

## UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

January 2017



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### Thanks

I would like to give my sincere thanks to all who help with the Newsletter. Thanks to Sue Johns, for the duplicating, to Anne Holway for the collating and distribution, to Tom Holway for the e mail distribution, to the many members of the delivery team, and of course to all the faithful contributors for your interesting and varied articles. Thanks also to all those who help us financially. We are proud of our Newsletter, which is produced completely voluntarily. We continue to be able to say 'no' to any commercial advertising and hope that you continue to enjoy it as it lands on your doormat each month.

### 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.

### Ceremonial flying of the Flag. -(Taff Jones)

The flag will be flown on the following occasions-  
January 9<sup>th</sup> - Birthday of the Duchess of Cambridge

January 20<sup>th</sup> - Birthday of the Countess of Wessex



The flag will also be flown at half-mast January 25<sup>th</sup> to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Richards, J.C., Armourer's Mate, Royal Navy - HM Laurentic. We will remember them.

Laurentic was launched in 1908 and departed on her maiden voyage 29 April 1909 from Liverpool to Quebec, with 1,057 passengers on board.

On 23 January 1917, the Laurentic departed Liverpool en route to Halifax, under the command of Captain Reginald Norton. She carried some 479 passengers, most naval officers, ratings, and Naval Volunteer Reserves. On 25 January the ship made an unscheduled stop at the naval base at Bunclara, Ireland, to allow for passengers with yellow fever to disembark. The ship lifted anchor around sunrise the weather was bitterly cold and a blizzard affected visibility, but Captain Norton gave the order to proceed without the destroyer escort, despite reports that German U-Boat had been spotted in the area earlier. Less than an hour after leaving Bunclara, the ship struck two mines laid by the German mine-laying submarine U-80, the ship sank within an hour.

Those who made it onto lifeboats faced extreme cold as low as  $-13^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $9^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). Survivors rowed towards Fanad Lighthouse, and some were rescued by local fishing trawlers. In the morning, many were found frozen to death in their lifeboats, with their hands still gripping the oars. The official count lists 475 passengers on board at the time of sinking, meaning that only 121 survived, and 354 were lost in the disaster.

**Ugborough and Bittaford Pre-School**-(incorporating breakfast club and after school club) Charity Number 1043499 *Catherine Gwynne*

Open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday - Friday during term time in Ugborough Village Hall

Baby and Toddler Group - Monday 10 -11.30 a.m.

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We were delighted to raise £314.79 at the Christmas fair in the church, thank you to Philomena for organising and to everyone who supported our stalls. Thank you to John Ross for PAT testing all our electrical equipment in the village Hall. We have recently used some of our fundraising money to purchase a new listening station which has 6 sets of headphones so multiple children can listen to CDs and educational resources at the same time. They love it and don't realise they are learning at the same time!

We had a fantastic time at Pennywell Farm for our Christmas outing, 20 children went with staff, parents, grandparents and siblings in tow. They enjoyed the interactive nativity play with Mary riding on a real donkey, the wise men arriving on horseback and Gwen, Holly, Sofia, Marlie, Beth, Suki and Chloe joined in as beautiful angels.

Baby and toddler group continues to run in the village hall every Monday 10-11.30 a.m. in term time. We have children attending from birth to 4. There is a baby corner with baby toys, alongside a selection of pre-school toys for the older children. There's also coffee and cake for the parents, grandparents and carers.

If you know anyone who might like to come along, please ask them to just turn up when they can. It's very relaxed, informal and a good social get together for adults and children alike!

**Ugborough Local History Group** - *Merryl Docker*

Happy New Year to all our members and friends!

We will venture into the mysterious world of espionage for our January talk. Join us on Wednesday 25th January at 8 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall for - "MI6 in West Cornwall during WW2 and into the Cold War Years," a talk by Michael Griffiths. We think of Cornwall now as stunning scenery, beaches and holidays, let's find out more about the county's secret past.

Everyone welcome, member or not (non members to pay just £2 on the door) so bring folks along. See you soon.

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

Ugborough Primary School. (The emergency contact number is displayed in the windows of the school front office and porch way).

It was lovely to see so many of us at our carol concert and nativity at the church at the end of term. After a bumper festive week with so much fun and excitement, we hope that you have been able to recharge those batteries, have fun and above all stay safe.

We are back at school on Wednesday 4th January.

A huge thank you to every member of our school community for your continued support and here's to a hardworking and fruitful new year.

**Ivybridge U3A** - *Jean Sherrell*

The January General Meeting of Ivybridge U3A will be held on Monday 16 January at 2 p.m. in the Watermark.

Our speaker Lawrence Axworthy will talk about "The Bombing of Plymouth"

Ivybridge U3A is delighted that Ivybridge Town Council has awarded us the Nic Cummins Community Group of the Year 2016. We are proud to share this award with the Bridge Youth Project.

"This is in recognition of the social and sharing outfit that has done a great deal to encourage the meeting of the third generation of the town, preventing loneliness and isolation of the over fifties. It has stretched minds, kept members fit and active and broadened horizons.

The dedication of the volunteers is well known within the community and thanks to the efforts of such groups; retirement has never opened so many doors and kept so many people busy."

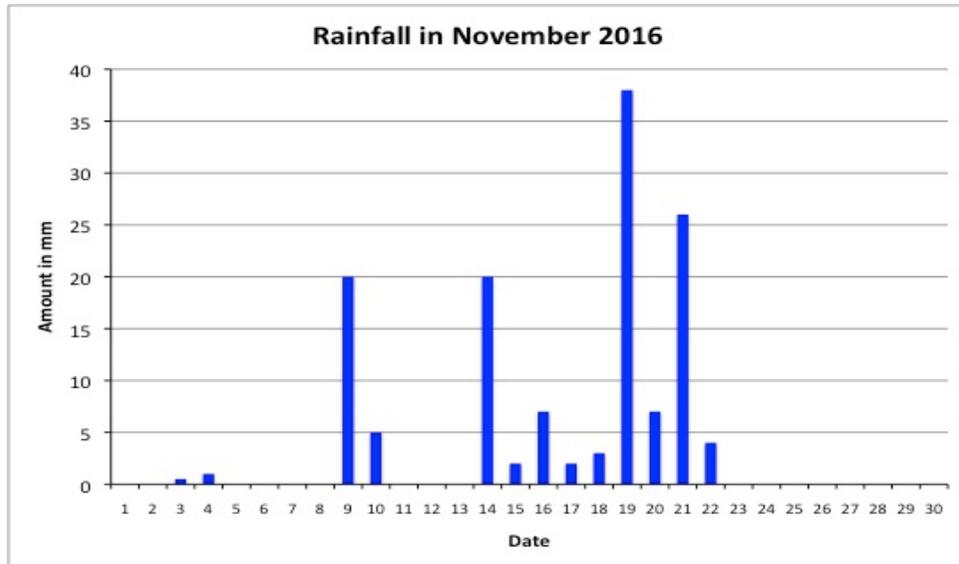
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### Rainfall at Shellwood Hill *George Arnison*

November saw the first named storm of the winter (Storm Angus) and the wettest day of the year so far, but overall less than in recent years and slightly below average rainfall. I recorded 135.5mm (5-1/4") at Shellwood Hill, which compares to the last four Novembers of 193mm (2015), 190mm (2014), 120.5mm (2013) and 237mm (2012), and a 7 year average of 152mm.



### Beryl's Bookworms -

Thanks to Sue for rather unexpectedly hosting our Christmas party- (hope you are soon fully mobile again, Jane). Our celebrations included a delicious French style feast, games and singing! Back to reality with our January read- Exposure by Helen Dunmore.



### Traditional Christmas Market

It was really lovely to see the church bustling with the Christmas market. The many stalls brought festive cheer and some superb crafts and gifts. Thanks to Philomena Jones for being the inspiration behind this community event. (Speaking of whom.....thanks also for organising the excellent Senior Citizens' lunch. Thanks also to Sustainable Saturday and Ugborough Village Hall for sponsoring this happy event.)



**Your Stars Tonight.** The steamed dieter crouches over her lap top weaving the community net for Ugborough, while I crouch over mini coaxing the light from the Orion Nebula 1,300 light years away onto my laptop screen. I glance up to see that rarest of things Ugborough - an expanse of blue sky - and then hear the frantic fluttering of wing. It is a Tortoiseshell butterfly roused from its hibernation by a combination of central heating and sunlight. I follow the advice of Mike - my butterfly expert from Bristol - and gently but firmly place it in a cardboard box, about six inches cube, loosely close the lid and put it on the top shelf of the refrigerator. Hopefully it will go back to sleep and dream of the warm spring morning when it will be released to continue its life cycle.

I return to the laptop and the image of Orion's Nebula is also seething with life for it shows dozens of newly born stars bursting with youthful thermonuclear energy. Their intense radiation turns the huge cloud of interstellar dust and gas into a maelstrom of light. This image is always among the first that every new aspiring astrophotographer wants to capture and January is the ideal time as in the evening the constellation of Orion the Hunter strides across the South Hampshire skyline in the South West. Look for the dagger that hangs from Orion's Belt - the central star is surrounded by a faint smudge of light. Viewed through binoculars or even better, through a telescope, the nebula begins to resolve into ghostly wisps and tendrils like a morning mist over Dartmoor.

But modern cameras can collect so much more light than the human eye and when combined with a modern telescope the lonesome photons which have travelled billions of miles from the nebula are shepherded back together in focus on my hard drive. It was back in November I took my first photographs with the telescope fitted directly on to the camera and I needed about ten minutes of exposure to capture every tiny speck of light that has travelled over a thousand light years to reach my back garden in Ugborough.

Then I thank the late Richard Barker for a legacy that he left me just before his death. He was showing me how he kept the Ugborough Parish website up to date and how he edited the photos using a free download called FastStone which is wonderful for making unexciting photographs come to life. And so it does again after a little fiddling the light from billions of miles away suddenly fills my screen. It will not win any accolades on Sky at Night but I suddenly realise I am looking at my creation with the same pride as do the stall holders at Sustainable Saturday when they look at their products spread out for sale - it's hard work, but it has been hand crafted with love - no wonder we all smile.

### Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays -Sarah Scanlon

Our Bric a Brac table seems to be an integral part of the market now and with your generosity, we have managed to raise a considerable amount of money for various groups by donations given for items that you have discarded and other people have taken home with them.

I personally find it heart warming to see a young child clutching their spending money, coming away from the table with an item they will love that was owed by my own children many years ago.

There is generally a buzz around the Table when Kate puts items out but this month it was a hive of activity when a pile of Devon Life (1975/7) was discovered. It was just like Black Friday round the table. We run the collection for 3 months at a time.

To date this year, the following have been raised from this goldmine,

Church bell fund £240

Village Newsletter £200

Village web site £25

Chernobyl Children's life line £160

Senior Citizens' Christmas meal £200

And we are now embarking on a major fundraiser for the months ahead for a charity close to our hearts "Clic Sergant" a charity helping teenagers with cancer.

So next time you look in your cupboards and drawers, think of the Bric a Brac table, Next time you pop into USS, look at the table and you never know, following on from the festive Season - there may be some Presents that you would like to see go to a better home!

A huge thank you to Kate Brampton. Without her organisation, patience and hard work, this would not happen. If you have anything that may be suitable for the table, please pass it onto Kate at USS (in the kitchen) or drop it into her house (opposite the village hall)

Thank you

Dates for January are 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Ugborough Dramatic Society Panto 2017 (1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> February)

The tickets for Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs have completely SOLD OUT! If you missed out, contact Susan Williams at [susaninxite.@me.com](mailto:susaninxite@me.com) to check if there are any returns.

### Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child 2016 Shoebox Appeal Update

*Kate Brampton*

Thank you to everyone who supported the Appeal this year.

Between us we have provided a total of 32 Gift Shoeboxes and their associate shipping costs for needy children overseas, which is fantastic. The shoebox started their journey after the Blessing Service on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016 via Shc Zone in Plympton.

We are endeavouring to track where as many of the shoeboxes are going c possible, and this will be done via those shoeboxes that were registered/paid for online. Hopefully we should hear in January/February which country/countries these shoeboxes have gone to.

Several people have said they would like to do shoeboxes next year for the Appeal - as most of you want to collect shoeboxes and items such as new toys, school supplies, hygiene items etc for the shoeboxes during the year leading up to 1 October, I am happy to confirm that the Appeal will definitely be on next year. Thank you once again for your support.

### Ugborough Village Hall- Stafford Williams

The Committee continues to operate on minimum manning having failed to have quorum in November we only had 4 for December's meeting. Without new member the committee will struggle to do new tasks and maintain a progressive facility. Please contact any committee member if you think you have a little time to spare to the community.

A special thank you to John Ross for doing all the PAT tests in the Hall - your attention was very much appreciated.

The fridge is now working properly and a steam cleaner was purchased to improve floor maintenance. The Committee provided sponsorship for the senior citizen Christmas meal in December, but thanks go to all the willing helpers who contributed so much to the busy evening.

### Ugborough Parish Council

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Parish Council business has moved gently towards the end of 2016, with many of the same challenges and opportunities.

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Consultation has been completed and we now have a frustrating wait for SHDC to collate responses so that amendments can be made to the draft Plan

The travellers at Hillhead attended the December Parish Council Meeting and confirmed that they would move if an alternative site was provided - but SHDC has yet to find a site, so we are no further on there.

**Planning applications** - only one, to allow the studio at Burnside, Avonwick to be used as an independent dwelling, which drew a 'Neutral' response from Councillors. An appeal has been submitted for the proposed two new dwellings at 1 Filham Cottages, to which the Parish Council had previously objected.

**Bittaford** environmental concerns have moved forward: DCC will be cutting back the brambles overgrowing the pavement; Network Rail has advised that the vegetative waste below the viaduct will rot down and it is keeping the redundant Brunel viaduct under review; DCC Highways are looking into 'containment' of the parapet behind the new Bittaford bus shelter; and the holes in the tarmac where the shelter was placed temporarily will be reinstated. The new bus shelter should be delivered in December, which will be a relief for all those passengers currently suffering from the elements! Volunteers are out replanting the tubs, with the help of funding from DNPA and DCC, and I am looking forward to seeing the results.

The BT phone box at Wrangaton is likely to disappear, although the phone box at Godwell Lane may be retained on social grounds. Following a community request, the Parish Council has applied to buy the Bittaford phone box so that it may be used as a book exchange.

**Town and Parish (TAP) grant applications** Support has been given to the bid from Ivybridge Town Council, South Hams CVS & Beacon Medical Group towards a social prescriber/community co-ordinator; and from Four Rivers Dementia Action Alliance towards meeting and training costs. Ugborough and Ermington Parish Councils have submitted a funding bid for cricket equipment.

**Greater Dartmoor LEAF** is running a funding programme focussed on the rural economy, with grants of £2,500-£100,000, up to 40% of the total cost. The fund is available for farmers, local rural businesses, rural community organisations and those wanting to start a business. Projects must support the rural economy by developing and growing local businesses and creating jobs. The LEAF area covers the whole of Ugborough Parish and applications should be made to <http://drcompany.co.uk/gdleaf/>

**B3196 Pinch points** Local businesses are also asked to support improvements to the B3196 by emailing DCC Highways at [csc.roads@devon.gov.uk](mailto:csc.roads@devon.gov.uk) to highlight the economic disruption arising from the pinch points - apparently that is the only ground on which funding may be made available.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January, starting at 7.30 p.m., when the precept and budget will be discussed. Agenda and minute will be displayed on the noticeboards and website.

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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. unless otherwise stated-  
> Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup>- Mrs. Hannah de Bourcier  
> Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup>- 2.30 p.m.- Rev. Simon Leigh- Sacrament of Holy Communion  
> Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup>- Mrs. Brenda Youngs  
> Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup>- Rev. David Youngs  
> Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>- Mr. Keith Angilley  
> 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!  
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**Village services.**  
A reminder that you can visit the Devon Libraries Mobile Library Service at Ugborough Square, Tuesdays from 9.30 a.m.-10 a.m. every 4 weeks. The date for January is 10<sup>th</sup>. And don't forget to visit your Post Office in Ugborough Church on Tuesday afternoon from 1.30-3.30 p.m. and Thursday morning from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

**St. Peter's Church, Ugborough**  
**NON COMMUNION SERVICES**

By now you will be aware that since September, the churches in the Three River Mission Community have been holding two services a month, which are non-Communion services. These have been lay led (members of the church congregations plan and lead these services).

Having experienced these services, if you feel you would like to explore helping to plan, lead or help with reading the bible or taking the prayers in the service please do speak with me. In the New Year we plan to hold a couple of Wednesday and Saturday morning sessions so you can explore this further.

The dates for Bishop Sarah's visit to our Mission Community have been altered and they are now the 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

(Thank you to all who contributed to our wonderful community Carol Service. What a joyful occasion!)

### A letter from our Priest in Charge- Rev'd David Sayle

Dear Friends,

Firstly, may you all enjoy a happy, blessed and joyful New Year and may 2017 be a wonderful year for us all.

So what about those new resolutions - are they still going? It always amazes me that in the midst of the darkest winter, when our bodies need extra care, not less, that we are often the most mean to ourselves?

Some of you may have made a resolution about something spiritual? A commitment to renew ourselves, to pray a little more or in a new way, to read our bibles with some new bible notes etc? Again just because we have chosen something spiritual doesn't mean we are guaranteed any more success than we are beating the post-Christmas bulge! For me no matter how burdened or busy I might be feeling, I know that a few moments of quietness, of silent prayer renew and refresh me.

If we listed out all the hopes and dreams for the New Year, even the most materialistic ones, they would probably boil down to desires for happiness, security, peace of mind and heart and that the ones that we care about most in the world might also know that peace, safety and happiness.

None of us know what 2017 will bring, though many people will do their best to tell us. Despite all of that advice there is always something hopeful about the New Year. The promise of a new beginning still has the power to warm us even at our most cynical. And why not? Maybe this year will be different; maybe this year will be one in which a long cherished dream or project finally comes off. Whatever 2017 does bring, may we find the peace of God which passes all understanding and which dwells in the depths of our being just waiting for us to wake up and find it for ourselves.

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#### **The Three Rivers Mission Community**

*invites you to our Messy Church*

Craft activities, songs, games and Bible stories

followed by a Party Tea at Ugborough Church

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 4.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

*Everyone Welcome- All children to be accompanied by an adult*

*Clergy Contact: Red David Sale Tel: 01548 821199*

*Or email: [parish\\_sayle@me.com](mailto:parish_sayle@me.com)*



### St Peter's Church Services in January

**All services now start at 9.30 a.m. unless otherwise stated.**

| Date                                      | Service                                                                 |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday January 1 <sup>st</sup>            | All Age Worship -<br>An informal service held at the back of the church |
| Sunday January 8 <sup>th</sup>            | Holy Communion<br>A traditional service                                 |
| Sunday January 15 <sup>th</sup>           | Service of the Word, led by members of the congregation                 |
| Sunday January 22 <sup>nd</sup>           | Holy Communion<br>4.30- Messy Church                                    |
| Sunday January 29 <sup>th</sup>           | Matins<br>(Book of Common Prayer)                                       |
| Every Thursday at 12 noon                 | Holy Communion                                                          |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January at 7 p.m. | Prayer meeting at home of Katie Smart.                                  |

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

#### **Priest in charge-**

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Jeremy Wells- 01364 72180

#### **Parish matters may also be referred to our Reader**

Dr. David Stafford- 01752 691525

#### **Contributions**

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter.

Contributions should be sent to - Mrs. Norma Roe, The Editor, Ugborough Parish Newsletter, 2 Lutterburn St, Ugborough, Ivybridge, PL21 0NG.

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

**E mail is welcome to [norma-davidroe@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:norma-davidroe@tiscali.co.uk)** (I use Microsoft word, font Comic San Any articles as attachments in this format would be particularly welcome.)

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