



UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

January 2015

*Wishing you all a Happy, Peaceful and Healthy
New Year!*



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Ceremonial flying of the Flag.

The flag will be flown on the following occasions-
January 9th Birthday of the Duchess of Cambridge
January 20th Birthday of the Countess of Wessex



Newsletter Appeal for Funds Sue Johns for The Newsletter Team

Looking through a dusty pile of old Newsletters, I found a copy of Ugborough Parish Newsletter dated August 1984..... So this little epistle of Parish News has been delivered to the Parish for at **least** 30 years. I was involved with its conception as a chatty newsletter, to complement the somewhat more verbose and learned (in those days) Diocesan News, with local community input.

We have come a long way from the single side of A4 duplicated on an old Banda Duplicator! However, we hope we have managed to maintain an informative Newsletter that endeavours to include newsy items from the entire Parish - and is available at no cost to all those who are interested in receiving it. Thanks to all those who give us encouraging comments- they are appreciated!

So, once again it is time to appeal for financial support from individuals who enjoy keeping up with local events, and the Groups who use the Newsletter to report and advertise their functions.

We are facing an expensive year - as the dodgy old Risostat used for copying needs some serious maintenance. We have considered the options and decided it is financially viable to proceed with the repairs, as the alternative method of photocopying would double the expense (although it would improve the quality and probably lessen the time spent copying and collating). Using an alternative to produce the Newsletter would therefore not be possible without the inclusion of Commercial Advertisements (something the Team is fundamentally against if at all possible.....)

The Accounts are available on request to Sue - and Tom Holway has cast his expert accountant's eye over them for ratification.

Donations may be given to any of the Team (or friend of The Team).

Please make any cheques payable to Ugborough Parish Newsletter.

We are very grateful to those Organisations who donate regularly - but there are some notable exceptions... I will be in touch!

With many thanks in anticipation.

The Newsletter Team- Sue Johns, Norma Roe & Anne Holway

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays has some exciting events lined up for 2015. One of them will be a series of four seasonal Potluck Dinners. We would like to call upon each and every one of you to dust off your family recipes, get inspired by local produce and it doesn't have to be just food we also welcome a good homebrew or cordial recipe. Bring along your creation and recipe to the Village Hall on 28th February at 6 p.m. for the first event. The recipes will be collected and published as part of our very own USS cook book and your creations will obviously be enjoyed by us all.

Please email or call Charlott to get your free ticket ugboroughss@gmail.com
07730767694

Sustainable Saturday dates for January are 10th and 24th from 10 a.m. to noon in Ugborough Village Hall.

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

Ugborough Primary School.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year! We will see you again, fully refreshed and raring to go, on **Monday 5th January 2015**.

Ugborough Parish Walking Group- *Merryl Docker (01752 893651)*

Happy New year to one and all! This is your lie in month. Stay warm on the first Sunday of Jan, there is no walk. See you all again, bright and bushy tailed with your flagging New Year resolutions on the first Sunday in February. Warm wishes to you all.



and cosy eyed

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

Hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year. We will resume our 2015 season on **Wednesday 28th January at 8 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall**, when our speaker will be our very own Tom Maddock ~ "Scobell RM of Sevastopol, An Ugborough Marine in the Crimea" Do join us for this fascinating talk, including much local history and wonderful old photos of Ivybridge - don't miss this one!

Contact me for more information on Ugborough Local History Group.

Coffee Drop-In Centre

10,30am-Noon every Thursday morning in Ugborough Church

Post office available 10 a.m.-12 noon

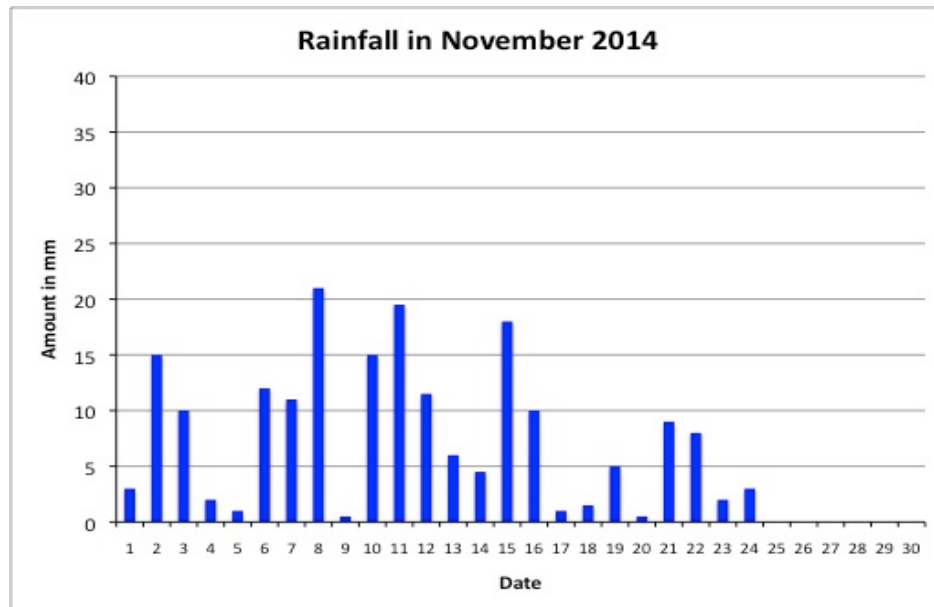
Why not meet up with friends and neighbours over coffee, tea, cake & biscuits?

Everyone welcome.

Rainfall at Shellwood Hill- *George Arnison (Again, many thanks for this record).*

Rainfall at Shellwood Hill where we recorded a total of 190mm (7.5") during a very wet November.

For comparison, the rainfall recorded over the previous four Novembers was 96mm (2010); 91mm (2011); 237mm (2012); 120.5mm (2013)



Ivybridge U3A - *Jean Sherrell*

The January General Meeting of the Ivybridge U3A will be held at The Watermark on Monday 19th January at 2 p.m.

The Speaker will be Colin Bargery on "Railway Navvies - A History in Pictures & Song"

Old Hips Party- *Philomena Jones*

Due to lots of request I have booked the village hall for Saturday 10th January for the over 60s dinner party. Start time 4 p.m..

Cost will be kept to a minimum so if anyone would like to make donation of vegetables, wine or puddings, please let me know.

Also help needed in the kitchen.



Your Stars Tonight. I emerge from an intensive one to one learning experience with my son feeling as though I am drowning in Photoshop and f-stops - already my New Year's resolution to become an astrophotographer is looking bedraggled. The 20th and 21st century have already clashed - I had proudly got out my treasured 1934 Planisphere and using the power of embossed cardboard printed in gold relief found where Orion would be that night. "Oh just like this app" he says a trifle dismissively and with a wave of his phone the constellation of Orion magically appears on the screen.

"I only wanted to take a half decent photograph of Orion's Nebula" I mutter as he enthusiastically bundles me out of the house and down the darkened garden for my first astrophotographic experience.

It is a perfect night - no cloud and no moon. My son waves his phone again but to no avail. "Forget your new-fangled apps boy - this is Ugborough - we don't have no up country 4G signal out here!" I demonstrate the use of that old fashioned computer in the head and point to the south where Orion the Hunter is striding above the horizon with his belt of three stars almost parallel with the skyline. Just below Orion's belt is his sword made up of three faint stars - but the middle one is a hazy fuzz - that's Orion's Nebula. Now look at it with binoculars and it is a scatter of stars enfolded in a misty cloud of light. We then fire up the telescope and the nebula becomes a wondrous sight filling the eyepiece with soft light reminiscent of an exotic butterfly, centred on a cluster of four stars named the Trapezium. Now comes the difficult part - using the power of averted vision. The centre of the eye sees colour but has poor light sensitivity while the edge of the retina sees faint details - so if you look away from the nebula it appears as a swirling cloud with distinct dark bands. Immediately the brain tells the eye to look at the centre and the detail disappears again - frustratingly - the harder you look the less you see. This curiously recalls the 10th C Zen Master's strict instructions for attaining Buddhist enlightenment "Do not try to attain enlightenment".

Theoretically photography can overcome this frustration by capturing every photon of light over hours - but it is ever so complicated. First we need a decent camera attached to the light gathering power of the telescope. Then the telescope and camera must track the movement of the stars or they will become elongated blobs after less than 60 seconds of exposure. And the light has to be collected over numerous exposures which are then cunningly combined and refined by the wonders of computer software. Eventually the real beauty of Orion's nebula, collected from the light that left it 20,000 years ago, is revealed as a writhing mass of superheated gas, dust and new-born stars. Or maybe the Zen Master is right - for is this really the truth? Or is true enlightenment the quiet pleasure of sitting with your son looking at a hazy patch of light on a starry night in Ugborough?

SPORTS REPORT - *Janner Motson*

Changes at Uggie Park

Scandal rocked the local sport scene this month when reports were received that the Uggies Senior Team were having a kick about with a hedgehog. By the time that the RSPCA arrived the Hedgehog was 3-1 up, so it was clear that the Uggies needed to take action in the January transfer window.

Fresh from his 11th place finish in the BBC Sports Personality of the Year contest, local motorsport hero John-Lewis Parhamilton told Sports Report that he was keen to invest in a winning team so that pretty much ruled out the Uggies.

Instead, he said that he was working with Chairman, Bill Tupay-McKenvavitch to find sporting talent able to fill the trophy cabinet - with something other than beer. Scouts were despatched to grounds everywhere, but they could only raise a few bob from selling their woggles so the Directors agreed to employ the best agents in the land. Although Marchand and Petit said they knew nothing about football, everyone was surprised when Dutch

Premiership Striker Nev Ermist got off the bus at Ugborough, mainly because the bus doesn't stop here.

Manager, Ivor Nojjans told Sports Report "The Board has been honest with me. When I came here they said there was no money and they have kept their promise. So far the Uggies have been like a 3-pin plug - no use in Europe. It took a lot of bottle for our last striker to own up to his alcoholism, but I never realised that the number 9 on his back was actually his IQ. It is time to look forward and remember that we scored in every game we won last season; however I am not a believer in luck; all I know is that you need it!"

Ivor is here all week, available for parties and recommends the veal.

Ugborough Village Hall- Stafford Williams

Thanks to donations from the County Council Locality funds and from our District Councillor the Committee is in a position to conduct a full survey and assessment of options to improve facilities in the Hall. The feasibility work will be conducted in New Year and may lead to useful ideas converting into reality. You may have noticed the new cupboard squeezed into the Gentlemen's toilet area and it is hoped that changes to facilities in the kitchen will also make full use of the space there.

A pack with useful information will be appearing in the Hall so that hirers can find answers to frequently asked questions and know their responsibilities for legislation, cleaning up and licensing.

Beryl's Bookworms

Thanks to all the bookworms for the wonderful Christmas party. What fantastic food!



Special thanks to Sharon for the games (!) and to Betty for hosting.

Ugborough Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group

The Ugborough Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group invites you to two community engagement events, in the Ugborough village hall, in January.

The first will be on Saturday 17th January between 6 - 8 p.m. with refreshments.

The second will be on Saturday 24th January between 1- 4 p.m. with teas and cakes.

As part of producing the Neighbourhood Development Plan we will be presenting the themes that we have developed, based on the information that you have given us so far on the previous questionnaire, roadshows and workshops.

We now need to all work together in taking these themes forward and turning them into policies that will underpin the Neighbourhood Plan.

Please do try to attend one or both of these events and help us shape these policies.

For more information on our neighbourhood plan and the plan area please visit our website:

www.ugboroughplan.org

New Dartmoor Self-Build Housing Project

A new project aimed at encouraging local people to get involved in building their own homes on Dartmoor and Exmoor was launched in December. Local people interested in building their own home in the community where they live or work are being invited to register their interest. This will enable a better understanding of the interest in self-build, and may lead to more sites coming forward to meet local needs.

People are encouraged to get in touch as soon as possible to express an interest. For more information on the project, and to apply to register please visit

www.dartmoor.gov.uk/selfbuild or contact Sue Southwell Rural Housing Enabler - Devon Communities together by emailing sue@devonrcommunities.org.uk or tel. 01392 248919, or Dan Janota at Dartmoor National Park Authority forwardplanning@dartmoor.gov.uk or 01626 832093.

News from Bittaford Village Hall - Carole Howard

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. A friendly get together for anyone who likes to draw or paint. Refreshments provided! For details phone 691750

Fridays at 7 p.m. Line dancing. Enjoy the exercise and have fun!



New Year - new friends?

We are not asking you for your money, but we would love a little bit of your time. Could you spare 1-2 hours a week or fortnight to visit an isolated and vulnerable person?

If you can spare a little time, please leave a message on 07554 997140

Sheila will return your call. Thank you.

Ugborough Parish Council Clerk: Sarah Woodman 01364 661127

email: ugboroughhpc@yahoo.co.uk

Temporary : www.ugborough.com/parishcouncil/

Superfast Broadband was the topic of conversation at the start of the December Parish Council Meeting. Andrew Leadbetter, DCC Cabinet member with responsibility for Broadband, explained the 'rollout of supply'. Currently, we are in the first of a 3 year programme and, so far, 100,000 dwellings have been connected, with a target of 1 million. Ugborough Parish is due to achieve 60% Superfast Broadband by 2016. Funding has been secured for a second phase, with the aim of 100% coverage by the end of 2020.

However, the Superfast signal deteriorates the further you are from the 'Green Box', with speeds of only 3Mb at 1kilometre from the box, and the signal is lost beyond 1.5k. For remote properties, wifi or satellite provision would be needed, or farmers and groups of consumers could lay their own supply.

For more information about the rollout of Superfast Broadband, including an interactive map, go to www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/

The Neighbourhood Development Plan is progressing well, and you can now follow that progress - and get involved - by going on the website, Twitter & Facebook. A series of workshops are planned for January to develop the Themes and Vision of the Plan, and a flyer is being distributed throughout the Parish.

Planning applications Only one, for the Listed Building consent to replace 3 ground floor windows at 22 Fore Street, Ugborough, to which the Parish Council raised no objections.

'Prior approval' was not required for the change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling house at Yeo Farm. This is the second application we have come across under new legislation which permits change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling house. It allows for changes to floor space of up to 450 square metres per agricultural holding, to up to 3 dwellings. The legislation relates to existing agricultural buildings in a sole agricultural use, although there are exceptions - including in the National Park, AONB and Listed Buildings. Parish Councils have no input into the assessment of these developments - so much for Localism!

DCC Cllr Hosking reported on the results of the Library consultation. All 50 Devon libraries would be retained, but with the focus on becoming an e-hub, with e-books and internet provision. Mobile library services would reduce from 4 to 2, with a book delivery service being provided.

SHDC Cllr Holway reminded the meeting of changes to recycling, as brown cardboard should now be placed in the blue recycling bags, rather than the brown bin. A complaint had been received that the traveller encampment at Hillhead was making it difficult to access the recycling facilities, and Cllr Holway would press for enforcement action against the travellers.

Ugborough Parish Council website will be reborn over the next few months, and can be accessed at www.ugborough.com/parishcouncil/. The Parish Council has agreed to the purchase of the website software and, thanks to the help of Richard Barker, Parish Council data will be updated and uploaded onto the new website.

Consultations - just one, with a very tight deadline of 5th January. Your views are sort on SHDC's Our Plan, relating to Our Environment & Heritage and Our Resources. Go to www.southhams.gov.uk/ourplan for more information

A community Lengthsman has been appointed, and the Parish Council is identifying drains etc needing attention - please advise the Clerk if you have identified any work needed on the highway. Already, we have met a bit of a stumbling block, as anyone working on the roads must have 'Chapter 8' training, which is provided by DCC - so, for most highway work, we must wait until DCC arranges its next Chapter 8 training course...

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 7th January (remember, we have moved the meeting forward by a week), which will be discussing the budget and precept.

Bittaford Methodist Chapel Jutta Berger 01752 698381

Please come and join us - we look forward to welcoming you at 10 30 a.m.

January 4th Rev. David Youngs Sacrament of Holy Communion

January 11th Ms. Deniz Carey

January 18th Rev. Ralph Ward Sacrament of Holy Communion 2.30 p.m.

January 25th Mr. Mike Cade

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

St. Peter's Church, Ugborough

Harberton Vicarage

Dear Friends,

I wonder how you view the turning of the year. No doubt it very much depends on how the Old Year has turned out. Only the other day a lady said to me, "I shall be glad to say 'Goodbye' to 2014; it's held a succession of dismal happenings for me and my family".

So it's wonderful in those circumstances we have the chance to close the book, so to speak, and to open a fresh one on January 1st.

Maybe, though, it's been a particularly precious and happy year - you've landed a dream job, got married or been married for a significant length of time, had a baby or a new grandchild, enjoyed a fantastic holiday or achieved something remarkable.

In that case, we can still be glad that the year has safely come to its end as we can wrap it up as a totally satisfying year - nothing can now spoil it.

Certainly the last week of December and first week of January should be a time to look back - to give thanks for many blessings and to acknowledge things that have gone wrong and what we can do to put them right - or at least avoid a repeat scenario.

But it's also a time to look forward; it's a natural human instinct to hope. We hope or trust that wrongs can be righted, that good can be sustained or repeated, that we can do better than in the past. Realistically we know there will be disappointments, maybe even disasters, but we still hope.

That's a gift God has given to human nature - a sense that we can strive to make improvements in ourselves, in our work or other activities, that mistakes can be righted, that broken relationships can be repaired, that good can triumph over evil. In part this is because we have been given the revelation of eternity and in part because we have seen in Christ that love can conquer hate and new life emerge from death. These are precious insights that we need to cling to ourselves and share with others - a free gift we can offer to friends and others we meet from time to time. That trustful optimism should shine from our hearts and faces as we put our hands into the hands of God as he gently leads us through the gate of the New Year.

I pray that it may be a happy year for us all, richly blessed by the God of forgiveness and hope, love and life.

Caroline

St Peter's Church Services in January

Date and time	Service
Sunday 4 th January 9.30 a.m.	All Age Worship
Sunday 11 th January 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 18 th January 9.30 a.m.	Family Communion and Baptism
Sunday 25 th January 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist by extension
Tuesdays (except school holidays) 9 a.m.	Celtic Prayer

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

Assistant Priest

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01803 868445 : pgandcmsl@btinternet.com

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Dr Elizabeth Tingle- 01548 821038 or

Jeremy Wells- 01364 72180

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 0NG.

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

(Temporary : www.ugborough.com/parishcouncil/)

and the **Ugborough Website** - <http://www.ugborough.com/>

If you have any stories, pictures, accounts of history, adverts you want to run or anything else to go on the web site for the whole parish please contact Richard Barker on 01548 821000 or email him at richard@fowlescombe.co.uk

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Village services.

A reminder that you can visit the Devon Libraries Mobile Library Service at Ugborough Square, Tuesdays from 9.30 a.m.-10 a.m. every 4 weeks. The next visit will be January 13th.

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

Winter Warming Tips from CosyDevon

Turn your thermostat down by just one degree and you could save around £65.

Bleed your radiators every now and then to release trapped air as it makes them more efficient.

Fit thermostatic valves to your radiators so you can turn the heat up and down in each room as you need to.

Give your boiler a yearly check-up. That way you'll know it's working safely and efficiently

Don't overheat your water, fit a cylinder thermostat and set it to between 60 degrees C and 65 degrees C.

CosyDevon is a scheme backed by Devon County Council and has a number of energy saving offers. Visit the website cosydevon.com or phone 0800 0511548 for more information.

Thanks to Shelley, Jane, David and other members of the Johns family for the truly magical Victorian Christmas Fair at Hillhead Farm courtyard. It was wonderful to see so many people, young, old and in between, enjoying the lovely atmosphere- roast chestnuts, toasted marshmallows, soup, mulled wine and mulled cider etc etc! Can you be persuaded to repeat this next year???