

# UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

## April 2009

### What's on

Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Ugborough School Easter Tea at Village Hall p.m.	See page 7
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Gardening club *June Gilbury*

Our next meeting is Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April when we will have a talk by Paul Rendell about the Dartmoor area. Please join us at the Post Office at 8 p.m.

## Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled.

*Peggy Douglas. (Tel.01752 691629)*

Firstly, Anthony and Alfie competed well at their first outside competition and we were placed 7<sup>th</sup>. Well done to you both! Billy is now back in work having got over his foot abscess. Finn, back from 3 months away, was thrown in at the deep end when Mikey Douglas was short of a horse for the Annual Farrier Meet in Cornwall. The couple rose to the occasion and drew a lot of attention at the meet as Jamie had clipped 2 hearts on Finn's rump! Truffle is back at the Brook after a winter off so we hope that he can settle back into his job of work.

We have just completed our annual census. We have 160 riders, 180 helpers and gave 5773 rides during the last year. The annual costs were £32000. Hence we are always looking for volunteer to help during the sessions and also with the endless chores around the venue.

Fundraising events took place on 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March and we will let you know the results after Easter.

We now look forward to the better weather and our celebrations next term. The main event is on 2<sup>nd</sup> July- details to follow.

On a sad note, we have had our post box vandalised and a collection box stolen. I hope this is a coincidence rather than a trend.

Finally- happy Easter to all our friends, volunteers and supporters.

## Ugborough Under Fives.

During March the children and staff celebrated "World Book Day" by coming dressed as a character from a book or nursery rhyme, we had Cinderella, Harry Potter, Peter Pan, Fireman Sam, Ben 10, Robin Hood, a police woman, Snow White and not forgetting Little Red Riding Hood! It was great fun. We also had a "Pyjama Day" for Comic Relief and at the very end of the month a "Sponsored Walk and Easter egg Hunt", so it was a very fun filled and busy month. We are very much looking forward to a visit from Rev Nicola Hunt, who has kindly agreed to pop in at the beginning of April to talk to the children and staff about the importance of the Easter celebrations.

The pre-school is pleased to be able to inform you of our **new extended opening hours**, they are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.00am until 12.45pm, and Wednesday 9.00am until 2.00pm, 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.

## NOTICE OF AN OPEN MEETING

Ugborough Primary School and Ugborough Under Fives pre-school are jointly holding a meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 at the Village Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information about a project to build a new pre-school classroom on the school site. We will be able to explain where the building is to be situated, the type of building we are hoping to build and give details of the process to raise funds to complete the building. Please do attend if you wish to know more about this village project.

Ugborough Parish Walking Group *Merryl Docker*

The sun shines on the righteous!! As promised last month, we had a beautiful walk on March 1st and celebrated by getting our passports out to visit our neighbouring Parish of Modbury. The walk over to Shilstone Barton offers some magnificent scenery and a fascinating look at the rebuilding of the old house, proving that modern day craftsmen are every bit as good as their forebears. We will continue to venture out that way over the coming years to see the progress of the garden restoration.

The path through Shilstone Barton is actually a bridleway and can be ridden, I have done it myself, it makes a most unusual circular route, there are several gates to negotiate, but they are all easy to open (especially if you have a horse as short as mine!). We saw the last of the beautiful drifts of snowdrops at the old stone stile opposite Spriddlescombe and made our way down to Waterman Farm. In my opinion this is the finest view of our village, seen nestling beneath the hills of Dartmoor, a view seemingly unchanged for centuries.

Yellow will be the theme of our April walk, primroses, daffodils and celandines hopefully in abundance. Do join us on **Sunday 5th April at 10.45am in Ugborough Village Square**. Please wear appropriate footwear and clothes for the weather - I have put in an order for a calm and sunny day, but who knows what we will get! Children and dogs can bring their owners as long as they promise to behave themselves. As usual you will all be made very welcome. Call Merryl Docker (01752 893651) or Tom Holway (01752 893114) if you want any information about our monthly walks or rights of way through the Parish.

## SPORTS REPORT- *Janner Motson*

### CHAMPIONS (Well almost)

The Uggies are all but crowned champions of the Pioneer Youth League Under 10 Division 3 after beating their nearest rival Bovey Tracey by 4 goals to nil at Uggie Park. Although still not quite a mathematical certainty they go into the last game of the season a whopping 48 goals ahead of Bovey in goal difference and so should remain top where they have been all season.

Despite soft ground the Uggies took the game to Bovey from the off and worked hard to prevent the opposition building momentum. It was the solid defence of Ben Evans, William Fownes and Charlotte Milner who provided the foundations and Joey Murphy kept yet another clean sheet in goal. Harry Ross claimed Man of the Match for his usual manic dash around defending and attacking, but support on the flanks from Tom Fenton and Cameron Lumley provided real penetration. Goals came from Cameron, Tom and super-poacher Sam Williams, but Matt Down also went close. Fresh legs from Lily Abraham, Lillie Coxon and Nathan Clegg kept the Uggies on top and the fans went wild at the final whistle.

Captain Evans said; "It was a game of 2 halves, and we won both of them. Tom's header for the first was top quality, but we outplayed them in every position on the park." Executive Director, Carollini Rossi told waiting journalists; "This football is an old, funny game - it is so vital to win big games rather than lose them. There were really only 2 teams battling for the top 3 places, but I think 4-0 was a fair reflection of the score at full time. Harry Ross looks like he has been playing for the Uggies for all his career and Ben Evans bleeds red blood for the team, but it was a real squad performance this term. This was a real end of season curtain raiser for the fans."

St Peter's Church, Ugborough  
SPRING WHIST DRIVE to be held in the Village Hall,  
on Wednesday 15 April at 7.30 pm  
Entrance £2.50    Tea/Coffee & Biscuits    Raffle  
In aid of St Peter's Church

### Ugborough Village Hall *Stafford Williams (Secretary)*

Congratulations to the Youth Group for the excellent Entertainmentathon and their successful fund raising for Shelterbox.

Welcome to Mrs Sharon Hughes as the new Caretaker of the Hall; it is already looking better and we are delighted that you are able to help.

We are progressing the planning application with SHDC for the shed and seeking grants for other work in the Hall. The urinals have been repaired and will no longer flow continuously. There is a new first aid kit in the kitchen should it be needed and we are working to put a mirror in the ladies toilet.

Please note that there are often items of clothing left in the Hall after hirings. Whilst these are left as lost property for a while, it is necessary for us to clear the collection periodically. Please return to check the Hall as soon as you realise an item is missing, otherwise it may be removed.



### Ugborough Bookworms

I'm afraid that our March book- *That Certain Age* by Elizabeth Buchan was not a great success so I have invited a guest reviewer (Anne Nonniemus) this month. Our next month's book- *The Suspicions of Mr. Whicher* by Kate Summerscale seems likely to be more favourably received.

#### **Blackberry Wine by Joanne Harris**

You don't have to enjoy wine to enjoy this "delicious" book. The main part of the story is told by a bottle of Fleurie 1962, with the main characters of Jay and Jackapple Joe, moving backwards and forwards in time throughout this beautifully written story, where characters and places are so carefully described that you feel part of it. The theme of villages in both France and England and the special kind of societies they create, could well be related to Ugborough. A great read.

And something for children:- **The true story of the 3 little pigs by A Wolf**  
As told to Jon Scieszka (a Puffin picture book)

Although this book was first published in 1989, it still remains a favourite - a refreshing change to the usual story. It all happened because he needed to borrow a cup of sugar..... A great fun read.

## ENTERTAINATHON- WOW WHAT ENTERTAINMENT!

It is incredible how talented the folk of the parish are. If you were looking for something to do last Saturday you were able to pop into the Village Hall and enjoy not just an evening's entertainment, but a whole 24 hours courtesy of the Ugborough Youth Group. They even made a song to celebrate the Youth Group although the village people who sang it looked a little past their youth.

The incredible Entertainathon was the creation of Nellie Dadge and Sue Johns and was in aid of Shelterbox, a Cornish based charity providing essential equipment to those in need around the world. Aply supported by a willing crowd of adult helpers the members of the Youth Group put on an exhausting list of performances that ranged from Ready Steady Cook to Gym Teams, jugglers and community singing. The school ensemble and Church choir did their bit; there were recitations and short plays and Hannah Gillard seemed to be in everything. A fabulous dancing competition saw 6 original and enthusiastic routines, but it was the Candy girls and the innovative Slade and Hughes combo that shared the honours. A 2-minute video competition had exceptional quality with Peter and Andy winning with their updated Monty Python Holy Grail sketch. Also special mention should go to George for his naked bracken-sledging.

The biggest draw of the day/night was for the homecoming gig of supergroup 'The Days', who were excellent, but this reporter was particularly taken by the strange and surreal Peanut sketch by Fred and Andy. It was a real coup for Ugborough to get Jethro to do a turn and the village folk provided endless songs, dancing and lots of wind...instruments.

Jake 'Twiddly Knobs' Prowse deserves special mention for the preparation and operating of the sound and vision equipment throughout, as well as his talent in filling interludes with excellent keyboards. Helen Gillard and team kept them all going by supplying refreshments from the kitchen, including breakfast.

Well done to everyone on collecting £2000, enough for 4 shelterboxes. Thanks to Sue and all the members of the Youth Group. Time for bed says Zebedee!  
*Janner Street-Porter*

*Sue Johns* writes on behalf of Ugborough Youth Group

A huge thank you to all those who took part in, and supported the Youth Group 24 hour Entertainmentathon! I was overwhelmed by the level of

support from 140 or so children and adults from the Youth Group, School and wider community who kept the entertainment going for the duration.

I am certain all the Members involved will never forget the effort, preparation, camaraderie and pain that were necessary for this achievement!

On a personal note - It is a rare treat to work with such a willing and enthusiastic team. Not only do they do what they promise and deliver on time, they have thought of and instigated yet more ideas to help the event achieve the success it deserved.

Thanks especially to the families Dages, Bulgens, Gillards, Hughes, Prowses (let's hear it for Jake!) and the Arnison-Dennings - to name but a few.....

We are regrouping - how DO we follow that???

Ugborough Primary School *Mrs Sue Whiteman*

### **SPRING CONCERT**

Following last year's very successful Easter concert, we are proposing to hold a Spring Concert on Thursday, April 30th. There will be 2 performances in the village hall one at 2.00 pm and a second at 6.30 pm.

### **YEAR 3/4 RESIDENTIAL**

Many of our Years 3 and 4 will be embarking on their 3 day Residential at the end of March. This is an extremely worthwhile learning experience. The children learn a good deal about themselves and each other and enjoy being independent!! They will be sharing their experiences with us and with parents when they return.

### **USED STAMP COLLECTION**

Please save any used postage stamps and send into school. Lillie and Lola Coxon are again collecting these in aid of the RNLI.

### **IVYBRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE GYM AND DANCE FESTIVAL**

Some of our pupils from Years 3,4, 5 and 6 participated in this event at which schools from the Ivybridge area spent the afternoon displaying their dancing and gymnastic skills to one another.

### **EASTER TEA AFTERNOON**

Finally - I do hope to see many of you at our Friends Association Easter Tea which will be held during the afternoon of Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March in the Village Hall.

## FRIENDS OF UGBOROUGH SCHOOL

Following on from last month's entry we can now confirm that the money raised by the Seed Project will be spent on an outing for the whole school, although the destination is as yet unknown.

I can also confirm that each class has been allocated a part of the school to maintain, and am delighted that with money raised by various 'Friends' events the school will be able to purchase the necessary equipment. With your support the school have also purchased a number of atlases.

### COMING SOON !

The Friends Of Ugborough School & Stowford School PTA

*Proudly present.....*



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

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

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

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

### Ugborough Local History Group *Merryl Docker*

Did you know in the 1850's there were 21 Cordwainers in Ugborough? Cobblers I hear you say! (Cordwainers we learnt at our February meeting, make boots and shoes and Ugborough was famous for the quality and quantity of footwear). A record number of us came along to hear George Nicolle's talk on the Forgotten Tradesmen of Ugborough. There were Helliers (roof tilers), Blacksmiths (iron workers) and Whitesmiths (tin and sheet metal workers) as well as Coopers (barrel makers), pump makers, Sawyers, Wheelwrights, Cartwrights ~ we could see a pattern forming here ~ these are all common surnames frequently heard today, even if the trades they represent have largely disappeared. It was a fascinating insight into life in this and surrounding local villages many generations ago and told by a charming man who is passionate about his topic.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 29th April at 8.00pm in Ugborough Village Hall** when Stacey Dyer from the South West Image Bank will delight us with a photographic history of the area. Do come along ~ members free of charge, guests welcome at just £1 payable on the door.



Why not venture to The Watermark in Ivybridge on **23rd April, 8.00 - 9.30pm** for a St. George's Day Event: **TARS & TARTS: LIFE IN NELSON'S NAVY?** Authors Roy and Lesley Adkins will be giving an illustrated talk, based on their bestselling book *Jack Tar*, described by the Daily Mail as 'an extraordinary read'. Tickets are only £3, including refreshments, they are on sale now at the library. This event has been arranged by the Friends of Ivybridge Library. Do call in when you are next in Ivybridge to secure your ticket, the evening sounds like a bit of fun especially as they say "all welcome - costume is optional" *Shall I go as a Tar or a Tart?*

Celebrate 1100 years of the Diocese of Devon. (I am very grateful to Liz Tingle for the basis of this article)

In 2009 churches of all denominations across the South West are celebrating 1100 years of the founding of the diocese of Devon.

Of course there had been Christianity in Devon long before the founding of the new diocese. Romans, Celts, Saxons and Vikings all played a part. Archaeological remains, artefacts, inscribed gravestones, and ancient monasteries and churches give evidence of Christian history.

But in 909 something special happened in South West England. Before this time one bishop had looked after all the churches in the West Country and he was based in Sherbourne, Dorset. In 909 King Edward the Elder divided the Bishopric of Sherbourne into 3 smaller dioceses - Wells (Somerset,) St. Germans (Cornwall,) and Crediton (Devon.) This event marks the beginning of the present day See of Exeter.

However the separate dioceses of Devon and Cornwall proved too small to support two bishops, so from 1027 both dioceses were held by just one.

In 1046 Leofric was appointed Bishop of Devon and Cornwall and he resolved a major reorganisation of the church. Educated in Europe, he wanted to move his see away from the rural backwater of Crediton to a Roman city, one with prestige and also practical defences against Viking raids. He applied to Pope Leo XII for permission to unite the dioceses and to move the centre to Exeter.

A royal visit by King Edward the Confessor and Queen Edith in 1050 confirmed this when Leofric's dream became a reality and the Old Minster of St. Peter's, Exeter became the heart of the new diocese in the South West. So this year we celebrate the beginnings of the diocese of Exeter. For details of events organised by the Cathedral, visit their website-

[www.exeter.anglican.org](http://www.exeter.anglican.org)



## Your Stars Tonight.

"You have let my public down". The steamed dieter fixed me with a more than normally steely glare as I put on my Damart underwear in preparation for another evening communing with the stars. "You failed to tell the star community of our village about Comet Lulin". I shame facedly admit I found out about it too late. "Ollie and me tried for hours to see it but it passed its peak on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March and at magnitude six it was quite faint" I mumble. "It's Ollie and I - and you really must make an effort to get onto the information highway and arrive in the 21<sup>st</sup> century- every one else heard it first on [www.skyandtelescope.com](http://www.skyandtelescope.com). "Just look at how useful the internet can be" she opines as I waddle out of the door suffering from distinct tightness around the chest from my heat retentive layers "this recipe for hedgehog roast on [www.pricklymeat](http://www.pricklymeat) is just the thing for the Young Cordwainer's fund raising supper".

As I extract myself from an unexpected encounter of the prickly kind with a red currant bush I muse that star gazing requires moonless nights. In April there will be two planetary treats on offer in the evening sky. Saturn is now high in the southern sky and is distinctively bright with a tint of orange. The rings are almost edge on to us and with binoculars it looks like a comic book drawing of a disc with a line through. Over the next 10 years the rings will tilt back up to give a 30 degree view again.

In the last couple of weeks of April there is a chance to see Mercury - the most elusive and secretive of the planets. It requires a clear sunset and a sharp eye - and perseverance. As the first stars appears in the dusk to the South, turn to where the sun has set and in the fading light you may see a tiny soft silver light - not a sparkly jewel like Venus or the hard light of a star. But be quick as the "silver messenger" will have faithfully followed the sun below the horizon before it is dark. The 26<sup>th</sup> April promises to be a treat when Mercury will be close to a crescent moon - if it's clear it will be worth going to the top of Ugborough Beacon - if wet in the Village Hall. Cough! Cough!

## St. Peter's Church improvements *Peter Povey writes*

Work on the long-awaited improvements to the Church will start on 30<sup>th</sup> March. Local conservation builders JDC Ltd. will construct a kitchen/serverly and disabled-access WC in the base of the tower; repair and re-site the two fonts; remove some of the pews to give more space for community activity; and develop a new choir vestry in the south transept. The work is scheduled to be complete by mid-June. On safety grounds, during the period of the



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

Parishioners also asked about the siting of the incinerator (or 'waste to energy facility' as it is euphemistically called). County Cllr Mumford considered that the Ernesettle site would be most likely as it enabled the local use of heat, and that Anna Mill in Wrangaton was the least likely of the four options. Of particular significance was the *absence* of an announcement; the Boundary Committee will defer its announcement on the boundary review in Devon until the 15<sup>th</sup> July. It is likely that the County Council will still hold its elections in June, although Councillors will probably hold office for a shorter term.

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

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

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

- Small Green Steps Award 2009, which offers up to £5000 to voluntary groups who have taken steps over the last 24 months to save energy and tackle climate change. Call Karen on 01884 235887 or email [Karen@devoncf.com](mailto:Karen@devoncf.com) for more details.
- Grassroots Grants, which offers up to £5000 to voluntary groups who are helping to meet the needs of the community. Contact Charlotte Weedon on 01392 383345 or visit [www.devonrcc.org.uk](http://www.devonrcc.org.uk) for more details.

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

*Tom Holway, Chairman, Ugborough Parish Council*

Annual Report 2008/9The whole of 2008/9 has been dominated by the Boundary Review, with South Hams District Council fighting to keep its identity and Devon County Council in the running to become a unitary authority. Whatever happens will have a direct bearing on local democracy - on the one hand, by reducing local representation on the proposed 'Community Boards' and, on the other, by conferring more power and responsibilities on Parish Councils. We will have to wait for the outcome as the decision, which was due in February, has now been deferred until 15<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

The Parish Council has continued its support for local recreation activities by funding the purchase of sports facilities and contributing to the maintenance of the school playing field to ensure it remains available for the whole community. Although a final decision has yet to be made, the Parish Council is currently promoting the improvement and wider community use of the Moorhaven playing field which, once levelled, will hopefully provide an excellent football and cricket field. Bittaford Community Hall will benefit from enhanced facilities by the provision of a new porch and store, partly funded by a Parish Council grant of £2000, and noise levels in the Ugborough Youth Group will rise thanks to grant funding towards a music system. Villagers have benefited this year from additional allotments in the parish, which the Parish Council was instrumental in arranging on land kindly provided by David and Jane Johns - a popular and vital facility during the recession.

Throughout the year, the Parish Council has been lending its support to the preparation of a Parish Plan. Funding of £2250 has been granted by the District Council, Dartmoor National Park Authority and the lottery fund to prepare the Plan, which will provide a blueprint for the future of the Parish and must be taken into account by all local government organisations. At the same time SHDC and Devon Community Council are undertaking a Housing Needs Survey, the results of which will be included within the Parish Plan and will provide the basis for any requests for affordable housing in the parish. The Parish Plan will be available later in 2009 and all those involved in its preparation and distribution are thanked for their hard work.

Two significant planning issues have rumbled on throughout the year. The future of the Woodpecker Inn has been resolved, following the granting of planning permission for office development and its demolition - a landmark which many of us will miss. The 'short oval' racing circuit at Cutwellcoombe continues to be a planning issue; a retrospective planning application has been submitted and concerns raised by some neighbouring residents are being taken up with the applicants by the District Council prior to a decision being made.

Following a year of heavy rain - and some snow - the state of the roads has caused concern and the Parish Council has kept up pressure to clear the drains and fill the potholes, with some success. Less successful has been the Parish Council's request for measures to reduce speeding through Bittaford and Wrangaton, although it continues to apply pressure on the Highway Authority. There are concerns about parked vehicles obstructing the vision of traffic emerging from Ugborough Road at Bittaford and this is being monitored

by the Police and DCC Highways to see if parking restrictions are needed in the area to improve safety.

The next year will see the publication of the Parish Plan. Hopefully, the Parish Council's involvement in improving the Moorhaven playing field will bear fruit and the conduit in Ugborough square will be preserved by tackling the ingress of water and removing the cause of the crumbling rendering.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Sarah, our Clerk, and all the Parish Councillors for their hard work and support over the last year.

**Come along to the Ugborough Annual Parish Meeting at Ugborough Village Hall  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.30pm**

**Housing - policing – highways – parking-local services – planning – environment recreation facilities.**

**Find out about- and have your say –on local issues which affect you.  
This is your chance to be involved in your Parish – make the most of it!**

**Need a lift? Call Tom Holway on 01752 893114**

**Speaker: Lady Jane Frere JP on the work of Magistrates who deal with  
95 per cent of criminal cases including many of the crimes that most  
affect the public, such as anti-social behaviour.**



Bittaford Methodist Church *Ruth Whitfield*

Everyone is very welcome to the Lent Hunger lunches on Wednesdays from 11.30. The money raised will go to Christian Aid.

Sunday morning services continue each week at 10.30a.m.



Green Pastures Coffee Bar for families with small children, is open every Friday from 10-12 noon including school holidays.

For details call *Jutta* on 01752 698 381

St Peter's Church, Ugborough

Dear Friends

I left Ugborough in the middle of February, to go to the Cotswolds to see my father and was away for what turned out to be three weeks on Compassionate leave. I arrived there when every field was covered in snow and the snow did not leave the back garden for two weeks. I arrived back in Ugborough to see signs of spring, catkins, snowdrops, crocuses and now daffodils, blackthorn and celandines. The signs of spring and sunshine certainly bring hope and delight in times of darkness and struggle.

You will see elsewhere that the work on the re-ordering of the Church will have already begun by the time you read this, so we look forward to new activities once this has happened. My thanks to all those who have worked for so long to achieve this and again I would like to thank The Rev'd Peter Povey

for all he has done, along with Philip Mann and Dr Martin Tingle. We have been blessed with people to do the tasks necessary, along with generous donations and support in the Parish. Thank you.

The amount of money to provide shelter boxes, raised by everyone involved in the music and entertainment for 24hrs was astonishing. Thank you to all involved.

Di Tope and Sue Johns are resigning as Church Wardens from April 19<sup>th</sup>. They have given long service over the years, I think between them as PCC members as well, they have given 28 years service. Thank you to both of them and blessings in their new found freedom!

Easter is fast approaching when Christians once again celebrate the unconditional love expressed for us in the life death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. A life that offers us all compassion and understanding, salve for our wounds and a hope and a future.

Please come and join us in our various services, reflections and celebrations.

With many blessings, Nicola

The United Benefice of Ermington and Ugborough Services in Holy Week		
	<u>Ermington</u>	<u>Ugborough</u>
Palm Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	10.50am Eucharist	9.20am - Family Service meet at The Conduit for Procession
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	7pm Compline	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April		7pm Compline
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	7pm Compline	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April		7pm Eucharist with feet washing
Good Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	2-3pm Meditation Rev'd Canon Charmion Mann 7pm Cross of Christ	1.30pm - Making of the Easter garden and Easter Cross
Saturday Before Easter 11 <sup>th</sup> April		7pm Lighting of the Easter Fire Ante- Communion

## St Peter's Church Services in April .

Date	Ermington	Ugborough
Palm Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	10.50am Eucharist	9.20am - Family Service, meet at Vicarage for Procession
Easter Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am - Family Eucharist	6.00am Celtic Communion Dunwell Farm 11.00am - Eucharist with Easter Egg Hunt
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter 19 <sup>th</sup> April	11.00am - Eucharist	9.30am - Family Eucharist with 'Sunday School' APCM after Service
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter 26 <sup>th</sup> April	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 9.30am - Matins APCM after Service	11.00am - Eucharist
First Tues. All other Tuesdays		9.00am - Celtic Communion 9.00am - Celtic Prayers
Every Wednesday	9.00am Celtic Prayer 6.00pm Prayer at the end of the Day	

### Contributions

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