



# UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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For those already booked, a reminder -  
**Ugborough Safari Supper** 2014 will be Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February.  
Details from John Pursey 01752 896278  
or ugboroughsafari@gmail.com



**Garden Club** *Anne Holway*

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 8 p.m. at the Old Post Office, when Kay and Philip will inform and enlighten us!



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

**Your Newsletter and Commercial Advertising.** *(Editor's note)*

If you are a regular reader of the Newsletter, you will know that one of the characteristics that makes it special is that we do not accept commercial advertising. We aim to keep you informed of what is going on in our lovely and lively village and also entertain and interest you with our regular features.

As Editor, I am not infrequently asked to consider putting in a commercial advert but the answer has to be a polite but firm "No". There are other publications delivered to your home that fulfil that purpose, and we aim to keep it this way.

Of course, you could place your advert on the Ugborough website, details on the last page of the Newsletter.

The Newsletter Group is run on a purely voluntary basis with a small, loyal band of people who give their time and energy completely freely. Our costs are kept to a minimum by using simple, but time consuming, methods and we do rely on goodwill and donations to help us to keep afloat. Whilst accepting commercial adverts might help with costs, they would change the nature of your Newsletter and we do not intend to let that happen.



**Ceremonial flying of the Flag.**

The flag will be flown on the following occasions-

February 6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Accession Day of Queen Elizabeth II</i>
February 19 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Birthday of the Duke of York</i>

**Ugborough Fair-** *Philomena Jones*

The year 2014 is with us and it is time to start organising Ugborough Fair. I am sure you will all agree it is one of the village highlights of the year.

Last year we raised just under £3,000 from which the village hall will benefit by £1500, St Peter's Church £900 and money was also donated to the RDA. (Apologies for the delay to all groups awaiting cheques but see below.)

I have decided to stand down after many years on the committee and the Treasurer resigned two week before last Fair Day. We have a situation now where there is no Treasurer or Chair. We desperately need someone or even two people to be signatories and act as Treasurer so we can issue the cheques.

The Treasurer will be required to deal with all banking matters and receipt reconciliation detailed on to spread sheets.

The Fair committee meets once a month between February and July then there is a round up meeting in September.

I am happy to be a point of contact and help set up committee for 2014 but will not be here on Fair Day as I am away on holiday.

Without volunteers, the Fair will not happen, so please get involved!

**Big Breakfast in aid of the Philippines** *Nellie Dadge*

Tessa and I would like to thank the community of Ugborough for its generosity of spirit and aid in support of those affected by the recent typhoon in the Philippines on Nov 8th.

This enormous and wide reaching storm brought torrential rain and winds of over 195mph along with a storm surge of 30 feet. It devastated vast, and already impoverished coastal communities, claiming thousands of lives and affecting millions of others.

Amazingly, we were able to contribute **£2546** to the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) which will be used among other things, to provide emergency shelter, clean water and food.

We would particularly like to thank the many, many volunteers for their help in organising and running this event. A special and enormous thank you goes to Helen Gillard and her team in the kitchen on the morning, to all the minions who worked the floor on the morning, to Sue Prowse for her fantastic raffle efforts, to our generous contributors of food and supplies and of course, to all of you who came out with your appetites and your community spirit on the morning!

Thank you! *Tessa and Nellie Dadge.*

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

At Ugborough and Bittaford Pre-School we will celebrate Chinese New Year, (31<sup>st</sup> January), with a day of food-tasting, dressing up and our own version of the Dragon dance! We are lucky to have Bethany, our student, who has an excellent use of Mandarin to add to the children's experience.

Come and see what our children love about your 'Outstanding' local popular pre-school. We accept children from the age of 2 years, accepting 2together funding accessed through a Devon helpline 0845 155 1019, and offer 15 hours of funded childcare for 3 and 4 year olds, charging a very reasonable rate of £3.80/hour beyond this. We have collaborated too with the Ugborough After-School club, and they provide childcare until 6pm Monday-Thursday to help some of our working parents. There is also a busy Toddler Group on Mondays between 10 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. in the Village Hall. Please telephone 07763 215455 and speak to Tania or Naomi about Pre-school, Toddler Group or After School Club enquiries.

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

Ugborough Primary School.

Despite our current mild weather, we all know how quickly it can change, so we thought it may be useful to reiterate our procedures for closure due to bad weather. Various sources of information are available but we will always try first to keep you informed via our text messaging system and update the Federation websites - Radio Devon and Heart FM will also broadcast any breaking news.

In addition Devon County Council has a website dedicated to school closures which is <http://www.devonschoolclosures.info/>. Let's hope we don't need to use them!

Parking is always a contentious issue, so, in the interest of good neighbour relations, we would ask all parents and carers to be mindful of safety and show others consideration at school drop off/collection times. Thank you.

17<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> February Half Term

24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> February Parents Evening

As a school we are looking forward to taking part, together with the other music specialism schools, in the now infamous music concert at the Watermark Centre in Ivybridge on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March. Children from years 4-6 are excited to have the opportunity to perform in this year's production, "Roots".

**Pilates and Zumba - On Now - Ugborough Village Hall**

Pilates - Monday and Thursday - 7.30 p.m.

Zumba - Thursday - 6.15 p.m. £4.00 per class

Ring Vici on 07811 332129 or 01752 898799 for more details.



**Seamoor Children's Centre** - *Vicky Rawlings*

The Children's Centre at Town Hall, Erme Court, Ivybridge is offering the following-  
On Wednesdays 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February- 0-18 months groups from 1- 2.30 p.m. Phone to book.

On Thursdays 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> - Step by Step for families with children with additional needs.

For more information contact Seamoor Children's Centre 01752 896356

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

A warm welcome to all of you whose New Year's resolution is to get more exercise. What better way than join us for a walk, investigate the beautiful locality you live in and meet friends and neighbours? Come and join the Walking Group on Sunday 2nd February at 10.45 a.m. in Ugborough Square. You are welcome to bring dogs and children along (unruly ones on leads please....). Where we go can be weather dependent, please come along with footwear suitable for varying degrees of mud and water. The walk will not be demanding, long or fast so there is no excuse!



We look forward to meeting you all for our first walk of 2014.

For more information contact Merryl Docker (01752 893651) or Tom Holway (01752 941872).

**Commemoration of World War** - *Merryl Docker*

As you will have seen in the January Newsletter, Ugborough is planning to mark 100 years since the start of WW1 in a number of ways. It has also been suggested that an exhibition could be staged during August, either in the church or village hall. One or two people have already come forward offering memorabilia from their own families. Of particular interest of course would be anything at all connected to Ugborough Parish and its families, but if you have anything dating from the First World War in your own family and would be willing to share with others please get in touch with me. Details have yet to be arranged, but at this stage I would like to know if we could gather items to make an exhibition.

Also, please get in touch if you have any information or stories that you could share. After all, it is the real human stories that puts the flesh on the bones of historical fact and will help us all remember the great sacrifices that were made by all involved. Please get in touch with me, Merryl Docker (01752 893651) or Taff Jones. Many Thanks.

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

"The History of Dartmoor Farming" is the topic of our next History Group meeting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 8 p.m. Our speaker is local author Colin Pearse.

Do come and join us to find out more about how previous inhabitants of Dartmoor made their living and shaped the landscape of our moorland. Everyone will be made welcome, no charge for History Group members, just £1 on the door for guests. For more information about the Ugborough Local History Group contact Merryl Docker (01752 893651).

**Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays- locally produced foods, crafts and cafe.**

A big thank you to all those helping to make Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays a success, whether it's by selling, buying or just coming along to have coffee and chat. We'd love to see you on 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. Further information can be found on <http://www.ugborough.com/uss/>. Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays also has a Facebook page where you will find all the latest news.

**CHERNOBYL CHARITY SEEKS HOST FAMILIES** - *Ian McClure*

Local charity Chernobyl Children's Lifeline is once again welcoming a group of ten children from Belarus this summer and is looking for more host families.

The children come from a deprived and contaminated region of the former Soviet republic which is still suffering the effects of the 1986 explosion at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant. A holiday in the South Hams benefits them enormously; they go home after a month of fresh air, healthy food (and a lot of love!) much stronger and more confident. We have met some of the parents of children who have stayed with us in previous years and they have told us that the visit benefited the whole family.

Would you consider hosting two ten-year-olds for two weeks?

The dates are 7<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> July and 21<sup>st</sup> July - 4<sup>th</sup> August. During the visit the children are taken on two or three group outings each week (for instance to Woodlands and the Rare Breeds Farm) and parties and barbecues are arranged for them by support families. In previous years hosts have found the experience to be most rewarding and the children delightful and appreciative guests. Language never seems to be a barrier!

If you feel you can help host these children or assist in any way please ring our chairman Sue Wyeth on 01548-821201. More information about the work of Chernobyl Children's Lifeline can be found on our website [www.ccll.org.uk/totnes](http://www.ccll.org.uk/totnes)

Ian McClure Vice Chairman & Publicity Officer

Totnes & South Hams Link Chernobyl Children's Lifeline Tel : 01548-830578

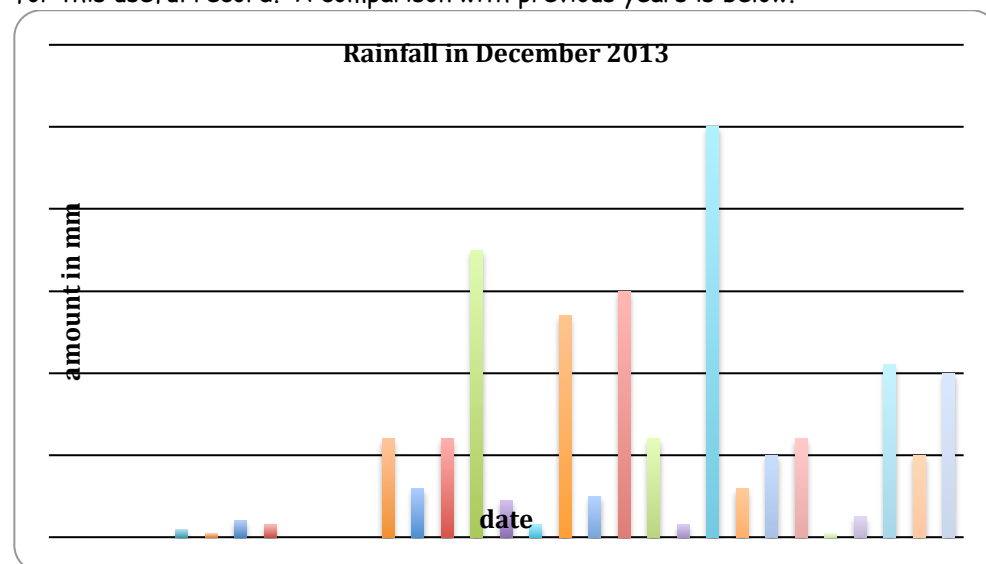
### Ugborough Village Hall - *Stafford Williams*

Richard Hosking came to the Hall Committee meeting this month as part of the Neighbourhood Plan consultation. It was an opportunity for the Committee to update themselves on progress with the big issues and to share the future plans and considerations from the Hall's perspective.

Progress is slowly being made to examine options for increasing storage in the Hall and there are emerging plans to replace some of the ageing furniture. Of interest to the regular hirers is that the heating thermostat has now been moved into the main hall and out of the kitchen where it proved difficult to maintain appropriate temperatures.

The Committee welcomed a donation of £100 from the Friends of the School and have been informed that a donation from the Fair Committee was also on the way, which should help in making progress both with refurbishment plans and the new furniture.

Rainfall at West Cannamore, Ugborough, 510 ft. above sea level Thanks to Len Wakeham for this useful record. A comparison with previous years is below.



Total for month	283.5mm=11.15 ins.	Total in December 2012	377.5mm=13.68ins
Total for 2013	1562mm =61.49 ins	Total for 2012	2047mm = 80.59ins.
Total for 2011	1263mm = 49.72ins.	Total for 2010	1312mm = 51.65ins.

**Mary's Coffee Morning** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 10 a.m.

In aid of the church, we are hosting the first coffee morning in Ugborough's social calendar! At Oakenham opposite Hillhead Farm, come along for tea and coffee and homemade biscuits in memory of my granny. There will be cakes and plants for sale as well as a raffle. Parking is available in the farmyard, at the crossroads and some down our new drive. See you there, *Shelley Hutcheon*.

**Ivybridge U3A** - *Doreen Flood*

The February general meeting will be held in The Watermark on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. The speaker will be Tom Maddock talking about Scobell RM of Sevastopol.

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

The Universe versus Alex Woods by Gavin Extence

A thoroughly enjoyable read- and we all agreed! This, Extence's first novel at the age of 32, we felt showed remarkable maturity in its portrayal of the teenage years of Alex Woods. Alex, whose mother was a clairvoyant and father of unknown origin, suffered as a consequence of a freak accident, which rendered him epileptic and possibly on the autistic spectrum, with subsequent inevitable social issues. His exceptional relationship with a Vietnam veteran was sensitively portrayed and it soon transpired that the crux of the story centred on assisted dying. We all felt that the characters were entirely believable (although unusual) and could not help but become swept along with the tale. Alex's determination to provide his friend with the best possible quality of life in his final years we found amusing and endearing, approached as it was from an adolescent perspective, and with Alex's almost obsessive attention to detail.



This, the second book we have read recently on assisted dying, we agreed did not gloss over the enormity of such action - but dealt with the practicalities realistically and with compassion.

A few of us found the book a little hard to 'get into ', but once the author's style became familiar and the story unfolded we were all hooked.

An original perspective and a compelling read- we all agreed.

Our average score out of 5 was 4.7- and everyone completed the book.

Our February book is 'Instructions for a Heat wave' by Maggie O'Farrell



**Scrap Metal Collection for Modbury Caring charity** - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

There will be a skip in Ugborough Square from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. to collect scrap metal. This will be sold to raise money for Modbury Caring who provide patient transport and other services for Ugborough residents. NO televisions or fridges please, but all other scrap items that contain metal, including car batteries and washing machines will be very welcome.

**SPORTS REPORT** - *Janner Motson*

**UGGIES IN THE BIG TIME**

Reports are flooding in of a big new sponsorship deal at Uggie Park. At the ground today there were literally one or 2 fans standing outside the gate wondering if the news was true. Club Chairman, Vincent 'Billy-Tan' McKenna was notable by his absence as rumours grew that a big spending era was in the offing. Club owner, Mustapha Lot-Allem (previously at a club on the Humber) has been known to be busy stroking the egos of the big money men in the Parish in an effort to develop the ground up to Premier League status (South Devon Youth Reserve Premier that is). The supporters at the club today were talking of all-seated stadia next to the water trough and possibly a new training pitch by the dog agility area.

Finally, late afternoon the news was broken at a news conference in the Church Porch to the assembled journalist. It was true a deal had been struck and the U9s would indeed be running out in a new kit sponsored by the Ship Inn. The crowd would have gone wild (if they had been there) and the social networking site Chitter nearly crashed from the buzz created. After many years the squad could at last play with a shirt on their backs, proudly emblazoned by 'The Ship Inn' - for many a dream they thought they may never see. No doubt intense media attention will follow and it is to be hoped that the U9s can keep their feet on the ground and the ball in the net (but at the other end next week).

**Get Growing for the New Year-** *David and Jane Johns, Hillhead*

Allotments are available at Hookmoor Cross, £20 per plot per year. If you are interested or would like more information, please email [info@hillhead-far.co.uk](mailto:info@hillhead-far.co.uk) or ring 01752 892674 and speak to David or Jane.

Thank you for all the Christmas trees- we'll get better organised and give you a bit more warning next year! We are giving 25p for each tree to the Church Heating Fund.

### **Your Stars Tonight**

The recent weather has given rise to a somewhat tetchy atmosphere at the Ugborough Parish Newsletter offices. The final straw was the breaching of my paddy field terraces and subsequent loss of the spring rice crop into the Lutterburn - a grievous blow as I had had great hopes of creating a niche market at the Ugborough Sustainable Saturday for home grown spicy badger fried rice.

In the aftermath of this I was morosely eating my breakfast muesli when the steamed dieter breathlessly fluted that the "dishy Brian Cox" had just announced two new Dark Sky Discovery Sites in Cornwall at Bedruthan Steps and Chapel Porth. I tartly responded that if young Brian had been anywhere near the Cornish cliffs in the last three months then he would have been hard put to stand - let alone gaze at the night sky. There followed a comparison on our charisma and media skills in which it was remarked that the Ugborough Astronomy Society membership remains firmly as a single figure. Finally it was suggested that if I wished to compete in the dishyness stakes then perhaps I could invest in a hair piece or the same hair dresser as Wayne Rooney.

In the lonely aftermath of this frank exchange of views I stood in the midnight rain and hypothesized that Jupiter would be visible if the skies cleared. This led me to ponder on the possibility of life on Europa - one of the four Galilean moons of Jupiter. Current theories suggest that Europa is covered with 20 kilometre of ice under which there could be a deep ocean. I then recall that sea anemones have been discovered clinging to the underneath of the Antarctic ice sheet. It might be worth pausing for a few seconds to consider how one would hang upside down on a block of ice - apparently the anemones roughen the surface with bodily chemical to maintain a hold.

So what if aquatic life has evolved on Europa? Perhaps distant cousins of our Antarctic Anemones have developed in the depths of the Europa oceans - and then evolved to become intelligent life. Their world would have similarities to Ugborough - dark, wet and cold - periodically lightened marginally by an orange glow from above. At this very moment their mad scientists could be tunnelling through that 20km of ice to emerge on the surface of Europa. What a sight would greet them!

Jupiter would loom above them, monstrously large at 25 times the size of our full moon and encircled by its crimson bands of cloud. Then as the planet majestically rotates in the sky above the Great Red Spot of Jupiter would come into view staring down on them like a lurid blood red All Seeing Eye. Probably more than enough to send our tentacled explorers slithering back to the warmth of their icy duvet.

### **Ugborough Parish Neighbourhood Planning Working Group**

Jo Widdecombe provided an overview of the Neighbourhood Planning process to members of the Focus Groups at the Village Hall on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Having climbed a steep learning curve the Focus Groups are now making good progress with evidence gathering moving towards the formulation of options for the next round of consultation. The leaders of the Focus Groups had the opportunity to meet and question Locality volunteer Howard Cheadle with Jo Widdecombe and Phil Baker of South Hams District Council Forward Planning on ideas for the format and content of the next round of public consultation.

We have yet to form the Planning Policy Focus Group and will be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to participate in this or the existing five Focus Groups.

The current leaders of those groups are;

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 ([davies\\_n10@sky.com](mailto:davies_n10@sky.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))

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

This is a Neighbourhood Plan for Ugborough

Be part of it

### **Open Space Focus Group – Your favourite view or vista – Owen Davies**

The Neighbourhood Plan is as much about retaining what we like about the neighbourhood as it is about influencing the direction we would want it to move towards in the future and one of the things we would like to achieve if possible, through influencing Planning Policy, is the protection of special views. With that in mind, the Open Space Focus Group has been considering how we could go about this process in a way that achieves the consent of the majority. In urban planning a protected view or vista gives legal protection to the view of a specific place or building from another location. One of the best known examples is the view of St Paul's Cathedral from King Henry's Mound in Richmond Park but there are many more. In 2005, 150 key skyline views in Edinburgh were given protected status and it may be that the Neighbourhood Plan presents us with the opportunity to do something on a similar, albeit slightly smaller, scale. We couldn't move in this direction without a degree of agreement upon what these views and vistas are, so the Focus Group wants your help. If you have a favourite view or place please can you let me know by providing a description which would enable me to take a photograph of it or, better still, take a photo yourself and pass it to me. (either at Lutterburn Cottage or at [davies\\_n10@sky.com](mailto:davies_n10@sky.com)). We can then begin to think about producing a list for wider agreement. Thanks for your help.

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Flooding at Lutterburn over Christmas was discussed at the start of the January Parish Council Meeting, together with the importance of the community coming together to resolve the problem.

You are invited to come along at 7pm, before the Parish Council Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> February to identify the areas of concern and any offers of help.

The Parish Council budget and precept for next year was agreed. The precept will increase by £500 to £14000. This will mean that the average Band D property will pay Parish Council Tax of £19.69 - an increase of 8p over the previous year.

The Neighbourhood Plan preparation continues. The next stage is for the Focus Groups to identify options, which will form the basis of the next public consultation.

Planning applications - Councillors raised no objections to the proposed dining room extension at Wildacres, Bittaford, and supported the proposed extension and alterations at Erme View, Donkey Lane, Ugborough. Objections were raised to the proposed redevelopment of the former Woodpecker Inn on the grounds that it was an unsuitable site for housing, and the illustrative drawings were not in keeping with the character of the area. Objections were also raised to the proposed removal of a planning condition which would allow the studio building to be an independent dwelling at Burnside, Avonwick, because of inadequate access and parking on site.

TAP funding applications are submitted by the Parish Council in conjunction with at least one other Parish Council and, as the deadline for submissions was imminent, the Parish Council had a long discussion about possible projects. Ugborough has submitted a proposal, in conjunction with Ermington Parish Council, for 'e-seniors', in which the more mature amongst us would receive training and support in using the internet. In addition, the Parish Council supported an application from Ivybridge Town Council for 'Creative Connections' and 'Get Into Reading' from the Erme Parishes. A proposal for an extra two days Parish Lengthsman per year also received support.

The next Parish Council Meeting is to be held at Ugborough Village Hall on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February - and remember, if you are concerned about flooding and other emergencies, please come along at 7 p.m.

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

Our services start at 10.30 a.m. unless otherwise stated.

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

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - Rev. David Youngs (Sacrament of Holy Communion)

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Mr. Mike Cade

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February- Rev. Ralph Ward (Sacrament of Holy Communion) **2.30 pm**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February- Mrs. Gillian Higgins

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!

**The Big Promise - St Mary's Diptford Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Caroline**

The time has come.... Are you going to be there to celebrate Marriage, with all its ups and downs, satisfactions and sadnesses?

There will be tea and cake in the Hall at 4 p.m. - hopefully the couple celebrating the longest marriage will cut the cake. Here we shall join with the young couples from the Mission Community who are planning their weddings for this year. They will have spent the afternoon considering the implications of being married - and it will be a great encouragement to them to meet couples who are still going strong, whether or not there've been wobbles on the way. We shall then make our way over to the church, where we'll try to ascertain the total number of marriage-years represented before a short Service of Celebration, culminating in the re-affirmation of vows at 5.15 p.m.

If you are willing to be part of the attempt on the Guinness Book of Records total, please let Caroline (01803 868445) know beforehand and bring your certificate (and, unless you are known to Revd. John or her, some ID).

The service is not exclusively for those who are married - if you are on your own, but would like to celebrate the institution of marriage or remember your parents' marriage - or your children's, there's a place for you. If you have been married, but are now on your own, the number of years you had together can be added to the grand total. Children are welcome too.

People always like to look at wedding photos, so please bring yours along and make a display (it's a good idea to write your name & contact details on the back, just in case you forget to collect it from the hall).

It should be a splendid event - especially if **you** are there!

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

My dear friends,

I hope that you have all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas, which has quickly now becoming a distant memory. Here we are halfway through January already!

This year as we know, has a special significance for people all over the world. It is the centenary of the beginning of the First World War.

Described as a war to end all wars, we know to our ultimate cost it certainly was far from that! There are probably few families in this village, which did not in some way, become affected by the horror of that war.

So it is good that we as a village collectively are going to mark and celebrate the supreme sacrifice of the many brave souls, who gave their all to ensure the freedom which we share today. Warfare was very different then than today, as many of the still serving and recently retired members of our armed forces who live in this community can testify to.

I hope that we will all join together and enter into the many events which are being proposed, as a mark of honouring the fallen of W.W.1.

There are various people and organisations who are doing different things, so if you feel you would like to make a contribution in some way, do please get in initially with 'Taff' [The Main Man] who will be able to steer you in the right direction I'm sure!

We have another very busy wedding season to look forward to at St. Peter's Church so I will probably bump into quite a few of you at some of these events! Also I'm happy to report that Baptisms again are showing a marked increase. It's good to know that after some hundreds of years here in Ugborough, we still recognise the importance of the rights of passage and God's presence through His Church in some areas of our lives.

I end by wishing you all a very 'Happy New Year' and hope that 2014 will be a good year for each and every one of us.

May God bless you all,

Fr. Harry.

### **Women's World Day of Prayer - Caroline**

7.30 p.m. Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at St. Peter's, Harbertonford

An advance notice for your diaries: The theme will be "Streams in the Desert" and the service has been prepared by Christian Women in Egypt - who really know something about desert experiences, in nature and symbolically as Christians often have a hard time in that country. Do come - men and women!

### **The Lent Course**

All the parishes of the Mission Community are going to follow the same "Course for the Christian Journey" in small village groups at different times of the day and on different days of the week - see next month for those details. So if you can't make your regular group one week, you could go along to another so as not to lose the thread.

This course is entitled "Pilgrim" and is designed both to encourage long-standing Church members and to present aspects of Christian life to those who might term themselves enquirers and want to explore what the Christian faith really stands for. It has been given good recommendations and certainly the compilers are first-rate exponents of our faith. The module we are going to use is that on The Lord's Prayer, so there will be room for prayer, some quiet meditation, Bible reading, discussion and further thought - something to suit all tastes.

Why don't you think of joining a group for just six sessions?

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

The	Date and time	Service
	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 9.30 a.m.	All Age Worship- an informal service suitable for all.
	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 9.30 a.m.	Family Communion (said)
	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
	Every Tuesday 9 a.m.	Celtic Prayer - a time of intercessory prayer. (You are welcome to add any prayer requests to the board in the side chapel).
	Every Thursday 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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### **Village services**

Don't forget to visit your Post Office in Ugborough Church on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Look out for the mobile shops in the Square on Mondays and Thursday.

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