



Ugborough Parish Newsletter May 2023

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St Peter's Church – Sue Johns

Thanks to everyone who helped, baked and attended our Maundy Thursday Coffee Morning. There seemed to be a lot of chocolate prizes!

We raised £237 towards church funds.

Next Fund Raiser: Farmhouse Lunch at Dunwell Farm; May 3rd 12 – 2.

'Sparkling' after its Spring Clean (thanks all!) – the church was then resplendent with floral decorations for the Easter Service.

The congregation enjoyed an All Age Eucharist – with activities for the children – followed by the inevitable Egg Hunt – and Easter biscuits with the tea & coffee.

April sadly saw two funerals of much-loved local men: Paul Reynolds and Walker Laphorne. The church was packed on both occasions – a fitting tribute to their fruitful lives.

To celebrate the King's Coronation there will be a special All Age Service on May 7th at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome – there will be activities for the children. They may like to dress up regally?!

The May Messy Church will celebrate Pentecost with the usual story, songs and party tea – 4:30 – 6 p.m. on May 28th.



Come to a
FARMHOUSE LUNCH
At Dunwell Farm, Ugborough
Home of Cliff & Sue Johns
On Wednesday May 3rd from 12-2 p.m.
£12
Proceeds to St Peter's Church, Ugborough

Bring & Buy

Draw



A Coronation Tea will be held on Sunday 7th May (2 p.m.-4 p.m.) at Lower Cobbeton Nr Dartington TQ9 6DS. Proceeds (£3) in aid of Ugborough Church.

Ladies' Lunch Pat Stephens

The date for the next lunch is Wednesday 17th May at The Ship, Ugborough for 12 noon. Contact Pat Stephens 07704 113837 to book.

Ugborough Church Bellringers

In addition to the normal Sunday service and Thursday evening practice ringing, the church bells at Ugborough are to be rung at the following times:

Saturday 6th May 9 – 10 a.m.

In celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III;

Saturday 13th May 2.30 p.m. -3.30 p.m.

Visiting team from the South West Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers;

Saturday 1st July 5 p.m.-6 p.m.

Visiting team from Bovey Tracey.

If you would like to try your hand at church bell ringing or take look at the bells and church clock, please contact Anthony Luggier by email at anthonyluggier64@gmail.com or by phone/text/WhatsApp on 07836 624588.

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays – Juliet Collis

Please be aware that there will be NO USS on Saturday 6th May, as we will be taking a break to celebrate the Coronation, but we will be back again on Saturday 20th in the Village Hall from 10-12 noon as normal.

We are currently looking for a volunteer to help in the kitchen on Saturday 17th June to help with the teas and coffees for the USS cafe. If you would like to join the friendly team and help out, we would be really pleased to hear from you. Please contact us either at USS or by email: ugboroughhss@gmail.com

As a reminder, if anyone or a local group would like to have a table at USS to raise funds for charity and promote their good cause, please get in contact with us so that we can arrange a table free of charge.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 20th May.

Erme Valley RDA: Peggy Douglas

In the next few weeks, we will be heavily involved in competitions the inter county dressage at Bicton now only a couple of weeks away and the regional show jumping on 25th April. Good luck to all those taking part. It is a massive effort to take horses and riders to these events – and we're eternally grateful for all the volunteer help, without which it would be impossible.

The Easter rug sale, wine, cakes, and raffle took a great effort to organise thank you to Sophie in particular and to others who helped top set up before and pack up afterwards and to those that provided the delicious refreshments! The remaining rugs are now at Winzers Equine, being sold for us and we are hoping to top £1000.

Raffle winners are on our Facebook page, prizes can be collected from the Brook.

The straw fund is complete due to two very generous donations of £1000 each.
Thank you so much.

However, due to the current weather we have now run out of hay. Not a good time of year for buying in good quality forage! Winter seems interminable!
Any further donations from the straw fund will now go to the hay fund.

This term we are delighted to have joining our usual work experience students, others from colleges, schools and veterinary students.

The Brook is a busy place! Do come and see for yourself.

Call me: 07882 286348

The Ugborough Village Hall will hold its Annual General Meeting in the Village Hall at 8 p.m. on Tuesday 9th May. Everyone from the community is welcome to attend and influence how the Hall is operated on your behalf.

The Chair of the Village Hall is stepping down at the AGM on 9th May and the committee is in need of at least one volunteer to help run this crucial village facility. Without volunteers the Hall cannot stay open so please either come to the AGM in the Hall at 8 p.m. or let us know that you could be interested.

Stafford Williams
Secretary Ugborough Village Hall

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

May 2nd

Birthday of Princess Charlotte of Wales

May 6th

Coronation Day



Historical Nugget- *Gareth (Taff) Jones*

23 May 1947 - India. The Cabinet agreed to the partition of India. Lord Mountbatten's plan to divide India into two parts, one Muslim and the other Hindu dominated has attracted much criticism over the years as to how it was done with the resulting ethnic violence between the two religions. The Hindu Congress Party was resigned to partition but wanted a joint administrative capital, their ambitions were thwarted by the Muslim League which insisted on the formation of Pakistan in the North-West. It is written that an activist, Choudhry Rahmat Ali, coined the name Pakistan from the names of regions in the North-West; Punjab, Afghanistan, Kashmir, Sindh and Baluchistan. The Moslem League wanted a corridor across India to form a link to the predominantly Muslim Bengal region (East Pakistan), however, this demand was never met. After a bloody war in the early seventies, during which many atrocities were committed, the new country of Bangladesh was eventually recognised by Pakistan in 1974.

One major problem facing the British, and indeed many Indians, was to resolve the division of the Armed Forces. The Indian Air Force needed to divide its aircraft, the Navy its ships and all the garrisons/bases, equipment and personnel to support the fledgling services of the two countries. The Army especially had a proud tradition of loyal service to the British Crown and a decision on dividing the Battalions was left to the leaders of India/Pakistan. Regarding the Gurkha units, Britain's youngest ever Brigadier, a certain Enoch Powell, was tasked, with an Indian Army major, of identifying which regiments joined the British Army (2nd, 6th, 7th and 10th). The remaining six regiments joined the Indian Army on January 1st, 1948. It is left to history to record the amount of killing, rape, beatings and carnage in general that ensued in the months, and indeed years, after partition of the sub-continent.

Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School (incorporating breakfast club and after school club)
Charity Number 1043499 – *Tess Watkinson*

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

The build-up to the Easter holidays was a really enjoyable time at preschool. We enjoyed making our own Easter baskets using paper-weaving skills and then using these to take part in a fantastic Easter Egg Hunt around one of our Committee Member's beautiful Ugborough garden reminding us how lucky we are to be a part of this community.

We also made Easter biscuits which went down very well and continued to enjoy wiggling and joggling for our Spinning Tots sessions.

We are open to taking bookings for new little ones in the Autumn Term when our oldest children go up to school. If you, or anyone you know, has a child who you think would enjoy our preschool, please don't hesitate to get in touch to meet the team and have a look around. We are also getting our plans underway for our Summer Holiday Club provision again. If you have children you would like to attend, please contact us to let us know your requirements. If you want to support the local community and fancy joining our Preschool Committee, please do get in touch.



Your Stars Tonight. It was such a wacky idea that I couldn't refuse to do it. A complete stranger had contacted the steamed dieter wanting to give their husband an unusual Christmas present - a guided tour of the sky at night - and would I be available? After we had sorted out how much I would charge - a donation to Médecins sans Frontières was mutually agreeable - we were all set. All we needed was a clear night without too much moon bleaching the stars out ... and it had to be a Saturday.

It has been awful star gazing weather so far in 2023, and come April, the Christmas present had yet to be delivered. Then for the Easter weekend a clear night was predicted. To ensure a good view I had obtained permission to use a field at the top of the hill looking towards Dartmoor. Just after sunset I nervously shepherded everyone through the gate in the dusk light - the party had grown with the unexpected addition of one well behaved dog plus a sprightly 90-year-old mother-in-law - and we all settled down in our fold up chairs, with blankets and thermos flasks, to await the celestial developments.

Venus was the first to pop out of the fading light, and a few minutes later we saw our first star - Sirius low over the western horizon. Then an orange Mars appeared higher in the darkening sky and after 30 minutes we managed to spot the faint light of the elusive planet Mercury, well below Venus, and, as always, it was hurrying to hide below the horizon.

I had not had a night under the stars since before Christmas as the weather has been so awful, and in the meantime the stars in their constellations have moved almost a quarter turn in their eternal annual rotation around the Pole Star. Additionally I was disorientated as we were looking west to an uncluttered horizon which I can't see from my south facing garden. So it was a delight to spot Orion, the Hunter, with his faithful dog (Canis Major) at his heels, still marching across the sky - although they will disappear below the horizon in the next few weeks. Then as more stars came out we spotted the Twins, Castor and Pollux, and then turning to look east we saw the seven stars of the Plough, or Great Bear, slowly emerging from the deepening gloom. From there we followed the line of the top two stars pointing towards the Pole Star around which the celestial sky revolves - it is quite a faint star which can be difficult to spot but eventually it became dark enough. And perhaps the delight of the night was to find the Pleiades star cluster just above Venus, a wonderful scattering of dozens of glittering diamonds through the binoculars. We felt a kinship with the heroic prehistory navigators of Polynesia and Australia to whom the Pleiades were trusty guides on their travels.

We were all (especially mother-in-law) reluctant to leave the field after over two hours of star gazing, having feasted on three planets, a dozen constellations and the knowledge that above us were the million stars of our home galaxy and then stretching out to infinity were countless galaxies stretching to the edges of the universe. Just the four of us, plus the dog, in a silent field above Ugborough, free from the distractions of social media and Netflix. Just us, sharing the knowledge of the universe slowly revealing itself above our heads.



G-UP

Creating a community where it's easy to live sustainably

Jackie Andrade and Rachael Tily

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G-UP! Greener Ugborough Parish is a voluntary community group supporting local people to address environmental challenges. This month we explore energy solutions for cars and homes. We also have a top tip for greener gardening this spring...

Car use makes up a quarter of an average person's carbon footprint – around 3 tonnes of carbon dioxide each year. It would take 40 years for a tree planted today to draw that much carbon out of the atmosphere. In a rural place like Ugborough, few people have the option of not driving but reducing it by 10% could make a big difference. G-UP have been trying to think of ways to do this. One option is to share more journeys with friends or neighbours, through informal arrangements or apps advertising offers of lifts for longer journeys (we like a Cornish app called the Pasty Connection) and <https://liftshare.com/uk> for regular commutes.

Would you be interested in trying one or more of these options? GUP is looking for a small team of volunteers to test out some **car-share solutions** and report back to us. Please email greeneruqp@gmail.com if you are interested.

At the end of March, Ugborough's own sustainable building expert, Caroline Martin, led a discussion on energy efficiency at home. We learned that the key to retrofitting a house effectively is to get the ventilation right before improving insulation, so that better insulation doesn't lead to problems with damp or mould. Sealing draughts with draught excluder, heavy curtains etc, can be an easy fix. If you would like to borrow G-UP's **thermal imaging camera** to detect cold spots in your home, please email greeneruqp@gmail.com including 'thermal' in the subject or use our sign-up sheet here: <https://tinyurl.com/3f9dcjmb>.

No Mow May: leaving areas of lawn uncut this month helps feed the insects that support a whole web of life, including the swallows and house martins that flock back to Devon in spring. If you want to go further, this talk hosted by Moor Meadows shows different ways of turning tiny spaces into beautiful flower-rich meadows:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CGFQNIbyjP4>

For more tips and meeting updates, please sign up for the G-UP newsletter. Email greeneruqp@gmail.com Happy Spring!

Clear Water below Ugborough by Graham Gilbert

Water Quality and Why We Test the Water.

Thanks to the recent programmes by Paul Whitehouse (“Our Troubled Rivers”, available on BBC iPlayer) and Countryfile (“Troubled Waters”, also on iPlayer) more people are becoming aware of the bad state of our rivers. We are lucky in Devon that the Avon, Erme, Dart, and Yealm are in better health than most, but they are still not in great condition.

In Ugborough we have several spring-fed streams that flow into the Bowcombe Brook which joins the Lud Brook which in turn feeds into the Erme. The Erme carries on down to the sea entering the salty water at Mothecombe, a very popular swimming beach.

But here’s the thing. That beach is the second worst in the region for sewerage pollution and the **10th worst in the country**. Which is why there is a growing number of people in the Erme catchment who want action to change this.

In recent editions of the Newsletter we have written, often with a sense of humour, of the testing several Ugborians carry out on the Bowcombe Brook and Lud Brook as part of the initiative by the Westcountry Rivers Trust to involve ordinary people in a region-wide citizen science project collecting and collating data on our rivers’ health. There are now four Ugborians engaged in the project, and we intend to focus on the health of the Lutterburn, a tributary of the Bowcombe Brook, as well as the aforementioned streams, plus the sewer outflow from the Ugborough water treatment works.

Talking of which, here are the figures for the treatment works:

Ugborough storm settlement outflow 2021, 161.3 hours. 2022, 47.2 hours

Ugborough combined sewer outflow 2021, 15.3 hours. 2022, 58.9 hours

When it rains, runoff joins the sewers increasing the volume. To prevent overload this is stored in a Storm Settlement Tanks to be treated later. If rain persists this will overflow into the Bowcombe Brook via SSOs. These spills must be measured and reported by SW Water.

Very heavy/prolonged rain overloads the sewers. This triggers releases from Combined Sewer Outflows (CSOs or SOs) and Storm Settlement Outflows (SSOs) into the Bowcombe Brook. These must also be recorded and reported.

So what goes into the treatment works, from our loos, sinks, drains, etc., can in the right (or should that be wrong) circumstances find its way to Mothecombe where friends and family might just be paddling or taking a dip. Then there’s runoff from fields: slurry from farmyards, fertilisers, animal pee and poo, all exacerbated, of course, when it rains.

We can all do our part to help our rivers recover and with it our wildlife and our health and well-being. More on this next time.

Spring Celebration at St Mary's Church, North Huish

On Sunday 14th May at 6 p.m. the villagers of North Huish are holding their first Spring Celebration, with handbells, singing, and poetry. Rumour has it that members of UFOlk will be playing a few tunes. And refreshments will be provided. Everyone welcome.

With no regular services being held in the church, which is now run by the Churches Conservation Trust, villagers are keen to see the building used for local events, bringing the community together. So with the support of the Trust a series of events is planned for the year which started with a very successful coffee morning in March when over £300 was raised, some of which will go to the Trust to help with their conservation work, and some to go towards future events.

So please come and give your support to this lovely 15th century building, and enjoy an early evening of entertainment.

U3a boomtime

With membership numbers rapidly approaching the 400 mark, it does look as though the dark days of the Covid pandemic are now well and truly behind as far as Ivybridge u3a is concerned.

Membership stood at just over 400 when the first lockdown hit and the long-awaited return to normality now is very welcome. It is a clear indication that for many people the phrase 'Can I have my life back?' is being well and truly answered.

The increase in numbers has been reflected by a rise in turn-outs at the monthly general meetings but, more significantly than that, an extensive programme of nearly 40 u3a groups, are now up and running.

From book review groups, through creative writing, play reading and poetry appreciation Literary tastes are well catered for. Two local history groups and a History of Modern Britain group ensure that our past is not forgotten.

Natural history is ever popular, and two Etymology groups also offer some interesting insights into a subject that is sometimes too easily overlooked.

For those who want to be more physically active, country dancing, Dartmoor History Walking Group or litter picking may prove to be tempting.

But the executive committee of the u3a are not prepared to rest on their laurels at this point.

If anyone has an inclination to fill in a gap in the present curriculum, they would really like to hear from you.

New groups can always be set up providing that they have a willing person to lead them. This need not involve a huge amount of practical knowledge - it is more about carrying out the limited admin work that is necessary.

And help getting started is always available to those who feel willing to give it a go.

So, whether you are just considering taking out membership or if you have a burning desire to expand the u3a repertoire, please feel free to contact the chair, Val Carmichael on 01752 658164 or email: val.carmichael76@gmail.com

She will be happy to hear from you.

Ugborough Primary School -Headteacher, Mrs. Lucy French

Welcome back to the Summer Term and what a busy term we have planned for the children! This term there are many residential trips planned, cooking days, sports day and much more to follow.

Monday 1st May is a Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May is also a Bank Holiday in lieu of the King's Coronation

Friday 26th May is Sports Day

Half Term- Monday 29th May- Friday June 2nd.

Due to strike action, the Foundation Class will be closed on Tuesday 2nd May.

Beryl's Bookworms – Katie Lloyd

Our book this month was *The Burgess Boys* by Elizabeth Strout, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for her 2009 story, *Olive Kitteridge*. We had, on the whole, really enjoyed her previous books so it was surprising that we had a very mixed response to this novel which follows a particular family's history where the setting swings from New York to rural Maine. It tells the story of two brothers, both lawyers but very different characters, who are trying to help their sister whose son has committed a serious racial offence. The book grapples with issues of identity, marriage, race, immigration, class, and politics.

We had a lively discussion and agreed that Strout's characterisation and ability to communicate complex family dynamics are excellent. Also noted, is her skill in weaving in characters from her other books which we felt is both skilful and satisfying.

We agreed that she also gave a very real and moving portrayal of the problems that immigration can have on a community as seen through the eyes of a Somali gentleman; seen by some of the group as one of the most successfully drawn characters.

However, many felt that the novel is unrelentingly depressing in its portrayal of an unhappy, dysfunctional family with too many deeply flawed characters. Some felt that it was hard to relate to the family members and could not feel sympathy with the perpetrator of a racially motivated crime.

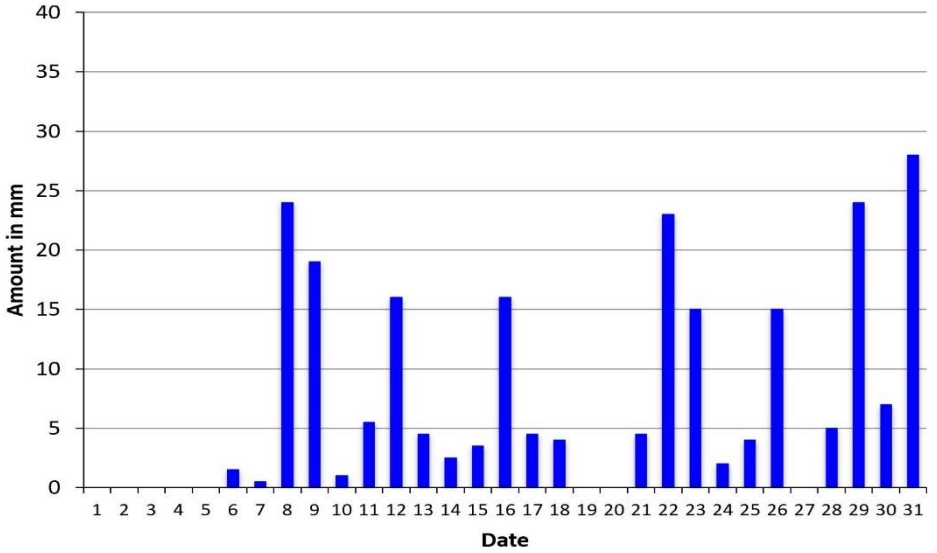
The final score was 3.7 out of 5 - and ranged from 4.5 from some members whilst others gave it 2.5. It always makes for a lively book group evening when our opinions differ widely!

Our next book is – *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

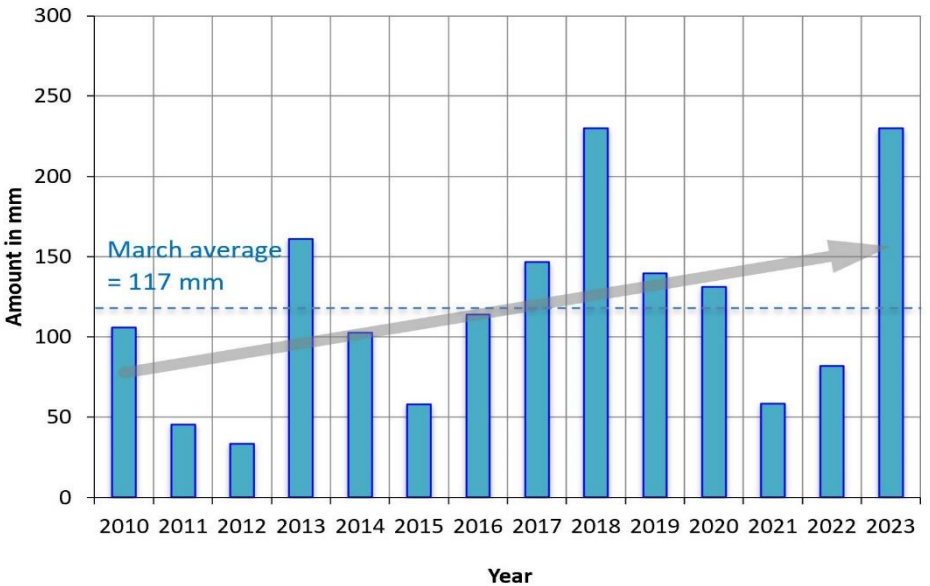
Rainfall at Shellwood Hill- George Arnison

Continuing on from February and the second half of January, March started off dry...and then it began raining, and continued to do so for the rest of the month. So after our driest February in the last 14 years, we ended up with our wettest March (equal with 2018). We recorded 230mm (just over 9") at Shellwood Hill, almost double the month's average of 117mm. According to the Met Office it was the 6th wettest March across the UK since 1836.

Rainfall in March 2023



March rainfalls and Trend



Ugborough Parish Council

Clerk: Sally Smale Email: ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk

Website: <https://ugboroughparishcouncil.org> - where you can view the Newsletter to use the weblinks

April has been a busy month. On Monday 3rd April we hosted the Annual Parish Meeting and 2 weeks later on the 17th it was our regular monthly meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting

It was lovely to welcome 6 members of the public to the Annual Parish Meeting. Sadly, due to sickness, our guest speakers Tamsin Thomas, (Project Officer, Dartmoor Our Common Cause: Our Upland Commons) and Ella Briens, (Dartmoor Ranger) were unable to attend. We do hope however to accept their offer to present at a Council meeting later in the year to talk about Our Upland Commons which is a £3 million project, helping to secure the future of upland commons in England. Three Commons on Dartmoor are included.

Cllr Joan Fletcher welcomed everyone to the meeting and presented the parish council's annual report. (See our website) The Council has achieved much over the year, and she thanked the Parish Councillors and the Clerk for their support and hard work and also the community for the enthusiasm and contributions from so many individuals.

This was followed by the following reports – all of which can be downloaded from our website:

Dartmoor National Park (Cathy Pannell)

South Hams District Councillors (Tom Holway and Vic Abbott)

Ugborough Pre-school (celebrating its 30th birthday this year!)

Cllr Holway reminded those present that the Parish Meeting offered an opportunity to vote on matters of community interest and so it was agreed unanimously that the Council write to the Academy Trust expressing disappointment at them not making space available for pre-school provision and also denying access to the School Field.

Village Hall Committee (Cllr Tim Slater)

The Ugborough Village Hall Annual General Meeting is due to take place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

G-Up (Greener Ugborough)

Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall Councillor Advocate Report

Bittaford Village Hall (Cllr Nelson)

April Council Meeting

Two members of the public attended the meeting.

The following matters had been raised with Councillors since the last meeting:

- Complaint from Wrangaton regarding lack of refuse collections and a reminder from Cllr Holway asks that all issues be reported on the South Hams District Council website if possible so that a true picture of service delivery can be seen.
- A member of the public requested an update on the situation regarding community use of the School Field.

School Field

UPC has received a letter from the school declining the request for open community use of the school grounds. A working group has visited Yealmpton School to see how community use of their field is managed there and we are going to write to Ugborough School and ask for details of what would be needed to make use possible in Ugborough. We have set up a working group to take the matter forward.

The report from Devon County Councillor Dan Thomas is available on our website and includes:

- Devolution deal for Devon, Plymouth and Torbay moves a step closer
- Every penny of the extra £9.4m will be spent making our roads more resilient
- New emergency alert system launched by UK Government on Sunday 23 April 2023 at 3pm

Planning

We supported the following planning applications:

0830/23/FUL Provision of a manège Land At SX 703 573, Barons Hill Farm Avonwick,
1139/23/TCA **Tree work** 6 Lutterburn Street and **4243/22/HHO** application for internal & external works at 18 Lutterburn Street. We do not object in principle to the application:
0131/23 Demolition of existing garage block and change of use of land for the siting of three residential caravans at Bittaford Wood Caravan Park, but we have suggested that the unit immediately on the boundary to be moved further from the boundary

The following planning decisions had been made by SHDC and DNP:

0146/23/CLE Land at SX 688 573 Yard at Corner of Yellowberries Lane Wrangaton Certificate of lawfulness for existing use for the storage of vehicles on site together with the siting of an open fronted shed & a shipping container – **Refusal** and 0248/23/HHO Valley View Donkey Lane application for replacement Garage – **Conditional Approval.**

Finance

We are pleased to grant fund Bittaford Planters £150

Climate Emergency and sustainable Ugborough

Erme water quality project – we have agreed to become part of a multi- parish River Erme environmental group and contribute in principle financially to initiatives proportional to the precepts

Bittaford Play Park

The new gates have been purchased and installed by Dartmoor National Park Authority and the new swing and accessible picnic bench ordered. Thanks to DCC for grant funding towards the bench.

Highways & Rights of Way

- We looked at 3 quotations for additional and bigger **road signs at the Beacon View** junction and these will now be ordered. A team of volunteers will erect the signs.
- We are pleased that G Wilson will be coming along to our May meeting to talk to us in more detail about the **Ivybridge - Bittaford cycle route**
- We have agreed to contact Jon Pearson Ltd (authors of the residential travel plan) to request they pursue re-instatement of the **bus-stop at The Sidings.**

Community Award

At the Annual Parish Meeting someone suggested that we might look at establishing a Community Award for volunteers. We think that this is a wonderful idea but that it would be very difficult to choose one individual every year from all the residents who contribute so generously to the community. Instead, we hope to expand the Annual Parish Meeting to become a celebration of community effort across the parish.

Next meetings:

Monday 15th May in Ugborough Village Hall. 7 p.m. Annual Parish Council Meeting.
7.30 p.m. Ordinary Meeting.

Monday 12th June. 7.30 in Ugborough 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 ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk

Bittaford Methodist Chapel Chris Phillips 07899934743

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

Sunday May 7th Revd D Youngs Communion Service

Sunday May 14th Revd T Higgins

Sunday May 21st Mr N Norris

Sunday May 28th Revd A Roper 3 p.m. café church

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 |
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| Sunday May 7 th | All Age Coronation celebration with craft activities for the children- an informal service for everyone. Led by Local Worship Leaders |
| Sunday May 14 th | Holy Communion- a more traditional service |
| Sunday May 21 st | Morning Praise- an informal service led by Local Worship Leaders |
| Sunday May 28 th | Holy Communion- a more traditional service 4.30 p.m. Messy Church (see below) |

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

Sunday May 28th 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



The **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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01548 821199 email parish_sayle@me.com.

Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir concert – Sean Marcus

Sing along with us!

I know where you will be on **Saturday 27th May at 7.30 p.m.**

Oh yes I do!

OK, so if I have to admit that I don't actually know, I am surely allowed a good guess! Or a hope! Where I would like to see you all is at a Male Voice Choir concert in St. Peter's Church, Ugborough, where you will be regaled with songs old and newish.

Do put the date and time in your diary/calendar. The Coronation will soon be over and you can start thinking about relaxing and being entertained by the Tamar Valley Choir.

All proceeds from the ticket sales (£10 each) will be sent to Christian Aid for use in all the traumas which exist in myriad forms across the world.

So be there to sing if you can and know you've also helped those who desperately need help.

May 27th at 7.30 p.m. You could be there!

Tickets on the door- or via Sean Marcus at 28 Lutterburn St.

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 a.m.-10 a.m., normally every 4 weeks.

The next date is Tuesday May 9th

Holbeton Film Club at Holbeton Village Hall - Harry Baumer 01752 830274

Our programme for the coming month is:

Mrs Harris Goes To Paris, PG, Saturday 13th May

Tickets on the door still only £4 (cash only). Ice creams will be on sale for £1.

You are invited to join us as we Showcase the Work of Ivybridge Youth for Christ on Saturday 1st July at 6:30 p.m. at Bittaford Methodist Church

The evening will include -

Welcome Drink, Presentations from Young People, IFYC Future Plans Presentation, AGM and Hog Roast.

There will be a charge of £10

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Please rsvp to **Madeline Allen on 07969 011287 by Friday 23rd June 2023**

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