

UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

March 2017



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Coffee Drop-In Centre

10.30 a.m. - Noon every Thursday morning in Ugborough Church

Post office available 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Why not meet up with friends and neighbours over coffee, tea, cake & biscuits?
Everyone welcome.

Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled- Peggy Douglas

(tel. 07882286421, or 01752 894348.)

We recently had the honour of hosting a visit from Bishop Sarah who was in the area visiting Totnes Deanery. The Bishop seemed delighted to meet our riders, and was very interested in how we operate. A lovely happy occasion enjoyed by everyone.

We have been lucky enough to be the recipients of a donation of £5000 from the Cadbury's Factory at Crediton. This Group spends a community day with us annually helping out and seeing our work in action.

Thanks once again to The Anchor Inn in Ugborough for allowing us back once more for another of our fundraising events. It is great to enjoy such local support.



Ceremonial flying of the Flag.

The flag will be flown on the following occasions-

March 10th *Birthday of the Earl of Wessex*

March 13th *Commonwealth Day*



Mary's Coffee Morning 1st March 10 a.m. at Oakenham, Ugborough.

The first event of the village's social calendar (well, apart from the pantos).

No rehearsing, no costume changes, just a lovely cuppa and homemade cake.

It would be lovely to see you all on the first day of March, in glorious Spring sunshine and daffodils!!!

Monies raised from the event will go to the Church General Fund.

Ugborough Local History Group- Merryl Docker

On Wednesday 29th March at 8 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall we will be visiting our far distant past with another talk from the excellent Professor Derek Gore: "The Kingdom of Dumnonia" ~ the archaeology and history of the South West after the Roman period. Do join us to see how folks in this part of the world lived and where. Non members are always made welcome (just £2 on the door).

We look forward to seeing you.

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

Open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday - Friday during term time in Ugborough Village Hall

Baby and Toddler Group - Monday 10 -11.30 a.m.

Contact 07763215455

admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk

We enjoyed our week with Hillhead Class during panto week, thank you to Mrs Crudge and the rest of school for accommodating us. The children took to it well and enjoyed new activities and learning experiences including construction - Knex, and peg and board, and the programmable robot - "beebot". The children were delighted to receive certificates at the end of the week, our 2 have pride of place on the fridge! Thanks to the Pre-school staff and Mrs Crudge for planning a stimulating and enjoyable week. The close links across the Foundation stages really help to integrate the Pre-School and School settings and your efforts are appreciated by all of us parents.

Tickets are now available for a ladies' race night (gentlemen welcome too) on the eve of Mothering Sunday (Saturday 25th March). Please contact Aimee Godfrey 07843 611929 to buy your ticket - £12.50 to include entry, ram roast and a glass of fizz!

We are celebrating the week of World Book Day with dressing up, cooking and craft activities, and an outing to the Theatre Royal to see Room on the Broom. If you are looking to refresh your book selection, we will be running our annual book sale from 27th February - 4th March in the Hall. We would really appreciate donations of pre-loved books (adults' or children's) and please pop into the hall during pre-school hours or see you at USS on 4th March.

With the change of season around the corner, we are looking forward to getting out and about with Forest School and our Easter Egg Hunt in the grounds of Ugborough House, thanks once again to Matt and Emily.

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

We are very grateful to the PTA for organising 2 events this month- the Family Film Night on Friday 3rd March from 5.30pm - 7.30pm with a viewing of "Trolls", and the Safari Supper on 4th March.

Details of these events have already been circulated.

We will be enjoying Red Nose Day on Friday 24th March and the last day of the Spring Term will be Friday 31st March.

Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs - Thanks from Sue Johns

Ugborough Dramatic Society's recent production proved a resounding success, judging by the accolades we have received from so many of the 320 or so who have taken the trouble to pass on congratulations. As someone who had the privilege of working with this dedicated team to reach such dizzy heights I'd like to thank everyone who was involved in any way. From the supremely talented Cast - who surpassed even their own high expectations with consummate performances to their exacting high standards, and the Chorus who sang and smiled throughout, to the Young Company who were outstanding in their commitment and skills, and kept us all on track. Backstage, a special mention to those who created the set, costumes, props and ensured everything was in the right place at the right time. From the makeup artists and creator of the magic mirror to our long suffering prompt and The Boys who once more expertly handled the graphics, sound and lights. The Front of House Team, from the stewards to the Ice Cream Lady, from Programme seller to bar staff and Draw Lady, were all totally reliable and efficient, and simply just 'got on with it' - which is such a talent this community possesses, and to which it is a joy to belong. A personal thanks to my right hand lady whose eye and sensible comment kept my feet on the floor!

Behind the scenes at the Pantomime-(with grateful thanks to John Watkins)

(The very night that all the performances were over, John sent this e mail to all members of the Drama Group- at 3 a.m.! It sums up perfectly what we did and why we did it. So, I asked John's permission to reproduce it in the Newsletter and he very kindly agreed.)

To all members of Ugborough Dramatic Society-

We have done something remarkable tonight. In place of an empty space, by which I mean the option to have done nothing, we have staged a pantomime. While the world adjusts its axis to the political machinations of our county leaving the European Union and the election of an oddity as the leader of the free world, we have entertained!

Here is the thing. It was funny, it was emotional, and it was important. People, our friends yes, but as wide an audience as you expect, fell about laughing.

There is a test applied to today's comedy movies - are there three belly laughs? We more than met that test with a laugh a minute. And whether they were laughing with us or at us doesn't matter - it's pantomime.

To put thirty people, young and old, on a stage is a feat of organisation. To put that number on a stage with flair, colour and wit is beyond remarkable. To do so from a community the size of Ugborough is beyond beyond remarkable.

I was the pantomime Dame, but enough about me. The reason why pantomime is important is because it takes us all step beyond. Whether it be trepidation, fear even, on the part of the cast, or astonishment on the part of the audience. It is a step beyond the every day. It is important and we did it.

Here not the place to thank everyone - the list would be endless. Although, that said, producer Sue Johns sits on a pedestal beyond praise. For me personally, my dresser and makeup artist Susan Williams - whilst simultaneously featuring as the inimitable Slurp - was just the best! However, here perhaps the place to urge anyone involved in the National Curriculum - drama is important!

Ugborough Bell Fund -Juliet Collis

The Bellringers are delighted to report that the Bell Fund Appeal total now stands at £46,000 including a grant of £11,000 pledged from the Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund. This time last year, the fund stood at £8,000, so looking back we have had the most amazing fundraising year. We all would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the fund by way of donations, practical assistance or attending one of our events, each of which have been so brilliantly supported.

The response from everyone in Ugborough parish and supporters from further afield has certainly encouraged the Bell Team to continue working hard. We have now gone well past the half-way point towards our target of £70,000, so the project feels that it is within our reach. The community response is also a factor that we are using to demonstrate the wider importance of the bells to the parish, as we continue to submit grant applications to various charitable bodies to help reach our final total. If anyone knows of potential sources of grants, please can they contact Francis Douglas at francis@ugborough.eclipse.co.uk who is co-ordinating our grant applications.

Our next event will be a '**Big Breakfast**' to be held in the Village Hall on **Saturday 11th March** from 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Please come along with friends and family to enjoy a hearty or lighter breakfast, prepared by the Bellringers and Supporters.

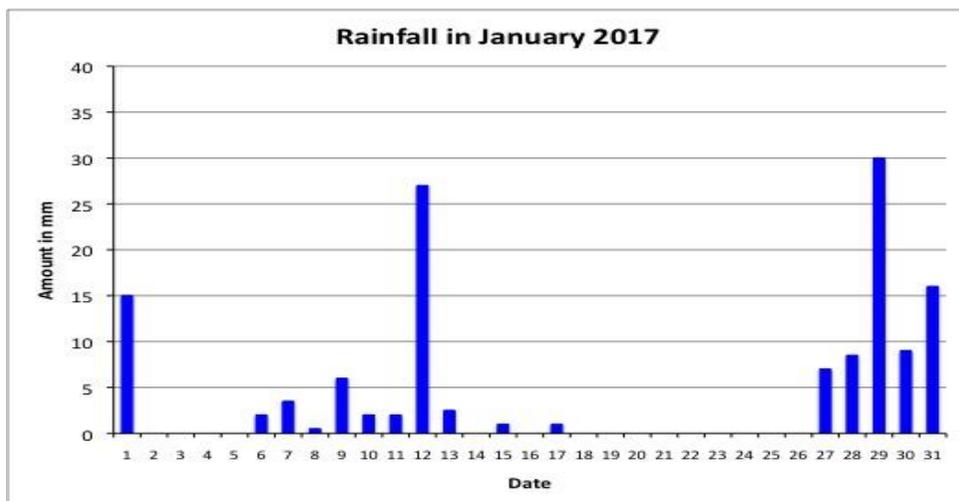
Ugborough Church Bell Restoration Fund
Big Breakfast
Saturday 11th March
Village Hall - 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. All welcome

Ivybridge U3A - Jean Sherrell

The March General Meeting of Ivybridge U3A will be held on Monday 20th March at 2 p.m. in the Watermark. Our speaker Tony Cannon will talk about The Devon Air Ambulance. See our website for full details www.ivybridge-u3a.org.uk
Or email ivybridge.u3a@gmail.com or phone 01364 724700

Rainfall at Shellwood Hill George Arnison

The dry winter continues. During January I recorded 133mm (just over 5") of rain at Shellwood Hill, which compares to the last four January's of 274.5mm (2016), 173mm (2015), 310mm (2014) and 183.5mm (2013) and is well below the overall average of the last 8 January's of 181mm.



Supporting Devon's Rural Entrepreneurs

Devon Communities Together (DCT) has been awarded £50,000 from The Prince's Countryside Fund to support the next generation of rural entrepreneurs in Devon. A series of free networking events and one-to-one advice and mentoring activities will be provided to support start-ups with key business skills such as finance and marketing. As part of the project, DCT is developing an online enterprise hub to support this learning.

They are also working with the School for Social Entrepreneurs in Dartington, who will deliver a programme of in-depth training to further support and encourage business development and long-term growth.

The project is underway - if you know someone in the rural community looking for business support, get in touch via the new project website, devonhub.org.uk.

Ugborough Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group - *George Beable, Chair, Ugborough Parish Council.*

February 2017 Update

Our latest, amended, draft Ugborough Neighbourhood Development Plan ended its South Hams District Council (SHDC) six week public consultation period (Regulation 16) on 10th November. We received a total of 5 statutory and public consultee responses from SHDC just before Christmas. We then received feedback from SHDC on 5th February.

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group is currently arranging a meeting with representatives from SHDC at the beginning of March to discuss their feedback and next steps. We will then be making further amendments to the Plan prior to it going forward for inspection followed by public referendum.

The version of the Plan that went to consultation last autumn, and associated documents, can be found on our website, ***www.ugboroughplan.org***, along with regular updates on its progress.

Beryl's Bookworms - *Anne Holway*

Our book for January was 'Where my heart used to beat' by Sebastian Faulks.



This novel tells the life story of Robert Hendricks, a bright, bookish but lonely man, and how his life is dominated by family, upbringing, a passionate love affair in Italy during World War 2, and latterly a letter from an elderly doctor.

Hendricks is a doctor who specialises in psychiatric disorders. He is interested in love and how it shapes and defines our lives, and how we remember it. Initially he is not a likeable character but the reader becomes drawn deeper into his solitude and puzzlement of life.

I felt this was not as perfect a book as 'Birdsong' (his prize winning novel about World War 1 in France), but it did not disappoint. Faulks writes beautifully with a humanity few writers possess. Some readers felt it was disjointed and not truly enjoyable but most found it a memorable and moving novel.

Our average mark was 4 out of 5.

Advance notice

The Annual Spring Clean of the church will take place on Friday 7th April and Saturday 8th April, from 9.30 am. The Saturday is a working party to clean out the South Door and the outside of the church. Please help keep our church beautiful.



Your Stars Tonight. On most clear dark nights I may be lucky enough to see just one or two meteorites over a couple of hours - usually just a tiny fleck of light zipping across the sky and gone almost before one has time to register its presence. Perhaps once or twice a year I see a larger one and so it was last week when a bright streak went across the sky glowing an unworldly yellowy green and leaving a transient billowing cloud of smoke - or was the latter just my imagination - for it was all over in just a couple of a seconds.

To be honest I have not been out stargazing much in the last few weeks as I have been proper poorly - an evil cough and cold brought on, I fear, by a foolish enthusiasm for extreme winter sports. I felt impelled to do a day of winter gold panning down in Cornwall. The advantage of February is that there is no one around - but this seems small recompense as one crouches in a sleet shower in some gloomy wooded valley, wading in freezing cold water and heaving a wet shovel full of stream grit into the gold pan. In the first location each pan eventually sifted down to a teaspoonful of heavy black sand - mostly tin - with just one or two tiny sparkles of gold. We then moved on to a location on the Roseland Peninsula and with the first pan it became clear that this stream had not cut through any mineral veins - there was hardly a dusting of black sand let alone a hint of gold. We did half a dozen pans before retiring to the warmth of a nearby inn.

Curious at the lack of a heavy portion I decided to look at it under the microscope when I got home and confirmed there was nothing there - but I did notice a couple of tiny magnetic jet black spheres which I put down to being welding spatter - odd since there seemed to be no evidence for blacksmith or boat repair in such a remote location. And that would have been the end of it had not serendipity occurred.

That night I read a letter from John Rowland in the New Scientist entitled "finding meteorites in your gutter is easy". The writer encouraged his readers to take the contents of their roof gutters (preferably plastic), swirl them in a bucket of water along with a strong magnet inside a sealed plastic bag. "A good magnifier will show tiny spheres some of them up to 0.2 millimetres in diameter" which are iron micrometeorites.

So a flash of light in the sky and barren gold pan have a connection revealed by looking at the contents of the gutter - sounds like a cryptic crossword clue!

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays -Sarah Scanlon

For those of you that haven't quite made it to USS as yet, due to other commitments or not quite knowing what is going on in the Village Hall every other week, I thought it would be a good idea to tell you a little about what you may find. On a regular basis we have an eclectic group of producers offering a wide variety of products to buy.

There are homemade cakes, pies, pasties, quiches, ready to eat meals, soups, desserts, breads, preserves, fresh farm eggs, a wide selection of fresh fish and as I am writing this, we have a new producer selling sausages and pork products.

On the craft side we have cards for all occasions (stamps can be purchased also), pictures created by a range of media, crafts made with drift wood, spring bulbs and plants for the garden, fused glass objects, a range of unique stylish jewellery, bags, hats and containers made from very strong and waterproof materials, and homemade dog biscuits. We are also lucky to have a regular supply of bacon/egg rolls served throughout the market, all backed up with an enthusiastic team of helpers serving great hot and cold drinks.

USS is also a forum for the community to get advice from different organisations and recently we had a representative from South Dartmoor Community Energy offering advice with our fuel bills. I know that one person switched supplier that day and could be saving £450 in the coming year. Due to a large demand, they will be returning soon.

So if you have not managed to visit yet and are a little more curious, then we would love to see you there.

Dates for March are- 4th and 18th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon

The Newsletter Team is delighted to accept a generous donation of £300 from Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays towards running costs of the Newsletter.
Thank you!



We are growing! and urgently need new Befrienders www.modburycaring.org.uk

Modbury Caring set up the Befriending Service three years ago in response to needs identified by Heath Centre staff. Modbury Health Centre covers

a large rural community which, as well as Modbury town, includes more than a dozen widely spread villages and hamlets.

Public transport to and from the villages is increasingly poor and this has a considerable impact on people's ability to take part in normal every day social interaction. Those with no personal transport of their own, who have had to give up

or are prevented from driving, due to health or disability, can become more and more socially isolated.

The Befriending service aims to help people in lonely and isolated conditions by matching them up with a volunteer Befriender, who visits regularly. They may visit just for conversation or for shared activities, to accompany someone on a short walk or specific event, or to take them on an outing; e.g. to town, a garden centre, a coffee shop, or to the coast.

Feedback from clients is very rewarding. We know that it can be a very positive and stimulating experience to know that a friend will be visiting regularly and this is something which people really look forward to.

Need a friend? Perhaps you, a friend or relative might benefit from regular visits from a befriender.

Perhaps you might become a Befriender.

Contact Sheila Harrison: Tel.07554 997140 Email modburycaring@gmail.com

or Drop In at the Modbury Parish Office, by the Co-op. from 11 a.m. -12noon on Wednesdays.

Ugborough Village Hall- Stafford Williams

The Hall has a new kitchen window (very smart) and instructions on how to open the restrictor will be posted near it. There are a number of other jobs that were completed at the same time so some of the ongoing issues have been resolved.

All regular hirers should note that they are obliged to sign the Hire Terms and Conditions annually and the committee will be chasing up anyone who has yet to do this. Please be aware that the Hall insurance will not cover your group if you have not signed.

A surgery being run by Devon Communities Together will be held at Ugborough on Wednesday 22nd March in the Church. The free Surgeries are an opportunity for you to get information and advice about the things that matter to you and your community with one of their experts about: Health & Well-being, Rural Housing, Parish and Neighbourhood Plans, Community Projects, Funding Advice, Social Enterprise, Rural Business and more.

A reminder that the Hall is a polling station on 4th May so will be unavailable to hire.

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Wrangaton was the focus of attention at the start of the February Meeting, as concerns were expressed about highway drainage, the need for a pedestrian refuge near the bus stop, and parked cars reducing visibility at the junction by the

former post office. Devon County Councillor Richard Hosking will be following up these complaints, and it is hoped that pedestrian safety may be enhanced as part of the proposed housing development at Wrangaton.

Council Tax increases had been proposed by both Devon County Council and South Hams District Council, mostly in response to the reduction of central government support funding. On a more positive note, a further allocation of funds had been made available to repair potholes, and local residents are urged to report potholes online at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

The Ugborough Neighbourhood Development Plan has received a setback, due to the delay in receiving SHDC's response. Look out for a more detailed report from the Working Group in the Newsletter

Planning applications - Parish Council recommendations are given in bold below:

- Householder application for rear extension to existing house at Little Lutterburn, Lutterburn Street, Ugborough Ref 4035/16/HHO **Support, subject to amendments to the south elevation to prevent overlooking and preserve the privacy of both dwellings**
- Potting shed and cold store for storage of home grown produce at Lakeview Cottage, The Gas Works, Moorhaven Ref 0004/17 **Neutral. Prefer a more traditional design**
- Change of use of agricultural land for Camping Site, Glamping Site and provision of facilities block at Dunwell Farm, Ugborough Ref 4190/16/FUL **Support**
- Householder application for rear extension of dwelling and improvements to rear exterior at 16 Fore Street, Ugborough Ref 3989/16/HHO **Support**
- Readvertisement (revised documentation received) Demolition of existing bungalow, erection of 38 dwellings, provision of new access and erection of 3m high, solid timber acoustic fence on boundary with A38 at Land at SX 621 558 Cornwood Road, Ivybridge **No comment**
- Works to trees subject to TPO at Bittaford Wood Caravan Park Ref 17/0010 **Neutral, provided the works are supported by a quantified tree risk assessment**

Litter in the Filham area prompted a discussion about the increased amount of litter generally in the countryside. A very community-minded resident had picked up a depressing pile of litter on his walk in the area, and he deserves thanks for undertaking such an unpleasant task. The Parish Council has asked Gary Streeter to promote another Keep Britain Tidy campaign, and any local initiatives would be most welcome.

A Clamber Stack 3 is to be built in Bittaford playpark, which has been '...innovatively designed to replicate a natural, challenging and enjoyable play

environment. Using both timber and rope the Clamber Stacks encourage children to use their imagination and to develop both their physical and social skills'. The equipment is grant funded by £8000 Tesco Bags of Help and £2000 Dartmoor Communities Fund. Repairs to other equipment at the playpark will also be undertaken.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in Ugborough Village Hall on Wednesday 19th April from 7.30 p.m. More details will follow, but it is hoped to focus on the First Responder service, and to receive a presentation on Ugborough's Open Space Strategy.

The Bittaford phone kiosk is being handed over to the Parish Council and will be used by the community for a library. The agreement has been signed and £1 charge paid, so now we wait for the kiosk to be decommissioned.

The travellers at Hillhead may now be on borrowed time. Their stay at Hillhead no longer meets the 'Traveller' criteria, and SHDC intends to take enforcement action against Devon County Council, the owners of the land.

Devon Communities Together is holding an Information & Advice Surgery at St Peter's Church, Ugborough on Wednesday 22nd March. The surgery will cover 'what matters to our communities', including housing, rural business, health & wellbeing, community services and much more. Timed surgeries allow 'daylight' attendance as well as time for those returning from work. If you are interested, call 01392 248919 or email info@devoncommunities.org.uk

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held a week later than normal, on the 8th March, starting at 7.30pm. Agenda and minutes will be displayed on the noticeboards and website.

Bittaford Methodist Chapel Jutta Berger 01752 698381

Please come and join us - we look forward to welcoming you. Our services start at 10.30 a.m. unless otherwise stated

Sunday 5th March- Rev'd D. Youngs (sacrament of Holy Communion)

Sunday 12th March-Rev'd S Leigh (sacrament of Holy Communion) service at 2.30 p.m.

Sunday 19th March-Mr. K. Angilley

Sunday 26th March- Mr/Ms Norris

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

From our Priest in Charge- Rev'd David Sayle

Countdown to Easter

Pancake Day, Lent and Holy Week are all part of the journey to Easter Day, the biggest Christian celebration of the year.

It is a time when lots of people make time to think carefully about their life. For Christians, this means trying to live God's way and remembering all that Jesus did.

Why we have Pancake Day

Pancake Day is also called Shrove Tuesday and is one last chance for a big party before Lent begins with Ash Wednesday the next day.

Long ago, Christians traditionally used up all the eggs and fat they had in store by making pancakes and feasting on them. This was because when Lent came, they would eat less food, or even fast (do without food sometimes) to help them focus on God and not on the things they wanted. This tradition has been passed down the generations.

Shrove Tuesday always falls 47 days before Easter, a date which changes every year. This year, we will have eaten our pancakes on February 28th, before Lent begins on March 1st.

Why is Lent important?

Lent is a time of getting ready for Easter.

When Jesus was just getting started with his work, he went into the desert for 40 days to be all alone with God. He even went without food and prayed, and was tempted away from what God wanted him to do in all kinds of ways, but he resisted that temptation. You can read that story in Matthew Chapter 4: verses 1-11.

During Lent, Christians often do something different too, like praying every day or reading the Bible. This reminds us of Jesus' time in the desert to focus just on God and feel closer to him. The good news is that Sundays are still celebration days - so you can take a break from fasting!

The last week of Lent is called Holy Week - during this time, the church remembers Jesus' death on a cross.

Even young children can take part in Lent. For example giving up a sweet treat every day might remind children that we can live more simply.

Our church in Lent

Our Church looks quite different during Lent. You might notice the colour purple, or that there are very few decorations or flowers. This is because it's a time to concentrate on God and remember how Jesus gave up his life on a cross to save all of us.

Because Lent is a time to reflect, church music and songs will tend to be more reflective and services won't ever include the word 'Alleluia' - a very joyful word to express praise for God.

It's a big contrast when Easter Day arrives, when the colourful decorations come out, there's lots of celebration, 'Alleluias' and joyful music!

'Article taken from www.churchofenglandchristenings.org with permission.'

Lent study groups

This year the course is entitled '**I Witness**' and will be at two different venues within the Mission Community on Thursdays at 2.30 p.m. or 7.30 p.m. on 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th March and 6th April

You are very welcome to attend these during this important time within the life of the Church. For information about the venues, please speak to Revd David, or telephone him on 01548 821199 or email parish_sayle@me.com

St Peter's Church Services in March

All services now start at 9.30 a.m. unless otherwise stated.

Date	Service
Sunday 5 th March	All Age Worship
Sunday 12 th March	Holy Communion with Baptism
Sunday 19 th March	Service of the Word
Sunday 26 th March	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion
Every Thursday	Mid Week Communion at 12 noon
Monday 20 th March	Prayer group
Wednesday 1 st March (Ash Wednesday)	Services as follows- 9.30 a.m. Harberton, 10.30 a.m. Diptford, 7.30 p.m. Ermington

Three Rivers Mission Community APCM 2017

Everyone who lives within the Three Rivers Mission Community or is on the Church Electoral Roll is invited to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for their parish. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for St Peter's, will be on Monday 24th April at 7.30 p.m. *The meeting will be held in the Village Hall:*

The APCM Report Booklet for each of our Churches will soon be available to download from www.threeriversmissioncommunity.org.uk

The Three Rivers Mission Community

invites you to our Messy Church

Craft activities, songs, games and Bible stories followed
by a Party Tea at Ugborough Church

Sunday 26th March 4.30 - 6 p.m.

Everyone Welcome- All children to be accompanied by an adult

Clergy Contact: Revd David Sayle Tel: 01548 821199

or email: parish_sayle@me.com or www.threeriversmissioncommunity.org.uk



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

You can find out about everything that's going on across all the parishes at its website,

www.threeriversmissioncommunity.org.uk

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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.)

Your Newsletter is available online at the Parish Council website ugboroughparishcouncil.org, and at ugborough.com

A tale for a dark night - Janner Nory

Since you asked me for a chilling story fit for a winter's eve let me tell you of a January day some years in the past. It was a darkening night with a cold wind from the East when I decided to go to my club to see Carruthers. I had bet him £5000 that he would lose this very same bet and I wanted to collect on my dues. We called him Carruthers, because he had one of those first names that could be for a boy or a girl....Malcolm.

It was quiet when I entered the club and went to the third floor before remembering that his room was on the second. I passed the Maid, whose name was May, running down the corridor before I reached his door. I knocked, turned the handle and pulled....nothing happened, the door would not budge. I tried again and when a third time it did not move I felt a panic rising until I realised that the door opened inwards.

As I pushed I heard a muffled whimper inside. I called in earnest, when perhaps his name may have been a better idea, but there was no reply. I could see that the bathroom door was ajar so naturally I could see straight through the glass to glimpse the bath overflowing and a gown on the floor, but no sign of my friend.

My eye caught a flash of light reflecting from a knife between Carruther's teeth by his bed; but still no sign of my friend. Then I noticed the curtain shivering and upon investigation I discovered him cowering, naked behind them. He proceeded to tell me that he had cast off his gown in preparation for bathing, but on turning towards the door he encountered the maid fresh from laying out new linen. She, it would appear ran one way whilst he took cover as best he could. I said to my friend that this goes to prove the old adage that 'you should not cast a clout until May has gone out'; truly a lesson for winter!

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