

# UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

## May 2014



### What's on

<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> , 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays at Ugborough Village Hall from 10 a.m.-12 noon	
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### Garden Club Anne Holway

Our next meeting is on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 8 p.m. at the Old Post when Laura Cullen from Endsleigh Garden Centre will give a talk on House Plants.



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**Vernon Tuck's Diamond Jubilee**    *Sue Johns*

Vernon has been playing the organ in Ugborough Church for 60 years!

As I type, we are planning to celebrate this amazing achievement at the end of April, with a special service encompassing the church's year and singing Vernon's favourite hymns and anthems.

Vernon learnt to play the piano at the tender age of 5 with his Auntie Floss in Plymouth - and then continued studying the organ with Miss Cummings from Yealmpton.

Joining the 32 strong choir at the age of 8, under the watchful eye of organist and choirmaster Mr Beer (headteacher of Ugborough School) Vernon had an exceptional treble voice and was often chosen to sing solos.

Vernon's keyboard performance debut was at Ugborough's Gospel Hall where he performed Handel's Largo on the harmonium at 10 years of age.

Vernon was asked to play for Choir Practices when he was twelve - and began playing at Evensong at 16, he then quickly progressed to the official position of St Peter's Honorary Church Organist.

Conscription at the age of 18 interrupted Vernon's plans to train as a teacher. During this time, the army allowed Vernon to return to Ugborough every weekend to play at Services. On his demob. at 20, Vernon returned to take up a temporary career nursing at Moorhaven, where he stayed for 24 years!

A Sunday routine was then established when Vernon played the organ for Moorhaven chapel services at 9.30 and 2.00; then at St Peter's at 11.00 and 6.00 - walking to each service.

Vernon has served under 6 vicars before the current Mission Community Team.

In addition Vernon has played at many local churches - mostly for funerals, from Elburton to Plympton - and from Cornwood to Brooking.

Vernon modestly describes his skill as his way of worshipping and glorifying God.

The current choir relies on Vernon's commitment to both Friday practices and the Sunday service. Vernon is always willing to give new pieces of music a go and we would certainly be lost without him!

**Coffee Drop-In Centre**

**10.30am-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.

**A message from Mella and David Pickford**

Thank you to everyone who loved Lucky. There are so many who have been so kind. Lucky leaves Mercy, her gift to her family.

**Mary's Coffee Morning** in aid of the Church raised over £300.00. A brilliant effort with amazing help from George Beable on the door, Stacey Smith on constant tea and coffee duty, Sally selling every single cake and the ever, unstoppable Flo who sold everyone in the room a draw ticket. Thank you also to all those who donated cakes and draw prizes. *Shelley Hutcheon.*

**Ugborough Fair 12<sup>th</sup> July 2014** *Shelley Hutcheon*

A date for your diary! I am currently under a mountain of paperwork, but inching towards another Fair Day! This is a plea for helpers on the day and also a Secretary and a Treasurer. Both jobs are not too onerous, but I am hopeless at both and would really like a couple willing volunteers!

Other volunteers are needed for the Fair Day construction team. Taff, Gary Godfrey and Oli Lee are heading the team, so if you could pledge your support to them and especially Gary who is deeply suspicious that I have given him a nightmare job and no-one will help. Please, please prove him wrong and volunteer a couple of hours!!

There will be the usual Fair Week activities as well as a Soap Box Race organised by Edd Johns. Please contact him for rules and vehicle specifications, I think that you need wheels and a chassis and not much else! There will then be time trails for each team down across one the fields near the village. (note to self: don't forget insurance)

If you are having a clear out, save any bric-a-brac for David and Norma's stall and you can leave it at Hillhead Farm from now on (*or take to 20 Lutterburn St.*).

There is a Facebook site called Ugborough Fair 12<sup>th</sup> July 2014, please 'like' it and spread the message! Richard Ford has organised all of the entertainment already and there are YouTube clips of the bands on this site.

I think that's all I had to remember for the moment, please remind me, send me emails, phone me etc. if it looks like I am forgetting vital aspects of the Fair!

My contact details are [info@oakenham.com](mailto:info@oakenham.com) 07720765014.

Many thanks for your help.

**CALLING THE TALENTED OF UGBOROUGH!**

As part of Ugborough Fair Week the 'UGBOROUGH'S GOT TALENT' competition will once again seek out the wealth of talent we have in our Village.

We welcome individuals, small or large groups, and of course talented pets!

Just come and entertain us in any way you can.

The audience will vote at the end of the evening, and the act with the most votes will win the prestigious trophy!

The competition will be held on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July, at 7.30** in Ugborough Church.

Anyone interested please contact Sue Johns 01548 830220.

(If the event should be oversubscribed, we will hold auditions

- where the judges' decision will be final.)

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

Ugborough Primary School.

The Easter Tea was a great success and the array of cakes on display was very impressive. Well done to all children and families who obviously put a lot of hard work into their creations - we clearly have some budding bakers in our midst!

A big thank you to the Friends.

As some of you may be aware, we shall be saying goodbye to Miss Evans at Ugborough and Mr Winkley at Ermington at the end of the summer term as they are leaving to take up teaching posts in Vietnam! We will confirm class structure and staffing later in the year.

Dates for your diary- 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May - SATS Week and Year 4 Residential to Grenville House

26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> May- Half Term

**Dartington Community Day**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May from 12-5 p.m. at Dartington Hall Estate.

The Dartington Hall Community Day will give you a flavour of what Dartington Hall is all about. Bring the family and a picnic and experience the best of Dartington Hall Estate.

As part of half term fun come and enjoy free family activities, free live performances from Matthew & Me and picnic on the Great Lawn.

Activities to include garden tours, singing, dance, magic, archery and Go Fence.

For more information call 01803 847017 or visit [www.dartington.org/whats-on](http://www.dartington.org/whats-on)

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

Our April walk saw only three intrepid walkers and two happy dogs. Reason being: rain, drizzle, mist and more rain. This sounds like a recipe for a day indoors, but I have to confess we enjoyed the morning exercise as much as the dogs did! Thus proving it is always worth going out as long as you are prepared for the weather.

Come and join us next month to sample the delights of Ladywood bedecked with bluebells and new beech tree leaves. This is always a favourite walk of mine taking in a variety of landscapes from our industrial heritage looking at Brunel's bridge

over the Glazebrook, to bluebell woods and the edge of Dartmoor ~ and all within our own Parish. Everyone welcome, especially 'happy dogs'!

**Sunday 4th May, 10.45 a.m. meet in Ugborough Square.** Dress for the weather. We will take cars to the start of the walk, don't worry if you don't have access to transport, we will sort out car share at the time.

For more information contact: Merryl Docker 01752 893651

or Tom Holway 01752 941872

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

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE OF **AGM**. Due to clash of holiday arrangements I have had to change the date of our AGM to:

**Wednesday 4th June ~ 8.00 pm Ugborough Village Hall.**

Following a very brief necessary business part of the AGM the topic will be "**Ugborough Voices: Memories of World War One in Ugborough Village**" Please don't miss this amazing piece from our archive when, over 20 years ago, local folks were recorded for a BBC Radio program recounting their very own memories of how WW1 affected the lives of Ugborough people. Wine and nibbles will be served in place of our usual tea and coffee. Please join us. Members free of charge, £1 on the door for non-members.

For more information please contact Merryl Docker (01752 893651)

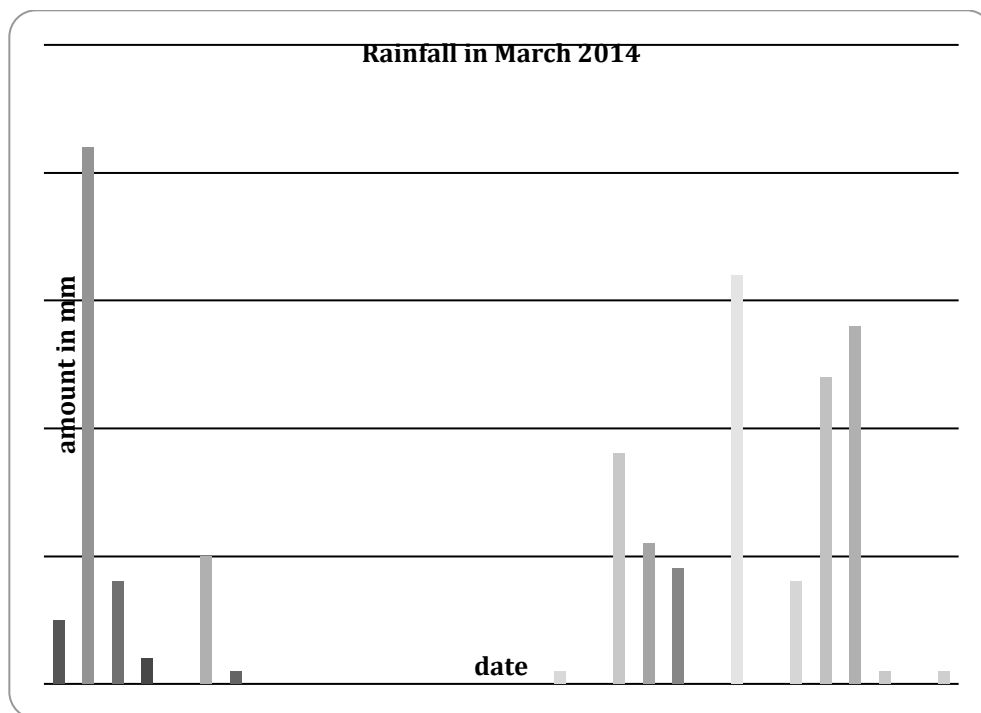
**WW1 Memorial Herb Garden**

I am delighted to announce that via Ugborough Parish Council, we have been awarded a grant of £500 towards the cost of creating our memorial community Herb Garden from Locality Funding from South Hams District Council. With thanks to all the members of Ugborough Parish Council and District Councillor Tom Holway for their input in achieving this grant. We still need more money or offers of materials and, I hope, most of all some helping hands when the work starts. If the weather is kind to us, work should start on this and the renovation of the war memorial in May/June. Please contact me if you can offer any help at all.

Don't forget we need herbs, so please have a look in your gardens to see if you can split and donate some. This is to be a "community" garden made by us for us all to enjoy and use.

For more information please contact Merryl Docker 01752 893651.

Rainfall at West Cannamore, Ugborough, 510 ft. above sea level Thanks to Len Wakeham for this valuable record.



Total rainfall for month 100.5mm= just a fraction under 4 ins.

**Come to a FARMHOUSE LUNCH**  
**At Dunwell Farm, Ugborough**  
**Home of Cliff & Sue Johns**  
**On Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon      £10**  
**Proceeds to St Peter's Church, Ugborough**  
**Bring & Buy**



Draw

**Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir**  
 with special guests Solent Male Voice Choir  
 at St Petroc's Parish Church South Brent.  
 on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7.30 p.m.  
 Tickets £7.00 incl. Refreshments.  
 In support of South Brent & District Caring and St. Petroc's Church Funds.  
 For Tickets Contact - J. Wells 01364 72180 or at the door.

**SeaMoor Children's Centre** *Vicky Rawlings*

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May** - New lone parents group at SeaMoor children's Centre  
1.00 - 2.30pm. Suitable for under 5's and their carer.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May**- Twins and Multiples group at The Den South Brent  
10.00 - 11.30.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May** -Coffee and Cuddles. A new group for parents of babies aged  
0-6months at SeaMoor Children's Centre 10.00 - 11.15 a.m.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May**- Young Parents at The Den South Brent 10.00- 11.30.

A new group for carers aged 25 and under who have a child under 5 years old.

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May**- Wembury beach walk and rockpool ramble for Dads and  
Male carers. 11.00 - 1.00pm. Suitable for under 5's and their carer.

Help I Have kids!! Appointments available every Friday morning to discuss any parenting  
concerns that you may have.

**For more information of all above, call SeaMoor Children's Centre -01752 896356.**

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

It is proving difficult to find solutions to the storage issues in the Hall and the committee has recently re-visited options for a building at the rear and re-configuring what we have inside. Although there are some expensive options, so far there are no practical plans that the committee feel confident enough to follow. We have been offered help from several sources and have been encouraged by the new members that swelled our ranks since Christmas; however, having a will is not enough to sort all the issues facing the facility. Funds remain satisfactory and there may be some available for limited capital works, but significant fund raising will be necessary to make substantial differences. We hold the **AGM upstairs in the Hall on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 8 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to say their bit and see what the committee have achieved, and for once you are not at threat of being cajoled onto the committee...unless you want to of course.

### **Beryl's Bookworms** - Sue Johns



Our April book was 'Mr Rosenblum's List: Or Friendly Guidance for Aspiring Englishman' by Natasha Solomons. The story follows the and tribulations of Jakob and Sadie Rosenblum, Jewish immigrants, the trials set largely in the Fifties. Rosenblum's determination to fit into English Society is aided by the pamphlet 'While you are in England - Helpful information' presented to him on arrival. Jakob soon adapts this pamphlet to a list he considers more appropriate which he attempts to follow at all times. Conflict arises between the couple as Sadie attempts to hang on to her cultural roots - and Jack Rose (renamed) attempts to combat the anti-Semitism he experiences by building his own world class golf course in deepest Dorset. The narrative is full of detailed description of the English countryside - and for the majority of the book group this, coupled with the initial poignant rejection of the main characters into English society, provided an engrossing read. As the story unfolded and the Dorset country folk accepted the 'foreigners' into their community most of our Group were pleasantly entertained and delighted with the outcome.

For the minority of the Group, Jack's 'Harry Worth' like character was worryingly comic. Unfortunately too for the dissenters, the gross inaccurate observations of the countryside totally detracted from any credibility the story might have generated otherwise..... For Example: A shiny combine traversing the country lanes to plough a field (?) - The mechanical cutting of the verges (In Dorset in the fifties.. doubtful), and the efforts to remove mole hills that required a mechanical digging contraption..... As ever we thoroughly enjoyed a very healthy debate - and the marks reflected our views, ranging from 1 to 5 - providing the inevitable average of 3! Next Month: 'Life After Life' by Kate Atkinson.

### **Ivybridge U3A** - Doreen Flood

The May general meeting of Ivybridge U3A will be held in The Watermark on Monday 19th May at 2 p.m.

This month's speaker will be Janet Cowlard and her subject is 'A Windsor Family Royal Scandal'



### **Friends of St. Peter's**

Look out for the very attractive tea towels designed by Philip Mann which are now on sale. The ramp for the West Gate has been built and now provides an easier access. The graveyard project is continuing and Martin Tingle has put a folder up in the church for people to use in finding a particular grave. Our next project is the notice board. Please contact Taff if you would like to be involved with the Friends.



### **Your Stars Tonight.**

"It's absolutely scandalous!" I fulminate. "I will have to write a strongly worded letter of complaint to the Parish Newsletter". The steamed dieter wearily lifts her head from behind her gently smouldering lap top and gives me a quizzical look. "In the March Newsletter it said quite clearly that Jupiter's moons blink out and in of sight as they enter and then exit Jupiter's shadow. I watched Io appear from the shadow last night and it took at least 30 seconds for the moon to be fully illuminated as the sunlight lit its surface - no way did it blink at me." "I'm glad you have clarified that" mutters the steamed dieter, "it must be time for your medication and then walkies".

And so I find myself thinking about planets "in opposition" - the point in their orbits when they line up with the earth and sun and are at their closest distance to the earth. Jupiter was in opposition in March and already it is dropping from its highest point in the sky and by the end of the month will be setting before midnight in the west and fading fast.

Mars has just passed its opposition with us and for the next few weeks is easily recognisable low in the southern sky with its distinctive (uncooked) salmon colouration. At its closest in April it was a relatively bright but its size at 15 arc seconds across was much smaller than Jupiter's hefty 50 arc seconds. Through a small telescope its dark patches could be glimpsed - these are huge expanses of dark rock scoured clean of the characteristic red dust by the Martian winds.

As Mars approaches opposition it shows the phenomenon of retrograde motion against the background stars - and this drove astronomers over several millennium to distraction. The planets, like the sun and the moon move across the sky in a fairly predictable fashion (predictable, that is, if you are a full time Babylonian or Mayan astronomer). But around opposition Mars, Jupiter and Saturn all appear to slow and then reverse direction westward against the background stars before reversing again and then continuing in their normal easterly direction. For astronomers assuming that the universe was based on a nice simple earth centred system in which everything revolves around us, this caused immense intellectual problems. It is only when the earth is demoted to third rock from the sun that the explanation becomes clear - we on earth are on the inside track and are actually overtaking the more distant Mars on the outside track and against the background of distant stars this gives the illusion Mars has gone into reverse.

And to complete the trio of oppositions, on 15<sup>th</sup> May it is Saturn's turn - unfortunately it is very low in the southern sky and atmospheric turbulence will make it difficult to see clearly. Despite this the wonder of Saturn's rings are now splendidly displayed at an angle of 22 degrees and as always they make a breath taking sight through a telescope. Enjoy the planets in opposition!

**Sports report - Janner Motson**

**NEVER GIVE UP!**

This week it is time to reflect on a call I hear from one of the 8 year olds in the Uggies - he is always shouting encouragement and often calls 'Never give up'. He has learned this from the club coaches and the way that the club approaches the game. There have been excellent examples of this attitude in the past year from both the U12s and U15s.

The former were the remains of the previous year's squad that crumbled when some of the good players left to seek fame and fortune. They had a tough start to this season regularly losing to double figures, not helped by relying on a squad built mainly on U11s. However, Dave the Priv, Privett took them on a third of the way through the season and worked hard to mould a team from those players that were available. He focused them on playing as a team and the passing game, and it was still tough, but then almost imperceptibly the worm turned and other managers noticed. They eventually achieved some draws and now have 3 wins and are looking as competitive as any in the division. What is special is that they did it with the same players who were getting whipped, meaning that if you want to turn a problem around try and do it with your mates rather than rely on prima donnas.

The U15s suffered a similar problem when some influential players went elsewhere after half a dozen successful games. The results dried up and they were becoming easy to beat. However, using the same squad as before the managers Dan and Steve, working with their new coach Pete, managed to rebuild the spine of the team, find roles for everyone and they started to play the type of football that shows confidence. At time of writing they are unbeaten in 3 games and it is clear from the faces how much they are all enjoying playing this way. Relying on one or 2 individuals does not build this team ethos and does not give the same satisfaction as everyone playing their part.

So, it is very heartening to hear the youngest squad also recognising the value of the team and a positive attitude that will put them in a good place to deal with the tough times - and be able to sort their issues themselves (with a little prompt from the coaching team). Anyone can win with the best players, but can anyone make a successful unit from the other?...One to ponder in life as well as football.

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The April Parish Council Meeting started with a number of queries about unauthorised 'development' in the parish. The removal of a hedgerow and possible change of use were flagged up, and have been reported to the planning authority. If you are concerned that a planning infringement has taken place, then please report it to the Parish Council or online at [www.southhams.gov.uk](http://www.southhams.gov.uk) or [www.dartmoor-npa.gov.uk](http://www.dartmoor-npa.gov.uk), and complete a Planning Breach form.

Following the flooding at Undertown, the Parish Council has bought two flood warning signs. The signs and emergency spotlight can be borrowed from George Fletcher - call 01752 892939 or 07715 168903. In addition, the Parish Council has finally received confirmation that a grit bin will be installed at Undertown/Lutterburn Street, so hopefully most environmental hazards can now be remedied in that corner of the village!

**Planning applications** Only one application, for change of use from agricultural barn to residential holiday accommodation at The Milking Parlour, Langford Barton. Councillors raised no objection, but would prefer the use of existing openings rather than the proposed additional openings.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan is progressing towards developing a Vision & Objectives Statement, and it is hoped to present the statement at the Ugborough Fair.

Grant funding has been flooding into the Parish Council, and distributed to a number of worthwhile causes. SHDC had provided £600 Locality funding, £100 of which was spent on emergency flood equipment at Undertown, and £500 towards the WWI Commemorative herb garden on the church lawn.

In addition, TAP funding from SHDC/DCC will be spent on:

- 'e-seniors' - a project to train and support the more senior members of the community, enabling them to become e-savvy and make full use of the opportunities offered by the internet; and
- 'Going the Extra Mile' - additional days for the Parish Lengthsman to clear more buddle holes and gullies to alleviate flooding. Without wishing to be inundated, please let the Clerk know of any highway drainage that needs attention.

Broadband in Ugborough may become 'Superfast' in early 2016, which is something to look forward to. Councillors met Gary Streeter MP and representatives from Devon County Council and BT to discuss progress, and survey work on Superfast Broadband is due to start soon.

The Parish Councillor vacancy remains unfilled. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk or Chairman George Beable on 01364 649273. The vacancy will be filled by co-option (no election), Parish Council Meetings are held once a month and training will be provided.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at Ugborough Village Hall on Wednesday 7th May at 7.30pm and promises to be very interesting, as Merryl Docker of the Ugborough History Society will be presenting the 'World War I Ugborough Experience'. This is a meeting for you, the community, so come along!

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at Ugborough Village Hall. Agenda and minutes are displayed on the noticeboards and website.

**Get involved be an Ugborough Parish Councillor**

One Councillor vacancy has arisen on Ugborough Parish Council. Get involved in issues which affect you and your Parish

*Planning - Highways - Footpaths - Environment*

*Recreation - Police- Neighbourhood Planning*

Parish Council Meetings are held once a month and training is available For more information, call- Chairman George Beable 01364 649273

Clerk Sarah Woodman 01364 661127 or email [ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk)

**Come along to the Ugborough Annual Parish Meeting-**

Ugborough Village Hall on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 p.m.

Find out about & have your say on local issues affecting you-Neighbourhood Planning - affordable housing - police-highways - local services - environment - recreation.



World War I Ugborough Experience Presented by Merryll  
Docker  
Ugborough History Society

This is your chance to be involved in your Parish. Make the most of it!  
Need a lift? Call George Beable on 01364 649273

### **Ugborough Parish Neighbourhood Planning Working Group (UPNPWG) News**

The UPNPWG and leaders of the Focus Groups met Jo Widdecombe from Planning Aid England on 31<sup>st</sup> March to discuss future support from Locality for the Ugborough Neighbourhood Plan. This was followed by a further combined meeting of the Focus Groups and an update on progress.

A workshop has been arranged for 26<sup>th</sup> April to formulate a Visions and Objectives Statement for the Ugborough Neighbourhood Plan to complement the Project Plan prepared at the commencement of the planning process. The result will be a shared Vision for the future of Ugborough from which the Neighbourhood Plan will evolve.

We continue to work towards the production of a second questionnaire on options for the future of Ugborough with a target date of Ugborough Fair day 12<sup>th</sup> July.

Anyone interested in joining in this exciting planning process for Ugborough please contact the current Focus Group leaders;

Housing - Clive Hart

[cwjhart@sky.com](mailto:cwjhart@sky.com)

Car Parking - Joan Fletcher

[joan.w.fletcher@btinternet.com](mailto:joan.w.fletcher@btinternet.com)

Open Space - Owen Davies

[Owen.Davies@babcockinternational.com](mailto:Owen.Davies@babcockinternational.com)

Shop/Community Shop/Café - George Beable

[georgebeable@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:georgebeable@hotmail.co.uk)

Pre-School Play Group - Tom Holway

[tomholway@lineone.net](mailto:tomholway@lineone.net)

Interested is invited to participate in the Planning Policy Focus Group which will consider planning policies for Ugborough in addition to any development.

Please contact Richard Hosking 01752 690775 or [rwh007@ricsonline.org](mailto:rwh007@ricsonline.org)

What is your Vision for Ugborough?

Join a focus group and help to guide it.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> May

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May- 2.30 p.m. Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May

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 10.00am 'til 12 noon including School Holidays!

**Poppies for Remembrance** - *Rev'd Caroline Luff*

The diocese has linked up with Sutton's Seeds to provide each churchyard with some Northlew poppy seeds to plant in readiness for the anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. Northlew lost the greatest proportion of its population of any community in that conflict - of a total of 100 souls in the village, 24 were killed so many families were wiped out. They are preparing a 20 mile poppy avenue, for which Suttons has donated 330,000,000 seeds.

Ours will be a more modest scheme - but keep your antennae out to hear when they will be planted in each of our villages.

**Fr. Harry's Farewell**

To say our goodbyes to Harry and Doreen there will be a Choral Evensong at St Peter's Ugborough on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30 pm.

If you would like to Donate towards a leaving gift, please contact Sally Stafford.

### **St. Peter's Church, Ugborough**

Dear Friends,

I trust that you will all have had a lovely Easter and enjoyed the sunshine [when available.] With Easter being as late as it probably could be, the children were, it seemed soon back at school. Probably much to the delight of some parents!

Life in Ugborough rolls on as it has for hundreds of years and will continue to do so I hope. However, it will be without Doreen and me, as we leave you to take up a new appointment in central Torquay. There is an opportunity to work there, with those who are less fortunate in their circumstances than many of us. In my two previous dioceses, this was the work that I was involved in and enjoyed considerably. As Priest-in-Charge I have been given the opportunity to not only develop the parish ministry, but to make it available to all those around it, letting them see that St. Luke's Church cares for all in the name of Jesus Christ whom we serve.

We have made some good friends here, but Torquay is not a million miles away and am told already that we shall be seeing some of you.

I am grateful to all those who have helped me during in our three year stay, especially those who continue to ensure that St. Peter's Church, continues to be at the service of this community.

Every Thursday evening after evening prayer normally attended by Vernon and Gareth, [Taff] to the uninitiated, it has been my practice to adjourn to the Ship Inn, in order to be able to continue pastoral care and outreach to those who need it most! Under the watchful eye of Paul, we have had what can only be described as a men's fellowship hour. This regularly attended by those who are keen to hear the Word of God and other worldly conversation in a more secular environment. I believe that Gareth [The Prof] Keith [The Judge] David [The Chairman] Chris, Roger, Michael, John, Gordon [The General] and Steve [The Admiral] have all benefitted from these gatherings and I'm confident that they will continue in the future. More seriously though, my grateful thanks to the whole community for your kindness and thoughtfulness, I will hold you all in my prayers.

May God bless you always.

Fr. Harry.

#### **Forthcoming Confirmation**

We hope to have a Confirmation Service in the near future. If you wish to join a Confirmation Preparation Group, please contact:

Revd. John Ough 01548 821148; Revd. Caroline Luff 01803 868445

### **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Women- *Caroline***

The powers that be have decided this should be celebrated with joy! This is true on a national, diocesan and local level.

You may like to know that the Three Rivers MC will be represented at the National Celebration when those of us who were ordained priest in 1994 have been invited to robe for a photograph with Archbishop Justin before a Sung Eucharist in St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. About 700 have indicated they will be attending including myself and Philip and our ordained daughter, Alexandra. There will be a special service in Exeter Cathedral at 3 o'clock on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May, to which anyone in the diocese is invited.

On June 26<sup>th</sup>, the actual date on which the Exeter ordination was held, John has agreed I may celebrate the Eucharist in Harberton as an Emmaus event, but open to anyone else who would like to join us. There will be wine and nibbles at the Vicarage afterwards.

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

Date and time	Service
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 9.30 a.m.	All Age Worship
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 9.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Family Communion Choral Evensong (Harry and Doreen's Farewell service)
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Tuesdays at 9 a.m.	Celtic Prayer
Thursday (until further notice) 8.30a.m. 5.30 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer



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**Contributions**

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**The deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:richard@fowlescombe.co.uk)

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**Village services.**

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And don't forget to visit your Post Office in Ugborough Church on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning. (Post Office closed May 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> inclusive).