

UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

May 2011



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Garden Club *Anne Holway*

Our next meeting will be in the Post Office on Thursday 19th May at 8:00 pm.



All Square

As well as the beautifully restored conduit, you may have noticed that the square has recently enjoyed a little spruce up. You are welcome to join the willing band that gathers at 10:30 am on the first and third Sundays in the month and beavers away weeding and tidying to work up a thirst by opening time. We'd love to see more faces, whatever age. Come when you can and bring your own tools, (and pocket money if you want to slake your thirst afterwards). For more details contact Martin on 892396.

Come to a

FARMHOUSE LUNCH

At Dunwell Farm, Ugborough

By kind permission of Cliff & Sue Johns

On Wed May 4th at 12 noon

£10

Proceeds to St Peter's Church, Ugborough

Bring & Buy

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Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School. *Naomi Williams*

We hope everyone had a lovely Easter break. As we start the summer term we are very pleased to be offering extended opening hours on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday when we will be open 9am to 3pm as well as the usual Tuesday and Friday 9am to 12.45pm. In May we will be taking the children on a trip to Paignton Zoo whilst the village hall is used for polling. Our potatoes and sunflowers are now planted and we plan to grow a variety of other flowers and vegetables this term, and use the story "Titch" to help the children's understanding of growing things.

Ugborough and Bittaford Pre-School is officially an "Outstanding" pre-school as judged by our Ofsted inspection in March. We continue to welcome children from all over the area from 2 years old to school age, offering two FREE taster sessions so that you and your child get the opportunity to come and see the setting and meet the staff prior to starting. For further information please contact either Tania or Naomi on 07763 215455, also you can log on to our website at www.ugboroughandbittafordpreschool.org.uk and learn more about us.

Ugborough Local History Group *Merryl Docker*

NOTE: Change of date for the AGM-Wednesday 1st JUNE 2011 8.00pm Ugborough Village Hall. Sorry to be the cause of confusion - my fault! I will not be around on Weds.25th May as written in your History Group programme, so have moved the AGM on a week to the 1st June. Please do come along and join us - wine, fruit juice and nibbles will be provided - the AGM part will be as brief as possible then we will get on to the 'Members Night' to have a look at what has been achieved, new photos for our archive etc. We have had some great turnouts for all our meetings, don't let us down on this one - we look forward to seeing you.

Uncover the secret history of your house

The Devon Rural Archive at Shilstone near Modbury in South Devon is running a series of 'House History Surgeries' for all those people hooked on the history of their home. You can come and spend some time with one of our resident experts, explore the archive and get advice for where you go next. There is no charge for this. The DRA set aside three days in April, May and June especially to support your house history research: the next ones are Thurs. 12th May, 11.30 -3pm and Thurs. 9th June, 11.30 - 3pm. Why not come along and see what secrets you can uncover?'

For more information on all our upcoming events please visit our website www.devonruralarchive.com

You may be interested particularly in the following-

Thursday 12th May- 'A Brief History of Time' - Adam Hart-Davis, 7pm.

Booking advisable. Admission: £5

Thursday 2nd June- 'A Glimpse at 19th Century Garden History'

Letta Jones, Horticulturalist & Garden Historian, 7pm. Admission: £5

Lutterburn Fine Arts would like to thank everyone who supported the recent exhibition in the Watermark which raised over £4,000 for Royal Marines Charities.

Lord of the Manor- Gerald Arnold

(This is the first part of an article which will continue in the next 2 editions of the Newsletter.)

Having been given the honour and privilege of becoming the Lord of Ugborough and Haccombe (with Coombeinteignhead and Aller), many people have asked me what it is all about and what it entails. The term "Lord of the Manor" is well known and it is often the butt of jokes and other humour, but very few fully understand its origins and what it entails today. I, therefore, thought it would be a good idea to provide a fairly short resume of the history, rights, responsibilities and privileges that run with being, "Lord of the Manor".

The origin of the word "Manor" is lost in the mists of time. It may have developed from the Latin "Manerium", a piece of land. Some historians have predated it to before Anglo-Saxon times where its origins were for the self defence of lands from attack by Germanic tribes and the Vikings. Certainly by the 11th Century the Manor was the main point of the Feudal System that being split into three orders, the "oratores", the "bellatores" and the "laboratories"; those who protected it with prayers, those who did so by the sword, and finally those who tilled the land to support the other two classes.

At the beginning of the reign of Edward the Confessor in 1042 the system of Manors was well set up. They could be fairly small involving a village, or large tracts of land or other great suzerain. The Lord was responsible to the King for the collection of taxes and dispensing justice in the method appropriate to the Lord, and that could be fairly robust and brutal.

The title of Lord of the Manor predates the Battle of Hastings by some 200 years. It derives from the land and the jurisdiction over it. The status of the title can be put: "It is my will...". Titles after the Norman Conquest are honorific whether any land passes with the gift by the King or not.

We all know that William, Duke of Normandy, arrived on the south coast in 1066 and took over England. Although a Barstard and with a retinue of thuggish followers he was not a stupid man. Having taken over, he set about to assess what he had, hence the Domesday Book, completed in 1086. This Book lists 13,418 Manors in England as well as the value of each. The Normans introduced the term "Feudum", from the Latin feoh, being cattle, land, money and possessions in general. The feudal system followed and it being so flexible and diverse that it lasted up to 1920 when legislation changed it under the Law of Property Act 1922 and the Land Registration Acts of 1925.

The Lord held the Manor and, in return for his protection, demanded rents, service in the form of farm work or men at arms for the Manor or the Over Lord and thus the King. It was one of the requirements that the Lord, in providing Knights for the Baron and or King, had to pay for them himself. In larger Estates it was often the second son who was sent off to be a Knight or into the Church, as he would not usually inherit the estate. It was this time that military orders were founded, such as the Knights Hospitallar or the Order of the Poor Soldiers of Christ (Knights Templar) sent to fight in the Holy Wars. They were not called Crusades, this was a term coined many centuries later. Where the Lord was unable to provide a Knight, he could, with the approval of the Baron or King, pay "Knightage". This was a sum of money in lieu of the required man power and opened the Baron or the King to recruit mercenaries either for personal service or into the Orders such as those mentioned above. An interesting aside was the requirement of the larger land owners to provide large numbers of men-at-arms for wars as demanded y the King. These were dressed and equipment, at the expense of, the Lord, Baron or Duke and became the foundation of the Regimental system of the British Army today.

The people of the manor held their land at the "Pleasure" of the Lord who regularly required them, in addition to routine work and services, to assist at such times as harvest (precaria). They were required to mill their corn in the Lord's mill, a method by which he could tax them; and to put their livestock on his land to allow them to feed that he might benefit from the manure.

If there were any disputes they were settled in the Courts Leet and Baron by the Lord's Bailiff or by the Lord himself. The Lord's Courts gave the Lord the power to arrest, try, and punish - which included hanging and other barbaric disposals. Taking of the Vassal's Bride on her wedding night was not one of the privileges; that derived from romantic writers and Hollywood. The term Reeve originated about this time and he superseded the Bailiff in authority, becoming the Civil Magistrate. The most important Reeve was that for the Shire, hence the term Shirereeve, or later Sheriff. The Civil Magistracy (which include judicial as well as civil powers) developed and became the present system today. The civil side was removed under the Petty Offences Act 1889 when they retained only their judicial powers.

(To be continued.)

History Corner *(by Alan Yates)* will return in September. Thanks to Alan for all his researches into historical items of interest for us.

Fair Committee

Would any local group or business wishing to take a stall on **Fair Day, Sat 9th July**, please contact Val Mulcrone (01752) 894973? Anyone interested in advertising their business or service in the Fair Programme should contact Neil Gillard on (01752) 894313.

Book Lovers *Anne Nonymous*

The Best Jumper by Lynne Garner & Sarah Gill (Illustrator)



Another story for the under 5s & a lovely story for Grandmas everywhere. Spindle the mouse was given a jumper for his birthday knitted by his Grandma. He loved his jumper so much that he wore it everywhere, even when it was too hot he took it with him ... just in case. Unfortunately, Spindle tore his jumper when reaching to get his kite out of a tree & then as time went on, he found it more and more difficult to get it over his head. His mother does running repairs but then Grandma realises that his jumper is now too small for him and makes him another which he would "grow into". Delightful story, beautifully illustrated with lots of tiny things to observe and count in the larger pictures. Grandmas or other adults could make it what they wanted as well as reading the story.

Fault Lines by Nancy Huston

Nancy Huston lives in France, which is her adopted home. Fault Lines was first published in France and then translated into English by the author. Fault Lines follows four generations, their story traced from wartime Germany to contemporary California and she pulls off a structural challenge that is notoriously difficult - it is told backwards. Each quarter of the novel is narrated by a different six year old - Sol 2004 - Randall, Sol's father 1982 - Sadie, Randall's mother 1962 - Kristina, Sadie's mother 1944. Each of these twenty year sections also discusses a piece of history - the war in Iraq, massacres in Sabra and Shatila in Lebanon, the Bay of Pigs and finally the bombing of Dresden. Although this novel impressed me, it failed to move me.

SPORTS REPORT- *Janner Motson*

The excitement mounts in the Ugborough sporting community with the end of the football season and the start of the cricket. The U10s played top of the table Buckland and fought out a 1-3 reverse despite Henry the cat being on holiday; this being their last warm-up to their Plate Final at Foxhole on Thursday 28th April (kick-off 6pm). All at the club will be behind them hoping

they can bring home well-deserved silverware. The U8s look to have finished their busy programme and have been magnificent, whilst the U12s will end up mid-table following their last game at the end of the month.

When asked for a quick word after the Buckland game U10 Coach Sean Capello said; "Velocity", whilst Uggies supremo Billy Blatter- McKenna told Sports Report: "We have a long term plan at this club and apart from the results it is going well. We are going to introduce something new to training - it is called running! Everything is on track, but I am worried that our coaches think that 'tactics' are a new kind of mint sweet.'

All the village is abuzz with talk of maidens, overseas players, googlies and the doosra as the might of the cricket team prepare to open their account against Holbeton in June. Whilst last season was more a building operation than a successful one, it was hoped that the winters training would pay-off...it is a shame that they didn't do any!

Ugborough Village Hall *Stafford Williams (Secretary)*

FLY-TIPPING- There have been 3 recent occurrences of fly-tipping in the waste bin at the Village Hall. The latest resulted in filling of the bin so that users of the Hall could not dispose of their rubbish and a microwave being left in the passage-way. The South Hams Waste workers have been very tolerant so far, but they will not clear away certain items and only visit once per week. We pay more than £10 per emptying of the container and do not appreciate funding someone else's abuse of the facility. If you are responsible please clear your own rubbish and avoid inconveniencing legitimate users of the Hall facilities.

Hall Report

The loss of the Post Office in September means we have to find a new way of doing the hall hirings and bookings. The Hall committee invites the community to discuss the matter at the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 10th May at 8.00pm in the Hall. This is also the opportunity to have your say and, if you like, volunteer to help in the running of an important village facility. The review of hire charges will also be discussed at the AGM. You need to come along to have your say if you want to influence Hall affairs.

BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY on Friday 27th May ... and spend it with the delightful children from Ugborough School!

On Friday 27th May in the morning the children will be taking part in their Sports Day- please do come and watch them!

Afterwards indulge in our delicious Barbecue, finish that off nicely with a Cream Tea,

and then peruse the vast array of stalls each set up and run by the children.

A great opportunity to get some bargains!

Throughout the afternoon there will be plenty of opportunities to sit and enjoy various performances from the children!

Should the weather not be on our side ... everything will be inside apart from the Sports Day (which will be rescheduled).

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

PS Important Date For Your Diary ... Saturday 18th June ... THE BARN DANCE ... Tickets On Sale Soon

Christian Aid Week 15th -21st May

'Help People Out of Poverty'

Please can you place your donations in the collecting boxes in the Post Office and in the church. Also, there will be collections for Christian Aid at the Sunday morning services at St Peter's church on 15th and 22nd May.

Thank you, Sally

Ugborough Parish Walking Group Merryl Docker

It's Bluebell time again! Come with us on **SUNDAY 1ST MAY** - meet in Ugborough Square at 10.45am we will be taking a walk through Lady's Wood at Glazebrook to see the fabulous carpet of bluebells.



Everyone welcome - all ages, abilities (or lack of them) & dogs as well. We look forward to seeing you. For more information about our rights of way contact Tom Holway (01752 893114) or Merryl Docker (01752 893651).

St Peter's Church, Ugborough

You are invited to the home of Cynthia and Alan Yates
at Gatekeepers, Shute Lane, Wrangaton for



AFTERNOON TEA on Wednesday 18 May from 2.30 pm

There will be stalls, including Books, Plants, Cakes, Bric a Brac and a Raffle

£3 entry

ALL ARE WELCOME

In aid of St Peter's Church Heating Fund



Your Stars Tonight.

"Well this should keep you busy on these long summer evenings", says the steamed dieter as she pauses from writing a depressingly long list of things to be done. "Your job for tonight is to finish the patio you started in 2008 - so get cracking!" and I am expelled from my comfortable armchair into penal servitude at the bottom of the garden.

Just before midnight I rouse my aching body so as to sneak outside again to catch a glimpse of Saturn in the southern skies. It is currently located in the constellation of Virgo - so now all you horoscope enthusiasts born at the end of August know why you have been having such a bad time recently.

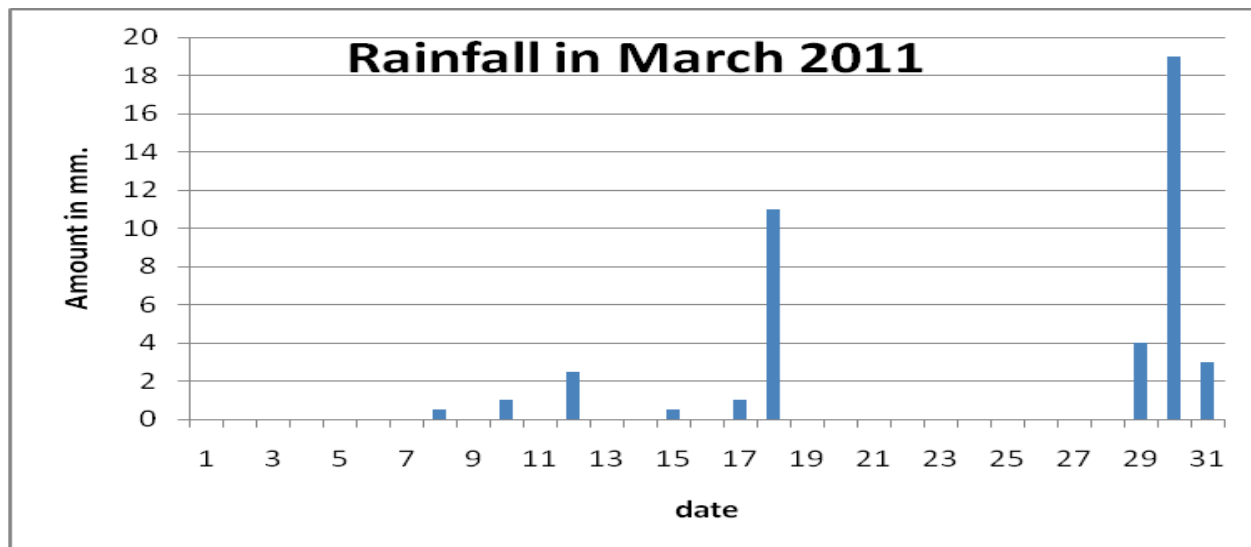
Virgo is a somewhat undistinguished collection of stars in a rather nondescript area of the sky between Bootes (the Herdsman) and Leo the Lion (see if you can spot Leo's head - it is the back to front question mark low in the Western sky) - not much enlivens this plain Jane of a constellation.

In the Indian subcontinent it was simply called the Maiden, while the Egyptians saw it as the goddess Isis who dropped her sheaf of corn while pursued by a monster - scattering the grain across the heavens to give us the Milky Way. To the Greeks the constellation was Astrae the goddess of Justice who, sickened by human greed, fled to the heavens - possibly in the aftermath of the collapse of the Bank of Pythagoras and subsequent rescue package brought in by the Spartan government which involved leaving the newborn on the mountainside to help cut the deficit.

So grab the opportunity to have a peek at Saturn this month. It is always great fun to look at with a telescope or good binoculars as its ring is easy to see. Last year the ring was almost exactly edge on and just visible as a straight line, but now it is opening out to be inclined at 10 degrees to us to give one of the truly amazing sights in the universe. Perhaps the steamed dieter was being sarcastic when she said exactly the same thing on seeing the (almost) finished patio next morning.

Monthly rainfall at West Cannamore, 510 ft. above sea level

Many thanks to Len Wakeham for keeping this record.



Total for month- 42.5mm = 1.67inches. (It was an amazingly dry month with 22 days without rain!)

Ugborough Parish Council Clerk: Sarah Woodman Tel: 07922 270481

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Website: www.ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at the beginning of April, with a magnificent turnout. This is a meeting held specifically for the Parish, to enable parishioners to have their say on local issues - and those issues included a 20mph speed limit for Ugborough and the development of housing for young families in Ugborough. The possible community open space at Ugborough received the 'thumbs down'. Following a suggestion for a more interactive Parish Council website, the Clerk will be setting up 'Ugborough Parish Matters' on Facebook, which will encourage feedback from parishioners - more details to follow.

Graham Swiss and Debbie Holloway, from SHDC, discussed the options for the provision of affordable homes now that the Ugborough site has been removed from the Site Allocation Development Plan Document. Providing access issues can be resolved, it would appear that housing development may be possible through an:

- Exception site - located just outside the development boundary, providing 100% affordable housing, or a
- Village Housing Initiative - a small scale 'Departure Site' (ie departing from the adopted Site Allocation Development Plan Document) offering predominantly affordable housing

Local groups are invited to give a progress report at the Annual Parish Meeting, and it was gratifying to see what a vibrant community Ugborough Parish enjoys:

- *Ugborough Primary School* is benefitting from its federation with Ermington and has been declared 'Outstanding' by Ofsted

- *Ugborough & Bittaford Preschool* has also been recognised by Ofsted as 'Outstanding' and is progressing its plans for a modular preschool building in the school grounds. Funding of £150,000 is needed for the scheme and Charlotte Walliker would welcome help in completing funding application forms
- *Ugborough Village Hall* continues to provide a daily venue for the Under 5s, school and afterschool, as well as providing facilities for badminton, table tennis and other functions. Funds are healthy and they plan to install specialist lighting - more committee members would be welcome
- *Ugborough Local History Group*, with over 70 members. It has an archive of 1300 photos and documents - and you will be able to order copies from their stall at Ugborough Fair.
- *Ugborough Local Walking Group*, which meets on the first Sunday of the month at 10.45am for a short walk, followed by refreshments in the pub.

The Parish Council Meeting followed a week later, and started with a discussion on the Ugborough Post Office. Rupert Gillard will be retiring in September, after 35 years service as Sub Postmaster and it is likely that a 'Hosted Service' will be provided of 1-2 mornings a week. A venue will be needed for the new service, which should include a lockable cupboard - the Post Office will supply the phone line, ADSL, security and electricity. If you have a suitable venue, then please contact Colin Pound, the Field Change Advisor at the Post Office on 07801 640860 or colin.pound@postoffice.co.uk

Planning Applications The Parish Council supported applications for: a new dwelling in the grounds of Virginia Lodge, Ugborough; alterations, extension and improved access to Tumbleweed, Ugborough; the reserved matters for the agricultural dwelling at Dunwell Farm, Ugborough; the barn conversions to residential at The Linhay and Cider Press Barn at Hays Farm, Ludbrook; the change from general industrial use to car dismantling, storage and retail sales of dismantled car parts at Unit 135 Anna Mill, Wrangaton; and the conservatory at 16 Seldons Close, Ugborough. No objections were raised to the renewed permission for a storage building at Redlake Trading Estate, Bittaford or the 33 dwellings at Avonwick (which lies just outside the parish boundary).

A number of Councillors declared a 'Prejudicial Interest' in the planning applications considered and left the meeting while they were considered.

The Police Report identified no crimes in the Parish for March, but did warn of a spate of thefts from sheds and outbuilding - please check on your security and consider marking your property. The police offered a timely reminder, with the onset of fine weather, to lock your front doors and windows if you are out in the back garden - better to have a stuffy house than a burgled one!

The Fare Car Scheme has been reduced from the 12th April, with only one journey per week to and from the Parish. The service is run by Ivy Cabs and you must arrange your journey one working day in advance by calling them on 01752 895658 8am-5pm.

Superfast Broadband in the South West is the target of a funding bid being submitted by an alliance of Devon & Somerset authorities. The aim is for significantly faster broadband (at least 2Mbps) for everyone and superfast broadband (over 20 Mbps) for at least 85%

of users. More details are available at www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk, where there is a demand survey for you to complete - and the more surveys completed, the more support the bid will receive.

The Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Ugborough came in for a bit of criticism at the Annual Parish Meeting. The local co-ordinator, Tom Holway, has a lot on his plate and is keen for someone to take on the responsibility. If you are interested, please contact him on 01752 893114 or tomholway@lineone.net.

Bittaford Play Park is in urgent need of repairs and, as part of SHDC's cost cutting exercise, the Parish Council will have to meet the cost of the repairs. It will be paying £240 for repairs to the multi activity unit, with further expense needed to repair fencing and other facilities.

The next Meeting will start with the Annual Parish Council Meeting at the earlier time of 7pm on Thursday 12th May. Following the (uncontested) election, a new Parish Council will be formed, including new Parish Councillors Richard Hosking and Richard Hutcheon.

Chairman's Report - April 2011 *Tom Holway*

The last year has been dominated by the identification of housing need and land in the Parish to meet that need. The Inspector's decision to exclude all the sites identified in Ugborough from the South Hams Local Development Framework Site Allocation Development Plan Document has been a blow for the village and the whole parish. However, there are alternative ways of providing affordable housing and the Parish Council will be investigating the possibilities over the coming year.

The conduit renovation in Ugborough has also been a long-running project. This significant Grade II Listed Building in the heart of Ugborough Conservation Area was in urgent need of repairs, with water permeating into the structure and part of the cornice falling off. Thanks to grants from South Hams District Council and Devon County Council together with money put by for such needs, the Parish Council has been able to repair the conduit and it will shortly be restored to its former glory.

Speeding traffic, particularly in Bittaford and Wrangaton, has been a recurrent complaint and repeated Parish Council requests for traffic calming measures and tighter speed limit controls have produced little result. However, the flashing 'wig-wags' introduced in Bittaford will provide more protection to schoolchildren.

Planning requirements have slowed the progress of improvements to the Moorhaven Playing Field. To level the playing field requires substantial earth moving, and the Dartmoor National Park Authority was concerned that the surrounding trees may be damaged. However, by some re-orientation of the

pitch, it is hoped that these objections have been overcome and that the planning application can finally be submitted.

The Annual Parish Meeting is asked to consider the possibility of a community open space in part of the grounds of Ugborough House. The National Trust may be willing to sell the land at market value and it is up to the community to decide whether the land should be bought for the village and how it should be used.

The Parish Council has not been immune to the public spending cuts. To reduce expenditure, South Hams District Council now requires Ugborough Parish Council to contribute towards the cost of maintaining the play areas. This is probably only the first of a number of services where a contribution will be expected from the Parish Council, and the demands on its finances over the next few years could be significant.

In addition to these major issues, your Councillors and Clerk have continued with the regular work of the Parish Council, including: Grant funding to local groups, maintaining the burial ground, submitting observations on planning applications, supporting the community use of the school playing field, maintaining close links with the District and County Councils and the police, and generally responding to matters raised by parishioners. May I take the opportunity to thank the Clerk and Councillors for their hard work in making the Parish Council effective and responsive to the needs of the Parish.

Towards the end of the year, we were pleased to welcome Matt Widdicombe as a new Parish Councillor. I am sure that, over the next year, we will see more new faces on the Parish Council as the elections are to be held on the 5th May, and I hope that Parishioners will take the opportunity to get involved and cast their vote.

Bittaford Methodist Church *Jutta Berger*

Services for May 2011

1st May Revd. David Youngs

8th May Mrs. K.Gibson

15th May Revd. Steven Caddick - Holy Sacrament

22nd May Mr. I. Merrin

29th May Miss J. Allen

Our Hall is available for hire. We do have a small Tea Kitchen. All enquiries contact: Jutta Berger on 01752 698 381 or E-Mail to:

juttaberger@tiscali.co.uk

Green Pastures Coffee Bar for families with small children is open every Friday from 10.00 am 'til 12 noon including School Holidays!
Please come and join us - we are looking forward to welcoming you.
For details call Jutta on 01752 698 381
A Community Outreach by the Bittaford Methodist Church

St Peter's Church, Ugborough

Dear Friends,

I hope you are all able to make the most of the season known as the Queen of Festivals, Eastertide, which lasts for 50 days until Pentecost. It's a good excuse to go singing some of our lovely Easter hymns - Christ the Lord is risen again, Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia, alleluia (in several versions) The strife is o'er, This joyful Eastertide etc. etc.

As Passiontide began, the Bible Roadshow halted at St. Peter's Harbertonford for a reading of the whole of St. Luke's Gospel - 1146 verses in 24 chapters, read by 7 men and 18 women and taking exactly 3 hours 30 minutes. It proved a very moving and reverent act of worship, not a mere listening exercise; many people stayed for long periods and all were impressed by the prayerful, attentive atmosphere. We all felt it a privilege both to read and to listen.

The experience was powerful for many reasons - that we went through the whole gamut of human emotions, from joy at the births of John the Baptist and of Jesus to the sorrow of bereavement at their deaths; from empathy for all the suffering and marginalised people, whom St. Luke includes, to thankfulness at Jesus' power to heal; from admiration for the faithful service of people like Mary to shame at the human fickleness of others, from security, basking in the love and tenderness of Jesus' words and touch, to horror at what powerful humanity can inflict on an innocent individual; from compassion for Our Lord in his sufferings to intense joy at his Resurrection. All human (and divine) life is there.

While the Authorised Version has a particularly mellifluous character and is a pleasure to hear, I was struck again by the fact that it is the message itself, rather than the words of the messenger/translator, that is significant. The written word has no life of its own - that is only given by the one who is the subject of the Gospel - the incarnate Word of God, Jesus Christ. And that life is sealed only by His Death and Resurrection.

So the incidents of the Gospel story draw us in to the life of Jesus and His words are directed at us as much as to those first-century listeners because they are eternal and not bound by the chains of time or the grave. We are part of the ongoing story of Creation, Redemption and Sanctification, the Good News of Jesus Christ and God's love for our world and each one of us is called to witness to its power in our generation. May we be faithful to our task.

With Eastertide greetings to you all,
Caroline

(As Rev'd John Ough wrote last month, in July Rev'd Harry Jevons is joining the Mission Community and will be living in Ugborough. Harry has sent me the following message for the Newsletter.)

It is with great delight that my wife Doreen and I return to the South Hams. Having lived in the village of Malborough near Kingsbridge for almost thirty years, before moving to work in the Chichester Diocese West Sussex, it has always been our intention to return home when we could. I'm happy to say that time has arrived and it is with great joy that we come to serve in the new 'Three Rivers Mission Community.' Rev. John Ough the rector and I have known each other for some considerable time, having in the past, worked together on deanery summer residential camps for the children of this area. When we knew that John was looking for a colleague for Ermington and Ugborough, I had no hesitation in applying for the vacant post.

Doreen and I have two daughters both married with children, Rachel our youngest lives just outside Southampton and Sarah in Kingskerswell near Newton Abbot. Needless to say it will be good to see our grandchildren around the place!

We both enjoy walking and gardening, Doreen has many hobbies not least among them singing in a choir in Christchurch and the local church choir at Hordle, [a nearby small village.] I love cricket and football and played for many years. Also later as a referee in the South Devon league.

It is our hope that we will 'move in' during July, and begin work in August.

It is a privilege for me to be following such a long list of dedicated priests in this historical parish of St. Peter's and to be able to serve this community.

I'm sure we will both hopefully get to know you all in the coming months, and that you will feel able to knock our door knowing that we are there for you for whatever reason. May God bless you all.

Father Harry Jevons.

St Peter's Church Services in May .

Date and time	Service
Sunday 1 st May 9.30a.m.	All Age Worship
Sunday 8 th May 11a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 15 th May 9.30a.m.	Family Communion
Sunday 22 nd May 11a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 29 th May 9.30a.m.	Matins
Tuesday 3 rd May 9a.m.	Celtic Communion
All other Tuesdays 9a.m.	Celtic Prayer.

Confirmation

Full details of the Deanery Confirmation service will be available in next month's magazine. It will be held at St. Clement's, Dartmouth on June 5th, probably at 6 o'clock. In the meantime please continue to pray for Fergus and Ewan from Diptford and William and Thomas from Ugborough as they prepare thoughtfully for this significant step in their Christian lives.

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.

Please note that I now have a new e mail address-

norma-davidroe@tiscali.co.uk E mail is welcome.

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

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