

Ugborough Parish Newsletter

January 2024



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The Ugborough Wassail 2024.

Following the success of our first ever Ugborough Wassail in January 2023 we're pleased to announce that the 2024 Wassail will be held on **Saturday 13th of January at 5 p.m.** in Alex & Simon Pickstone's orchard.

"Wassail" is derived from the Anglo-Saxon words Waes Hael, meaning "Be of good health," which were used as a drinking toast or simply to wish people well. Wassailing as we know it was, in Devon at least, generally celebrated on the eve of the old Twelfth Night, which in today's calendar is the 16th of January.

The ceremony consists of offerings being made to the spirits of apple trees to ensure a fruitful harvest the following year. This is accompanied by people making as much noise as possible: shouting, beating pots, and latterly firing gun shots into the branches. The purpose of this was to scare away any evil spirits that may be harmful to the forthcoming crop.

Songs would then be sung, poetry recited, followed by toast being placed in the trees and cider sprinkled around the roots as offerings. Then cider and ale would be drunk and food, such as wassail cake, consumed. A King or Queen for the day would be chosen. These days it's usually an honour given to a child.

The orchard is in the field between the glamping site and Brackenhill, just up the lane from the school going towards Hill Head. The festivities start at 5.00pm. This time we'll be providing hot soup plus mulled cider and mulled apple juice. Ugborians are also invited to bring food and drink to share (preferably food that can be held in a napkin), and a cup or mug for your soup. We're trying not to use paper plates and disposable cutlery in order to cut down on waste. And bring something to make a noise with (such as an old saucepan or tin mug and wooden spoon). Bring a lantern or torch, wrap up warm, and wear wellies or hiking boots. Dressing up appropriate to the occasion appreciated!

We are most grateful to John Rawlinson of South Brent who once again will be the Master of Ceremonies. John has extensive knowledge of wassailing (as well as being a very good musician) and is involved in the Stoke Gabriel Wassail, easily the biggest and best-known event in the area. He will be bringing musicians and singers, and own UFOlk will be playing as well. Song sheets will be provided so everyone can join in. Families are most welcome, but please note that this event is for villagers only (plus our friends from South Brent). There will be some cover, and a loo will also be available.

If you'd like to bake a cake for the evening recipes can be found online. Look for Somerset Cider Apple cake, Hereford Wassail Cake, Devon Apple cake, etc..

For more information please contact either Simon and Alex Pickstone, Rowan and Caroline Marten, or Graham Gilbert.

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays – *Juliet Collis*

A Happy New Year to all our USS Supporters, Volunteers and Producers. As we look forward to 2024, we would like to encourage any food producers out there in the Ugborough Community to come and sell their products at USS. Please come along to USS one Saturday and have a chat to see what we are all about. USS is a great way to test out a fledgling business in a supportive environment, gain feedback on products from potential customers and talk to other producers, who are often a source of good ideas, having have been through the development process themselves.

Charity fundraising opportunities

If you support a charity and would like space one USS Saturday to raise funds by selling something, please get in touch. As part of our commitment to the local community we would like to encourage anyone who is raising money for charity to have a table free of charge and have the opportunity to promote their good cause. Mike Holman had a charity table in December and raised a very tidy sum from locally produced items, made from recycled materials – see separate article in this newsletter.

USS dates for January are Saturday 13th and Saturday 27th, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Village Hall. Contact: ugboroughss@gmail.com

Ladies' Lunch *Pat Stephens*

The date for the next lunch is Wednesday 10th January at The Ship, Ugborough for 12 noon.

Contact Pat Stephens 07704 113837 to book.

Thank You from Mike Holman, Fore Street

A big THANK YOU to all who supported my fundraising stall at USS on 2nd December.

The sum of £250 was raised for Myositis UK to help research into Inclusion Body Myositis (IBM) which is the condition I have. Including Gift Aid this makes the donation over £300, which is fantastic! Thanks again, regards, Mike

Ugborough Seat Exercise Class

The first session of the Exercise Class will take place on Friday 19th January from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall. The Class, led by experienced physiotherapists, will be held on successive Friday afternoons, except during school holidays, at a cost to participants of £5 per session. Registration on Friday, 19th January will be from 1.15 p.m., but participants unable to come to this first session are welcome to join on subsequent Fridays. The Class is open to all, and is particularly suitable for older people and those who find conventional exercise classes too daunting.

We are grateful to Councillor Alison Dewynter and County Councillor Dan Thomas for their support in applications to South Hams District Council and Devon County Council for grant funding to establish the classes from the Communities' budgets of their respective Councils.

Enquiries to Ann & Peter Povey: Tel. 01752 691654. E-mail: povey.ann@googlemail.com .

Beryl's Bookworms – Juliet Collis

'The Other Side of the Bridge' by Mary Lawson

Longlisted for the Man Booker Prize, the book was set in northern Ontario in two time periods during the late 1930s/early 1940s and late 1950s/early 1960s. The story is based around the relationship between two brothers, Arthur, and Jake, who are polar opposites, living on a traditional farm which uses heavy horses in both periods and the tragedies that befell the family and wider community.



The climate is extremely cold and harsh during the winter, which not all can endure due to the isolation and the extreme temperatures. Some choose to leave, whilst those committed to the land or who work in the sawmill and mine remain. With the onset of WW2, many of the young men join up and are then sent to England where they wait orders. The Canadian troops were eventually deployed on the ill-fated Dieppe raid in August 1942, which was intended as a trial run to gain experience and test the equipment needed to launch an immense amphibious assault that would eventually become the D-Day landings in June 1944. Due to delay, the lack of the element of surprise and well sited German positions, the Canadians suffered many casualties and also many were captured as POWs. The impact back home was the loss of a generation of young men, some of whom were farmers and had a devastating impact on the community.

The story of the two brothers continues, one having left home at the age of 18 and then returning some 20 years later. We also follow the life of the local doctor's son Ian during his later school years and his friendship with a fellow schoolboy from the local reserve. Ian works for Arthur on the farm on Saturdays and during the holidays and becomes intrigued by the relationship between Arthur and the recently returned Jake. This culminates in a series of events which itself becomes a further tragedy in the tale.

The book scored between 3 and 4.5 out of 5 by the group, averaging at 3.5. It was felt that the author wrote in an economic way, in that she needed few words to paint a vivid picture. However, this also led to characters not being developed as much as they could have been, which was a cause of irritation to some. It was acknowledged that it gave us an understanding of life in the harsh northern parts of Ontario and the impact of the war on remote communities.

The Thursday Coffee Morning in St Peter's Church All are welcome! Pop along for a beverage and cake between 10 and 11.45 a.m. and support our continuing weekly Post Office (but please check for notices in the porch and in The Bugle about the Post Office service).

Please make use of the hand gel and respect others' space.

Ceremonial Flying of the Flag

January 9th

Birthday of Katherine, Princess of Wales



January 20th

Birthday of Sophie, Countess of Wessex

Ugborough Primary School -Headteacher, Mrs. Lucy French

The children performed fantastically in their Christmas Extravaganza. We are incredibly proud of them!

Wednesday 3rd January 2024- First Day Back Spring Term



G-UP - Creating a community where it's easy to live sustainably Jackie Andrade and Faith Matthews

<https://www.ugborough.com/g-up>
greenerugp@gmail.com

Please find G-UP on Facebook or drop us a line if you would like to be added to our email circulation list and hear about future events directly:
greenerugp@gmail.com

G-UP wishes you a happy and wildlife-filled new year.

Our big project for 2024 will be sustainable energy for our community. Are you keen to lower energy bills as well as carbon footprints for your home and parish? Perhaps you're interested in helping form and being part of an Energy Club? We need many hands to make light work of these potentially very beneficial ideas, so if you are interested, please get in touch on greenerugp@gmail.com

Faith, Jackie, Su, Tom, Rachael and Vici

Message from Ugborough Parish Council

Dog Fouling in and around Ugborough Village

It has been noticed that there has been an increase of dog fouling in and around the village. Please could all dog owners be vigilant about clearing up after their dogs.

It is actually illegal for dog owners to not clean up their dog's waste in a public area and anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse.

Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School (incorporating breakfast club and after school club)

Charity Number 1043499 –

Opening times: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday – Friday during term time in Ugborough Village Hall.

Contact: admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk

Contact: 07763 215 455

Our New Year has got off to a good start as we have welcomed several new children to both our Pre-school and Breakfast/After School Club provision. They have settled in very well and our established children have enjoyed having some new faces.

We have been as busy as ever with a range of activities.

The kids have been enjoying our weekly cooking activities with healthy eating options such as sandwich-making, cheesy pastries and fruit and vegetable kebabs. We are still getting fresh air every time the weather permits and, when we're stuck inside, we ensure we play plenty of physical games and enjoy Spinning Tots sessions.

Lots to look forward to in the near future: our weekly Forest School sessions should begin again in March. We will also soon be starting up a weekly visit to the Foundation Class of the Primary School with our older Pre-school children which will be excellent for their transition.

There are still some spaces available for the spring and summer terms. Please phone for advice if you are interested.

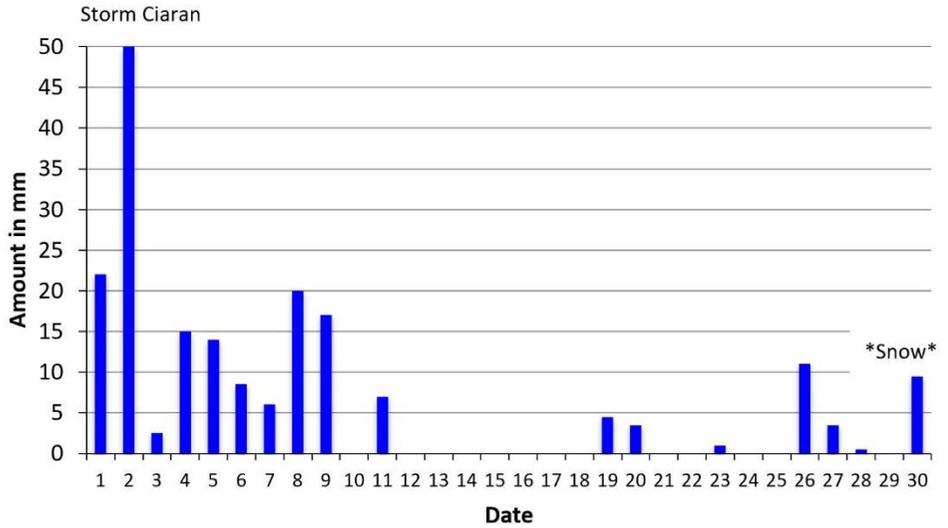
Our Monday Toddler Sessions is building in numbers - a welcoming group hosted alongside preschool with tea coffee and biscuits included. If you're interested, please make contact and we can add you to the WhatsApp group.

We are really benefitting from close working between staff and our committee parents ensuring excellent provision and encompassing exciting plans for the future. We would love to increase the number of members on the committee so please do contact us if you have even just a little time to spare. In particular, we are still pursuing various options for our purpose-built setting in the village.

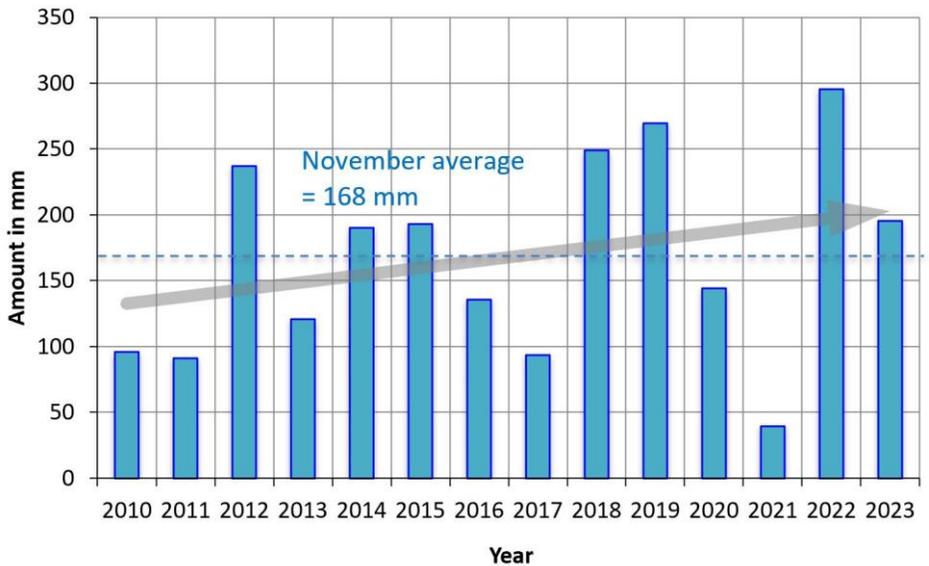
Rainfall at Shellwood Hill *George Arnison*

The first half of November continued where October left off - very wet and windy. At the beginning of the month, we had a major Atlantic storm track up the Channel in the form of Storm Ciaran. This was comparable in severity to the 'Great Storm of 1987' and England's lowest ever November atmospheric pressure of 953.3mb was recorded in Plymouth. It hit the Channel Islands and North France particularly hard and for us brought with it the wettest day of the year so far (2nd November). We then had a week of respite, and were completely unaffected by Storm Debi which hit the north of the country on the 13th, before we settled into a period of unsettled and colder weather - which culminated in snowfall on the last day of the month. At Shellwood Hill I recorded 195.5mm (7¾ ") of rain over the month, which was well above the months average of 168mm - but not by as much as it felt.

Rainfall in November 2023



November rainfalls and Trend





Your Stars Tonight. As I thread my way through a forest of scaffolding in fair Ugborough, (is this an obscure side effect of the Freeport in the South Hams which has given scaffolders tax free status and a generous subsidy for every roof slate and chimney pot replaced?), occasionally people come up to me demanding to know whether I have done any stargazing recently.

In a word. No.

In fact I am not too sure there are any stars up there anymore as the last time I saw them was back in early September. As a result, instead of the heavens above I have been pondering sewers – that’s the ones that exit into rivers, not practitioners of quilting. So once a month I, and the growing team of the Rivers Trust Citizen Science Investigators, sample the waters around the parish. There are now six of us and we cover the Ludbrook all the way up to near its source on the Moor behind Bittaford, down to where it merges with the Bowcombe Brook and then heads off down the valley to join the Erme at Fawns Bridge.

One of our concerns is how well the splendid Ugborough Sewage Works is coping – particularly in an Ugborough affected by Climate Change of baking hot and dry summers, and the rest of the year of squelching fields and torrents of rainwater down all roads out of Ugborough. (I wonder if any long-term residents can remember when the existing sewage works was built and what was there before?) The Environment Agency first issued a permit to the Sewage Works under South West Water ownership back in 1995 (presumably just after privatisation) and I have obtained a copy of the current permit. Fascinating bedtime reading – but not for the faint hearted or those with delicate stomachs.

The amount of water that the installation is designed to deal with is phenomenal – based on an average of 100 cubic metres of incoming effluent and storm water per day – which equals (for those of us who indulge in such luxuries) the volume of one large domestic swimming pool. At times of excessive rain it has back up storm overflow tanks which act as a buffer before until it reaches 400 cubic metres per day (surely that equals Olympic standard swimming pool), and at this point the Storm Sewage Overflow “spills” into the Bowcombe stream. This spill will have been roughly filtered to remove the larger solid debris (stop giggling at the back of the class and use your imagination - cotton buds, face masks, wet wipes and anything else you flushed away today) and will be an unappetising untreated brown soup. And in exceptional wet weather, when the flow gets above 600 cubic metres, things get really unpleasant as completely untreated sewage overflows into the stream. I would be very interested to hear from anyone living in the Bowcombe valley as to whether this has ever happened – it would not have been a pretty sight.

So what did our Sewage Works achieve in 2022? A little time spent on the excellent Rivers Trust website shows that the Ugborough Sewage works discharged untreated effluent 47 times, and for a total of 59 hours. Ponder that for a few seconds – that’s two and a half days in the year.

Meanwhile up stream at Bittaford their sewage works managed to overflow 4 times for just over 1 hour. The figures for 2023 should be available soon after the start of 2024. Meanwhile SW Water's "WaterFit Live" website provides almost real time warnings of what they euphemistically call "Events" for designated bathing water, where sewage overflows have occurred at beaches such as Mothecombe, Bigbury and Bantham.

The good news is that SW Water are currently upgrading the monitoring of all their Sewage Works early in 2024 and we should then be able to check the status of the Ugborough Works as the spills are occurring. With all this deluge of information who needs Netflix?

Stars and associated heavenly bodies? Well, I have been following various internet conspiracy theories that argue that they still exist and dream of catching Saturn before it disappears in the western twilight towards the end of January. And surely there will be a chance to see Jupiter high in sky throughout the night throughout the month and watch the dance of its four moons? For me, it would not be winter without spending some time with Orion the Hunter striding over Spriddlescombe Farm - and with a bit of luck glimpse the faint constellation of Lepus the Hare below his feet. There are lots of obscure galaxies and star clusters in this area of the sky plus one of my favourite stars – Hind's Garnet star. And a little tinsel on top - there are also a couple of faint comets – all well worth a touch of frost on the bodily extremities.

Maybe that will be the best way to cope with 2024 - dogged optimism.

Ugborough Dramatic Society- *Sue Johns*

Well – we performed 5 performances of Panto in the guise of The Wizard of Oz at the beginning of the month – and it was pronounced a rip-roaring successful, hugely entertaining night out by the 350 grownups and children who filled Ugborough Village Hall to enjoy.

Unless you've been involved in one of these productions you cannot ever imagine the amount of work, commitment, and effort it involves! It requires a dedicated team of multi-skilled, hugely talented people who, even in the Dark Rehearsals of mid-November are driven to MAKE this happen, come hell or high water!

And it did! Huge thanks to everyone from the Techy Guys, to all the Divas on stage, from the tuneful All Ages Chorus to the creative geniuses behind the scenes, from the costume creators to those who just rock up and hump stages about, fix lights, fasten fabric, arrange chairs, sell drinks, produce and staff the amazing Draw, and not to forget the Prompt – who was completely redundant on the night!

BRILLIANT!

Ugborough Parish Council

Clerk: Sally Smale Email: parishclerk@ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

Website: <https://ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk>

One member of the public attended our meeting on 13th December 2023

Questions from the Public and Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

- We were asked to pursue the request made previously to Devon County Council to repaint the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school

- Light on the Conduit - Discussion is still underway between SHDC planning dept. and the electrical company to agree the best method for undertaking this work without damaging the conduit

- The blocked drain in Donkey Lane is still causing flooding and we will ask our Lengthsman to deal with this as soon as possible

- Bus shelter at Wrangaton – we have still not received a reply regarding this matter and the clerk will continue to chase

Report from County Councillor (Cllr Thomas had sent his apologies)

• Pot holes - In response to a complaint about the condition of the road at Bittaford he offers the following advice: The most effective way to report a pothole is on the DCC website:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/report-a-pothole/>

He requests that, if you are not satisfied with the speed at which DCC acts following your reporting of a pothole, please give him the relevant reference number to pursue. Where a road suffers from damage that requires more than just pothole refilling, send him photographs so that he can pursue.

• Devolution - Government has given the green light for Devon County Council and Torbay Council to proceed with plans for a devolution Deal. Devon and Torbay's Deal would not change the councils' established democratic structures, and responsibilities for the delivery of local services would remain unchanged. The Deal would see the creation of a Combined County Authority (CCA), a partnership with representation from all the main stakeholder groups who will take on the responsibilities of managing the additional funding from central Government to address local issues across Devon.

Report from South Hams District Councillor Alison Dewynter – the full report and links can be found on our website.

Summary:

- Spilled paint in Ugborough Square - Localities have visited the square and do not feel that the paint requires a team to clean it up.
- Council tax single person occupancy discount review
- SHDC have 4 thermal cameras for hire
- Free Skills Training for Residents
- Police Commissioners Policing Priorities Survey
- New Planning Software at the Council
- Support available with Energy Bills

- 20 minute YouTube Channel film about healthy relationship for parents and carers of teenagers
- A Reminder about how to make enquiries regarding waste collections

Planning

We looked at 2 applications made to Dartmoor National Park Planning Authority:

a) 0496/23 Prior Notification Demolition of 14 garages (Turners Park Group) Bittaford Wood Caravan Park, Bittaford, Ivybridge, PL21 0ET. We support this application but have made the comment that we would prefer for there to be at least 2 metres from boundary properties

b) 0499/23 Cladding to upper walls of existing house Mr Matthew Westmoreland Burrington House, Wrangaton, South Brent, Devon, TQ10 9HF. Unfortunately, we could not comment on this application as there was insufficient information and so we hope to be provided with further information and to comment in the new year.

We had received the following decisions made by South Hams District Council and Dartmoor National Park

a) 4254/20/FUL Springfield Filham South Dartmoor Community Energy Proposed development of a redundant commercial nursery to provide 33 new low carbon and energy efficient dwellings for affordable rent. DECISION: Conditional Approval

b) 3011/23/PAT National Grid Electricity Distribution Application for prior notification of proposed development for installation of replacement radio equipment housing, a new generator. Air-conditioning units & ancillary development DECISION: Prior Approval Required and Given

Rockdale, Bittaford PL21 OEA Erection of detached garage, Rockdale, Bittaford, Ivybridge, PL21 OEA DECISION: Conditional Approval

Ugborough West

Cllr Wells had produced an update on Ugborough West issues, and this can be seen on the website – SUMMARY:

- Bus shelter junction of David's Lane / Exeter Road
- Parish Council drop-in clinic
- Parking in and around the rugby club
- Use of motor vehicles in pedestrian lane between David's Lane and Godwell Lane
- Right to further consultation to planning application 4254/20/FUL

Finance

We discussed the first draft of the budget for 2024-2025 and agreed various recommendations and principals. We have still not received information regarding the tax base for Ugborough from SHDC and so we will agree the final budget and precept demand at the January meeting.

We agreed to purchase a new .gov.uk website for UPC as we currently do not comply with domain registry regulations (annual cost £385 ex vat.) As this fee includes our current subscription for domain and email it is essentially only a £165 uplift per annum and we consider this was a best value option given the added advantage of a single body for any technical support we might require.

20mph scheme

We have published on the website the results of the consultation recently undertaken together with some responses from Devon County Council. This will now progress to the next stage which is the formal consultation process undertaken by DCC. We have been asked to consider the scheme for Bittaford but the introduction of a restriction in Bittaford on a busy B road is a larger and more complicated project that is part of a bigger highways picture and not within our scope or responsibilities. We had also had a request to consider its implementation on Beacon View but cannot consider this as it is a private road.

Climate Emergency and sustainable Ugborough update

Just a reminder about the Sustainability Event on 23rd March and that there is a thermal imaging camera available for loan – contact Cllr Holway

Bittaford Play Park:

We considered three quotations for the removal of the shelter and agreed to award the work to MS Contracting. In the light of the frequent and on-going maintenance work needed to play area equipment we have also decided that, given the recommendations from 3 neighbouring parishes for similar work and a very competitive rate of pay, future larger maintenance tasks (and in particular in the Play Areas) would be assigned to MS contracting. In order to assess how to progress repair of the damage to the path we will ask our Lengthsman to remove the vegetation to give a clear view of exactly what path the existing drainage pipe is taking from the culvert to the river below. We will then pursue the issue with DCC.

Pending approval from Dartmoor National Park Authority we will fit a self-closing hinge/lock to the gate.

School Field

Work is progressing to secure the S106 funding, and we are still working towards an Easter Holiday installation date.

Meeting dates for 2024

We will continue to hold our meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in 2024 apart from Wednesday 19th June and Wednesday 17th July. Please do come along if you would like to raise any issues with us.

Meetings attended

Cllrs Fletcher and Hart had met with Cllr Abbott and a South Hams District Council Officer to discuss the future of the public toilets in Bittaford and Ugborough. SHDC wish to transfer responsibility for the toilets but with no funding to refurbish them or for the future running costs and with no provision of cleaning and maintenance staff we could buy into (the running costs alone is estimated to be at least 25% of the Council precept) We have agreed that we cannot take on these assets on these terms and will take this back to South Hams District Council.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy 2024!

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 10th January in The Village Hall

Privacy policy – visit ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

Litter picking equipment is available to local volunteers. To borrow, please contact the Parish Clerk Tel 07814849131 parishclerk@ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

Bittaford Methodist Chapel *Chris Phillips* 07899934743

All services start at 11 a.m. unless otherwise stated.

Sunday 7th January Rev'd D Youngs

Sunday 14th January Dawn Martin

Sunday 21st January Sue Bolt

Sunday 28th January 3 p.m. Rev'd Roper Café church

Erme Valley RDA- *Peggy Douglas*

December has been a great month for successful events!

The Girls' Night Out Choir started us off with a brilliant festive sing at The Brook – thanks too to Sian Holway for organising a successful draw at this concert, a total of £1000 was raised for funds.

Yet more festivity later in the month when Santa on his sleigh towed by Barney the Tractor made a trip around the village – stopping in the Square for a burger and a mulled cider. Thanks to Philomena for the inspiration and organisation and to the Douglas family for providing the transport! Proceeds from the refreshments and kind donations raised £317 for Funds.

AND in addition, a fabulous 51 pairs of new children's pyjamas were donated by the community were collected by the Children's Hospital Pyjamas Charity and distributed to Derriford, Torbay and The Royal Devon & Exeter Hospitals.

Some 25 of our riders and supporters, resplendent in Christmas Jumpers enjoyed an excellent Christmas meal at The Ship.

Then off to the London Horse Show for a coachload of horse mad punters had a thoroughly enjoyable (very long) day!

We would like to wish all our friends and supporters a very Happy New Year and look forward to seeing everyone again when sessions start on 2nd January.

Yealm Rouleurs Cycling Club annual review 2023

At nearly 30 members from around Yealmpton, the Yealm Rouleurs have had a club ride (nearly) every Saturday in 2023 plus achieved many other successes.

One member came 6th in her age group in the Ironman world championships, Lahti, Finland. Another member organised a well-attended coffee and cake charity event for young Devon in Yealmpton which raised £1,467.

Several members trained for the Dartmoor Classic and got gold medals.

The annual photo competition was won by Jo Booth.

The Ken Middlemiss cup, l'esprit du cyclisme (sprit of cycling), was awarded to James Chapman for his proactive encouragement and inclusion of all members on rides.

The club organises road bike rides every Saturday, of around 40-60 miles and averaging 13-14 mph. We always stay together and stop at a local café. Anyone wanting to join is encouraged to come and have a try out to see how it works. Members range from their 20s to 70s, female and male, we are a non-competitive social club. Message us on Facebook if you are interested.

St Peter's Church News -*Sue Johns*.

Despite – or perhaps because of, the inclement weather of a dark December, the Thursday Coffee Mornings have become The place to be between 10:30 and 12 every week! The lure of the delicious cakes and the convivial company equate to attracting up to 25 chatty community punters!

Dress up warmly!

The Carol Service this year saw some 200 people of all ages pack into the Church for a candlelit service of traditional Readings and Carols, interspersed with items from the 20 strong combined Church and Community Choir, the Ugborough Festival Orchestra, with special Guests, and a drum and guitar Rock duo, all playing carols and songs to remind us of Christ's birth....

Several children from Ugborough School sang a couple of the Christmas Songs that they'd recently delighted their friends and families with at their recent Nativity Concert, which brought a smile to everyone's face!

Along with the church bells heard across the Village and handbells ringing a welcome as people arrived – it was a truly special occasion.

As I write this the Christingle Preparation is in full swing, and we are looking forward to the All-Age Holy Communion Christmas Day Service.

Thank you, Parish of Ugborough and Friends, for the support St Peter's has received this year from so many, both financially and spiritually.....

We look forward to the challenges of 2024!

Services at St Peter's Church, Ugborough

Services start at 9.30 a.m. unless otherwise shown.

We have a variety of services, traditional and informal, so please check below to see what is available.

Date	Service
Sunday 7 th January	All Age Worship- an informal service for everyone Led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 14 th January	Holy Communion- a more traditional service
Sunday 21 st January	Morning Praise- an informal service led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 28 th January	Holy Communion- a more traditional service 4.30 p.m. Messy Church

Please use the hand gel provided and respect others' space.

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

You can find out about everything that's going on across all the parishes at its website,

www.3rivers.org.uk

For all church business and parish matters, please contact

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Sunday 28th January from 4.30- 6 p.m.
Stories, craft activities, songs, food and fun at
St Peter's Church, Ugborough,
All Ages welcome.
Children to be accompanied by an adult



Village services.

We hope that the Post Office will continue its service at Ugborough Church on Thursday mornings but in any event, coffee and cake will be available from 10 – 11.45 a.m. Do pop in for a chat. Look out for notices in the church porch and in The Bugle for news of the Post Office service.

A reminder that you can visit the Devon Libraries Mobile Library Service at Ugborough Square, Tuesdays from 9.30-10 a.m., normally every 4 weeks, **although the future of this service is very uncertain at present** .

The next dates are January 2nd and January 30th .

Contributions

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter and to Ivybridge Community College for printing them so efficiently.

Special thanks to the team – Anne and Tom Holway for organising the delivery to the distributors, and the distributors for making sure that your copy is delivered to you.

Contributions should be sent by e mail to Mrs. Norma Roe, The Editor, Ugborough Parish Newsletter at norma-davidroe@tiscali.co.uk

The deadline is 15th of the month please. Thank you for keeping to this.

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<https://ugboroughparishcouncil.org> and at the village website <https://ugborough.com>

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