UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Ceremonial Flying of the Flag

The flag will be flown on 20th January- the birthday of the Countess of Wessex.

Newsletter Appeal for Funds 2011

Once again the time has come to appeal for funds to ensure Ugborough Parish Newsletter continues to inform the Parish of the latest local news and events.

I have one of the original Newsletters from 1984 - when Jane Lankester, Helen Stokes, Lesley Wakeham and I produced and distributed to Ugborough Village two sides of A4 of dubious reproductive quality on the old school carbon duplicator! Since then the now 16 page pamphlet is distributed to some 680 householders.

We are **still** grateful to Ugborough School for allowing us to duplicate at a very reasonable cost. This, together with generous donations from individuals and Parish Organisations, and a team of volunteers, allows us to continue to operate without seeking advertising revenue or actually charging anything. This is a principle that the Team would very much like to continue!

Thanks as ever, to the Team of distributors in Ugborough, Bittaford, Moorhaven and outlying hamlets; to Anne and Tom Holway for collating and initial distribution - and to our hard working Editor Norma Roe for presenting a very readable missive.

Costs last year for paper and duplication were £600.

We were grateful for the following donations:

Individuals	135.00	
The Bridge Club	5.00	
The Gardening Club	10.00	
Ugborough Village Hall	50.00	
Ugborough P.O. collection box	30.22	
The History Group	20.00	
Ugborough Parochial Church Council 50.00		
Erme Valley RDA	15.00	
The Horse and Groom	30.00	
Ugborough Parish Council	100.00	
TOTAL INCOME	445.22	

The shortfall was covered by savings from previous years, but it would be good to cover costs this year......

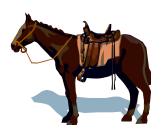
Please pass your donations to any of the Team - or to Ugborough Post Office.

Many Thanks Sue Johns

(Thanks also go to Sue for her work in duplicating the Newsletter.)

Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled. Peggy Douglas

We would like to wish all our loyal supporters best wishes for the coming year. We have had a response to our 'Wanted-Tall Person' request to help with one of our riders



- thank you! We were delighted to receive a cheque before Christmas from the Devon Vintage Car Club for £2500 as we were their charity of the year. Our restart date is 5^{th} January - as usual helpers are needed for sessions and chores!! We will be having a 3 week break from 21^{st} March to renew the School Roof.

2010 was again a very successful year for us and we now look forward to 2011.

Ugborough and Bittaford Pre-School. Naomi Williams

We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and we are looking forward to the start of the new spring term of 2011. Our close links with the primary school continue this year with visits every Monday morning in to Hillhead classroom. This worked very well last term and has helped the children enormously with their transition to primary school, we would like to say a big thank you to Mr Phillips and Mrs French for enabling this to happen. Mervyn from Musikgarten will continue to come in for the last half an hour of Thursday sessions, the children have great fun and really look forward to his visit with eager anticipation.

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 and learn more about our setting.

Ugborough Rubber Bridge
Friday January 28th at the Village Hall at 7 p.m.
Entrance £2.50 to include supper.
Contact Mary Quayle on 01752 893186



Ugborough Parish Walking Group Merryl Docker

We had a brief, but beautiful walk in early December, stopping en route to discuss the 'meaning of life' to a flock of turkeys and geese enjoying the winter sunshine in a field at Dunwell Farm. Most walkers had never encountered such creatures in feather before and they, no doubt, had never met so many consumers before, so it was a very interesting experience all round. Thankfully they didn't know the date so continued to 'gobble' away merrily.

Another example of the varied walks we have! Every month we continue to take routes just in Ugborough Parish, but we seem to always find something new and interesting on each walk - after so many years we never tire of exploring the beauty that is Ugborough.

This month we are taking a well earned rest - you have all earned a 'duvet day' at home in the warm. There is no walk planned for the first Sunday of January.

We wish you all a very Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you again on **Sunday 6th February at 10.45am in Ugborough Square**. By then you will have made your New Year Resolution to get fit, so come and join us! For more information about Ugborough's Rights of Way contact Tom Holway (01752 892114) or Merry Docker (01752 893651)

On behalf of the Village Fair Committee.....

A new adventure from Ugborough Airlines- To Infinity and beyond....

Departure date- 22.01.11

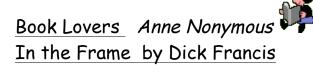
Departure time- 19.00 sharp

Location- Ugborough Village Hall

Destination- Ugborough and Beyond

Price £15 Be prepared.

(Admission by ticket only)



Charles Todd makes his living as a painter - mainly of horses, but he becomes involved in trying to solve a series of robberies when his cousin's wife is murdered in her home where one of these robberies takes place. This takes Charles to Australia, where with the help of a friend and his wife, he finds out more - but so do the villains.

This was one of the best Dick Francis books I have read. Tight plot, excellent locations, characters and dialogue, gradual mounting tension and explosive conclusion.

The Jamie and Angus stories by Anne Fine.

From the moment Jamie sets eyes on Angus (a little Highland bull) in the shop window, he knows they belong together.

A perfect series of books to read at bedtime, as they are splendid, warm stories, that are both believable and beautifully told. Added to this the illustrations of Penny Dale, make the books inviting and accessible. This was a departure for Anne Fine who, in the past, has written many books considered 'harsh' and have a deeply serious side.

This hasn't done her any harm, as she was awarded the "Boston Globe - Horn Book Award" for the Jamie and Angus stories.

Meanwhile <u>Beryl's Bookworms</u> had a wonderful Spanish evening with tapas and sangria at Sue Webster's welcoming home for our Christmas get together. Most members shared short stories they had written which all contained certain ingredients- it's amazing just what Hugo and Maria can get up to in Madrid in Autumn with a body!! Thanks to all for another amazing year.



An occasional and very ugly problem has happened again! Dog owners please take note of the "letter to the editor below". This occurred in the Donkey Lane area, but other areas of our beautiful village can also be spoiled by the thoughtless few.

Friday 10th Dec.

Would the owner/walker of the dog/dogs that have today, and previously fouled the drive at my front and garage door, PLEASE not allow it to happen again.

<u>Ugborough Primary School</u> What a brilliant carol service at St. Peter's church! Congratulations to all the children and of course the staff for all the

hard work that goes into the preparation. The singing was lovely, the readings so clear, the music great, the children's enthusiasm and excitement so infectious! The dance was so moving there were tears in our eyes. Thank you also to those who provided the very welcome refreshments.

Neal Phillips- Our new Federation with Ermington Primary School starts from January 1^{st} . I am very much looking forward to working with Mrs Jane Byrne, the Executive Head of our new Federation,- an exciting time for all of us. I would like to thank all the staff, parents and pupils for their hard work and support whilst I have been Acting Head.

A new Governing Body has been formed and this, of course, means that several members of our existing Governing Body are no longer serving. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them and all our past and present Governors for all their hard work over the years.

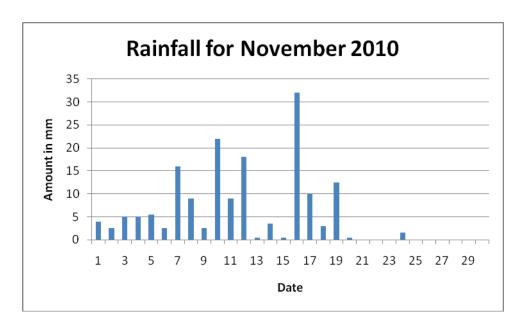
 Wednesday 5th January 2011 - New Term - Welcome Back and we look forward to meeting our new pupils.

(Editor's note- I would like to add a big Thank you to Neal for fulfilling his temporary role so ably and conscientiously and to all the staff for their hard work. Congratulations and it has been appreciated.)



Ugborough Village Fair Committee will be holding their
New Year Quiz on
Wednesday 12th January at 8pm in the Village Hall.
Cost £2 each on the door.

Rainfall at West Cannamore, Ugborough - with grateful thanks to Len Wakeham



Total for November- 165mm= 6.49ins.

Ugborough Youth Group Sue Johns

Not to be outdone by the huge success of the Adult Safari Supper, Tessa and Jake wrestled with the logistics to plan a memorable evening for nearly 40 Youth Group members in early December. The evening ended in the Village Hall with another of Jake's musical extravaganzas, complete with flashing lights and smoke!

The following morning was spent producing 50 or so Christmas decorations, handmade cards and iced gingerbread men for distribution around the village of Ugborough. We hope those who received them enjoyed them as much as we did producing them! (See below!)

Happy New Year to you all!

I would like to thank the Youth Group for my Christmas Fare. I loved the Ginger men with my cup of tea. I hope they all have a good Christmas.



Sylvia Long



Your Stars Tonight.

"This disgusting behaviour must be stopped - it's not acceptable that we have to clean up the mess they have left" exclaims the steamed dietor as she pounds the lap top into submission. I feel the spirit of '68 in the air and seize the opportunity ingratiate myself "Right on - you give those bankers a bit of stick - and their City running dog lackeys" only to be brought up short by an icy glare. "What are you on about - this is my editorial about how Ugborough maids have to watch their feet when going to a Lover's tryst down Donkey Lane as a result of the return of the dog mess shock horror"

I retire to the Arctic night to dampen my radical impulses to be cheered by the sight of Orion in the South, and as the evening progresses the constellation of Canis Major - the Larger Dog - appears over the horizon just below Orion's feet and slightly to the east. Canis Major is dominated by Sirius which is the brightest star in sky. I mentioned last month how the magnitude of stars is ranked from one (the brightest) down to six which is the faintest star visible to the eye. This ranking goes back to the Greeks at the time of Ptolemy and it is odd that they did not use Sirius as their magnitude 1 but instead used Vega which is only half as bright. So in order to fit Sirius into the ranking we have to get into a negative number situation and Sirius ends up as magnitude -1.6. Even more strange is that today Sirius is obviously white with a blue or green icy twinkle but a number of Roman writers specifically described Sirius as red - yet there is no astrophysical explanation on how it could change from a red star to white in around 2000 years. It was also a favourite star of the Egyptians who used its appearance to predict the annual flooding of the Nile over 5,000 years ago.

Even with an over active imagination the Canis Major constellation is rather more like a seated cat than Orion the Hunter's faithful hound - but that has been its name since Babylonian times. The more demanding of newsletter readers will no doubt be asking where the Smaller Dog is in the night sky - the answer is that it is centred on the bright magnitude 1 star Procyon which makes an equilateral triangle of stars with Sirius and Betelgeuse (the bright reddish star that is Orion's left shoulder) - the rest of the stars in the constellation of the Canis Minor are very undistinguished. A typically blood curdling Grecian myth has this constellation as the dog that surprised Diana (not that one again) while she was bathing. Diana got very upset (Freud would have a field day) and reacted in the usual bad tempered fashion by changing the poor hound into a stag. No problem you might think - until the rest of the pack returned and tore it to pieces. Plymouth at night sounds a distinctly safer bet than wandering the Hellenic forests.

Later I stretch out on the sofa and sip a glass of Merlot and remark on its robust and earthy nose. Then my eye is drawn to my shoe - and then to a trail across the new carpet - and I have a sense of foreboding not unlike Diana's erstwhile hound dog must have briefly felt on the return of pack.

Ugborough Local History Group Merryl Docker

What a wonderful party we had on 1st December! Flete House was a stunning venue and Adam Hart-Davis entertained us in his colourful and charismatic style. His talk on the 'Lunatics of Birmingham' was fascinating, informative and very, very amusing. We learnt not only of the inventions of remarkable men such as Josiah Wedgewood, Erasmus Darwin, James Watt, Matthew Bolton & Murdoch, but also their lives, loves and eccentricities - so much information our heads were spinning!! Adam (& his wife Sue) enjoyed themselves so much they are looking forward to coming back to our group again and we will most certainly be inviting them! Thank you to all our members who brought along a fabulous array of food and drink for the party that followed - the History Group should go in for 'Event Catering'!! Ugborough Tithe Map Project: At long last the main copy of our tithe map (1842) has been beautifully framed by John Shepheard of South Brent and was presented to the community at the Carols by Candle Light Service. Our Parish church is to be its home and it will be there for you to go along and view at any time. There are still colour copies of the map on photographic paper for sale at just £5 per copy - Contact Merryl Docker (01752 893651 -3 Undertown, Ugborough) to purchase a copy. With grateful thanks to Ugborough Church PCC for giving the map a fitting home, to John Shepheard for such a beautiful job of making the stand and frame and to everyone who this funds bring helped raise to has project Next Meeting: Make a date to join us on Wednesday 26th January, 8.00pm in Ugborough Village Hall when we will meet our good friend Gordon Partridge 'The Lighthouse Keeper' who will be telling us the fascinating story of Plymouth's very own "Eddystone Lighthouse". Gordon spent his entire career living and working on 'on' and 'off' shore lighthouses all around the UK. He has a remarkable way of storytelling and knows the history of lighthouses not just from research, but from personal experience too. Do come along to meet him and hear what life was like as a lighthouse keeper. We will welcome everyone, whether a member of the History Group or not. Free admission to members, £1 on the door for non-members. Happy New Year to you All!

History Corner - Tom Maddock- guest contributor.

This is the 2^{nd} part of an article specially written for the Newsletter. The first part appeared in December's edition.

HG Hurrell- Ugborough's very own naturalist (cont'd)

Atlanta (the grey seal HG Hurrell had rescued) became a TV star through HG's films of her, and he devised numerous ways to demonstrate her intelligence. As Atlanta listened, mermaid-like, in the pool HG would talk to her normally on any topic. The moment he used the word "wipe" she would wipe her nose with her clawed flipper. A small piece of fish was her reward. Thousands visited Moorgate to see Atlanta perform counting exercises and herd footballs across the pool. Following the 1963 blizzard the lane to Moorgate was blocked by snow for eight weeks. The family skied to South Brent station to collect boxes of fish for Atlanta, which arrived by train When Atlanta died in 1973, aged about 13, HG from Plymouth Barbican. phoned Olive and me. Could we help him to load Atlanta into his Morris Minor Traveller? We took her to Bittaford where a post mortem showed she had died from an intestinal haemorrhage. It was like losing a remarkable friend. HG told her story in his book Atlanta my Seal, illustrated with Patrick Lichfield's photographs and published in 1963.

HG presented a regular nature talk on local BBC Radio which he would rehearse to me on Sunday evenings as we drove down the A38 for the evening service at Mutley. One October a family of very young dormice was discovered near Moorgate. It was considered they would not survive the winter so these delightful mice were housed in a large shed at Moorgate. Observing them HG realised that dormice opened hazel nuts in a distinctive manner. This became an invaluable tool when a national survey, organised by his daughter Elaine for the Mammal Society, investigated dormouse distribution in the UK. The National Dormouse Monitoring survey now involves 200 sites. I continue to monitor two of these at Hurrell, Dartmoor (Moorgate) and Andrew's Wood, near Loddiswell. In 1961 HG gave Lady's Wood at South Brent to the Devon Wildlife Trust, as their first Nature Reserve, and in 1974 he was awarded the MBE for his work for Nature Conservation.

HG was an accomplished wildlife artist, especially in pastels. His subjects, invariably based in settings he knew such as the Erme Estuary, or Pennaton bridge on the Glazebrook, featured otters, foxes, bats and even pine marten.

He was a great encourager of any aspiring naturalist, and a devout Christian who was most gracious and modest in his many achievements. He died at Moorgate on 23 May 1981, in the week that he said was "when all deciduous trees are at their summer best". His obituary in the Times concluded - "Devon was his first love and Dartmoor his local outdoor laboratory."

My special thanks to Elaine and Dr. Leonard Hurrell for their helpful comments on this article.

Ref: Devonshire's Own by John Van der Kiste 2007

Ugborough Parish Council Clerk: Sarah Woodman email: ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 01364 642145

Website: www.ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

New Councillor. It was gratifying to see such a healthy response to the Parish Councillor vacancy. Applicants gave a short explanation about themselves at the start of the December Parish Council Meeting and all of them would have made excellent Parish Councillors. Matt Widecombe was appointed - he is 25, lives at Cutwellcoombe and works at Fowlescombe. However, those who did not succeed will have another opportunity very soon - the Parish Council elections are to be held on the 5^{th} May.

The Police Report identified an unpleasant postal delivery scam in which a card from PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) is posted through your door suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and asking you to phone them on 09066611911 - a premium rate number. DO NOT call this number, as the scam originates from Belize and, if you start to hear a recorded message, you already have been billed £350 for the phone call. Instead, please phone the police with any information on 08452 777444.

Moorhaven Clubhouse. The planning application for change of use from community hall and nursery school to use as cafe/restaurant and functions received a second airing at the Parish Council Meeting. After the applicant, Jonathan Mathys, explained his intentions and local residents voiced their support for the change of use, the Parish Council decided to withdraw its objections. The Clerk has since learnt that a revised Licensing Application has been submitted to SHDC and a hearing will be held during the first week of January.

<u>Planning Applications</u> No objections were raised to the proposed change of use of estate storage buildings to equestrian storage and erection of log shed at Lower Yard, Moorhaven, nor to the alterations and refurbishment at Wrangaton House. Councillors supported the proposed detached house off Shute Lane, Wrangaton and the restoration and repairs to a Grade II Listed barn at East Peeke Farm, Wrangaton.

The Village Housing Initiative has been introduced by SHDC to encourage landowners to bring sites forward for affordable homes, with alternative funding options where grant funding is unavailable. The housing would be allocated to local people and up to two market dwellings may be developed on any one site. For more information, contact the affordable housing team on 01803 861234 or affordable.housing@southhams.gov.uk

<u>Emergency planning</u> is currently high profile. The Dept of Transport has issued its Snow Code, with practical advice on clearing snow and ice from pavements and public spaces, including:

- Start early it is easier to remove fresh, loose snow compared to compacted ice after people have walked on it
- Do not use hot water, which will melt the snow, but may replace it with black ice
- Be a good neighbour and help out those unable to clear snow and ice on paths to their property
- Ensure that, in shovelling snow, you do not block people's paths or drainage channels
- Make a pathway down the middle of the area to be cleared first, so you
 have a clear surface to walk on then you can shovel snow from the centre
 to the sides
- Spreading salt on the area you have cleared will prevent any ice forming. A
 teaspoon of table salt or dishwasher salt per square meter should be
 sufficient but avoid spreading it on plants or grass, which may be
 damaged by it.
- Particular attention is needed to remove snow and ice from steps and steep gradients, and more salt may be needed to these areas.
- Exploit the sun by removing the top layer of snow to let the sun melt the ice beneath then spread salt on any ice to stop it refreezing overnight
- If no salt is available, use sand or ash it does not have the same de-icing properties, but should offer grip under foot.

Useful information on how to prepare for the impacts of all emergencies is available on www.direct.gov.uk/preparingforemergencies.

There is no law preventing you from clearing snow and ice on the pavement outside your property, pathways to your property or public spaces – and, as long as you are careful and don't make the area more dangerous than before, it is unlikely that you would face any legal liability. In addition, SHDC has confirmed that farmers may use red diesel in their vehicles if engaged in snow clearance – more details are available on the Excise & Customs Helpline, $0845\ 0109000$

Earlier on in the year, your Chairman Tom Holway attended Exercise Watermark, which related to flooding emergencies. The Clerk has downloaded an information pack for individuals and community groups which gives guidance on preparing for floods. Details of the information pack are available on the Parish Council website, ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk - look under 'Emergencies' on the 'Local Services' web page.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held from 7.30pm on Thursday 13th January, when the budget and precept (Parish Council element of your Council Tax) will be decided. You are welcome to attend the meeting. Agenda and minutes of meetings are displayed on the Parish Council notice boards and on the website, www.ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

Bittaford Methodist Church Jutta Berger

You are very welcome to join us at our Services every Sunday at 10.30

2 January 2011 Rev. Steven Caddick Covenant Service

09 January 2011 Mrs. Gillian Mills

16 January 2011 Mrs. Judith Allen

23 January 2011 Mrs. Norma Bailey

30 January 2011 Rev. Steven Caddick Holy Communion

St Peter's Church, Ugborough

Thoughts for the New Year

Dear Friends,

The first decade of the Millennium has been one in which the widely trumpeted Resolution have been noticeable by the absence of more than the merest nod in its direction. Do you even remember the phrases?

It stated "Let there be respect for the earth, peace for its people, love in our lives, delight in the good, forgiveness for past wrongs and from now on a new start"

It was an inspirational and challenging vision. But do I hear hollow laughter as we reflect on its non-implementation?

However, all is not lost, especially for those who espouse Christian values, for the message of Christmas is that God has quietly, but dramatically entered our world in a very real way and shares all its joys and sorrows and the implications of the Epiphany story - the journey of those wise (and therefore probably mature) men - are that it is never too late to search for a vision and turn over a new leaf.

So the New Year dawns - a blank page on which mankind may write another chapter of its saga. We are all part of it, even in this remote corner of the world, and we can all play our part to make the world a better place; it's more useful to light a small candle than just bemoan the surrounding darkness.

Over the past few years people of genuine religious faith and, let it be said, especially those who profess faith in Jesus Christ, can be forgiven for feeling at the very least marginalised, more often pitied, laughed at, mocked, even persecuted and killed in some areas. We have lost confidence, tried to bend over backwards not to promote Christian values in case others take exception. So the traditional markers that have informed and guiding our rich and tolerant, respectful and generous culture have all but disappeared.

Perhaps it is time to redress the balance and, with confidence, rejoice in our faith which values every single person, offers forgiveness, proclaims freedom for the oppressed, peace to the troubled and a rich, full and eternal life for all. A group which calls itself "Not Ashamed" is seeking to encourage Christians to be just that - not ashamed to stand up for their faith and Christian ideals. It does, of course, require us to practise what we preach, so there's a starting place for our New Year resolutions.

In this year when the Bible will have such publicity, it might be a good launching pad for our lives to read the Gospels - in the language of 1611 or 2011, whichever speaks more clearly to you of God's love for you and the whole world.

I wish you a happy and fulfilled Year, Caroline

The CHRISTMAS MARKET Sue Webster

It was a cold day... it was a very cold day... it was positively freezing when the Ladies Committee and friends of the village staged the Christmas Market at the end of November. Fortunately we were able to import, at some considerable expense, a blow heater which helped the day along. We are very pleased to announce that we raised the amazing sum of £780 and we would like to thank everyone who attended. As you will appreciate, we have a mountain to climb with regard to funding a new heating system, but, with your continued support and with further fund raising events, we hope that one day we will all enjoy entering a WARM and comfortable St Peter's Church. It's in all our hands . . .



May I say a big 'Thank you' to all who took part in running the Christmas Market at the Church on Saturday 27th November. To the planners, to those who set everything up-thank you! To all the stall holders, the variety of things for sale was amazing-where did it all come from? As for the selection at the Refreshment Counter...!! You all deserve a medal- especially for braving the sub-zero temperatures! Many thanks and God Bless you all,

Vernon

St Peter's Church Services in January.

Date and time	<u>Service</u>
Sunday 2 nd January	
9.30a.m.	All age Worship
Sunday 9 th January	
11.00a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 16 th January	Family Communion
9.30a.m.	
Sunday 23 rd January	Sung Eucharist
11.00a.m.	
Sunday 30 th January	Matins
9.30a.m.	
1 st Tuesday at 9.00a.m.	Celtic Communion
All other Tuesdays at	Celtic Prayer
9.00a.m.	

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 ONG.

The deadline is 15th of the month please. E mail is welcome to normajroe@ukonline.co.uk

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