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled. *Peggy Douglas*

The Moonlight Steeplechase raised approximately £4000- very many thanks to all who were involved in this fantastic evening. We welcome new riders Tobias and Matthew.

A BIG thank you to all our helpers, sponsors and workers who give us so much of their time to help with the running of the club. Without your generosity there would be no group. New volunteers would be very welcome.

There will be no sessions during half term- 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> October.

Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School. *Naomi Williams*

Children and staff settled back into pre-school very quickly after the summer break, and we are very pleased to welcome five new children to our sessions. As we start to slip in to autumn we have been looking at the leaves starting to change colour, some beginning to fall and watching as the wind blows them to the ground. Our weekly cooking sessions have seen the children making their own fairy cakes, pancakes and we will be making fruit crumbles using the abundance of local fruit that is readily available at this time of year like apples and blackberries. Mervyn the Musicman has resumed his regular visits to pre-school on a Thursday, with much excitement and enjoyment from the children. Local PC Jacqui Hopper is going to call in to our setting a couple of times before half term to talk to the children about staying safe and also explaining about road safety awareness. Finally the pre-school AGM will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October in the Village Hall at 7.30pm everyone welcome.

Ugborough and Bittaford Pre-School welcome children from 2 years old to school age, and 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 hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.00am to 12.45pm and Wednesday 9.00am to 2.00pm, term time only. For further information please contact either Tania or Naomi on 07763 215455, also you can log on to our website and learn more about the setting at [www.ugboroughandbittafordpreschool.org.uk](http://www.ugboroughandbittafordpreschool.org.uk)



Garden Club *Tom Holway*

You are very welcome to join us at Garden Club which will take place at the Post Office at 8 pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

Dr John Deeming will be talking about 'Bugs in your Garden'.

Rubber Bridge Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 7pm.  
Ugborough Village Hall  
£2.50 including refreshments  
Contact Beryl Wills 01752 892879

Ugborough Parish Walking Group *Merryl Docker*

We had a beautiful walk on 5th September, the sun shone on the righteous as we snacked on blackberries, struggled over stiles many and various and walked rather smartly through a field of very large, very inquisitive bullocks ~ It is amazing how fast a group of people old enough to know better can scamper over a ladder stile!! What adventures will we have on **Sunday 3rd October?** Meet us in **Ugborough Square at 10.45am** to find out. Dogs welcome (with owners on leads), humans young & not so young, big & small, just bring suitable footwear and a sense of humour. See you soon. (For more information about Ugborough's Rights of Way call Tom Holway -01752 893114 or Merry Docker -01752 893651.)



Ugborough Bookworms - *Anne Nonymous*

Mog and Bunny by Judith Kerr.

I expect you will know the wonderful stories about Mog the cat. Mog and Bunny doesn't disappoint, even on the hundredth time of reading. Having moved onto reading this to grandchildren now, I continue to enjoy the facial expressions of all the characters and especially Mog, in these simple stories. Great for reading and listening to.



The Little Stranger by Sarah Waters.

Ms Waters' primary interest was to explore the social change in Britain, after the Second World War, and she does this very well. It is 1947, and the people of Britain were depressed by rationing, homelessness, post-war gloom and austerity. Although the book was reviewed as sinister, terrifying and a chilling ghost story, I found that I was not terrified. The characters were, as usual, beautifully penned, but I found the ending rather disappointing.

Perhaps, if you have read this book, I would be interested to know your views, I'm sure the editor would be pleased to print them. (Editor's note-I found it quite ambiguous- is it a ghost story, an end of upper-class life or what? It is told unemotionally by an aging doctor and I, too, was disappointed by the ending.)

## SPORTS REPORT- Janner Motson

### UGGIE PARK ROARS AGAIN

With thanks to Jane and David Johns and the help of the hardworking staff working under Head Grounds Man, Arfur Divet, the stadium at Uggie Park resounded to the opening day of another football season early in the month. The U12s thrilled the massed crowds with a 7-2 thrashing of Chudleigh; Sam having the honour of hitting the back of the new nets first. Elsewhere, the U10s found the hill a struggle at Marldon, whilst the U8s showed excellent passing skills as they skipped around Roselands 2-0. Speaking to the press after the U10 game, new Manager Sean Paisley-Beer said; "We lost because we didn't win. For a few minutes it looked like we were going to win, but then the game started." Chairman of the Club, Brooking McKenna, showed his support for Paisley-Beer by saying afterwards; "Winning doesn't really matter as long as you win."

Meanwhile the summer saw some awesome cricket played by local Uggies: Jonty and Lucy represented the County at their respective age groups; Peter topped the bowling and batting averages for Ivybridge U13s; and Harry took the bowling trophy for the U11s. The new ground at Filham Park has settled down and there are plans to build the youth teams for next season. Anyone who fancies being a Kevin Petersen or Stuart Broad should look out for U11 and U13 training over the winter.

The biggest match of the summer was the adults at Yealmpton, where they managed to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory and fell only a few runs short. Andrew Miller recovered from the early scare of running his Captain out, to post an unbeaten 25, whilst John Parham and John Keenan kept Yealmpton pinned down to a paltry 126 off 20 overs. Selector, Michael Atherton-Walliker said afterwards; "There will be repercussions and a step-up in training to get the squad ready for the Ermington Ashes in September. We can only come out of that game with egg on our faces, so it's a real banana skin." ...Mmm?

### SKITTLES COMPETITION

Having been deferred from its usual slot prior to Fair Week, this will now take place in the Village Hall w/c 18th October. We have several teams lined up but would welcome others. (A team comprises 6 players of whom at least 2 must be ladies.) Phone 01752 892314

Ugborough Village Hall *Stafford Williams (Secretary)*

**YOUR HALL NEEDS YOU!**

It is that time of year when thoughts turn to 'not what your Hall can do for you, but what can you do for your Hall'. The committee needs new blood so summon up the courage and stiffen the sinew to take your turn at the wheel. As those who have gone before will testify, the task is not onerous (unless you are the Treasurer) and revolves around a monthly meeting to discuss the issues of maintaining the building and facilities for the community. If you think you have what it takes or at least would like to help please contact me on 01752 896128. You will be made welcome.

Business has been steady over the summer, but it is time for a reminder that you must sign hire forms before a booking is valid and without them there is no insurance cover for your event. You can book the Hall in the diary held in the Post Office, but please include a contact number as we don't know everyone. Go on, you know that you want to call me....

**Totnes & South Hams Link of Chernobyl Children's Lifeline**  
**Will be hosting a group of 9/10 year old children from Belarus**  
**For 4 weeks next spring.**

Can YOU Imagine

- Living the rest of your life in a radioactive polluted environment?
- Growing and eating food that may harm you and your family, but having no other option?
- Coming to the UK, eating fresh food, breathing fresh air and going home with your immune system recharged?
- Knowing there are people that DO care.

To hear about the many ways to help

Join us for an open meeting at THE CALIFORNIA COUNTRY INN, California Cross on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm.

Please look at our website for more information [www.ccll.org.uk/totnes](http://www.ccll.org.uk/totnes).

Or call Sue Wyeth on 01548 821201 or Ian Mclure on 01548 830578.

A great opportunity to hear a mix of Welsh, Devon and Cornish male voices!

**TAMAR VALLEY MALE VOICE CHOIR & FOEL MALE VOICE CHOIR**

**(Anglesey) IN CONCERT**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October at St Luke's Church, Buckfastleigh at 7.30p.m.

Tickets -£6 available on the door.

## Ugborough Primary School

As many of you will be aware, Sue Whiteman has now retired and Neal Phillips has taken on the role of Acting Head. The new term is well under way and we are pleased to welcome both new staff and families to the school and area. Federation talks are taking place with Ermington Primary School and the consultation period has now started.

The Autumn term is always busy with many events planned leading up to the festive season, including Book Fairs, Harvest Festival, theatre trips etc as well as our usual Christmas productions - more information to follow.

Our Harvest Festival will take place at 2pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October at Hillhead Farm and, as always, we cordially invite you to join us for a wonderful celebration. We would like to extend a **big big** thank you to Mr and Mrs Johns for the use of their barn - it is very much appreciated!!

Once again, we are collecting home produce for sale at the Harvest Festival in aid of Upendo School in Uganda - all donations gratefully received! Please contact the office for further information.

Over the last couple of years the Friends of Ugborough School have raised a great deal of money and provided a whole range of items and events for the pupils at Ugborough School, including; digital cameras, trips to the Theatre Royal, presents from Santa for all the children, water bottles and sports kits for the football and netball teams.

This doesn't happen without a great deal of effort from a very dedicated group. I would like to thank them for all that they do and I know they have many exciting plans for the coming year.

### UNDER MILKWOOD- A play by Dylan Thomas

Why is PC Atilla Rees pounding the beat with a wet helmet? How come the Rev. Eli Jenkins' father died of drink and agriculture? Whose name is tattooed around Captain Cat's belly?

ALL WILL BE REVEALED.....

At St. Peter's Church, Ugborough on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7p.m.

Tickets £6 ( £4 concessions) Available from Ugborough Garage, Ugborough Post Office and The Watermark Centre, Ivybridge or phone (01752) 892086





### Your Stars Tonight.

"I will warm your heart by the fire so you can slip it under your vest when the shop is closed" declaims a theatrical steamed dieter from the top of the stairs. "Why are you talking with a Pakistani accent?" I enquire innocently. "It's not Pakistani it is Welsh as you well know" she bristles. I attempt a joke "You must be rehearsing for Under Mirk Wood - an everyday story of Ugborough Hobbits". I am chortling over my witty remark only to realize that the steamed dieter is uncoiling herself to her full height and is approaching with what may be a frying pan.

I escape into the night to avoid a near impact with a cooking utensil, and what a sight greets me in the evening sky - Jupiter blazing above the southern horizon. Its brightness makes it clear why the Romans named it after the king of their gods - for in Roman mythology Jupiter was regarded as the patron deity of their city and grandfather of Romulus and Remus. (I never realized until now that you can spot the Latin name for father in the word Jupiter). Although it is around 300 million miles away it shines so brightly because of its enormous size (1300 earths would fit inside it with ease). Grab your binoculars and try to see its four little moons. No doubt many of the naval fraternity are able to hold the binoculars steady with one hand while balancing a pint of Tribute in the other but for the rest of us it is essential to steady the binoculars on wall or fence (mind the neighbours) or stepladders (now the neighbours are really worried) or a camera tripod to get a good view free from tremors.

With luck - or better still a small telescope - you may just make out a faint maroon band going round Jupiter's surface. For many years at least two bands could be easily seen and there is currently great excitement amongst Jupiter watchers since in the last few months one of them has inexplicably disappeared. This is no small matter - the belt was around 7,500 miles wide and 50,000 miles in circumference - that's a pretty big belt to lose. The belts (there are around 12 in total) are thought to be warmer cloud belts containing exotic coloured chemicals which break through the cooler white clouds that make up most of Jupiter's upper atmosphere and they are generated by Jupiter's rapid rotation (once every 10 hours).

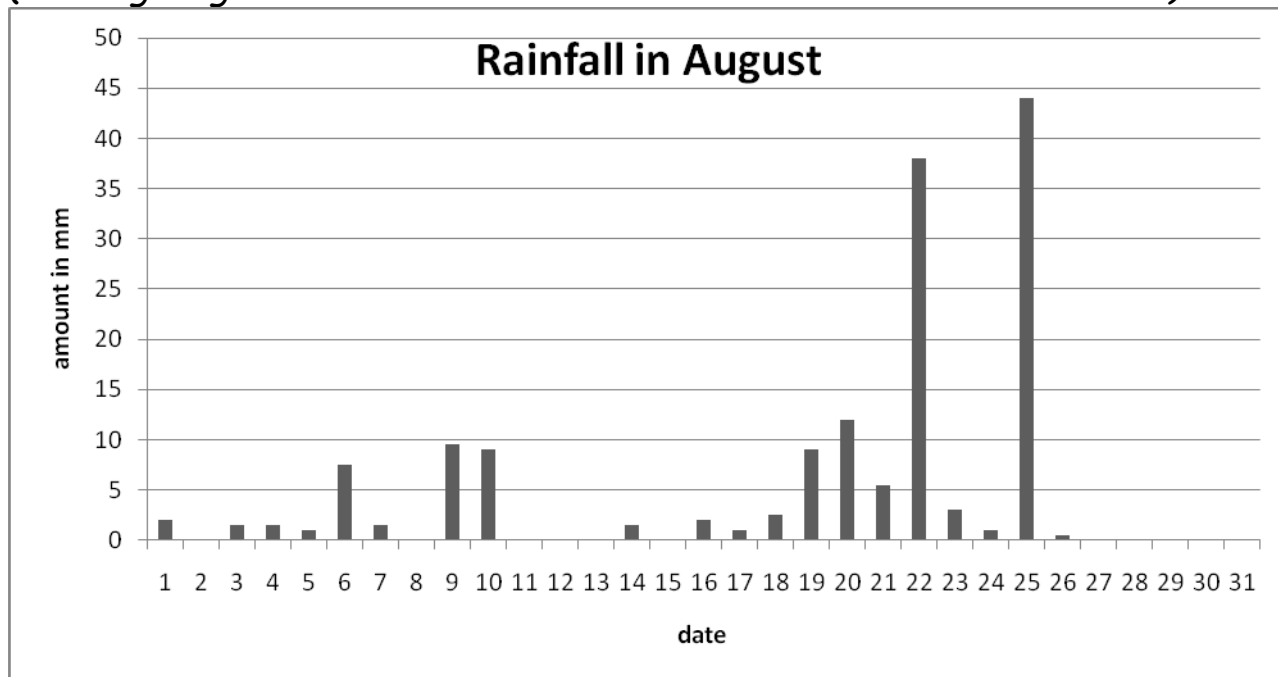
The steamed dieter is beside me with a cup of tea. "By Jove that's bright" she observes. I spot the chance for a little blandishment. "Indeed it shines

in our autumn skies just as Under Milkwood will blaze out in Ugborough Church in October to join the pantheon of treasured memories of our community events, when the fusion of poetry, theatre and Ugborough's indomitable spirit will create a spectacle that will be remembered for generations to come." "Don't lay it on too thick" she says, "and do remember the love of my character's life is 6 feet below the earth - so just watch your behaviour in future"

**Safari Supper - Friends, partners, parishioners**  
 Lend me your ears... The Safari Supper is looming once again  
 Saturday 20th November      £7.50 per person  
 Details available in the Post Office from 1st October      or from Vici -  
 01752 898799  
 Email [vici@mondopeople.org](mailto:vici@mondopeople.org)

Rainfall for August 2010 at West Cannamore, Ugborough 510ft above sea level

*(I am again grateful to Len Wakeham for this detailed information)*



Total for month of August 2010 153.5mm= 6.04 inches.



Ugborough Local History Group *Merryl Docker*

Join us for a journey around Dartmoor's industrial past ~ on **Wednesday 20th October at 8.00pm** in **Ugborough Village Hall**, Clive Ashford will take us on a virtual tour of Dartmoor through photos collected over many years of walking the stunning landscape that is on our doorstep. Non-members welcome at £1 on the door - we are a friendly, non-academic group who share a passion for the beautiful place we are lucky enough to live in. See you soon!  
Merryl Docker (phone 01752 893651 for more information about the History Group)

History Corner *Alan Yates* (*Warning- don't try this at home! Ed.*)

### **CIDER - an unusual ingredient and wartime advice.**

Firstly, a transcription of a letter to a parish resident dated 29<sup>th</sup>. September 1875, written by a Mr. Mark Huxham.

"I reply to your letter of yesterday respecting the boiling of Cider. I always boil about half and make it actually boil and keep it actually boiling for 15 to 20 minutes. Some say it ought to be for half an hour, but I consider 20 minutes long enough. Just put a quarter of cold cider in the cask, then add the boiled, fill with cold and bung down. Rack it once about a week or ten days after and put in pipes as it keeps better than in hogsheads. Being boiled it fines much quicker than if allowed to ferment, *a little bullock's blood* put in the cask before being bunged down is a good thing to fine it, but I have never tried it. I have always allowed the cider to remain in open vats after coming from the pounds mouth and take off the first head before boiling, but this season I shall try to run it through the dung bags as it comes from the pound and boil it immediately. Any further information I shall be happy to give you. I am Dear Sir, Yours respectfully, Mark Huxham."

Note: a pipe is a cask which can hold 105 gallons. A hogshead is a cask which can hold 52.5 gallons. (*But what is a dung bag? Ed.*)

Secondly, reproduced from the South Devon Times, Sweet Cider in Wartime. Hints on how to produce cider with natural sweetness under wartime conditions were issued in 1939 by the agricultural section of Bristol University as it would be important to retain some of the natural sugars to avoid adding too much sugar.

"By the method of racking, the rate of fermentation of most ciders can be retarded. This process should be carried out after the first violent fermentation has ceased and be repeated when renewed fermentation becomes appreciable. Filtration is also a method frequently used. The use

of a suitable filter enables a cloudy fermenting cider to be changed into a brilliant liquor in which fermentation will almost cease. Attempts to filter cider soon after fermentation begins are not often successful and generally it is advisable to wait before using the filter until the sweetness of the cider has been reduced to a degree similar to that of medium sweet cider. For maximum retention of sugar in cider the centrifuge is the most convenient method. It is easy to operate and will run for hours with little attention, giving results as good as those by filter."

**The Friends of Ugborough School, Charity no. 1047174**  
***Crow alert..Crow alert..Crow alert..Crow alert..Crow alert.....***  
***Scarecrows take up residence***



**It's time to start making your SCARECROW  
and get ready to follow the trail to win a prize!**

He /she can be any size, shape and dress as you wish! **All Scarecrows have to be completed by Thursday 21st October** and proudly displayed outside your house where they can be seen (without you being disturbed!) from **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October until Saturday 30th October**. If you wish you can display them in the school playground from Saturday 23rd October until Saturday 30th October (please take them home after 5.00pm on Saturday). **Please obtain your registration form from either the School Office, Ugborough post office, Anchor Pub and Horse & Groom Pub (closing date to register your Scarecrow is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October)**. Trail cards will be for sale at £2.00 each - just follow the trail to locate and name each of the scarecrows (without disturbing anyone!). For anyone that cannot follow the trail there will be an opportunity to purchase a Scarecrow gallery card (photographs of all of the Scarecrows) a separate prize will be issued for the Gallery winner. The person with the most correct answers wins a prize! There is also a prize for the best Scarecrow!

THIS IS OPEN TO EVERYONE WHO LIVES IN THE PARISH -

PLEASE LET EVERYONE THAT LIVES IN YOUR ROAD/STREET KNOW NOW!

**We are looking for sponsors for this event. Interested -**

please email [caroline.ross11@btinternet.com](mailto:caroline.ross11@btinternet.com) for further details

***Let's make it a Scarecrow to remember!***

You have been around the World with Ugborough Airlines...

Now it's time for a new adventure.

Join us on January 22nd

Tickets £15 for food, wine (with main course) and entertainment

To the Village Hall and Beyond...

Travel Agents details to follow - watch out for posters

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Ugborough Parish Council Clerk: Sarah Woodman Tel: 01364 642145

email: ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk

Website: [www.ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk)

The September Parish Council Meeting started with news from the National Trust's David Ford on the proposed sale of Ugborough House and adjoining farmland. The sale is in accordance with the donor's wishes and the proceeds will be used within Devon and Cornwall. The Parish Council expressed an interest in acquiring the piece of land behind the church as a community amenity/recreation area - but time and finances will make this a challenge.

The formation of a Community Land Trust to provide affordable housing to local people was proposed by your Chairman Tom Holway. A great deal more research needs to be done before a Trust is established but, at this stage, we would like to hear from you if you are interested in becoming a Trustee - please contact the Clerk or Tom on 01752 893114, tomholway@lineone.net

The Dartmoor Way is a spectacular circular route around Dartmoor National Park for cyclists and walkers, its 100 mile route linking Tavistock, Okehampton, Moretonhampstead, Bovey Tracey, Ashburton, Buckfastleigh and villages in between. It is hoped to extend the Dartmoor Way to include the southern moor, incorporating South Brent, Ivybridge and Plymouth, which could increase tourism in the area. Organisers Devon Rural Renaissance are seeking feedback from potential walking and cycling users and local businesses by completing a survey - to complete survey, please go to [www.ruraldevon.org/dartmoorway/](http://www.ruraldevon.org/dartmoorway/)

Public spending cuts were a recurrent theme throughout the September meeting, with South Hams District Council facing a shortfall of up to £4m over the next 4 years, and Devon County Council likely to reduce many of its discretionary services. A series of public meetings is to be held by Devon County Council entitled 'Tough Choices', which will look at how to deliver important local services while reducing costs and saving money. The public

meetings start at 6.30pm and locally are being held at Kingsbridge & District Rest Centre, on the 12 October, Ashburton Town Hall on the 25 October and Ivybridge Watermark Centre on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

The Mobile Library Service is being rationalised from January 2011. Currently, the service stops in Bittaford, Ludbrook, Moorhaven, Ugborough, Cheston and Wrangaton - but the new service will only stop in Ugborough Square and outside Wrangaton Post Office. The Parish Council has asked for stops to be reinstated in Bittaford, but has not received a positive response from the Mobile Library Service. However, they did advise me that 'If there are members of your community who are physically unable to travel to Ivybridge Library, then they may be eligible for the Home Library Service, where a WRVS volunteer will deliver books directly to their home. Anyone who would like this service should contact Devon Libraries'. Call 01392 384315 or email [devlibs@devon.gov.uk](mailto:devlibs@devon.gov.uk)

Home Safety Checks Devon County Council in partnership with Home Improvement Agencies is offering a new free service of Home Safety Checks for vulnerable households. Two hours free handyman help plus up to £100 for materials is available to fit door and window locks, smoke alarms, child safety locks, cooker guards etc. This is for Carers and families who are vulnerable due to age, disability or financial circumstances, or who have been victims of crime. Call Devon Carers Link on 08456 431431.

Planning Applications No objection was raised to the planning application for converting a redundant outbuilding to provide ancillary accommodation at Filham House. However, Councillors objected to the proposed barn in the field adjacent to 3 Leigh Close, Bittaford on the grounds that its size was excessive and it would adversely affect the amenity of the adjacent housing. It was suggested that the proposed barn be resited away from the housing.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held from 7.30pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October and you are welcome to attend. Agenda and minutes of meetings are displayed on the Parish Council notice boards and on the website, [www.ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Diptford and North Huish Handbells

We desperately need new ringers to keep our group going. No knowledge of music is required, just a sense of humour and an ability to count to 4!!

Come and have a go at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October** in Diptford Village Hall. For more information contact Elizabeth Hallett (Diptford) on 01548 821373 or Val Mulcrone (Ugborough) on 01752 894973. Everyone welcome, please come!

Bittaford Methodist Church *Jutta Berger*

Please come and join us for our services at 10.30a.m.

3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Mrs. Alfreda A Rogers
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Rev. Tony Broad
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Rev. Stephen Caddick (Sacrament)
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Mr. J. Pointon
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Mr. Phil Griffin

Our Hall is available for hire. We do have a small Tea Kitchen.

All enquiries contact: Jutta Berger on 01752 698 381 or

E-Mail to: [juttaberger@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:juttaberger@tiscali.co.uk)

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Green Pastures Coffee Bar for families with small children.

It is open every Friday from 10.00 am 'til 12 noon including School Holidays!

Please come and join us we are looking forward to welcome you.

For details call Jutta on 01752 698 381

A Community Outreach by the Bittaford Methodist Church

ERNIE MARRIOTT

Ern passed away on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September. After a brave fight he finally lost the battle to pneumonia. Long serving for the MOD, he worked on RFA supply ships, was involved in the Falklands war and later at the supply depot in Wrangaton and in Plymouth. An enthusiastic gardener, last year he became an 'allotmenteer' and loved his newly found hobby. He still found time to volunteer to decorate Bittaford Village Hall.

Our thoughts are with Sue, Emma, Kelly, Lauren and Chloe. Ern will be sadly missed.

*(Received from Carole Howard.)*



Round up of this year's activities.

The website, managed by Richard Barker, ([www.ugborough.com](http://www.ugborough.com)) has been a great success and a real asset to the church and the history society of Ugborough. It would be great to use this asset more extensively to publish information about the church, village and their histories. A great start has been made here; let's make even more of it in the future.

Since November, when the Friends was formally constituted, we have had a number of meetings and events. The three History meetings were very successful: John Allen came from Exeter Archaeology to speak about Devon churches (November); our History of Ugborough Church 'carousel' evening was good fun (January) and Philip Mann's very personal tour of church architecture was wonderfully illustrated with slides and drawings (June). We added to this with an evening visit to Flete House in June, courtesy of Dr Perrin. Musical events have also been good, with Jonathan Weeks and his Medieval Stories and Songs and then the lovely history of music through hymns by our very own Ugborough Choir.

Forthcoming events:

We also have two forthcoming events: Taff Jones and his cast have been working hard to produce 'Under Milkwood' which promises to be a wonderful performance on 8th and 9th October at 7 pm - tickets are on sale now so please come along to support this.

Also, Jonathan Weeks is booked for another evening of medieval music and song on Saturday 27th November. This should be another lively event, so book it in your diary now!

**Another Date for your Diary!**

In aid of St Peter's Church, Ugborough - **WHIST DRIVE** in the Village Hall  
**On Wednesday 10 November at 7.30 pm with Raffle and Refreshments**

Property to let - The Forge, Lutterburn Street, Ugborough. Studio Flat.  
Available from October 1st. For further details please contact Owen or  
Nicky Davies 01752 895565 or 07967180872.

Dear friends,



As I write this letter it is the middle of the Harvest season for the Three Rivers Mission Community. Hundreds will sit down to eat and drink together; memories will be shared and stirred.

There are far fewer farmers around than there used to be, and the harvest often involves only a few in the villages. In the past most of the village would be roped in together. I am told that the harvest has been generally good this year and we thank God for all this gifts that he showers upon us. We live in such a beautiful part of the country and we can sometimes take it for granted. When Kathy and I first got married we lived in Walthamstow. There were regular trees planted down the sides of roads, allotments, and an occasional raised flower bed, as for the rest it was all man-made. The smell came from a perfume factory down the road.

Well it is different for us living in the South Hams. Within a matter of minutes we can all view some of the most fertile land in the country. We can see wildlife, that for the most part, lives in harmony with us, enriching our lives, and often making us laugh.

In the Rectory we have a bird table that attracts wild birds as it should. There is a mouse that lives below it. Our chickens often pick up the seed that is dropped. The cat also sits waiting to catch the mouse or an occasional bird. We now have a regular sparrow hawk that lands on the bird table waiting for his prey. It has also been known for the sparrows to nest above the bird table. So it all happens in the Rectory garden, sex, violence, stalking, singing, bullying, and I'm sure that mirth and laughter come from the birds. During a standing committee meeting a few months ago someone noticed that a neighbour's cat had just walked past the window with a bantam in its mouth! I went to the door and shouted. The cat could not climb the gate to escape, so dropped the bantam (who had a sore neck) and then escaped!



I don't agree with those who think that creation just 'happened' without God. For me it makes sense that there is design and purpose throughout creation. It is when I open my eyes and reflect of this beauty that I am drawn to glimpse something of the Creator, and His loving purpose for the world and humanity.

May we all **open our eyes** to behold the beauty of creation and **thank God for his many bountiful gifts to us this Harvest season.**

John



Please pray for the appointment of an Assistant Priest for the Mission Community to live in the Vicarage at Ugborough.

St Peter's Church Services in October .

Date	Service
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 7p.m.	Harvest Praise followed by Pasties and Cider
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 9.30a.m.	Harvest Holy Communion
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 10.30a.m	MISSION COMMUNITY HOLY COMMUNION AT ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL ERMINGTON
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 9.30a.m.	Family Communion (with Young Church)
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 11a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 9.30a.m.	Matins
Tuesday All other Tuesdays 9a.m.	Celtic Communion Celtic Prayer

*A further note from Stafford Williams-*

The Village Hall appears to be short of small tea plates and we wonder if someone has borrowed them, but 'forgotten' to get them back to us. Please return them if you have a box lying around!

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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