

UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

May 2015



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Garden Club Anne Holway



Outing - Thursday 21st May - early evening.

We are visiting **Thorn House & Garden near Wembury**. Hopefully the weather will be kind so we can enjoy the panoramic views of the estuary, and we will enjoy the **Cream Tea** whatever the weather. Please phone Anne on 01752 941872 to reserve a place as we need at least ten people to make it worthwhile. Non-members and friends welcome.

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.)

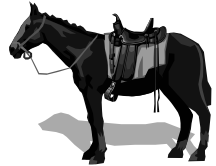
May is the month we are the guest benefactors of the Delamore Art Exhibition.

This prestigious event will be held at Delamore House, Cornwood, Ivybridge PL21 9QT.

Opening times; 10.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. Daily throughout May

Based in a traditional Dartmoor agricultural estate house and gardens, the exhibition presents the largest collection of artist's work in one place in the South West. Extensive gardens featuring ancient Rhododendrons and Azaleas are at their best in May creating a vibrant and exciting backdrop to the finest Sculpture exhibition in Devon. Based at Cornwood near Ivybridge, Delamore is right on the edge of beautiful Dartmoor and makes for a fantastic day out.

May also sees our Regional Dressage and Show Jumping Competitions, to which we are delighted to be taking 13 of our riders. Consequently volunteers to help out in any capacity are urgently required!



ST PETER'S CHURCH, UGBOROUGH

Invites you to a

FARMHOUSE LUNCH

at the home of Clifford and Sue Johns

Dunwell Farm, Ugborough

On Wednesday May 6th From 12 noon

Admission £10 Draw Bring & Buy

Everyone is most welcome.

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

We had a lovely time at our Easter Egg Hunt and Duck Race at Ugborough House just before the Easter holidays. The children (and staff/parents!) had a fantastic time searching the beautiful grounds for Easter egg pictures, racing ducks down the brook and pretending to ride a train with Mervyn from Musikgarten. I'm sure the children slept well after this busy morning; one boy fell asleep before he made it back to pre-school, still clutching his duck!

The summer term sees us preparing the older children for their transition to school in September. Each individual child's key worker and parents are meeting to review their Celebration Books and enjoy the photographs and anecdotes that document the child's journey through Pre-School. We are looking forward to our trip to Paignton Zoo to meet Alice the camel on polling day!

The dishwasher we purchased with the monies from our Autumn fundraiser is now plumbed in and a huge boon for us, particularly After School Club. We would like to thank the Village Hall Committee for their support with the logistics and costs of installing it.

Stop press: Ugfest is on! Please join us at our fundraising event at Hillhead Farm on Saturday 13th June 8 p.m. to late, with local band The Longfaces, hog roast and real ales. Tickets (£5) available from Pre-School or Catherine Gwynne (07817175460), all welcome!

CALLING ALL THE ENTERTAINERS OF UGBOROUGH PARISH!

As part of Ugborough Fair Week we are holding a **CONCERT** on **Friday 10th July, at 7.30** in Ugborough Church.
We welcome individuals, small or large groups, and of course talented pets!
Just come and entertain us in any way you can.
Anyone interested please contact Sue Johns 01548 830220.

(If the event should be oversubscribed, we will hold auditions
- where the judges' decision will be final.)

Ugborough Local History Group - *Merryl Docker*

On **Wednesday 27th May at 8 p.m.** we will hold our Members' Night and AGM in Ugborough Village Hall. The Ugborough Heritage Appraisal will be presented and this evening will be an informal affair with wine and nibbles.

We hope to see all members there!

The Beacon Federation - Executive Headteacher - Mrs. Jane Byrne

Ugborough Primary School.

Welcome back to the summer term. The term of lots of hard work and many events to keep you busy.

Ugborough Primary hosted a KS2 Federation Football match where we saw incredible sportsmanship. Ugborough pipped Ermington to the post with a 3-1 win and we see this as just one of many opportunities to get together for not only curriculum events but sporting activities. Mrs Byrne was on the touch line cheering everyone on and was thrilled with the event.

Recently the RNLI hosted an assembly for the whole school to promote beach safety (a vital lesson for this area) and enable children to identify problems that may occur on the beach. The children really enjoyed meeting the Lifeguards and will now hopefully be able to identify a Beach Lifeguard; state the meaning of the beach flags ;identify hazards on a beach; know what to do if they get into trouble or see someone else in trouble; understand sun safety and know the dangers of using inflatables on the beach

Dates for your diary

Monday 4th May Bank Holiday

May 11th -15th SATS Week

Monday 25th May Bank Holiday

26th -29th May Half Term

Ugborough Parish Walking Group- Merryl Docker

It's that time of year again and we will be walking where there are new leaves and bluebells within our own Parish. Everyone welcome, especially 'happy dogs'!



Sunday 3rd May, 10.45 a.m. meet in Ugborough Square. Dress for the weather. We may take cars to the start of the walk, don't worry if you don't have access to transport, we will sort out car share at the time.

For more information contact: Merryl Docker 01752 893651

or Tom Holway 01752 941872

Ivybridge U3A - Jean Sherrell

The May General Meeting of Ivybridge U3A will be held in the Watermark on Monday 18th May at 2 p.m.

The Speaker will be Diana Lawer on "The Great Cornish Pasty"

Also:-

Two performances of the Spring Charity Concert will take place on

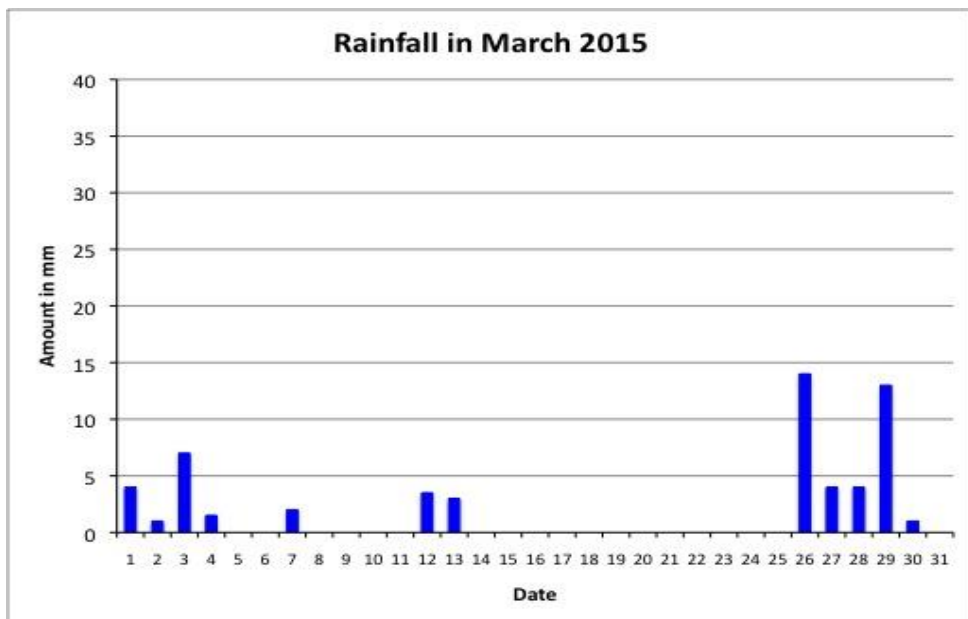
Saturday 16th May in the Methodist Church Ivybridge at 2.30 and 7 p.m.

Taking part will be The U3A Choir and the Mayflower Quartets and Chorus.

These concerts are in aid of St Luke's Hospice, and tickets priced at £6.50 and £3.00 (under 14) are on sale from the Watermark.

Rainfall at Shellwood Hill- George Arnison (Thanks to George for this interesting information)

Rainfall chart attached for Shellwood Hill where I recorded 58.0mm (2.3") in March compared to 102.5mm in 2014, 161.0mm in 2013, 33.5mm in 2012 and 45.5mm in 2011.



Village Hall- Stafford Williams

The Committee is starting a consultation with the community over the future shape of the Village Hall with an eye to plans for a substantial refurbishment of some nature. This will begin at the **AGM on 12th May from 8 p.m. in the main Hall** and will continue at key events over the next few months. The Committee is keen to get ideas on what is needed in a refurbished Hall and hopes to build a catalogue of potential requirements to take forward to planning. If you have any thoughts or concerns, please come to the AGM or put the ideas on our consultation board in the Hall after the AGM. The AGM is also the place to influence the coming year's management of the Hall, in particular the hire charges. Regular users should attend, but it is open to everyone. In case you are worried you will not be forced onto the committee.....unless you want to of course.

Remember that the Hall is in use for a polling station on 7th May.

Beryl's Bookworms - Sue Johns

April's book - 'We Are Liars' by E Lockhart - invoked much discussion at our recent meeting.



This, a YA (Young Adult) book set in New England, concerns the spoilt, privileged lives of a rich family and takes place during two summer vacations on the family's exclusive island holiday home. The story is narrated by a 15 year old girl, speaking as an adolescent - who is a victim of a dark and sinister event of which she has no recollection, as this traumatic experience has left her with amnesia. The protagonist and her three friends enjoy a 'Swallows and Amazons' type of experience - until she falls in love with one of the boys. The teenagers' disgust with the world their dysfunctional materialistic parents have created for themselves, with their broken relationships and addictions, causes them to rebel in typical insular fashion with drastic consequences.

Our Group's opinions were split down the middle - some who accepted the story as it was supposedly intended - a seeming indictment of American Oligarchs' and the tangled web they weave which resulted in a tragedy even more shocking than any of us guessed; and those who felt the very short pithy chapters resulted in badly drawn characters and a tale that was contrived and farfetched.

We all agreed it was an easy read - a page turner for some, whilst others struggled to catch at any impulsion and one who gave up in disgust!

The score out of 5 averaged 3.5, which very much reflected our diverse discussion.

Next Month: Ian McEwan's 'The Children Act'.

SPORTS REPORT - Janner Motson

SPORT OF KINGS

All eyes in Ugborough were turned towards the jumps this month with the bookies looking to make a killing on the village's favourite race. Most press interest was on Annie P McShort riding Sheikh-Al-Ur-Bouty's **No Chance** as the once famous Jockette was in the running for Best Turned Out. However, local tipsters were suggesting old-timer **Dead Loss** ridden by Welsh Chinaman Dai Ying might yet be in with a last shout as well. Others we spoke to thought that **Black Beauty** ridden by Ebb Onie might be a dark horse.

We asked veteran Channel Fourth commentator Peter 'O Sullivan Fitz-McCricrick what he thought about the climax to the jumps season that people are already calling a 'horse race'. He said: "To be sure, it'll be won by the fastest that clears all the jumps, but keep an eye on the one that comes on the rails as it is quicker by train. My tip is either: not to back the 3-legged horse, or just 10% of the total bill." The latest betting just in:

Where Am I Going trained by Manwith Apipe and ridden by Sid Saddle.....34 to 35 on

It's Not a Donkey trained by P Douglas and ridden by S Holway.....1500 to 1

100 to one bar....probably the Anchor or the Ship.



Your Stars Tonight. "Yet another example of our vibrant community spirit" enthuses the steamed dieter as she excitedly springs up from her customary crouch position over the lap top. "The formation of the Ugborough Drama Group is surely yet another sign of the cultural revolution sweeping through our fair parish of Ugborough." Inwardly I wince as a future for Ugborough flickers into focus - and as the steamed dieter continues I know our doom is sealed. "Of course my Lady Macbeth was highly regarded and Vanessa was quite gushing about my reprise of Ophelia a few years ago. I think that perhaps I might be ready to throw down the gauntlet of gender challenge to Ugborough - my Hamlet interpretation might well cause a stir. Perhaps you might consider a celebratory walk on role as Hamlet's Ghost?" she queries as I hasten for the normality of a darkened garden and the peace of the infinity.

My last newsletter missive enthused me to spend a lot of time pursuing galaxies with my telescope and at this time of year they are ideally situated for viewing in the constellation of Virgo - due south in the evening sky. To the naked eye this is an undistinguished constellation but it offers astronomers a gap in the Milky Way's intervening clouds of stars and dust and it is through this that earthlings can peer out at the distant universe. This area of the sky contains the Virgo Galactic Cluster made up of around 2000 galaxies which are roughly 70 million light years away. At which point we get into silly, incomprehensible numbers - the distance travelled by light in a year which is roughly 10 trillion kilometres - which makes these galaxies ... well ... a long way away. And then each galaxy has over one billion stars in it which makes the total number of stars mind boggling. So when I peer through the telescope and dismiss them as faint smudge of light on the limits of visibility I need to show a little more respect - there's a lot of them and they took a long time to get here.

But even more wondrous is the fact that galaxies are not scattered randomly across the universe but appear as massive groups in strange inexplicable patterns which current science cannot explain. It is in this area that I stumbled upon what I later discovered was Markarian's Chain - a zig zag of at least seven faint galaxies in the Virgo cluster that are moving together in a titanic cosmic dance swirling in a maelstrom of mutual attraction. Two of the galaxies in the middle of the chain have ploughed into each other in the last few million years scattering their constituent stars like panicked sheep on the impact. What a story of mass power politics and fatal attraction there would be to tell by an inhabitant of those far distant stars - worthy of any theatre stage.

But back in Ugborough I hear a distant squawk and the steamed dieter appears in the gloom clutching her mobile phone. "Philistines - they have ignored all my suggestions" she keens "It is going to be Cinderella". I decide that this is not the time to ask if she has been cast as one of the less than appealing siblings.

To all who sponsored me on my walk for St Luke's Hospice at the end of March. Although I missed most of the Wales v Italy match I'm please to advise that with gift aid we raised £275.00 to a well deserved local charity.
Many thanks, Taff. (and congratulations on your achievement, Taff)

HEART & MUSIC *Chris & Jenny Weaving*

Review of Saturday 14th March 2015 **St. Peter's Church Ugborough**

Vocalists: Morvern Harrison, Gareth Wynne, Cat Orton and Rob

Musical Director: Jon Orton

We were promised "An exceptional night of songs from the West End and Broadway" and wow, how that promise was delivered!

The opening number 'That Smile' burst upon the audience, taking no prisoners, with an explosive blend of voices and rhythms and Gareth powerfully delivering the words to a mesmerising vocal accompaniment provided by Cat, Morv and Rob. The audience was theirs, and Jon and the four vocalists had no intention of letting them go.

As well as providing the sensitive keyboard accompaniment, Jon anchored the programme with a succession of amusing and informative introductions which expertly guided the audience through the evening. An emotional solo of 'Maria' by Gareth was quickly followed by a selection of numbers which skilfully introduced each of the vocalists in turn, and displayed their varied talents to advantage.

After prudently adding more layers to combat St. Peter's penetrating chill the second set lit a fire under the audience with a very well balanced selection of well known and not such familiar numbers; all delivered with superb diction, wonderful musicality and emotion. Gareth gave a very controlled and sensitive rendition of the poignant 'Empty Chairs at Empty Tables' from *Les Miserables*, whilst Cat superbly demonstrated her power and versatility with 'Maybe this Time' from *Cabaret*. Meanwhile the mood was lightened with Jon, hiding behind his keyboard to deliver 'Who I'd Be' from *Shrek the Musical* and Rob displaying his virtuoso guitar capabilities, as well as singing, 'Telly Song' from *Matilda*. Without exception, a significant highlight for me was the brilliant rendition of 'What is this feeling?' from *Wicked*. Having recently seen this show at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth, I can confidently say the delivery by Cat and Morv was absolutely superb (yes better).

Thank you for a wonderful evening, please come back again soon and do not dare to keep it a secret. We want more more more!

Devon Fit Camp Disco

On Friday 8th May Devon Fit Camp is hosting an 80's disco raising funds for Mind and Get Kids Going. Venue- Ugborough Village Hall starting at 7.30 p.m. til late.
Tickets £5 and available from The Anchor, Devon Fit Camp or phone 01752 426223.

May Events at The Anchor *Vicky Tobin*

3rd - Bank Hol Sunday - **Rick the Stick** - from 4pm, "acoustic lounge"

1st and 3rd Tues of the month - Knit, Stitch and the rest... (see below)

7th - Tapas Night - booking recommended

13th - Ladies that Lunch - from 12.30pm, £15 per person for a lovely 2 course lunch with a glass of wine, followed by a guest speaker - booking essential

Knit, Stitch and The Rest..... *Stacey Smith 07749113385*

We had a great couple of meetings in April, lots of new projects started up and some finished... Our very own Merryll Docker knitted a fab hat and Lesley Goldsmith finished a very complicated but gorgeous baby blanket. The hive of activity is great! We meet every first and third Tuesday in the month.

May's meetings will be Tuesday 5th and Tuesday 19th May in The Anchor at 6pm.

Feel free to bring along a project or start up something fresh. We are a range of ages and abilities.... So if you fancy a girlie chat, a glass of something and a chance to learn something new, or pick up where you left off, then pop along to join us.

Half term fun for the Community Day at Dartington Hall, 26th May 2015, 12-5 p.m.

At 12 noon on Tuesday 26th May we're throwing open our doors at Dartington - to welcome you onto our estate for a day packed with fun family activities. Come and experience the beauty of the Dartington Hall grounds and gardens and help celebrate the Trust's 90th year. Free entry and parking for all. Share the fun - bring your family, your friends and your neighbours. Join us for a glimpse and a flavour of what we're about - there is plenty to see and do. Bring your own picnic to enjoy on the Great Lawn whilst listening to live music or enjoy our pop up BBQ using locally sourced burgers and salads. On the day there will be activities galore for all ages - including archery, storytelling, acting workshops, face painting, wild weaving, Extraordinary School taster sessions, porridge jousting, petting cows and lambs and much, much more. We look forward to seeing you. Just turn up - no need to book. For more information, visit www.dartington.org/whats-on

I have been sent details of 2 flower festivals, both to remember the end of wartime.

Cornwood Parish Church Flower Festival 22nd - 25th May from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Theme 'Lest We Forget' in remembrance of WW1.

The Minster Church of St. Andrew, Royal Parade, Plymouth 6th-10th May from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Theme 'Celebrating with flowers and artefacts the 70th Anniversary of the end of WW2.

Ugborough's Heritage - Liz Tingle and Peter Povey

There is a warm Invitation to all parishioners to attend the Launch in St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, 31st May at 2.30 p.m., of a permanent exhibition on the history of the Church, which shows some of the main events and issues to have affected St Peter's and its villagers over the past 900 years. From 2.10 p.m, and throughout the afternoon, *The Greenwood Consort* will play a range of music from various periods of this long history.

The exhibition has been prepared by staff and students of the History Department of Plymouth University, under the direction of Dr. Elizabeth Tingle, with the assistance of designer Will Hibberd. The display draws on documents and images from a wide range of sources, from the National Archives in London, to the Plymouth and West Devon Record Office. The project received funding, as an integral part of the scheme to replace the worn-out sheet lead on the north aisle roof of the Church, through a major grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, supplemented by Plymouth University and the Worshipful Company of Grocers.

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays News - Charlott Fletcher

Dates for May are 2nd, 16th and 30th - Ugborough Village Hall from 10 a.m.- 12 noon

Potluck dinner

Team USS would like to thank everyone who came along to our first potluck dinner in February. We all enjoyed an eclectic meal in great company and are looking forward to hosting more potluck events throughout the year. So watch this space for our upcoming potluck afternoon tea, picnic and dinner.

Charity stalls

USS are pleased to announce that we now can offer stall space free of charge, to sellers wishing to raise monies for charity. This space will be strictly limited to either local fundraisers, and/or local charities. We are happy to consider joint initiatives/events to raise monies for charity. For further details, please contact: email ugboroughss@gmail.com or call Charlott 07730767694

SeaMoor Children's Centre- *Vicky Rawlings victoria.rawlings@actionforchildren.org.uk*
Every Wednesday in May 0-18 months group at SeaMoor Children's Centre 1 p.m. - 2.30 p.m. To book a place call 01752 896356

Saturday 23rd May

Dads' group with SeaMoor Children's Centre. Woodland walk at Longtimber woods, Ivybridge. Suitable for under 5's and their male carers. Call for more info 01752 896356

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

Housing Need Survey- *Clive Hart*

South Hams District Council is working with Ugborough Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Planning Group to identify the affordable housing need of local people. The community is preparing a neighbourhood plan and this information is an important part of the evidence which is required when shaping the plan.

This survey will be delivered to every household in the parish towards the end of April and we would ask you to take 10 minutes of your time to complete this. A pre - paid envelope will be included for you to return your form confidentially.

If you need additional surveys, because there is more than one household living in the property please contact Alex Rehaag on 01822 813722 and we will arrange for this to be posted to you.

The closing date for the survey is 15th May 2015. A draft report will be prepared following the closing date and this will be sent to the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Planning Group. Once this report is agreed this can be used on the parish website.

South Hams District Council appreciates the time you have taken to provide this information.

Bittaford News

Thank you to the volunteers who have been making a very welcome effort with the tubs and flowers. This has much improved the appearance of our village which has been looking rather neglected, particularly in the centre. The hard work by Ivan Cross, planting out the corner of 'Hillside' with primroses has given a great deal of pleasure to residents over the years- and this year's has been better than ever.

In last month's Newsletter there was the sad warning that Bittaford Methodist Chapel is under threat of closure. A series of popular music and fun evenings are in the process of being organised in aid of urgently needed church funds

The dates planned are Saturday 23rd May when Yealmpton Gospel Choir will be performing and Saturday 13th June with the Porthpyra Singers, both at 7.30 p.m. at the Chapel.

Also A SUMMER GARDEN PARTY with LIVE BAND on Saturday 18th July

Any gifts for the raffles will be gratefully received. Be sure to put all these dates in your diary!

Ugborough Parish Council Clerk: Sarah Woodman Tel: 01364 661127

email: ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk Website: ugboroughpc.wordpress.com

The April Parish Council Meeting was the last for some of our Councillors, who will not be standing at the May election. Also, Ugborough would be losing its District Councillor Lindsey Ward - boundary changes mean that she will no longer be representing the Parish.

The Ugborough Annual Parish Meeting - which is held for you to get involved in your community, will focus this year on the Neighbourhood Development Plan. It is to be held in Ugborough Village Hall on Saturday 16th May from 2 p.m. and refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you!

The Neighbourhood Development Plan is moving forward. The Interim Report brochure is due to be delivered to all homes in the DNP area, and your comments on the Report will be invited at the Annual Parish Meeting. In addition, the Local Affordable Housing Needs Survey will be distributed by SHDC - a vital consultation if the housing needs of the Parish are to be met.

Planning applications No objections were raised to the proposed single storey rear extension, new conservatory roof and first floor window at 2 Leigh Close, Bittaford.

The Parish Council was consulted on the traffic plans for the development by Hannick Homes off Rutt Lane, Ivybridge - and responded that, if a substantial increase in traffic through Wrangaton and Bittaford resulted, the provision of pedestrian crossings in both villages should be considered.

Finally, Parish Councillors supported a pre-application consultation on proposals for storage and catering facilities at Manstow Football Club.

Post Office services in Wrangaton are still under review. BT considers a hosted outreach service would best serve the locality, and a postmaster has offered to provide the service. Now suitable premises are being sought - if you have any suggestions, please contact the Clerk.

Adopt a Kiosk is another initiative from BT. For just £1, your community can adopt its red phone box, and a number of innovative ideas are suggested for using the phone box, including grocery shops, information centre, art galleries and school projects. The small print specifies that 'The adopting community will be responsible for all support and maintenance of the kiosk and for any liability resulting from the kiosk or its use...' so you may have to get out the red paint! For information, visit www.payphones.bt.com

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 13th May, starting at 7 p.m. with the Annual Parish Council Meeting, when your new Parish Councillors will be signed in.

Bittaford Methodist Chapel Jutta Berger 01752 698381

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

Our services start at 10.30 a.m. except for the 3rd Sunday of the month when we have Sacrament of Holy Communion at 2.30 p.m.

Our Hall is available for hire. We have a small Tea Kitchen. All enquiries contact: Jutta Berger as above or e-Mail to: juttaberger@tiscali.co.uk

Green Pastures Coffee Bar for families with small children.

Open every Friday from 10.00am 'til 12 noon including School Holidays!

St. Peter's Church, Ugborough

Dear Friends,

As the clergy letter this month I thought I would reproduce the report I have drawn up for our Annual Meetings so that those who are unable to attend them can still learn what is the state of play in our parishes - it does not pretend to be an exhaustive list of all our activities, but seeks to give a general overview of Church life in this neck of the woods.

With good wishes to you all, Caroline

Clergy Report for the Annual Parochial Church Meetings 2015

In August 2014 with much sadness we bade farewell to the Revd. John and Mrs. Kathy Ough. As Rector of the 5 parishes of the Diptford Benefice and Priest-in-Charge of Ermington and Ugborough, John had welded the parishes into one Mission Community, establishing links which will bear strengthening in the years ahead. He had set up a system of regular meetings of churchwardens and treasurers and also of Mission Community Eucharists twice a year, which are enabling those who wish to get to know one another better and to benefit from wider horizons and contacts. These are reinforced by the choirs working together, study groups and the Mothers' Union working across the whole Mission Community.

Since he has departed, I feel we have lost no ground in our common life; in fact, the determination to survive and to present a viable unit for the next incumbent have served to strengthen our bonds. There is some discussion taking place about the diocese's desire to make one benefice from the two current ones.

Two features of Church life which gives me cause for concern are i) that many people on our electoral rolls only worship in our churches intermittently and ii) that many have not grasped the concept of planned giving on a regular and sacrificial level. These situations need remedying if we are to survive. The cost of maintaining our buildings absorbs much of our energy, to the detriment of pursuing mission and social concern.

On the other hand the buildings do have a place in many people's hearts who are not necessarily interested in the Christian faith - a real dilemma.

We continue to baptise, marry and bury parishioners as requested and to offer services at special moments which are valued, like All Soulstide, Remembrance, Armed Forces Day, Harvest and Christmas. We marked the 100th Anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War, held a pre-Holy Week Quiet Day and had Carol Services in each church.

I should like to pay especial tribute to all the Church officers and express relief that most of them are content to continue in office; they give so much time and energy to maintaining the life of our parishes, with no financial remuneration. All those who serve on PCCs and represent our parishes in the synods assist in our governance and deserve thanks, as do those who clean, do laundry, arrange flowers, ring bells, tidy graveyards, organise fund-raising events and serve refreshments: Halwell and Ermington's lunches, Harberton, Harbertonford and Ugborough's regular coffee mornings and various occasional food events all build up our common life and keep the Church before the community. Our choirs and organists give from the heart and enhance our experience of worship; thank you all. Another special Thank You goes to our sacristans for preparing silver and linen etc; if we don't give the utmost care to our worship, we may as well shut up shop! Thank you, too, to David, Peter and Philip for officiating regularly at our services and to those visiting priests and Readers who have enabled the pattern of services to be maintained.

With the publication of the MC Profile on the diocesan website, we are now awaiting further developments in the process of appointing a new incumbent and pray that this will be a satisfactory exercise and that the right person will respond to God's call to work in this part of his vineyard and lead us on our journey home to Him.

Ascension Day Thursday 14th May

This is one of the 4 major feasts of the church's year, ranking with Christmas, Easter and Pentecost, so a time when we should all make an effort to be present at worship. Do you remember the time when schools had a holiday on Ascension Day, or were at least taken to the parish church for the service?

At 7 p.m. that evening there will be a Eucharist at Ugborough church so please try to be part of that congregation!

Family News from John and Kathy

There was great excitement in the Ough family last month when Onyi produced Obinna Justin in Cornwall - rather earlier than planned! In fact Richard was still in Nigeria and mother and baby had been discharged from hospital before he arrived.

However all is well and we send congratulations to the whole family, hoping that Ifeanye is enjoying having a baby brother.

St Peter's Church Services in May

Date and time	Service
Sunday 3 rd May 9.30 a.m.	All Age Worship
Sunday 10 th May 11 a.m. 6 p.m.	Rogation Sunday Sung Eucharist Holy Communion at North Huish
Thursday 14th May 7.00 p.m.	Ascension Day- Benefice Eucharist at Ugborough
Sunday 17 th May 9.30 a.m.	Family Communion
Sunday 24 th May 11 a.m.	Pentecost Sung Eucharist
Sunday 31 st May 10.30 a.m.	Benefice Eucharist and Baptism at Ugborough
Tuesdays (except school holidays) 9 a.m.	Celtic Prayer

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*

Please note the next Newsletter will include details of Ugborough Fair events.

(I use Microsoft word, font Comic Sans. Any articles as attachments in this format would be particularly welcome.)

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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 May is 5th.

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

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To claim, ring Kate on 01752 892725 (evenings only).