

UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

September 2016



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Garden Club *Anne Holway*

8 p.m. Thursday 15th September at Sou' West, Park cottages.

We will meet to tie up loose ends after August's Flower & Produce Show. Any comments or suggestions will be welcome by e-mail to anne.holway@tiscali.co.uk or by phone to 941872 if you are unable to join us.



Coffee Drop-In Centre

10.30 a.m.-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.

Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled- *Peggy Douglas*

(tel. 07882286421, or 01752 894358.)

The horses and our riders have enjoyed a quiet summer - with the former having a well-earned break away from the Brook - to where they will return refreshed and rejuvenated in for the sessions' week beginning 5 September when term recommences.

We are once more indebted to Jim Long and his amazing Team of stalwarts for organising the Moonlight Steeplechase - to be held (as I write) on Saturday August 27th. The proceeds this year will be put towards the building of a specialised room in house our recently acquired mechanical horse.

As ever a plea for Volunteers... if you can help in ANY - no matter how small please let me know. 07882 286421



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

Opening Times	Pre-School 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Breakfast Club 8 a.m.-9 a.m. After School Club 3 p.m.-6 p.m.
Contact	07763215455 admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk
Baby and Toddler Group	Monday 10 a.m.-11.30 a.m., Ugborough Village Hall

We welcome you back on Monday September 5th.

Ugborough Local History Group- *Merryl Docker*

At the time of going to press I do not have details of the topic for the next meeting but it will take place on Wednesday 28th September at Ugborough Village Hall at 8 p.m. Watch out for posters in the village and information in the Bugle.

A ground floor flat at Eden Cottages, Ivybridge will shortly become available and the Trustees invite applications from a professional person, aged 55 or over, who is in housing and financial need. Full details and application form are available from the Clerk to the Trustees, 6 Erme Park, Ermington, Ivybridge PL21 9LY. Closing date 12th September 2016

Please note that applications will not be considered from existing home owners or from established tenants of social housing

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

Stay safe and come back raring to go on Monday 5th September. A big welcome to all our new children and we hope you soon feel 'at home'. Welcome back to all our existing children and we send best wishes to all those who have moved on to pastures new.

Ivybridge U3A - Jean Sherrell

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

Speaker Anida Rayfield "The King is Coming". Anida will talk about the visit of King George 111 and Queen Charlotte to Saltram House in 1789.

Ugborough Church Bell Restoration Fund

Following on from our very successful Flower Festival, fund raising continued with the Ugfest BBQ and throughout Fair Week taking our total raised so far to £16,500, the lion's share of which has been the result of individual donations and fund raising too numerous to mention but all greatly appreciated.

Four of our team enjoyed a fact finding mission to Whitechapel Bell Foundry, estb. 1520 and hardly changed since, both educational and entertaining, a real trip down Diagon Alley (sorry if you're not a HP fan). Any one in London with a spare 90 minutes should put this on their itinerary.

Our next event will be 'An Auction of Promises' with supper to be held on **Saturday October 29th at 7 p.m.** in the Village Hall. This promises to be a great evening so make an entry in your diary now.

Anyone with any skills, services, experiences, products etc. that they would like to donate for auction please contact Jacqueline Luggier jacluggier@icloud.com or 01752 892428 evenings. Early replies would be appreciated to enable compilation of catalogues etc.

This final push should put us in a good position to obtain the substantial grants required to achieve our target for the full bell restoration required to enable ringing to continue into future generations.

Thank you everyone, Ugborough Bell Ringers.

Heritage Open Days September 8th-11th

This year the Ugborough Church Bell Ringers are taking part in 'Heritage Open Days', a initiative to open 40,000 heritage sites to visitors not normally freely accessible. For events in your area visit heritageopendays.org.uk

On **Thursday 8th September**, at 6 p.m. we will be ringing as part of a magnificent chorus of 500 ringing bands simultaneously sounding out across the country to launch the event. The bell chamber will be open to visitors to observe 'Devon Call Change Ringing' and if you fancy trying your hand at bell ringing, tuition will be available from p.m.

On **Saturday 10th September 2 p.m.-5 p.m.** we will be holding escorted trips up the 16th century tower (Church bell ringing chamber; Clock chamber to view our 200+ year old clock; Bell chamber housing 8 bells dating from 1762; views from the tower roof of the village and the valley to Ermington).

Please visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk for accessibility and booking details or contact Anthony on 07836 624588 or anthonyluggier@me.com

'Bell Appeal' - New Special Edition images of Ugborough- Chris Weaving

Chris Weaving has climbed St. Peter's bell tower again to capture more scenic images of the village. Chris and Jenny Weaving are pleased to offer **four new views** which cover the area from the village square westwards and south around towards Donkey Lane and the 'car park field'. These images are again available, to order, produced in the two sizes of their handmade cards and as mounted prints or mounted and framed ready for hanging on a wall.

Ideally suited for that quick thank you note or a special message the cards give a unique view of the village. A mounted and framed enlargement could provide the perfect memory for someone who knows the village and who has moved away.

Should your original purchases of cards be running low, the images released previously are still available to order in all of the sizes and forms listed below.

Price: Mini Cards @ £1.15 each. Large Greetings Cards @ £2.00 each.

Mounted & signed enlargements: A4 @ £12.50, 16" x 12" £18.00

Mounted & framed signed enlargements: A4 @ £25.00, 16" x 12" £40.00

As previously, a donation to the Bell Appeal will be made from every sale and, to date, we are pleased to announce we have raised over £100.00.

To order, please complete your requirements on an order form at our USS display table. Orders will be produced for collection at the following USS.

Ugborough Fair- Dot Southwood

If anyone has any Fair photos please could they be emailed to me so that I can keep the History Group albums up to date? mendip2@sky.com Thank you. (Congratulations to Shelley and the Fair Committee for another successful Fair- despite the unseasonable weather! Thank you also for the many and varied events in Fair week, especially to the Drama Group for their 2 very enjoyable evenings' entertainment).

Devon Historic Churches Trust- Annual Ride and Stride event.

Once a year each September, Taff Jones and friends have raised money for Devon Historic Churches by getting their bikes out and riding off into the distance coming back to Ugborough hours later wheezing, sweating and heart just about still kicking on all four cylinders.

This year there is something different happening!

Saturday 10th September 2016

Ermington and Ugborough Church to Church walk and picnic

A walk, ride or drive starting at Ugborough or Ermington Church and meeting in the middle on the Ridge Road for a Picnic. Everybody of ages and ability welcome

The walkers and riders to meet from 10.45 a.m. at either Church and set out at 11 a.m.

We will all meet up in a grassy field for a picnic at the half way point on the ridge road at around 12.30 p.m. **Bring your own picnic.**

Wonderful views, easy access for both foot, bike and car. The field on the ridge road courtesy of Mr. Clifford Rogers, will be well marked. After the picnic some will choose to walk on to the 'other' church and some will wish to go home.

Suggested donation of up to £10 per person

50% for the church and 50% for the DHCT

If you want further details please contact Helen Hart- e-mail hmart@sky.com



Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays

It was 4 years ago at Ugborough fair that USS launched into the village informing people about an exciting new idea to encourage people to meet once a fortnight for a chat, coffee and to purchase local produce.

I hope you agree that all objectives have been met!

At this year's fair although we spent the day in the clouds getting damp and cold, we had a great turn out from the producers and our pitch made a good impact on the village square.

Our treasurer presented a cheque to Ian McClure for £160 raised on the bring and buy table for the Chernobyl Children's lifeline and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kate Brampton for organising this valuable fund raiser for local causes. Every three months we ask for nominations and the next fundraiser will be for the senior citizen's Christmas meal.

During September we will be having our AGM and we welcome nominations for all committee positions. At present this consists of the Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Volunteer co-ordinator and Digital Media Officer. If you are interested in any of the posts please come and have a chat to any members or e mail ugboroughss@gmail.com
September dates are Saturdays 3rd and 17th (and 1st October) 10 a.m. - 12 noon at Ugborough village hall. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Beryl's Bookworms - Sue Johns

Two Book Reviews for your delectation:

'Us' by David Nicholls This novel basically deals with the breakdown of a marriage of two very different characters, and the Grand Tour undertaken to try and save the relationship. Most of us very much enjoyed the book with several scoring 4s and even a 4.5 out of 5. The consensus was that it was sympathetic account of an essentially unlikely marriage with well-drawn characters and good imagery of the European cities covered. Most found it believable and realistic and an entertaining, even emotional read.

Others however found it contrived - i.e. written for the mass market with a screen play in sight. A 'la de dah' book full of stereotypical characters that just didn't ring true and the 'plot' totally predictable ...

So a perfect scenario for an excellent lively discussion!!

Scores varied from 4.5 to 2.5 but averaged out at 3.75.

The book we read for August was "Love, Nina" by Nina Stibbe. It tells the true story of the author via her letters home to her sister, while working as a nanny for prominent figure in London. The household is peopled by various well-known characters one of whom is Alan Bennett, who afterwards complained that he was misrepresented! Parts of the book are indeed quite amusing, but we felt it lacked cohesion, and relied on the famous faces to promote it. There were many very encouraging reviews, but we considered that it did not live up to them in any way. It covered a period of five years but that was not really apparent in the narrative.

The sort of book that would suit a "loobrary" to be picked up and put down, rather than a solid, page-turning read. Our score was averaged at about 1.5, one of our lowest - we wouldn't recommend this book.

New book club- Lesley Goldsmith and Wendy Moorhouse

We are wondering if there would be any interest in starting another book club in the village. Something fairly informal; perhaps discussing a book over a glass of wine maybe.... nothing too intellectually challenging!

If anyone is interested in finding out more, please join us in the Anchor on Tuesday 27 September at 7.30 pm, or email us on: lesley.goldsmith@yahoo.co.uk or wendy.moorhouse@gmail.com.

REPAIR IT comes to Ivybridge!- emma.croft@devon.gov.uk

In a fix with your broken electrical items and gadgets? Time to get them fixed for free at a special event to be held at Ivybridge Methodist Church Hall, Fore Street PL21 9AB on Saturday September 10th. between 10 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

Recycle Devon is putting on a series of REPAIR IT events across the county for householders to bring along their broken electrical appliances, including computers, to be fixed by local menders at no cost.

Please get in touch with Emma Croft on 07966 566435 or via email as above.





Your Stars Tonight. "Sensational news", bubbles the steamed dieter "the Ugborough thespians will be returning yet again to raise the bar of village cultural life with a production of Snow White and the seven dwarfs - that should bring cheer to the gloom of winter nights next February.

And of course I have been invited to join them again in a starring role." I thoughtfully riffle (or was it riddle) my muesli and unctuously respond with "So which one of the septet will you be?" and then chortle at my rapier wit. The steamed dieter gives me her cobra look "I believe members of the cast requested that you should take part this time - they suggested you might be good as scenery - perhaps a stalactite". But then we both fall silent realising that recent experiences suggest you need to be very careful about what you wish for.

Readers may remember that back in January I grumbled about the Devon hedge and associated trees on the boundary of our garden that were obscuring my view of the Pole Star and the circumpolar constellations such as Cassiopeia and the Plough. All has changed. First, the sycamore tree in the Vicarage garden was given a severe pollarding - which is a brutal sounding word for a brutal operation. However it seems that sycamore trees love a bit of rough treatment and already it is covered with new green growth.

But alas! Now my Devon hedge and associated tree have been smitten by a heartbreaker. Yes, I admit every winter for the last 25 years, as I have clung to a ladder while hacking back the previous year's growth and then spent countless freezing hours trying to fit a mountain of resultant debris into the brown wheelie I have been guilty of the occasional muttered curse on its exuberant growth. But every year I forgave it as it provided such a dense micro eco-haven for wildlife in the summer months.

About five years ago the hedge and tree were identified as elm and since then an inevitable sentence of death loomed over them. Dutch Elm Disease was first described by a scientist in Holland over 90 years ago - it seems a bit unfair that such a nice bunch of people as the Dutch should be tarnished for eternity for being the first to identify this curse of European (and American) elms. The equally innocent elm bark beetle is the unwitting carrier of a Far Easter virus which infects and kills the elms - and for which there is still no treatment.

A withered branch was the first symptom back in April and now the tree is completely dead - and the hedge is looking sickly. So there will be a bitter taste in the mouth as I look at the night sky. Yes - I can see the North Pole star now - but I would much prefer to have a living, breathing elm tree and Devon hedge.

Chernobyl Children's Lifeline- Ian McClure

Ugborough has been particularly generous in its support of our charity lately. The magnificent sum of £162 (plus £22 in donations) was raised at the Fair, and Ugborough Sustainable Saturday very kindly allowed us to receive the proceeds of their bric-a-brac stall during April, May and June; this raised a further £160, for which we are extremely grateful.

Chernobyl Children's Lifeline is a national charity set up shortly after the catastrophic explosion and fire at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in 1986. We bring children over to the UK from the areas of Belarus and Ukraine that are still, thirty years on, affected by contaminated soil, food and water. In the South Hams they spend a month with host families and return strengthened and refreshed; after four weeks of fresh air, healthy food and a lot of love the transformation in the children is wonderful to behold.

During their stay the children are taken on outings, local organisations being extremely generous (thank you Peggy for giving them such a magical time at Riding for the Disabled).

It costs about £7,000 to bring a group of ten children and a leader over to the South Hams, as we have to pay for all travel costs (including air fares) and visas. A visa costs £86, so the money raised by Ugborough has paid for 4 visas. Thank you!

We are always looking for people to help us look after the children, whether as host families, relief drivers or sponsors.

A group of 8 children from Belarus has just spent four weeks with us, but if you are interested in being involved next year (or during the year as fund-raisers) please contact Ian McClure on 01548-830578 or chairman Sue Wyeth on 01548-561783.

Sports Report - Janner Motson

Janner Motson has been off on holiday this month so we asked our cub 'arts reporter Janner Jane, to do a piece and she chose to watch her first cricket match when the Uggies took on the might of Ermington recently.

"When I arrived at the ground, I was surprised to see sheep grazing the field, but I knew I must be in the right place as some men put some sticks in the ground and stood around prodding a strip of cut grass looking terribly professional. I was confused when both sides walked out in white and did not know how they could tell the teams apart but a kindly old gent, Jermy Hobott, told me he was the wicked keeper and filled some of the gaps in my knowledge.

Apparently, one side goes in until they are out and each batsman who is in tries not to be out. Each batsman that goes out stays out until they come in and then the next woman goes out where the opposition also try to get her out. If they succeed she comes in, but sometimes men are still in and not out. If the batsman hits the ball but tries to run until he gets in and he gets lots of runs if the ball is hit out of the park. When everyone has been in they go out so that another lot comes in until they get out.

I spent the first 20 minutes looking at the crowd as nothing seemed to happen on the pitch - I think the Uggies had the bat. Suddenly a shout went up with Ermington enquiring about how was the health of an Uggie batsman. A chap behind the sticks at one end was leaping in the air whilst another one in white at the other end stuck his finger up at him.

One bloke looked pleased as he had apparently had a maiden, which I did not think was something to crow about, but later it transpired that he had also managed to get his leg before wicketed something so I guess he had his reasons. One chap called Sly Rule had a duck and another called Don Clayton had a short leg. Furthermore there was Peter, a silly mid-on, but on what I did not find out. A chap called John Keenonit did a trick with his hat, but then it was over I was told...yet it wasn't because they started again at the other end. I was becoming a bit stumped by now, but the captain, Jersey Cluff, told me that I couldn't be if I was behind a crease, which was handy as I had not ironed my skirt.

Suddenly after what seemed like days they all walked off the field and went to the pub chattering about catches, yorkie bars (I think), good ins and how someone held his average (but I never found out what was average). The result? No-one seemed to care.

JUST JANNER - *Janner Rayner*

You may have seen some of her advice in the 70's night programme, but now the Newsletter brings you everyone's favourite agony aunt, Janner Rayner, to give you just the advice you need.

Vici from Fore Street asks whether she should kiss her boyfriend. Well Vici, only you will know the answer, but I suggest you don't let your husband catch you.

Sue from Dunwell asks whether she should buy Fairy or another leading brand. Personally, I like that Fairy produces lots of bubbles and soft hands, but it is also good for your Elf.

Phil from Ugborough says his wife is Welsh and he is English and that they fight every time there is a big sports event between the 2 countries. I gave Phil a call to help sort it out and asked Phil if he had lived in Ugborough all his life, but he told me "Not yet me 'ansome".

Pete from the Square asked if he can become pregnant from sitting on the Ugborough public toilet seats. Pete, you have nothing to worry about as you are a boy.

Finally, Steve from Spriddlescombe told me that he married Miss Right, but now he has found out her first name is Always. Steve I think that you should have a proper discussion when there are disagreements, consider all the options, think things through...and then agree with your wife like the rest of us.

Ugborough Parish Council

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

Website: ugboroughparishcouncil.org

The Newsletter may take a holiday in August, but the Parish Council has continued to work right through the summer - and a good thing too, as a number of quite significant decisions have had to be made which could not wait until autumn.

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan has been amended following consultation with a number of statutory bodies, and has received the Parish Council's formal approval. It has not been resubmitted to SHDC for further consultations.

The Plymouth & South West Devon Joint Local Plan consultation ran until August. The Parish Council expressed its concern at the proposed extensions to the east and south of Ivybridge, including the: continued urban encroachment of Ivybridge towards Bittaford; inadequate contribution towards infrastructure improvements; and disappointment at the mix of land uses, as the original proposed 350 dwellings to the east had been increased to 600, with reduced industrial development.

The Community Governance Review consultation runs to the 9 September and relates to the proposed boundary change between Ugborough Parish and Ivybridge. The Parish Council decided to reject the proposals, as it would not wish Ivybridge to extend in an easterly direction, particularly as development has not been in accordance with the Local Plan. You still have time to respond, and the link for the consultation is <http://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/11707/Ivybridge-and-Ugborough-Community-Governance-Review>

The travellers at Hillhead continues to be a 'thorn in the side', particularly to those running businesses nearby, or regularly using the lane, or accessing the recycling facilities or trying to park to attend football matches. This problem has been running for 4 years now, and no progress has been made whatsoever, as Devon County Council and South Hams District Council debate whether one should take eviction proceedings or the other should take enforcement action. The Parish Council is trying to throw its weight around, but one of the major obstacles is the lack of a suitable alternative site.

The possibility of opening the Ugborough and Bittaford public toilets over the winter was reviewed and finally rejected. No volunteers had come forward to clean the toilets, and the net cost of employing contractors would be £90pw for each set of toilets. Together with the management charge from SHDC, the estimated cost to the Parish Council of keeping the toilets open for the four winter months was £3500. On that basis, I wonder how much each visit to the toilet would cost?

A number of announcements may be of interest to you:

- 'Making a benefit claim just got a whole lot easier... a fantastic new service which will enable residents to make a benefit claim online at their own convenience'. The link is <http://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/11682/Benefits>

- 'Changes to Council Tax Reduction - Have your say' which, needless to say, aims to reduce the benefits available under the scheme. More details are available at <http://www.southhams.gov.uk/ctrconsultation> and the consultation runs to the 4 September
- Swapping is the new Shopping! Recycle Devon is offering free event tool kits for those interested in exchanging your pre-loved belongings for someone else's and in helping others to do the same. Put on your own swishes (clothes swaps) or shwops ("Give & Take" events for exchanging household/garden items). Apart from reducing waste, it can be a fantastic opportunity to fundraise for a charity or cause if you choose to charge for entry or refreshments. More details available at <http://www.recycledevon.org/give-and-take-events>.
- CosyDevon Central Heating Fund has opened for applications, which can help with connecting your home to gas and installing central heating systems. To find out more call 0800 612 9301 or apply online at <http://www.cosydevon.com/cosy-products/central-heating-fund/>.
- The modified Devon Minerals Plan, which will cover the period to 2033, is up for consultation to the 23 September. To view the proposed modifications and respond to the consultation, go to new.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay

Fly tipping has reached new heights recently, as reported at the start of our August Meeting. There have been numerous incidents of fly tipping (mostly old bathrooms) in the *middle* of lanes. If you wish to provide confidential information about Fly Tipping or persons you suspect are disposing of waste illegally, please call the confidential 24 hour answer phone on 01803 861352 or email Street Scene on the SHDC website.

Planning applications No objections were raised to the: Replacement roof at 4 The Mews, Moorhaven; sand school at Crickety, Wrangaton Road, Wrangaton (provided it was for personal and not commercial use); reserved matters relating to the new dwelling at 7 Filham Cottages (provided that sample materials were provided for approval); green roof at Blackadon Farm, Moorhaven; agricultural building at Moortrees, South Brent; or to the side extension at 8 Beacon View, Bittaford (subject to a shared rights of way query).

The proposed conversion of garage to dwelling at Queshills, Ware Hill, Ugborough received support, subject to its use being ancillary to the existing dwelling and space for vehicles to turn on site. Finally, the proposed permanent bungalow to replace the temporary dwelling at Haydens Farm, Wrangaton raised a number of queries about the enterprise meeting its business plan criteria.

The Parish Council Audit has now been approved. The auditor's only comment was that approval of the two sections of the Annual Return should be *separately* minuted. As Clerk, I am sure I shouldn't have a 'rant', but I do think that is rather petty - especially as the current practice has been going on for many years, without any comment at all!

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

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 > **Bittaford Methodist Chapel** Jutta Berger 01752 698381  
 > Please come and join us - we look forward to welcoming you.  
 > Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September-10.30 a.m. Mr. Terry Milam  
 > Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September- 10.30 a.m. Mr. Mike Cade  
 > Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September- 2.30 p.m. Rev'd David Youngs- Sacrament of Holy  
 > Communion  
 > Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September- 10.30 a.m. Mrs. Sue Bolt  
 > 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](mailto: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!  
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St. Peter's Church, Ugborough

CHANGE IN CHURCH SERVICE TIMES AND EXTRA MID WEEK SERVICE

From the 1st Sunday in September (4th September), the pattern of services within the churches of The Rivers Mission Community, will be changing.

In Ugborough ALL services will now start at 9.30 a.m.

The weekly services will alternate between a service of Holy Communion and a Non-Communion service. Please do keep a look out for the new service pattern in the Newsletter. This pattern will allow every church to maintain a Sunday service and will allow for a regular service of Holy Communion.

Also there will be a new mid week Communion service at Ugborough at 12 noon on Thursdays (after the coffee morning).

Saying Goodbye Services 2016

Exeter Cathedral, Exeter Saturday 3rd September 2016 1.30 p.m.

The loss of a baby during pregnancy, at birth or in infancy is a devastating experience for the parents and for the extended family.

The **Saying Goodbye** services are the first national set of remembrance services, for people who have suffered the loss of a baby, whether that be recently or decades ago. They provide a time and place to acknowledge and remember your baby, while collectively 'saying goodbye'.

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

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that it is fast approaching twelve months, since Heather and I arrived here; time has passed so quickly. Getting to know you and the parishes has been a joy. Personally, I am loving the opportunity to work in such a variety of contexts throughout the Mission Community. We are grateful to you all for your help, support and encouragement. So may I take this opportunity to say a very big 'Thank You' to you all, for making our first twelve months here in the Mission Community a real enjoyable and exciting time.

If you happen to be one of those people who is not a sport enthusiast, this summer has probably been difficult for you and yes even a new football season has begun, but please do bear with those of us who enjoy watching and even participating in sport. As I have watched some of the Olympic disciplines one of the things I have noticed is the sheer determination of those who compete, to push the boundaries of what can't be done until those things become attainable. As we seek to become better followers of Jesus, more loving, more caring, we perhaps like many of those athletes, become more fulfilled as people.

Very often the focus of media attention is upon those who succeed (the top 1% of the 1% of elite athletes). The majority of the athletes will fail; but the captivating stories of the Olympics are the stories of those who have overcome failure and ultimately achieved success. For those of us who have embarked on a faith journey their example gives us great encouragement, for the life of discipleship is not easy and these stories show us the level of determination and commitment that is needed. And let's remember the ultimate image of striving and self-discipline, Jesus on the cross, when out of that situation comes the glorious hope of the resurrection and being one with God, is our ultimate fulfilment.

One final thought, as I watch the Olympic coverage amongst all the competition, there is the impression that between the athletes there is a real sense of support, mutual encouragement and camaraderie which spurs the athletes on to achieve greater things. The church is certainly not about competing with one another but it is a group of people who support, mutual encourage and with a great sense of camaraderie inspires one another in our journeys of faith, and that sustains and refreshes us as we follow in the footsteps of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

May you be blessed in your own journey of faith and may we continue to encourage one another as we travel the road together.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12: 1-2)

David



Messy Church comes to Ugborough

Our New Three Rivers Mission Community Messy Church begins this month both in Diptford and Ugborough.

So what is Messy Church? When will it meet? Who can attend?

It is -

- a church for adults and children to enjoy together.
- It's all-age and open to all families in our community
- It's fun
- Its aim is to introduce Jesus, to give an opportunity to encounter him and to grow closer to him.
- It includes creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy, a celebration time which includes songs, bible story, prayer, games etc. and a meal together
- Its values are those of hospitality, creativity and celebration
- It models and promotes good ways of growing as a family, an extended family and church family

Three Rivers Mission Community Messy Church in Ugborough will meet on the fourth Sunday of the month from 4:30 - 6 p.m. in the church.

The organisation at the heart of Messy Church is the Bible Reading Fellowship, a charity which produces a variety of resources and connects Messy Churches through its website .

Everyone in our church family has a part to play in Messy Church in prayer support, welcoming people as they arrive, craft activities, sound and vision, helping with the preparation of the party meal, musical ability, setting up and clearing up to name but a few!

September' date is Sunday 25th and October's date will be Sunday 23rd October and see future Newsletters for next dates.

For more information please contact Revd David 01548 821199

Rowena and Dennis Crawley would like to thank all those kind people who supported their Garden Party in aid of the 140th anniversary of the Mothers' Union. Your generosity raised £338 in aid of the work the charity does to support and uphold family life.

St Peter's Church Services in September
Note all Sunday services are now at 9.30 a.m.

Date	Service
Sunday 4 th September	All Age Worship
Sunday 11 th September	Holy Communion
Sunday 18 th September	Non Communion Service
Sunday 25 th September	All Age Communion Messy Church at 4.30 p.m.
Friday 30 th September 7.30 p.m.	Harvest Celebration followed by Harvest Supper
Tuesdays at 9 a.m. (except School Holidays)	Celtic Prayer
Thursdays at 12 noon	Holy Communion

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

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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, for Comic Sans. Any articles as attachments in this format would be particularly welcome. Your Newsletter is available online at the Parish Council website ugboroughparishcouncil.org. and at ugborough.com

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Village services.

A reminder that you can visit the Devon Libraries Mobile Library Service at Ugborough Square, Tuesdays from 9.30 a.m.-10 a.m. every 4 weeks. The date for September 20th.

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

Accident Appeal

In the early hours of 9th August, an unknown vehicle lost control coming down the hill into Ugborough village and severely damaged 2 parked vehicles in Lutterburn St. The vehicle has paintwork and glass damage all down one side and the other (which happens to be ours!) is more severe, including a crumpled wing and impaired suspension. The total damage will run into a few thousands. The driver of the vehicle did not identify themselves, but merely left their wing mirror behind!

The police have been informed, but hit and run drivers are hard to find. The offending vehicle must be badly scratched and crumpled where the impact took place, and also be missing a wing mirror.

If anyone is able to shed any light on this matter, please contact the Editor.