

UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

September 2014



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Garden Club Anne Holway



Hopefully many of you will have entered or visited our Annual Flower and Produce Show on Saturday 30th August in the Church and Village Hall. We are becoming famous for our delicious Cream Teas!

Our next meeting will be in the Old Post Office on Thursday 18th September at 8 p.m. when Cat Saunders from Overbecks NT garden at Salcombe will give a talk.

Art Group. Anne Holway

We are a friendly informal group who meet on Tuesday mornings. All abilities including total beginners are encouraged to follow their own interests under our talented and helpful teacher Andrew Miller. Ring Anne Holway on 01752 941872 for more information if you are interested.

Coffee Drop-In Centre

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

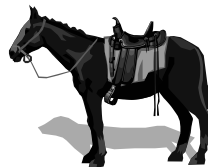
Post office available 10 a.m.-12 noon

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

Everyone welcome.

Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled-

Congratulations to all the riders from Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled who competed in the National RDA Championships. The team won 4 trophies in show jumping (2), the countryside challenge and led dressage.



If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Peggy Douglas on 07882286421 or peggy@ugborough.eclipse.co.uk or visit the website at www.ridingatthebrook.co.uk

An Ugborough celebration of Last night at the Proms!

Ugborough Village Hall Saturday 18th October 7.30 p.m.

£20 to include supper & glass of wine Bar and BYO (modest corkage)

Tickets from Philomena 07866 518333 or Detha 07971 411 591

All proceeds to the village hall fund

Donations of food/offers of help much appreciated

Ugborough Fair Committee -

Ugborough Fair ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER AT 7 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Once again, Ugborough has pulled together to host an amazing Fair! The amount of money raised was astounding and will certainly make a difference in the village.

Many thanks to all of you who worked so hard to make it the success that it was. Overall the events raised over £4000 either in stalls which raise money directly for individual good causes or in the sums raised by the Fair Committee which are directed towards grants which the Fair Committee will distribute.

Without the community's willingness to support the Fair Week events we wouldn't get anywhere so to all of you who turned out to support the Bingo, Quiz, Football, Pizza night, Concert and of course Fair Day itself - I hope you enjoyed yourselves and I look forward to seeing you next year. Thank you to you all!

Shelley Hutcheon - Chair (Ugborough Fair Limited). (*Congratulations to all. Ed*).

This has been a busy year for the fair organisers. In May we formed Ugborough Fair Limited (UFL) in order to formalise the position regarding any liabilities the Fair Week events might inadvertently attract and to offer a degree of protection to all those who help to make it happen. Shelley Hutcheon and Owen Davies are the Directors and the first thing they did was to formally delegate the running of the Fair to the Fair Committee in accordance with the Model Articles for Private Companies Limited by Guarantee which are the rules under which UFL operates.

At the AGM on 23rd September at 7 p.m. we will aim to do the following:

- Affirm the Committee members for the next 12 months.
- Set out a few objectives for the next Fair Week and Fair Day - for instance music plays a big part on Fair Day and we would like to see an increased number of young local musicians participating. One of you might be able to help us make this happen.
- Identify people who may not wish to join the Committee but who would be willing nevertheless to help run events during Fair Week or to provide support in other ways. We can always do with more people to bear the load so please come along to the AGM.
- Receive requests for grants from individuals or groups within the Parish for the Committee to consider at our next meeting where the funds will be distributed. We are much keener to provide money for 'things' than merely to support running expenses and whilst we recognise that the Fair was established principally to support the Village Hall and The Church, it may be that there are other causes which the Committee feels they should support. Please come along to the AGM in person and make your case for the Committee to consider.

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays

It is hard to believe that Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays has been a fortnightly event in the village for over a year now. 27th July marked our first anniversary and gave us an opportunity to reflect on what USS means to the village.

Here are a few quotes from both sellers and buyers:

" It gets me out of the house and I get to chat to my friends over a coffee"

"There is a real buzz in the hall, a great atmosphere"

" We are visiting Ugborough and wondered why people were walking up the road carrying fresh produce, so we followed them! It's great, are you open tomorrow?"

"I love having a stall here. It is not just about sales but seeing friends and having a laugh"

We have a vast range of products on offer including baking, handicrafts and art, plants and fresh produce, and each week is a surprise depending on what people bring to sell. Don't feel put off thinking you have to walk in and buy something you did not want in the first place! There is no pressure selling and some people come in just for an excellent hot drink and a chat.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our ever increasing band of helpers who work so hard to make USS the success it has become.

Dates for September- Saturday 6th and 20th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

It has truly become what we wanted it to be ... A community event.

Ugborough Parish Walking Group- *Merryl Docker*

Come and join us on **Sunday 7th September at 10.45 a.m.** in Ugborough

Square. See what this beautiful summer has done to our countryside. Hopefully the lovely weather will have had you out and



about all over the place. Now is the time to explore your own home territory. Everyone will be made welcome - any age or ability, accompanied by your furry four legged friends or not. See you soon.

For more information on our parish paths contact Merryl Docker (01752 893651) or Tom Holway (01752 941872)

South Brent Short Mat Bowls Club needs more members!

Do you fancy playing bowls indoors? We meet each week in South Brent Village Hall on Wednesdays 7-9 p.m.; Fridays 10-12 noon; and Sundays 3-5 p.m. The club has been going for over 10 years and has 2 successful teams in the South Hams League. We play all year round, and range from beginners to experienced bowlers. We welcome ladies and men so come and have a go and see if you like it! We will provide bowls and friendly tuition. More information from Ray Wakeley in South Brent 01364 649211, or Mike Holman in Ugborough on 01752 894973

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

We start a new season of talks and events this month. Come along on **Wednesday 24th September at 8 p.m.** in Ugborough Village Hall when John Allen will tell us all about the Roman Armies in Devon. So we start our monthly talks going way back in history to see what the Roman's got up to in Devon. Annual subscription of £6/head will be due and the new program of events will be issued to all members. We have had to put up the cost 'on the door' to £2 each making membership for just £6 per head good value as there will be a series of 8 talks and an outing next summer. Everyone will be made most welcome ~ if you have always thought of coming to our meetings, but never quite got round to it, now is a good time to start! We are a very friendly, non-academic group of like minded people interested in the beautiful surroundings we are so fortunate to live in.

Our talks are many and varied taking in topics of ancient history right up to living memory recent past and that which is local to Ugborough or far more wide ranging. We look forward to seeing past friends and new faces.

Black Tie Dinner *Gareth (Taff) Jones*

On Saturday August 2nd, fifty-six residents of Ugborough parish met in The Anchor Inn for a reception and black tie dinner to commemorate the start of WW1 100 years ago. Guests were treated to canapés whilst enjoying some live piano music. This was brought to an abrupt end by the two Buglers, courtesy of 4 The Rifles, who called them up for the dinner in the Village Hall.

There, the guests enjoyed a four course formal dinner, with more fanfares from the Buglers. On completion of dinner, Adrian Southwood proposed the Royal Toast whilst Taff Jones read out the twenty-six names of Ugborough's dead before raising a toast to their memory. Professor Dr Harry Bennett from the University of Plymouth gave a speech on the causes of WWI, the act of remembrance and the importance of passing experiences onto the younger generations. On completion, the Buglers of 4 The Rifles sounded retreat which rounded off the evening.

I would like to thank my wife Philomena for her tolerance of my "grand ideas" and her outstanding contribution to making the evening a memorable affair. Special thanks to Charlotte and Steve Fletcher, Claire Daw, Jenny Bolton, Shelley and Jane Johns, and finally to all the guests who entered into the spirit of a mess dinner. Your fines raised £100.00 to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal which has already been gift aided.

HELP NEEDED TO DELIVER NEWSLETTERS.

We need more volunteers to help deliver newsletters. If you can spare half an hour a month, I've got the job for you! Please ring Anne Holway on 01752 941872. Many thanks go to all our past and present helpers.

Community Herb Garden *Merryl Docker*

Most of you will now be aware that the Community Herb Garden has been successfully completed and was dedicated at the church service to honour all those affected by WW1 on Sunday 3rd August.

It was a lovely, moving service attended by members of the British Legion and the families of many of those whose lives were lost. Buglers from the 4th Rifles made the service very poignant indeed. Wreaths were laid by Parish Council Chairman George Beable and Commodore Francis Douglas and poppy crosses with the names of all the Ugborough men lost during the conflict were planted in the herb garden by descendants and children from the parish.

Special thanks go to the Monumental Service of Co-op Funeral Care for work freely given to restore the war memorial, George Long for building such a stunning garden, and Edd Johns for re creating the 'Door Step' seat: this has been made from the 'doorstep' given by the Anstiss family when their home (Laburnum Cottage in what is now Undertown) was demolished to make way for prefabs in 1953. This doorstep was always a place for village folk to meet and gossip. In the History Group archive we have photos of people sitting on the doorstep during the period of the First World War. When the house was demolished, the family insisted on the step still being used by the village as a place to meet friends, sit a while and chat. It seems very appropriate exactly 100years on to make more of this seat and reposition it so everyone can enjoy the lovely open space below the War Memorial at the top of Ugborough Square. Thanks must also go to

Owen Davies for the fabulous poppy topped copper plant labels, Shelley Hutcheon for co-ordinating the planting and other members of the Johns family from Hillhead Farm for all their help and support and indeed everyone who helped in anyway, especially Cllrs George Beable and Tom Holway. Every plant has come from a garden in the village, if anyone has any herbs they wish to add to the garden please let me know ~ there is room for more. The garden, war memorial and seat all look far better than I could ever have imagined. So many local people gave their skills and time to this project, it is there for us all to enjoy, please visit the site, sit for a while and enjoy our lovely village and, once the herbs are established, take some home to enhance your cooking!

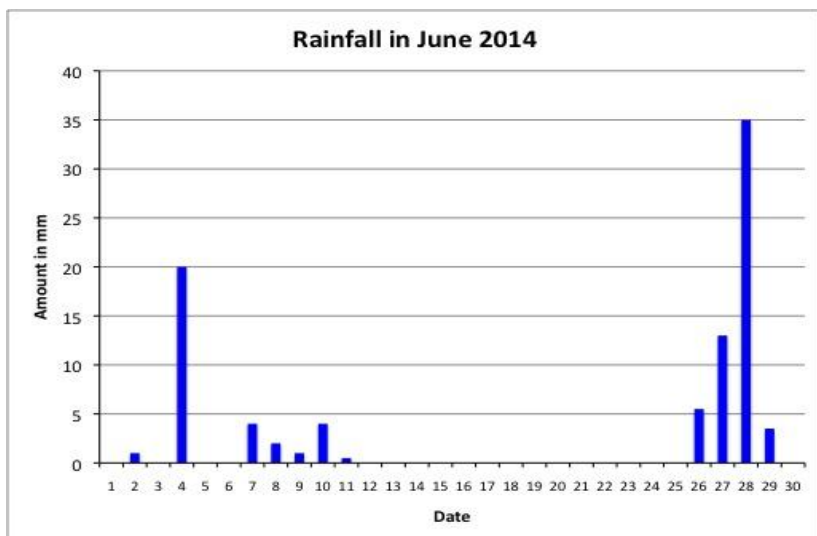
Thanks to everyone involved: Ugborough Parish Council for obtaining the grant funding and the Ugborough Fair Committee for their financial contribution.

Ivybridge U3A - *Doreen Flood*

The September general meeting of Ivybridge U3A will be held in The Watermark on Monday 15th September at 2 p.m. The speaker will be Nina Wearne of St Luke's Hospice.

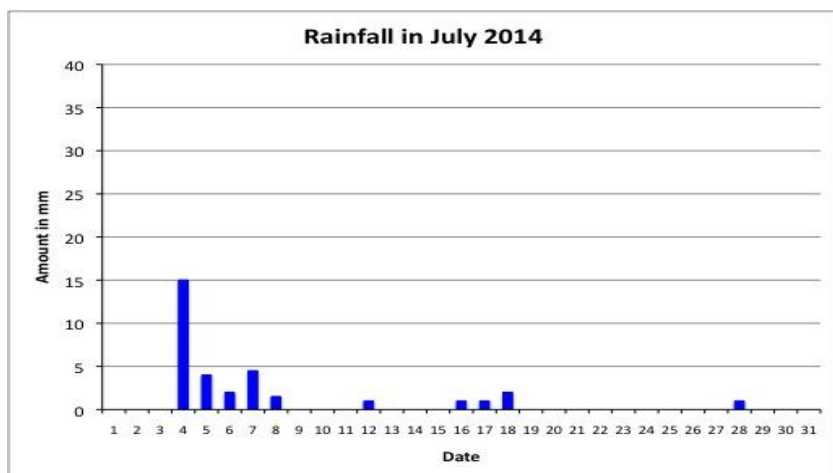
Rainfall at Shellwood Hill

Thanks to George Arnison for this valuable record.



Monthly total = 89.5mm or 3.5".

For interest, comparative figures for preceding four Junes were: 45.5mm (2010); 111.5mm (2011); 235.0mm (2012) and 68.0mm (2013)



Not a lot of rainfall at Shellwood Hill to report for July - 33.0mm (= 1.3").

This has been the driest month here for 38 months - since May 2011

For comparison, rainfall in the last four Julys were 97.5mm (2010); 77mm (2011); 222mm (2012); 53mm (2013).

Beryl's Bookworms - Sue Johns

Our August Book was 'The Light Between Oceans' by M.L.Stedman. This debut novel is set in a small town in Western Australia, and on an island off the coast on which there is a lighthouse, at the end of the WW1. The lighthouse keeper is a damaged war veteran and marries a local girl to live in self-imposed isolation on the island of Janus. The couple are desperate for a family after several miscarriages, and when a boat is washed ashore with a dead man and a tiny mewling baby on board the wife insists they keep the baby as a 'gift from God'. The novel continues with the consequences of moral deception and dilemma, as the real mother eventually learns about the child and her dead Austrian husband.



The reviews we discussed were all, without exception, glowing reports of the language, description, well drawn characters and the ensuing reflection on life, redemption, darkness and light, safety and danger.

Our consensus and subsequent animated discussion, largely begged to differ. Most felt that the story line was contrived, the characters weak, the language stilted and the description suspect! Some conceded however, that the tale was within the bounds of possibility, and that the portrayal of a woman desperate for children was very believable. Interviews with the author revealed that this tale had evolved from a short story which she had 'rolled and shaped' to produce the novel. This explained, what most agreed, as the unnecessary, 'padding'. The ending, set thirty years on endeavoured to tie up the loose ends - for those who like neat finality.

Surprisingly, despite our apparent derogatory discussion, we scored the book at a very average 2.75 out of 5. This because, as most agreed, that here was a light holiday read which despite its failings encouraged us all to complete it if not just to see where on earth it was going!! *(Our July book, Harvest, by Jim Crace also stimulated a lot of discussion and different views. The average score was 3.5, but scores varied wildly between those who loved it and those who hated it!)*

Erme REMIND (Remembering Everyone Matters in Dementia)

We are currently working on shared reading project for people with dementia. This will involve a regular meeting for an hour for people living with dementia to share in reading with trained volunteers. The details are being finalised and there will be more information available shortly. If anyone would like to express an early interest in finding out more or becoming a volunteer reader please let a member of REMIND know - Cllrs Beable and Smallridge of Ugborough Parish Council or myself - Cllr Lindsay Ward of SHDC Cllr.L.Ward@southhams.gov.uk



Your Stars Tonight. The steamed dieter and I are sitting in the darkened garden watching the full moon skittering through the clouds blown ragged by the aftermath of Hurricane Bertha. We are discussing what is worse - the sins of the parents visited upon the

children or vice versa - the sins of children on their parents. I am in expansive mood after sampling small quantities of medicinal organic ethanol and feel able to contribute to the debate using my limited knowledge of Grecian mythology. "Take Cassiopeia as an example of a bad parent" I slur, "Queen of Egypt, but a vain unpleasant woman, who so irritated Neptune down at the Camel and Ibis pub that he sent a serpent to ravage the local population". "And who was the luckless innocent child chained to a rock and left out as Serpent bait? Her daughter Andromeda - saved only by a passing itinerant waving a Gorgon's head".

With that I decide to locate Cassiopeia in the night sky above - it is easily identifiable high in the east as a "W" - albeit a slightly squashed "W" on its left hand side. The more argumentative Ugboronians (of which there are quite a few) might claim that it is an "M", slightly squashed on its right hand side. Notwithstanding it is a lovely constellation to view with binoculars or a telescope as it straddles the Milky Way and it glitters with faint stars. Just above the middle star of the "W" is a sinuous snake of faint stars going by the name of "Eddie's Coaster" - before I saw it I imagined it was a table mat but then it became clear that it was named after the American, Eddie Carpenter, who has an enthusiasm for fairgrounds. A pretty sight with binoculars.

Even more charming is the pattern of stars first described by the Canadian Franciscan priest and enthusiastic amateur astronomer Father Lucian Kemble. He died in 1999 but is remembered in "Kemble's Cascade". To find it take the distance between the top left and right stars of Cassiopeia's "W" and then follow the direction of these stars down towards the horizon for the same distance and you will find a long line of stars of varying magnitudes. Obviously with tens of thousands of stars visible the random alignment of three or four stars is to be expected but this group has around twenty in total - it is a most odd sight. In my more imaginative moments I fantasise that alien super beings have moved these distant stars into line in order to signal their presence to the rest of the nearby galaxy - although it perhaps more likely to be an advertisement for an intergalactic Lidl. Follow down to the end of the line and there is the faint scatter of stars making up the star cluster NGC 1502 looking like a celestial rock pool beneath a waterfall of stars.

And you have the added bonus of being in the lesser known constellation of Camelopardus - the Giraffe - not many people know that!

SPORTS REPORT - Janner Motson

YOUR FAVOURITE CLUBS

Your Sports Report intrepid reporter went behind the scenes at one of the most successful, yet mysteriously little known, Ugborough sporting clubs this month - the cricket team. It was particularly tricky identifying anyone who wanted to be associated with this team and even in the dark corners of the Ship no-one had seen anything and we were unable to get someone to talk...except Adrian of course. In the end, an approach to the Mayor of Ugborough, Boris Holway, shed some light when he mentioned that he had seen some people in white dancing around a large wicket during a full moon. However, this turned out to be a wicker man and local Garden Club pagans so attention turned to the historical records held by Derryl Mocker, Professor of Arbitrary Archaeology and Strange Happenings at Ugborough University. She told Sports Report that for many years the cricket team never won a match, but at some time in the 14th Century this all changed and now they were beating all-comers when the wind was blowing in the right direction. Derryl put us in contact with manager, Jeremy Hobotham - a man known to bowl a maiden over and wave willow around with little provocation. He said; "When I turned 37, I realised that I was 53 and it was time to draw on my medical know-how to inject new blood to the team. I found that they did not like the needle so I chose to get some youth involved instead. Having people as young as 40 in the team really helped and some were even able to bend over in the field, but it was the move to a professional game that made most difference - all the old folk took up golf!" As the latest season comes to a close next month's Sports Report will follow-up on this team's performance and the stars to be looking out for.

Ugborough Village Hall - Stafford Williams

The handover of the Booking Secretary role to Mrs Philomena Jones has been completed and you should now have your bookings and queries dealt with on-line by Philomena. Steve Hughes is supporting during the transition and we thank him for his excellent efforts over recent years since the on-line system was established.

It has been a busy period of refurbishment and you will now find the Hearing Loop working, the lights in the main hall fixed, the curtains cleaned and the PAT testing completed. You will also see 36 new chairs and perhaps a repaired roof over the upstairs store cupboard. Furthermore, the storage areas have been cleared of items that were no longer needed and there are some practicable plans to move the cleaning equipment into the male toilet space.

It has been noted that some regular users are unaware that the Hall raised its hire rates at the AGM in May. If you only hire the Hall for short periods you should request a discount on these rates through the Committee.

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It was heartening, at the start of the August Parish Council Meeting, to hear about the success of the WW1 Commemorative herb garden and church service. The herb garden will be a lasting memorial which the community will appreciate - and use - for years to come. Thank you George Beable, Edd Johns, Tom Holway, George Long, Merryrl Docker and everyone who helped to make it a reality. Also, many thanks to the Co-operative Funeral Service, who cleaned up the memorial - they did a great job. The total cost of the works was £295 over budget, and it is hoped that Devon County Council will donate this sum to such a successful project.

Planning applications No objections were raised to the proposed revised internal layout for the barn conversion at The Linhay, Haye Farm, Ludbrook, nor to the new dwelling and garage/office at Godwell House, Ivybridge. No objection was raised to the change of use from light industrial to residential at Whiteoaks, David Lane, Filham, although the proposed dwelling should be a similar height to the adjacent house. The Parish Council objected to the removal of a condition on the proposed new dwelling at Park Cottages on the grounds that the increased height would result in a loss of amenity to adjacent properties; and the original objections would be submitted on the appeal for the redevelopment of the former Woodpecker Inn site.

Dartmoor National Park Authority is offering two grants, and more information is available from www.dartmoor.gov.uk/livingin/grants. The 'Your Dartmoor Fund' is available to innovative projects which create a lasting positive change and help sustain the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of Dartmoor and help local communities and businesses to prosper. The Dartmoor Communities Fund has £36,000 available to community groups and Parish Councils to support capital projects which ensure the long-term viability of community facilities or provide new community infrastructure to meet community needs - such as a community shop or village hall facilities

Wrangaton Post Office is shutting down and the Dartmoor Communities Fund could be used for an alternative facility. The Post Office is looking for an alternative hosted solution at Wrangaton or Bittaford, and any suggestions would be most welcome.

Our Plan, which is being prepared by South Hams District Council, has just issued its options for development sites and is seeking feedback on the assessment. Have a look at www.southhams.gov.uk/siteassessment - the deadline for responses is the 12th September. The Devon Waste Plan is also consulting on its proposed modifications, and responses are invited by the 19th September - visit www.devon.gov.uk/dwpmmodifications.

The e-seniors project is moving forward, and it is proposed to hold sessions in the very well-equipped IT Suite at the Watermark, with a free Ring & Ride service. The aim is to provide a series of free internet and IT training sessions to enable our more senior members of the community to enjoy the benefits of going online. It is hoped to run the sessions in October and November and, if you are interested, please contact the Clerk, Sarah Woodman 01364 661127.

First Aid Training Courses may also be on offer, depending on demand.

St John Ambulance is offering training at £25 (+VAT) per person, and the Parish Council would fund hall hire. The training would last for 3 hours and include treatment for severe bleeding, choking, chest pains, unconscious casualty, resuscitation, communication & casualty care etc. A certificate of competence is awarded, which is valid for 3 years. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk on 01364 661127 or ugboroughhpc@yahoo.co.uk

SHDC has a new mobile website and anyone accessing the Council website, www.southhams.gov.uk from a mobile device will automatically be directed to the new mobile homepage. This will allow residents to make payments and report things when out and about. Feedback on the new mobile site is welcomed via: feedback@swdevon.gov.uk; For more information please contact Cllr Lindsay Ward on Cllr.L.Ward@southhams.gov.uk

Reports of Ragwort are invited on the Devon County Council website. I could not find a direct link to report ragwort, so suggest you use click 'Report it' on the home page and provide details under 'Overgrown weeds'

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th September at Ugborough Village Hall. Agenda and minutes are displayed on the noticeboards and website.

The way you Register to Vote has Changed

The registration system changed on 10th June 2014. The new system is called 'Individual Electoral Registration'. Under the old system the 'head of every household' could register everyone who lived at their address. Under the new system everyone is responsible for registering themselves.

Electors in the South Hams District Council area were written to on 28th July 2014 telling them whether they are on the new register or whether they need to take action. Most people who are already registered to vote will be registered automatically under the new system. **They do not need to do anything.** However, some people will need to take action to join the new register which will be published on 1st December 2014.

To find out more go to www.gov.uk/yourvotematters

Ugborough Parish Neighbourhood Planning Working Group (UPNPWG) News

Thank you to all who visited the presentation at Ugborough Fair on 12th July and participated in our survey. The results have now been tabulated and will form part of our consultation record. We would still like to hear from anyone who has suggestions for improvements to our draft Vision statement.

"Ugborough sits between moor and sea with a distinct and historic natural environment and has a strong balanced rural community. Our aim is to maintain its character, support the local community while responding to evolving needs and aspirations."

Please write or e-mail your comments and observations.

The Neighbourhood Planning team held a meeting on 7th August at which it was agreed that we will hold a second Workshop at Ugborough Village Hall on

Saturday 27th September from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A working lunch, teas and coffees will be provided.

The objective is to review the evidence we have collected to date, consider and improve the draft vision and decide how we get more people from the Neighbourhood Area to participate in the next round of public consultation. How would you like to talk to us? We need to know all of your views before we draft the plan and go to a referendum. We plan to decide the form of our next survey, possibly a questionnaire, how and when this will be presented and what we will ask.

Is the future of Ugborough worth a day or two of your time? All are welcome, but please book through Richard Hosking on 01752 690775 or rwh007@ricsonline.org to ensure we have enough teas and sandwiches.

Focus Group leaders:

Housing - Clive Hart

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Car Parking - Joan Fletcher

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Open Space - Owen Davies

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Shop/Community Shop/Café - George Beable

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Pre-School Play Group - Tom Holway

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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 we have the Sacrament of Holy Communion 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 a.m. 'til 12 noon including School Holidays!

St. Peter's Church, Ugborough (Letters from John and Caroline this month)

Dear friends,

It is with a sense of joy and sadness that I come to write my final letter to you as Rector. I have thoroughly enjoyed my seventeen years in Diptford, North Huish, Harberton, Harbertonford, Halwell, Moreleigh and for the last four years with Ermington and Ugborough. What great parishes and great people! So many are dedicated to their communities and the church is so often central. I reflect back on times of laughter, tears, singing both in and out of tune! Then there have been the meetings - continual meetings, but of course, also the friendships. One thing I will not miss will be the raffles! In my nightmares, they seem to last for eternity. I have known people to sleep off in the village raffle, as I call out the ticket for the final tea bag! I hope that there will be no raffles in heaven or, you may find me heading in the opposite direction.

It has been a pure privilege and delight to get so involved in people's family lives, baptising the young, preparing for confirmation the teenagers and, marrying young couples - celebrating, so much celebration!. Then visiting the sick and being with families of friends who have died and, conducting their funeral service - so often a service of tears and laughter. I must say that this part of being in a place for so long, gets harder and harder.

I would like to thank you all for letting me serve as your Priest. I am sorry for when I have let you down, and more importantly let the Lord down, but I thank God for His forgiveness and grace. God's grace is freely available to **all** and my prayer is that each one of us would avail themselves of His precious gift.

The eight parishes face an uncertain future. Please pray that God might continue to lead us all forward on our journey of faith. Change is inevitable, as we are **living** parishes, and that can be a good thing. I ask you to support our eight parishes, especially our churches, as they are central to our community lives, as well as our spiritual lives. Rev. Caroline, who has been a tower of strength and a brilliant colleague, will need the support and prayers of all our parishes, as she holds the reins over the coming months. Please let her concentrate on the worship and pastoral care. Our hard working Church Wardens will be shouldering an even greater load, so please help them as much as you can. We all need to pull together, as we prove that our parishes have so much to give to a new incumbent.

Thank you for your love and support, your friendship and joy.

May God bless you on your journey and guide you safe into the harbour of His love. I can assure you that you will all remain in our hearts and prayers. Please welcome and support whoever takes over the role as Rector with your love and prayers.

Thanks for putting up with the Oughs,

Love ***John, Kathy and the family.***

PS "I'm going fishing," John 21. vs3

My dear Friends,

As we enter this period of bereavement following John and Kathy's departure from the centre of our Church life in all the villages of our Mission Community, we ought to do what all people need to do when grieving - to look back and be thankful for past joys and blessings, to be realistic about the present challenges and to carry into the future good and strong intentions to be positive and to adapt to the new situation.

So I urge all of you who feel part of the Church community in your village to do your best a) to support one another in our Christian pilgrimage, b) to pray constantly, not just for our own needs but also for Christians in several parts of the world who are being martyred for their belief in Jesus Christ,

c) to be assiduous in our attendance in church - every week, not just when we feel like it, d) to be looking out for when and how we can help our neighbours and

e) to keep the communication going between the parishes and one another.

Thank you to all of you who are expressing concern about how we shall cope over the next few months, while we await the advent of a new incumbent and to those who are

offering help in various ways. I'm sure I shall be taking up those offers as the weeks unfold. There are a couple of things I would ask now:

Please let me know if anyone is ill or needs priestly ministry; the grapevine is not reliable enough across the area in these circumstances; I would rather be told 20 times than not at all. (Pass on good news too!)

Items of a more business-like nature should be channelled first through the respective churchwardens.

Please contact me directly if you think there have been problems or mistakes, rather than grumbling among yourselves; the quicker these are aired, the quicker they can be addressed, reducing the fall-out.

Angela Wild has undertaken to be the keeper of the M.C. diary. **Please** don't set events in stone until you have consulted her and then let her know when things are finally fixed. Angela's e-mail address is angela@thewilds.force9.co.uk

I am optimistic about the forthcoming months, confident that God will bless our efforts, that he will teach us many things, possibly some new and effective ways of being his people and carrying on his mission in this place, and that our faith and trust will be amply rewarded.

May God bless all our endeavours in his name.

Caroline

St Peter's Church Services in September

Date and time	Service
Sunday 7 th September 9.30 a.m.	All Age Worship
Sunday 14 th September 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 21 st September 9.30 a.m.	Family Communion
Sunday 28 th September 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Tuesdays 9 a.m.	Celtic Prayer

Future events at St. Peter's

Friday 3rd October- Harvest Praise service at 7 p.m. followed by pasties and cider. Everyone very welcome.

Saturday 11th October- Torbay Police Choir Concert at 7 for 7.30 p.m.

£8 per person, pay on the door. Refreshments available. The profits will be for the church funds.

Sunday 12th October- National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies present their long awaited report at the 11 a.m. Sung Eucharist service.

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

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Wrangaton Post Office Stores Closure *Andrea and Mac*

A big thank you to all our customers during the past 25 years. It is with mixed feelings that we are retiring but we have realised that the increasing years are taking their toll! Many thanks for all your kind messages and cards and look forward to seeing you around and about.

We wish Mac and Andrea a very long and happy retirement. You both deserve your free time! You have given such wonderful unbroken service to our community for so many years ~ long hours every day of the week without complaint (well, almost!!). This is the very last post office/shop in our parish to go. Thank you both.

Thankfully, our new newsagent will still be local ~ Julie Wakeham from Sign of the Owl ~ Good Luck in your new venture.

SeaMoor - A Sure Start Children's Centre -Autumn Timetable Now Available

Online For full details please visit: www.southhamschildrenscentres.org.uk

We have a fantastic, fun Autumn timetable of free events for families with children up to the age of 5

Town Hall, Erme Court, Leonards Road, Ivybridge, PL21 0SZ 01752 896356

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

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Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter.

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

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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

DO LOOK AT THE SUPERB PHOTOS OF UGBOROUGH FAIR 2014!

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