

# UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

February 2016



## What's on

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> -Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Ugborough Players present- Cinderella, The Panto at Ugborough Village Hall starting at 7.30 p.m. (Please be seated by 7.20) (Sold out!)	
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Ugborough Fair Day- 9<sup>th</sup> July- Shelley Hutcheon info@oakenham.com  
07720765014

Our first meeting for this year's Fair Day is scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> February 7.30 p.m. in The Anchor. We would love to see some new members for this committee as new ideas are so valuable in keeping this event fresh and current. The committee is made up of two directors, Owen Davies (the proper grown-up), and me, and we are responsible for the serious side of the running of the fair. All the hard work (setting up proper bank accounts, constitutions, registering with companies house, health and safety documents) has been done and now it is the fun bit of putting on a week of activities in July with the express purpose of providing a community event, as well as raising money for village charities. If you have any time to help with running one of the events during the week, helping set out the stalls on the day or helping with the BBQ or Cream Teas, please come along, we would love to see new faces with some new ideas!

Garden Club Anne Holway



Our next meeting will be at The Old Post Office on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 8 p.m. We are looking forward to lighter evenings so that we can have more 'hands on' experiences for our 2016 meetings. Several local folk have agreed to let us tap in to their expertise and we hope any parishioners that are interested in a topic will join us and non-members will be made welcome. Please try to bring at least one garden related question for our panel to help you with.

### **Coffee Drop-In Centre**

**10.30am-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.

Note on 25<sup>th</sup> February a South Hams District Council officer will be present at the coffee morning (see below).

### **South Hams District Council Customer Services in the Community:**

*Tim.Pollard@southhams.gov.uk*

Pop Along for a chat with an officer from South Hams District Council. I will be at the Coffee Morning held at Ugborough Church on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February between 9.30 a.m. and 12 noon. I can give advice or help with: Car Parking, Dog Fouling, Green & Open Spaces, Fly Tipping, Abandoned Vehicles, Planning, Refuse & Recycling, Housing.

Please visit our website [www.southhams.gov.uk](http://www.southhams.gov.uk)

**Ceremonial flying of the Flag.**

The flag will be flown on the following occasions-

**February 6<sup>th</sup>** *Accession Day of Queen Elizabeth II*

**February 19<sup>th</sup>** *Birthday of the Duke of York*



**Victorian Christmas Fair at Hillhead Farm-** *Shelley Hutcheon 07720765014*  
*info@oakenham.com*

Firstly a massive thank you for supporting the Christmas Fair - it would be a complete disaster without you all! As an added bonus, everyone made lots of money for various village charities, approximately £1170 in all. The Church ladies raised around £280, the Bell ringers raised £453, and the PTA raised £67 from selling mistletoe and Pre-school made £177. A further donation of £195 from Christmas tree sales and stall fees went to the bell fund. The private stalls all did well and will hopefully come back next year!

Well done everyone for your hard work- well worth the effort I think! So what do you want to see at the next one- do you want another one?!! This year's plan is to re-roof the main barn and add handrails to the steps, so we have more of the Victorian yard in use, and then maybe we can run courses to make wreaths and festive flower arranging. Now I have committed those thoughts to paper - I'll actually have to do it..... Let me know your thoughts.

**Granny's Coffee Morning Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 at Oakenham-** *Shelley Hutcheon 07720765014*  
*info@oakenham.com*

Normally the first village event of the year, but this time completely eclipsed by the Pantomime!! I would love to see you all for Granny's coffee morning held in her memory, and raising money for the Church. No acting or singing needed, just an ability to chat, eat cake and drink coffee (or tea).

See you at 10.30 a.m., Oakenham, Ugborough (opposite Hillhead Farm). Plenty of parking in the new entrance as we've had a tidy-up, as well as the farmyard and crossroads. Looking forward to seeing you all.

**Allotment available-** *Jane Johns*

Calling all green-fingered residents - we have one allotment which has very recently become available. It costs £20 per annum and measures 5m X 10m, water available on site, and with well-rotted muck delivered regularly. It has been well-tended by a very dedicated lady, who now has to take on other commitments and is

sadly unable to continue. If you are interested please ring Jane Johns on 892674 or email [info@hillhead-farm.co.uk](mailto:info@hillhead-farm.co.uk)

**Ugborough goes on safari again...**

Safari Supper 2016 will be Saturday 5th March 2016.

Application forms from John Pursey 01752 896278 or [ugboroughsafari@gmail.com](mailto:ugboroughsafari@gmail.com)

Closing date for applications Saturday 20th February.

**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 <a href="mailto:admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk">admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk</a>
Baby and Toddler Group	Monday 10 a.m.-11.30 a.m., Ugborough Village Hall

We have welcomed several new faces to pre-school this term and they all seem to be settling in well. Our planning has focussed on personal, social and emotional development and the children have been demonstrating 'making relationships' through several examples including helping the new children to feel welcome and including them in games and activities, helping their friends across stepping stones, pedalling a friend on the double bike and working together to build a tower.

Until the weather improves we aren't heading out to forest school so we make the most of opportunities for small group learning. The older children regularly head upstairs in the hall to do a more focussed activity and we are beginning to prepare for the transition to school - September will be here before we know it! Moving out of the hall for the pantomime preparations (oh yes we are!) gives us further opportunity to develop our relationship with Mrs Crudge and other school staff and familiarise the children with the school surroundings.

(Please note there will be no Toddler group on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February when the hall is being used for the Pantomime!)

**Ugborough Local History Group**- *Merryl Docker*

Join us on Wednesday 24th February at 8 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall for an illustrated talk on the long and colourful history of Langdon Court by Robin Blythe-Lord. Last year Robin entertained us with the amusing and very informative tales from the past at Mount Batten. His talk was so enjoyable that we were very keen to invite him back again. Come along for stories from the beautiful family home

that is Langdon Court. We look forward to seeing you. Members free of charge, visitors very welcome - £2.00 on the door. Tea and coffee will be served.

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

Every extreme of weather seems to have been experienced over the last few weeks and we are so glad that everyone has survived such tricky conditions. Just to remind you that we can accept telephone calls and e-mails if you are going to be late for whatever reason. We will of course use our text messaging system or website should our situation change at any time.

The governors would like to express their thanks and best wishes to Lisa Keay who has completed her 4 years term as Ugborough's elected parent governor. Details about the election of her replacement will be published shortly.

**Ugborough Pre-School** will be joining us here on site for the week of 1st February as the village Hall will be used for pantomime rehearsals. So if you hear the sound of little tiny voices you know who they are. We look forward to their company.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Week of 8th February - Parents' Evenings

15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> February- Half Term

**The Beacon Federation Vacancy for a Governor**- Sue Roberts (Chair)

Do **you** believe passionately that every child deserves the best possible education during their primary schooling?

Do **you** have any skills or experience in Education, Child Development, Finance, Public Relations, Marketing, Human Resources, Premises Management, Safeguarding or Health and Safety and a real commitment to serving the local community? Are **you** a good team member? If so, have **you** ever thought about becoming a Governor? 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. Training is available. If you are keen to share the responsibility for the strategic direction of Ermington and Ugborough Schools and ensure the continuing development of the Federation we would love to hear from you.

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 (01752 8924890) or email [admin@ermington.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ermington.devon.sch.uk) before **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016**.

**Ivybridge U3A**- Jean Sherrell

The February General Meeting of Ivybridge U3A will be held at the Watermark on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 2 p.m. The Speaker will be Ben Lucas on "Driving Safer for Longer" Driving safer for longer is a programme aimed at older drivers who

want to update their knowledge of driving, stay abreast of modern techniques and changes in the Highway Code

### **Ivybridge and District Community Transport Association**

Providing transport for elderly, disabled or isolated people.

Now our bus service is so reduced, you may consider the Ring and Ride minibus scheme which offers a door to door service. There are also Friday excursions and a voluntary car scheme for more personal journeys.

The Ivybridge area includes Wrangaton, Bittaford and Ugborough.

Please phone 01752 690444 for more information or visit the website-  
[www.idcta.co.uk](http://www.idcta.co.uk)

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

We are hoping for a few days of drying weather - if not we shall have to alter our plans according to the depth of our wellies. We intend to leave the square at 11 a.m. on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February to go up Lutterburn Street and then take the footpath across to Ennaton. It is interesting to realise from reading Robert Perrin's excellent guide to the geology of Ugborough parish (part of the Ugborough Heritage appraisal document which can be downloaded from the Ugborough Webpage) that the complex mosaic of green volcanic tuffs and grey Carboniferous slates in this part of the parish have a limestone intrusion at Ennaton - and not surprisingly it explains why there is the ruined lime kiln opposite the farm building. From there it will be down to Well Cross and at this point those wanting a shorter expedition can head up the hill to Higher Spriddlescombe Farm and back to Ugborough. For those wishing to journey to very edge of the known world then we carry on east, across the Loddiswell road by the exciting ladder stile and then over the fields to the boundary of the Ugborough Parish (and a few yards beyond) before quickly scuttling back homeward. We should pass the "Red Blood" Fields (probably soil colour and not a site of some historic bloodletting), cross above Fowlescombe (and perhaps pause to remember Richard) and then down the old Green Lane to Spriddlescombe Farm. This ridgeway is a notorious top of the hill lake so we may take a dogleg round it (speaking of which of course dogs and well behaved owners are more than welcome to be with us) and then we arrive at the finest view in the world - Ugborough framed by Dartmoor behind and the fields of Waterman Farm before - and finally back to the Pub by 2 p.m. Hope you can join us.



### **Ugborough Neighbourhood Development Plan Update**

The Neighbourhood Development Plan is progressing with the Draft plan having been presented to the Parish Council in January.

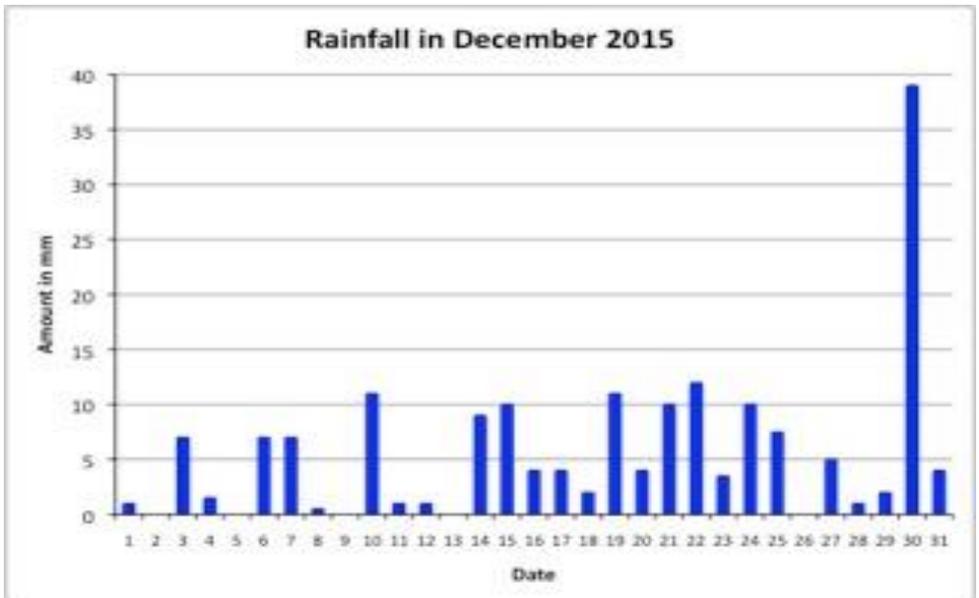
For the latest information on timescales please go to <http://www.ugboroughplan.org/#!/further-information/ccgn>.

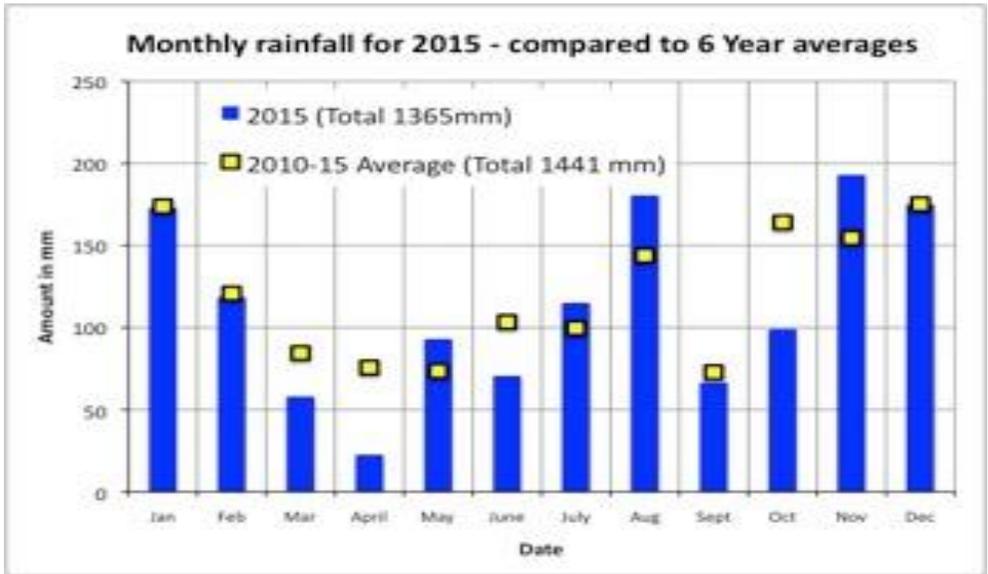
### **Rainfall at Shellwood Hill** *George Arnison*

In December I recorded 175mm (just under 7") of rain at Shellwood Hill, compared to the previous four years of 91.5mm (2014), 237.5mm (2013), 327mm (2012) and 165.5mm (2011). I think it felt wetter because it rained nearly every day - as it had done in November, but we escaped the impacts of Storms Desmond (5 Dec), Eva (22 Dec) and Frank (30 Dec) which made December the wettest calendar month ever recorded in the UK. To put things in perspective, the record breaking rainfall which Cumbria received on 5 December (341mm in 24 hours) was almost as much as we had in all of November and December combined!

Overall I recorded 1365mm in 2015 which made it a slightly drier than average year for us - mainly thanks to the particularly dry March and April we had if you can remember that far back - though we still had over 50% more than the average rainfall across England. It's interesting to note that consistently August is wet whilst September is dry. Nationally April was the sunniest, and December the mildest and wettest since records began in 1929.

Make sense of it all if you can.





**Beryl's Bookworms** -Juliet Collis (in Sue Johns' absence for pantomime rehearsals!) A place called **Winter** by Patrick Gale

Set in Edwardian England, this was a fictitious story based on the true mystery of the author's grandmother, whose father, Harry Cane, left his wife, daughter and an unearned income, to move to Canada to take advantage under the Dominion Lands Act, that a quarter-section of land (160 acres) could be possessed without payment if a homesteader cultivated a quarter of it within three years. We learned of the fictitious reasons of why he had to leave his home and family and of his journey to Canada, the people that he met and of the sensible induction to farming life having been placed with a farming family for an initial year.



The story told of the hardships faced by these migrants with their bare patch of land, extreme weather and the contrast to the pictures and descriptions in the ads encouraging migrants. Relationships were a large part of the tale, including those of neighbours, family and those met along the way. WW1 and Spanish influenza had an impact on the Prairies, along with the social mores of the day.

We don't know the true story of why Harry left his family for Canada but it must have been for such a shocking reason that his daughter appears never to have known why. The fictitious reason would not shock us now but it was different then. The book group scored the book 3.9 out of 5 as it was generally felt that as a historical novel, it gave us an interesting perspective into prairie life in the period around 1910-1915.



**Your Stars Tonight.** Oh frabjous joy I exclaim as I undertake a celebratory tove - or was it a gimble? (*More likely a gyre-Ed*)

No matter - the reason is that the brief break in the cloud and associated precipitation has given some clear star gazing nights - the first for nearly two months and a hopeful start to 2016.

And it is so long since I was beneath the stars it takes time to get my bearings. In the last two months Orion has moved round from the southern horizon and is now heading for his annual oblivion in the west, while the summer glories of Cygnus the Swan and the dazzling star Vega have long disappeared below the horizon. Now wheeling up from the east comes a new crop of constellations vaguely remembered from this time last year, Leo and Virgo.

Astronomically my garden has a drawback - an elm tree in the boundary hedge blocks my northern horizon. And that means I can never see the Pole Star - Polaris - around which all the stars in the northern hemisphere appear to revolve in an annual procession. It also means that my viewing of the circumpolar constellations - the ones such as the Plough that never set below the horizon - are often obscured in their circumnavigation of Polaris. At this time of year the Plough starts on the left of the tree and then disappears behind the branches only to reappear around midnight on the other side and then the Vicarage chimney gets in the way!

All very annoying as the comet Catalina has been scurrying up the Plough throughout January. I just managed to grab a sight of it through binoculars in the fortuitous gap twixt the tree and the vicarage. As so often with comets it has not lived up to optimistic expectations of being visible to the naked eye but with a copy of the star chart from the "comet chasing" website and a steady pair of binoculars it should still be visible in early February although it is beginning to fade as it heads back out to the furthest edges of the Solar System. And if you get up about an hour before sunrise you have a bonus - five planets - Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn will all be visible across the pre-dawn sky.

Next morning I attempt to explain the wonders of these celestial motions to the steamed dieter with the visual aids of a melon, avocado and assorted Christmas tree decorations. She nods sagely and remarks "So all the stars come back to the same place on the same time and place every year? Why that will be just like the Ugborough pantomime".

Suddenly my enthusiasm for life drains away.

### Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays

USS goes from strength to strength and the first Bric a brac stall of the year highlighted your generosity. Not only had people donated some wonderful items, but these were snapped up by so many people that the table raised over £40! This is a great start for the chosen Charity for the next 6 months - The Parish Newsletter. Thank you. Last year we all managed to raise over £200 towards the Church bells fund. *(Thank you so much for choosing the Newsletter and thanks also to the individuals who have also generously responded to our Appeal for funds-Ed)*

I am delighted to say that the Design for our very own USS Calico Bag has been chosen. There was stiff competition but after careful deliberation Clive Hart was pronounced the winner and his design will be proudly produced onto reusable bags that we will be bringing out in the near future. These will be sold at cost price. Please support this venture and wear them with pride!

Important information. Due to the exciting Village production of Cinderella we will be changing venue for the Market on Saturday 6th February. The Church has kindly allowed us to use their facilities so you will find the usual range of produce and crafts on sale and the ever popular USS cafe.

USS will be hosting another popular Potluck supper on Saturday 13th February in the Village hall (see separate advert in this newsletter). Please bring along a main course or dessert to share with everyone and of course bring your own drink. This is not a ticket event or a fundraiser but just an opportunity for us to get together and share good food, drink and company. Join us from 7 p.m. onwards and the food will be served at 7.30 p.m.

### Annual Church Spring Clean

Help keep our lovely church beautiful! Every week a loyal band of members of the congregation and friends tidy, clean and polish the church. However, once a year there is a chance for you to be involved! We will have the Annual church Spring Clean the week before Easter, as ever - Friday 18th March and Saturday 19th March. If you can't do it on those days you can choose an area to do at own convenience from the plan in the church. Please come along and help!

### Women's World Day of Prayer

Our Mission Community service to mark this Day will be in St. Peter's, Harbertonford at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Despite its name it is open to all, men as well as women. It's always a thoughtful and imaginative act of worship, so do consider coming along - and bring some friends too.

## **Arts Report** - *Janner Street-Porter*

### **NEW YEAR - NEW DRAMA**

With all the buzz around Golden Globes, BAFTAS and the Oscars, attention focused on the latest contender for arts honours to be staged next month at the Ugborough Palace Theatre. Arts Report went behind the scenes of the latest Ugborough Drama Queen's production of Cinderella. If you are fed up with TV or staring at your mobile device you should get down to the West End...of Ugborough to see this exciting new production.

We snuck into rehearsals with the 40 (sorry 4)-strong chorus in full song and the scene-shifters building the Palace Ballroom for the big dance sequence. Quizzing one of the extras we discovered that Cinders is to be played by a mysterious new talent, but perhaps not quite like you have seen before. Prince Charming is set to charm his way into the stoniest of hearts and the Ugly Sisters are some of the 'biggest stars' in Ugborough. There is comedy from some of the best known comedians in the Parish and an astounding light show from Kim's Lasers and Lamps Company. With costumes by designer brand 'Vici' and direction from Susan B d'Mill at Avonwick, it is set to be the most stunning event of the month. We were sworn to secrecy, but hope to get interviews with the stars for next month's newsletter.

### **Plus ca change**

#### **From the Archives- Exeter and Plymouth Gazette Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 1889**

'The Ugborough Board School was the scene on Thursday last of a theatrical performance. The selected pieces were 'Robert Macuire' and 'The Two Swindlers'. The room, notwithstanding a previous performance was again well filled. '...

'The performers sustained their parts well throughout the piece' .... (Mr.Drawcock) 'evoked continued bursts of laughter and applause' ...

'The proceeds are to be given to the Reading Rooms'.

*(I will add that scenery was leased from the Plymouth Theatre and Nathan and Co., Court Costumiers supplied the costumes! Ed)*

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

Many thanks to the USS for helping us buy new chairs. Thanks to their kind donation and support from the District and County Councils we have ordered 48 of the same type that folk have found so comfortable and we can slowly replace the old stock. We have also purchased 4 new large tables, which will be stored upstairs. The latest inventory noted that someone has not returned a table yet - we do keep a track so please return borrowed items promptly.

The observant among you will have noted the new defibrillator on the front of the Hall. This was purchased by the Council and is for anyone to use in an emergency.

All you need to do is push the red button, the pack will drop down for you to take to the casualty and then you follow the instructions - it is not possible to shock someone whose heart is still beating so please don't hesitate and you may save a life.

Advanced notification has been received of the use of the Hall as a polling station on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May. This will mean that the Hall is unavailable to other users from 6 a.m. until 10.30 p.m. on the day.

### **Ugborough Parish Council**

Clerk: Sarah Woodman Tel: 01364 661127 Email: [ugboroughhpc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ugboroughhpc@yahoo.co.uk)

Website: [ugboroughparishcouncil.org](http://ugboroughparishcouncil.org)

**The January Parish Council Meeting** started early to consider the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Plan Team had pulled out all the stops to get the Plan and supporting documents ready in time and, after a brief discussion, it was accepted by the Parish Council. The aim is for the Plan to go out to consultation by Easter, with a referendum in September. A leaflet summarising the Plan will be distributed to households throughout the Plan area.

**Planning applications** considered at the meeting included an outline application for a permanent agricultural worker's dwelling at New Hays Farm, Ludbrook, which received support from Councillors, subject to conditions protecting the hedgerow and ensuring the dwelling had an agricultural tie and could not be sold separately from the farm. Two applications had been submitted to carry out works to trees at 9 and 10 Moorhaven, but provided insufficient information to make a recommendation.

**Bittaford** received a fair amount of attention at the meeting: Dog-walkers and horses are coming into conflict on the footpath below the playground, and the Dartmoor National Park warden is involved in trying to resolve the conflict; an unstable wall at the entrance to the Horse & Groom is causing concern, with no one accepting ownership; concerns have been expressed at the safety of the cycle path as it enters Bittaford & a request has been received to extend the cycle path on to Wrangaton; complaints were received over the state of the metal bus shelter - although any decision on a replacement must be deferred until the highway embankment repairs have been completed; finally, on a more positive note, a biker regularly speeding and doing 'wheelies' through Bittaford has been caught by police and his bike confiscated!

Of particular concern was an incident in which a child caught her leg in the bar of the see-saw and had to be released by the Fire Service. The authorities have confirmed that the see-saw still meets legal requirements, and the temporary

barriers will be removed. However, the incident does highlight the need for parents to supervise their children in the play grounds.

**Affordable insurance for Ugborough Fair** came one step nearer, as a 'Memorandum of Understanding' was considered between the Parish Council and Ugborough Fair Ltd. Providing specified checks and arrangements are met, the Fair will be able to use the Parish Council insurance, which will save them the insurance premium - last year, amounting to £596!

**The Queen's 90th Birthday** is on the 21st April, and we would welcome ideas on how to commemorate it. Birthday Beacons are being planned throughout the nation, and local organisations are asked to register at <http://www.brunopeek.co.uk>

**The next Parish Council Meeting** will be held a week later than usual, on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, starting at 7.30pm. We will be discussing the Parish Council budget & precept for 2016/17 and the Emergency Plan. Agenda and minutes are displayed on the noticeboards and website.

**Local NHS Patient Advice and Complaints Team** - Keri Ross 01392 267665, or 0300 123 1672, text us at 07789 741099 or email [pals.devon@nhs.net](mailto:pals.devon@nhs.net)  
NHS Northern, Eastern and Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (NHS NEW Devon CCG) patient advice and complaints team is a service to provide patients, carers, family members, the public and staff with help, advice and support with concerns or comments relating to NHS services.

The team provides free and confidential help to investigate and resolve problems as they happen and aim to do this as quickly as possible. They can also organise in depth investigations of any problems relating to healthcare across a number of different services. Hearing from patients helps us to make improvements and gives us early warnings of system problems.

**Bittaford Methodist Chapel** Jutta Berger 01752 698381

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

7<sup>th</sup> February 10.30 a.m. Rev. David Youngs Sacrament of Holy Communion

14<sup>th</sup> February 10.30 a.m. Rev. David Youngs

21<sup>st</sup> February 2.30 p.m. Rev. Ralph Ward Sacrament of Holy Communion

28<sup>th</sup> February 10.30 a.m. Mr. Tony Kirk

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 a.m. 'til 12 noon including School Holidays!

## St. Peter's Church, Ugborough

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

9.30 a.m. St. Andrew's Church Harberton

6 p.m. St Mary's Church Diptford with North Huish

7:30 p.m. St Peter & St Paul Church Ermington

### Lent Study Groups

These will take place throughout the Mission Community during Lent.

In Ugborough, we will start on February 16<sup>th</sup> for 5 weeks - you are welcome.

Tuesday's 7:30 p.m. at 7 Fore Street Ugborough PL21 ONP (David and Sally's)

### A letter from our Priest in Charge- Rev'd David Sayle

The season of Lent is can be viewed as a time of 'Reflection'. An opportunity for each of us to take time and think about our lives and the circumstances in which we live in and those that surround us. It is as if we look in a mirror and ask ourselves a few simple but poignant questions.

Who do I see?

Do I see the whole image?

Do I see the image clearly?

Mirrors are useful for a whole host of different things: for shaving or putting on make-up, for 'vanity' some may say, whilst others would say important in allowing us to show the full beauty of the person God has created. Mirrors are essential on other occasions, driving for example and at other times helpful, such as in certain medical situations as they allow others to check our health. So, when you look in a mirror are you aware of the context you are in? For that will certainly shape your response to what you see.

This Lent I invite you to take time and to reflect upon the circumstances/images that may be reflecting upon you. For sometimes we are sad, sometimes we are happy and at other times we witness our ageing. Sometimes we view things in anticipation, sometimes in apprehension or even anxiety and for others the images reflect circumstances or images of joy and laughter. As you reflect on those I invite you to ponder these questions:

How does God see you?

How do we see God?

How do we reflect God?

'For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.'

1 Corinthians 13: 12-13

David

## St Peter's Church Services in February

Date and time	Service
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 9.30 a.m.	All age worship An informal service for all
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist a traditional service led by Caroline
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 9.30 a.m.	Family Communion With Rev. George Day
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist with Rev. David Sayle
Tuesdays (except school holidays) 9 a.m.	Celtic Prayer

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

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## **Contributions**

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter.

Contributions should be sent to - Mrs. Norma Roe, The Editor, Ugborough Parish Newsletter, 20 Lutterburn St, Ugborough, Ivybridge, PL21 ONG.

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

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## **Village services.**

A reminder that you can visit the Devon Libraries Mobile Library Service at Ugborough Square, Tuesdays from 9.30 a.m.-10 a.m. every 4 weeks. The date for February is 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

### **Pot Luck Supper**

Share good food, drink and company! Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays invite you to the latest Pot Luck Supper to be held on Saturday 13th February from 7 p.m. in the Village Hall. (Food at 7.30 p.m.)

Bring along a main course or dessert to share with everyone and your own drink.