

Ugborough Parish Newsletter

September 2023



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The Newsletter: *Norma Roe, Anne & Tom Holway and Sue Johns.*

Ugborough Parish Newsletter is a useful and very effective way of communicating local news to a great number of Parishioners (and to several who have moved away and like to keep in touch.)

However, we find, along with most things, our costs are increasing... and currently each Newsletter costs 20p per printed copy to produce. 400 copies of each edition are printed.

We are grateful that some of the Organisations who regularly use the Newsletter to communicate give donations towards our costs. We are also kindly supported by Ugborough Fair and Ugfest – the major fund generators in the Parish – Thank You!

We now need to appeal to Ugborough Parishioners. If you feel you could give just a small amount to keep the wolf from the door, it would be gratefully received by anyone from the Newsletter Team! (The Team, and the faithful band of distributors all give their time on a completely voluntary basis)

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays - Juliet Collis

We are back! After a lovely summer break our producers are excited to be returning to USS. We will be in the village hall this month on every other Saturday from 10am – 12 noon, selling all sorts of delicious food and locally made craft items. The ever-popular café, providing excellent coffee and other drinks, plus bacon butties, will be running alongside the stalls. The upcoming dates are Saturday 9th September and Saturday 23rd September. For more information email ugboroughss@gmail.com

Duke of Edinburgh volunteering opportunity

USS provides a volunteering opportunity for a DoE student to help out at USS which takes place on alternate Saturday mornings. Duties include helping set up the hall at 9 a.m. and then assisting in the café. If anyone is interested or would like further information, then please email us at ugboroughss@gmail.com

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.).

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

Ceremonial Flying of the Flag

September 8th

Accession Day

September 15th

Birthday of Henry (Harry), the Duke of Sussex



St Peter's Church News – Sue Johns

It's been a busy summer!

Thanks to Helen Hart and her Team an Open Garden Event was held at the beginning of Fair Week. We were lucky to enjoy a perfect afternoon for visitors to wander the Village and visit the gardens of those who had generously opened their gardens to the public.

It turned out to be one of Kate Brampton's final events before she headed off to pastures new – so we all enjoyed a cream tea and cakes in her lovely garden. Thanks also to the cooks! As a bonus £670 was raised.

The church hosted the revived Fair Concert back in early July, also as part of Fair Week. Having only a few slots filled a week before I was wondering whether to cancel the whole thing – when suddenly some considerably talented individuals and groups came forward, all from the local area – and provided a packed evening of very varied entertainment, encompassing ages from 9 to nearly 90!

Jane Johns mustered her Team of excellent caterers – who provided wonderful refreshments – and the Bar was well patronised! This raised over £640.

We were on a roll!

Next the Fair Cream Teas... same old caterers! ... we served dozens of Teas to Fair Goers who were glad to sit in the cool of the church for a while!

July 23rd saw a great Messy Church BBQ and Fun event in Dunwell Pits. The rain held off – and some 45 adults and children enjoyed a relaxed afternoon with a Treasure Hunt (thanks to Sean Marcus), activities, good food and just simply exploring and running about. Thanks to the Johns family for their invaluable help!

In August we were treated to an evening of Italinissimi – music from the Baroque era, superbly delivered by the Greenwood Consort. Four performers played a range of 14 instruments; from renaissance flute to baroque bassoon, organ to harp, voice to bass curtail. A huge vote of thanks to Ian Hiscock, Mark Bennet, and their fellow musicians Liam Fleet and Joshua Thomas-North. The caterers once more did themselves proud – they're getting a bit of a reputation! The final total raised amounted to £797 for church funds.

So, we look to the Autumn.

The next Messy Church will be on September 24th – then it's Harvest Celebration time – with a special All Age Service, with activities on October 2nd at 9.30 a.m. The church will be resplendent with late summer flowers and some garden produce. Do pop along with anything you'd like to donate or arrange on Saturday 1st. It's great to celebrate this traditional Festival in our country community surrounded by working farms – where the Harvest season is ever near.

We continue to collect items for the Ivybridge Food Bank. Please leave anything suitable in church at any time, and we will deliver.

Erme Valley RDA- *Peggy Douglas 07882 286421*

July and the National Competition at Harbury seem an age away! How well our Riders did in all disciplines- dressage, showing, stable management, show jumping, art, and the Countryside Challenge. It is always hard work – and only possible because of the organisation, commitment and enthusiasm of a great Team, from Volunteers to Riders to Families and Friends.

Thanks to the Douglas Boys for cooking a marathon BBQ for 100 plus at our AGM & prizegiving at The Brook at the end of July. Rosettes a plenty, we celebrated the considerable achievements and effort of all our Riders and Helpers, in so many areas of expertise, and at all levels.

We are always in need of more volunteers.... This is the limiting factor directly controlling the number of Clients we can accommodate. So **please**, if you think you can help in any of the dozens of ways necessary to keep us functioning safely and efficiently, just call me. **07882 286421**

Several of our horses enjoy a break away from The Brook in August – with plenty of hacking out, Pony Club and with some attending local shows. They always come back revitalised. Thanks to those who kindly offer their hospitality.

You won't recognise the entrance to The Brook next time you travel that way – as the huge potholes have been transformed into a smooth and welcoming area. Please remember to keep your speed down in the Lane and Yard!

August saw yet another Inspection – this time to gain British Horse Society accreditation, which we successful achieved with flying colours. Another string to our bow!

Ivybridge U3A -*Anne Kiddell*

Ivybridge U3A is one branch of a nationwide organisation.

If you would like to meet people of like mind enjoying the same activities as you, then perhaps you would like to join us. This could give you the opportunity to make friends with those who have the same interests as you, with groups which are many and varied: from walking on Dartmoor, to learning a foreign language, folk music and learning to play ukelele. In total we have forty groups to choose from. You can find details of all the groups if you search online under Ivybridge U3A.

We have monthly meetings when we have speakers who give talks on various subjects. Our next meeting is -18th September at 2 p.m. Speaker: Roger Browne – The Jazz Piano

If you would like to join, please either come to one of our monthly meetings which are held upstairs in the Watermark on the third Monday of the month or contact our Membership Secretary, Christine Smith. The cost is £18 per person which then gives you access to all we have to offer.

We will look forward to meeting you.



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

<https://www.ugborough.com/g-up>
greenerugp@gmail.com This September Greener Ugborough Parish is celebrating 4 years of activity at the heart of our community.

G-UP's vision is for a *"friendly and resilient community where people share skills, ideas, stories, time and tools. A connected community, where everyone can get around with minimal carbon emissions. A green community, rich with wildlife and space to breathe and play. An empowered community, where every individual can make a difference"*.

Please join us on the evening of Tuesday 19th September to learn about and celebrate the local achievements linked to this vision, and to explore potential future sustainability initiatives for our community.

You may have thoughts on what you feel would really help make our community more sustainable; you may have ideas on which initiatives we as a community should focus on. Equally you may simply be curious...All welcome! Please come and join us in the spirit of celebration and to consider together the next steps of G-UP. There may even be cake!

Tuesday 19th September | Ugborough Village Hall | 7.30 p.m. | ALL WELCOME

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

Beryl's Bookworms – Joan Fletcher

July's book was *Shrines of Gaiety* by Kate Atkinson. She won the Whitbread (now Costa) Book of the Year Award with her first novel, *Behind the Scenes at the Museum*. She has since written three novels set around the Second World War *Life After Life*, *A God in Ruins* (both winners of the Costa Novel Award) and *Transcription*. Her bestselling crime novels featuring former detective Jackson Brodie became the BBC TV series *Case Histories*.

Her latest novel *Shrines of Gaiety* is set in London in the 1920s. In a country still recovering from the First World War, London is the focus for a delirious nightlife. In Soho clubs, peers of the realm rub shoulders with starlets, foreign dignitaries and gangsters. The story centres on the infamous London nightclubs owned by Nellie Coker (loosely based on Kate Meyrick, the 1920s London nightclub proprietor). Nellie Coker is a ruthless ruler, ambitious for her children. Niven is the eldest, his enigmatic character forged fighting in the Somme in the War. But success breeds enemies and Nellie faces threats from without and within. Beneath the gaiety lies a dark underbelly.

Some of us found the book difficult to get into but glad we persevered as we found it improved with reading. Generally, we found there was a lot of wit and good characterisations. We had a lively discussion about various aspects of London life based on the experiences of some of us over the years.

Comments ranged from it was slow and there were too many asides, difficult to connect with the characters and didn't feel real, to it was absolutely brilliant.



This was reflected in the range of scores from 3 to 4.5. The overall score was just under 4 out of 5.

September's book is Lessons by Ian McEwan.

Clear Water below Ugborough *by Graham and David*

Testing....testing....1.2.3.4. Yes, there are now four Westcountry Rivers Trust Citizen Science Investigators in Ugborough. Together with three non-CSIs, the Ugborough Rivers Group now has seven members.

So what have they been up to?

The best way to find out where any problems are occurring on any given stretch of water is to co-ordinate the tests so that they all take place, preferably, at the same time or as close to as possible. On the 21st July your four indefatigable CSIs tested the Bowcombe Brook and Lud Brook, this time including a test just below the water treatment works and a further test above it.

The results clearly showed a substantial increase in phosphate levels from 300ppb upstream of the works to 1000ppb just below the outfall. This can only be attributable to the water treatment works. By the time the Bowcombe Brook reached Ludbrook hamlet the level had been diluted to 200ppb.

The Lud Brook was, as usual, in reasonably good condition although two pollution events on the stream had been recorded by Graham Wilson as it flowed through Whiteley Farm. The pollution originated upstream from the farm and was recorded on camera.

The Erme, sadly, showed a high level of phosphates (500ppb) at Lower Keaton which had dropped to 300ppb at Fawns Bridge (Ermington). Which brings us on to Mothecombe.

So far this year there have been 25 water quality alerts at Mothecombe (Meadsfoot beach), the latest (as of the time of writing, 5/8/23) was on August 2nd when the Environment Agency issued a Pollution Risk Alert. On the 26th July there was a sewage discharge from a South West Water sewage overflow close by. In all, 12 alerts were issued in July, no doubt due to the high rainfall. If you're a swimmer, or even a paddler, who uses this lovely beach you might like to download the Surfers Against Sewage "Safer Seas and Rivers Service" app which can alert you in real time to pollution events, thereby, perhaps, helping you to avoid sickness due to swimming in polluted waters.

To learn more about the Westcountry Rivers Trust come to Ugborough Sustainable Saturday on 9th September where you can talk to us about our work and also buy a beautiful map (print from original hand-painted by Anna Dunscombe) of the Westcountry Rivers. All proceeds go to the WRT.

Ladies' Lunch *Pat Stephens*

The date for the next lunch is Wednesday 13th September at The Ship, Ugborough for 12 noon.

Contact Pat Stephens 07704 113837 to book.

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

We have had 2 meetings since the last Newsletter. Two Members of the public attended our meeting on 3rd July. No members of the public attended the August meeting.

We have been alerted to Himalayan Balsam growing in Bittaford. A team of volunteers have tackled the weed in and around Bittaford Park and will be monitoring the situation. If you would like to help with this, please contact the clerk.

We are sad to say goodbye to Kate Brampton who has recently left Ugborough, and we thank her for her work over the years and, in particular, her weekly and monthly monitoring of the Ugborough Village defibrillator. We wish her all the best in the future.

We discussed the communication received from a member of the public expressing concern at our support at the June meeting for 4 detached houses at Filham. We supported this application on the grounds that the site already has planning permission for 2 properties and the number of properties had increased from 2 to 4 with improved accessibility, the application met all the criteria detailed in our Neighbourhood Plan and the land is infill with no adverse impact noted in the bio-diversity report. As consultees only for planning applications, permissions ultimately lie with South Hams District Council as the planning authority. We remain committed to protecting and enhancing our local environment.

South Hams District Council

Councillors Alison Dewynter and Vic Abbott submitted two comprehensive updates of SHDC activities at both the meetings. The reports are available on our website.

July content:

- a) SHDC Corporate Strategy
- b) The My Place, My Views consultation
- c) New online service available to help tenants
- d) Sustainable South Hams and SHDC Drive for Cleaner Waters
- e) A Reminder about Waste Enquiries
- f) SHDC Leadership Team award
- g) Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)
- h) Active Devon Volunteer Awards

August content:

- a) Learn Devon
- b) Corporate Strategy
- c) 'My Place, My Views' Survey

- d) Dementia Friendly
- e) Arboretum
- f) Local actions
- g) SHDC Meetings

Cllr Abbott is seeking clarification regarding the status and timetable for revision of the Joint Local Plan which sets out the strategy for new housing developments in Plymouth, South Hams and West Devon.

Updates on matters arising from our last meetings:

Beacon View Traffic Management – both the larger signs are now in situ, and, on receipt of special parts, the VAS camera will be installed.

Bittaford viaduct drainage – This matter is still under review.

Bus Stop at the Sidings – This matter has been reviewed by DCC who consider the current provision is sufficient.

Planning

We supported the two applications made since the July meeting:

[2038/23/FUL](#) Erection of agricultural storage building, associated engineering works & landscaping on land At SX 671 566 Bittaford, [1857/23/TCA](#) Works to trees at 8 Lutterburn St. – the application was based on recommendations provided by our tree warden

[2010/23/FUL](#) CVS (UK) Limited Installation of 1 external air conditioning unit Filham Park Veterinary Clinic Godwell Lane Ivybridge PL21 0LE

We have received notification of ten decisions made by SHDC and these can be viewed on our website.

Finance

We have agreed that the new noticeboard purchased for Bittaford would be better suited for erection in the Ugborough Village bus-stop providing more room to advertise Council Business and freeing up the current free-standing board for community use. We hope to erect the new noticeboard in Ugborough in the next couple of weeks and have ordered a smaller replacement board for Bittaford.

Cllr Hart noted that work was commencing on footpath leaflets for the parish – money has been ear-marked for this.

Wrangaton S106 monies (monies made available for the community through conditions included in planning applications for new developments)

There is £55,000 available which must be used before 2029. SHDC are looking at working on a slight amendment to the agreement and we are hopeful that some of the monies will be made available to fund the work necessary to enable community use of the School Field as a public open space. The application needs to be completed by the school and we continue to aim for the work to take place during the Easter 2024 school holidays. We are also hoping some of the money can be used to develop the Bittaford Play Area and a working group are putting together proposals in anticipation of this decision. Please send any suggestions you might have to the clerk.

Climate Emergency and sustainable Ugborough

A Carbon reduction consultation event is planned for November or Spring 2024 (to be confirmed) It will be principally aimed at reducing carbon emissions and will be a mixture of

presentations and market place style engagement where people can circulate between tables focused on different topics. Topics identified as a priority to date are:

Energy saving in the home

Transport e.g. car sharing, transport links, EV charging

Community energy generation

The Erme catchment water quality initiative

Biodiversity

The next meeting is planned for September. And as soon as a date has been confirmed we will let you know for your diaries.

Highways & Rights of Way

We are pleased to confirm that we have approved the detailed documents provided by Devon County Council for the 20 Miles per hour scheme in Ugborough Village and await confirmation of costings and timetable for works from Devon County Council.

Cllr Wells will be discussing with Cllr Dewynter possible solutions to the request for a bus shelter to be erected at Filham on the road heading west into Ivybridge.

Future Meeting Dates:

Wednesday 13th September

Wednesday 11th October

Wednesday 8th November

Wednesday 13th December

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 3rd September- Revd D Young- Communion

Sunday 10th September- Mary McNaughton

Sunday 17th September- Brenda Young

Sunday 24th September at 3 p.m. – Revd A Roper, Café service



Your Stars Tonight. At last, the nights are lengthening and star gazing stops being an after-midnight affair. Combine that with temperatures which could be described as sultry - well at least they are over 10°C - it all becomes a little more conducive to star gazing. The only fly in the ointment - or wasp in the Prosecco - is Devon's predilection for an infinite variety of cloud which meant I was only able to get out twice in August.

I was looking forward to the annual Perseids Meteor shower as they would be at their best for years since they peaked on a moonless night and would be undiminished by the glare of the moon. But it rained. I wasn't able to make it the next night, so when I got round to looking out for them it was two days late. The steamed dieter muttered that being late summed up my life - I think that was an oblique gibe about the leisurely pace of the redecoration of the bathroom. I firmly believe that DIY should not be rushed and if allowed to proceed organically over the months, it gives a rich crop of memories to be savoured long after it is finished. The Perseids were well past their peak frequency of 120 per hour and were down to a more serene and stately five. Even so it was good fun, perhaps not quite up to Mission Impossible. Around midnight a number of flashes of light were observed low in the sky but going the wrong way - until I realised they were a local coven of owls circling a nearby field.

Then there was an opportunity to just to sit and look at the Milky Way which at this time of year arches overhead from the SW to NE horizons. Through the binoculars they resolve from a silvery haze to become a seemingly infinite sea of stars. Look again at the Milky Way and you see it is not a continuous band of light but interlaced with rivers of darkness. These are the vast clouds of interstellar dust which black out the stars behind.

I have been doing a lot of fancy long exposure astrophotography on these areas, as the darkness is where new stars are being born from the sea of dust and gas. As these new stars gobble up enough weight, they ignite into thermonuclear fusion which lights up the surrounding gas and dust in a neon pink colour. I have been photographing the "Heart and Soul" Nebula in the constellation of Cassiopeia close to the "Pillars of Creation" made famous in 1995 by the Hubble Telescope images. This nebula is hardly visible to the eye, even through my 8-inch telescope, but with the patient coaxing of 100 images, each 60 seconds long, a lovely expanse of sky glowing red and pink with clusters of intense bright young stars is revealed. Most of the nebula which are well known to astronomers have been given fancy names - Tadpole, Blue Horse, Thors Helmet, Butterfly, Pelican - which often require a good imagination. But the Heart and Soul really does look have a classical heart shape - Valentine card pink. I not too sure about the shapeless blob that makes up the Soul.

And around Midnight a distinctive orange dot appears over the SW horizon - it is Saturn making a welcome return to the UK skies. I am hoping to get some photos of it because the famous rings are beginning to lose their tilt. Back in 2019 they were at 27° but as the Earth and Saturn's orbits move over a 29 year cycle the angle of the ring tilt is getting smaller rapidly and by 2025 it will be edge on and virtually invisible.

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 3 rd September	All Age Worship- an informal service for everyone Led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 10 th September	Holy Communion- a more traditional service
Sunday 17 th September	Morning Praise- an informal service led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 24 th September	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 24th September 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

Rev'd David Sayle, The Rectory Diptford Totnes Devon TQ9 7NY

01548 821199 email parish_sayle@me.com.

Devon Historic Churches Day- Saturday 9th September 2023 -Gareth (Taff) Jones

The Devon Historic Churches Trust is dedicated to funding repairs and maintenance to places of Christian worship in the Diocese of Exeter and throughout Devon. Their main fundraising event is Devon Historic Churches Day incorporating the national Ride+Stride. This year's Ride and Stride takes place on 9th September and all churches in Devon should be open, some offering refreshments.

If you would like more information or a sponsorship form please email me, Gareth Jones garethj841@gmail.com or visit their website www.devonhistoricchurches.co.uk.

Cheers, Taff

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. **This service is under review at present.**

The next date should be 26th September.

Contributions

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter and to Colourbridge SW, Ivybridge for helping out so efficiently with printing this month during college holidays.

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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