

UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

April 2016



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Garden Club Anne Holway



We plan to meet at Lukesland on Wednesday 20th April at 2 p.m. If very wet we'll postpone our visit to 27th. Come in suitable footwear as some walking will be involved, and bring your purse if you plan to visit the café. The entrance fee is £5 and if you let me know on 01752 941872 we will arrange to car share. Anyone who would like to join us will be welcome and do not have to come to other meetings!

Flower Festival in aid of Ugborough Church Bell Restoration Appeal

We are planning a Flower festival to be held in Ugborough Church probably over the weekend beginning Friday 20th May.

Anyone interested in helping with floral arrangements, cream teas, lunches or with any other suggestions for the event are welcome to join us in the Village Hall committee room on Tuesday 5th April at 7 p.m.

Contact Jacqueline Luggar on 01752 892428 evenings or jacluggar@icloud.com for more information.

In aid of Kingston Church and Chenobyl Children's Lifeline

Bluebell walk on Sunday 24th April from Scobbiscombe House, Kingston.

Start walk anytime between 11.30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Ploughman's Lunch from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

All dogs on leads please and wear stout shoes.

Donations to Kingston Church and Chenobyl Children's Lifeline.

For further information please phone 01548 810500

Ballroom Dancing Classes - Tom Holway

It has been difficult arranging a hall at a time to suit the teacher and at a time that most people can attend. I'm nearly there and it would be good to hear from everyone who can make it to classes at Manor Way School, Ivybridge from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. on a Thursday evening, whether or not you have already expressed an interest. My e-mail is tomholway@lineone.net.

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 proper coffee, tea, homemade cake and biscuits? Regulars and visitors welcome - please drop in!

(Extra help is always welcome too!)

The Alvington Singers, accompanied by the Divertimento Ensemble, will be performing the much loved and well known Vivaldi's Gloria, and the beautiful Sunrise Mass by the contemporary Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo, in Ugborough Church on Wednesday evening 20th April from 7.30 p.m.

Entry is £12 on the door.

The Choir was formed in 1985 as a chamber choir. It is based in Kingsbridge, and its members come from around the South Hams. Their web site is www.alvingtonsingers.org.uk and they are a registered charity no. XT2008

The Musical Director, Tim Matthews, apart from conducting several other choirs, teaches piano, organ, theory and singing. He will be playing a piano solo during the concert.

Divertimento Ensemble, based in Totnes, brings together some of the finest professionals around. It is a flexible-sized group of musicians that performs major works of chamber music with players who love the repertoire

Vivaldi - Gloria needs no introduction: simply his greatest work.

Gjeilo - Sunrise Mass Any thoughts you may have about contemporary music being obscure, unlistenable and painful to endure will be swept away by this Mass. This beautiful work reaches the parts that other compositions cannot reach. Choirs love singing it despite its challenging nature. "It's like floating in space between the stars and planets," says the composer, and he's right.

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

I cannot believe I am about to say that our last meeting of this season - yes, April is the last in our series, is on Wednesday April 27th at 8 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall when Dr Susan Andrews will return to us to talk about Church Houses. Her talk on roof bosses was so interesting, we are looking forward to her returning to let us know more about this pivotal part of village life from days gone by. Please come and join us. Members free, non-members just £2 on the door.

Our AGM will be held in May, more about this next month.

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

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

We enjoyed National Book Day and our fundraising days through the week with face painting, dressing as favourite characters and making Gruffalo masks. Well done to Freya and her Mum, Laura, who had the closest guess to 56 peach slices in our 'Each Peach Pear Plum' pie! Thank you to everyone who donated to and bought books from our sale, we hope you are enjoying your new reading material. We are looking forward to our Easter Egg Hunt and Duck Race in the grounds of Ugborough House at the end of term, with thanks again to Matt and Emily.

We are delighted to welcome Pippa Vincent as our new administrator. Her role will support our staff and committee, allowing more time to be devoted to developing the pre-school and wrap around care we provide for the children.

During the Spring term we have been focussing on mathematical development, through counting, numerals and measuring. The children enjoyed making towers as tall as themselves, copying patterns and weighing toys on the scales. We are looking forward to getting Forest School up and running again after the Easter holidays.

We wish to thank the entire Panto 2016 Crew for their fantastic entertainment and their generous donation to our charity. The change of scenery to Foundation Class in Ugborough School was enjoyed by children and staff alike, thank you to Mrs Crudge and the school for accommodating us.

Save the date: Ugfest 2016! Saturday 25th June at Hillhead Farm with The Longfaces confirmed. Keep an eye out for posters with more information - hope to see you there!

Ivybridge U3A - *Jean Sherrell*

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

"An Introduction to the Dame Hannah Rogers Trust"

Emily van Vliet will be talking about Hannah's and how it has changed. She will explain how the charity enriches the lives of children and adults with a range of disabilities both in Ivybridge and with the development of Seale Hayne as a social enterprise and community project.

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

Children from across the federation took part in the South Hams Tennis competition at Ivybridge Tennis Centre. We are delighted to announce that Ermington came first in the singles and are through to the County Finals in June and Ugborough came third. Ermington also won the doubles tournament. Our children took part in the Gym and Dance Show at Ivybridge Community College on March 1st. They demonstrated skill, cooperation, dedication and enthusiasm and performances were greatly appreciated by a large audience.

We would like to say a huge thank-you to our Federation community for turning out and running your hearts out for Sports Relief. We don't have a final total but safe to say the charity is richer today by far!! Thank you all again for such an effort.

At the end of term we celebrated Easter with our Easter Tea with stalls, face painting, nail painting, a chocolate tombola and of course tea and cake!

Happy Easter and holidays to you all and back to school on Monday 11th April.

Ugborough Parish Walking Group - David, George, Meryl and Tom.

For this month's walk on Sunday 3rd April (11 a.m. prompt start) we aim to do a figure of 8 - or infinity - take your choice! We will head south west up to Dunwell and then down to Shilston Barton. Here we can admire the beautifully renovated Shilston House (possibly in the 18th century it belonged to Thomas Savery, who helped Thomas Newcomen pioneer steam power in Dartmouth). From the footpath a close up view can also be had of the amazing "Water Theatre" - the decorative garden grottos possibly dating back to the 1600's. It's unique and on our doorstep! We then take the footpath down to the lane at Weeke Farm. This path is technically outside our Parish but we are very broadminded in the Walking Group - and also we like the spectacular views down the valley towards Modbury and beyond! Then up the lane (we love the exercise) back past Shilston Gate and along the ridge way to our favourite stone stile above Waterman's Farm, and home via Parsonage and Donkey Lanes. Around two hours with quite a few hills to shift those lazy platelets from the arteries.

Our March walk took us to Toby Cross and then picked up footpath FP 2 down to the stables at Peek where the party split up. Those requiring refreshments after this short but arduous part of the walk turned NE on FP 27 to Bittaford and the Horse and Groom. Others including four dogs turned SW along a very wet and muddy FP27, beside the "Ugborough Spring Water" bottling plant and headed for Peek Mill where we washed the dogs in the Lud Brook. Slightly cleaner the party then went on to Quarry Farm to join the ridge road back to Ugborough.

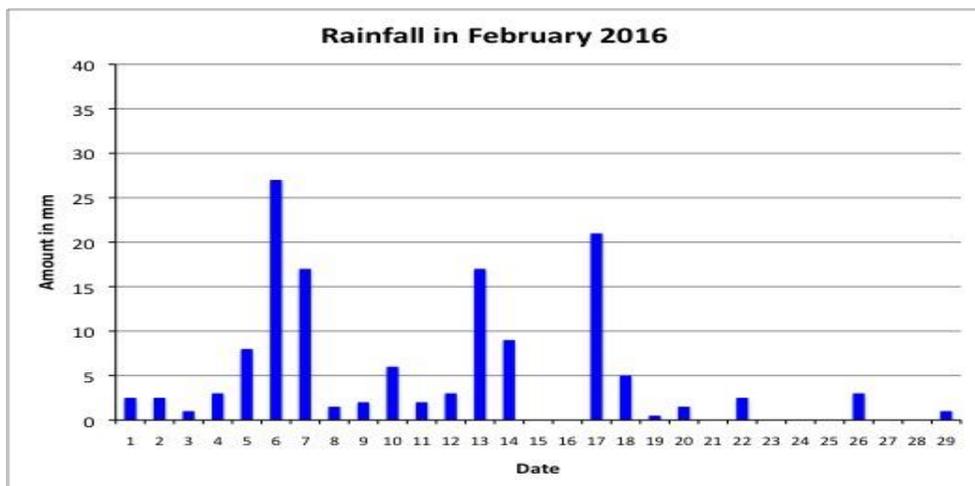


Rainfall at Shellwood Hill *George Arnison*

I like the Met Office's new policy of naming storms. During the months of November, December and January there were Storms Abigail, Barney, Clodagh, Desmond, Eva, Frank and Gertrude, and whilst we largely escaped the devastation and flooding experienced in the north of the country it feels like we've still had a miserably wet winter (nationally the second wettest after 2013/14, and the warmest recorded). During those months I recorded rain on 82 out of the 92 days.

The first 3 weeks of February continued in the same vein (including Storms Henry and Imogen), but - whisper it quietly - there were signs towards the end of the month that we may have turned a corner.

Over February as a whole I recorded 136mm (about 5.5") of rain at Shellwood Hill. This is only slightly above my rolling seven year average for February of 123mm and compares to the last four years of 118.5mm (2015), 229mm (2014) 60mm (2013) and 48.5mm (2012). Bring on spring !



Ugborough Village Hall - *Stafford Williams*

A huge thank you to the Drama Group for their generous donation to the Hall following the massively successful pantomime in February. Not only do we have the memories, but we also have quite a number of new comfortable chairs to make future events more pleasurable. The Hall was able to buy replacements for nearly all the chairs thanks to this and substantial donations from the DCC, the Fair Committee and USS. Everyone has been fantastic in supporting the village facilities. The focus for residual funds will be on replacing the side-path and replacing old roof felt in the drier weather.

Beryl's Bookworms - Sue Johns

March's book was a complete contrast to February's controversial choice - much to some members' relief! 'The Last Letter From Your Lover' by Jo Jo Moyes relates two love stories, one set in a present day contemporary London news office, and one in the sixties. The protagonist Jennifer, from the sixties, is a wealthy woman who has a brain injury and consequent amnesia as a result of a car crash. Attempting to piece her life together Jennifer comes across romantic love letters clearly not written by her husband. Reporter Ellie discovers these letters some 40 years later - and the tale revolves around Ellie's search to find the couple in these most eloquent letters. There follows a heart rending tale of missed opportunities, passion and high emotion.



The members of our Group who long for a beginning, middle and end to a book were delighted with this novel - at last a 'proper' story with a happy ending! We all agreed it was well written, but to the sceptics the intricacies felt contrived - and the lack of any depth or substance demoted the book to a 'good beach read'. Some thought the characters were believable and interesting others that they fitted a stereotype and were fanciful. Some of us, perhaps looking for higher plain, bemoaned the apparent missed opportunity to develop topics such as mesothelioma linked to asbestos mining and the massacre at Stanleyville!

As a digression we very much enjoyed some surprising revelations when discussing our personal love letters!

Split scores yet again, with an average of 3.3 out of 5.

Next Month: The 2015 Booker shortlisted 'A Spool of Blue Thread' by Anne Tyler

Could I please ask people to keep their dogs on a lead in the Village and especially Ware Hill? On Thursday 18th February our sweet ginger and white cat was killed by a ginger Terrier. The dog's owner hasn't come forward and we are very worried this could happen again as there are several cats living in this area.

As you can image this has been a very upsetting time for us. A passing Motorist saw the dog with our beloved Pumkin in its mouth. He beeped his horn and it dropped her and ran up towards the Square. The time we found out the dog had long gone. The dog had already killed her and it meant business breaking her neck and several ribs. We have other cats and we are now scared to let them out.

It would give us some peace of mind and hopefully the dog owner will feel some remorse and keep the dog under control in the future.

Jackie and John, Meadow View



Your Stars Tonight. "I am told that DVDs of my triumph in Cinderella are now commanding hundreds on e-Bay" I hear the steamed diotor declaiming to a passing visitor from up country. "And I am so grateful that my faithful fans have called me back for a summer season during Ugborough Fayre week. Of course, I, and the rest of my wonderful supporting cast of players will be to sprinkle a little stardust on our beloved village".

Enveloped in a foreboding gloom I retire down the darkened garden. There is Jupiter, dominating the spring skyscape and glowing brightly in the South West until well past midnight. It has just passed its "opposition" when it is closest to the earth - a mere 420 million miles - and this occurs roughly every 440 days - the next opposition will be in April 2017. So now is the ideal time to observe the complexities of Jupiter - its two prominent vermilion cloud bands, its strange red spot that appears to arise from a Jovian superstorm in its upper atmosphere and the endless moon dance of the four Galilean moons around their mother planet.

In the last month I have been trying to photograph some of their antics as they transit in front of Jupiter or are eclipsed behind it. Even with a telescope it is difficult to see the moons against the backdrop of Jupiter's face but they always reveal their transit by the shadow that they cast on Jupiter's surface. These shadows always look slightly shocking - like a perfectly circular pitch black infestation. So as I watched the transit of Callisto a couple of weeks ago on a particularly chilly evening I could not pick out Callisto itself until it finished its transit and became a pinprick of light at Jupiter's edge. But because of the angle between the earth, sun and Jupiter, Callisto continued to cast a shadow for another hour before that too left the face of Jupiter.

Even on a clear night in Ugborough the wind and high atmosphere turbulence result in very poor seeing compared to Arizona or 15,000 feet up on Hawaii so I have been trying to outwit the Devonian weather with technology. I am using a cheap surveillance camera (costing around £20) plugged into my telescope. With this I can take a two minute video of Jupiter containing around 1000 frames but with the atmospheric movement frozen by the one fiftieth of a second exposure time. Then a clever bit of software downloaded free from the web sorts through the 1000 frames, chucks out the blurry ones and then stacks the best ones to give a single composite image. And when everything works right, Jupiter, its moons and their shadows miraculously snap into focus in all their alien beauty.

Rather like the Ugly Sisters in the Cinderella DVD.

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays

Each month USS seems busier than ever and it is a great time to meet up with friends, share a drink and put the world to rights at our very own cafe. The crowds seem to be getting larger and thank goodness we have all those new comfortable chairs in the hall to accommodate everyone.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you from the committee to all the kind and thoughtful people who help USS run so efficiently.

Without the ladies in the kitchen, the cafe would not exist! Thank you to Kate, Jenny, Anne, Eve and Millie for your hard work. Also thank you to Stella who helps out front selling eggs with Sue.

There are so many others to thank who will always stay behind and help clear away the tables and there is even a mystery person who sneaks into the hall early in the morning and puts the tables out before anyone arrives- thank you!

We are always looking for more people to get involved and if you feel you could spare about 20 minutes once a month to either set up or take down the hall then please contact us at www.ugborough.com/uss.

We are already planning the sequel to the recent potluck supper (it won't be a supper and it may not be in the hall...) so watch this space.

Sustainable Saturday dates for April are - 2nd, 16th and 30th.

SeaMoor Children's Centre- Vicky Rawlings

Many of you will know that SeaMoor Children's Centre has now moved and become part of South Hams Children's Centres based in Totnes. We will continue to run services dedicated to all under 5's and their families in Ivybridge and its outlying areas. The timetable for the summer term is now available on the website www.southhamschildrenscentres.org.uk. We look forward to seeing you after the Easter Holidays.

Dates for diaries.

Saturday 2nd April

Dads group visit the Donkey sanctuary, Filham Park, Ivybridge. 10 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.. Open to all male carers and their under 5.

Monday 25th April.

Soft Play session at Endsleigh garden centre 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

New group for Wednesdays

Here's looking at you baby. Group for children aged 0 - 18 months in the library, Ivybridge, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

New Group on Thursdays.

Chatterbox - a stay and play with child health clinic run with the health visitors. St.Johns Church Hall, Blachford Road, Ivybridge. 1.30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Every Tuesday and Friday.

Parent Support Sessions in the library, Ivybridge from 9.30 a.m.

1:1 advice/support available for all parents of under 5's.

Please call Sam 07525733936 or Sarah 07973748497 to book a time.

Sports Report - Janner Motson

For those of you more recent to the village I thought I would let you know what sporting opportunities are on offer in Ugborough.

At the senior end we have a cricket team that plays 8 or 9 matches each summer. Although we have no pitch we are lucky enough to be invited to play at neighbours including Holbeton, Ermington, Buckfastleigh, Brent and Yealmpton. The team is for those who want to play at a friendly level and includes those who may never have played and some youngsters, but the quality of cricket can be surprising.

At Fair time we have the 6-a-side football tournament on the school pitch with a wide variety of talent and otherwise on show. Watch out for the adverts in June.

The kids have several opportunities: the main one is the Ugborough Football Club that plays up at Hillhead. The squad trains at the Community College every Saturday at 9.30 a.m. and currently has teams at U14, U13, U11 and U9, with a development squad of U7s preparing to play league games next season. This club has a policy of inclusion and development.

Ivybridge Cricket Club has their ground in the Parish at Filham Park and offers cricket this year to U11s, U13s, U15s, a development group of U9s and for the first time this year an U19 T20 Big Bash team - the Ivybridge Ice. With the season about to start this is a good time to seek them out - anyone from about age 7 will enjoy it.

Ivybridge Rugby Club also operates at Filham, but at their own ground next to the old A38. This is a big club with many players and teams and an excellent club house and atmosphere.

If I have missed your sport then please let everyone know through the newsletter.

Redlake Tramway.

David Roe (01752 896432 david@d-roe.freeseve.co.uk) has a spare brand new copy of this excellent 80 page book on the "Puffing Billy" tramway built in 1910 to bring clay from Redlake China Clay pit to the Cantrell Works between Ivybridge and Bittaford. £6 and its history will be yours!

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Ugborough Parish Council would like to remind you that the public consultation of our Neighbourhood Development Plan started on Monday 29th February 2016.

The consultation period ends on Sunday 24th April 2016 and this is your opportunity to comment on the pre-submission Neighbourhood Development Plan before it goes for inspection.

The Plan can be found on the Ugborough Plan website, www.ugboroughplan.org, along with all associated documents.

Hard copies of the Plan can also be found, for reference only, in **Ugborough Village Hall and St Peter's Church, Ugborough**. If you wish to have a personal hard-copy then email info@ugboroughplan.org.

Please take the time to read through the Plan and associated objectives and policies.

A response form has also been included on the website. Response forms will also be available with the reference hard copies of the Plan in the **Village Hall and Church**.

Please use the response form to voice your views and return it to us via our website link or by email to info@ugboroughplan.org.

Although we would prefer Response Forms to be sent via the website a paper copy can also be posted to: Councillor George Beable, The Retreat, Shute Lane, Wrangaton, South Brent, TQ10 9HE.

Response forms must be received by Sunday 24th April 2016.

Dementia Alliance Reminds Everyone to Care

An alliance of organisations that support people living with dementia and their families came together for a successful conference in Ivybridge on 18th March.

Representatives from organisations including local caring organisations, Beacon Medical Group, Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm, Woolwell and Ivybridge Memory Cafes, local Councillors and local schools heard about the issues being faced by people living with a dementia and the research that is being undertaken to tackle the debilitating condition.

The Alliance plans to offer more awareness raising sessions and training for local volunteers over the coming months and is next meeting in the Beacon Room in the Watermark, Ivybridge from 10 a.m.-12 noon on 21st April. If you are interested in supporting the work of the alliance and helping to spread the messages please join us.

For further information please contact Sue Burgess on 01364 700282 or e-mail info@sbadc.org.uk. Alternatively please contact Maxine Kennedy from Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm on 07450 206312.

Ugborough Parish Council

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

Website: ugboroughparishcouncil.org

The March Parish Council Meeting was relatively short, as it followed hot on the heels of the February meeting - which had been delayed due to the highly successful Panto.

District Cllr Holway reported that staffing problems at SHDC had adversely affected its Enforcement service - and as a result, no progress had been made on evicting the travellers at Hillhead. Once SHDC has taken enforcement action and completed its travellers' site in the District, then DCC can evict the travellers. So we may have the travellers as close neighbours for a little bit longer...

Planning applications considered at the meeting included garden room at Wildacres and conversion of garage to dwelling at 1 Leigh Close in Bittaford, to which no objections were raised. It was recommended that the proposed change to use of an annex at 16 Tower Lane, Moorhaven to holiday let be subject to a condition that the accommodation should remain ancillary to the main dwelling; and that a slate roof would be preferred to the proposed garage, store and workshop at Blackadon Farm, Moorhaven. Finally, refusal was recommended on the proposed replacement two storey extension at Higher Newlands Barn, Godwell Lane, Ivybridge, as it represented excessive development in the countryside.

The Neighbourhood Plan - publicity has been so effective, anything I add here would be superfluous!

Bittaford Playground and footpath continue to cause grief, although some of the play equipment has now been repaired, with further repairs in the pipeline. A grant application will be submitted to Tesco 'Bags of Help' for play equipment. Any suggestions?

The Ugborough Annual Parish Meeting will be held at Bittaford Community Hall on Wednesday 20th April from 7.30 p.m. - please come along, as this is your chance to get involved in your Parish. The Parish Council has set aside funds to enhance your village, so please bring your suggestions!

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th April, starting at 7.30 p.m. Agenda and minutes are displayed on the noticeboards and website.



Come along to the
Ugborough Annual Parish Meeting

Bittaford Community Hall
7.30pm Wednesday 20 April

**Enhance your village
Bring your suggestions!**

Find out about & have your say on local
issues affecting You

Neighbourhood Planning – affordable
housing – police - highways - local services -
environment - recreation

This is your chance to be involved in your
Parish
Make the most of it!

Need a lift? Call George Beable 01364 649273

Bittaford Methodist Chapel *Jutta Berger 01752 698381*

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

Sunday 3rd April 10.30 a.m. Mrs. Brenda Youngs

Sunday 10th April 10.30 a.m. Rev. David Youngs Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 17th April 2.30 p.m. Rev. Ralph Ward Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 24th April 10.30 a.m. Mrs. Gillian Higgins

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

Thanks to all Ugborough villagers for the contribution towards the external illumination of the Church. We were able to continue the lighting, which always so welcome on dark winter's evenings, until March.

Emmaus Group- *from Caroline*

This study group has been meeting for some years now and has members from 6 of our 7 parishes. We were the group that put together the exhibition on the 400th Anniversary of the Authorised Version of the Bible; we've studied several books of the Bible, followed a series of discussions from the York and Pilgrim Courses, looked at the lives of a number of saints, reflected on prayer and worship - and we've shared insights and confidences, enjoyed each others' supportive company and appreciated the hospitality of our members who have spoiled us with coffee and delicious biscuits.

We should be very happy to welcome new members, so please ask yourself if this group is for you - or just come along and sample it and see what you think.

This term we shall meet at 7.30 p.m. on the following Thursdays (**not** invariably fortnightly!) - April 14th and 28th, May 5th & 19th June 2nd, 16th and 30th, and July 14th.

The meeting on 14th April is going to be at Mary Pinhey's between Diptford and North Huish (ring me if you are not sure how to get there).

Our coming together on May 5th will be for worship - at the Ascension Day Eucharist in St. Leonard's, Halwell.

St Peter's Church Services in April

Date and time	Service
Sunday 3 rd April 9.30 a.m.	All Age worship An informal service for all the family.
Sunday 10 th April 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 17 th April 9.30 a.m.	Family Communion A more informal said communion service.
Sunday 24 th April 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist Followed by Church Annual Meeting
Every Tuesday except school holidays 9 a.m.	Celtic Prayer A time of intercessory prayer for all in need

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union branch in this area was so enthusiastically revived by Rev. Caroline several years ago, but now she has handed over to others and we hope not to let her down, but go from strength to strength.

In April our meeting will be on Thursday 21st at 7.30 p.m. in Harberton Vicarage with a talk by Janet Miller on the M.U.'s social policy.

This year is a very special one for the Mothers' Union as we celebrate 140 years since it was first begun by Mary Sumner to encourage and help families and children in need. This has broadened out to involve us in so many different situations, for example, raising money to give struggling families a caravan holiday in Devon; providing books for prisoners to read with their children (each having a copy) to give them a subject to discuss together at visiting time; knitting for premature babies and fiddle muffs for Alzheimer's sufferers and so on. Plans to celebrate are in the making!

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

Dr. David Stafford- 01752 691525

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.)

***** Many thanks for the greatly appreciated financial donations received recently, particularly from Ugborough Dramatic Society, Bittaford Methodist Church, and individuals *****

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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 April is 5th.

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

Supporting Marriage

Care for the Family are holding an event at the Riviera Centre in Torquay on Thursday 12th May at 7.30 p.m. entitled "It takes Two - building a lasting marriage together", with the added comment, "A great marriage is not when two perfect people come together. It is when an imperfect couple learn to enjoy their differences".

It is designed for those preparing for marriage, newly-weds and those who have been married for many years. The contact details for further information and to book tickets are 029 2081 0800 and www.careforthefamily.org.uk/ittakestwo