



# UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

December 2014

*Merry Christmas and a Peaceful and Happy New Year to all!*



## What's on

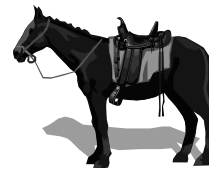
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**Coffee Drop-In Centre**  
**10.30 am-Noon every Thursday morning in Ugborough Church**  
**Post office available 10 am-12 noon**  
Why not meet up with friends and neighbours over coffee, tea, cake & biscuits?  
Everyone welcome.

**Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled-** *Peggy Douglas*  
(tel. 07882286421, or 01752 894358.)

We are always grateful to all those who raise funds for us, and particular thanks this month go to the Masons of Devon for cheque of £750, and to Hayley Thew for hosting an Open for our benefit.



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We are registered with 'Easy Fundraising' which means if you log on to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk), choose a retailer, click through to their website and make a purchase the retailer gives a donation to us if you choose us as your cause.

If you are planning a sponsored event for us, we are also registered with Just Giving - who will manage your sponsors for you, collect the Gift Aid and pay the monies directly into our account.

The last Thursday of this term, 11<sup>th</sup> December, heralds the start of our 30<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Celebrations. From humble beginnings back in 1984, with a few riders and a handful of volunteers we have grown to be one of the biggest groups in the South West.

We are delighted to have been chosen, in this auspicious year, as the Delamore Art Exhibition's Charity of 2015. We will be hosting an event there in May - watch this space.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our many local supporters, volunteers and fund raisers a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Annual Poppy Appeal contribution-** *Francis Douglas*

This year the Royal British Legion poppy collection raised £466. Individual collecting points have been informed of the totals raised on their premises. In addition to this, the amount collected at the well attended Sunday Remembrance service was £306. Also, there was a further £192 raised during the year by Taff's dinner to commemorate the start of the First World War, Pig Racing in the Anchor Inn and Owen's donation to the Herb Garden. This brings the grand total for the monies raised in the Ugborough parish for the Poppy Appeal to £964.

Well done to all; it will help contribute to very worthy and needy causes.

### **Victorian Christmas Fair** *Shelley Hutcheon*

On 6<sup>th</sup> December we are holding a Christmas Fair in the old Victorian farm yard at Hillhead Farm, Ugborough PL21 0HQ. 2 p.m. til dusk.

There will be mulled wine, mince pies and roasted chestnuts (and marshmallows) over an open fire! We will be selling a variety of gifts, cakes and cards from the Church Ladies as well as presents from Crafted in Clunkamoor, pocket money gifts for children and many more. There will be Christmas trees for sale, with the added bonus of free recycling at the farm after Christmas!

You can also see the cows in their winter barns, the pigs, sheep and Merryll's pony Honey dressed up as either a donkey or reindeer.....

Please join us for a traditional Christmas celebration on the farm.

Parking is at the crossroads and signposted down past the modern buildings. You can park closer if you need to and there is a (compost) loo on site as well as the loo block under the back of the farm house.

Please email me at [info@oakenham.com](mailto:info@oakenham.com) with any queries or ring 07720765014.

*A request for cakes from Flo Crossman.* Flo and Val will be pleased to receive any cakes before the Christmas Fair at 24 Fore St - phone 893273.

### **Operation Christmas Child-** *Jane Hooper*

We collected a wonderful 23 boxes in total this year for Operation Christmas Child and some very generous monetary donations which Joe and I dropped to the drop-off point in Plympton on 17<sup>th</sup> November.

Ugborough's boxes will be joined with others which will be delivered to over 100 different countries globally including Eastern Europe (Romania, Ukraine,) Africa (including, Liberia, Swaziland, ) South America, and the Middle East (including refugee camps in Iraq and Syria). For those that made their donation online they will be able to track the final destination of their box, which is lovely.

Joe and I wanted to say a huge thank you to those that took the time to put a gift box together or make a donation and are looking forward to being involved next year.

### **Old Hips party-** *Philomena Jones*

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

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

Also help needed in the kitchen.



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**Modbury Caring Grand Christmas Draw- December 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Tickets on sale at Modbury Health Centre.**  
**Please help fund our free Transport and Befriending services**

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

Thank you to parents for your positive and kind comments about this year's Harvest Festival - it is always a firm favourite in the school diary. The whole school respectfully stood for two minutes silence on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November to commemorate those who had fallen and our Poppy Appeal raised £29.10 - thank you for your donations.

**Children in Need**

We raised an amazing £125.30 (including contributions from Pre School) for Children in Need - thank you once again for your support.

We hope you all found parents evenings useful and informative. Do remember that we are an **Open School** and will always make time to see you at a mutually convenient time to discuss any issue - early discussion often prevents a small issue becoming a huge problem. Please see Beverley in the school office to make an appointment.

This is a very busy time for our hardworking Friends' Committee. They have kindly agreed to fund many purchases for the school, totalling over £1000, including a freezer for ice projects and science, Boombox with ipod docks for each classroom, walkie talkies, splash mats, wet play board games, sensory equipment, craft bits, material, glue guns, sewing stuff to name but a few! As a school, we are very grateful to the Friends for their support as these are items that ordinarily we would not be able to afford from the standard school budget.

*Friends events this term include the **Christmas Disco** which will be held in the Village Hall on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December** from 4.30-6 p.m. for KS1 (years F, 1 and 2) and 6.30-8 p.m. for KS2 (years 3-6). Pay on the door - £1.00. Refreshments will be available at the **Carol Concert** (mince pie donations gratefully received) on 16<sup>th</sup> December, the ever popular *Christmas Shop* follows on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** and finally, a special visitor will be making an appearance on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>**!*

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December Carol/Nativity Service at St Peters Church at 6 p.m.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December Friends Christmas Shop (pm)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Lunch & special visitor

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December Last day of term

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January Back to school

### **Beacon Federation Governors- Vacancies for 2 Co-opted Governors**

*Sue Roberts- Chair*

Following the recent reconstitution of the Beacon Federation Governing Body we have vacancies for 2 co-opted governors. The Governors are responsible for the strategic direction of the Federation's schools and are passionate about ensuring that every child has the best possible experience during their primary schooling. We are particularly keen to recruit people who have experience of property and site management, public relations, ICT or marketing.

Governors meet monthly, serve for a 4-year term and can be parents of children at the Federation's schools or members of the wider community. They do need to be able to visit the schools during the day from time to time.

If you would like to find out more about being a governor or to discuss this informally with one of us please contact the school office at Ermington (01548 830459) or Ugborough (01752 892489) or email [admin@ermington.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ermington.devon.sch.uk).

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

There will be no History Group meeting in December - I know your social calendars are far too full! Have a wonderful Christmas everyone and see you again in the New Year on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 8 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall when our very own History Group member and friend Tom Maddock will be our speaker!

For more information about the History Group please contact me.

### **Ugborough Parish Walking Group- Merryl Docker**

There will be TWO walks this month!

Firstly, we will see you on Sunday 7th December for our winter amble around the parish. Then we will be out for our annual post Christmas breath of fresh air on BOXING DAY for some much needed exercise. In both cases we will meet in Ugborough Square at 10.45 a.m. ~ please come dressed for the weather, especially in the footwear department. Bring your friends and family be they two or four legged, and bring some Christmas presents to show off of Boxing Day - i.e. new boots, hats, scarves and festive jumpers! Our walks are friendly affairs and not too taxing so everyone in the family can join in. We may well retire to a local pub to warm ourselves up afterwards so be prepared. Looking forward to seeing you!

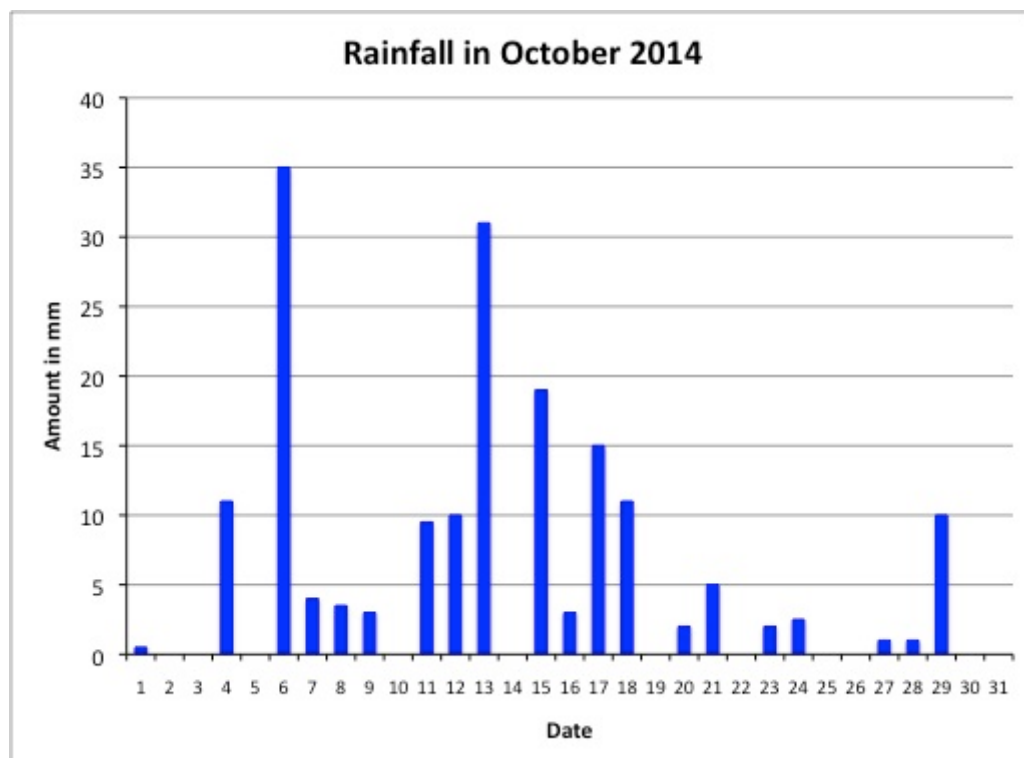
For more information about our Parish rights of way please contact Merryl Docker (01752 893651) or Tom Holway (01752 941872).



**Rainfall at Shellwood Hill** - *George Arnison*

*(Thanks to George for this record and interesting comments)*

After our exceptionally dry September, normal rainfall service seems to have been resumed. Total recorded at Shellwood Hill in October was 179mm (approx 7"). For comparison, the totals over the previous four Octobers have been: 244mm (2013); 182mm (2012); 123mm (2011) and 157mm (2010)



**News from Bittaford Village Hall** - *Carole Howard*

**Wednesdays at 7 p.m.**

A friendly get together for anyone who likes to draw or paint.

Refreshments provided! For details phone 691750

**Fridays at 7 p.m.**

Line dancing.

Enjoy the exercise and have fun!

**Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School- Tania Barretto**

A BIG 'Thank you' to the following who kindly donated generous raffle prizes in 'Ugborough Pre-schools' recent 'Ugtoberfest' fundraising event:

- A Salon Called Fish - Ivybridge
- Glazebrook House Hotel - Glazebrook, South Brent
- Waterside Bistro - Totnes
- Red & White Wines - Kingsbridge

A fantastic £800 was raised in total!

Thank you to all those involved in organising this brilliant night and to all of you who came along for the party!

**Ivybridge U3A - Jean Sherrell**

**Ivybridge U3A will hold their Christmas Social at the Watermark at 2 p.m. on Monday December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Beryl's Bookworms - Sue Johns**

November's book was 'The Night Circus' by Erin Morgenstern.

We approached this book with great anticipation: it came highly recommended with rave reviews- and it promised to be a very read..... Well, it certainly was that!



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The book was magical..... literally, and told the tale of two young people who were unwittingly pitted against each other in a contest to the death to prove who possessed the strongest powers of illusion. This contest was fought within a travelling Night Circus, where fantastic feats and impossible acts enthralled audiences who followed the fabulous circus around the world.

Full of elaborate description and exclusively visual, this book split the group into two very opinionated camps! Some who loved it, were transported back to their childhood memories of make believe where imagination was the essence of a care free youth. Others were wrapped in a cocoon of escapism and thoroughly enjoyed to go where the book took them. On the other hand... a core of us who avoided all fantasy from Alice In Wonderland to Harry Potter were exasperated at the seeming lack of depth, sincerity and any connection with reality. Several were unable to finish the book, whilst others could not wait to lose themselves in the pages.

The meeting closed with the most diverse scores ever, which reflected the extreme views expressed! An average of 2 out of 5, this book had the dubious honour of sporting the lowest score to date.

Next month: Party Time!



**Your Stars Tonight.** "The Yuletide spirit is a wondrous social glue that holds together the community that we are proud to call Ugborough" flutes the steamed dietor and with glistening eyes she adorns the front page of the newsletter with festive clip art. "You mean just like the stars are held together

by the tenuous bonds of gravity?" I begin to pontificate but then wander off down the darkened garden.

On a clear winter's night the evidence of gravity's power can be seen in the little group of stars making up the Pleiades or Seven Sisters, which each evening, are becoming higher southern sky. 100 million years ago a cloud of dust and gas contracted under the gentle force of gravity to the point at which stars were ignited by nuclear fusion to create this star cluster. With the naked eye least 7 little stars can be seen (although those of us with younger eyes may see up to nine) but binoculars reveal a glorious sight of around 50 sparkling stars. Look just below them and there is another much more scattered cluster of stars around the bright orange star of Aldebaran - the vengeful eye of Taurus the Bull. This is the Hyades star cluster which is another magnificent sight through binoculars. They are much closer than the Pleiades, at 150 light years distant and probably five times older - like many of us as they got older they have lost their youthful sparkle.

In fact most of the stars in our galaxy seem to clump together into little families and communities of stars loosely held together by their local gravitational attraction. Beyond the edge of our Milky Way, the stars peter out, as though they have all been sucked into the our galaxy, until we come to our nearest galactic neighbour - the Andromeda Galaxy. This is now directly overhead and readily seen with binoculars. It is an awe inspiring sight that, like the Grand Canyon (and Sennen Cove) everyone should see before they die. It may be 2 ,million light years away from our galaxy but our mutual gravitational attraction has bound us together and with a couple of other nearby galaxies we make up a little flock of galaxies.

But now astronomers, using Hubble images and mind numbing computer power have found that our little galactic family is in fact part of an enormous community of thousands of galaxies (named Laniakea - the Hawaiian for immeasurable heaven) containing (deep breath) perhaps 100, million, billion stars in total and which stretches across over 500 million light years of space.

"All held together by the gentle attraction of gravity." Which is what I thought a few weeks ago after I sprinted stark naked from the shower to answer the phone only to find the coefficient of friction suddenly change to zero, Newton's Third Law sent my head and feet in opposite directions and gravity operated through Newton's Second Law and cruelly brought my head in contact with the floor. Stars - I had 'em!



### **SPORTS REPORT - Janner Motson SURF CLUB**

For the next in the series on favourite clubs I went to see the world renowned Ugborough Surfers - Against Sewerage, Sunburn and Eating Sand, more commonly known as US-ASSES. These rugged individuals brave all weathers to enjoy their sport in the choppy seas of Devon and Cornwall and I caught up with some of them in Polzeath recently. As intrepid, fearless types they glow with a 'coolness' that one associates with an elite; as they undoubtedly regard themselves.

Commensurate with the 'cool' is the need for a 'rad' name and they go by short, single ones, much as the great Brazilian footballers. I met up with one flame-haired beauty they called 'Shaz', who told me about the King of the Surfers, 'Hughsey', often seen hanging 10 out the back...of the Ship. She said that he had an almost mythical bond with the Ocean and that few could tell where the breakers end and his grey hair begins.

However, it seems that there is one even cooler than 'Hughsey', one so cool that his name is shorter than any; one who goes by a single letter.....'A'. Rarely seen close to the beach 'A' inhabits the green water, where monsters lurk - areas only visited by the best like former Ugborough Champions 'Lynz' and 'Bulgey'; both winners on long and short boards, although 'Bulgey' is more famous for his range of short shorts called 'Bulgey-Burglars'. I asked one sexy young chick called 'A-M' (presumably because she gets up early to surf) what brings them to the big waves; she told me "Bulgey's passion wagon, but we also like the big cooked breakfasts". I waved them goodbye as one of the young guns, 'Pedro' wiped out in a washing machine....just imagine what it would have been like if he had gone into the water?

### **Ugborough Village Hall- Stafford Williams**

Hall funding is always an issue with operation as a small charity and having little reach beyond the parish bounds. However, I went to a voluntary sector conference recently where it was suggested that local facilities such as Village Halls could receive donations from legacies as a way of putting something back into the community. It was also mentioned that many people die intestate, without making a will, which results in rather more going to the taxman than perhaps would happen if allocations were made in the form of a legacy. If you think this may be something you wish to consider please include the Village Hall in your list of potential donations.

Hire rates are very high at the moment and our new Bookings Secretary, Philomena, is busy staying on top of requests and payments, but it is important that hirers clean up after themselves as the caretaker only does a full clean once a week. It has been noted that some are not cleaning the oven properly after use so watch out for us chasing you up if it is you!

**Ugborough Neighbourhood Development Plan:**

Our Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group is making good progress. We have built a website which we hope to launch in the first week of December. Please take the time to look at it ([www.ugboroughplan.org](http://www.ugboroughplan.org)) as it will contain all sorts of information relevant to our Neighbourhood Plan. We will also be going live on Twitter and Facebook, so please start following and contributing to these as soon as they are activated.

We are planning to hold short community consultation workshops in January and hope that you will spare a couple of hours to come along. You can see how we are progressing and get involved in helping develop criteria from the various themes that we have put together. These are based on professional and policy guidance and information and views that you have contributed through the various consultation activities so far. Dates for the workshops will be advertised on the website and on posters and flyers nearer the time.

In the meantime if you are interested in being part of the Working Group or would like further information please contact Ian Smith, group chairperson: telephone 01752 892676 e-mail [ianmsmith1.5@gmail.com](mailto:ianmsmith1.5@gmail.com)

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**Christmas is coming** and your Parish Council aims to make it a joyful one by contributing to the costs of festive lighting outside Ugborough Church, Bittaford Methodist Hall and Bittaford Community Hall. Merry Christmas!

**Planning applications** No objections were raised to the proposed rear extensions at Rutt Farm, Ivybridge; the agricultural shed and domestic garage and change of use to domestic land at Yolland Farm, Bittaford; the agricultural building at Little Allers Farm, Avonwick; nor the storage barn at the Donkey Sanctuary, Godwell Lane, Ivybridge. The proposed relocated field gate, fence and hedge at Parsonage Lane, Ugborough received support; while no objections were raised to the replacement stables at Shellwood Farm, Ugborough, subject to a condition that the existing stables be removed.

Councillors objected to the outline application for approx. 198 dwellings, public open space, employment (including Health Centre), neighbourhood centre and new roundabout on Exeter Road on land off Rutt Lane, Ivybridge on the grounds that the number of dwellings should be reduced to 150, with the 'affordable' provision being increased to 35%. Land should also be retained to safeguard a future entrance from the Cross-in-Hand.

Many of you will be relieved to learn that the two proposed wind turbines at Stone Farm, above Ugborough have been refused.

**SHDC Cllrs Holway & Ward** reported on the pressure being exerted on the Government by SHDC to support the future economic resilience of the South West Peninsula by investing in improved strategic road and rail links. A Hercules Project is being undertaken in the area between Dartmoor and the AONB, in which researchers investigate cultural landscapes by talking to landowners and farmers - if you would like to be involved, please contact SHDC.

**Community Defibrillators** were discussed with Dr Gwynne, and it has been decided to join with Modbury Parish Council in submitting a TAP application to fund defibrillators at the church entrance and by the tennis & football clubs.

**The Neighbourhood Development Plan** should be completed by November 2015, and you will be able to follow its progress and get involved through a new website and social media - look out for details!

**Local Homes for Local People** is a new leaflet being produced by SHDC's Affordable Housing Team, with the aim of working together as a district to identify suitable areas of land 'and then turn aspirations into realities'. In addition, the Team is able to provide advice and help on a range of issues - for more information, call the Team on 01803 861234.

**Consultations** continue to pour in:

- Electoral Review of Devon County Council, in which it is intended to reduce the number of County Councillors from 62 to 60. The consultation runs to the 19 January, and you can get involved by going to [www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk)

- DCC invites comments and suggestions by the 5 December on the proposed additional public bridleways through Filham Park. Further information is available at [www.devon.gov.uk/prow](http://www.devon.gov.uk/prow).

**e-seniors** is 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. Two courses of five sessions are currently running and it has proved so popular that County Cllr Hosking hopes to provide DCC funding for a further course. If the funding is successful, the next course would be held from January - Interested? Please contact the Clerk, Sarah Woodman 01364 661127 or [ugboroughhpc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ugboroughhpc@yahoo.co.uk)

**Next Parish Council Meeting.** Just when you get into a routine, then everything changes! Ugborough Parish Council is changing its meeting dates to the first Wednesday of each month to enable the County Councillor to visit all of his Parishes. So the next meeting will be held on 3rd December. Agenda and minutes are displayed on the noticeboards - still no website, but we are working on providing a new one.

Andrew Leadbetter, DCC Cabinet member with responsibility for Broadband, will be attending the start of our December meeting to talk about the most recent initiative to roll out Superfast Broadband to the last 10% of the population. Don't miss this opportunity to find out what is going on, and how it will affect you.

#### **The Stone Farm Wind Turbine Decision**

*As the Parish Clerk has reported, the Stone Farm wind turbine application by William Luscombe was refused by South Hams District Council. During a vigorous campaign there were 160 objections and 17 who showed support. Many of those concerned were worried about the impact on the landscape.*

#### **Brown Bin Collections- A guide to what to put in your brown bin.**

Yes please

- Any cooked or uncooked food waste, including meat, fish and vegetable peelings
- Garden waste - grass, hedge and plant cuttings, weeds, flowers and leaves (branches up to 10cm diameter)

*No plastics, soil, rubble or cardboard*

Cardboard should be placed in your blue recycling sack, or flattened and placed beside it.

Card can no longer be placed in the brown bin

- Alternatively, you can take it to your local recycling centre
- Compost at home
- If you can't do any of the above it can go in your grey bin or seagull proof refuse sack

Remember, your bins and sacks must be at the boundary of your property by 7am on collection day (fortnightly). Garden and food waste gives off a green house gas if sent to landfill. However, if composted correctly it produces a valuable soil conditioner. To help us keep this service affordable - lids must be closed. You can find outlets for buying compostable caddy liners on the South Hams website, but remember wrapping food waste in newspaper is perfectly fine.

### **Ring and Ride Community Transport**

Do you find it difficult to use public transport? If so, your local Ring and Ride may be able to help with a door to door service. It is available to everyone of pensionable age or those with a disability. It is also available for those living in a village with no car and poor public transport.

To find out more or to book a journey just ring 01752 690444, 8.30 a.m. -12.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

### **SeaMoor Children's Centre - Vicky Rawlins**

SeaMoor Children's Centre works with families and children under 5 and we aim to ensure that every child gets the best start in life. This month we have several special Christmas events. To find out more about the services we provide please visit our website

[www.southhamschildrenscentres.org.uk](http://www.southhamschildrenscentres.org.uk).

### **Christmas message from the Dog Warden - Tracey Weaver**

I wish all dog owners in the South Hams, the very best for Christmas 2014, thank you to those of you who support my work in the area.

Please remember that a "Dog is for life, not just for Christmas". Please do not buy a puppy as a Christmas gift unless you fully understand the responsibilities which they come with -

- Time consuming training (essential);
- Routine (essential) and perhaps, emergency visits to the vet, which can be costly;
- Walkies twice a day regardless of the weather (at least 20 mins twice a day)!;
- Proper shelter, food and water;
- Careful consideration of what happens to him/her when you are on holiday;
- A life of picking up and correctly disposing dog poo, whether an adult walks the dog, or whether this is delegated to a younger family member.

**And then hopefully you will have a lifetime of playful interaction, a lot of fun, and the best friend ever!**

If you are keen on getting a dog, please consider rescuing one from a re-homing centre, but make sure that you know as much about him as possible, and that he is the right one for you, your home and your family, there is nothing worse for the dog than being moved from one owner to another and another.

Best Wishes and Happy

Christmas.

**Bittaford Methodist Chapel** *Jutta Berger 01752 698381*

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

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 10.30 a.m. Revd. David Youngs    Sacrament of Holy Communion 2. Advent

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 10.30 a.m.    Mrs. Lilian Sharp    3. Advent

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2.30 p.m.    Revd. Ralph Ward    Sacrament of Holy Communion 4.00. Advent

Christmas Eve at 6.30 p.m.    Carol Service

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 10.30 a.m.    Mrs. Ann Callum

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](mailto: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!

**Calling All Choristers who love Christmas Carols!** - *Sue Johns*

Is there anyone out there who would like to join Ugborough Church Choir for Christmas Services? A chance to learn some part singing (or not, should choose not to!) - and enjoy many traditional carols in our Carol Service and Christmas celebrations. We practise on Fridays at during December in Church, in preparation.

Call me, if you are at all interested- 01548 830220



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**Village services.**

From January 2015, a new timetable has been produced for the Devon Libraries Mobile Library Service which will be at Ugborough Square on Tuesdays from 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. every 4 weeks. First call for 2015 is January 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

**St. Peter's Church, Ugborough**    Advent 2014

My dear Friends,

Before long we shall be singing 'Joy to the world', 'Good Christian men, rejoice', 'Christians awake, salute the happy morn' 'Ding dong, merrily on high', 'Hark the herald angels sing', 'O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant' and many other carols that speak of singing, making merry and rejoicing in many different ways.

Sometimes, though, as we look around the world and take in extremist movements, the Calais migrants and others willing to put their lives at risk to escape persecution by taking to the high seas in rust-buckets, those forced to leave ancestral holdings and relocate because of rising sea-levels, human trafficking and the modern slave trade, the Ebola outbreak, people in need of foodbanks, loan sharks, historic and present cases of child abuse and so on and so on, rejoicing may seem totally out of place.

When you come to think of it, perhaps rejoicing was rather far from Mary and Joseph's mind as they trudged the road to Bethlehem. They'd been forced by a hated, foreign regime to take an unwelcome and untimely journey, Mary was facing childbirth without either medical care or family support, there was no room for them in the inn.

And when Mary again took the body of her son in her arms, after his brutal execution - apparently the culmination of the life she had brought into the world that night in Bethlehem - her heart must have been pierced to the quick rather than full of joy.

But it is those facts that, paradoxically, give rise to our rejoicing - that God has come to share our world, to affirm that our physical existence, our educational opportunities, our business endeavours, our political systems, our relationships, our joys, our suffering, our moral dilemmas and everything else about us are crucially important to him - and I use that expression deliberately because 'crucially' actually means 'of the cross'. Those things are so important to God that he chose to enter this world in the form of a baby so he could live alongside us, experience the full gamut of human circumstances and die a hideous death, so sharing in the most extreme suffering that anyone may have to endure.

No other religion can claim that as its central tenet - an awesome and awe-inspiring certainty - that God shares our lives that we may share his, where truth and justice, gentleness and patience, love and forgiveness reign supreme. So let us indeed rejoice and be merry this Advent and Christmastide.

Philip and I wish you a truly blessed Christmas,     *Caroline.*

### **A Book Recommendation**

If you would like to revise and extend your knowledge of the Christian faith and the practice of the Church, why not try Rowan Williams: "Being Christian", a reasonably short book published by S.P.C.K., where he lucidly puts forward the basic tenets of the most significant areas of Church life.

Early in November Philip and I saw Bishop Rowan in action at our grandson's Confirmation; he was absolutely lovely with the youngsters, talked in their language and said that the main aim of any Christian is simple - to grow more and more like Jesus. He has a wonderful, warm smile and a gentle sense of humour, so I thoroughly recommend this book.  
*Caroline*

### **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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month please. Thank you for keeping to this.**

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### **St Peter's Church Services in December**

The	Date and time	Service
	Sunday December 7 <sup>th</sup> 9.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	All age worship Service of Light
	Sunday December 14 <sup>th</sup> 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 9.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Family Communion Carol Service
	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December 4 p.m. 11.30 p.m.	Crib and Christingle Midnight Communion
	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> December 11 a.m.	Christmas Day Holy Communion
	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> December 10.30 a.m.	Mission Community Sung Eucharist at St. Peter's Ugborough
	Every Tuesday except school holidays 9 a.m.	Celtic Prayer

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

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#### **Stop press!**

Thank you to Sue and Cliff Johns for hosting the amazing Farmhouse Lunch and thanks too to the band of incredibly hard working helpers. What a brilliant start to the festive season!

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