



# UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER



*April 2011*



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Ceremonial flying of the Flag. The flag will be flown on the following occasions

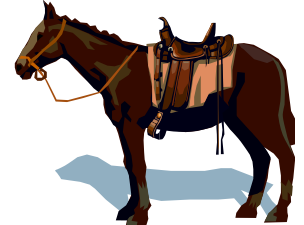
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April- Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April-St George's Day

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April- Royal Wedding Day!

Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled. *Peggy Douglas*

I've now had my trip to The Palace to receive the M.B.E. We went as a family and it was quite an experience- not just because I was in a skirt!! Now back to reality. We will hopefully have a new roof by the time the Newsletter is out. So we closed in March for 3 weeks - a good chance to catch up on some maintenance chores.



All horses are looking well, although Billy has been a bit off colour for a month. We have had several new volunteers and riders so the group continues to grow. We are desperately in need of some grazing to give our fields a rest- if anyone can help please give me a ring.

After the roof is complete, we are hoping to install a P.A. system for music and visit instructions, (my voice is apparently loud enough!) Again if anyone has any contacts working P.A. systems would you let me know. We are also having a bit of expense as we are replacing the fencing, which is now 10 years old. So we need to keep the funds coming in. 15 of us have been on a Sponsored Slim and hope to lose 6 stone between us. Any new sponsors are welcome! Also by 1<sup>st</sup> April we should be well on the way to becoming a Ltd. Company which is a suggestion from our H.Q. to give more protection to our Trustees. We hope to restart during the first week of April, with the usual sessions on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, providing the roof work is complete, and there will be a further break at Easter.

It's the time of year when we paint our jumps and stables so any donations of gloss or emulsion paint and creosote would be gratefully received. We also need some sheets of plywood as we have some stables to repair.

Keep a note in your diary for our Coffee Morning on 6<sup>th</sup> July!

Inter Parish Quiz - Ken West Plate first round - 16<sup>th</sup> March

After a valiant effort, Ugborough were beaten by a very strong Brixton team.

### Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School. Naomi Williams

During March the Pre-school celebrated St David's Day by making Welsh cakes, Shrove Tuesday with pancakes and on St Patricks Day, the children created pictures using potato printing. We also continued our visits to join Hillhead class on a Monday morning. April will see us busy with Easter Fun week beginning on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April when an Easter egg hunt is planned to start, followed by lots of other Easter related activities and games. We also aim to begin planting crops and flowers which include potatoes, carrots and sunflowers. PC Jacqui Hopper has once again kindly agreed to visit the children in pre-school, to introduce herself to the new members of the group, answer any questions and explain her role in the community. Please note spring term ends on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April and we return on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April for the start of the summer term. Pre-School will also be closed on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April as it is as a public holiday for the royal wedding.

We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter.

Ugborough and Bittaford Pre-School welcomes children from all over the area from 2 years old to school age, offering two FREE taster sessions so that you and your child get the opportunity to come and see the setting and meet the staff prior to starting. Our opening hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.00am to 12.45pm and Wednesday 9.00am to 2.00pm, term time only. For further information please contact either Tania or Naomi on 07763 215455, also you can log on to our website at [www.ugboroughandbittafordpreschool.org.uk](http://www.ugboroughandbittafordpreschool.org.uk) and learn more about our setting. A toddler group run by volunteers, is held every Monday during term time in the village hall 10am to 11.30am (whilst the pre-school children visit the primary school.) Please feel free to come along and join in the fun.

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March we experienced our Ofsted inspection. We are delighted to announce the inspector found Ugborough and Bittaford Pre-School to be an OUTSTANDING setting in all areas of the inspection. The inspector wrote "The particularly able staff team and enthusiastic voluntary committee have worked very hard to create a delightful learning environment for the children in their community". We would like to thank everyone involved with the pre-school both past and present for their support and in enabling us to achieve such a high level of recognition. If you wish to read the complete report please ask a member of the pre-school team.

*(Many congratulations on this brilliant result! - Ed.)*

### Romeo & Julie *Nellie Dadge*

The performances of Romeo & Julie given by the Ugborough Amateur Dramatics Group on March 11th and 12th have been a roaring success! Many thanks to everyone who supported our efforts to raise money for Water Aid - we achieved an amazing £937!! Hats off to Tessa Dadge and Jane Pursey who directed and produced it, and the led the cast in a splendid comedy rendition of Shakespeare's play. The village hall was transformed into a very convincing 'Globe Theatre' where the audience were treated to an evening in Verona. It is difficult to pick out the star performers - as each of the cast gave a brilliant performance. The audience's enjoyment was clear from the resounding laughter and applause, and the grand finale 'Chihauha' choreographed by Imogen Bulgen was a perfect finish. Thank you to all the cast- each of whom I think are amazing! And to the brilliant crew of parents who pitched in to develop the fantastic staging, curtains, sets and costumes which transformed the village hall. Special thanks also to Jake Prowse (Blue Thunder Sound Events) for pulling the whole show together with lighting and sound effects - Well done. DVD coming soon....!

### Arts Report *Janner Street Porter*

#### Romeo and Julie

The art in Ugborough seems to be diversifying with this first 'amdram' production by the Youth Group under the guiding eye of 'Cecil B deNellie Dadge'. Choosing to remake a classic requires innovation and something special, but gladly this was provided in abundance by the enthusiastic cast and some clever production quirks. Choosing to make it a musical, based on the style (and music) of Mama Mia, was a real surprise, but then so were the fantastic performances.

Jemima looked born to play the female lead and looked stunning in the role, but she also brought a humour that surely only comes from knowing what it is like to be a teenager at home. Definitely not born for the part (I hope) was Immy in the male lead, but she thoroughly enjoyed her opportunity to frolic as a young man in love and to throw 2 of the characters down the ingenious bottomless water well.

In support, we had the scene stealing Freddy as Friar Lorenzo, able to make dusting a cross into classic comedy; the hugely talented Charlotte as a portly Lord Capulet with great charisma; Josie looking surprisingly comfortable in the role of the partying Lady Capulet; Emma as the lively Tibault, even after

death; Ellie as the shallow Paris ("I know I am desperate, but I couldn't marry a dead girl") and Thalia in the role of a lustful nanny.

Many other superb supporting performances helped to make it a tremendously successful first outing, ably produced by Jane and Tessa, with technical support from Jake and a small team of parents, who were very brave to endure the 'artistic' temperaments that such a big effort must have induced. Let's hope that they will do it again, perhaps on a midsummer night's dream?

#### Fine Art

The spring arts scene kicked off with the war art exhibition by Andrew Miller and others at the Watermark. Focusing on the deployments of the Royal Marines, Andrew has sought to find the individual in warfare through a series of engaging portraits of young soldiers looking faintly haunted by the situation they find. Many paintings were contributed by the artists themselves to help raise funds for forces charities through a silent auction. Hosted by Lutterburn Fine Arts, who are committed to supporting local artists, the exhibition also presented many of the local views that Andrew has specialised in over recent years - if you don't have a Miller on your wall you need to get one!

#### **ADVANCE WARNING**

Following the amazing display of skills and talent recently witnessed by Ugborough Parish in the form of the 'Under Milkwood',  
'To Infinity and Beyond' and  
'Romeo and Julie' - prepare yourselves for the.....

#### Ugborough's Got Talent Competition

To be held on Friday 8th July instead of the traditional Fair Concert.  
Acts are invited to perform as individuals or groups - and anything goes from rock to classical music, dance to circus skills, monologues to short sketches.

There will be a panel of judges - and the winner will be voted by the  
Audience!

Enquiries to Sue Johns 01548 830220

#### Garden Club *Anne Holway*

Our next meeting is on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 8 p.m. in the Post Office when Simon Garner will be telling us about the work of the National Trust in South Devon.

Plant Heritage (a National Charity set up in 1978 to conserve Britain's rich heritage of cultivated plants) are holding a Plant Fair at Totnes Civic Hall on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2011, 10 am - 2 pm  
This is an ideal time for all gardeners to take stock of what has survived the winter and to replace and refresh their gardens. website: [www.plantheritagedevon.org.uk](http://www.plantheritagedevon.org.uk)

Ugborough Parish Walking Group *Merryl Docker*

Join us in **Ugborough Square on Sunday 3rd April at 10.45am** for a Mother's Day walk to view the plethora of primroses in our beautiful countryside.



A little light exercise just prior to treating all mothers to a day of relaxation away from domestic duties! All mothers can bring along their dogs and other family members to enjoy a Spring Stroll.  
We look forward to seeing you all!

Book Lovers *Anne Nonymous* Minding Frankie - Maeve Binchy



Baby Frankie is born into an unusual family. Her mother is desperate to find someone to take care of her child and she doesn't have much time. Noel doesn't seem to be the promising of fathers, but despite everything he could well be Frankie's best hope. Lisa is prepared to give up everything for the man she loves; surely he is going to love her back... Moira, well, she knows what is right and has the power to change Frankie's life - but Moira is hiding secrets of her own. An unconventional family, relationships which aren't what they seem and the child is at the heart of everyone's lives. Although I felt at the beginning that it was written, a bit 'tongue in cheek', Ms Binchy's optimism, humour and sound common sense coming through the story, the characters came alive and I was involved in the relationships.

Ballet Kitty, Ballet Class - Bernette Ford and Sam Williams

Ballet Kitty and her best friend Princess Pussycat are very excited to begin ballet classes. They are all dressed up and wearing their pretty ballet slippers. When their classmate arrives, he is wearing shorts and trainers! In this story of joining in and having fun, Ballet Kitty learns that it isn't what you wear that makes you a ballerina. My two year old granddaughter loved this story and the illustrations by Sam Williams especially when Tom is sad and hangs his head, which she recognised as the sad posture. What a lovely story to read and the illustrations are a delight! There are other books in the series. Great for the under 5s.



## SPORTS REPORT- Janner Motson

### Netball Heroes

After the success of the school netball team last year no-one expected this year's squad to yet again prove to be a dominant force. Whilst they have done well in tournaments, it is the victory over local rivals Ermington that probably feels most satisfying. Always a tough match, the game proved great depth in the training at the school, but also is one that only the Joint Head is able to come away happy whoever wins.

As for the Uggies of Uggie Park, it is the U10s taking the bragging honours by getting into the semi-final of the Plate competition after beating Ashburton. The team has some of the best players in the league, but Coach Sean has also achieved great progress with some of the less experienced players - even Aidan, who is nearly 2 years younger than most has scored 4 goals this season.

The U8s continue to impress and is gathering quite a crowd of 5-6 year olds ready for the future. Coach Paulo Privett is now known as the Pied Piper of Undertown as well as the secret behind our improving goalkeeping talent. As for the U12s, they were unable to overcome their nemesis WBB, but had a fantastic game against top of the table Totnes, which could have gone either way.

It can be confirmed that the Administrators were not called into the Club after rumours of a takeover by foreign investors. As it turned out someone had left their holiday money behind after training and it was not a bung to Chairman McKenna after all. The Club continues to attract footballers from far afield, but could do with more in the U8 and U10 age brackets if you think you want to join in the fun.

Just for a laugh .. The Friends of Ugborough School have arranged a rib-tickling **COMEDY CLUB NIGHT** presented by 'Mirth Control'\*

**At the UGBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April- Fun starts FROM 7.15pm                      Comedians 8pm**

Beware ...This April begins with 2 days of fun and jokes

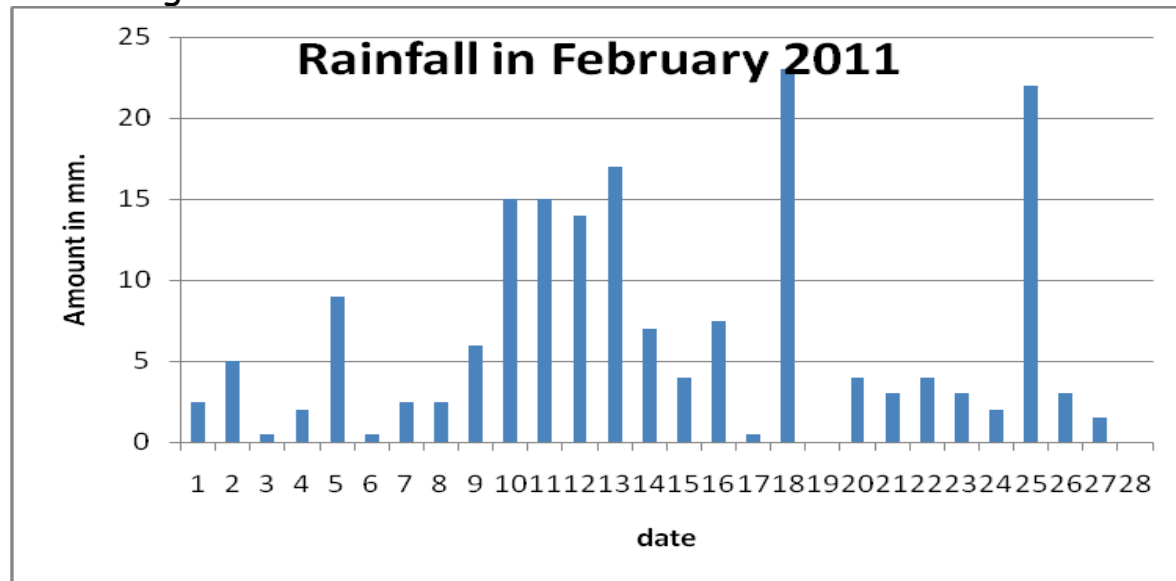
Bar and Refreshments available

Don't be a fool this April - get your tickets now before they sell out!

Only £10 each!! Please email [caroline.ross11@btinternet.com](mailto:caroline.ross11@btinternet.com), or contact Anya and Stu, John Pursey, Caroline Ross or call into the School Office

Monthly rainfall at West Cannamore, Ugborough 510 ft above sea level

Thanks again to Len Wakeham for this detailed information.



Total rainfall for February= 162.5mm.(6.39 ins.)

Ugborough Village Hall *Stafford Williams (Secretary)*

There is a need for the committee to get the feelings of the community on how we should conduct Hall bookings when the Post Office closes this autumn. Currently, the diary is held in the post office with booking forms available and payments made there. We need to find a system that will be workable by the volunteers of the committee and be accessible by everyone. We need your help and ideas and invite you to attend the Annual General Meeting in the Hall at 8.00pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Please get involved to have your say. On a separate note we are in need of new committee members to replace those leaving this year. If you would like to do your bit for the village let us know, or come along to the AGM - you will be very welcome.

Friends of Ugborough School *Registered Charity number 1047174*

**EASTER TEA** at Ugborough Village Hall,  
Tuesday 5th April from 1.30pm - 4.00pm.  
Browse the wonderful stalls.



Delight in the competition entries from the school children.

Take part in fun competitions; enter the raffle to win fabulous prizes,  
and indulge in a selection of delicious refreshments!

Pop in at anytime during the afternoon. We look forward to welcoming you!



### Ugborough Local History Group *Merryl Docker*

Celebrated author Dr. Ian Mortimer will be coming to us on Wednesday 27th April when there will be a change of venue to St. Peter's Church, Ugborough instead of our usual meeting in the village hall. Same time of 8.00pm.

As always everyone will be made welcome whether a History Group member or not. The subject of Dr. Mortimer's talk will be "Rewriting History."

Do come along and join us for what is likely to be a fascinating view of our familiar church.

### History Corner *Alan Yates*

#### CEREMONY AT UGBOROUGH CHURCH

With a royal wedding in April in people's minds, it seems a good idea to use the April Newsletter to write about the wedding of the year Ugborough style 1939.

The number of guests at William & Catherine's wedding will be approximately 2000 but the Ugborough wedding which caught the attention of the South Devon Times, was a figure which actually caused the newspaper to publish not only a photo of the bride and groom on the steps of the church, but also a photo annotated "A picture taken from Ugborough Churchyard showing the cars parked by some of the 400 guests who attended the wedding of Miss Joan Hutchison and Mr. Charles Blundell."

Unfortunately it cannot be reproduced here but it showed that the square was not set out with guidelines for parking. Cars were parked along both sides and up the hill towards the school and there were two further lines of cars, one went from in front of the war memorial to the conduit and the other at a strange angle from the corner of Donkey Lane towards the old bakery.

For those who may find interest in the content of wedding reports from seventy years ago, the information included:-

Massed groups of lilies, tulips, irises and daffodils decorated Ugborough Church on Saturday, for the wedding of Miss Joan Hutchison and Mr Charles Blundell. The bride is the elder daughter of Mrs Hutchison, of the Quillet, Wrangaton, South Brent and the late Admiral John de Mestre Hutchison. Owing to the recent death of the bridegroom's father, there were no bridesmaids at the ceremony. The bride was given away by her mother, but entered the church on the arm of her uncle, Commander R A Yonge, R.N. She wore a close-fitting gown of cream slipper satin with a draped bodice and the

skirt falling into a train. Her bouquet consisted of orchids, lilies, tulips and freesias and she wore a headdress of orchids and lilies to match.

The bride's mother chose a two-piece suit in two shades of turquoise with a multi-coloured straw hat to tone. A black crepe dress, with a black ostrich feather hat and mink cape was worn by the bridegroom's mother.

The service was conducted by Canon F R Carr and the Rev. C S de Cerjat. Mrs Cerjat was at the organ and Mrs Rawlings was responsible for the church decoration. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Quillet and later Mr & Mrs Charles Blundell left for their honeymoon, to be spent in the Scilly Isles, the bride wearing a two-piece suit of lichen green with pill-box hat to match and silver fox-fur.

South Devon Times 30<sup>th</sup>. April 1939

### 'CHERNOBYL 25' CONCERT

This year is the twenty fifth anniversary of the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl. As part of a Europe-wide campaign to mark the tragedy and to remind the world that it will forever haunt the children of Belarus and Ukraine who grow up in the contaminated environment that is the legacy of the largest radioactive fallout in living memory, the Totnes & South Hams link of the national charity Chernobyl Children's Lifeline is holding a CONCERT in St Petroc's Church SOUTH BRENT on MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, the eve of the disaster 25 years ago.

We shall have a group of 8 Ukrainian children with us and they will join groups of local musicians in singing traditional songs and helping to light 25 commemorative candles. The concert will begin at 7.30 pm and the candle-lighting will take place at 8pm. Similar ceremonies will be taking place all over the UK and mainland Europe at venues such as Trafalgar Square, the Eiffel Tower and the Brandenburg Gate.

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT US. It costs £350 to bring each child over from Belarus and Ukraine, as we have to pay for visa fees and all travel costs, including air fares. Tickets for the concert are £5 each and can be obtained from Pickles Store Modbury, the Watermark Ivybridge and the Mare and Foal Sanctuary South Brent.

For more information about the Concert and the work of Chernobyl Children's Lifeline please contact Ian and Lydia McClure on 01548-830578.



The **ROYAL WEDDING** Street Party  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April from 2.30p.m. Ugborough Village Square  
**LIVE MUSIC**

**KINGS & QUEENS FANCY DRESS COMPETITION**

**EGG & SPOON & WHEELBARROW RACES**

**ROYAL CUP CAKE COMPETITION**

All are warmly invited to join the celebrations. Bring your own food and drink. Some tables and chairs will be provided but the 'able bodied' are asked to bring their own.

Any enquiries please phone Philomena on 01752 892086



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The Police continued to highlight the disturbing increase in thefts of metal in the area and asked parishioners to be vigilant and report to the police any suspicious activity - thefts include galvanised farm gates, lead flashing and catalytic convertors from parked vehicles. Following complaints that garages had been obstructed in Seldons Close, the Police have contacted all the residents, asking for consideration when parking and the Clerk has suggested to Tor Homes that they investigate the provision of additional parking.

Important changes to Housing Benefit come into force from April, with the rate of Local Housing Allowance being capped and the Housing Benefit excess removed - details are available in two leaflets published by SHDC: 'Housing Benefit' and 'Do you or your partner have a carer who stays overnight in your home'. Where an additional bedroom is needed for an overnight carer, then you may be eligible for Housing Benefit on that room. To obtain these leaflets, call 01803 861234 or email [services@southhams.gov.uk](mailto:services@southhams.gov.uk). Devon County Council has also been producing leaflets: 'Social Care for Adults', which contains information on personal budgets and the 'Putting People First' programme to give people more choice and control over the support they receive. Further details on the programme are given in the 'Personal Budgets Factsheet' (FS7). Both publications are available from Care Direct 0845 1551 007.

Future housing development in Ugborough will be discussed at our Annual Parish Meeting, to be held at Ugborough Village Hall on Wednesday 6th April from 7.30pm. This is your

opportunity as parishioners to raise issues which affect you. Representatives from the Police, Dartmoor National Park Authority, Devon County Council and South Hams District Council will be there - so come along and let your voice be heard!

The proposed Ugborough Community Open Space was considered at the meeting, following informal discussions with the National Trust. The most suitable plot would be the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 acre site adjacent to the A3121 at the entrance to Ugborough. Parishioners' feedback on the proposal will be sought at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Planning Applications No objections were raised to the barn at 3 Leigh Close, Bittaford; the amendments to the Listed Building Consent at Dairy Loft, Ware Farm, Ugborough; or the agricultural building at Mammoth Trees, Wrangaton Road, South Brent. An appeal has been submitted against the refusal of outline planning permission for a detached dwelling at land off Shute Lane, Wrangaton, and the Parish Council has reiterated its support for the planning application on the grounds that it would not be detrimental to the character or appearance of the area and would provide an affordable home for a local family.

The Sustainable Communities Act has given Parish Councils and local groups the opportunity to submit ideas on how their community can work more sustainably. The Parish Council has taken the opportunity to question whether the Dartmoor National Park Authority is fit to be a planning authority, as it is unrepresentative and unresponsive to the needs of local businesses and communities - resulting in decisions, such as the refusal of the proposed dwelling at Shute Lane (see above). The Parish Council has also suggested that the Bus Pass should be available at all times for a charge of £1 per trip and be extended to include under 18 year olds. It will be interesting to see if anything comes of these suggestions.

Repair work has started on the conduit in Ugborough Square, thanks in part to the generosity of South Hams and Devon County Councils. The Parish Council has also had to undertake emergency repairs to the Burial Ground hedge bank, which had crumbled into the lane.

Parish and District Council elections - a reminder that the elections are to be held in May this year. Nominations must be submitted by noon on Monday 4th April, with the election being held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

If you wish to become a Parish Councillor or a District Councillor, please call the Electoral Administrator on 01803 861129 and ask for a nomination form. The next Meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 6th April from 7.30pm in Ugborough Village Hall - the meeting for the whole community, with refreshments provided. The normal Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 14th April from 7.30pm.

Come along to the Ugborough Annual Parish Meeting  
Ugborough Village Hall- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30p.m.

The Affordable Housing Site has been axed from the Site Allocation Development Plan Document, so how can the Parish meet its housing needs? Alternative options for affordable homes in the Parish presented by SHDC Forward Planning.

Find out about and have your say on local issues affecting you.

Housing-policing-highways-parking- local services-planning-environment-recreation facilities.

Refreshments provided. Need a lift? Call Tom Holway on 01752 893114

Happy arrival

Katie and Kevin of Flete View would like to thank all their lovely neighbours for the cards, cakes, gifts and well wishes on the birth of their daughter Teanna Rose Drew, 12.02.11, we have been overwhelmed by everyone's kindness and consider ourselves very lucky to be raising our daughter in this lovely community.

Bittaford Methodist Church *Jutta Berger*

You are warmly invited to our Sunday services which start at 10.30a.m.

3rd April - Rev. David Youngs

10th April - Rev. Steven Caddick Sacrament of Holy Communion

17th April - Miss Catherine Stead

24th April - Miss Sue Bolt

St Peter's Church, Ugborough *Revd John Ough, Rector and Priest in Charge*

Dear friends,

Our churches are on a journey into the unknown and this can be a frightening feeling. Abraham was called to leave the familiar and go into the unknown. Lot journeyed with Abraham, however they decided to part when their herdsmen began to quarrel, Abraham taking the right hand path, Lot the left. Lot's family ends up in Sodom and escapes just before the Lord destroyed the city because of its sin. They are told not to look back as the city is destroyed but, as I am sure you know, Lot's wife looks back and is turned into a pillar of salt. Jesus also tells us that no one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the Kingdom of Heaven (Luke 9:62). The Lord calls us on a pilgrimage into the unknown - we must not look back - we must walk the walk of faith.

The Diocese of Exeter had a vision through its Bishop and Synod, of Mission Communities being set up throughout Devon. The reason for this was that very few Churches had the resources to be fully functioning Mission Communities - paying and housing full time clergy - working with the young - the old - with parents, and giving the width and depth of worship to satisfy all traditions. Rather it was in coming together that this could be resourced. We are now making strides as we, the Three Rivers Mission Community, step out in faith. The Rev'd Harry Jevons has now been appointed as my Assistant within the entire Three Rivers Mission Community, together with Rev'd

Caroline. Both of them are House for Duty Clergy, working two days per week plus the Sunday services). I remain Priest in Charge and Rector, serving all seven churches. In addition we have our friends Preb. Philip Luff , Rev'd Dr Peter Povey, and, to be fully Licensed in the autumn, Dr David Stafford, our home grown reader. In addition to all this we are fortunate to have laity, who ably serve in many capacities. Each person brings different strengths and qualities to the Mission Community **as a whole** and helps to create a rich diversity that will help us to fully engage as the people of God within our villages in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The vision of the church must now be to the future. Yes, we continue to give thanks for the past, but the future beckons us forward in faith and love. We have as a Mission Community taken up the call from our Bishop Michael to try to grow our churches by 25% .This is the call which confronts all church members and comes from Christ Himself. May the churches in this Mission Community continue to reflect this love of God, drawing others in by the power of this love and witness.

I pray that our Mission Community might reflect a net work of love and that strong links may be forged across the villages. I had a baptism of a farmer's daughter one Sunday at Halwell. After Sunday lunch I lay back on the sofa and only when the phone rang did I realise that I had completely forgotten, for the first time in thirteen years, that I should be at a service. Well, the Motorway between Diptford and Halwell had reports of a speeding car & 15 minutes later the service began. The next day I had a farmer's funeral at Ermington. To my surprise I was greeted by a constant stream of "good to see you made it on time, vicar". All said with dead pan faces! This is part of what it means to belong to a community that is linked across the villages. We can build up a network of love across our parishes - using the strengths of others in order to complement and grow our individual churches. This will take time, and it will not be easy. We will need to start to think beyond our own parish and journey as Abraham did and as Jesus did, with the love of God in our hearts.

Bishop John has agreed to come to the Mission Community on 21<sup>st</sup> August to celebrate the formation of this new community; to pray God's blessing on our seven Churches; to commend the Ministry Team to God and to License Revd Harry and Revd Caroline. We look forward to this special event and we go forward on our Christian journey in faith, as Abraham did, not looking back, as did Lot's wife, but looking positively to the future, with all its challenges, in God's name.



## Confirmation

This year's Deanery Confirmation will be on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 p.m., in Dartmouth - probably at St. Clement's.

We have already started some preparation with 4 boys from the Mission Community and wonder whether there are any other adults or young people who would be interested in exploring this step for themselves.

If so, please let one of the clergy know - without delay!

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



### **GOOD FRIDAY - 22nd APRIL 10 - 11 am EASTER GARDEN and EASTER CROSS**

St Peter's Church invite all children (and parents) to come along on Good Friday morning to hear the story of the Easter Passion and to help create an Easter Garden. Following this we will be dressing the Easter Cross.

*The Easter Cross is created from the 2010 Christmas Tree, when we celebrated the birth of Jesus. On Good Friday this Cross is decorated with greenery and dressed with white flowers to represent Christ crucified. On Easter Day the congregation will be invited to come to the Cross and fill this with Spring flowers, celebrating the Risen Christ. The Cross will then be moved to The Square where it will become a witness to our faith in Ugborough Parish.*

### **COME AND SHARE THE EASTER STORY**

### **EASTER SATURDAY - 23rd APRIL from 10 am**

Today we will be decorating the church and all are welcome to come along and help. Gifts of foliage and flowers will be very much appreciated.

### **WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE**

### **EASTER DAY - SUNDAY 24th APRIL 11 am**

Come and celebrate the Risen Lord. We welcome **ALL** to our Easter Day Service. We will be dressing the Easter Cross with flowers and you are most welcome to join us for tea/ coffee and Easter biscuits after the service.

Easter Egg Hunt at the Easter Day Service.

### **COME AND CELEBRATE THIS WONDERFUL DAY**

## St Peter's Church Services in April.

Date and time	Service
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 9.30a.m.	Special Mothering Sunday All Age Worship with posies of flowers.
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 9.30a.m.	Palm Sunday procession and Family Communion.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 7p.m.	Compline
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 7p.m.	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
See Church Porch notice board for other Holy Week services in the Mission Community.	
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> April Dawn service 6a.m. 11 a.m.	At Dunwell Farm Dawn communion service. Easter Day communion with dressing the Cross and Easter egg hunt
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 9 a.m.	Celtic Communion
All other Tuesdays 9 a.m.	Celtic Prayer

Very best wishes to Rupert and Joan who will be retiring in September after serving the village so well for many years. I am sure we will all follow the developments regarding the future of Post Office service in this village with interest over the next few months.

### 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.**

**Please note that I now have a new e mail address-**[norma-davidroe@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:norma-davidroe@tiscali.co.uk)

E mail is welcome.(I use Microsoft word, font Comic Sans. Any articles as attachments in this format would be particularly welcome.)

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