

# UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

March 2016



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**Garden Club** *Anne Holway*

The date of our March meeting will depend on our host -we will be helping to plan their recently acquired garden. We will e-mail or phone details to all members and anyone else wishing to join us is asked to e-mail [anne.holway@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:anne.holway@tiscali.co.uk) or phone 01752 941872.



**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 & biscuits? Regulars and visitors welcome- please drop in!  
(Extra help is always welcome too!)

**Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled-** *Peggy Douglas*

(tel. 07882286421, or 01752 894358.)

We are still in need of Volunteers for the many and various tasks required to operate this innovative and successful Group. Please contact me if you can help in any way.

Thanks to Ivybridge Short Mat Bowls for £900 raised from their recent fund raising; and also to Moorhaven Properties for their sponsorship of £500. And thanks to Sally and David for the Mats. They're just what Ketchup needed!

Simon Rundle is currently training to run this year's London Marathon, and is looking for sponsorship from local businesses or individuals. If you can help please visit our Just Giving page - the link is available on our Facebook page.



**Ceremonial flying of the Flag.**

The flag will be flown on the following occasions-

**March 10<sup>th</sup>** *Birthday of the Earl of Wessex*

**March 14<sup>th</sup>** *Commonwealth Day*



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

Ugborough Primary School.

World Book Day is being celebrated on 3<sup>rd</sup> March this year and children are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book. Years 5 and 6 both have residential this month at Callington Space Centre. We look forward to learning about their experiences. The children will be supporting Sports Relief on 18<sup>th</sup> March and the end of term comes quickly round on 24<sup>th</sup>!

### Ivybridge U3A - Jean Sherrell

The March General Meeting of the Ivybridge U3A will be held at the Watermark on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 2 p.m. The Speaker will be Jonathan Parsons on "Offshore Islands". Located a few miles off the beautiful Pembrokeshire coast are the stunning sister islands of Skomer and Skokholm. They are known both for their stunning wildlife and interesting human history and have played a big part in ground breaking scientific research. The talk will give a taste of the life, wildlife and human history on these remote islands.

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

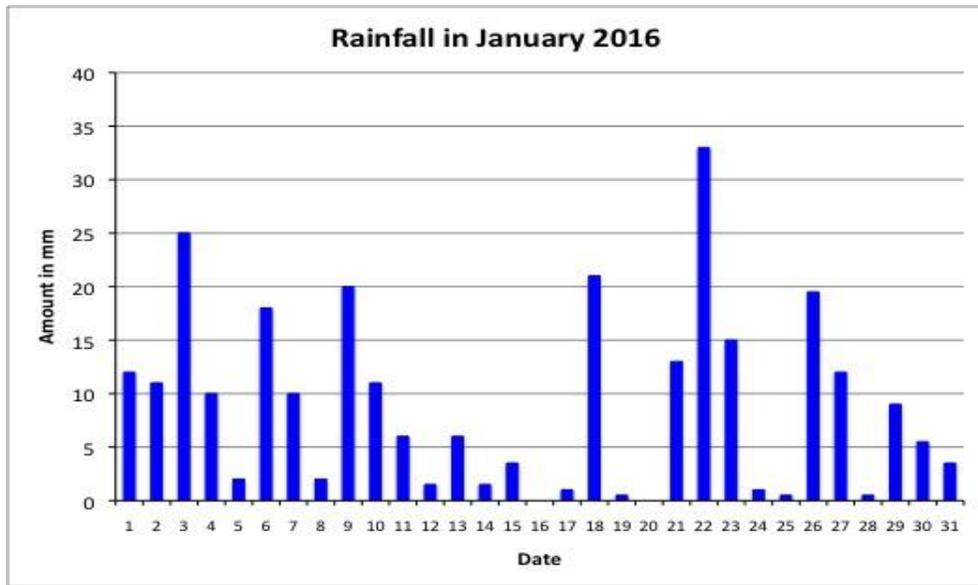
"Flexibility" is our motto for the walk on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March - so we have got two possible excursions in mind. Both leave the square at 11 a.m. prompt and head up the hill to Toby Cross and then take Footpath 21 to Torpeek farm. This was listed in the Domesday Book and the numerous "Peeks" mentioned in this area on the map probably go back Old English "Peac" so expect a few hills! It will also be decision point - do we turn right and head off through Torpeek Wood (always a surprise to find this charming spot so close to the bustle of the A38)? And this would give an excellent opportunity to pop into the Horse and Groom before heading back to Ugborough. Or do we, after a democratic decision, go west to Peekmill Bridge, up, through the woods and across the fields to Earlescombe Farm? From there we sweep round the hill to Quarry Farm (apparently worked in the 1840's by a migrant from Caernarfon called Dixon) and then the long gentle plod home up the ridge road pausing to ponder (and recover breath) the possible reaves - Bronze Age boundary walls - in the adjoining fields. Unfortunately our Ugborough examples do not compare with others on Dartmoor - the reave at White Tor can be traced for 10 km.



The motto for the February walk was "who dares wins!" We slotted in between the tail end of Storm Imogen and promised sleet and rain for 3 o'clock. We set off with trepidation for the Parish's eastern frontiers. At Ugborough Garage we decided to go for broke and were rewarded by the field being a lot drier than we expected and the two most challenging stiles in the parish were easily scaled. The sun shone as we circled back to Fowlescombe and the glorious vistas of the Shilston Valley. As expected the ridgeway bridleway was well over our boots so we scampered across a footpath through a cabbage field and the third precipitous stile. With one eye on some very threatening weather prognostications we briskly reached Spriddlescombe Farm and then down the fields to Ugborough. We made it back with 30 minutes to spare before the rain - with a feeling of achievement - we had grabbed the best of the day!

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

During January I recorded 274.5mm (just under 11") of rain at Shellwood Hill... which compares to 173mm in 2015; 310mm in 2014; 183.5mm in 2013 and 119.5mm in 2012.



### **Alvington Singers Spring Concert**

The ALVINGTON SINGERS, accompanied by the DIVERTIMENTO ENSEMBLE will be performing the much loved and well known VIVALDI GLORIA, and the beautiful SUNRISE MASS by the contemporary Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at Ugborough Church at 7:30 p.m.

**Entry £12 at the door, or from Choir members**

**For more info see [www.alvingtonsingers.org.uk](http://www.alvingtonsingers.org.uk) and see next month's Newsletter!**  
Reg. Charity no. XT2008

Cornwood Church- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 p.m.

Concert by the Sir Joshua Reynolds Choir

Tickets £7-50 01752 837441 or 893950

**Ugborough Local History Group** - *Merryl Docker (01752 893651)*

"The Vikings in Devon" is the subject of our next History Group meeting on Wed 30th March, 8 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall. We will be joined by Professor Derek Gore of Exeter University who will enlighten us as to the Viking influence in our county. No doubt we have much to learn and many myths to dispel. I wonder how much raping and pillaging actually did go on?

We are a friendly group, visitors will be made very welcome at just £2 on the door. I look forward to seeing you.

**Beryl's Bookworms** - *Sue Johns*

Well.... This was always going to be a controversial choice of books and Sarah Waters 'The Paying Guests' certainly lived up to expectations! This the account of Frances who having fallen on hard times post WW1 is forced to compromise her middle class roots and take in Paying Guests to make ends meet. The young couple 'taken in' and their relationship with Frances form the body of the narrative. Some members felt the initial 200 pages before a relationship, in the infamous graphic Waters style, developed was tedious in the extreme - whilst others felt the flow of eloquent prose delightful and to be savoured. The shocking events in the form of a murder and subsequent court trial that followed were considered by our Group as either melodramatic and unnecessary - or page engrossing and addictive.



We did all agree that the novel was extremely well written with the diverse characters well drawn and very much of the era. The emergence of feminism well documented by Waters allowed us to 'marvel' at the time when marriage, in the majority of cases, signalled the end of any sort of career for a woman; and to consider a time when any relationship other than heterosexual seemed to be exclusive to the upper classes.

Our personal experiences in this Group cover a huge historical cultural change - and this always enhances our discussions considerably!

Our lively evening reflected the best attributes of a good read and an entertaining Bookgroup. Thanks Beryl.

Scores out of 5 predictably ranged from 2 to 5 - with an average of 3.5.

Our next book is: The Last Letter from your Lover by Jojo Moyes

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

The Safari Supper 2016 will be Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016 (Note change of date)  
Contact John Pursey 01752 896278 or [ugboroughsafari@gmail.com](mailto:ugboroughsafari@gmail.com) for more information.

### Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays - Sarah Scanlon

What an exciting month USS has had! Firstly St Peter's very kindly allowing us to up sticks and camp out in the Church on 6th February. Stall holders and customers alike had to be congratulated for turning out in the most awful weather. It was a very busy vibrant market and would have been sadly missed if we had not been allowed to use the Church. Thank you.

On 13th February USS hosted another fantastic Pot luck supper. Over 70 people attended and the hall was buzzing. It was a delight to see so many friends enjoying themselves, great food and wonderful entertainment (thank you Ashley) The Bric a Brac stall is still raising money for the Parish Newsletter. Remember, if you are spring cleaning, before throwing anything out, consider the Table!

Dates for March- 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 12 noon

STOP PRESS- Daniel Rogers, Bell Cornwell LLP- Chartered Town Planners

Development proposals for 44 houses at Sidings Cross, Wrangaton  
Consultation Event on 9<sup>th</sup> March from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Route A38 Cafe,  
Wrangaton Business Park. Open to all. (Main office 01392 357516)

### Cinderella - THE Pantomime - Sue Johns

The beginning of February saw this, the first production of the fledgling Ugborough Dramatic Society, hit the Village in a dynamic, tour de force.

The success of the production was beyond our wildest dreams - and it is entirely down to the huge commitment that the Cast and Backstage Crew have shown in the last 6 months (at least!).

We were a great Team - and the joy for me particularly was the camaraderie of working together in a convivial, and quite often hilarious (or perhaps hysterical??) atmosphere for the same aim.

I think aside from the 20 cast and the 5 regular dedicated back/front stage crew a further 20 or so helped front of house, and with costumes, make up, music, videography etc. With support from SHDC financially for a lighting grant this proved a true community event.

Consequently we have been financially successful too - which will allow us to reimburse the Village Hall for their generosity in allowing us to rehearse rent free until we had money in the coffers, to the Church also for rehearsal space, to the Preschool for the inconvenience of vacating their premises for a week, and to The School for accommodating them, and to The Newsletter for promotion and lively comment!

This will still allow us to keep a healthy balance just in case we decide to undertake another venture..... watch this space!

## Arts Report- Janner Street-Porter

### **Cinders did go to the Ball**

Some said it couldn't be done and others said it shouldn't be done. Well, it was done and how well it was done! The Ugborough Dramatistas astounded the critics with a sensational performance and Sue Johns should be very proud of her efforts and the whole team. This was one of those great events in the village that will live long in the memory. So many scene changes, great lighting, a full orchestra pit (but a small one) and Oscars for the make-up, supporting cast and the ice cream - I loved it!

Cinders was flawlessly portrayed by Norma, who alongside the fabulous Buttox (sorry David, Buttons) showed the acting talent on display. The ugly sisters stole much of the show and from what I saw Steve's heart, with their mix of two-liners set-up by one and smashed home by the other. Not only was their script sharp, their expressions captivating and their forays into the audience well executed, they were also so very colourful, even in the dark.

Another partnership that looked a little like a budding 'bromance' was that of the Prince and Dandini, whose posturing and lunging complemented good casting and characters that were easy to engage with. The difficult job of filling for scene changes was the task of Bodgett and Legget, although we were never sure which was which. Sometimes the script, or indeed once Legget, went missing, but they made up for it in slapstick and the ever-increasing facial hair - I enjoyed the random dance moves.

The fairy godmother was definitely at home on a big stage, as was the Baron, played by Bev and John respectively. These are difficult parts as there is no foil to bounce off, but they were not only professional, but hugely entertaining character portrayals that one suspects they thoroughly enjoyed.

The chorus amazed us all with the quality of the opening number and the same can be said for the brave introduction of the Baron's new wife straight into her big solo - Claire is clearly made for Panto. Also surprisingly keen to perform were the backstage team judging by the after party!

Let's hope that they release the movie version soon....but don't be surprised if it goes direct to DVD!

### Pantomime Winning Raffle Tickets- Sue Prowse

Many thanks to all who supported the raffle by donating prizes and buying tickets. The prizes have been placed on a table at the back of the church for collection by the various winners. Several have already been collected but the total list of winning numbers is as follows -

Yellow tickets.

221-225, 276-280, 281-285, 301-305, 306-310, 321-325, 331-335,  
341-345, 346-350, 351-355, 356-360, 366-370, 381-385, 396-400,  
401-405, 411-415, 421-425, 426-430, 431-435, 436-440, 441-445

Blue Tickets

56-60, 286-290, 336-340, 351-355, 361-365, 436-440, 521-525,  
526-530,

Pink tickets

166-170,

Green tickets

171-175, 236-240, 276-280, 296-300, 376-380,

**Granny's Coffee Morning Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 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, the farmyard and at the crossroads. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Also we are planning Ugborough Fair week! If you have any good quality bric a brac please take it to Shelley who will store it for you, (for David and Norma's Fair Day stall). Thank you.

**SeaMoor Centre- Vicky Rawlings**

SeaMoor Children's Centre is holding an Easter party on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March at The Watermark from 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. Join us for face-painting, Easter crafts and Wishy Washy who will entertain us with fun, games and magic. It's FREE and suitable for under 5's and their families.

Many of you know that SeaMoor Children's Centre is on the move at the end of March. We will then become part of South Hams Children's Centres and will be based in Totnes. However we will continue to run services dedicated to all under 5's and their families in Ivybridge and its outlying areas. We are currently putting together the timetable for the summer term; this will be available on the website [www.southhamschildrenscentres.org.uk](http://www.southhamschildrenscentres.org.uk) from 21st March 2016. We look forward to seeing you after Easter.

### Ugborough Village Hall- Stafford Williams

A quiet meeting in February, but enough was done to see the 48 new chairs brought into service and the Hall recover from its use for the big Panto. It was great to see the facility served so well, and that it could be dressed up to cope with big stage performances. The only down-side is that more audience could not be accommodated.

A reminder that the Hall is the polling station on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

### Neighbourhood Development Plan -George Fletcher

(Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012).

Ugborough Parish Council is pleased to announce the start of the public consultation of our pre-submission Neighbourhood Development Plan. The consultation period will run for 8 weeks from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

The timeframe for the Plan is the next 15 years and it applies to the majority of the area of Ugborough Parish within the South Hams District (the Plan Area).

Responses are now sought from those who reside, work or carry out business within the Plan Area, and those on the periphery of the Plan Area who may be affected, before the Plan goes forward to the independent examiner and then to final referendum in the autumn of 2016.

The Plan can be found on the Ugborough Plan website, [www.ugboroughplan.org](http://www.ugboroughplan.org), along with associated documents, including the Basic Conditions Statement, the Consultation Statement, the Plan Area Character Appraisal, Ugborough village Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Conservation Area Management Plan.

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](mailto:info@ugboroughplan.org).

**Please take the time to read through the Plan and 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](mailto:info@ugboroughplan.org).

Response forms may also be posted to: Councillor George Beable, The Retreat, Shute Lane, Wrangaton, South Brent, TQ10 9HE.

**Response forms must be received by Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016.**

## Promoting Dementia Friendly Communities around Ivybridge and Neighbouring Rural Parishes.

On Friday 18th March a half day conference bringing 18 rural parishes around the rivers Avon, Yealm, Erme, Plym and Ivybridge town together to form an Area Action Alliance of Dementia Friendly Communities will be held at The Watermark in Ivybridge starting with refreshments at 9 a.m. for a 9.30 a.m. start and finishing at 1 p.m. The key note speaker is Ian Sherriff, Academic Partnership Lead for Dementia at Plymouth University, Alzheimer's Society Trustee and Chair of the Prime Ministers Task & Finish Group for Rural Dementia. If you would like to book a place please contact Maxine on 07450206312

## Ugborough Parish Council

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**The February Parish Council Meeting** started with reports from your District and County Councillors on budget proposals, boundary changes and devolution.

The Local Government Boundary Commission has published its final recommendation on the new electoral arrangements for Devon County Council. From 2017, Ugborough will be included in the South Brent & Yealmpton division - an extensive area, with just one County Councillor.

The Heart of the South West devolved body would include County and District Councils from Somerset and Devon, Clinical Commissioning Groups and the Heart of the South West LEP. More details on the proposals are available from <https://new.devon.gov.uk/democracy/how-the-council-works/devolution/>

**Planning applications** considered at the meeting included a temporary agricultural dwelling at Ruby Rose Farm, Wrangaton and a removal of a residency condition at Swallow Cottage & Barn Owl Cottage, Fowlescombe Farm - both of which received support, although a condition was requested that the dwellings should not be sold separately from Fowlescombe Farm. No objection was raised to the proposed works to trees at 21 Lutterburn St, Ugborough, the overflow car park at Wrangaton Business Park, nor to the variation of the residency condition at East Cannamore - although a further temporary permission for 3 years would be preferred.

Councillors objected to the readvertised application for 222 dwellings at Torrhill Farm, Godwell Lane, Ivybridge, on the grounds that there was inadequate green space and employment land provision. The design was uninspired and failed to use local vernacular materials. The parking provision should be redesigned closer to the homes. No provision had been made for an eastern access onto the A38, and the highway layout would exacerbate existing traffic problems.

**The Neighbourhood Plan** is moving forward fast now, with the public consultation starting on 29<sup>th</sup> February. Details on the consultation are available in this newsletter, which is being distributed to every household in the Plan area.

**The defibrillator** has now been erected at the Ugborough Village Hall, and funding has been obtained for a similar appliance on Bittaford Community Hall. Defibrillator training has been planned for

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 7 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall. The training will last about 1½ hours and you are welcome to come along.

**The Budget and Precept 2016/17** were agreed at the Meeting. Expenditure over the next financial year is projected to be £30,468 and a precept of £17,000 has been requested. The average Band D property will pay £23.33, representing an increase of £2.42.

**Bittaford Playground and footpath** continue to cause problems. Following a repeat incident where a child was trapped on the see-saw, Parish Councillors emphasised the need for parents to supervise their children. The path through the playground is now very muddy, and Dartmoor National Park will be improving its drainage and surface - with the Parish Council contributing to the cost. Conflict has arisen between dog walkers and horses in the field below the playground, with warning signs along the path being immediately ripped up.

**A community approach to environmental enhancement** has been given a boost with Parish funds set aside for community initiatives. Proposals will be put forward at the Annual Parish Meeting, which it is planned for mid-April

**The South Devon AONB Estuaries Management Plan 2016-20** is inviting public consultation. Anyone who enjoys the estuaries or the streams flowing into them can get involved by going to [www.southdevonaonb.org.uk/](http://www.southdevonaonb.org.uk/). Closing date for comments is 11th March.

**The next Parish Council Meeting** will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, starting at 7.30 p.m. Agenda and minutes are displayed on the noticeboards and website.

### **Defibrillator Training**

Come along to Ugborough Village Hall and learn how to operate the Defibrillator.

All Welcome!

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 7 - 8.30 p.m.

### **Lent Study Groups**

These are taking place throughout the Mission Community during Lent.

In Ugborough, you are welcome to join us on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at 7 Fore Street Ugborough PL21 ONP (David and Sally's).

**Bittaford Methodist Chapel** Jutta Berger 01752 698381

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

Sunday 6th March 10.30 a.m. Rev. David Youngs Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Mothering Sunday

Sunday 13th March 10.30 a.m. Mr. Keith Angilley

Sunday 20th March 10.30 a.m. Mr. John Pointon Palm Sunday

Sunday 27th March 2.30 p.m. Rev. Ralph Ward Sacrament of Holy  
Communion Easter Sunday

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**

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

We are starting to see the signs of Spring here in Devon and I am aware as I drive around the parishes and wander through the churchyards for me personally this is a first time encounter with Spring in this area. Day after day I keep noticing new plants emerging from the soil, the hedgerows and the woodlands. It is made more interesting since I have no idea what is planted and what colours and varieties of plants will emerge. Many plants die back during our winter periods only to wake up and reemerge with fresh and young new sprouts of growth. Often we are pleasantly surprised as we look around and see new plants appearing some times when we haven't even planted them ourselves.

So it is with our faith journey we too have seasons, times of growth and flourishing, harvests and times when it feels like we are resting or lying dormant and other times when we it feels like decay and dying. Yet the Easter event tells us that something new and surprising has happened and offers us the opportunity for new growth and reawakens our interest in what is going on around us and within us. It is always a delight to see the bright colours of Spring enhanced by the sunshine and the longer daylight hours offering the possibility of spending more time outdoors and once again the time to catch up with old friends and the possibility of forming new friendships.

As you travel around where you live, I invite you to take notice of the familiar as well as the new, to build on the friendships you have and allow those encounters to enrich not only your own lives but the life of our communities. *David*



### **Annual General Meetings-** *Rev'd David Sayle*

Annual General Meetings are an opportunity for each of us not only to reflect on where we have travelled but a time when we can seek to recognise the potential God has given to each one of us; has given to our communities and the need for us to care for the land we walk upon. These may seem strange thoughts for an Annual General meeting but for me these are moments when we can share our experiences, listen to each other and seek to discover ways in which together we can develop our community life and further community well-being. So, if you are able please do come along. :

The time and date to be for St. Peter's are still to be confirmed so look out for details. If you live in the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter's you are more than welcome to attend and are eligible to vote in the first of the two meetings, to elect the Churchwardens of the Parish. You will be welcome to stay for the second meeting but only people who are on the Church Electoral role are eligible to vote. If you would like to know more about the Church Electoral role, please do get in contact with me on 01548 821199.

### **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! Any help, large or small, is very much appreciated. Contact Jane Johns for information.

### **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.

### **Bell-Ringer's Success-** *Francis Douglas*

The Bell-Ringers entered a Novice Competition at Plympton St Maurice on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February with Steve Bulgen as our novice. Steve started learning to ring about nine months ago and was supported in the competition by the established Ugborough bell-ringing team. There were five teams from around the area. We were the first to ring, 'you have one minute to settle down, and then you ring for six minutes where we will be scoring'.



Off we went, a little nervous, because ringing in an unfamiliar tower can always be tricky. Anyhow we did settle down and it seemed to go well. The judges listened from outside and scored the evenness of the ringing, using a formal score sheet; when the results were announced we had come second - well done Steve. Of note it was a delight to ring a well-balanced set of bells - something we hope to achieve with our bell restoration.

With regard to Ugborough's bell restoration project, it has got off to a good start. So far we have raised over £7,500, had two quotes for the work and are awaiting the third. Once we have decided upon the detailed scope of the work and chosen the contractor, we will have a formal launch event, so you will see the profile of the bell-ringers in Ugborough increasing. If anyone wants to see what we do or even wants to think about learning, you are most welcome to pop up at 7.30 p.m. on a Thursday, our practice night.

Also please note, The Ugborough Safari Supper is on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March (note the change of date) and some of the proceeds will be for the Bell Restoration Fund.

### Friends of St. Peters - Gareth (Taff) Jones

Due to our dwindling numbers the "Friends" have decided to call it a day and to concentrate our collective efforts supporting the various church events.

As you know over the past few years the "Friends" have held quite a few events and raised several thousands for St Peter's here in Ugborough. For me, our legacy will be the Graveyard report and the ramp at the West gate to allow wheelchair / buggy access. Everything else we have achieved, such as staging Under Milkwood in 2010, will be left to the memory and will be less visible.

There is a balance of £1,377.79 in the account which Martin will be closing this month and forwarding a cheque to the PCC. It is our wish that £1,250 of the balance is put into the building fund as this was primarily why the "Friends" were formed. The remainder is to go to the General Fund and held to pay for a number of banners that we proposed to have made to advertise certain services and festivals. Philomena will be organising this over the spring period and we hope to present them to the church before summer.

Just because Friends have called it a day does not mean that those that supported it have, we are still here to help and support in whichever ways we can.

Finally, I have to thank all that have supported Friends in the past, stalwarts Philomena, Dot, Philip, David and the late Richard Barker but especially Martin Tingle in looking after the funds, I wish him and Liz well as they move on to pastures new.

### St Peter's Church Services in March

Date and time	Service
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 9.30 a.m.	All Age Worship (Mothering Sunday)
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 9.30 a.m.	Family Communion (said) with Rev'd David Sayle (Palm Sunday)
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 11 a.m.	Easter Day Holy Communion with Rev'd David Sayle
Every Tuesday except School holidays 9 a.m.	Celtic Prayer

### Mission Community Special Services in Holy Week

24<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Eucharist, St Mary's, Diptford  
 7.30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Eucharist, St Andrew's, Harberton  
**\*\*\* 7.30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Eucharist, St Peter's, Ugborough\*\*\***

25<sup>th</sup> March 12 noon Good Friday Devotions, St Leonard's, Halwell  
 2 p.m. Good Friday Devotions, St Peter's, Harbertonford  
 12 noon Good Friday Devotions, St Peter and St Paul's, Ermington  
 6 p.m. Sacred Music St. Peter and St. Paul's Ermington

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

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#### **Parish matters may also be referred to our Reader**

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## **Contributions**

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter.

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

**The deadline is 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.)

Your Newsletter is available online at the Parish Council website [ugboroughparishcouncil.org](http://ugboroughparishcouncil.org). and at [ugborough.com](http://ugborough.com)

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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 March is 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

**PL21 Transition Town** - Graham Wilson , Whiteley Farm, Ivybridge, PL21 OLD. Tel: 01752 691183, Mob: 07968 731927.

PL21 Transition Town and environmental charity Sustrans have teamed up for the second year for more lead cycle rides from Ivybridge. The first event will be on Easter Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> March for a led bike ride through the foothills of Dartmoor. Starting at Ivybridge, the total distance is 24 miles. In places, the route is hilly but we will be taking lots of time and a back-up car will be provided.

For more information and booking, please visit <http://pl21.weebly.com/events.html>

## **Sustainable Energy Fair**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Watermark, Ivybridge, PL21 OSZ

Do you have high fuel bills? Could changing supplier save you money? Which renewable energy system would work best for you?

With talks from Citizens Advice, international climate campaigners and qualified Energy Advisors there is something for everyone.

The event is organised by PL:21 Transition Initiative and supported by a grant from the RegenSW Community Energy Accelerator Devon County Council Fund.