

UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

October 2014



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Garden Club and Ugborough Garden Club Produce Show

Anne Holway/Shelley Hutcheon

A huge thank you to everyone who entered and supported this year's show. There was a fantastic amount of entries in every class including the much challenged carrot cake and you all excelled yourselves in the four bread making classes. As usual the judges did a marvellous job, so thanks must go to Viv Howard who has decided that size is not that important, it is more about whether he wants to eat it or not! Also to Sue Webster who flew in, as glamorous as ever, cast her expert eye over the flowers and then jetted off to London and Margaret Beable who had the impossible task of tasting everything including scary coloured icing and endless spoonfuls of weird and wonderful chutney!! It wouldn't happen without them.

Thank you also to their scribes - Ann Holway, Libby Johns and Isobel Hamilton. Also to Val Mulcrone, Jenny Bolton, Jane Johns, Tom Holway and Anita Slade.

The event, while not billed as a money maker, raised £234.00 which will be split between the garden club and the village hall. New members are very welcome to join the garden club so please come along to the next talk on Thursday 16th October at 8 p.m. in The Old Post Office.

Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled- Peggy Douglas

(tel. 07882286421, or 01752 894358.)

The end of last term was unusually hectic- socials, fundraising, presentations and our AGM. The following day we set off to Hartpury for the Nationals. We took 8 riders and 5 horses. The was almost completely washed out but in contrast the second day was tropical. Good results all round with particular congratulations to Henry Slade who won his dressage, was second in show-jumping, 3rd in the Countryside challenge and 4th in Combined training.



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During the summer 6 horses went off on holiday and 2 retired which left us time to spend on the younger ones. Nearly all chores are up to date- painting poles, mending fences, painting the stables blocks, sorting rugs and tidying tack.

This year's Steeplechase was a great success raising £2700 for our funds. Thanks to everyone's hard work to make it all happen.

We are running a 100 club this year- £10 for the year. Prizes will be monthly with £25 for first prize and £10 for second. We have a meal at the Rose and Crown in Yealmpton on 1st October for which tickets are still available at the time of writing. There will be a good raffle!

We are still looking for replacement horses and have recently spent £10,000 rewaxing our surface in the school. As we enter our 30th year we will need to work hard to replace our funds, but in our usual way we will make time for celebrations as well!

We are still in need of volunteers to help with sessions and work around the Yard. Please contact me if you are able to help in any way.

N.B .Has anyone in the village borrowed my welping box?

Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School- *Tania Barretto*

First of all, we would like to welcome back all our children after the summer, lovely to see so many new faces too! It's a very busy time at pre-school at the moment, with lots going on. This year we have started offering Breakfast Club and After School Club facilities to pre-school and primary school children. Please see Tania for further details if you are interested for your child. As a reminder if you need any extra pre-school sessions in addition to your booked ones, just e-mail or phone.

We will also be holding our Harvest Festival on Friday 17th October which I am sure the children will love. For all of our new parents, the pre-school is a committee-run charity, and only functions as a result of the good will and time of parents. If you feel you have any time, or particular skills you could offer us, many hands make light work. There will be also assistance needed at our fundraising evening on Saturday 11th October, (see page 11.) Please let us know if you can help.

The Beacon Federation - *Executive Headteacher - Mrs. Jane Byrne*

Ugborough Primary School.

We welcome back Mrs Crudge to Hillhead class and offer a special welcome to Miss Foss, our new teacher in Dunwell.

As you are aware we re-structured the federation at the end of last term and we now have two Assistant Headteachers, Mr Mitchell at Ermington and Mrs Vosper at Ugborough. They are now taking on the day to day management of the schools. Mrs French is now Head of Learner Support for both schools and will be working across the two as needed. Again, appointments can be made through the office.

Do remember that we are an **Open School** and staff are available to see you at a mutually convenient time to discuss any issue - early discussion often prevents a small issue becoming a huge problem. Please see Beverley in the school office to make an appointment.

Wanted - Volunteer Readers! Do you have any spare time to help out in school? We would really appreciate your help with listening to children read which can make a big difference to their progress. If you are interested, please speak to Beverley. You will be asked to complete an information sheet with contact details etc and will also be required to complete a DBS check (CRB).

Top Field. Over the Summer holidays several fence panels were broken reportedly by youths trying to reclaim balls. Whilst this is a community field we need to be mindful of school property and repair/maintenance costs. Please keep a look out and report incidents to us. Thank you.

Monday 20th October Harvest Festival at Hillhead Farm

Friday 24th October Occasional Day

27th - 31st October Half Term

Monday 3rd November Occasional Day

Ugborough Parish Walking Group- *Merryl Docker*

What a scorcher our last walk was!! How wonderful that our amazing summer is lasting through September. I hope you have all been out picking blackberries, sloes etc that have been so abundant in our hedgerows. Will there be anything left by the time of our next walk and forage around the parish on **Sunday 5th October at 10.45 a.m. in Ugborough Village Square?** Come along and join us, new faces always welcome - that includes furry faces. All dogs are welcome to bring their owners. Our walks are friendly, not at all arduous and short enough for us to have a late lunch drink in a local pub for a 'debrief'. For more information on our parish rights of way please contact Merryl Docker (01752 893651) or Tom Holway (01752 941872).



Ugborough Local History Group- *Merryl Docker*

Do join us on **Wednesday 29th October at 8.00 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall** for an illustrated talk on "The History of Mount Batten" by Robin Blyth-Lord. Mount Batten is a fascinating part of Plymouth - little known by many people. Its history goes right back to early human occupation with a rich past up to the vital role played during the past two World Wars. Come along to find out more. We are a very friendly, non-academic group ~ everyone will be made welcome. Free to members and just £2 on the door for non-members. See you soon! For more information contact Merryl Docker (01752 893651).

The Group is about to publish a revised and much enlarged printed version of the current Heritage Appraisal handbook. In order to give all members, and anyone else who is interested, a chance to preview and make comments on the text before it goes for printing, it is now being displayed on our website ugborough.com. (Go to 'History', then 'Heritage Appraisal') Please address any comments to Robert Perrin, Flete House, Ivybridge PL21 9NX. Tel: 01752 830218 or robertperrin733@btinternet.com

In which they served ~finding your family in wartime

On Saturday 4th October 2014 2 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. Devon Family History Society Entrance invite you to bring your questions and meet representatives from a variety of history groups at the Rowe Hall & Wesley Room, Mint Methodist Church, Fore Street, Exeter. £3 including afternoon tea/coffee and biscuits

To attend the Society's full day Conference (£11.00 including talks)

A programme and booking form are available on: www.devonfhs.org.uk/agm.htm

Coffee Drop-In Centre

10,30am-Noon every Thursday morning in Ugborough Church

Post office available 10 a.m.-12 noon

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

Everyone welcome.

Community Coppice - Access all Areas! - Matthew Fairclough

Goodness me, it's coppicing time already. Over the summer two little pigs have been busy snuffling up bramble roots after the first clearing sessions and we have now built an access stile on Parsonage Lane to bring the coppice entrance closer to the village centre. Our thanks go to Shelley Hutcheon for guiding us through our first pig cycle and to George Fletcher for service beyond the call of duty in creating the new stile. We are also really pleased to announce the award of 105 saplings from the Woodland Trust, which will be arriving early November.

This season the coppice group will be meeting on the following dates. Please do come along if you fancy learning some new skills, would like some firewood or simply want to enjoy nature and this evolving project. Remember to drop us a line first so we can send you further details.

Sunday 12th October - First clear of the season to prepare for the saplings. Meet at 10 a.m., lunch at 1 p.m., finish at 4.30 p.m.

Sunday 9th November - Tree planting and visit from Don, a rural skills teacher who will be giving us some welcome practical advice and demonstration as well as hands on instruction. Meet at 10 a.m., lunch at 1 p.m., finish at 4.30 p.m.

There will be further meetings in November (15th, 16th -reserve- and 7th December). See next month's Newsletter for details

Please contact Matt and Emily Fairclough if you fancy joining the group or just want to attend to see what we get up to in the woods on matt.fk@mail.com

Ugborough Village Hall- Stafford Williams

We had a record attendance for a committee meeting this month with 11 volunteers doing their bit. Discussion was wide-ranging, covering the work done on the roof, stairway and inside the main hall to keep the facility up to date. Of note is the need to refurbish the walkway at the side of the building and to replace the felt on the roof, but both tasks await funds to make them possible. More minor improvements due soon will include a cupboard for cleaning materials to be built in the gentlemen's toilet and a dishwasher being plumbed into the kitchen. Replacements of faulty lights continue and the Pre-School have volunteered to head up the re-painting of the lower walls in the hall to match the new chairs.

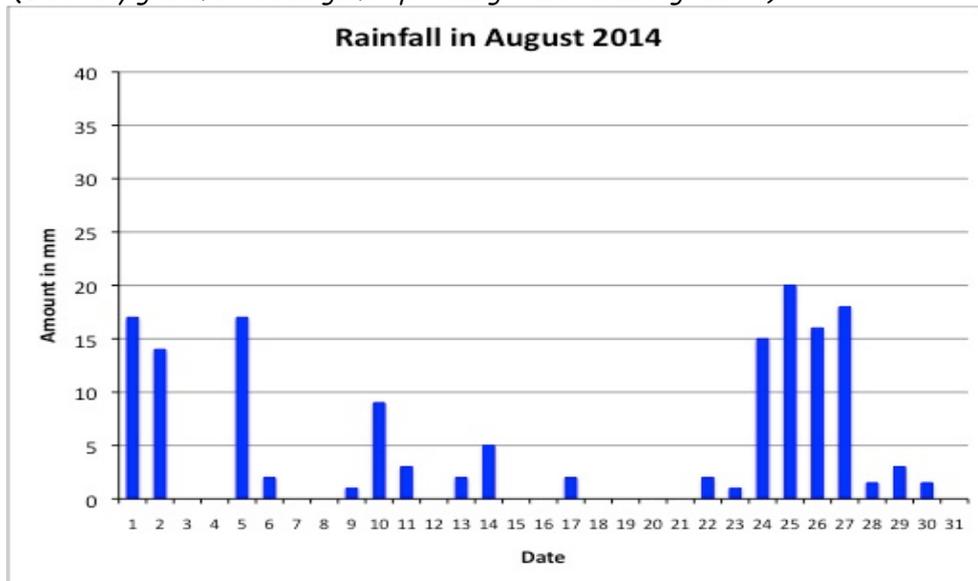
A reminder to all Hall hirers, even those of many years' standing, to ensure that Philomena has recorded your requirements in the Hall Diary on-line and to ensure payments are provided promptly to Kate, the Treasurer. If you need special arrangements for your hiring, such as a discount on standard rates, please contact the committee to have your circumstances considered.

Ivybridge U3A - *Doreen Flood*

The October meeting of Ivybridge U3A will be their AGM and the speaker will be Marilyn Bishop talking about 'The Life And Times of Casanova' It will be held in The Watermark on Monday 20th October at 2 p.m.

Rainfall at Shellwood Hill *George Arnison*

(I am very grateful to George for providing this interesting record).



August rainfall at Shellwood Hill attached. Total = 150.0mm (approx 6")

For comparison, rainfall over the last 4 Augusts has been: 140.5mm (2010); 115.5mm (2011); 205.0mm (2012); 71.5mm (2013)

"Welcome to Ugborough News" *Derek + Julie Wakeham*

Firstly, we would like to wish a very happy retirement to Mac and Andrea and thank them for the 25 years of service to our Community. We would also like to say a big "Thank you" for their help in making the transition of the Newspapers/Magazines, and, for still being available to call on whilst we are adjusting to this new business.

We are able to offer a delivery service of Newspapers/magazines to you 7 days a week. You can choose to have a delivery on just one specific day or every day of the week, for a small delivery charge. You are most welcome to call in and buy your Newspaper/Magazine from "Sign of the Owl Birds". We will be open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. We stock most of the National Newspapers as well as the Ivybridge Gazette, Western Morning News and Totnes Times. If there is enough interest we would be willing to start stocking the Herald.

"Thank you" to those who have wished us well in this new venture and we hope that we can continue the level of service that you have been used to.

If you would like to contact us to discuss ordering/delivering of any Newspapers/Magazines please telephone any of the numbers below :-

(01364) 72132 - Sign of the Owl Birds 07769664478 - Julie Wakeham

Beryl's Bookworms - *Joan Fletcher*

September's book was 'This Boy' (a memoir of a childhood) by Alan Johnson. The author is the Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle MP and a senior labour politician having held five cabinet posts. The book recently won the Orwell Prize, Britain's top prize for political writing.



Johnson, senior won the

In 'This Boy' the author describes his boyhood growing up in a poor single parent family in the post war Britain of the 50s and 60s in the slums of pre gentrified West London, an area known as Notting Hill today. He and his sister, Linda, were brought up by their mother, Lily, in a condemned building with no electricity and just one outside toilet. Their father leaves them for a barmaid and, when their mother dies, 16 year old Linda raises 13 year old Alan on her own. 'This Boy' is very much a tribute to the author's mother and sister. This may be why the book ends where many other political autobiographies would have begun, with the author aged 18 starting work as postman. The more senior of us found the book particularly interesting as we were able to associate with growing up at that time, if not in such abject poverty. It was felt there is something for everyone in the author's story of his early life, whether his passion for football and music or just life in the 50s and 60s. This led to a fascinating, hilarious and sometimes enlightening sharing of memories.

Most of us thought the book well written, a fascinating read and were particularly impressed by the realism and lack of self-pity. We felt the writing gave a real sense of time and place. Just one or two found the style rather wordy. Comments included 'an excellent book left me wanting to read the next one...' Unsurprisingly we scored the book a very high average of 4.5 out of 5. We look forward to October's read - The Last Runaway by Tracy Chevalier.

Repair of the North Aisle Roof of St. Peter's Church- *Peter Povey*

St. Peter's Church Council has secured funding to allow the leaking sheet lead of the North Aisle Roof to be completely replaced. Work will start in early October and go on for approximately two months. Two scaffolding towers will be erected on either side of the main entrance porch to enable the Contractor to access the Roof, but these will not hinder access to the Church through the main North Door, so most parishioners will not be inconvenienced. During the time of the contract, the Church **will remain open** for the two Post Office sessions on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning, for the weekly Tuesday morning Celtic Prayer and the Thursday coffee morning drop-in, and on Saturdays and Sundays, but will not be open Mondays to Fridays for occasional visitors.

Commemorative service- World War 1 *Sue Johns (church treasurer)*

Following the Special Service help recently, the PCC decided to send cheques for £75 to each of the following charities:

King George VI Fund for Sailors, Army Benevolent Fund, RAF Benevolent Fund.

Taffy's also sent £100 to the British Legion which were the proceeds of the Black Tie Dinner.



Your Stars Tonight. I am awoken by a cold cup of tea and an irritable remark from the steamed dieter asking me if I intend to hibernate for the rest of the winter. This remark is prompted no doubt by the somnolent Tortoiseshell butterfly that has taken up a determined residence in our bedroom where it has attached

itself to a large photograph of the Milky Way. Oddly the butterfly seems to have aligned itself with the galactic plane, but at a more practical level, getting from one side of the room to the other without disturbing it has become a major navigational exercise. And now I have the worry of what will happen when the central heating comes on - I foresee an exciting butterfly chase followed by its forced detention in a cardboard box in the fridge until spring arrives.

Despite this I feel an oneness with my butterfly and its appreciation of the Milky Way - I have had a great deal of pleasure this year using my binoculars to discover its delights. Last month's newsletter contained an excellent guide to the delights of the constellation of Cassiopeia which encouraged me to spend a lot of time getting to know Eddy's Coaster and Kemble's Cascade amidst the multitude of stars in this part of the Milky Way. But I was repeatedly puzzled by another faint patch of luminosity below Cassiopeia's "W" - just on the edge of visibility with the naked eye - until I realised it was the famous double star cluster of Perseus - first recorded by the Greek astronomer Hipparchus in 130 BC. With binoculars the patch of light resolves into two scatters of several hundred faint stars looking for all the world like Ugborough and Bittaford on a dark night from 35,000 feet - a beautiful sight.

The constellation of Perseus can be found in the southern sky and directly below the "W" of Cassiopeia, looking like an ungainly upside down "Y" - apologies for this descent into a nourishing alphabet soup. My 1953 edition of "Introducing Astronomy" is rather coy about many episodes of the Perseus mythology. A more modern reading suggests misogyny and feckless behaviour by one of the pantheon of mythological gods, resulting in Perseus growing up on the Greek equivalent of Benefit Street with his single parent mother, followed by inevitable societal alienation, climaxing in mass murder (with the Gorgon's head) of a local gang leader and his followers after they got disrespectful of his long suffering mum - could be a great Tarantino film.

The second brightest star Algol has been known for millennium as "the Demon Star" perhaps because it notably dims in brightness every 59 hours. The Mystic Meg amongst us may be disappointed to learn that reason is not the waxing and waning aura of evil - just the more mundane eclipse of the main bright star by a dimmer and gloomy companion.

"Just like me" sighs the steamed dieter, but I am not sure what she means.



An unpleasant problem

I have been asked to mention that someone has allowed their dog to foul in the churchyard. This was very unpleasant for the person who just managed to avoid stepping in the mess. **Please do not allow your dog to roam in the churchyard and if there is an accident, please clear it up.**

And -A Warning message from Tracey Weaver, Dog Warden S.H.D.C

Recently the District has seen an increase in the amount of dog fouling. Dog fouling in any part of the South Hams is unacceptable. Dog faeces are known to carry the toxocara parasite, which can cause blindness in children. There is also concern that E-coli may be caught by contact with dog faeces. It is therefore a serious health hazard.

The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 states that dog fouling must be picked up and disposed of forthwith. Bagged faeces may be deposited in a dog bin, litter bin or household dustbin. Please **DO NOT** bag faeces and leave them anywhere else!

There is **NO EXCUSE** for any dog fouling anywhere in Ugborough . I have been made aware of the problems and will be making extra visits to the area. Anyone breaking the law who is witnessed by the Dog Warden will be subject to a £80.00 on the spot fine or a maximum £1,000 fine if taken to court. SHDC will also act on information it receives, if we are provided with a date and time, together with the identity of an offender, SHDC will issue a Fixed Penalty Fine. If you have any information, please contact the Dog Warden on 01803 861117. All information is treated in "strictest confidence".

This may seem draconian, but unfortunately, some dog owners are persistently failing to clean up after their dogs, and sadly, therefore, dog owners in general are getting a bad name. Please help to keep the village clean and make it a safe environment for everyone. As the evenings (and soon, the mornings) get darker please ensure that you take a torch with you when you walk your dog, this will ensure that you are properly prepared and able to clean up after your dog.

SPORTS REPORT - Janner Le Carre

Your Favourite Clubs

For the second in the series of 'Favourite Club' reviews I thought I would do something for the less sporty by investigating the shadowy world of the Book Club. I had to go deep undercover for this mission, living rough and adopting disguises as varied as a Church Warden or a retired person. Whilst on a stake-out in the proximity of Dia-onkey Alley one dark and overcast night, I at last spotted a group huddled under cloaks from the cold, which became all the more penetrating as they passed. It was the black pointed hats that first attracted me to their passing, but the scattering cats soon confirmed that this could be the clue I was after.

They disappeared around the corner and as I ran to catch up, peering around the bend I saw that they had completely vanished. I crept towards an eerie light glowing further down the lane and could see movements through the window. Steeling myself for a closer look I squinted against the lamp light inside and almost jumped backwards from the shock that hit me. Sitting around a cauldron of wine and nibbling a mountain of cake was a group of women wearing largely black, moaning incantations over what looked like a book of some sort. On inspection it appeared to be called '50 Shadows of Grey' or something similar and some of the women were getting heated...so they opened a window.

Although difficult to make out I could hear one they called Dorma telling them to hurry up as she was going on holiday soon. As passages of the book were read aloud a couple of fresh-faced women, who looked like they might work on the land said "they don't thresh corn like that in real life", whilst one called Ann mentioned that it all reminded her of her childhood. A cackle broke out after some rude comment from someone called Val until the one they all deferred to as though a High Priestess called them to order and said "Remember the one rule of Book Club is that you don't talk about Book Club". With that a flash of lightning awoke me from my suspense and I ran as fast as I could back to the warmth of the Ship and civilisation. Be afraid dear reader, be terribly afraid!

October seems to Music month in Ugborough with different events to please all tastes. It's really good to see the Church and Village Hall used for these village events. Please support!

Saturday 11th October-

Torbay Police Choir Concert at 7 for 7.30 p.m. at St Peter's Church.

£8 per person, pay on the door. Refreshments available.

The profits will be for the church funds.

Ugtoberfest

Celebrating 20 yrs of Ugborough Pre-School
Saturday 11th October, Ugborough Village Hall at 7:30 p.m.
Beer and Sausage Celebration
Music from Local Rock Band- The Long Faces.
All Bar and Food Proceeds to the Ugborough Pre-School
Tickets £5 from Ugborough Pre-School or
ugtoberfest@gmail.com

Sounds Special - Mark Bennett

How often do you get to spend an afternoon alternating between grinning with joy and relaxing deep into yourself as time stands still around you?

The Greenwood Consort believe that music is amazing and they set out to prove that as they chat their way through a musical afternoon, pointing out where the music came from and landmarks to listen for.

The Evening Herald says they have "real panache" and that their events are "thoroughly enjoyable". In this programme called "Sounds Special", they team up with friends from the Torbay Symphony Orchestra to present music by J.S.Bach and G.P.Telemann. Telemann's *Tafelmusik* and Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto No.4* were both written as "masterpieces", to show off music at its best. The lively Concerto for Recorder and Flute and the moving and spiritual cantata "Der Friede sei mit dir" complete the special afternoon.

The Greenwood Consort hope you will be able to join them **on Saturday 25th October at 2.30pm at St Peter's Church, Ugborough. Entrance is free, with a retiring collection to support Music for All, a charity that gives children access to music lessons.**

Reading service for people living with dementia *Lindsay Ward 01548 831078*

Erme Remind has joined forces with Dementia Friendly Parishes Around the Yealm to offer a new service for people living with a dementia in our parishes.

This service will start from 9th October in the Queen Elizabeth 2 Pavilion in Modbury up at the Recreation Field. There is ample parking, disabled access and facilities. We would like people living with dementia and their carers to come along on 9th October and try the first session of reading and learn more about it.

The sessions will run from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon every Thursday morning term time only. They will be hosted and facilitated by people trained in this field.

You can find out more information about this service from the Reading Project - <http://www.thereader.org.uk/what-we-do-and-why/older-people-dementia.aspx>

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The centre of Bittaford is looking a bit sad, with neglected bus shelters and phone box, cracked paving and security fencing - and these complaints were reported at the start of the September Parish Council meeting. Devon Highways is designing a scheme to repair the retaining wall below the metal bus shelter, with works starting in May/June 2015. Once the work has been completed, the Parish Council is hoping to spruce up the area.

Planning applications No objections were raised to the proposed agricultural building, retaining wall and widened access at Leigh Cross, nor to the extension to provide accommodation for elderly relative at North East Barn, West Peeks Farm, Bittaford, subject to a usage restriction ancillary to the main dwelling.

Consultations on sites for development are being undertaken by both South Hams District Council and Dartmoor National Park Authority - details of the sites are given on their websites.

The Parish Council has rejected all those sites identified in Bittaford as they represent sporadic development in a rural area, with inadequate access onto Wrangaton Road, and are not sustainable. In Ugborough, the Parish Council has questioned the constraints to development identified by SHDC, in particular: both Ugborough Primary School and Ivybridge Community College would have potential spare capacity; and access constraints would be resolved if the sites were considered together. It was considered that the flood risk may be more extensive than identified, and the historic field system should be preserved.

The e-seniors project is proving very popular, with a growing list of those interested. The aim is to provide a series of free internet and IT training sessions to enable our more senior members of the community to enjoy the benefits of going online. So far, a course has been arranged over 5 weeks from the 21st October on Tuesday afternoons, with transport provided by Ring & Ride. Each course accommodates 8 'seniors' and, as it has proved so popular, we are looking at additional courses on a Thursday afternoon, or from January. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk, Sarah Woodman 01364 661127 or email ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk

The date of Parish Council Meetings is to change from December in order to accommodate the County Councillor's commitments. From 3rd December, the Parish Council will be meeting on the first Wednesday of the month. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th October at Ugborough Village Hall. Agenda and minutes are displayed on the noticeboards and website (if the webmaster has got it up and running again)!

SeaMoor - A Sure Start Children's Centre -Autumn Timetable Now Available Online For full details please visit: www.southhamschildrenscentres.org.uk

We have a fantastic, fun Autumn timetable of free events for families with children up to the age of 5

Town Hall, Erme Court, Leonards Road, Ivybridge, PL21 0SZ 01752 896356

Bittaford Methodist Chapel *Jutta Berger 01752 698381*

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

Sunday 5th October 10.30 a.m. Revd. David Youngs Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 12th October 10.30 a.m. Mr. Mike Cade

Sunday 19th October 2.30 p.m. Revd. Ralph Ward Sacrament of Holy Communion Harvest Festival

Sunday 26th October 10.30 a.m. Mr. John Pointon

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

My dear Friends,

When we were expecting our last baby, I can remember sitting in bed with a Bible and a copy of Shakespeare's plays trying to decide on suitable names - we'd already used many of our favourites on the older five, of course! Not agreeing on any that featured in those tomes, we turned to the Church's calendar and looked at the saints who are commemorated in the autumn (the baby was due at the end of November) and were spoilt for choice.

There is such a wealth of holiness in the autumn list and I don't mean sickly, sweet piety; I mean human beings with all the character flaws we can think of who faced immense challenges in the surrounding culture, in their families and communities, daunting situations in their work and difficult struggles to maintain their own faith and encourage others to share it.

Think of Francis (Oct. 4th), giving up a prosperous mercantile career (and probably upsetting his parents at not keeping the family business going) to care for lepers and render himself homeless as he travelled around spreading the good news.

Or there's Wilfrid (Oct 12th) a prickly autocratic bishop who did so much to encourage the Anglo-Saxons to produce beautiful liturgy to uplift the souls of the worshippers and to foster links with Continental Christianity, so the English Church didn't become isolated.

His contemporary, Hild, (Nov 19th) was a truly remarkable woman, presiding over a double monastery in Whitby, with both men and women under her guidance. She encouraged education so Whitby became a centre of learning and reconciliation.

Cecilia (Nov 22nd), a young girl was martyred for allowing the Christians in Rome to meet in her house. It's said she was suffocated in her bathroom, but how that qualified her to become the patron of Church music is not clear!

How about Clement (Nov 23rd) a Bishop of Rome who was exiled to the Crimea and martyred there by being thrown in the sea with an anchor around his neck?

And, of course, there's one of our patrons, St. Andrew, (Nov 30th) the patron of missionary work. These all serve to encourage us in whatever walk of life we find ourselves. Sometimes it'd difficult to see where God is leading us; sometimes it's hard to keep going along the Way; sometimes other people annoy us or other Christians put us off the faith; sometimes we are just weary. But our troubles are no different from the ones these heroes faced - they are just in a different context - that of the 21st century. So, with them and with all the others we cannot name, but rejoice to call our brothers and sisters in Christ as we celebrate All Saints' Day, let's remain courageous, hopeful and cheerful on our Christian Pilgrimage home to God.

A blessing on each one of you, all called to be saints,

Caroline

{And the name of our child? Edmund (Nov 20th), Hugh, (Nov 17th), Crispin (Oct 25th)}

A Prayer for the Vacancy

One practical way in which we can all support the Mission Community is to pray frequently and earnestly; the sheets produced some months ago are useful and here is a prayer for this specific intention:

Father in heaven, you have called us to be saints and to be Christ's body in this place. As we go through this period in our common life, we pray for the needful gifts of your Spirit to fulfil this vocation.

We ask your blessing on those who will guide us through the process of appointing a new incumbent; we pray that the person you wish to take on this role will be alert and obedient to your call; we ask you give wisdom to our churchwardens and others who hold office in our parishes that they may be diligent in their responsibilities and that you will uphold the clergy and ministry team in taking good care of their charge.

This we ask in the name of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

Comments during the Vacancy. Please make helpful suggestions to the clergy and/or churchwardens to help us make this period a really productive time in the life of our Mission Community and its seven parishes.

Service Changes Because of our reduced manpower and attendant reasons, there will be a few minor changes to times and types of services in some places - do check. Please be forbearing!

Representatives of NADFAS, the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies will be presenting their long-awaited Report on St. Peter's Church at the
11 a.m. Sung Eucharist on Sunday, 12th October,

Friday 3rd October- From 6.40 p.m.- Hymn singing

Harvest Praise service at 7 p.m. followed by pasties and cider. Everyone very welcome.

Thanks from John and Kathy John and Kathy Ough would like to thank everyone for their splendid farewell from the Three Rivers Mission Community. It was just as we would have wished for and it was lovely to see so many people from across the parishes. Thank you also for your kind and very generous gifts and for all the cards and messages. We have been overwhelmed by everyone's kindness. We will miss everyone. It has been a joy and privilege to live and work amongst such wonderful communities. We hope that some of you will make it down to our new home at some point and that you will keep in touch with your news. We are working harder at the moment than we have ever done before, packing, decluttering, unpacking, washing, cleaning, and so on. Whoever said that retirement was for putting your feet up was surely mistaken! With our love and best wishes to you, John and Kathy Ough

St Peter's Church Services in October

The	Date and time	Service
	Friday 3 rd October 7 p.m.	Harvest Praise (see above)
	Sunday 5 th October 9.30 a.m.	All Age Worship (Harvest)
	Sunday 12 th October 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist (including NADFAS report, see item above)
	Sunday 19 th October 9.30 a.m.	Family Communion
	Sunday 26 th October 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist and Baptism
	Tuesdays at 9 a.m.	Celtic Prayer

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

While we wait for a new incumbent, requests for baptisms, wedding, funerals and any other matter requiring a priest should be made to-

Assistant Priest

Rev'd Caroline Luff, Harberton Vicarage, Totnes TQ9 7SA
01803 868445 : pgandcmsl@btinternet.com

Business matters should be referred to the church wardens-

Dr Elizabeth Tingle- 01548 821038 or
Jeremy Wells- 01364 72180

Parish matters may also be referred to our Reader

Dr. David Stafford- 01634 691525

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.)

Your Newsletter is available online at the Parish Council website and the **Ugborough Website** - <http://www.ugborough.com/>

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

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Village services.

A reminder that you can hop on board the Devon Libraries Mobile Library Service at Ugborough Square, Tuesdays from 9-9.45 a.m. **every 4 weeks**

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

Stagecoach South West are advertising a special offer - 7 days unlimited travel between Ivybridge and Plymouth on the luxury Gold service X38 for £9. The service runs up to every half hour 7 days a week, - on weekdays starting 6.09 a.m. The last bus from Royal Parade leaves at 22.30 p.m. Check for times on Sundays. www.stagecoachbus.com/southwest

Congratulations to Ugborough's very own gold medal winner. Catherine (the RAMC doctor) who has returned from the Invictus Games in London with four gold medals in swimming events. I think all in the village should tell her how proud we are of her achievements.

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