

Ugborough Parish Newsletter

February 2023



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St Peter's Church, Ugborough - Sue Johns Jeremy Wells Church Wardens

At St. Peter's we want to provide a variety of traditional and informal services to cover all preferences – and for those who like a mix!

All Services are at 9.30 a.m., and follow this pattern-

The first Sunday of every month is always an informal service of Morning Praise with craft activities for the children based on the theme of the day. Our trained Local Worship Leaders, (LWLs), Sue, Norma and Sylvia plan each service, together with our Reader, David Stafford. During the service, we explore and reflect on aspects of the set Bible readings and we share the delivery using a Power Point presentation. We are lucky to be able to call on several members of the congregation who are happy to read the lessons and to produce the prayers. A truly home-grown service!

The second and fourth Sundays are Holy Communion services, led by a priest, often our Rector the Rev. David Sayle. The service follows Common Worship,(the Church of England's primary worship and service book), and reflects the Bible readings for that Sunday.

The third Sunday is again an informal Morning Praise service planned and led by LWLs using a PowerPoint presentation.

Each week the music is a mix of traditional hymns right through to modern hymn writers such as Stuart Townend and Bernadette Farrell. (You can check them out on You Tube!)

All the services are followed by Refreshments – and a chance to chat.

Every fourth Sunday from 4.30 – 6 p.m. we hold a Messy Church Service for children accompanied by an adult. Again, a very informal service with a Bible story, prayers, songs and a selection of craft activities all linked to the scripture. The children are encouraged to take an active part in any discussion, and to display any Group project, as well as taking something home. This year we are hoping to encourage the small but growing band of child musicians to help with the music every month. There is already a great tradition of enthusiastic singing! (Remember the Carol Service?!)

This is all followed by a party tea, where the children enjoy a freshly cooked meal of favourite foods. This sorts out Sunday Tea for sure!

So, we endeavour to provide something for everyone.... You are very welcome to come and sample!

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays - Val Holman, 01752 894973

We are back in the swing of our Saturday mornings every other week in the village hall. Hope some of you will avail yourselves of the goodies available from our stallholders, not forgetting the delicious bacon butties, full breakfasts, and coffee and tea from the cafe. Special thanks to the 'Wassail' musicians and singers for their songs at our first USS of 2023, it was a real treat for everyone there.

Dates in February are 11th and 25th , 10 -12noon in the Village Hall.

Ugborough Wassail -Graham Gilbert

Down in the orchard the young trees were trembling with trepidation. Word had got out on the Wood-Wide-Web that Something Was About To Happen, but what exactly it was no tree knew.

Then on a Sunday morning, after the bells of St Peter's church had gone silent, one apple tree at the top of the orchard noticed three humans assembling a marquee nearby. Something was definitely a-root! The humans had only just got the roof canvas on when a hailstorm struck, and they were forced underneath for cover. But the hail passed and despite the odd shower the marquee was erected, tables and chairs put out, fire pits arranged, logs lugged up the hill and placed around one fire pit, and lights strung out.

Then the humans headed towards the trees, some of which were decorated with lights and other adornments. All very strange. A gazebo was erected close to the marquee. Then the humans disappeared.

But at around 5 p.m. people started arriving carrying food or musical instruments, some of them wore hats adorned with holly, ivy, dried flowers. Children got together and played, adults met up with friends, and singers and musicians began to plan the music for later. The tempting aroma of mulled cider was carried on the north-westerly breeze down through the orchard; Something Was Happening.

Then all was made clear. A Wassail! The first in Ugborough in living memory. Thanks were given to the Pickstones for making the Orchard available and for providing the food and cider. Thanks also to the singers, some of whom had come from far-flung South Brent and Beyond. A Wassail Queen was chosen and crowned. The music began: *Here We come a wassailing among the leaves so green.....* followed by more songs and a procession down to the orchard.

Three trees had been singled out for special attention and, to their amazement, each one in turn was surrounded by a great crowd of humans. A hush descended as the Queen put pieces of toast in the tree, an offering to Robins who are the guardians of the trees. Cider was sprinkled around the tree roots. Then voices sang the Stoke Gabriel Wassail followed by everyone shouting *Old apple tree, we wassail thee, Here's hoping thou wilt bear, Hats full, Caps full, Three-bushel bags full, And little heaps under the stair! Hip-hip-hooray, Hip-hip-hooray, hip-hip-hooray!* Immediately followed by the banging of pots and pans and the firing of a shotgun in order to drive way any evil spirits thus ensuring a good Autumn harvest.

Then the trees were left wondering what on earth that was all about (humans are weird) as the people drifted off to get baked potatoes, chilli, sausages, wassail cakes, and more cider. There was more singing and conversation until, surprise, surprise, it began to rain. The happy humans packed up and left. Waes Hael.

It has since been reported on the Wood-Wide Web that they'll be doing it again next year.

Ugborough Steepers -Graham Gilbert 07718 161079

The next dates for Ugborough Steepers' hedgelaying are Sundays 29th January, 12th and 26th February Steeping is from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Please contact me for more information.

Ladies' Lunch *Pat Stephens*

The date for the next lunch is Wednesday 15th March at The Ship, Ugborough for 12 noon.
Contact Pat Stephens 07704 113837 to book.

Winter Warmers- *Philomena Jones*

Please join friends and neighbours with a warming bowl of soup and cake at Ugborough Village Hall from 12- 2 p.m. £2 per head.

Future dates-

February 18th , March 18th

Erme Valley RDA- *Peggy Douglas.*

Winter weather is as challenging as ever as we ride into February! We make daily adjustments to our management of horses and riders in the cold and rain as we look forward to Spring!

We welcome our new members joining us from Acorn and Squirrels Exeter group that have now merged with us. We are looking forward to Sue Veale joining us when she can and continuing Tea with a pony. This activity is specifically dementia friendly.

Christmas saw a flurry of special events raising much needed funds. Thanks to all those that took part in the Christmas challenge. We are still receiving money in from those we didn't see before Christmas but at the moment we are at £1500 - fantastic effort well done.

The Christmas raffle raised £270, the Christmas cake made £50.

The new regulations for hats have now changed as of 1st January. This has meant we have had to replace 17 hats. The cheapest of which is now £70, so all fund raising efforts and donations are gratefully received.

Thinking of making the most of 2 for the price of 1 offers?? We are always in need of everyday items. We regularly need cleaning products, sponges, art and craft items such as felt tips, scissors and paper. Pop them into me at 22, Fore Street, Ugborough – or indeed visit The Brook on Ugborough Road – and see us in action!

Ugborough Primary School *-Headteacher, Mrs. Lucy French*

We are very excited to announce the return of Book Month this year! We are currently putting together a calendar of events that will run from Monday 30th January through to Friday 3rd March. We will be celebrating with visits from the local library, bookshop and authors as well as many other events which we will circulate to you soon.

The first event we would like to share with you is the return of the Scholastic Book Fair. We will be hosting this in the school hall on Friday 3rd February between 3.30 and 4.30 p.m. Online card payments will be required for book purchases. Our wonderful PTA will be putting on refreshments during this time too and will be able to accept cash and card payments. We hope to see lots of you there for this exciting event!

Half Term-Monday 13th February– Monday 20th February

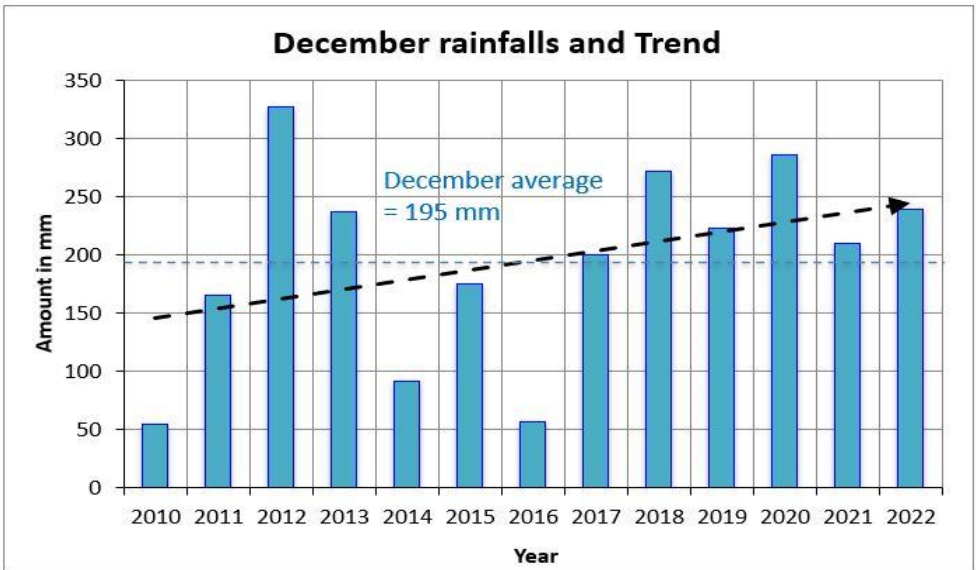
Rainfall at Shellwood Hill *George Arnison*

December turned out to be a ‘game of two halves’ for us weatherwise. The first half of the month was exceptionally cold and dry. The second half was mild and very wet – to the extent that despite no rain at all in the first couple of weeks, the monthly rainfall total of 239.0mm (9½”) that I recorded at Shellwood Hill, was well above the monthly average (195mm). It included the wettest day of the year – 55mm on 18th December - and ended up being one of the wetter Decembers of recent years.

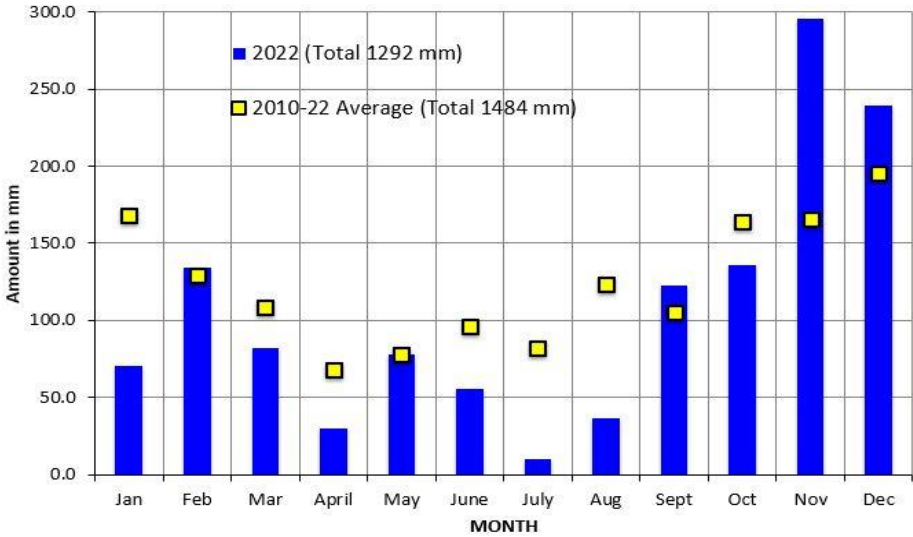
For us, 2022 will go down as a very warm and dry year. Locally, seven months had rainfall totals well below their averages, in particular January, July and August. Only the very wet November and December bucked the trend.

Nationally it was a record-breaking year: the Met Office reported that it was the driest January-August period since 1976, and drought conditions were declared across the country. UK temperatures in 2022 were the highest since the 1884 record began, with the summer heatwave seeing a new all-time high temperature of 40.3 °C at Coningsby in Lincolnshire on 19th July. It was also the warmest year on record for the ‘Central England Temperature’ – a dataset which goes back to 1659 - the longest instrumental record of temperature in the world! So definitely ‘warm’.

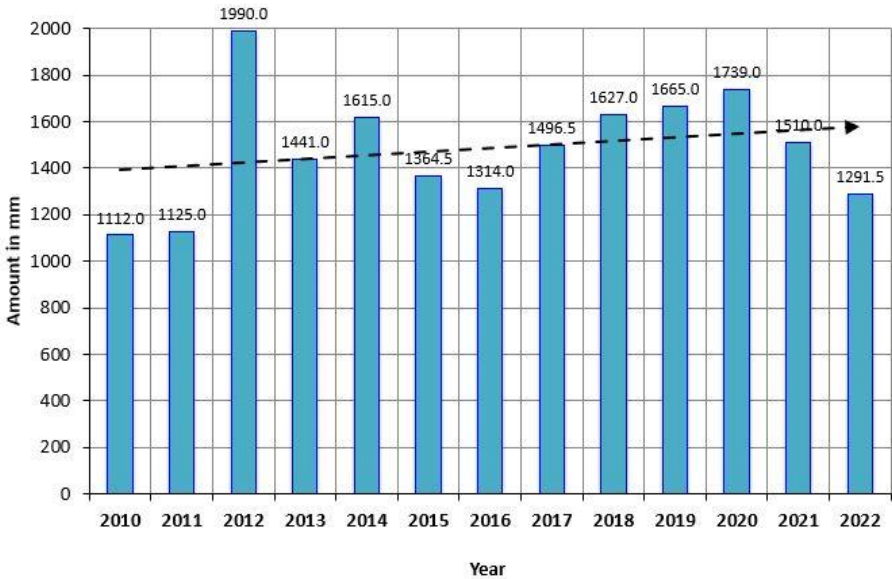
There were heatwaves around much of the world too, with particularly devastating ones across mainland Europe, the Indian sub-continent, USA and China. There were massive floods in Pakistan and Australia, the USA was severely hit by Hurricane Ian...and it rained in Antarctica. I think we got off quite lightly.



Monthly rainfall for 2022 - compared to 13 Year averages



Annual rainfall totals and Trend



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

The flag will be flown on

February 19th

Birthday of Andrew, the Duke of York



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

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. We celebrated Chinese New Year with the children, which was a lovely occasion, and we are grateful for parental support with this. 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 and, because the children still talk about their recent trip to the aquarium, we are looking ahead to planning for another trip at Easter time. 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.

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. If you have an interest in helping us in provide this facility, which will benefit the village as a whole, we would love to hear from you. You do not need to have children attending the Pre-school to join, just to want the best for Ugborough!



Your Stars Tonight. My two grandiose plans back in October included following Mars as it brightened to its closest point near Christmas, while watching its icecaps shrink and then grow. And tracking the newly discovered comet C 2022 (E3) ZTF, of which much was hoped for, as it passed the Earth for its first swing round the sun for 50,000 years. It was it was predicted that it would be bright enough to see by eye in the end of January, but comets are notoriously finicky to predict. I planned to have a complete history as it slowly brightened and languidly moved across an ever changing pattern of stars, before fading as it returned to its icy lair in the Oort Cloud billions of miles away on the very edge of the solar system.

Alas , it has been a hard time for star gazers since October - what with one thing (mostly rain) and another (more rain) I have not been out star gazing for over three months. So when the latest cold snap brought clear skies last week, I took a deep breath and metaphorically jumped into an icebox in a field near Toby Cross, from where I would have a decent chance of seeing Comet ZTF. It was going to be a challenge as it would be very faint and skimming just above the horizon over Ugborough Beacon in an area of the sky with no easy star patterns to guide the eye.

But the real problem with finding ZTF was the freezing cold. As my favourite comic hero would say "Yikes". It was cold, cold, cold in the brisk wind coming off Dartmoor. The battery on the camera went flat "phutt" after five minutes and even with arctic gloves, holding the binoculars was painful. After 10 minute I could claim to have seen Mars, Jupiter, a faint Saturn and overwhelming bright Venus in the western dusk, but there was no sign of ZTF over the northern horizon. So I quit - probably just as well since the black ice on the hill was treacherous in the dark.

"Haven't you found this wretched comet yet?" grumbled the steamed dieter much later that evening as I put on my winter woollies to "just have one more quick look" in the hope of spotting the comet from the back garden. First the Devon hedge (in desperate need of its annual hair cut) obscured the view, then the comet was behind the vicarage (which is now looks so empty and forlorn), then a solitary, but very determined cloud defeated me and towards midnight it was so cold that my glasses iced up. While I de-iced them on the radiator, I looked again at the star chart, (I now use the very helpful and free, *The Sky Live* at <https://theskylive.com/>) and worked out that if I kept the Plough on the right, and went up towards the Pole star, with the Ursa Minor (Little Bear) constellation hanging below it, then for the next few weeks that was where ZTF was going to be moving through. Perseverance (not quite how the steamed dieter described it) was at last rewarded just before midnight when I finally spotted it through the binoculars as a faint green tinted haze. I felt strangely satisfied - a bit like having run a marathon or done a winter skinny dip in the sea at Mothecombe (not that either is part of my skills set).

With my astronomical fire rekindled I resolved to photograph the comet ZTF through its peak brightness in the first week in February (when it might just be visible to the naked eye) and then track for the next few months as fades before leaving us for another fifty millennia. That's a new resolution to add to the others; starting with getting out of bed, losing 7 pounds, reducing my Carbon Footprint by another 5%, being nice to penguins and bees. We will have to see how I get on.



G-UP

Creating a community where it's easy to live sustainably - Faith Matthews

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

Our meeting at the end of January saw David Roe spearheading the relaunch of our household carbon reduction scheme. Bold participants on board are aiming to reduce the carbon footprint of their household by 25% through this initiative. Here we look at where the impact actually is: Household energy use, transport, air travel, diet etc. and how we might make positive changes through our household/lifestyle choices and/or set up.

This is a mutually supportive group – none of us have come in to the scheme with all the answers! - where learning is shared along the way. This month we heard from one participant, Jackie Andrade, about her experience of electric vehicles – the pros, cons and issues around access to these. Thank you to David for being so generous with his expertise and insight.

At a certain point in the scheme we hope to cascade some of what we have learnt to other parishioners – so if you are keen to look at positive environmental changes you could make at home please let us know.

With this in mind Cllr Tom Holway is also seeing through the ordering of a thermal imaging camera which can be loaned out to residents. This gadget shows where your house is leaking heat, identifying where to put in place effective measures such as curtains, insulation and draught excluders – perhaps in places you hadn't even considered! We shall let you know as soon as it is available for loan.

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

Coronation Dinner 6th May 2023 - Taff Jones

Tickets are still available for the Coronation Dinner 6th May 2023

We will be organising a "Black Tie" dinner to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. The event will be held in the Village Hall (outside caterer) and run along similar lines to the dinner we organised to commemorate the start of World War I (formal mess dinner). At the moment, we estimate the cost will be in the region of £50 pp - payable February/March - (entrees, three courses, wine to start on table, cheese board and port). We will be strictly limited to eighty people, please contact me in the first instance at the e-mail below, after the first eighty people I will run a reserve list should anyone drop out. Everyone will be informed their position on the list as I receive e-mails.

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Historical Nugget -Taff Jones

Apologies for the no show of the historical nugget in January's issue, but like many of you Christmas was upon me before I had a chance to do a little research. Anyways, here's February's nugget.

Historical Nugget: 23rd February 1951: UK - The convicted spy, Klaus Fuchs, lost his British citizenship.

Klaus Fuchs, was a German scientist who studied theoretical physics at Leipzig University. Being a communist sympathiser, he fled Nazi Germany in 1933 and, using family connections, came to the UK and researched his PhD at the University of Bristol. He applied for British citizenship in 1939 but this was still being processed when War broke out, he was interred on the Isle of Man.

In 1941, Fuchs was given British citizenship as a special case and signed the *Official Secrets Act*, he was later recruited, by Rudolf Peierls, to work on the Tube Alloys Project (the British Atomic Bomb Project) and was eventually posted to Los Alamos in New Mexico when the Project was subsumed into the Manhattan Project. After Germany invaded Russia in 1941, Fuchs contacted an old communist colleague who put him in touch with a Soviet embassy official and immediately began betraying atomic secrets to his Soviet handlers.

Fuchs returned to the UK in 1946 and began work as a Principal Scientific Officer at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell in Oxfordshire. He was later the deputy chief scientific officer responsible for the mathematical work on nuclear power. In 1950, Fuchs was arrested for transmitting significant information about Anglo-American work on nuclear weapons, including the hydrogen bomb. Fuchs' arrest led to the collapse of the 1949 negotiations between Britain and America which aimed at improving nuclear collaboration. Fuchs huge betrayal of nuclear secrets to the Soviet Union certainly altered the course of history, whereas the US thought it would take the Soviet Union many years to develop a bomb, with Fuchs' betrayal, they exploded their first A-Bomb, Joe-1, 29 August 1949.

Fuchs was released in 1959, and migrated to the German Democratic Republic (East Germany), where he was elected to the Academy of Sciences, he became a member of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany. He was later appointed deputy director of the Institute of Nuclear Research, where he served until he retired in 1979. He died in 1988

Beryl's Bookworms – Ann Povey

Our January book was *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles. Born in Montana in the United States, she developed a love in languages at high school. She later graduated in English, French and Russian. Leaving the US to teach English in Odessa, the major seaport of Ukraine, she later moved to Paris to teach, but soon gravitated to *The American Library* in Paris, the largest English language lending library on the European mainland. It was here she heard stories of the heroism of the librarians during the wartime occupation of Paris by the Nazis. They continued to deliver books widely, particularly to the library's Jewish readers, despite Nazi censorship. Her novel is a fictionalised account of their story.

It starts in Paris in 1939, where a young ambitious Odile has it all – a handsome police officer beau, and a dream job at the Library. When the Nazis march in, she stands to lose everything she holds dear, including her beloved Library. Odile, her family and her friends are all forced to test their courage, and make impossible choices against equally impossible odds. She joins the Resistance, with her best weapon – books. As the story moves on, various characters find themselves on different sides of the conflict. As war comes to an end, instead of freedom, Odile feels disillusioned and betrayed.

The story moves to Montana in 1985. Lily, a young woman, is desperate to escape her small-town life. Living next door is an elderly widow, and Lily finds she shares many attitudes with her. The widow is Odile, a post-war GI bride. As the lives of Odile and Lily are woven together through their love of languages and longings, they discover that a dark secret from the past connects them.

Bookworms were divided on the merits of the book. Some did not enjoy the writer's style and were uncomfortable with the divided time zones. Some thought Lily was an unnecessary character. Others valued the narrative description of how the librarians overcame the immense difficulties of Nazi oppression. Our scores for the book ranged from 4 out of 5 to 2 out of 5, with an average score of 3.

Our February book is *A Slow Fire Burning* by Paula Hawkins.

Ugborough Parish Council

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January Meeting Public Forum

Cluna Donnelly (Community Connector Ivybridge), South Hams Community and Voluntary Services introduced the idea for a community art participation project led by Ukrainian guests to decorate the Bittaford bus shelter. Council will consider this at the next meeting and it would be lovely to hear before that if anyone might be interested in taking part if it goes ahead.

Questions from the Public

Unfortunately no members of the public attended our meeting in January. A member of the public had requested to attend the online meeting with Devon County Highways to discuss the implementation of a 20mph speed limit in the village but we agreed that as this was only a short introductory meeting Cllr Fletcher would feedback at the February meeting. Councillor Richard Hosking introduced himself as the Conservative candidate for the forthcoming SHDC elections in May and Cllr Fletcher thanked Cllr Holway for his support as SHDC Councillor over the years. The flooding situation at Kitterford Cross was noted and Cllr Hosking has contacted Devon County Council for comments

Devon County Council

Dan Thomas had not submitted a report and confirmed that he would be attending the 20mph speed limit meeting and an on-site road safety meeting at the junction of Parsonage Lane.

South Hams District Council

South Hams District Councillors reminded us that there have been a range of articles within the local press and on social media. The information is all still available and covers:

- Where to go for help and advice
- How to avoid scams

- Warm spaces
- Protecting your mental health this winter
- Downsizing to reduce bills
- Helping others in difficulty
- Do you qualify for Council Tax reduction?
- Improving homes and reducing costs
- Help with housing
- Universal Credit explained

To sign up for their regular online newsletters go to their website - <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKSWDEVON/subscriber/new>

They also highlighted two webinars you can sign up to 'Let's talk Pre-teens', a follow up to 'Let's Talk Teenagers' for webinars giving useful advice on how to keep children safe, and the dangers of using illegal money lenders. (Look out for publicity over the next few weeks)

Ninety-eight households have received payments from the Household Support Fund managed by SHDC. Payments came to £32,170. You can still apply to this fund.

Planning

At the January meeting we considered the application for the removal of a tree at 21 Lutterburn Street as the deadline for responses fell before the February meeting but the application had not arrived in time to go on the January agenda. We ratified our response at this meeting; "To support the application with a comment – *the Council regret the loss of a mature tree but accept the owner has no choice considering the damage to the wall*"

Over the last month we have received 8 notifications of planning decisions made by South Hams District Council and Dartmoor National Park Authority:

- Witchcombe Barn Ugborough Prior Approval Application for proposed agricultural building for storage of fodder - Prior Approval Required and Given
- Hollies, Wrangaton Application for variation of condition 2 (approved drawings) of planning consent 57/1640/11/F - Conditional Approval
- Parsonage Cottage. Application for conversion of garage into utility room, two storey side extension and single storey rear extension - Conditional Approval
- Plot South of Coach House Inn, Wrangaton. The erection of two, three bedroomed houses with associated gardens & parking - Refusal
- Single storey extension including patio area Cheston Farm, Wrangaton - Grant Conditionally
- Retrospective planning permission for the laying of an area of hardstanding and track Land At Ruby Rose Farm, Wrangaton - Grant Conditionally
- A secure dog walking and exercise field including provision of off-road parking, 2m security fence and the provision of a shelter Hazelmere Farm, Bittaford - Grant Conditionally
- Single storey side extension and parking bay 4 Lanteglos Close - Grant Conditionally

We have decided it is time to write to South Hams District Council planning enforcement team to voice our dissatisfaction at the length of time it is taking for them to investigate building and

development that does not comply with planning regulations and hold people to account for those breaches.

Finance

We are pleased to grant fund Ivybridge Ring and Ride £250

Following initial consideration of the proposed budget for 2023-2024 at our last meeting we formally agreed it at this meeting, and it is now available for you to look at on our website. The budget takes into account anticipated increased costs and new expenditure and we are delighted that in April there will be no increase in the portion of your council tax that you pay for sole use by us to fund services and activities which are of direct benefit to you here in Ugborough Parish.

Council Assets

Public toilets in Bittaford and Ugborough

We discussed the statement we had received from South Hams District Council regarding the transfer of the toilets to us:

SHDC are not prepared to alter the original offer made of the transfer of the former public conveniences to the parish council with attached overage provisions. This would involve the transfer of the freehold title of the immediate curtilage of the building and for the parish council to take on all associated costs (cleaning, repairs and maintenance, utilities, rates where applicable and consumables).

and agreed that we were unable to take on the assets with these conditions. Cllr Holway will continue his discussions with Members of the South Hams District Council Executive and Senior Leadership Team regarding dropping the overage fee should the buildings be adapted for added beneficial community use.

Bittaford Play Park

We are progressing various actions to address issues raised at the regular maintenance inspections and Cllr Hart is chasing the installation of a new gate by Dartmoor National Park. Once that is provided, we will install an accessible picnic bench. A quote has been **requested** for a new multi-activity unit and a working party will be established to improve the surfaces

Highways & Rights of Way

We considered the purchase of a second Vehicle Activated Speed camera for use at the approach to Beacon View junction onto the road to Wrangaton. As there is already a camera on the approach into Bittaford we have decided to raise the matter with Devon County Council Highways Dept. and ask if they would provide a fixed sign warning of a concealed entrance on the bend.

Meeting Dates

Due to Bank Holidays and local elections we have had to change several of our meeting dates this year. The new dates are:

Monday April 17th 7.30 p.m.

Monday May 15th 7 p.m. Annual Council Meeting and 7.30 p.m. Council meeting

Monday 3rd July 7.30 p.m. Council meeting

The Annual Parish Assembly Meeting is being held on Monday 3rd April at 7.30 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall – please put this date in your diary now, it would be lovely to see as many of you as possible there to share your news and information about village activities.

School Field update

We are still waiting to hear from The Trust's Legal Dept.

Date of next meeting: Monday 13th February 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 ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk

Bittaford Methodist Chapel Chris Phillips 07899934743

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

Sunday 5th February - Revd. David Youngs

Sunday 12th February- Mr Mike Cade

Sunday 19th February -Mrs Gillian Mills

Sunday 26th February- 3 p.m. Revd Amanda Roper

Services at St Peter's Church, Ugborough

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

As Sue and Jeremy say in their article on page 2, we have a variety of services, traditional and informal, so please check below to see what is available.

Date	Service
Sunday 5 th February	Morning Praise- an informal service led by Local Worship Leaders and craft activities for children.
Sunday 12 th February	Holy Communion- a more traditional service
Sunday 19 th February	Morning Praise- an informal service led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 26 th February	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 26th February 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*.

Ugborough bus shelter – *Joan Fletcher- Chair Ugborough Parish Council*

I know people appreciate the bookcase with books in Ugborough bus shelter, but please could I ask that people don't leave additional boxes of books there as this doesn't leave space for people to sit on the seat or shelter from the weather.

Village services.

The Post Office will continue its service at Ugborough Church on Thursday mornings and coffee and cake will be available from 10 – 11.45 a.m. Do pop in for a chat.

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 14th February

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

Our programme for the coming months is:

- Where The Crawdads Sing, 15, Friday 10th February
- Downton Abbey: a new era, PG, Saturday 11th March
- Fisherman's Friends: one and all, 12A, Friday 14th April
- 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.



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