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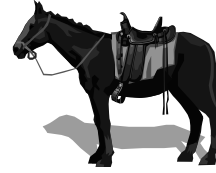
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Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled. Peggy Douglas
(tel. 07882286421)

July seems to have come and gone without us noticing! The last term was a busy one and the rain didn't stop us enjoying events including the coffee morning, which raised £700. our dressage Open Day and the opening of Mary and John's garden, 25 riders took part in a display of dressage skills, and cream teas were sold. Although it rained, it made no difference! We enjoyed presentations of service awards and volunteer trophies, and a barbecue- all in the rain! Our "How fit are we?" challenge raised £2000.



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At the National Dressage at Hartpury College, 5 riders took part and all were placed in their respective classes. The last week of term followed the Olympic theme with Olympic sports on horseback.

The summer and more rain hampered outside chores and working parties, so we still have things to do now. Any offers of help would be welcomed.


My Olympic torch has had a couple of outings. First to Totnes Show where I led the grand parade with Horace the South Devon Bull! Secondly to Kingsbridge Show with ELLaw who are helping us to raise some funds.

Very regrettably we had to cancel our steeplechase- the first time in 20 years. We will very much miss the usual funds from this event and so have to hold some fundraising events to make up.

I would like to thank Jim and the team for continuing to support us and also to everyone at the Horse and Groom pub in Bittaford,

As usual I am ending with a plea for volunteers to help with sessions or around the yard.

Garden Club Shelley Hutcheon

Thank you all so much for your help, enthusiasm and entries for the  Garden Club Show!! What a brilliant show despite the truly useless growing season! Entries were up on last year and loads of lovely people turned up for a cream tea and a chance to buy some prize winning produce. The church was full of brilliant flower arrangements and the village hall was full of cake!! The carrot cake was the most hotly contested class and my thanks go to Margaret Beable who had the difficult job of picking a winner, as well as Viv Howard, chief veg. judge and Sue Webster, our amazing floral judge. Thank you also to my admin staff, cream tea catering team and lunch time officials who all made it come together on the day. Hopefully we will have even more entries next year, so start practising your carrot cake recipes!

The next Garden Club meeting is on Thursday 18th October at 8 p.m. at the Post Office.

Merryl Docker adds

The Garden Club is very grateful to Shelley and her team of helpers for continuing the tradition of a local village produce show here in Ugborough. Shelley had moved into her new house only the day before the show. Well done -I have no idea how she manages to do so much in the same 24 hour day the rest of us have!

(The following article was written by Shelley about our earlier village event!)

The Great Jubilee Beacon

WOW - What an amazing night!! We had literally no idea how many people would turn up to the lighting of the Jubilee Beacon last Monday night and so tentatively ordered 250 rolls,

prepared to cook a whole pig and gathered together some emergency sausages, burgers and some legs of pork and stood by our BBQs and waited!!

The Widdicombes had very kindly donated a piglet, we fed it and Peter and Nellie Dadge did an amazing job of cooking and serving it up. Ed and Rich made an enormous beacon, dad cleared up the field and mowed it, Taff adorned the gate with massive flags and we all decorated it with bunting, fires and flowers.

The Barkers made some lovely beef burgers and cooked two joints of pork, which we served with some of their jellies. Stacey and Dan and his parents cooked tons of our own sausages and some lucky people even found Nellie's huge chocolate cake. Pete and his very new fiancé* Libby provided the music for the evening and Cliff, dad, mum and I carved and filled rolls with Nellie and Peter right up until Rich lit the Beacon at 10.15pm after a speech from George.

The support was overwhelming as nearly 500 people came with chairs, blankets and drinks. It was a perfect evening as even the rain had stopped. Thank you so much to everyone who helped and also to so many of you who came and supported the event. You all very kindly donated a massive £500.00 to the church heating fund. Thank you also to the Parish Council for their contribution towards some of the unavoidable costs. Apologies to those of you who only had half a roll, there were twice as many people as we expected!!

*(Congratulations to Pete and Libby on their wedding - 22nd September!)

Coffee Drop-In Centre
10am-Noon every Thursday morning in Ugborough Church
Post office available 10am-12 noon
Why not meet up with friends and neighbours over coffee, tea, cake & biscuits?
Everyone welcome.

Help needed. The Thursday Coffee morning is proving to be very popular and we are very grateful to those who regularly give up their time to make it possible. However, we now need more volunteers for the rota. If you can't make a regular commitment, maybe you could help from time to time on a relief basis. Please come along and talk to us about it.

Gentlemen of Ugborough Parish, please join us for a
Gentleman's' breakfast
At Fowlescombe Farm on 10th November 2012 at 10:00
In the Dining Hall and adjoining Link
Full English Breakfast, with tea / coffee and juice
Price £6 per person - any profit over costs to be given to St Peter's Church
Space is limited to around 30 people, and save fuel by car sharing
Please let us know if you are coming by contacting Richard on email
richard@fowlescombe.co.uk (preferred method)
Or telephone Richard on 01548 821000, or Taff on 01752 892086 or on email
gareth.m.jones@babcock.co.uk
Come along and *set the world to rights* or just have a good chat
Ladies - if you would like to go to a Ladies Breakfast sometime, please let one of us know

And another breakfast opportunity!

CHERNOBYL BREAKFAST

The Totnes & South Hams link of Chernobyl Children's Lifeline are holding a **Breakfast Café** in **Ugborough Village Hall** on the morning of **Sunday 28th October** from 9 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Please come and support us, have a hearty late breakfast (the clocks go back that weekend) and learn about the work of the charity, which brings children from Belarus and Ukraine over to the West for a month's fresh air and fun. Our next group comes to Devon in March next year and we are busy raising funds for their visit.

There will be an opportunity to buy Byelorussian craft items and souvenirs (nesting dolls etc), which make original and unusual Christmas presents, and to talk to some of us who will have just returned from a visit to Chernobyl.

PLEASE COME.

THERE IS AMPLE FREE PARKING IN UGBOROUGH VILLAGE SQUARE.

HOLBETON PLAYERS autumn production of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream will take place on 11 th , 12 th and 13 th October in All Saints Church, Holbeton. Tickets £10 adult, £5 children are available from Helen Waters (01752 830326)

Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School. Naomi Williams

We are happy to say that all the children and staff settled quickly back at pre-school after the summer break, and during September we were pleased to welcome four new children to the setting. The children who attend on a Monday afternoon have been introduced to our new Forest School environment, and the small group on a Wednesday afternoon have had great fun baking cakes, biscuits and fruit crumbles. Mervyn has also been enthusiastically received by the children on Thursdays with the continuation of his musikgarten sessions. We held an "Open Day" on Saturday 29th September between 11am to 1pm for any parents and children in the surrounding areas to visit us. They could experience some of the fun activities we provide at our "Outstanding" pre-school, and meet members of staff and committee who work closely together to ensure every child has a safe and enjoyable time in their early years. Our Harvest Festival Celebrations are planned for the middle of the month and we would like to invite everyone to attend and join in with a few seasonal songs and sample refreshments afterwards. Details of time and date will be displayed in the village hall once confirmed. Pre-school will be closed for half term from Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November inclusive, returning on Monday 5th November.

Our rural pre-school, which was officially judged by OFSTED as "Outstanding" in March 2011, welcomes children from all over the area from 2 years old to school age and we offer 15hrs of funded childcare for 3 and 4 year olds. Offering two free taster sessions enables you and your child the time to settle in to a new environment and meet the highly qualified and experienced staff members who will provide a fun, caring and happy experience for each individual. Our opening hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9am to 3pm and Tuesday and Friday 9am to 12.45pm, term time only, for further information please contact either Tania or Naomi on 07763 215455. Likewise, the Toddler Group meets on Monday between 10am and 11.30am phone Sara on 07739 826422 for Toddler Group enquiries.

Ugborough Parish Walking Group- Merryl Docker

Join us on **Sunday 7th October ~ 10.45am ~ Ugborough Village Square** for another autumnal forage around our beautiful parish paths. Let's see what treasures the hedges contain. Bring dogs, suitable footwear and family members. Our walks are never long and always easygoing strolls rather than route marches ~ new folks very welcome. See you soon. Merryl Docker (01752 893651) & Tom Holway (01752 893114)

The Beacon Federation Executive Headteacher - Mrs. Jane Byrne

Ugborough Primary School.

Our new starters have all settled in very well and it is lovely to see our older children helping them out. We have also had some wonderful feedback about how well mannered our children are which we have fed back to them.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 9th Oct -Friends AGM in the School Hall at 7 p.m.

Monday 15th Oct- Thursday 18th October- Parents Evenings 3:30 - 5:30
(timings to be confirmed)

Tuesday 23rd Oct -Harvest Festival at Hillhead Farm barn at 2 p.m.

29th Oct - 2nd Nov Half Term

Zumba comes to Ugborough!

Zumba Party time- Thursdays in the Village Hall from 6.15 p.m. to 7.15 p.m.

The first session was great with 25 movers and shakers. We are booking in half-term blocks and need @ 20 regular attendees to keep the class going (but you can also drop in @ £4 per session).

Either come along one Thursday (not during school holidays) or call Rachel on 07786 434905

Yoga - instructor Roma Thomas

Yoga is an exceptional form of core body strengthening and relaxation.

Come along on Tuesdays at the Village Hall from 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Classes cost £4.00 a week. If you are interested in attending the classes or want to try one and see, please call Sam on 01752 897284. You will need to bring your yoga mats (non-slip rugs will do) and a blanket to keep you warm during the relaxation part of the session.

Ugborough Local History Group- Merryl Docker

Our 'Home Grown History Man' Taff Jones will be the speaker for **Wed 31st October at 8.00pm in Ugborough Village Hall**. His topic is very close to his own heart, "**The Rule of Thumb**" ~ **the story of Devonport Dockyard School from 1840 to 1914**. Many of our parishioners have served a modern day apprenticeship in Devonport, so come and hear how your Victorian counterparts learnt their trades. You don't have to be a History Group member, just come along and pay £1 on the door. Everyone will be made welcome. See you soon.

Merryl Docker (01752 893651)

Ugborough Village Hall- Stafford Williams

Users may have noticed the recent decoration of parts of the hall as our ongoing refurbishment plan continues. The Hall is in good condition generally and is very cost effective in providing the facilities that the community asks for. Where we do have issues the committee tries to be proactive and you may see the new heater going into the playgroup cupboard soon. Some of the enduring solutions to storage problems will require significant investment and management so may be kept on hold rather longer than we would like. What would really make a difference is the volunteering of one or two more locals, (yes that means you!), to join the committee and spread the workload - think about it!

Special thanks to the Garden Club for donating £124 from their produce show. It is gratefully received as sources of income are limited these days. The prudent management of our Treasurer means that we have avoided the problems of many indebted States and we are maintaining a comfortable reserve for the rainy days, which seem to come around so often. For any hirer that may have 'forgotten' to pay recently (and not so recently) please make the effort to get the cash into us - we do keep records and know who you are!

On a final note, we want to thank our outgoing Caretaker, Lynsey Hughes, who along with her 'staff' have kept the facilities so well for the past couple of years.

We wish her well in Cardiff.

Ugborough Youth Group Corner.....Judith Rundle-Jones (Chair)



October Dates for Your Diary

Friday 5th - Regular Youth Group Session 7 - 9 Village Hall,

Come along re-enrol, and get involved in the activities and events for the year ahead.....

Friday 19th - Scarecrow making 7 - 9 Village Hall, a prize for the best dressed scarecrow!

November.....

Friday 9th - Regular Youth Group Session 7 - 9 Village Hall,

Saturday 10th - Shoebox Appeal 10 - 12 Village Hall

"Members and Community please come along with your donations and help us to fill Shoeboxes for the Christmas Appeal, refreshments available

Friday 23rd - Safari Supper.....

Further details available from : Judith 07870 632 146 or Judith.rundle-jones@sky.com or Mandy mandbak@btinternet.com

The Scarecrows are back! Look out for them as they start to appear around the Parish from the 20th October onwards. Join in the fun and make your own Scarecrow to sit proudly outside your house!

Every Scarecrow will need to disappear by bonfire night!

Book Lovers *Anne Nonymous*

Fault Line by Robert Goddard.



Excellent. Robert Goddard always keeps us on the edge-of-our-seats and this book is no exception. The quick pace and the intricate plot take us through a two location story between Cornwall and Italy.

The hero, Jonathan Kellaway, tells us about his youth in the late 1960s, where a dead friend, a lost lover and a clutch of mysteries come back to haunt him, when he is asked by his employer to look into a gap in the company's records. Jonathan needs to learn the truth about a secret that has been with him most of his life.

A thoroughly good read!

Hero on a bicycle by Shirley Hughes. (for 8-12year olds)

Shirley Hughes is well known for her writing and illustrations for young children, e.g., Dogger and Alfie to name two of a long list.

This is her first novel, which she has wanted to write for a long time. In the foreword she tells us that she was only 19 when she first went to Florence and fell in love with this beautiful city.

The story is set in a place and period little written about outside Italy: Florence during the German occupation of 1943/4. Thirteen year old Paolo and his family help two escaped allied prisoners, although it puts them in great danger..

This is an exciting story, well written and told with a strong feeling of time and place.

Meanwhile, Beryl's Bookworms had a very lively discussion about Room by Emma Donoghue, one of the most haunting and affecting books we had ever read.

Ivybridge U3A - Doreen Flood

The general meeting of Ivybridge U3A for October 2012 will be the Annual General Meeting and will be held at the Watermark, Ivybridge on Monday October 22nd at 2pm. Please note change of venue.

This will be their second AGM and by popular request the speaker will be the well known local personality Adam Hart Davis whose subject, appropriately for this eventful year, will be 'What Makes Britain Great?'

New members are always welcome and more information can be found on the website ivybridge-U3A.org.uk or phone me at 01752 830237

UGBOROUGH POST OFFICE AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Don't forget that the Post Office opening hours are now:-

Tuesdays from 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. (Coffee and cake available at this time!)

Photo cards of Ugborough scenes (in aid of church funds) and miscellaneous stationery items and sundries are on sale.

SPORTS REPORT - Janner Motson

DO SEAGULLS FOLLOW THE TRAWLER?

There are times when a sports reporter needs to stop and reflect on great moments of sport and inquire as to what it all means for the human spirit, or wonder at how the soul soars during such moments. So it was, that as the great summer of sport comes to a close, I found myself pondering on the 'so what' for the endeavours of the great Ugborough sporting folk.

Was it the success of Sign of the Owl at the football, or the sight of England B narrowly thrashed in all their matches, when the crowd, with tears in their eyes, had hoped that they would repeat their glorious past? Was it the outstanding cricket team that had been totally dominant in all their games, or was it them throwing that winning record away on the last ball of the season in a defeat that had looked unlikely right up until that infamous delivery? Could it have been the success of youth in the skittles signalling the dawning of a new era, where fitness will become the key to that event? Or perhaps the overcoming of the lack of training by our marathon swimmers in crossing Plymouth Sound (almost all of it...well some of it...several hundred metres anyway) is what you remember? What memories of this year will you carry with you?

I suppose it is the see-saw of emotion and the unexpected that enthral the spectator, but is it the opportunity to excel and participate that intrigues the player? For me, I found watching the sport on TV very moving; I had no choice as the remote was broken. However, it was the live action that stirred the passion, with real people achieving extraordinary (and many very ordinary) results and experiencing it all together. So whatever your involvement, summon up the sinews, throw away the Wii (other computer based games are available), get the kids to the footie and take the Ugborough sporting legacy into the bright future that awaits. Roll on the Ugborough Sports Personality of the Year awards in December!



Your Stars Tonight. The Steamed Dieter solicitously brings me a cup of organic camomile tea and then tucks my blanket around the Bath chair. "I feel so guilty about dragging you to all those wet music festivals without realising how bad your Trench Foot was getting," she murmurs. "Perhaps next year we will stick to Robert Plant and Bono at the 'Festival in the Desert' at Timbuktu". And with that she gently wheels me down the garden to my favourite star viewing spot.

At this time of year the southern evening sky is rather empty of recognisable constellations. Orion, the Hunter, does not creep above the horizon until after midnight and Cygnus, the Swan, is almost directly overhead. So for most of the evening there is a scattering of unremarkable stars making up the constellations of Cetus (the Whale), Aquarius (the Water Carrier) and the fishy Pisces. The ability of the mind to recognise a pattern to which it can give a name must go back to our Stone Age ancestors - only those who could see the pattern of potential venison in a forest would be fed and those recognising a glimpse of fur would escape the bear.

I recently spent a very pleasant hour leaning back against a hay bale above Sennen Cove staring at the night sky trying to identify these constellations. It took me ages to "join up the dots" and see the outline of Aquarius as it was first drawn by the Babylonians 4,000 years ago. On the right is the line of stars that makes his outstretched arm and to the left a sprinkle of stars that represented the water pouring from his pitcher.

As always the Americans (who think nothing of having Presidential hopefuls called Newt and Mitt) have no respect for the names from the past - they have renamed the Great Bear the "Saucepan" and demean the constellation of Sagittarius, the Archer, put there by the gods as a navigational aid for the Argonauts by giving him the moniker of the "Teapot." But it works - I struggle to see an Archer but I can spot the heavenly Teapot in seconds (in the west just after dusk). And with Aquarius they have dubbed his pitcher the "Steering Wheel". And there it is - about 30 degrees up, due south and slightly larger than the moon - the three spoked wheel instantly jumps into the consciousness.

I hear the Steamed Dieter behind me and I chirrup "the Age of Aquarius - those were the days - love, peace and harmony - remember when we got on the stage for the finale of Hair at the Shaftsbury Theatre in '68 and cast off our kaftans". "False Memory Syndrome," she snaps, "which may come in useful to explain why your so called Trench Foot medication is labelled 'for use with Athlete's Foot only'". I am unceremoniously tipped out of my Bath Chair into the Pyracantha bush.

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Unfortunately, the Parish Council article for the September Newsletter disappeared into the ether on its way to the editor, so I have included below extracts that are still relevant:

The July Meeting Of particular significance was the adoption of a new code of conduct for councillors - a requirement of the new 'Localism' legislation. Details of the new scheme are on

the website, and the response from Councillors has been lukewarm, as elements of it are quite regressive and the previous system seemed perfectly adequate.

The August Meeting is held only to consider planning applications. The Parish Council supported the removal of a Leyland cypress at Hill House, Ugborough, and the additional floodlights, raised pitch levels and soccer dug-outs at Ivybridge Football Club. No objections were raised to the retrospective change of use to equestrian, with stable/feedstore at Grooms Cottage, Parsonage Lane, Ugborough. The permanent dwelling (log cabin) at The Brook, Bittaford received support, subject to the dwelling being tied to the current business. So, now onto the September Meeting...

Inconsiderate parking by school parents was highlighted at the start of the meeting. Vehicles are being parked outside Bank End & The Old Bakery, and on the bend towards Churchill Cottages & Seldons Close. Together with the obstruction caused by the school buses, access to the village & Churchill Cottages is nearly impossible - especially for emergency vehicles. Please be more considerate.

The proposed footpath diversion along the Lud Brook at Bittaford was rejected by Dartmoor National Park as being too long and too damp. So it is hoped to submit an alternative application.

Grant funding is available from a number of sources:

- Devon County Council has allocated Ugborough a £2,000 Locality Budget, which can be spent on any purpose of benefit to the community. Applications should be made through the Clerk
- Invest in Devon is offering grants of up to about £5,000 for community projects until November, with applications made through County Cllr Mumford
- Tone Leisure is offering Sports Development Support up to £3500 to raise participation levels in sport and physical activity in rural communities. The fund is available for revenue projects, such as coaching costs, facility hire, equipment, advertising and training. The aim is to set up or kick start sporting activities, either a new activity/club or by expanding an existing club provision. For more information, contact Jayne Wootton on 07740 177296 or j.wootton@toneleisure.com
- The Langage Landscape 'Big Greenspace Challenge', which is offering £20,000 for projects to increase people's enjoyment of green spaces and to enhance the landscape. Ask for an application form from Keith.Rennells@Southhams.gov.uk

Planning Applications

No objections were raised to the proposed replacement windows at 22 Fore Street, Ugborough, or to the works to trees at 6 and 21 Lutterburn Street. Objections were raised to the retention of a temporary occupational workers dwelling at Haydens Farm on the grounds that it was unacceptable development in a rural area; and to the retrospective application for change of use of land to equestrian and erection of storage unit and horse exercising unit NNW of Toby Cross on the grounds that it was a non-traditional building in a prominent position in the countryside. In addition, questions were raised on whether planning permission was required for the extensive area of non-permeable tarmac.

Reporting highway defects, such as potholes and overgrown weeds, has recently got a whole lot easier. Go to the newly revamped www.devon.gov.uk and click on 'Report it'. Alternatively, a very effective pothole reporting service is provided at www.fillthathole.org.uk. The

Highway Authority rely on reports from the public to keep the roads and rights of way in order, so be proactive and let them know of any defects!

The next Meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th October and you are welcome to attend. Agenda and minutes are displayed on the Council's noticeboards and website.

Ugborough Music Month

Saturday October 6th at 7.30 p.m. - We are delighted to welcome again the Torbay Police Choir to St. Peter's. Entrance is £5:00 payable on the door.

Saturday, 20th October at 7.30p.m. St. Peter's Church- Handel's Messiah performed by The North West Festival Choir and soloists.
Admission Free with Retiring Collection in aid of the Church Heating Fund
Interval Wine and Squash Bar.

One hundred musicians performing Handel's sublime oratorio in the wonderful acoustic of Ugborough Church! An experience not to be missed!

Saturday 27th October, at 7.30 p.m. Hillhead (Ed & Peter Johns and friends)
In the Church at 7-30 pm. (By popular demand after their storming performance at Ugborough Fair!)

Further details will be advertised by poster.

Bittaford Methodist Chapel Services- *Jutta Berger 01752 698381*

Please come and join us - we look forward to welcoming you.

10.30	7th October	Revd. David Youngs	Sacrament of Holy Communion
10.30	14th October	Mrs. Brenda Youngs	
2.30	21th October	Revd. Ralph Ward	Sacrament of Holy Communion
10.30	28th October	Mr. Tony Kirk	

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!

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed from the area to help with cleaning

St. Peter's Church. It requires a few hours of your time every six weeks working with a partner to help clean specific areas of this wonderful old building. If you could offer your help, please contact either

Ann Povey 01752 691654 or Anne Shears 01364 73342



Shoebbox Appeal - Operation Christmas Child 2012

Following the success of our previous campaigns, the Ugborough Youth Group and St. Peter's Church are working together to collect Christmas Gift Boxes.

Please help us to achieve even more filled boxes this year.

At Christmas time these gift boxes make a real difference to children around the world who are victims of war and poverty, and are much less fortunate than **our** children.....

Come along to the Village Hall from 10 a.m. - 12noon on Saturday 10th November and help us to cover and fill the boxes and enjoy some refreshments. You can also collect your shoebox from the church (available from mid October). If you are able to cover it with Christmas paper, fill it with toys, sweets, toiletries, dolls, warm hats/gloves and other gifts and bring it along on Saturday morning. Thank you.

Further details from ~ Judith 07870 632 146

St. Peter's Church, Ugborough

Dear friends,

We are fast approaching harvest, and I reflect on one of the most problematic summers I have known since living in the South Hams. The rain has fallen in such quantities and with such frequency that, at times, I have considered building an ark! Well, in August Kathy and I thought we had cracked the problem of the rain, and we headed to Nigeria visiting our first born grandchild. We had heard of drought torn countries in Africa, cracked earth, thirsty for water. Little did we realise that it was the rainy season, and when the Africans talk of showers, they talk of tropical down pours. The rain fell by the bucketful, with fierce thunderstorms. Floods were reported on the TV, roads were blocked and tragically, people drowned. Not only was the rain a problem there, as the humidity, in temperatures over 100 degrees, made life very exhausting, to say the least. We were pleased and relieved to return to the British climate at the end of our trip.

Nigeria is a country of contrasts. There, I saw many poor people as well as some very rich people. There were a group of blind people who came begging to the doors of the four by four as we stopped at some traffic lights. They had no money and begged as cars pulled up at the lights, eyes blind, hands held out in search of food or money. The lights changed and we sped on our way, our stomachs full and theirs empty. Guilt enters my mind. Why did I not put my hand in my pocket and pull out some money to feed the poor? I say to myself, next time a Christian Aid tin is rattled, I will give more generously, or I will increase my standing order.

I next see a line of poor people queuing outside a rich man's house. In the Islamic faith the rich have a duty to give to the poor. This then earns the rich a better reward in the afterlife. So, on a Friday after the mid-day prayers, alms are given to the needy. Christians, also, are told to love their neighbours as themselves, and this is basic to the law of God.

My prayer, this harvest, is that we would give thanks for all God's many gifts - even the gift of rain, for without it there would be no harvest. That we would also share God's gifts with those who are hungry, blind, lame and in need. I am told by many farmers that, yes, the harvest has been a challenge, but that most of the crops are now gathered in, and that it has

not been too bad a year. Please come and join us as we celebrate our harvest festivals, saying thank you to our Heavenly Father who showers on us so many blessings from his heart of love. May we also spread his blessing on others in need, for we are his hands, and feet here on the earth. God said to Noah about the rainbow:

'This is a sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth'. Gen. 9 vs 17.

May we be active for God on this earth, loving our neighbour as ourselves and becoming rainbows as symbols of God's love to the poor, in Jesus' name. Amen

Yours in the love of Christ,

John

Thank You

May I say a heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone who has sent cards and notes after the recent sudden death of my Mother. They have helped to surround me with love and support, which has made this time so much easier. She and my Father enjoyed their forays into the South Hams and had visited all our churches, attending services in some of them.

Mum was a matriarch in every sense of the word - with four children, twelve grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren and two on the way. Many of us took part in her wonderful Funeral Eucharist at St. Peter's, Shaldon, where she had been a life-long worshipper and sacristan for many years.

Thank you all, Caroline

St Peter's Church Services in October

Date and time	Service
Friday 5 th October 7.30 p.m.	Harvest Praise followed by pasties and cider. Please come and enjoy this special time of fellowship
Sunday 7 th October 9.30 a.m.	Harvest All Age Worship (includes the collection of tinned and packaged food, and toiletries for Shekinah Mission, Plymouth)
Sunday 14 th October 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist with Baptism
Sunday 21 st October 9.30 a.m.	Family Communion
Sunday 28 th October 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
First Tuesday 9 a.m.	Celtic Communion
All other Tuesdays	Celtic Prayer
Every Thursday 8.30a.m. 5.30 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer

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

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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 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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Harry's Weekly car washing and dog walking service

The service I'm offering you is car washing, dog walking or pet care if you're going away to suit your requirements. The charge will be £2:50 for a good job done.

If you need this service please contact me on my email harryjross@talktalk.net or give me a call on 01752 691265.

My reason for this service is I'm fund raising for my very expensive football tournament in Sweden next year with Ivybridge Community College Football Academy and I would be grateful for your support. Thank you ...

We are delighted that Roz Barker is recovering well and she and her friend Karen are holding a series of Craft Workshops at Fowlescombe -

Monday 29th Oct 10am - 2pm - Half term Kids & Parents Workshop to make Felt Animals,

Saturday 3rd Nov 10am - 4pm - Painting with felt - Create a unique and beautiful felt picture, Saturday 3rd Nov 10am - 4pm - Jewellery Making

Wednesday 14th Nov 10am - 2pm - Create unique Christmas Gifts & Decorations.

For further information and costs (which include lunch) contact Roz on

01822 612234