

Ugborough Parish Newsletter

September 2020



Ugborough Fair Week 2020 -Rowan Martin

Well, fair week was a little bit different this year. Although there was significantly less bunting in the square and fewer pints pulled, the village still pulled off an impressive number of community events and raised over £1200 for local causes.

In vogue with current times several events went 'virtual' with the drama of chocolate Bingo (thanks to Sharon Hughes on behalf of the church) and the traditional fair week quiz (thanks to the Ugborough school PTA) playing out over Zoom.

For those wanting something more relaxing, the Ugborough Dramatic Society hosted online an unmissable chance to relive the highly acclaimed performance of "Any way the wind blows".

The usual hubbub of the Bric a Brac stall gave way to a silent auction with sealed bids made for lots posted in the Bus shelter and in the virtual catalogue on the ugborough.com website (thanks to David and Norma Roe) - I was personally thrilled by my daughter's successful bid for a fine porcelain goose.

Claire Tregaskis generously donated the fee for photo shoots of families wanting to capture, for posterity, the familial harmony achieved during lockdown.

Meanwhile, many aspiring amateur photographers entered the 'lockdown' photo competition (thanks Steve Hughes for organising).

For those wanting to stretch their legs (and muddy their feet) there was a 'treasure hunt' around the parish to track down Ugborough's lost treasure.

And of course it wouldn't be proper fair without ice cream, so thanks to Jennie Lauchlan for crafting home-made ice cream and donating the proceeds.

Thanks to everyone who purchased, posed, walked, watched and those who made very generous donations in support of village causes. Let's hope things are back to 'normal' by next July - whatever that may be.

Ugborough Fair Working Group"

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

Usual opening times: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday – Friday during term time in Ugborough Village Hall. Also Baby and Toddler Group (drop-in) – Mondays 1.30-3 p.m.

Contact: admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk

What a lovely summer holiday we have all been having! Aren't we lucky to live in such a beautiful part of the world? All staff and committee hope you have been having a great holidays and you are looking forward to getting back to pre-school/ASC/BC, I know the staff are raring to go and really looking forward to seeing all the familiar faces in September and hopefully some new ones.

As you are probably aware pre-school is committee led. This means that behind the scenes there is a group of parent and carer volunteers who maintain the running of our pre-school each year. The committee's role is really varied from making decisions about staffing, resources, troubleshooting when needed, to coming up with fundraising ideas. It's a great opportunity to get involved with pre-school and meet the other parents. If you would like the chance to join the pre-school committee the please contact pre-school on the email address above.

Due to a large group going to school in September, we have some availability coming up, so if you know of any younger children who would like to experience our caring, exciting and flexible pre-school please pass on our details or contact pre-school on 07763 215455. Please do leave a message and someone will contact you.

I am sure that all staff and committee members would join me in wishing everyone well.

The Beacon Federation - *Executive Headteacher - Mrs. Karen Dixon*
Ugborough Primary School.

We will be back in school for non-pupil days on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September for any queries prior to the children's return on Monday 7th.

Thank you very much to our parents who have supported us over the last few weeks and months. We would like to thank and congratulate you for the enormous efforts made to keep the children 'on track' at such a difficult time. We have never underestimated the task of delivering home learning and we take our hats off to you for surviving this! Together, as a team, we have pulled together to ensure that the children are safe and as happy as they can be. We now look forward, eventually, to getting back to normal.

Full details of the arrangements for the new term, including information on class groupings and start and finish times, are found on the Beacon Federation website.

Ivybridge U3A – Ann Oakins

We are still here!

Sadly, after much consideration, the Committee has decided that bearing in mind the Government's ongoing restrictions on large gatherings, and in order to fully safeguard our members and potential speakers, we must cancel our general meetings until next year. Hopefully we shall meet in January 2021 and life will be recognisable once more. In the meantime smaller groups are able to meet and some outdoor activities are able to continue. Those



that can function via Zoom are also up and running, whilst some larger groups that meet indoors are obliged to wait longer before they may resume.

Don't forget you can keep in touch by checking our website at

www.ivybridge-u3a.org.uk

Ugborough Local History Group - *Merryl Docker*

I sincerely hope all our members and friends have remained safe and well during the pandemic. Initially, I had thought to re-open our group meetings with our 2020 AGM being held on the last Wednesday of September. However, September is fast approaching and, although many businesses are open now, the Coronavirus hasn't gone away. As the History Group is purely for our pleasure and not a commercial venture, I see little point in putting anyone at risk by starting up again this year. Let's review the situation in January when, who knows what the situation will be by then. We can all hope to meet up again safely in a few months' time.

Very best wishes to you all. *Merryl*

Beryl's Bookworms – *Norma Roe with additional material from Sue Johns*

To Calais in Ordinary Time by **James Meek.**

I'm afraid this book got a complete 'thumbs down' from the Book Group, with only 3 managing to reach the end and the remainder giving it a resounding will not finish!

It seemed so promising- with glowing endorsements from Hilary Mantel and Sarah Waters and being picked as a Book of the Year by several newspapers. (One of which he had worked for!) Also there had been a very interesting radio interview with the author that led to the book being suggested.

But....then we read, or attempted to read, it!

However, as the weather was glorious, we had a wonderful time in 2 separate beautiful gardens with delicious cake and home- made cordial or wine, and it was really lovely to actually see each other face to face (socially distanced of course.)

The book is set in England in 1348 and tells of a group of travellers on the road to Calais for varying purposes- Lady Bernadine escaping from an arranged marriage, Will, a serf ploughman in search of freedom, and a proctor, Thomas, trying to get home to Avignon, all in the dubious company of archers who have committed atrocities in a previous battle. These three tell the story in different styles of Middle English, with Norman, Saxon, and Latin roots, (and some made up by the author) depending on their class. This in itself makes it a difficult read.

In the other direction comes the Black Death, a plague that will wipe out half the population of Northern Europe- and several of the company.

We looked in detail at the historical context and our most interesting discussion involved how for every historical plague there had been huge socio-economic change - such as in this mediaeval disaster - and was COVID-19 going to follow that trend.... ?

There are some really gross and sordid sexual scenes in the book, that those who read it found pretty disgusting and questioned the author's fantasies. Some historical figures are truly maligned in this.

Both groups finished the evening by sharing poetry each had chosen as dusk fell and swallows and bats swooped .

It was hard to score the book as so few had persevered with it, but the maximum would be 1 out of 5. Personally, I finished it and found it to be so pretentious and gratuitous that it is one of only two books that I have ever destroyed rather than passing on!

Next month's book is Diary of a Somebody by Brian Bilston



A Little Light in The Darkness. -Graham Gilbert

Sometimes, Mr Darwin, I see something which seems to stretch your theory of evolution almost to breaking point. I can see how Sidney, our cat, currently sleeping on my wife's once favourite jumper on our bed, evolved from the same ancestor as the Serengeti Lion currently munching its way through a Wildebeest. And when walking along the lane near my house at night a flying mouse I can understand. But how, pray, did a ¾" long six-legged bug invent the bionic i.e.d. that helps to light my way up said lane? As my friend and inventor Andy would say "It makes no sense!"

Surely if you wanted to attract a mate isn't it simpler to whistle, wave, or just flirt? Agreed, Glow Worms don't have lips so whistling is a problem, and the two front legs are a bit wee but you'd think that lips, being standard issue in many creatures, would have been easier to evolve instead of having to conduct endless experiments until the right combination off oxygen, water and an enzyme was arrived at, whereupon "Eureka! I glow, therefore I amp."

Imagine being a male Glow Worm. There you are flying around and being used to stumbling across the occasional dull female and, with a bit of luck, doing what comes naturally. Then one night you spot a likely partner looking quite desirable in a buggish sort of way. You land nonchalantly on her leaf, and with a swaggering "Hey, gorgeous, got any plans tonight?" mosey over to her. She turns her tummy towards you. "My luck's in here!" you think, when suddenly you're blinded by two lights resembling miniature supernovas.

Would your reaction be "Come on baby, light my firefly," or "What the.....!m out of here!"

Talking of supernovas brings me nicely to other things celestial. Leaving the Glow Worms to their nocturnal assignations, let us move on to ponder the enormity of the Universe, or at least the microscopically minute portion we can see with the naked eye plus a pair of half-decent binoculars.

The Origin of Celestial Bodies came before the Origin of The Species. That had to be so as without Bodies Species would have nothing to evolve on. In the beginning was The Big Bang. Who lit the fuse is a matter of debate, but it seems that out of the black a whole lot of gas emerged, coalesced, and after a billion years or so suns and planets were formed. It was all a bit confusing and, inevitably, planets bumped into each other, shattered, and so the first waste material was formed.

Which brings us to 2020. Now there's even more waste around, most of which is on Planet Earth, but just to remind us that we're merely carrying on in the grand tradition of space trash, Comet Neowise F3 has paid us and the Glow Worms an unexpected visit.

It's something for we humans to get excited about as we gather on the field near Toby's Cross, but I suspect that down in the lower reaches of the hedgerow just up the lane from Ugborough the Glow Worms have other things to get their juices flowing. After all, it's not every day that a ¾" long hexapod bug discovers oxyluciferin. © Graham Gilbert 2020

Don't forget-Ugborough Post Office is open in Church on Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.
Strict hygiene measure and social distancing apply.

Lost in translation. – Ian McClure

THE GOLDEN RULE

Now we have reached Interpreting's Golden Rule: Unlike children of yesteryear, Interpreters should be heard and not seen. DO NOT interrupt, correct or otherwise embellish the words of the person for whom you are interpreting. Here are two examples (both true) of How to Do It and How Not to Do It:

A friend of mine was interpreting for a Spanish Naval Captain and his British counterpart at the Ministry of Defence in London. They were discussing the forthcoming visit of a Royal Navy warship to Spain, at a time when there was considerable tension because of Gibraltar. In fact this was to be the first visit for some years and was highly sensitive.

'We are very pleased that your ship HMS is going to visit Cadiz later this year' said the Spanish Captain. My friend duly translated this but then (horror of horrors) added 'and the visit of HMS to La Coruna next year'. This was information he had gleaned in the course of his work, but had not yet been officially sanctioned; not surprisingly it drew thunderous looks from both Captains, most particularly the British one which was embarrassing to say the least.

So that's NOW NOT TO DO IT.

On another occasion I was at NATO headquarters in Brussels with a delegation of high-ranking Ukrainian officers and we were discussing the Anglo-Ukrainian Military Co-operation Programme. Our highly skilled Interpreter (fluent in Ukrainian, Russian and English) was translating for the British Ambassador to NATO. 'We have run two highly successful joint military exercises this year' he said, 'COSSACK STEPPE in June and COSSACK DAWN in September'. Irena, as the consummate professional she was, duly rendered this into English. However, she (and most of the audience) knew that the second exercise was actually called BALTIC DAWN, but Irena said what the Ambassador said; and several lines later in his speech (having read his notes more carefully) he corrected himself, saying 'I'm sorry, I meant BALTIC DAWN'. This was duly translated as 'I'm sorry, I meant BALTIC DAWN'.

NOW THAT'S HOW TO DO IT!

Stay Gas Safe – *Information from Wales and West Utilities*

And if you still haven't had your summer holiday this year please note these tips on how to Stay Gas Safe –

Pack an audible carbon monoxide (CO) alarm: Whether you're planning on staying at home or go camping, boating or caravanning, you still need to be aware of the dangers of CO poisoning. Remember to test the alarm and put it in the right place as per the alarm instructions.

Never, ever use a BBQ indoors: Whether that's a home, tent, caravan or motorhome. Always keep an eye on your BBQ when you're cooking, and even when it's gone out, leave it outside as it can still release poisonous fumes.

Be prepared: If you smell gas, call us on 0800 111 999 at any time of day or night. And if you've had a BBQ and you feel dizzy, breathless or sick, it might not just be a bad burger, it could be carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning and you should seek medical attention immediately.



G-UP –

Creating a community where it's easy to live sustainably

Faith Matthews

If you'd like to get involved with G-UP and join the conversation, please get in touch:

Email: greenerugp@gmail.com

The Ugborough website:

<https://www.ugborough.com/sustainability-group>

Our Facebook page: Greener Ugborough Parish

Ugborough Village Hall - Caroline Martin

Under the COVID -19 Government restrictions and limitations Ugborough Village Hall will be re-opening for bookings from September 5th 2020, but with a limited service as follows:

The Pre-School will continue weekday use (8am-6pm) as per during the previous term.

All bookings must give at least TWO WEEKS notice to permit coordination of cleaning, handover and with other users.

For the time being there will be no "on the day" bookings being taken.

Please note that at least 1 hour is required between hirings to allow for cleaning due to COVID-19.

All wishing to hire the Hall must use the online booking form and the Booking Secretary will make contact to discuss potential arrangements. Only then will the booking be confirmed.

Booking periods available include:

- Monday to Friday evenings - 7.30 p.m. until midnight.
- Saturdays – 8 a.m. to 11.45 p.m. (11 p.m. in the case of theatrical plays when permitted).
- Sundays – 8 a.m. to 10.30 p.m.

Stafford Williams adds

The Hall will hold its Annual General Meeting at 8 p.m. on 15th September in the Village Hall. This will be organised to achieve COVID-security with a one-way system and social distancing throughout. Masks will be required but the committee will provide them for anyone who arrives without one. The meeting is essential to the running of the Hall and needs to be open to all in the community.

Ugborough Parish Council

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

Website: <https://ugboroughparishcouncil.org>

The August Parish Council Meeting started with a very positive presentation by Sophie Philips of South Dartmoor Community Energy on their proposed eco-affordable housing scheme at North Filham. The aim of South Dartmoor Community Energy was to provide buildings which were fit for purpose, to tackle fuel poverty, meet affordable housing need through not for profit homes, and to enable sustainable living.

A full planning application for the 30 passivhaus homes for rent will be submitted in the Autumn, and a housing needs survey is being undertaken, with local connection being a priority.

The former public toilets in Bittaford and Ugborough are to be nominated as Assets of Community Value, which will give community groups first refusal if SHDC puts them up for sale.

Highways and rights of way were, as usual, were a focus for discussion: a villager complained about overgrown pavement verges in Bittaford, which will be reported to DCC Highways; negotiations are progressing on the proposed cycle route from South Brent, through Bittaford to Ivybridge; the proposed diverted footpaths 11 & 17 received support (Earlscombe Farm); and thanks were expressed

to a very community-minded family, who have been cleaning our road signs – thank you, they certainly needed attention!

Planning applications – with recommendations in **bold**:

1. [2173/20/TPO](#) T553: Oak - Lateral reduction by 2m on East and South sides and 2.5m on North and West sides, Crown lift by 4m. Tree is encroaching on property and highway and dropping dead branches at 57 Pykes Down, Ivybridge **Only remove the two lateral branches on the North side, crown lift by 4m and remove dead wood.**
2. [1903/20/FUL](#) & [1904/20/LBC](#) Listed building consent for refurbishment and extension to existing Farm business to include demolition of existing farm buildings, building new guest accommodation and refectory building, conversion of existing stables to new artisan food production, new studio building and highway access improvements at Fowlescombe Farm, Ugborough **Neutral, subject to a satisfactory Highways report on the proposed access and Listed Building consideration of the relocated entrance pillars**
3. [2102/20/ADV](#) Retrospective advertisement consent for billboard informing of upcoming housing development at Land at SX 651 560, Exeter Road, Filham **Neutral**

Ugborough playground has already received a bit of a facelift, as SHDC has replenished the bark surface and cut back the verges. Now the Parish Council will be selecting new play equipment, which will be funded by its S106 allocation

Street naming is becoming a regular topic. After suggesting old field names for The Bloor Homes housing development in Filham, we have now been asked for street names for the Wain Homes development at Rutt Lane, Ivybridge – this time, we have suggested hedgerow plants. At this rate, we will run out of inspiration soon!

The B3196 Pinch Point Petition, through ipetitions, is coming to an end, now that we have 260 signatories. Next, DCC Cllr Hosking and Parish Council Chairman Joan Fletcher will submit the petition to the full council meeting of Devon County Council. It is hoped that some of the infrastructure funding promised by the Government could be used to widen the ‘pinch points’ and improve traffic flows. For those who missed the first petition, a further petition has been launched on the Devon County website, which you can join by going to <https://democracy.devon.gov.uk/mgEPetitionListDisplay.aspx?bcr=1>

Livewest residents may benefit from their new grant, which is available to charities, residents’ associations & community groups for projects to improve the quality of residents’ lives, help to build strong communities and improve their health, skills or employment. More details at <https://www.livewest.co.uk/my-community/grants>

Finally, the new bus timetable is available at <https://www.traveldevon.info/bus/timetables/>

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held remotely on Wednesday 2nd September, starting at 7.30pm. Agenda and minutes will be displayed on the noticeboards and website.

Privacy policy – visit ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

Bittaford Methodist Chapel

It's been a challenging time, but God has done some amazing new things with us his Church. Our buildings may be closed but our arms and hearts are open wide!

See Plymouth and Devonport Methodist circuit facebook page for details.

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child 2020 Shoebox Appeal - *Kate Brampton*

Each year Ugborough and its surrounding area have supported this Appeal and it is still going ahead this year but a little differently. Leaflets & posters for this year's appeal will be available in the bus shelter during October 2020 for anyone interested to help themselves to. This year there are **three ways to take part:-**

1.Fill A Shoebox -If you choose to do a shoebox, it can be filled and **returned by the end of October 2020** to me at Hill House, Ugborough (opposite Village Hall) and I will deliver it to the local drop off point. Please **do not** leave it in the bus shelter nor at the Church nor the Village Hall. A shoebox can be for a boy or girl for age groups 2 to 4, 5 to 9 and/or 10 to 14 years old. Items to be provided can include new toys, school supplies, hygiene items etc – more detail is provided in the leaflets. There is also opportunity to donate towards the suggested £5 project cost donation required for each box including shipping.

2 .Online Fill A Shoebox – On the Samaritan's Purse website it is possible to purchase a filled shoebox by selecting items for £20 which includes the £5 project cost/delivery donation. The link is [Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child/Shoebox Online/Pack A Shoebox Online](#) - if you use this option it would be helpful if you could let me know so we can have an idea of how many shoeboxes might have been sent from Ugborough.

3.Monetary Donation in Sealed Envelope using the envelope attached to the leaflet - please put through my letterbox at Hill House (opposite the Village Hall) and I will deliver it to the local drop off point. Please **do not** leave it in the bus shelter nor at the Church nor the Village Hall.

In 2016 32 Gift Boxes went to Belarus, in 2017 42 Gift Boxes went to Albania, in 2018 48 Gift Boxes went to Bulgaria and in 2019 30 Gift Boxes went to Belarus, Central Asia and Serbia.

Whilst we won't know which country(ies) the shoeboxes/monetary donations will go to before they start their journey, where Gift Shoeboxes are registered online they will be tracked again so we can be informed which country(ies) they go to after they are delivered. Thank you for your support.

Christian Aid

'Everyone is equal in the sight of God. Yet we live in a world where poverty still persists. Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of their dignity and lets injustice thrive. But together we have the power to transform lives.

For over 70 years, we've been standing with the poorest of our neighbours. We work in 37 countries, with people of all faiths and none, to stand up for dignity, equality and justice. Together we can create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty.

Our voices and actions are stronger together. And with your help, we can make an even bigger difference.’(statement taken from Christian Aid’s website).

Ugborough has regularly taken part in the Christian Aid week appeal and our representative has been Sally Stafford. Sally would now like to step down from this role and if anyone feels they would like to take this on, please contact the Editor in the first instance for more details. Thanks to Sally for her work over the years.

St. Peter’s Church, Ugborough- *from our Rector, Rev’d David Sayle*

Welcome back to our ‘buildings’

Please let the church know in advance, if you are going to attend **as numbers are very restricted** especially in our smaller churches.

May God bless you and all whom you love and care for as we begin a new journey in the Three Rivers Mission Community,

David.

Three Rivers Mission Community Services

Every Tuesday at 7.30 p.m.	Online Gospel Reflection and Compline Service
Every Wednesday at 10.30 a.m. At 6-7 p.m. At 7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion Service at Diptford Church (diptford@3rivers.org.uk) Private Prayer at Ermington church Online Compline Service
<u>Sunday 6th September</u> <u>9.30 a.m.</u> <u>11 a.m.</u> <u>4.30 p.m.</u>	<u>Holy Communion Service at Ermington Church</u> <u>Online Morning service via zoom</u> <u>Online Messy Church</u>
<u>Sunday 13th September</u> <u>9.30 a.m.</u> <u>11 a.m.</u> <u>4.30 p.m.</u>	<u>Holy Communion Service at Ermington Church</u> <u>Online Morning service via zoom</u> <u>Evening service at Moreleigh church</u>
<u>Sunday 20th September</u> <u>9.30 a.m.</u> <u>11 a.m.</u> <u>4.30 p.m.</u>	<u>Holy Communion Service at Ermington Church</u> <u>Online Morning service via zoom</u> <u>Evening service at Diptford church</u>
<u>Sunday 27th September</u> <u>9.30 a.m.</u> <u>11 a.m.</u> <u>4.30 p.m.</u>	<u>Holy Communion Service at Ermington Church</u> <u>Online Morning service via zoom</u> <u>Evening service at Harberton church</u>

Every Sunday- 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at **Ermington Church** with a maximum of **twenty** (20) people attending.

If you are planning to attend, please contact either Lesley or Peter Thurley on 01752 893990 or at peter@ermingtonchurch.org.uk

Every Sunday at 11 a.m. Online **Zoom Non-Communion service**

You can use either a computer or telephone to join our Church services on Zoom.

If you're not already on David's contact list and you would like to join in, do please send him an email at parish_sayle@me.com or phone him on 01548 821199 so that he can send you joining details and Orders of Service.

If you are **over 70, clinically vulnerable** or **shielding**, the government's current advice is to stay at home as much as possible, so it's entirely your choice whether or not you come to church, but, if you do, you can be assured that you are very welcome.

However, we ask you not to attend if you are experiencing any of these symptoms of Covid-19:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different from normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

We all have a part to play. *Rev'd Paul Hancock*

Romans ch12 v5

To complete a jigsaw all the parts need to be present. If one piece is missing, the picture is fractured and incomplete. The Church is like a jigsaw puzzle. We are the individual pieces, contributing to the whole Church. St. Paul wrote, "So we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members one of another." Just as our bodies comprise many parts, each of which has its own function to enable our bodies to flourish, so the Church, the Body of Christ comprises many people too. We all have a part to play in building up its fellowship and witness to the Gospel, enabling the Church to flourish in our Parishes.

St. Paul referred to the role of prophets, teachers and pastors. The list is open ended. We all have something, however small to contribute to the ministry of the Church, from the parish priest who has before him or her, the example of the Good Shepherd, to for example, the Messy church helper; a lesson reader; a musician; or the person who is self-isolating at home, who can uphold the parish and people in prayer.

However, any body of people need a place where they can meet to deepen fellowship. The one lesson which we have learnt during the last five months is that we are social creatures; we value interaction with others; hence the importance of our church buildings. For many centuries, they have witnessed plagues, conflicts and celebrations. They will outlast the pandemic. Their ministry is timeless, supported by modern technology. As the lockdown eases, like the pilgrims in the Old Testament, we can say; "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the House of the Lord." Psalm 122.

Our parish churches provide a place of rest, peace and prayer; a spiritual service station for all on the journey of life. Here we can gather for the worship of God and welcome people into the fellowship of the Body of Christ. In addition, the stones in their structure, laid one on the other, bearing each other's burdens, remind us that today we are the living stones of the Church.

St. Paul wrote, "Encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." 1 Thess. Ch5 v11. As the Body of Christ, the Church is the instrument of our ever-living Lord, through which He continues to do those things which he did during His earthly ministry, marked by His care and compassion for people. May we continue to ensure that our churches remain centres of that care. In these uncertain times everyone needs to know that they are of worth in God's eyes and in this we all have a part to play, for "we are members, one of another."

Watch out for announcements about mid-week private prayer at Ugborough church, subject to Risk Assessments.

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.3rivers.org.uk

For all church business and parish matters, please contact

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01548 821199 email parish_sayle@me.com.

Children's Hospice South West has recently launched a new event called Memories by Moonlight which will offer people the chance to remember and celebrate the lives of their loved ones by joining us for a virtual memory ceremony.

On the evening of 26th September we will be broadcasting our uplifting memory ceremony via facebook from Little Harbour children's hospice in St Austell and people will be able to join to remember their loved ones from the comfort of their own home. To register for Memories by Moonlight simply visit www.chsw.org.uk/moonlight. Registration is just £10 and a memory pack, along with details of how to access the Memory Ceremony, will be sent in the post. For more information about the event, you can also call the CHSW Fundraising Team on 01726 871800.

Devon Historic Churches Trust -Taff Jones

Walk and Picnic- Saturday 12th September

A walk starting at Ugborough church to Sheephams Mill garden for the picnic and an optional walk on to Modbury church.

Everyone of all ages and abilities welcome.

Come for part of the walk, just the picnic or the whole walk- whatever suits you.

The walkers meet from 10.30 a.m. at Ugborough church.

We will meet up in the garden at Sheephams Mill for a picnic at 12 o'clock.

Easy access by foot or car at Sheephams Mill. After the picnic walk on to Modbury church.

The picnic is outdoors and socially distanced. Walk in groups of up to 6.

Bring your own picnic. Drinks provided.

Suggested donation of £10+ per person. 50% for the church and 50% for the DHCT

Please let Taff or Helen know if you are coming..

Taff- 01752 892086 taff.ugborough@gmail.com

Helen- hmhart@sky.com

Mobile Libraries Return to the Road

Devon Mobile Libraries are now back on the road bringing books to you. To make sure that customers and staff are safe, we will only be offering a new type of contactless service for the time being. It's called **Choose & Collect**.

What is Choose and Collect?

- a free delivery of up to 5 books or audiobooks per person.
- selected by staff based on your reading preferences.
- you collect from your usual mobile library stop.
- selections available for adults and children.

How do I make sure I get a Choose and Collect delivery?

- Even if we rang you to offer you your first delivery, we regret we can't do this every month. You must contact us to order again.
- Order at least 1 week before the mobile library visits your village or stop.
- You can check Ivybridge Mobile Library timetable on our website: www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/mobilelibraries
- Order a delivery by emailing ivybridge.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk or calling **01752 893140**.
- Remember to tell staff you are a mobile library customer.
- New customers are welcome, just mention you wish to join the mobile library.

What else do I need to know?

- If you are experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms please don't come to the library.
- We will bag up your books ready for collection, they will have already been issued to your library card to reduce contact.
- Please use our hand sanitiser station and follow social distancing rules when you collect and return items. All returned items will be quarantined for 72 hours.
- We can only deliver pre-ordered selections for now, and regret that staff can't check the shelves for items while you wait during this phase of reopening.
- Items will be collected and returned at the entrance of the mobile library. You won't be able to enter the vehicle to browse or choose for yourself.
- We look forward to seeing you again, please be patient while we get used to this new way of working.

Date for September- 15th from 9.30-10 a.m.

Contributions

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this 7th far from normal Newsletter.

Contributions should be sent by e mail to Mrs. Norma Roe, The Editor, Ugborough Parish Newsletter at norma-davidroe@tiscali.co.uk

The deadline is 15th of the month please. Thank you for keeping to this.

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I am very much looking forward to when we can go back to our usual paper format, but we must keep our volunteer distributors and all who receive the Newsletter safe.

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