

UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

February 2009

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Ugborough Life *Lily Brews* (*Back by popular request-Ed.*)

I read in a local newspaper that village life is dying.
Well that's not true of Ugborough, for years they have kept trying.

The well established garden club is into its thirtysixth year.
Third Thursday every month for talk, slides and cheer.

Then there are the reading groups, one completing its tenth year.
A new book every month, for discussion, laughter, and perhaps a tear.

The first Sunday in the month walkers gather in the Square.
Dogs and children welcome, whether the weather is foul or fair.

The last Friday in the month it's Bridge in the village hall.
Wine for prizes, gin for the booby, if you never get that "six spade" call.

The last Wednesday in the month the local history group meets,
It started fairly small, now has fifty plus bums on seats.

I know I will have missed some, the football for a start,
And several smaller groups for walking, scrabble, and art.

There are Whist drives, Bingo, Badminton, Quizzes, youth group, and after
school club.

If none of this is what you want you can always go to the pub.

Village life is thriving here. We must not forget the Fair.
Take a look at the newsletter, with dates for your diary there.



Gardening club *Joan Gillard*

The next meeting is on Thursday 19th February at 8p.m. at the Post Office. A
speaker will be arranged.



Valentines Night in the Blitz
Where were you when the sirens went off?

Saturday 14th February

The Air Raid Shelter

(aka Ugborough Village Hall)

7.30 til Late

Tickets £12

available from School Office, Post Office , or 17 Lutterburn St

Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled. *Peggy Douglas*

All our sessions are running as normal and the horses are wintering well, in fact some of them too well!

The Adoption scheme This is easy to do and only costs £15. You receive a picture, certificate and a regular newsletter. Thanks to those already supporting our horses.

Helpers needed! There are opportunities for those willing to assist with paperwork, cleaning and general chores around the yard as well as helping with the sessions. Please contact Peggy on 17882286421 or 01752 894348

25th Anniversary We hope to form a book with memories, thoughts, press cuttings, etc from the last 25 years. Maybe some of you who were helpers right at the start could write something for us? Watch out for our main Anniversary events taking place in the first 2 weeks of July. We will be celebrating in style!

Ugborough Fair News *Michael Bolton*

There is no Fair Committee function booked for February but there seems to be much activity towards arrangements being made by others for 14th February. However, I thought that as people seem to be planning summer holidays even this early in the year I would remind readers that FAIR DAY is always held on the second Saturday in July. Perhaps, therefore, it is not too early to ask you to put an entry in your diaries on SATURDAY 11th July 2009. FAIR DAY commencing at 2.00 pm when, would you believe it, several new items of entertainment are already being planned.

Senior Council for Devon.

An ageing population presents challenges and opportunities. The Senior Council for Devon works in partnership with Devon County Council, Devon Primary Care Trust and Devon Area Community Voluntary Services to help develop strategies and action plans for improving services and promoting the quality of life not just of older people but across the generations. The Senior Council for Devon is holding an Information Fair on Wednesday 18th February at the Watermark, Stowford Suite from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Regular meetings take place at the Watermark, Ivybridge on 3rd Monday of each month at 10 a.m. Contact David Snelling 01752 892191 for more information.

Ugborough Under Fives

Ugborough Under Fives is a friendly, fun and safe environment in which children can learn and thrive, guided and supported by qualified and caring staff. Our close links with the Primary School, ensure the children have daily access to extend their play outside and we are able to organise regular visits prior to them starting school, making the transition easier for them.

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.

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF PENCILS

Demonstration by Linda Stevens,

Derwent's Senior Technical Demonstrator.

This will take place on Saturday 7th February from 10a.m. to 12 noon at Ugborough Village Hall.

Tickets price £2.50 available from The Post Office, Anne Povey on 01752 691654, or Sue Webster on 01752 892314.

Free admission to children accompanied by an adult.

In aid of St. Peter's Church Building Fund.

Ugborough Parish Walking Group *Merryl Docker*

Our Boxing Day walk was bracing to say the least. It was a beautiful day, but bitterly cold, especially up on Western Beacon. Quite a large group started off, along with a variety of canine companions, not so many braved the whole distance. I hope folks are not still frozen to the hillside, I think they all took a short cut! The clarity of sky meant we could see the whole of the South Hams panorama, from the sun sparkling on the sea in Plymouth Sound round to Torbay, with patchwork quilt farmland in front of us and untouched wilderness of Dartmoor stretching out behind us as far as the eye could see. This magnificent view was worth the frozen faces and dripping noses. Time to reflect on how very fortunate we are to live in such a diverse and stunning place.

Join us for our next walk on **Sunday 1st February at 10.45am in Ugborough Square**. Ugborough is a comparatively small parish, but has every type of scenery you could wish for. You will see it all if you come on one of our monthly Sunday ambles. Walks are never too far and there is usually a 'get out clause' for those who can only manage a short distance. Dogs are always welcome and have great fun together. Join the walking group as part of your 'keep fit' resolution for the New Year! Contact Merryl Docker (01752 893651) or Tom Holway (01752 893114) for more info.

Inter Parish Quiz *Tom Holway*

In the first round of the 2009 quiz we play South Brent away on Monday 23rd February. It will start at 8:00 p.m. in the Constitutional Club which is somewhere behind the Co-op and the Chip shop. Last year's team have all volunteered again this year but we would always be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to be considered for the team. Supporters welcome, contact Tom Holway if you would like a lift or can offer one. Please be sure NOT to park in the Co-op car park as it is locked at 9:00 p.m.

Rubber Bridge - Saturday 28th February 7p.m.

Ugborough Village Hall

£2.50 including refreshments.



Contact Beryl Wills 01752892879

Ugborough Bookworms



A 5 star read!

Our January book was *The Road Home*, by Rose Tremain . Great characters and a very real plot made this one of our best reads ever. Highly recommended.

Next book will be *Blood River* by Tim Butcher.

SPORTS REPORT- UGGIES ON COURSE *Janner Motson*

By the time you read this, the Under 10 Uggies may well know their fate for the season. They need to beat [currently unbeaten] Bovey Tracey at home on the 25th January to stand a chance of winning the division assuming that other results go to form. They will also know whether they are through to the quarter-finals of the Plate competition after a tie with first division Buckland Athletic the week before.

This has been made possible by a superb 6-0 win over second placed Stoke Gabriel and a solid 3-0 win against Denbury in a very tricky fixture. The whole squad have played their part this season, but everyone will need to be on form to see the Uggies through a [hopefully] successful January.

Elsewhere, the Brent Under 12 squad have had nearly a month off due to weather and clubs unable to field full sides.

Ugborough management will be hoping for a big home crowd at Northways Lane on the 25th (Kick-off 10.30am) and some cracking entertainment is guaranteed. When asked how he managed to keep the pitch fit during the cold weather, groundsman Arfur Divet told Sports Report; "We have plenty of hot air blowing around in this club to keep the frost off. We have been lucky, particularly with the support of the management, who when called upon have been keen to waste no time in helping me on a wet afternoon!"

New Year Quiz *Michael Bolton*

The New Year Quiz on January 14th was an evening much enjoyed by nearly fifty people - the delighted winners went home with their winnings after the usual arguments and downright belligerent discussions between several teams. All, of course, in a light hearted manner and the evening was well supervised by the Question Master who, as usual, kept most "discussions" under control.

Church alterations update *Peter Povey*

The Chancellor of the Diocese of Exeter has now issued his Faculty to allow the internal improvement work in the Church to commence. The Parochial Church Council has agreed to commission a local contractor to carry out the work, and it is hoped that this will begin shortly after Easter. Additionally the Church Council has agreed to commission consultants to advise on a suitable and effective heating system for the Church. Those of you who attended Christmas and New Year services in St. Peter's will know how necessary this has become.

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

This month's recipe is from *Pauline Morrish*

Cheese Straws

4ozs Plain Flour, 3ozs Grated Full Flavour Cheddar
2ozs Margarine, 1 Egg Yolk, Cayenne Pepper (to taste)

Mix the flour and margarine together.

Add grated cheese and cayenne pepper. Mix, then add egg yolk.

Roll out to flat sheet and cut as required.

Cook for approx 12 mins @180c in fan oven until golden brown.

Ugborough Village Hall *Stafford Williams (Secretary)*

We were very fortunate to receive grant funding to complete the renovation of the wall at the side of the Hall. This was obtained from the Devon Grassroots scheme of the Devon Community Foundation. We had also bid for a sound system to be installed, but that bid was unsuccessful. Such grants enable the committee to complete significant projects that would prove difficult to fund from normal income.

Work is also underway to refurbish the facilities in the male toilet and we are looking at options for inclusion of another WC in the area. Furthermore, the area beneath the kitchen hatch will shortly have a cupboard and work surface fitted to provide additional storage as well as much needed working space.

Advance notification has been received that the Hall will be required for use as a polling station on Thursday 4th June 2009 and will not be available to other users from 6.30 am until 10.00 pm that day.

Ugborough Primary School Mrs. Sue Whiteman, Headteacher

The Year 5/6 Art Workshop was a great success and the children all produced some wonderful watercolour paintings with the help of local artist, Mrs. Sian Dudley. Our Year 1/2 children have started work with a TR2 (Theatre Royal) dance specialist and are having a brilliant time.

Mrs. Lucy French will be giving us all an illustrated talk about her experiences in Uganda in the near future, date to be decided. If you would be interested in attending this event please contact the school office.

Finally - a date for your diary - you are all invited to our Friends Association Easter Tea which will be held during the afternoon of Tuesday, 31st March in the Village Hall.



Anchor News Taff Jones

After eight months of rumour and disappointment it is a pleasure, on behalf of the 'easily led club' and others, to extend a warm welcome to our new landlord and landlady, Rob and Charlotte Naylor. Having worked hard to open on the 22nd December the people of Ugborough once more have the choice of two taverns in which to drink and meet their friends, it is good to see many 'old' faces back in the bar. As usual, there are four real ales to choose from, including Bass from the barrel and a variety of Lagers, all served by Rob and Charlotte who have experience of the trade and a keen sense of serving their customers needs.

Disaster struck last week after the big freeze which resulted in major flooding above the restaurant. However, after a period of drying out refurbishment will commence and Rob is hopeful that the restaurant, serving traditional dishes, will be open in time for Easter; Rob will be quite keen to show you his collection of burst water pipes - he has a few! In the meantime, a roaring fire, excellent beers at fantastic prices, familiar faces and a cheerful landlord await the visitor.



Your Stars Tonight.

The horoscope reads "heavy colds likely followed by bronchitis, rheumatism very prevalent, beware of the garden steps in the dark and keep away from the pond." It all came about because the steamed dieter fixed me with a steely glint in her eyes and announced that I was getting under her feet and what with her new job editing parish newsletters she wanted me out of the house. Which is why I have now taken on a new role as the legendary Masked Coffer of Ugborough. Householders in the east side of the village are awoken at all hours on dark starry nights by a hacking cough - responded to by the village dog chorus - and when they peer out the windows with shotgun at the ready they might glimpse a shivering star gazer with balaclava crouched over a telescope.

Mind you I haven't had that much experience to date - after all it is Devon so when it's not raining, cloudy or a bright moon conspiring to blot out the stars it is awful cold. Of course the modern telescope is computerised and the instruction manual is written by the usual cheerful lunatic "just enter the time and geographic location into the handset and use the controls to align with 3 bright stars". Let's put this on a scale of difficulty - approximately equivalent to setting up an email account in the dark at minus 5 degrees ... perched on the rockery. Finally we did it - and picked the Orion Nebula as an easy one to find - and it whirred automatically to the right spot - and there it was - a lovely patch of soft light with embedded bright stars. Mind you it is a lot easier for you lot - all you have to do is get out your binoculars this evening, face south and find the three starred belt of Orion. Then sweep down to fuzzy middle star of his sword - that's it in 60 seconds flat!

It all came with some stunning computer software which claims to tell me where any star is in the sky since 4713 BC to 9999 AD. So let's see if my predictions are any better than a City financier. Throughout the month of February Venus will be awesome in the west in the evening. Uranus is quite close to Venus but tricky to find even with good binoculars. Towards the end of the month Venus and the crescent moon should make a good show to cheer us up on the way home. Cough! Cough!

Ugborough Local History Group *Merryl Docker*

Once again, we will be looking very closely at Ugborough itself for our February talk. Our good friend **George Nicolle** will present "**The Forgotten Trades of Ugborough**" on Wednesday 25th February at 8.00pm in Ugborough Village Hall. George is an excellent speaker and has devoted much of his retirement into studying Ugborough's history in the Devon Records office in Coxside in Plymouth. Do come along and join us (£1 on the door for non-members), it promises to be a most interesting evening learning about how villages such as ours used to work and function just a few generations ago. We look forward to seeing you. Contact Merryl Docker (01752 893651) for more info.

History Corner *Alan Yates*

Skimmetting

In a recently shown TV episode of "Midsomer Murders", during a village fair, a man sitting backwards on a horse and with a bag over his head, was chased by "skimmetters" - women in costume wielding cooking ladles.

In his 1892 book "The Old Stone Crosses of the Dartmoor Borders", William Crossing included the following:-

The ancient custom of "skimmetting" or "riding to water" was observed at Ugborough as recently as the autumn of last year (1891). Mr. J. R. Chanter in a paper on North Devon Customs and Superstitions, read before the members of the Devonshire Association at Barnstaple in 1867, refers to the custom, which he states consisted of "a burlesque procession, in ridicule of a man whose wife has been faithless to him, and likewise of a tame husband submitting to be henpecked and beaten by his wife". But the Ugborough case led to the appearance at the Plympton police court of several of those who took part in the demonstration. Those engaged in the skimmetting were drawing a cart about, playing a concertina and beating tin pans being followed by a large crowd; while seated in the cart were two of the party disguised, one as a woman. Notwithstanding the explanation of the defendants' solicitor that the alleged disturbance was merely the observance of a custom formerly not uncommon and difficult as it is to see who could be inconvenienced by a temporary obstruction in an out-of-the-way place like Ugborough, the participators in the skimmetting riding were considered to have broken the law and were accordingly fined.

(Editor's note- other tales from the dark nooks and crannies of Ugborough history are very welcome.)

15-0 AND NOT OUT AVONVALE TENNIS & CROQUET CLUB

This year, Avon Vale Tennis & Croquet Club (at Avonwick) is celebrating 150 years as a sports club in the South Hams. In May 1859 a number of local men decided that they would form an Archery Club at the Kingsbridge Road Hotel (subsequently The Wounded Soldier from 1972 and then The Coach House Inn), Wrangaton. This was the beginning of the Avon Vale Club which has been at Avonwick since June 1870. In 1875 the Avon Vale Archery Club changed its name to the Avon Vale Club extending its sporting activities to include Badminton, Cricket, Lawn Tennis and Skating and is one of the oldest tennis clubs in the country.

Today the Club is thriving with 5 grass tennis courts, 1 hard court and a croquet lawn, having survived the ups and downs of the intervening war years and economic problems. As part of the Club's 150th celebrations, the club is reviewing its archives across the whole 150 years and is looking to renew contact with past members of the club, whether from many years ago or more recently. If either yourself, a family member or friend has previously been a member of the club, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Juliet Collis on 01548 821509 or at avtc2009@googlemail.com so that we can involve you in our celebrations.

If you are interested in finding more about the Club, either as a past or potential new member, please also get in touch.



Web Wizard Wanted

Is there any one who can help? As part of planning a project for a "greener Ugborough," I want to set up a link to a web page where people in the village could enter their energy and waste information anonymously and then the total for the village could be tracked to see if we are getting better or worse. Sounds a bit technical to me - if you know how please call David Roe on 01752 896432

Advance notice of our 24 hour Sponsored Entertainmentathon
in aid of the Shelter Box Appeal.

To be held between 9 am on Saturday 14th March
and 9 a.m. on Sunday 15th March.

Ugborough Youth Group: *Sue Johns*
We have a packed programme planned for this term!

We are looking for individuals or groups, of any age
On January 16th and February 6th building on the success of last year's Grease
to occupy a time slot in the 24 hour period.

Sexpionage, sing and dance, juggle, Duple Workshops, there a variety of Dance
Sixpence, sing and dance, juggle, Duple Workshops, there a variety of Dance

consider yourself an orator, magician or comedian,
steps and routines will be taught. 50 of us plan to visit Cinderella in the

Theatre Royal on January 23
let us know and we will include you in this

amazing community event.

Visitors welcome at any time to watch the spectacle

The Strictly Ugborough Youth Group Dance Final
will be held on the Saturday evening.

Sue Johns 01548 830220

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The Parish Council budget for the next financial year, together with its
portion of your Council Tax, was the main item of discussion at the January
Parish Council Meeting. Bearing in mind the recession, Councillors decided to
keep the precept at £11,500 - the same as last year. Major expenditure is
planned over the next year to level the playing field at Moorhaven with a view
to making it more widely available for team sports and Bittaford Community
Hall will also benefit from £2000 grant funding towards its extension. With
these spending plans, there is likely to be a shortfall in the budget, which will
be met from reserves.

The planning application for the racing arena at Cutwellcombe Farm, Avonwick
was again raised at the beginning of the meeting, when members of the public
asked whether there had been any progress in clarifying the outstanding

planning issues. Your SHDC Councillor Fielden (who chairs the Development Control Committee) confirmed that enforcement action would proceed and that the application would not reach Committee stage before the noise and other pollution issues had been assessed. It was suggested that local residents could carry out traffic counts to support their grounds for objection.

SHDC Cllr Lawrence reported on another planning application which has raised considerable local feeling: planning permission has been granted for the office development on the site of the former Woodpecker Inn, subject to the Highways Agency accepting traffic movement management. The Highways Agency is concerned about the safety of the A38 junction and anyone concerned about the traffic implications of the development should contact them direct.

Only one planning application was received, for the alterations and extension at Meadowside, Bittaford, to which no objections were raised.

Progress on the two main projects currently being pursued by the Parish Council proved to be frustratingly slow. The Dartmoor National Park Authority had confirmed that planning permission was required to level the playing field at Moorhaven, which would considerably delay the process. Second, the production of the Parish Plan Questionnaire may be delayed because SHDC and the Devon Rural Community Council have yet to give any commitment to process the Housing Needs element of the questionnaire.

The Fare Car service, which serves Ugborough, is now being run by Ivy Cabs, with regular journeys to Ivybridge town centre & station and Tesco Lee Mill at a fare of £2 each way. Anyone may use the service, simply by calling 01752 895658 at least the day before the journey.

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

Property to rent in Ugborough

The Forge in Lutterburn Street is now available to rent. Anyone who is interested please contact Nicky or Owen Davies on 07967180872 or 01752 895565

Thanks to all

The Newsletter team would like to thank all our distributors for their hard work, including Freddie Whitely who is no longer able to deliver in Hillside at Bittaford. We look forward to continued success in 2009 and would like to hear from anyone who could deliver newsletters in Hillside.

(Editor's note- I would also like to thank everyone who has contributed to this newsletter- your response has been amazing! Also thanks to everyone who is part of the hardworking team that puts the newsletter together- it is much appreciated.)

Bittaford Methodist Church *June Thompson*

The Advent Study- putting Character into Christmas was very successful and money was collected for the Church roof.

Our carol service was much enjoyed and we were able to send a donation to Hope and Home in Sierra Leone.

At time of writing, we are very much looking forward to the Exeter Police and Community Choir's visit to Ivybridge Methodist Church on 29th January. This will be in aid of our Church roof fund.

You are welcome to join us for lunches every other Wednesday, (2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the month.)

Details of our services are below and we welcome you to them.

1 st February	Rev. David Youngs
8 th February	Mr. John Pearn
15 th February	Mrs. Val Marriott
22 nd February	Miss S. Bolt
1 st March	Rev. David Youngs

All services start at 10.30 and are followed by coffee.

Contributions

Contributions to the newsletter should be sent to Mrs. Norma Roe, The Editor, Ugborough Parish Newsletter, 20 Lutterburn St, Ugborough, Ivybridge, PL21 ONG. **The deadline is 15th of the month, please.**

Email is welcome to normajroe@ukonline.co.uk. (I use Microsoft Word, font Comic Sans. Any articles as attachments in this format would be particularly welcome .)

St Peter's Church, Ugborough

Dear Friends,

Work on the re-ordering of the church in Ugborough will begin after Easter and we are all thrilled that this is finally going to happen. This year is the 1100th Anniversary of the Diocese of Exeter and so it will be a very special way of marking the occasion. There will be a variety of events to celebrate this year and you will hear more in future issues of the newsletter.

Having just tidied up after Christmas and the three wise men at Epiphany, the Christian Church is contemplating the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 25th. This is a period of 40 days which is an opportunity to reflect on our lives and make changes in the light of this reflection. A spring clean to rid ourselves of all those things which do not contribute to health of body mind and spirit.

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 toiletries, tinned fruit and vegetables and meat are all welcome. We have had a special request for new socks and deodorant this week. We deliver to Shekinah once a month.

My best wishes to Norma as she begins the work of Editor

with blessings

Nicola

St.Peter's Church Services in February

Date	Ermington	Ugborough
Sunday Feb 1 <i>Candlemas</i>	11.00am Eucharist	9.30am Family Service
Sunday Feb 8 <i>Epiphany 5</i>	9.30am Family Eucharist	11.00am Eucharist
Sunday Feb 15 <i>2nd before Lent</i>	11.00am Eucharist	9.30 am Family Eucharist with Sunday School
Sunday Feb 22 <i>1st before Lent</i>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 9.30am Matins	11.00am Eucharist
Sunday March 1 <i>1st in Lent</i>	11.00am Eucharist	9.30am Family Service
1 st Tuesday		9.00am Celtic Communion
Other Tuesdays		9.00am Celtic Prayer
Wednesdays	6.00pm Prayer at the end of the day	

Noticeboard- Baby News Alfie George Long was born to parents Paula Adams and George Long on the 15th January 2009 weighing 6lb 15ozs. Many thanks to everyone who has sent cards, presents and money. It is all really appreciated.

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