

# UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mid-July/August 2015



**Congratulations to all those involved in making Ugborough Fair week such a happy and successful occasion.**

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## Garden Club Anne Holway

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 8 p.m. in the Old Post Office which will just give Shelley time to catch her breath after the Fair before coming up with the final plans for our Flower and Produce Show in the Village Hall on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August. Schedules will be available at the end of July from Hillhead Farm or a member of the Garden Club. All entries will be in the Village Hall this year, along with the cream teas. Do please enter and help keep this village tradition going.



The Square is looking really good, thanks to the volunteers armed with buckets, trowels, brushes etc. who set to, often on hands and knees, to get rid of the weeds. Thanks also to George Fletcher and his 'little helper' Clive who have transformed the Bus Shelter after several days of hard work, and to Philomena for the bacon butties to keep everyone going. It would be very much appreciated if any of you who live in the Square are able to give a drink of water to the flowers in the tubs.

### **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.

### **Ceremonial flying of the Flag.**

The flag will be flown on the following occasions-

**July 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Birthday of the Duchess of Cornwall*

**August 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Birthday of the Princess Royal*



### **Congratulations to Tessa and Hannah's for their cycle challenge**

It was great to see Tessa and Hannah at Ugborough Fair, now back home safely after their 500km cycle ride from Hungary to Slovenia. They crossed 4 borders and really enjoyed the challenge although it was quite stressful at times. They raised an amazing £2510.09 for Oxfam's Nepal Earthquake Appeal and thank everyone for their support. Well done to you both.

**Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School** (incorporating Breakfast Club and After School Club) Charity Number 1043499- *Catherine Gwynne*

Opening Times	8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday - Friday
Contact	07763215455 <i>admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk</i>
Baby and Toddler Group	Monday 10 a.m.-11.30 a.m. in Ugborough Village Hall Find us on Facebook

As the end of term approaches, we are spending time helping our older children with their transition to Primary School. We highly value our close links with Ugborough Primary School including our weekly session joining Mrs Crudge in the Foundation Class and our regular use of the school grounds. We hope that this regular contact, in addition to the school run transition days, prepares the children well for the change. If my Thomas and his little crowd of friends who transitioned from pre-school last September are anything to go by, the preparation for school was thorough and relaxed, meaning the start of term was a fun and exciting time with no tears; such a relief for us anxious Mums and Dads!

Thank you to everybody that came along and made Ugfest such a great occasion. We hope you'll agree that the venue, entertainment, food and drink combined perfectly for a fantastic night out. We certainly enjoyed ourselves! We are very grateful for the incredible generosity of local people and businesses who made the event possible and who donated prizes for the raffle and silent auction. We are delighted to announce an outstanding fundraising amount of £2233.42 for our charity, which has enabled us to meet our fundraising target for this year. We are putting the funds towards new storage units to align with Ofsted's advice on children's choice of activities; ensuring Forest School and Musikgarten can continue in the Autumn term; leavers' gifts and arts and crafts resources.

Looking ahead to the next academic year, we are delighted to be keeping some familiar faces and welcoming some new. If you would like any information about your child joining Pre-School, Breakfast or After School Club, please don't hesitate to contact us.

**The Beacon Federation** - Executive Headteacher - Mrs. Jane Byrne

Ugborough Primary School.

As the end of term is fast approaching, our Year 6's are super busy! Events kick off on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July with the joint Year 6 Production of Romeo and Juliet at the Watermark, followed by a walk and BBQ at Mrs Byrne's house on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July (fingers crossed for decent weather) with their compatriots from Ermington and last, but not least, the Leavers' Assembly on the last day of term, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 2.45 p.m.

The first day of the Autumn Term is Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

**The Friends of Ugborough School** would like to say a big thank you to everyone who braved the weather and came to the Summer Fair on 26<sup>th</sup> June.

The children (and adults) had a great time and we managed to raise over £1000. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes, bottles and their time to help as well as everyone who bought raffle tickets and spent money at the fair. Without your help and support we wouldn't be able to run these events. With that in mind as one school year is ending we are now looking towards the next school year. The Friends committee can only survive if we regularly get new members so if you can help us support the children and the school then we would love to see you at our next meeting in September - we let you know the dates via the flyer at the start of the new term.

If you aren't able to come to the committee meetings but can help out at events then please let us know via the school office or our email address [friendsofugborough@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofugborough@gmail.com)

**Ivybridge U3A** - Jean Sherrell

Retired or no longer working full time? Keen to meet people, learn new things, have new experiences? IVYBRIDGE U3A could be just what you are looking for!

The next General Meeting will be at THE WATERMARK, Ivybridge on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Speaker: Eileen Line My Work as a TV and Film Extra

The August General Meeting of the Ivybridge U3A will be held at the Watermark on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 2 p.m. The Speaker will be Nigel Grist on "The Hills and Tors of Dartmoor" New and potential members welcome.

The U3A offers a wide range of interest groups for you to join including Walking, Gardens, Dartmoor Archaeology, Etymology, Bridge, Tai Chi, Local History - and many more.

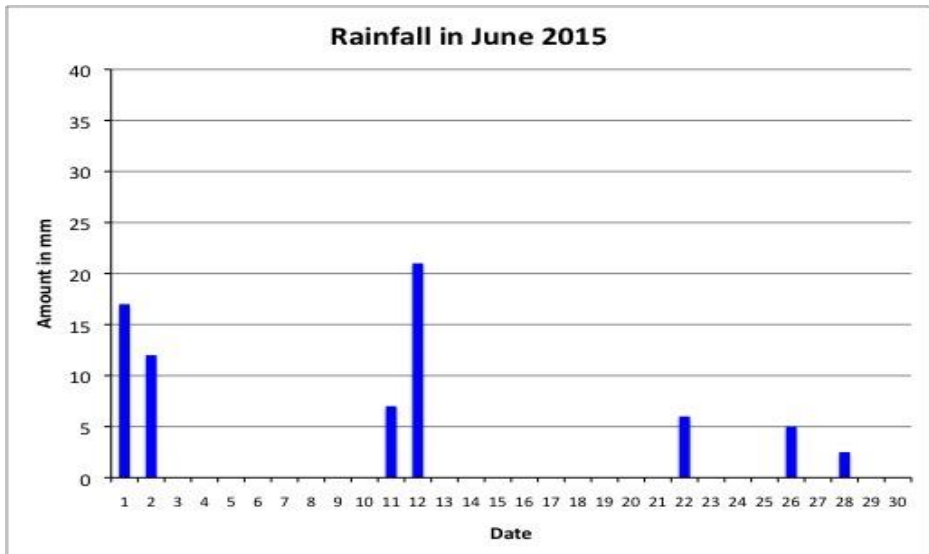
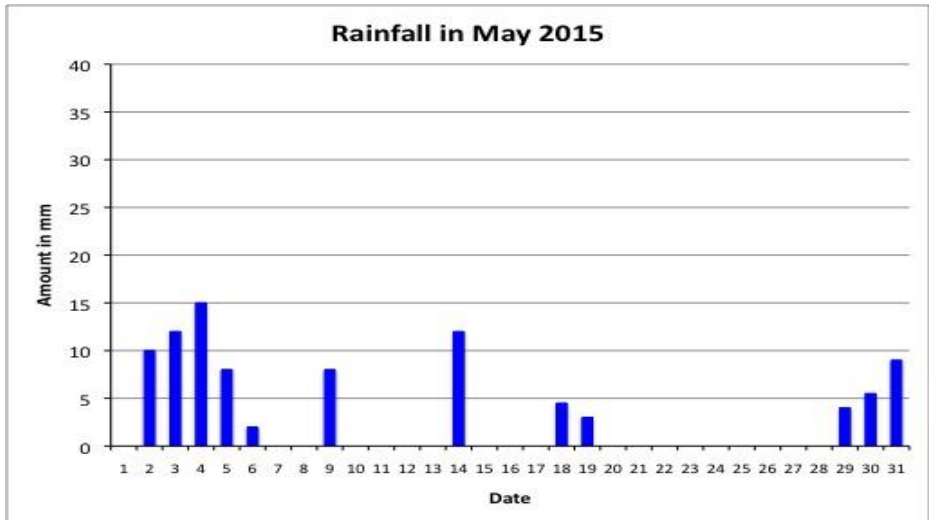
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### Rainfall at Shellwood Hill *George Arnison*

Below are my rainfall charts for May and June for Shellwood Hill, where I recorded 93.0mm (3.7") and 70.5mm (2.8") respectively.

These compare to the last four Mays of 29.5mm (2011), 92.0mm (2012), 85.0mm (2013) and 120.0mm (2014) and the last four Junes: 111.5mm (2011), 235.0mm (2012), 68.0mm (2013) and 89.5mm (2014).



### Ugborough Parish Walking Group - *Merryl Docker*

Join us for a summer stroll around the Parish on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**. Meet in **Ugborough Square at 10.45 a.m.** Weather will determine our destination! Come suitably dressed and booted, who knows what the weather will bring! Our walks are easy, friendly affairs - not long route marches - all the family and doggie friends will be made very welcome. For more information contact Merryl Docker (01752 893651) or Tom Holway (01752 941872). See you soon.



### Beryl's Bookworms (*Joan Fletcher in Sue's absence*)

This month's book was *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins. This book has been topping the best seller lists for some time - did we think this is justified? The story revolves around Rachel who catches the same commuter train every morning. The train stops at the same signal overlooking a row of back gardens and Rachel starts to feel she knows the people who live in one of the houses. She gives them names and sees their life as the perfect life she doesn't have. However everything changes when she sees something shocking.

We shared Rachel's fascination with the glimpses of other lives from a train journey, feeling this was a very human impulse to be voyeuristic. We thought the book's strengths were the clever plot and powerful descriptions that made us feel very uncomfortable at times. The story is told through the eyes of three different women but we felt these characters, and indeed the other characters, could have been better developed by the author and we found it difficult to relate to any of them. Some of us described the people in the book as 'all rather horrible'.

Overall the book is a very clever idea, albeit rather contrived at times, and a good read which we gave an average of 3.5 out of 5.

Next month we read *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt which promises to be a more challenging read not least for its length!

## **Devon Historic Churches Day Saturday 12th September. Gareth Jones (Taff)**

Dear all, as many of you know, on behalf of St Peter's church I am the parish organiser for the above event, it used to be called "ride & stride". For a number of years with the help of Adrian and others we have helped raise in the order of £500 each year for the above charity, 50% of monies raised go to Devon Historic Churches and the other 50% goes to St Peter's.

Adrian is too ill to take part this year but if you would like to help raise money for our church and the DHC charity then please contact me to get a sponsorship form. You do not need to get your bike out, you could walk and take a picnic to North Huish or even travel further afield by car, just get your friends to sponsor your day out.

With so much building work, heating and lighting to be sorted every little bit collected is much appreciated so please take up the challenge this year and collect a sponsorship form.

### **SeaMoor Children's Centre**

Special events over the summer holidays-

#### **Mondays**

**Holiday Fun at The Den, South Brent and Baby Clinic 1.30 - 3 p.m.**

20<sup>th</sup> July, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug, 10<sup>th</sup> Aug, 17<sup>th</sup> Aug, 24<sup>th</sup> Aug

**Stay and Play with Baby Clinic** Family support available from SeaMoor staff

#### **Tuesdays**

**Holiday Fun at The Den, South Brent. 10 - 11.30 a.m.**

21<sup>st</sup> July, 28<sup>th</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> Aug, 11<sup>th</sup> Aug, 18<sup>th</sup> Aug, 25<sup>th</sup> Aug

**Messy Play session.** Family support available from SeaMoor staff

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August Yealmpton Community Centre**

**1.45 - 3.15 p.m.** Summer fun with special guest Mervyn the Musikgarten man

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August Modbury Memorial Hall**

**11.15 - 12.45 p.m.** Summer fun with special guest Mervyn the Musikgarten man

#### **Thursdays**

**Bosom Buddies SeaMoor Children's Centre 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.**

23<sup>rd</sup> July, 30<sup>th</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> Aug, 13<sup>th</sup> Aug, 20<sup>th</sup> Aug, 27<sup>th</sup> Aug

**Friday 7 August Donkey Sanctuary, Filham Park, Ivybridge**

**10 - 11.30 a.m.** Arts, crafts, face-painting and donkey rides

**Booking is essential for this event. 01752 896356**



**Your Stars Tonight.** I have been privileged to accompany the steamed dieter on her most recent excursion. The mission statement was brief, direct and brooked no compromise - "drive to Norway and find the land of the midnight sun". It was thus that I found myself bound to the bonnet of Reggie to act as an awful warning to any natives daring to bar our way as we clove through France, Holland, Germany, Denmark Sweden until we finally staggered ashore at Kristiansand in southern Norway.

As I understand it, (and I can't check on the world wide web as yet again Ugborough has been disconnected), the Arctic Circle is the latitude where the sun never drops below the horizon at the time of the Summer Solstice. After driving the first 3000 kilometres it began to become apparent that Norway is a very long country (nearly 2000 km from bottom to top) and also that the Arctic Circle is an awful long way north. In the end the steamed dieter compromised on getting to the land of the midnight sunset.

I had been enthusiastic about the possibilities of starry nights in the vast emptiness of the northern Norway and seriously considered taking a telescope to take advantage of these unpolluted skies. In view of the Norwegian attitude to alcohol pricing I would have been better off stocking up on a few wine making kits - and I belatedly realised that there is a fundamental contradiction between starry nights and the midnight sun. By the time we reached our furthest north at Alesund at midnight the sky was as bright as a November lunch time in Ugborough. So the big astronomical event of June - the close approach of a brilliant Venus to a fast fading Jupiter low in the sky just after dusk may have been a wondrous sight in Ugborough but in Alesund it was literally washed out. And even more ironically there was an enormous solar flare on 23<sup>rd</sup> June which gave an exceptional display of Northern Lights - visible as far south as gloomy Devon but completely invisible in the eternal sunset in Norway.

My inability to discern this contradiction reminded me of a completely loopy book called "The Hollow Earth" that I picked up years ago in a second hand bookshop in California. Written in the 1960's by Raymond Bernard, an American UFO enthusiast and part time mystic, it worked to its conclusions through the impeccable logic method used to great effect by conspiracy theorists worldwide. 1. Flying saucers exist. 2. It is scientifically impossible that they come from outer space. 3. Therefore they must come from somewhere on earth. . 4. There is abundant evidence (despite vigorous attempts by the US government to suppress the truth) that the earth is a hollow sphere with a miniature sun in the



centre and holes at both the North and South Pole from which the UFO's emerge when the whim takes them. Inside the hollow earth the UFO pilots lived in halcyon peace until disturbed after 1945 by us on top crashing and banging about with nuclear weapons which had jolted them out of their reverie.

Next year's destination will be "the hole at the North Pole or bust".

### **SPORTS REPORT - Janner Motson**

#### **Busy Summer of Sport**

Early July saw the cricketers beat South Brent in a last over chase of 133 at the Brent Rec. Honours went the Ugborough way after McClement kept the run rate competitive until Clough joined little Priv at the crease with 4 overs left to get 42 runs. Clough showed the same form as the recent England one-day squad in a quick-fire 32 to bring home the bacon. The match followed the disappointment of losing to Ermington, despite the Uggies keeping that team to 91 from the 20 overs. Steady loss of wickets on a difficult pitch meant that the priority was getting the beers in at the very hospitable Crooked Spire. Next up is Yealmpton with the selectors looking hard at the form of some of the old-timers, particularly Hobart and Parham.

Fair Football proved to be the best tournament for many a year, with a high standard of play and excellent sportsmanship. Early favourites Real So-So-Bad topped their group as expected under Premier Manager Hughes. However, it was the curse of penalties that did for them in the Quarter-Finals and it was 2 others of the group that met in the Final. A very competitive match saw penalties give the trophy to the Ballers ahead of the talented Here Comes When, possibly due to the high percentage of foreign players bussed in specially.

Pre-season training is underway with the Uggies who are looking forward to the September start with growing numbers and no shortage of talent. President of the Uggies, Derek Mc Adam-Kenna, asked SPORTS REPORT to let everyone know that trials for anyone from age 6-13 happen every Saturday morning at the Ivybridge Community College 9.30-11am. Please go along if you want to enjoy your football.

#### **Ugborough Village Hall- Stafford Williams**

The consultation on the future structure of the Hall is progressing well with many ideas from across the community. There is a desire to examine what people want, build consensus on the priorities and then look at practical options with neighbours and the planners. If suitable agreement and permission can be obtained there will be an effort to raise the necessary funds through grant

applications. The Committee will keep you informed through the newsletter, but if you have an input that we should consider please call the Secretary on 07941 588581.

Thanks are due to all those who have helped raise funds to support the Hall in the past year, be it from the Fair or cake sales. Please keep us in mind for future fund raising opportunities.

### Anchor Events- mid July and August

July	<p><b>New-</b> Steak Night on Fridays          3<sup>rd</sup> Tues - Stitch and the rest          27<sup>th</sup> - MUSIC -Live music in the bar from Nick the Fish from 9-11 p.m.</p>
August	<p>Steak nights as above          1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues - Stitch and the rest          6<sup>th</sup> - Tapas Night - Booking is recommended          12<sup>th</sup> - Ladies that Lunch          29<sup>th</sup> - Bank Hol Saturday - Live Music in the bar from Rick the Stick - LATE BAR!</p>

**Ugborough Parish Council** Clerk: Sarah Woodman 01364 661127  
 email: [ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk) Website: [ugboroughpc.wordpress.com](http://ugboroughpc.wordpress.com)

**Two new Parish Councillors** have been selected: Clive Hart, who is already a member of the Neighbourhood Plan team; and Matt Fairclough-Kay, who has involved the community in the renovation of Ugborough House and its surrounding land.

**One Parish Councillor vacancy** remains unfilled, and it is hoped to appoint the successful applicant at our next meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> July. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk or Chairman George Beable on 01364 649273.

**The Neighbourhood Development Plan** preparation is moving forward. The next steps are to: Clarify the number of homes needed in the plan area; develop the conservation area appraisal and associated management plan; site assessments; and environmental & biodiversity requirements.

**Planning applications** No objections were raised to the proposed two storey extension and alterations at Brackenhill, Ugborough.

**The 91 bus service** from Ugborough is to be restricted to a Friday. Your County Councillor Richard Hosking is keen to hear from anyone experiencing difficulties

as a result of the reduction in the service - email [richard.hosking@devon.gov.uk](mailto:richard.hosking@devon.gov.uk) or call 01752 690775. It has been suggested that a voluntary lift arrangement could take Ugborough passengers to Bittaford, where there is a better range of bus services - anyone willing to take up this suggestion?

**Ugborough Square** will be getting a facelift, with volunteer help from the community. The Parish Council has agreed to fund materials to repaint the bus shelter, re-stain the wooden bench and possibly repaint the phone box (depending on BT's response). Volunteers will be carrying out the redecoration and clearing the weeds in the Square. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact George Fletcher - 01752 892939, [gh197@btinternet.com](mailto:gh197@btinternet.com)

**e-Seniors** is to return in September for one last course of sessions - dates to be confirmed. This very popular course provides free internet and IT training sessions to enable our more senior members of the community to enjoy the benefits of going online. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk.

**Devon County Council** electoral boundaries may be changed as a result of a consultation running until 6th July. The proposal is for an enlarged Yealmpton Division (which already includes Ugborough), with the overall aim of reducing the number of County Councillors from 62 to 60. Have your say by emailing [review@lgbce.or.uk](mailto:review@lgbce.or.uk) or Twitter @LGBCE

**The next Parish Council Meeting** will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, starting at 7.30 pm. Agenda and minutes are displayed on the noticeboards and website.

**Bittaford Methodist Chapel** Jutta Berger 01752 698381

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

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2.30 p.m. Revd. Ralph Ward Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 10.30 a.m. Mr. Terry Milam

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 10.30 a.m. Revd. David Youngs Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 10.30 a.m. Mrs. Ann Cullum

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2.30 p.m. Revd. Ralph Ward Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 10.30 a.m. Mr. Mike Cade

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 10.30 a.m. Revd. David Youngs Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

Green Pastures Coffee Bar for families with small children.

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

## St. Peter's Church, Ugborough

Harberton Vicarage August 2015

My dear Friends,

I'm sure that by now you have all heard the good news that a new incumbent has been chosen for this Three Rivers Mission Community - the Revd. David Sayle, currently Vicar of Upton-by-Chester, who will be licensed in the autumn, probably on 13<sup>th</sup> October.

Initially he will be priest-in-charge, while discussions take place with a view to joining our two benefices into one. If this is agreed and when the legal formalities have been completed his position will be "up-graded" to Rector.

David and Heather have adult children, one of whom lives in Cornwall, which is where David's early years of ministry took place - so he is no stranger to West Country ways. Before ordination, David served in the Merseyside Police Force, then went to St. John's College, Nottingham for his degree course and ministerial training.

All our parish representatives were unanimous in their willingness for David to be appointed and I'm sure we are grateful to them for the time and effort they gave to scrutinising all the paperwork involved in the application process.

We announced David's appointment on the Sunday when the Collect prayed for "all God's faithful people, the whole body of the Church, that **each** in their vocation and ministry may serve God in holiness and truth". This was especially apt as it reminds us not only of those called to leadership roles, but of each and every Church member's task. By our Baptism we are called to witness to Christ's saving love and to draw others into the fellowship of that love and service. Each one of us is called to be holy - to have some detachment from secular ways and values so that God's way may be paramount in our thoughts, words and actions.

We are also reminded that Christianity is not just a search for personal enlightenment; it is that, of course, but it is also a community religion - we are all bound together in the task of becoming holy - we are not merely individual parishes, or mission communities or deaneries or dioceses. We are not just the Church of England or the Anglican Communion - we are part of the whole Christian family which includes many denominations; we are the largest faith community in the world and one of the oldest - and (contrary to what sections of the media and chattering classes would have us believe) the church is growing globally. Be proud of your membership - activate it - join with your fellow-Christians in regular

worship and service, using your gifts, talents, time, possessions and money as God asks of you - gladly and generously. Remember God, infinitely gladly and generously, gave and gives us **all** we are and possess.

Enjoy the summer! With my love, Caroline.

*(As Ruth Frampton from Ermington is now looking forward to her Ordination and the changes that will bring for her and Giles and for our Mission Community, I have asked her to reflect on this. Please hold her in your prayers as September 13<sup>th</sup> draws ever nearer. Caroline)*

Dear Friends,

"The Road goes ever on and on, down from the door where it began.  
Now far ahead the Road has gone, and I must follow, if I can,  
pursuing it with eager feet, until it joins some larger way  
where many paths and errands meet. And whither then? I cannot say."

Tolkien's poem has stayed with me since childhood, and what a winding, twisting road it has been! With hindsight I recognise the hand of the God who has, from the beginning, "searched me and known me", who has "search[ed] out my path and my lying down ... acquainted with all my ways" (Ps 139:1,3). There are times when I wish that God had dropped just a *little* hint of what was round the corner! But that is not God's way. I am immeasurably glad that Giles and I were led to Ermington to raise our family and become part of the community. Do we qualify as "locals" after 31 years?

Beware when you pray! Prayer is dangerous! For many years I have prayed "Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths" (Ps 25:4). God answered my prayer in a way that I didn't expect. That *is* God's way! The Spirit blows where it wills; God's ways are not our ways. "Thank you", to you all for supporting me along this road. Giles will tell you that my map reading skills are negligible; the "sat nav" was the best invention of the 20th century! But on this road my guide is the Spirit of truth (John 16:13); you have all been fellow pilgrims on the way. Thank you for your help and your companionship.

So now my road diverges from yours - "and I must follow, if I can" trusting that "He leads me in right paths for his name's sake" (Ps 23:3). And the 3 Rivers Mission Community is also about to round a corner, to explore a new direction with

a new Rector. I write this at the beginning of June as the selection process is under way. We have celebrated Pentecost and Trinity Sunday; we have invoked the Spirit into our hearts, our homes and our communities. As I go to Salcombe, and leave with some sadness the church where I have worshipped for so long, I know that the road ahead is challenging for us all: none of us knows what further twists and turns lie ahead.

When we pray and put our lives into God's hands we must then trust that: "I will lead the blind by a road they do not know, by paths they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I will do, and I will not forsake them" (Is 42:16).

With my love and prayers, Ruth

### St Peter's Church Services from mid- July to End August

Date and time	Service
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 9.30 a.m.	Family Communion (said)
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 9.30 a.m.	All Age Worship (an informal service suitable for all)
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> August 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> August 9.30 a.m.	Family Communion (said)
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 10.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mission Community Eucharist at Diptford (see separate item below)</b>
<b>Tuesday Celtic Prayer will start again after the school holidays.</b>	

**Mission Community Eucharist -St. Mary's Diptford**

**10.30 a.m. Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August**

I hope you will offer lifts to enable people to come from all our parishes to worship together on this Sunday - a good time to pray together for the future of our Mission Community under a new incumbent.

For a change - instead of a sermon I thought we might have a 10 minute question and answer session so here's your chance to ask about some of those things that have puzzled or eluded you over the years - about faith, the Bible, the Church, moral dilemmas! Please let me have your queries by **22nd** August - either by e-mail - [pgandcmsl@btinternet.com](mailto:pgandcmsl@btinternet.com) - by phone, 01803 868445 or handed or posted to me on paper - and I'll see what can be done to give answers - of necessity they will have to be brief, but this may open up other opportunities for more discussion.

*And some thoughts from our Reader, David Stafford*

This is the time to look forward to holidays or perhaps some of us are currently enjoying one. It is a time to do something different or just relax. If we are going away sometimes it can get fractious as we gather all of the things that we think that we shall need. Sometimes we can forget essential things and have to buy them on arrival. But we look forward to our holidays.

The word, as some may know, comes from 'holyday'. They were days stated in the Bible for joy and holiness, for living together, as God intended for us. They were God's idea in the first place. He gave us one day in seven for rest and re-creation and He also encouraged Old Testament people to take week long holiday festivals. They camped out and praised God for His goodness and often did so after exhausting times of helping others such as homeless people. They were then refreshed by God's blessing and said 'the Joy of the Lord is our strength'.

We should experience joy when we are on holiday but if we are to experience it, we need to know what it is and that it is the Lord who gives it. When we know Jesus He gives strength for all that is good and lasting in life.

At Christian camps around the UK, this summer, many young and not so young people will get to know the joy that only God can give.

I hope that I don't forget what we need when we go on holiday.

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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month please. Thank you for keeping to this.**

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

Your Newsletter is available online at the Parish Council website and the revised ugborough.com website - do take a look at this.

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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 dates for this Newsletter are July 28<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup>.

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