

UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

November 2014



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Garden Club *Anne Holway*

We had a very interesting illustrated talk about Dixter House and gardens in East Sussex at our last meeting. Well worth a visit if you are near Rye. We look forward to welcoming our old friend Gordon Waterhouse at our last meeting of 2014 at 8 p.m. on Thursday 20th November at the Old Post Office



Ceremonial flying of the Flag.

The flag will be flown on the following occasions-

November 9th *Remembrance Sunday*

November 14th *Birthday of the Prince of Wales*

November 20th *Queen and Prince Philip's Anniversary*



.Coffee Drop-In Centre

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

Post office available 10 a.m.-12 noon

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

Everyone welcome.

Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School- *Tania Barretto*

October saw the pre-school celebrating its 20th year in Ugborough. We had a tea party in the afternoon for current and former staff and students and then a fantastic shindig in the evening where we were hugely entertained by local band Long Faces. A brilliant time was had by all, many thanks to everyone who helped organise such a super evening. October also saw the pre-school AGM and the Harvest Festival where the children had the opportunity to sing the songs they learned in front of an audience of parents. This was followed by vegetable soup and bread all cleverly made by the children. October certainly was a very busy month at pre-school.

We have also been lucky enough to have Kai working with us for two weeks who has come all the way from Germany, we are sure she will be made to feel very welcome and we hope that she has a fabulous time here in our corner of Devon.

The fun doesn't stop there, we have lots to look forward to in November as well. Starting with very cute pictures being taken of all the children at pre-school by Claire Tregaskis. So if you do want a lovely picture of your little one make sure you arrive at pre-school on the morning of 7th November.

Our website has recently been updated so if you do have a spare minute please go along and have a look at <http://www.ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk>.

Library news. Build a story

Build your own Lego story at the Watermark library in Ivybridge. Starts on the 22nd November 10.30- 11.30 am.

Come along and make Lego models of well-known stories. We also have Duplo (big Lego) for the younger children.

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

Last term we were delighted to be designated as a Teaching School, which is a considerable accolade. This status will be extremely valuable in developing our schools and staff in the future. We receive extra money for this work, part of which has enabled us to appoint Mrs Vosper and Mr Mitchell to new Assistant Headteacher posts. This is already enhancing the smooth day-to-day running of both schools and makes a senior member of staff available full-time to parents and staff in each school. Becoming a Teaching School also gives every member of our staff access to the very best professional development available and thus ensures that the children at both schools receive enthusiastic and effective teaching at the forefront of good practice. As a Teaching School we have a commitment to assist other local schools where this might be required. As some of you may know we recently received an unusually urgent request to assist another school which is experiencing severe unforeseen leadership difficulties. Mrs Byrne, who is a designated National Leader of Education, is therefore committed to dividing her time between our Federation and the other school. Whilst the required commitment is significant at the other school, we would like to reassure parents that this is a relatively short-term arrangement and Mrs Byrne remains in overall charge of Ermington and Ugborough Schools. Collaborative working of this nature across schools is now recognised nationally as very significant in raising standards and ensuring the best education for all children. Other local schools are doing similar work.

The Teaching School status and the current arrangements for Mrs Byrne are fully supported by the Beacon Federation Governors, your school's governing body. Any possible effects are being closely monitored by the Governors and at their recent meeting they were very pleased to record the confidence and enthusiasm with which the staff has responded to this new situation. The Governors and staff, most of whom are parents themselves, recognise the really strong short-term need of the children in the school Mrs Byrne is helping. Staff are working really hard to ensure minimal, if any, impact for your children and are confident that they have capacity to keep the schools running as normal. As always, if you have any concerns about your child's experience at school or their progress please contact their class

teacher in the first instance. Alternatively, Mrs Vosper and Mr Mitchell will also be available and can always be reached through the office at either school. Where necessary or appropriate they will continue to refer matters to Mrs Byrne. We hope that you understand the situation, and we will provide you with another update after half term to keep you all posted.

Tubs4Tablets- We have signed up to the "Tubs4Tablets" programme from Flora and Stork in partnership with Tesco which provides Samsung Galaxy Tablets to primary schools. We need to collect as many tokens as possible from promotional packs of 500g tubs of flora so please "spread" the word to friends and family! Collection point - school office.

Dates for your diary

Monday 3rd November Occasional Day

Tuesday 4th November Back to School

Friday 7th November Art Open Afternoon 2 -3.15 p.m.

Friday 14th November Children in Need - "Superhero Mufti" for £1.00 Donation

17th -20th November Parents Evenings - no clubs that week

Breakfast and After School Club News -Opening times: 8 a.m.-8.30 a.m. and 3.15-6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Numbers are swelling every week at our clubs, and our new flexible charging is very popular with the parents. If you need childcare until 4.30 p.m., the charge is £4.50 per child, and if you need it until 6 p.m. there is a charge of £9.50 which includes a nutritious hot meal if you wish. The Breakfast Club is £2.50 per child. 'Adhoc' sessions can be catered for as long as you have completed a registration form for your child first (available from the school office or by e-mailing Tania the manager at admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk). This could come in very useful as the Christmas present buying season starts! Once a session has been booked and confirmed it will be still be charged, even if subsequently cancelled.

We look forward to hearing from you, our phone number is 07763 215455 (the old After School Club phone number 07749 029027 is no longer used so please delete it from your phone.)

Holbeton School

Kathryn Garnett, Head Teacher, is inviting prospective parents living in the South Hams, to attend an 'Open Day' on Wednesday 26th November 9 a.m.-12 noon at Holbeton School. The days are designed to enable parents to meet the Head Teacher, staff, pupils and other parents with a view to understanding the unique values, vision and learning ethos that the School offers children.

There is no need to book, just turn up.

Ugborough Parish Walking Group- *Merryl Docker*

We meet again on **Sunday 2nd November at 10.45 a.m.** in **Ugborough Square** for a winter walk around the parish. Wrap up warm and dry, bring your friends, furry or otherwise and we will see where the fancy takes us. The walks are social affairs, never long or arduous and we may well pop into a warm and cosy local pub for a de-briefing afterwards. Please come and join us even if you have never been on one of our walks before.



For more information on our parish rights of way contact Merry Docker (01752 893651) or Tom Holway (01752 941872).

Ugborough Local History Group *Merryl Docker*

It's PARTY TIME AGAIN!! Please note the date: **Thursday 27th November ~ 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. Ugborough Village Hall. £2.50 each** on the door to cover costs. We will be royally entertained by "The Tote Ensemble" a group of medieval woodwind players. They are a fun group of folks who will share their passion for ancient music with us, playing and singing seasonal tunes ~ there will be some participation involved so be prepared ~ we will be guided through a Tudor processional dance leading to our feast!

Those of you who have enjoyed our History Group parties in the past will know the score: bring along a plate of something (savoury or sweet) to put on the table to share, or bring a bottle (alcohol or soft drink). After the entertainment we will feast ~ it will help if you bring your own plates/glasses etc as this will reduce the amount of washing up, but as we are in the village hall this year, we can use available facilities.

Please let me know if you can join us ~ merryldocker@yahoo.co.uk or phone 01752 893651~I very much look forward to seeing you all ~ please feel free to dress Tudor Style if you wish ~ the players will be!!

Help Wanted

Tractor incident- *Beth Bishop bbishop2604@gmail.com*

I was in an accident on Friday at the end of September with a tractor. It was on the A3121 at 9.05am heading towards Ugborough. A large tractor and machinery behind hit my car smashing my wing mirror and driver's window, leaving me with cuts and car in poor condition. Does anyone remember seeing anything?

I'd be very grateful if you had any suggestions to help me find the tractor driver as he failed to stop.

Ivybridge U3A *Doreen Flood*

The November meeting of Ivybridge U3A will be at the Watermark on Monday 17th November at 2 p.m. when the speaker will be Keith Mason 'Looking at Gardens from Cornwall to Kent'.

SeaMoor Children's Centre *Vicky Rawlings*

These groups all take place at the SeaMoor Children's Centre-01752 896356

Let's talk more every Tuesday 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. A group for children under with speech and language difficulties.

0-18 months group every Wednesday 1 p.m.- 2.30 p.m.

Step by Step a group for families with children under 5 who have an additional need. Every Thursday 10 a.m. - 11.30 a.m

Young Parents a group for under 25's who have an under 5. Every Friday 1p.m. - 2.30pm.

Thursday 13th November 1 p.m.-2.30 p.m.- **Moving Forward** a group for lone parents. Saturday 29th November-**Dads Group**: A group for male carers and their under 5's. Various venues please call for details. 01752 896356

For more information on our services and a timetable of groups please visit www.southhamschildrenscentres.org.uk or call 01752 896356."

Community Coppice - Access all Areas! - *Matthew Fairclough*

This season the coppice group will be meeting on the following dates. Please do come along if you fancy learning some new skills, would like some firewood or simply want to enjoy nature and this evolving project.

Remember to drop us a line first so we can send you further details.

Sunday 9th November - Tree planting and visit from Don, a rural skills teacher who will be giving us some welcome practical advice and demonstration as well as hands on instruction. Meet at 10 a.m., lunch at 1 p.m., finish at 4.30 p.m.

Saturday 15th November - Coppice social and tree planting. Meet at 1 p.m. to help plant the trees or 3 p.m. when we will light the bonfire, eat some pork (veggie option too) and drink some cider. Finish at 6 p.m. or when the cider runs out. I'm hoping this is late enough in November so not to clash with November 5th events, we won't be having any fireworks!

Sunday, 16th November - Reserve day, just in case the saplings are late arriving.

Sunday, 7th December - Logging session, cutting and splitting. Meet at 10 a.m., lunch at 1 p.m., finish at 4.30 p.m.

More dates will be published in December for 2015. Please contact Matt and Emily Fairclough if you fancy joining the group or just want to attend to see what we get up to in the woods... matt.fk@mail.com

Beryl's Bookworms - Sue Johns

Appropriately, the full moon bathed the night as we gathered for October's Bookgroup discussion.



We had all rollicked through **Tracy Chevalier's 'The Last Runaway'**, and relished the opportunity to discuss this very readable tale. This story, set in the mid-19th century in pre-civil war Ohio, follows the fortunes of a Dorset Quaker immigrant, who found herself thrown into a life very different from the one she had left. Some felt the heroine was sympathetically portrayed as bewildered and lost in a strange land - whilst most felt she lacked colour - and was priggish. The book's title refers to the 'underground railroad' of black slaves escaping from their masters in the south and heading north to enjoy a free life. They were aided by abolitionists, including some Quakers, and particularly the heroine, on their journey. Disappointingly this angle was not particularly well illustrated in this book - instead much of the story detailed the craft of quilt making - and compared the styles and techniques across the different cultures. Although many of the Group thoroughly enjoyed these descriptions - being master quilters themselves- others found it tedious and unnecessary. We all agreed that the minor characters were more interesting than the main ones, and felt we could definitely have developed a more interesting story line! The ending was certainly definitive, winding up in just a few pages with the sentiment of 'living happily ever after - The End.'

Once more the 'couple of fresh faced land girls' were able to identify some farming errors - despite this book being allegedly well researched.

The scores reflected our diverse opinions and lively discussion - and averaged 3.5 out of 5.

Next month: 'The Night Circus' by Erin Morgenstern

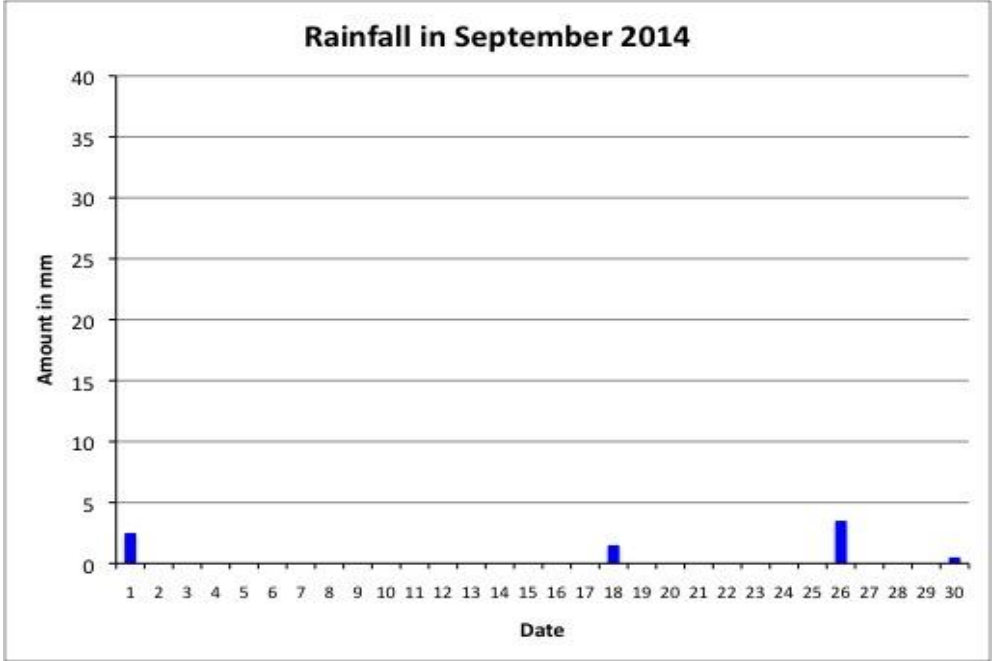
The official discussion over, we were able to proceed to the main business of such a moonlit night, and gathering closely together we sought a solution to those who may have misconstrued our learned cult. Despite the absence of a key member, who was on holiday, the other key members flexed their right arms and having limbered up their brains and exercised their mouths, they utilised their uncanny second sight (aided and abetted by the newest member, one who has yet to qualify for a bus pass), to conjure up a vision of the perpetrator which materialised through the dregs of the coffee (honest!).

Yes, we crowed..... could it be?Biggles? But wait, the wellies worn with seventies style football shorts ??

We have it.... A sacrificial man is just what *this* Village Club is seeking. 'Be afraid, be very afraid!'

Rainfall for September 2014 at Shellwood Hill- *George Annison (Thanks for this record, George)*

George comments- Hardly worth bothering with a rainfall record this September, there was so little. According to the Met Office it was the third warmest and the driest September nationally since records began in 1910. Just 8mm (1/3") of rain recorded at Shellwood Hill, which was about a tenth of that recorded in each of the previous four Septembers 92mm (2013), 88m (2012), 86.5mm (2011) and 95.5mm (2010).



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Please help this fantastic appeal for needy children overseas by filling a shoebox for Christmas!

Boxes and leaflets available at the back of Ugborough church or from Jane Hooper at Anchor Cottage (opposite the Anchor Inn) or call 893134/07712 419 007

Shoeboxes to be filled and returned between 3rd - 14th November to either the back of the church or to Jane Hooper. Many thanks and best wishes

Village Hall *Stafford Williams*

How times change - last month we had 11 at the Committee Meeting and this month 5, it must have been the draw of other entertaining options in the village. Whilst the cash situation is about right for the time of year and hirings are doing well, there is a growing list of demands on the budget to complete maintenance and refurbishment tasks. The Committee is always open to ideas on grants, but can only complete work when funds are available. Key tasks for the next year include: repair of the side walkway, re-felting the roof, refurbishing the areas damaged by water ingress, providing cupboards in the few spaces where they can be squeezed, re-painting the main hall and surveying for innovative solutions to the lack of storage.

One other point to note is the slight variation to hire charges (to be found on the website) that allows regular hirers to operate the hourly charge, whilst one-off events are subject to a minimum charge of £20.



Your Stars Tonight.

Is on holiday!

Sports Report - *Janner Motson*

Your Favourite Clubs

For the third look at your favourite clubs I had arranged to meet the new Chairman of Ugborough Football, Sheik Urvilly Atem, at Uggie Park following training. I found him in the Physio's jersey, which annoyed her as she was wearing it at the time. I asked him about the last owner, Novat Takksman, the Asian Oligarch who left following rumours of money laundering. He said that he found him untrustworthy and cheated at Monopoly, but it was the inappropriate language that finally did for him - he only spoke Russian.

His first act as Chairman was to unveil the new striker, which proved a good move as he was complaining that he couldn't see with it on. The striker in question is Rory McKennavitch on loan from Real Manstow FC, who at his introductory press conference told reporters; "I have been always a big fan of the Uglies ever since I arrive here last night. I hope to play well the soccer and put balls into back of shed. My English is not so good as I am from North Devon".

We went to talk to the players in the new changing room, which is a recent innovation at Uggie Park, using a new design from the continent called 'al fresco'. The Chairman told me that it was important to keep the crowd happy, particularly because he is a big bloke that you don't want to upset. I queried the budget

available and he told me that there was literally no expense spent on achieving his dream of making the Uggies the biggest team on Windy Ridge. However, he has taken measures to improve playing conditions and they now jump on a coach for away games - mind you the coach is pretty unhappy about that.

Ugborough Parish Council Clerk: Sarah Woodman 01364 661127

email: ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk Website: www.ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Neighbourhood Plan is to take a new direction, with the support of the Parish Council. Instead of a site-specific plan, it will develop themes and criteria for future planning applications. Cllr Hosking has resigned from the Working Group, and the Parish Council recognised the enormous contribution, expertise and professionalism he brought to the Neighbourhood Plan preparation.

Planning applications No objections were raised to the proposed extension and garage at Gate Lodge, Moorhaven, and the Parish Council supported the proposed public recycling centre off Ermington Road, Ivybridge

SHDC Cllr Holway reported that Refurnish had relocated to Wrangaton Business Park, and this is a valuable resource for those on low incomes, as it supplies re-usable furniture, appliances and other household goods at affordable prices. SHDC Cllr Ward announced the start of Dementia Shared Reading in Modbury, which is an amazing scheme to improve quality of life through mental stimulation and social interaction.

A new Parish Noticeboard is to be provided in Wrangaton bus shelter. The existing notice board is in poor condition and, now that the Post Office has closed, it is no longer in a prominent position. Also, it means that your Clerk will be able to display notices in future without being blown away and pelted with rain!

Consultations are pouring in - and your views could make a difference!

- Tough Choices proposals for budget savings in waste management, which runs to 19th November. In particular, DCC is considering charges for the disposal of DIY waste. Further details are available at
- <https://new.devon.gov.uk/wastebudget/>
- Department for Communities and Local Government Consultation on Travellers to 23.11.14, which is available at www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-and-travellers-proposed-changes-to-planning-policy-and-guidance
- Tough Choices proposals for Highways, which runs to 5th December, and is available at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/highwaysbudget/>
- A proposed bridleway through Filham Park - further details will be advertised in the local newspaper and on a site notice.

The Ugborough Website has still not been restored, despite numerous requests. This is very frustrating for all concerned, and the Parish Council is looking at alternative providers - so, hopefully we will be live again soon.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th November at Ugborough Village Hall, when we will be discussing the possibility of providing a defibrillator funded by SHDC/DCC. Agenda and minutes are displayed on the noticeboards and (hopefully) the website

A reminder from Devon and Cornwall Police about telephone fraud

Don't be a victim of a scam- Never give your PIN or bank details over the phone.

Never withdraw cash and send it via courier or taxi.

Never send bank cards by courier or taxi.

Neither the Police nor your bank will ever ask you to do any of the above.

If you need help or advice dial 101.

Another message from our Dog warden

Dear Dog Owners

The mornings and evenings are now darker, which means that we all need to be extra vigilant when we are exercising our pets. Please ensure that you are properly prepared for a stress free walk by having a torch so that you can see where you dog has fouled, and plenty of poo bags so that you can clear it away and dispose of it as required by law. (SHDC Dog Control Orders 2013)

Please remember that dogs have their own welfare needs and should be walked for a minimum of twenty minutes twice a day. This is their time, and should be used to engage with the dog. I frequently see people walking their dogs but not taking any notice of them - frequently on the phone or chatting away to their friends. This is not fair on the dog, and it can also lead to the owner being unaware that the dog has fouled.

Many dogs are on their own for several hours during the day, so please do try to make your time count, by giving him/her your full attention - this will ensure that you have a happy and contented pet and best friend!

My attention has recently be drawn to an article in a National Farmer's Union magazine concerning the fact that faeces are often left on public footpaths which cross agricultural land, and the effects that this has on livestock:

Neosporosis can cause abortions in cattle and is thought to be responsible for the highest percentage of all cattle abortions reported in the UK. Neospora eggs are produced by infected dogs and excreted in their faeces. Cattle will then become infected if they eat food, i.e.: grass, or drink water contaminated with the eggs.

Sarcocystosis is also caused by parasites, which can use dogs as intermediate

hosts, and similarly the eggs are produced and excreted in faeces. Sheep will become infected if they eat food or drink contaminated by the eggs. In terms of both these diseases, faeces from infected dogs can contaminate pasture and animal feed, water or bedding. There is currently no licensed vaccine or drugs available for these diseases.

Please therefore consider your surrounding's more carefully and reduce the impact of dog faeces on people, livestock, and land.

There is no excuse for any dog fouling anywhere in SHDC Towns, Villages or the surrounding fields. If you use a footpath which crosses farmland, please ensure that you bag your dog's faeces, and take it home with you.

And finally -

Thank you to all those people who attended Ivybridge Town Council Parks meeting on Monday October 6th. It was encouraging to meet you all, thank you for your suggestions, and offers of support.

If you would like to discuss any issues, please contact Tracey Weaver, South Hams District Council Dog Warden on 01803 861117

TRADITIONAL FARMHOUSE SUNDAY LUNCH

To be held on Sunday 23rd November, 1 p.m.

At Dunwell Farm, Ugborough.

£15 to include a glass of wine.

All proceeds to St Peter's Church, Ugborough.

Please contact Sue Johns on 01548 830220 for ticket reservation

Bittaford Methodist Chapel *Jutta Berger 01752 698381*

Please come and join us - we look forward to welcoming you. Our services start at 10.30 a.m. except on the 3rd Sunday of the month when the service will be at 2.30 p.m.

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 10.00am 'til 12 noon including School Holidays!

St. Peter's Church, Ugborough secures Heritage Lottery Fund investment -

Peter Povey

The Church Council of St. Peter's Church, Ugborough has received a confirmed grant of £66,300 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for its project to replace worn out sheet lead on the North Aisle roof of the Church.

The project aims to make the roof fully waterproof, protecting the elaborate carved medieval roof bosses in the ceiling below. The work started in October and will be completed before Christmas. During this time the Church will remain open for services and the twice-weekly Village Post Office, but weekday access for occasional visitors will be restricted.

As well as repairing the roof, the Parochial Church Council will strengthen links with Plymouth University in an exploration of the church's history, the fruits of which will be shared with the local community, young and old, and with visitors to the Church. There will be several workshops showcasing displays of Ugborough's history; new learning materials for children will be devised; and a mounted mirror will be provided so that visitors can readily view the ceiling bosses, described as amongst the best in Devon.

November items from Rev'd Caroline Luff

Remembrance November brings the solemn time of Remembrance, first at Moreleigh on Sunday 2nd November at 3 p.m. when there is an opportunity for us all to remember our friends and family members no longer on earth.

On Remembrance Day the normal services will include an Act of Remembrance of those killed in both World Wars and subsequent conflicts.

Conference about Gender Violence - Saturday 29th November 10.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. St. Andrew's Minster Church, Plymouth

Here's an easy opportunity to learn something about this social problem which rears its ugly head in all sorts of unexpected places, maybe even uncomfortably close to home. We shall learn something about the reasons why (mainly) women are the targets of abuse and violence, how it manifests itself, what measures the government is taking to eradicate it and what any of us can do where we come across it happening or meet any of its victims. The conference has been organised by the M.U. and there is an impressive line-up of speakers.

If we take our faith seriously, we have to be willing to engage with the problems of the world, try to throw a Christian perspective upon them and see how we can bring Christ's compassion to those who suffer.

I'm intending to go (driving to Plympton and taking the Park and Ride bus from there) and am happy to fill the car. Would you let me know as soon as possible if you would like to go; I can book lunch for you as well.

St. Cecilia's Day Evensong – Sunday 23rd November 6.30 p.m.

St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, Ermington

This is an event for the whole deanery, organised by Christopher Helyer, Director of Music in the Dartmouth churches and at one time Headmaster of Exeter Cathedral Choir School. A rehearsal under the baton of the Revd. Tim Thorp of the Church of the Ascension, Crownhill, Plymouth, will start at 4 p.m. and there will be refreshments for the choir between that and the service. This is an opportunity for good singers who are not actually in their own church choir to join in and for us all to worship in the context of a musical treat.

St. Peter's Church, Ugborough

(This month we have a letter from our Reader, David Stafford)

As I write we are moving from warm weather ending in an Indian Summer and moving into Autumn. With gratitude we experience the good things that we have been given and thank the One who provides all the things we need. And yet we know of suffering in the world that seems to be so overwhelming for those people in the middle of it. Whether in violence or with disease the world seems to be powerless, or slow to act, to prevent or alleviate the suffering. Indeed we are called to remember those who continue to suffer and do what we can to help them. These events, as with others in history, show us what we are like as people, especially when we act in our own self-interest. We are perhaps akin to being lost in a forest. But being lost in the woods the sight of a signpost becomes life-changing and that signpost, we claim as Christians, is the coming of God into our world in Jesus Christ as we move into the period in the church's year we call Advent. This miracle is not that man has walked on the Moon but that God has walked on Earth.

God who knows our suffering enters into our world. We need to know the presence of God in our lives, as St. Augustine wrote in his famous prayer "You have made us for you, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in you." As we remember the creation that has been given to us, we also reflect on the source of beauty in creation and we perhaps see a door that opens up into that other world where God dwells. We are in a tension between the world that we know and the world we do not yet know and our hopes for the future are indeed linked to the experience of our present. Let us explore together over the coming weeks the meaning of God coming into our world who has also experienced our human nature and its tensions. May God bless us all as we search for Him.

David (Reader; Three Rivers Mission Community).

Services at St. Peter's for November 2014

Date and time	Service
Sunday 2 nd November 9.30 a.m.	All Age Worship
Sunday 9 th November 10.50 a.m.	Remembrance Day service
Sunday 16 th November 9.30 a.m.	Family Communion with Baptism Blessing of Shoeboxes
Sunday 23 rd November 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 30 th November 11 a.m.	Joint Benefice Holy Communion St Peter & St Paul Ermington
Tuesday 9 a.m.	Celtic Prayer

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

While we wait for a new incumbent, requests for baptisms, wedding, funerals and any other matter requiring a priest should be made to-

Assistant Priest

Rev'd Caroline Luff, Harberton Vicarage, Totnes TQ9 7SA

01803 868445 : pgandcmsl@btinternet.com

Business matters should be referred to the church wardens-

Dr Elizabeth Tingle- 01548 821038 or

Jeremy Wells- 01364 72180

Parish matters may also be referred to our Reader

Dr. David Stafford- 01752 691525

Christmas Market Shelley Hutcheon

There will be a Christmas Market at Hillhead Farm on Saturday 6th December at 2 p.m. until dark. A family event where you can see the cows in the barns, do your Christmas shopping and enjoy some festive food. The Church Ladies will there with cards and cake, there will also be selected gift stalls, fire wood to stock up on and mulled wine and soup to be enjoyed around the braziers, all in the old Victorian yard at the farm. There will be cover if the weather decides not to co-operate! Come and join in the festive spirit and pick up some more unusual presents! Profits will be divided between the church and the Village Hall.

Contributions

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter. Special thanks for your co-operation as it has been edited from Spain and Portugal at various campsite wi-fi hot spots! (An experience I do not intend to repeat!)

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 (hopefully!) 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 the Devon Libraries Mobile Library Service is at Ugborough Square, Tuesdays from 9-9.45 a.m. every 4 weeks. A new timetable is being introduced from January 2015. See next newsletter for details.

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

A very special new house owner

This month marked an exciting moment for Henry Slade as he has successfully purchased his own property in Ugborough ! With the help of a housing charity Henry is now the owner of 2 Lutterburn Street, which will give him security and independence within our supportive community. However the cottage does need some work ! So you will now see Geoff and Henry toiling madly with the aim of him moving in by the beginning of December. Many thanks go to the Douglas family who gave Henry the opportunity to know that independent living was for him; also Mr and Mrs Warren the previous owners of the cottage whose patience was appreciated. Final thanks to all those in the village who have come forward with kind offers of help. Many thanks. Exciting times.

Geoff and Deborah Burrell, Henry Slade.