

UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

April 2015



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Garden Club Anne Holway

Our April meeting will be on **Wednesday 15th** at 8 p.m. in the Old Post Office. **(Please note change of date for this month only)** Our speaker will be Tom Maddox, a well known local figure, whose illustrated talk is entitled 'A World of Wildlife'.



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

We break for Easter from March 27th and return the week beginning 13th April. Let's hope the horses and hardworking volunteers can enjoy some spring sunshine and warmth!

Some of our Group will be handing out invitations to attend an

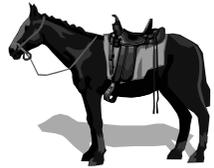
exclusive private viewing of the Art and Sculpture exhibition at Delamore, Cornwood on Friday 8th May, 6.30 p.m. - 9 p.m.. This is a treat not to be missed, when we can admire the work of local artists and have the opportunity to mingle with RDA supporters. The exhibition is open to the public for the whole of May - and we are delighted to have been chosen as their Charity for 2015.

We are grateful too to have been selected by Elfordleigh Golf Club as their Charity of the Year.

Volunteers..... We do keep asking for your help, but peoplepower is our limiting factor in providing riding for many potential clients in the local area.

Do get in touch if you can help in any way.

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Ivybridge U3A - Jean Sherrell

The April General Meeting of Ivybridge U3A will be held at the Watermark on Monday 20th April at 2 p.m.

The Speaker will be Emily Morris who will be talking about "The Work of the Ivybridge Donkey Sanctuary"

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

March has seen a few celebrations in preschool - with activities themed around St David's Day, Chinese New Year and World Book Day. We have cooked and tried eating Welsh cakes, bean sprout stir fry and gingerbread men! We had a fun and productive week around World Book Day including reading books in big and small groups, guessing how many cherries were baked into a pie and dressing up as favourite book characters. We also held a very successful book sale and were really pleased to raise over £100, thank you to everyone for your donations. Toddler group children enjoyed decorating (and eating) gingerbread men as part of their usual Monday morning activities. The children also enjoyed arts and crafts activities, making presents to take home for Mothering Sunday.

At the time of writing, preschool and toddler group children and parents are looking forward to our Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday 26th March at Ugborough House. The toddler group continue to meet each Monday morning from 10 a.m.-11.30 a.m. during term time. Children from newborn to school age are very welcome with their carers, and we are always pleased to see new faces! For more information about preschool, breakfast and after school club, please see our website (ugboroughandbittafordpreschool.org.uk) and feel free to ring or e mail.

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

Sainsbury's Vouchers

We are collecting these vouchers to exchange for Active Kids equipment. Please ask your family, friends and neighbours, shopping at Sainsbury's, to save these for us up to 5th May! Thank you.

Diary Dates

30 th March - 10 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 13 th April	First Day Summer Term

Beacon Federation Governors Vacancy for a Co-opted Governor

We are pleased to announce the recent appointment of Catherine Rees and Mike Moulden to the Federation's Governing Body.

We now have another vacancy so if you are keen to share the responsibility for the strategic direction of the schools and ensure the continuing development of the Federation we would love to hear from you. The governors believe passionately that every child deserves the best possible education during their primary schooling.

We meet monthly, serve for a 4 year term and are a mix of parents, members of staff and people from the wider community. You do need to be able to visit the schools during the day from time to time.

If you would like to find out more about being a governor or to discuss this informally with one of us please contact the school office at Ermington (01548 830459) or Ugborough (01752 8924890) or email admin@ermington.devon.sch.uk before Friday 17th April.

Thank you Sue Roberts *Chair of Governors*

Ceremonial flying of the Flag.

The flag will be flown on the following occasions-

April 21st

Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II

April 23rd

St. George's Day



Ugborough Local History Group- Merryl Docker

Join us on **Wednesday April 29th at 8 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall** when Terry Calcott will be presenting a most unusual view of Plymouth ~ from a kayak!

Learn how Plymouth emerged and grew from the water's edge. Terry will take us on a trip around Plymouth Sound from Bovisand to Picklecombe and will cover the geology, geography, flora and fauna and all the historic remains to be seen en route. Plymouth as you will never have seen it before!

Members free - non-members just £2 on the door. Tea and coffee will be served, with biscuits (if I remember them this time!). We are a friendly and informal group, do come and join us. For more information contact Merryl Docker (01752 893651)

Ugborough Parish Walking Group- Merryl Docker

Easter Sunday Walk ~ April 5th. Join us and please share your Easter Eggs! Meet in Ugborough Square at 10.45am for a jolly Spring Time Walk around our beautiful parish. Join us if you've never walked the many and varied paths and quiet lanes right on your own doorstep or if you just want to walk off the Easter goodies! The spring flowers are coming out to delight us all. Bring your four legged friends too. The routes and pace are suitable for everyone. For more information about our public rights of way please contact Merryl Docker (01752 893651) or Tom Holway (01752 941872). See you soon.



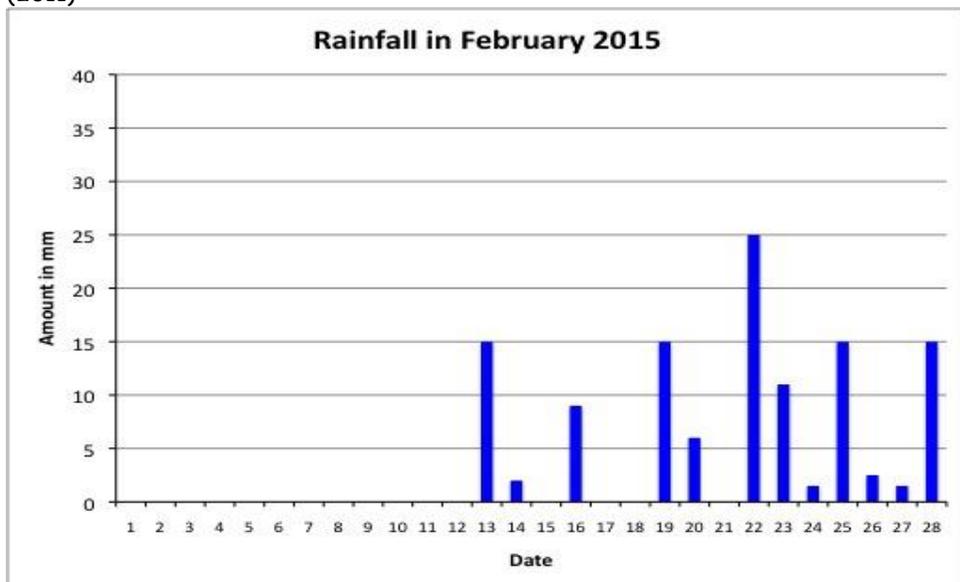
Allotments available

There are a small number of Allotments available at Hookmoor Cross, size 5m x 10m. The cost is £20 per year; the site is flat with beautiful views towards the moor, water supplied in a mobile tank, and well-rotted manure delivered to site as required. Please contact David or Jane on 01752 892674, or email info@hillhead-farm.co.uk Make this the year you start growing your own tasty veg, and getting yourself fit at the same time!

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

February's rainfall chart is below. 118.5mm (4.7') recorded.

For comparison, rainfall recorded at Shellwood Hill during the last four Febs has been: 229mm (2014); 60mm (2013); 48.5mm (2012) and 140.5mm (2011)



SPORTS REPORT - Janner Motson

WEMBELEY, WEMBELEY!

With news reaching our office that the Uggies were off the Wembley we decided to get down to the club and meet the characters that were soon to be bound for the big time.

First up was the new German coach, Herr Lakker, famous for his hair-raising approach to training and the combing of the continental league for talent. In the back-room we found the physio, Betty Bashum and the commercial manager, Bob Ajobb, both long time servants of the men in green.

We saw some of the players out on the training ground at the back of the Ship discussing tactics. Up front are the strikers Phil Massocks and Willy Everskor, perhaps the most profligate pair in the league. In defence there are the experienced Abel Tokikit and Andy Tuhaff, who recently teamed up with exciting youth prospects: Dom Inneight and Brish Kithouse.

In midfield the gaffer has changed things as he now plays a 3-1-1-1-1-1-1 formation to confuse the opposition. At the centre of the action is playmaker Ed Overbar and the engine room Justin Nikotyne. Goals also come from the midfield through Ada Notherwon and Mo Thanmost.

Backing them all up is the ever-present keeper Lotte Stoppe. That just left the Fanzine editor, who the team see as an important must, Ava Laff. How can this team possibly lose?

Late news just in...it appears that the Uggies are in fact going to Wembury.....

Beryl's Bookworms -Sue Johns

Most people love a good Whodunit - and this month's novel 'Cuckoo Calling', a first novel by Robert Galbraith proved a popular read for all of the Group.



This book has all the requirements of a good detective novel: - Cormoran Strike, a run of the mill PI, in the form of an overweight, Afghanistan veteran amputee - down on his luck both financially and in his private life (!), and the prerequisite Girl Friday who is calm, super-efficient and always there to support and avert disaster in the nick of time. The plot involves the investigation of the supposed suicide of a troubled super model, set in the world of high powered friends and family -vices and idiosyncrasies' to the fore.

Reviewing this book inevitably involved discussion about the author who is a JK Rowling alias. The manuscript was not initially accepted by various publishing houses, until Rowling's own publisher took the plunge. Similarly the novel was not selling well until the true identity of the author was 'leaked'!

However, we all agreed the novel was well written, with good attention to detail, well drawn characters, plenty of clues and red herrings, and the revelation of the killer a surprise to most of us - all of which you might expect from an experienced author used to writing for the masses.

A real page turner (though some of us found it difficult to 'get in to'); it will inevitably be the beginning of series of Galbraith yarns. Our score: 3.8 out of 5.

Most of us concluded however that Kate Atkinson's Jackson Brodie does have the edge.....

Next Month: We Were Liars by E Lockhart

St Peters Church, Ugborough - Ladies Committee

WHIST DRIVE

In the Village Hall

On Wednesday 8th April at 7.30 pm

Tea, Coffee & Biscuits

£3 entrance

All Welcome



Your Stars Tonight.

The great eclipse was a very English event - although perhaps it was more positive than our recent cricket and football achievements - a very half-hearted "will it/ won't it" morning where the eclipse struggled to break through the murk in the usual curmudgeonly display of Devon weather. But in the end it exuded a primeval sense that something cosmically odd and beyond our control was happening. I planned a walk around the parish to watch it from different locations and the steamed dieter insisted on preparing a suitable Health and Safety risk assessment covering numerous potential disasters such as being gored by panic stricken heifers or trampled underfoot by a stud of fear crazed stallions. I made a feeble quip about being mauled by lynx looking for a Safari Supper but was sternly put down. The proposed reintroduction of the lynx to keep down the rabbit and deer population as in pre- Norman times is an interesting example of humankind doing retro fixes to their battered planet - but it should add a spice to the Village Walks.

All this talk of lynx prompted me to find out more about the Lynx constellation. The Polish brewer, councillor and astronomer, Hevelius, added it to the list of constellations in 1690. My trusty 1956 "Introducing Astronomy" dismisses it in unusually terse fashion as "an inconspicuous constellation containing no object of particular interest". For the connoisseur it can be found in the late evening eastern sky as a faint zigzag of stars squashed between the Plough and Auriga (the Charioteer) - another obscure but slightly more exciting constellation.

It does not compete with the constellation of Leo which now dominates the southern sky until midnight. It is easy to find (although our solitary reader in New Zealand will have to stay up to 5 a.m. and stand on her head to get the same view) as it is just to the left of Jupiter which is still blazing away high in the sky above Ugborough. Look for reverse question mark (or a sickle shape if you come from an agricultural background) that makes Leo's head and mane - and the rest of his body quickly becomes evident. With a telescope this area of the sky is fascinating as it provides a gap in our own Milky Way Galaxy to enable us to peer through into the immense distances of intergalactic space and glimpse the multitude of galaxies far beyond. Through my telescope most of these are just smudges of haze on the limits of visibility but it is humbling to realise their star light started its journey to us not long after the demise of the dinosaurs.

Seeing these faint galaxies requires the eye to adapt to complete darkness so moonlight and torches have to be avoided. Another feline theme comes to mind - last time I was out galaxy spotting I was interrupted and had to go into the summer house. The door was open to allow access for the electric cable and as I entered the pitch black interior there was a rustle and the steamed dieter's rocking chair was gently oscillating. Was it the ghost of Galileo urging me on with my astronomic endeavours or (preferably) the spirit of Terry Pratchett keeping an eye on me? In the end it turned out to be a variant on the conundrum of Schrodinger's quantum cat - a very black cat in a very dark room may or may not exist simultaneously with my presence.

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

It seems we have a great amount of talented ladies in and around the village...

After having plenty of fun we have upped the game a little to TWO nights a month! We are sticking with the first Tuesday of the month and also added the Third Tuesday.

April's meetings will be Tuesday 7th and Tuesday 21st in The Anchor at 6 p.m. 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.

Anchor News

3rd April (Good Friday) Fish Specials

4th April- Rick the Stick

5th April- (Easter Sunday) Easter Egg Hunt

Wednesday 8th April- Ladies that lunch

Horse and Groom News

The next Horse and Groom Bittaford charity *Cider and Sausage* sizzle will be held on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th April.

We will be raising funds for the Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled and the Brain Tumour Charity. With over 20 westcountry ciders and locally made sausages on the BBQ, live bands, charity Auction and raffle, a great weekend for all....

See you all there!

Ugborough Village Hall- Stafford Williams

Some of you will have had difficulty using the website to make bookings, so it is important that you make bookings direct to Philomena Jones (07866 518333) until a new site and diary can be developed.

A notice that the Hall is to be used all day on **Thursday 7th May as a polling station** so will not be available for hire.

The big news this month is the first tentative steps in considering a refurbishment of the Hall. After 45 years the space is proving limiting and the building is rather tired. One proposal is for a 2-storey building with more storage, more rooms and better access upstairs, but the committee will be canvassing opinion in the coming months. It will be a key topic to be discussed at **the AGM on 12th May** and it is hoped that interested parties will join the usual throng for this important event. The AGM is the time for the whole community to have their say on how the Hall is run.

Inside, we now have a new fridge freezer and will soon have the dishwasher plumbed-in. The Pre-School parents and staff have painted the lower walls in the main hall and the Committee wishes to thank them for an excellent job.

Mary's Coffee Morning in Aid of the Church *Shelley Hutcheon*

A massive thank you to everyone who supported the coffee morning. It was a beautiful day with lots of people, some of which have been coming for the estimated 35 years the coffee morning has been running!! Special thanks to the dedicated team of helpers including Stacey who was supposed to be in bed with a cold, Sally on the cakes, Sue J on the raffle and Sue W and Sheila on the teas and coffees, and of course George on the door. Thank you also to everyone who donated an amazing amount of cakes and raffle prizes. We raised just over £285.00 which will go the General Church Fund.

Ugborough Community Coppice *Matthew Fairclough matt.fk@mail.com*

This is a brief Ugborough Community Coppice update. The group has made great progress and the new coppice trees are now in the ground. It's a new era for this previously lost patch of land and if you'd like to get involved then do get in contact. We meet on the last Sunday of the month at 1.30 p.m.

Over the last year the group have cleared hundreds of brambles and scrub trees from a strip of land at Ugborough House (Parsonage Lane) to make way for a new managed community coppice. Coppices are an ancient concept and can produce all sorts of useful things. They are great places for nature and great places for people. The project has already generated a huge pile of firewood for use by the group, which will season over the coming months. It has the potential to yield all sorts of other wooden things too: Baskets, furniture, fencing, garden supports, plates, bowls, spoons, even rope and the list goes on!

Thanks to the Woodland Trust, over 100 tiny trees are now on site. The Rowans, Silver Birches and Willows have now been planted out, whilst the new Oaks and Hawthorns remain in the nursery bed ready for planting out soon. Already on the site and saved from the saw are Limes, Elders, Hollies, Hazels, Oaks and Hawthorns.

Over the next year the group will be focusing on the front of the coppice, working on the boundary hedge, tending the young saplings, attending rural skills courses, and processing the firewood to shorten the seasoning period.

We are hoping to make a bench or stools and a table for the coppice, so people can pause and enjoy the nature around them. Come the summer we'll be hosting another social event where everyone can enjoy the area, without breaking a sweat.

This is a community space and anyone is welcome to join the group, you'll get out what you put in, meet like-minded people, eat cake and drink tea!

Best wishes, Ugborough Community Coppice Group

Farmhouse Lunch *Sue Johns*

A date for your Diaries- Farmhouse Lunch at Dunwell Farm in aid of St Peter's Church Funds- on Wednesday May 6th.

National Plant Monitoring Scheme

EVERY FLOWER COUNTS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL STOCK TAKE OF UK'S WILDFLOWERS *Making plants a priority*

The new National Plant Monitoring Scheme (NPMS), launching in spring 2015, will for the first time enable scientists to take an annual stock take of the UK's wild plants and their habitats, but to do this we need the public's help. We are looking for volunteers to carry out surveys of wildflowers and their habitats that will provide robust evidence of which widespread plants are increasing or declining, as well as indicating the changing state of our most valued habitats such as grassland, fenland and even road verges. For more information on the NPMS and how to take part please visit www.npms.org.uk

Calling All Thespians, Musicians, Stage Hands, Front of House Wannabees, Costume Creators and Scenery Construction Buffs!

A few of us keen to start a light hearted Am Dram Group are meeting in
The Committee Room, Ugborough Village Hall
at 7.30 p.m. on April 15th, 'Oh yes we are....!'

Do join us if you are at all interested.

All ages and talents (or just keen) - are most welcome!

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

Website First, important news - both the community and Parish Council websites are having a spring clean. The Parish Council website has been unreachable for a few months now, ever since we were 'dumped' by our webhost. The Clerk has set up a new website using the temporary web address above and is trying to reclaim the original web address, or domain name.

The election is just around the corner (if you have not noticed), which includes the Parish Council election. Not all the existing Parish Councillors will be standing for re-election and it would be good to have some 'new blood' in the Parish Council. If you would like to stand as Parish Councillor, a nomination paper pack can be obtained from SHDC, and an electronic pack will be available on the (new) Ugborough website. The completed nomination papers must be delivered to SHDC between the hours of 10am and 4pm until 4pm on the 9 April.

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 2pm, and refreshments will be provided. Look out for more details next month.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan is progressing well, with the local affordable housing need survey being issued and the development of objectives to be included in the interim report, which will be a community information and consultation publication.

District Cllr Ward reported on the Community Trigger initiative - a process which allows members of the community to ask the Community Safety Partnership to review their responses to complaints of anti-social behaviour. The Trigger is designed to ensure we work together to try and resolve certain repeat incidents of anti-social behaviour, and more information is available from the Community Safety Officer at 01626 361101 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm)

Email: communitysafety@teignbridge.gov.uk

Local Homes for Local People is a brief guide to housing from SHDC and explains a variety of schemes to make affordable housing available to those on low incomes who are unable to afford to rent or buy a home on the open market. In addition to Social Rented Housing, there are a variety of schemes, such as the Affordable Rent Model, Shared Ownership, Discounted Market Sale, Rent to Buy, and the SHIRE scheme. For more information and a leaflet, call the Affordable Housing Team on 01803 861234 or email customer.services@southhams.gov.uk

Planning applications No objections were raised to the: retrospective application for rebuild and conversion of bunk barn at Whitmore Barn, Modbury; the extension to provide accommodation for elderly relative at North East Barn, West Peeks Farm, Bittaford; the reserved matters relating to the single dwelling at Donkey Lane, Ugborough; nor to the ground floor extension at Brookwood House, Moorhaven. No objections, subject to design modifications, were raised to the proposed outbuilding at 1 Tower Lane, Moorhaven, or the replacement home office at Crossways Cottage, Filham.

TAP funding has been granted by SHDC & DCC towards two schemes in the Parish. In conjunction with Holbeton and Modbury Parish Councils, £6000 has been allocated towards the provision of defibrillators. And in conjunction with Ermington, Holbeton & Modbury Parish Councils, £2000 has been allocated towards a 'Tool Pool' to be used for highway maintenance through the Community Lengthsman.

Community Speedwatch has been suggested to control speeding traffic through Bittaford. A team of at least 4 community volunteers would use a speed monitoring device to record speeds, which would generate letters to speeding drivers. The police would vet the volunteers and approve a 'safe' location to carry out the work. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact the Clerk

VE Day Celebrations 10th May Any ideas how the community should celebrate the 70th year anniversary? I am sure Ugborough would not wish to miss this opportunity.

Dartmoor Life in the First World War is an exhibition at the National Park Visitor Centre in Princetown, running until the 9 September. Ugborough Parish is included, so it might be worth a visit.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 1st April at 7.30 p.m. - the last meeting before the election

Get involved Locally Become a Parish Councillor

Parish Council elections are on Thursday 7 May

Nomination forms are available from South Hams District Council, or can be downloaded from ugboroughpc.wordpress.com **Act now!**

Completed Nomination forms must be submitted *by hand* to SHDC by 4pm on Thursday 9 April

Get involved in issues which affect you and your Parish - Planning, highways, footpaths, environment, recreation, Police...

Parish Council Meetings are held once a month and training is available

For more information, call Chairman George Beable on 01364 649273, Clerk Sarah Woodman 01364 661127 or email ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk

Or contact the South Hams District Council Electoral Office on or email elections@southhams.gov.uk

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Bittaford Methodist Chapel Jutta Berger 01752 698381

Help Needed

This very small village church that celebrated its centenary in 2014 is under threat of being closed, due to lack of funds.

It is a much loved place of worship within a small village community and would be greatly missed by many.

Please come and see for yourself if this is the church you would like to save and support. You would find a very sincere and warm welcome.

Please pray, if God's will, that this small church can remain open and continue to serve its community in the future as it has served in the past.

Our services for April

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

Services start at 10.30 a.m. unless otherwise shown.

April	5th	Rev.Ralph Ward	Sacrament of Holy Communion	2.30 p.m.
	12th	Mrs.Val Merriott		
	19th	Rev.David Youngs	Sacrament of Holy Communion	
	26th	Mrs.Jo Smart		

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

Green Pastures Coffee Bar for families with small children.

Open every Friday from 10 a.m. 'til 12 noon including School Holidays!

St. Peter's Church, Ugborough

Some thoughts on Eastertide

My dear Friends,

One of the most fruitful ways to find guidance for the Good Life is to read the Bible with its rich teaching and plethora of examples of holiness - and wickedness - against which to measure ourselves and the world of today.

And one of the most fruitful ways to read the Bible is to allow our imaginations a fairly free rein so that the incidents recorded may have the greatest relevance to our own particular personalities, experience and circumstances.

So we might imagine ourselves at any of the events - or put ourselves into the shoes of one of the characters who was there. What do **we** see, hear and feel? How do the other people involved impact on **us**? What significance does the incident have for **us**? What can **we** learn?

So let's, maybe shivering a bit in the early morning air, step out with Mary Magdalene to that garden within sight of Calvary on that Sunday morning 36 hours after Jesus had "given up the ghost". Jesus, our friend, the one who had affirmed the value of each one of us in God's sight, who had pushed the boundaries of acceptance to attack prejudice, hypocrisy and hard-heartedness, whatever the cost to himself - a cost that had turned out to be execution in one of the most agonising ways devised by mankind. Jesus, whose integrity was absolute, whose love was without limits, who had revealed himself as the surest Way to reach the heart of God.

How empty and desolate our hearts this morning as we come to perform the last rites for our beloved Lord, to ensure the hasty burial he had received just before sunset was upgraded to a decent and honourable state. What are the implications for our loyalty, love and trust? What can the future hold - for our immediate safety and well-being and for our long-term belief and security? The hour before dawn is often the darkest and this morning the prospect of the rising sun just mocks us - were we completely deluded?

What does await us in that garden? A staggering find - **not** a mangled, blood-stained corpse "sealed in a stone cold tomb" as one of our Epiphany carols puts it, but an empty space, the question, "Why are you searching among the dead for one who is alive?" and the bald statement, "He is not here". Confusion reigns but hope glimmers...

So, our perceptions have to change and we have to embark on a new journey, which will take the rest of our lives to complete, one of exploration and discovery as we tentatively become aware of Christ, alive and vibrant in the world and within our own hearts, encouraging us to trust in God's unlimited power to turn around the most dire of situations that we can face in "normal" life, to bring good from evil, hope from despair and life from death. Let's pray for grace to live in this faith, to die in this hope and to share this infinite love.

Jesus Christ is risen today, our triumphant holy day,

who did once upon the cross, suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

With love and Easter greetings from Philip and myself to you all, Caroline

Reflection on the Women's World Day of Prayer

I think everyone enjoyed the very unique service with its Bahamian flavour - likewise the coconut & fruit refreshments afterwards. Besides songs and hymns of praise, we also had chance to meditate on ways of serving others as Christ exemplified in his washing of the disciples' feet. Thanks to Josh & Finn for acting out the action and to everyone else from all 7 parishes who contributed to the worship.

Among the suggestions for service, written on the paper feet we each had, were some that bear a wider audience - forgetting self, listening to others carefully, feeding the hungry, caring for the homeless, buying the Big Issue more often, forgiving others, looking beyond the outward appearance and being accepting of others, warts and all. These give us plenty of opportunity to be a serving people, strengthened by our faith in our Servant King as we celebrate his glorious Resurrection and Exaltation.

Ugborough's Heritage-Liz Tingle & Peter Povey

A major condition of St. Peter's Church receiving the large grant towards the cost of repairing the north aisle roof is that the Church must ensure that parishioners and visitors of all ages have the opportunity of learning more about Ugborough's heritage, and particularly about the history of the Church. The Church Council is holding a number of open events to fulfil this condition. Three events at St. Peter's Church have been arranged for April and May, to which there is an invitation to all to attend:

Thursday, 23rd April during the Thursday Coffee Morning: Sue Andrew, who last year lectured to Ugborough Local History Group, will be visiting St. Peter's again to talk about Ugborough's fine set of bosses. She will showcase the bosses with the aid of the new English Oak mirror trolley acquired through the HLF grant. This will be an informal tutoring by someone who is an expert on medieval roof bosses in Devon churches, and who recently appeared on BBC South West *Inside Out*.

Saturday, 25th April at 2 p.m.: An afternoon on *Death and Burial in Ugborough*. An internal tour of the Church to look at the monuments, led by Liz Tingle; an external tour of the Churchyard majoring on the Friends of St. Peter's Church Churchyard Survey, led by Martin Tingle.

Sunday, 31st May at 2.30 p.m.: The official Launch of the permanent Display on the history of the Church produced following research in the Department of History & Art History of Plymouth University under Dr. Elizabeth Tingle's direction. Further details of the Launch will appear in the May edition of this Newsletter.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting- Sunday 26th April after the service.

Please don't feel it only concerns the PCC members - it is for **all** parishioners and those who worship in our churches. The involvement of many more people in the affairs of your parish churches would be very welcome. If you've been baptised or if you put "C of E" on forms, the implication is that you make that description real, alive and active - and here's an obvious place to start, along with regular worship, Sunday by Sunday.

A Week of Accompanied Prayer 19th - 25th April

The churches in South Brent are co-operating to make this offer to people who would like to learn more about prayer and "how to do it" - a sort of retreat in daily life. The commitment is to spend half an hour a day in prayer and a further half-hour meeting with a prayer companion to share discussion and ideas. If you would like to find out more, please contact Caroline on 01803 868445

St Peter's Church Services in April

Please note times and places for services this month.

Date and time	Service
Sunday 5th April Easter Day 6 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	Dawn Easter Communion at Dunwell Farm Sung Eucharist
Sunday 12 th April 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 19th April 10.30 a.m.	Mission Community service at St Peters and St Pauls Ermington, led by the Bishop of Masasi (No service at Ugborough)
Sunday 26 th April 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist APCM after the service
Tuesdays (except school holidays) 9 a.m.	Celtic Prayer

Special Services and events for Holy Week

Monday 30th March 7 p.m. Compline St Peter's, Ugborough
Tuesday 31st March 7 p.m. Devotional Service St Peter & St Pauls, Ermington
Wednesday 1st April 7 p.m. Compline St Peter's, Ugborough
Maundy Thursday 7 p.m. Eucharist of the Last Supper St Peter's, Ugborough
Good Friday 3rd April 2 p.m. Liturgy of Good Friday St Peter & St Pauls, Ermington
6 p.m. The Cross of Christ, St Peter & St Paul's, Ermington
Saturday 4th April- 10 a.m. Children's Easter Workshop at St. Peter's, Ugborough
A chance to make an Easter garden, enjoy seasonal crafts and cooking. Hear the Easter story in word and song. All welcome.
Sunday 5th April 6 a.m. Holy Communion, Dunwell Farm, Ugborough



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

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Parish matters may also be referred to our Reader

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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 ONG.

The deadline is 15th of the month please. Thank you for keeping to this.

E mail is welcome to *norma-davidroe@tiscali.co.uk* (I use Microsoft word, font Comic Sans. Any articles as attachments in this format would be particularly welcome.)

A New Ugborough Website is being created - a variety of groups are working together to get a new site uploaded soon If you would like to be involved by either helping update the site to keep it fresh or by providing new information about groups or activities please email Vici at *vici@mondopeople.org* or phone 01752 898799

Sincere thanks to Richard Barker for all the hard work he has put in for us over the last few years. It has been a most informative website and hopefully it will soon be up and running effectively again. We wish Richard well.

Your Newsletter is available online at the temporary Parish Council website

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 April is 7th

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

Bill Hosking

What a wonderful celebration of Bill's life was held at a packed St. Peter's on 18th March! A splendid tribute to a much loved member of the community.

We send our love and prayers to Joy, Mary and Richard- he will be sadly missed by all .

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