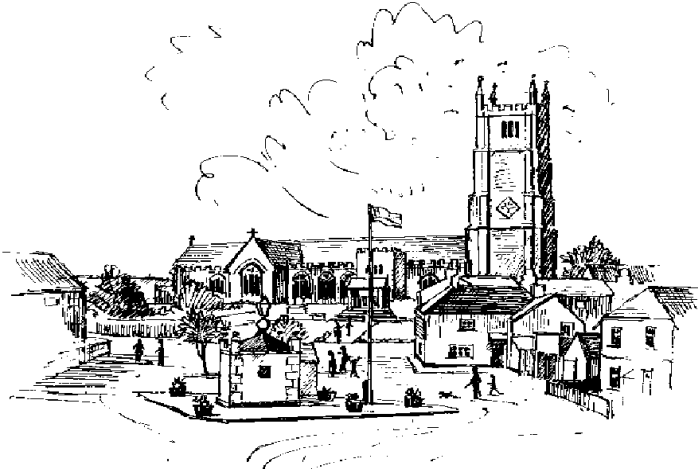


# Ugborough Parish Newsletter

## February 2025



### What's on

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Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February and subsequent Fridays	Ugborough Chair exercise class at Ugborough Village Hall from 1.30-2.30 p.m. <b>Note- no class during half term week</b>	
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*(There's not so much on in February, so I've included some advance details of some very interesting March events inside- more information will be in the March Newsletter!)*

## **2024 UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER**

### **ACCOUNTS**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>		<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Individuals	107.00	Printing	1701.60
<b>Organisations</b>			
Discretionary Fund DCC	500.00		
Discretionary Fund SHDC	200.00		
Village Hall Committee	75.00		
Erme Valley RDA Ltd	75.00		
St Peter's PCC	100.00		
USS	150.00		
Friends of Ugborough School	50.00		
Ugborough Dramatic Society	50.00		
UgFest	100.00		
Greener Ugborough G-Up	25.00		
Bittaford Methodist Church	25.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1350.00</b>		<b>1701.60</b>
<b>SUMMARY 2024</b>			
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
Individuals	107.00		
Organisations	1350.00		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1457.00</b>		<b>1701.60</b>
<b>Excess expenditure over income</b>	<b>244.60</b>		

Thank you to the Individuals and to the Organisations whose support has allowed Ugborough Parish Newsletter to reach some 400 households with paper copies of this information packed missive in 2024. Particular thanks to the Councillors who were instrumental in the Newsletter receiving Grants from both DCC and SHDC, without which we would have been considerably underfunded.

So, this Report goes with a plea for donations for 2025. If you use the Newsletter to inform the Parish of events and news or just appreciate reading what's going on - then do please show your appreciation with a donation – and if you as a Parishioner – or an ex-parishioner, we very much appreciate your generosity!

A chance here to thank all those who help in any way ...

Thanks particularly to Norma Roe, the Editor, who juggles the various articles to produce the actual Copy – often in sunny climes with dodgy wifi.....: to all the contributors – without whom there wouldn't be a Newsletter!

To Tom & Anne Holway for collecting, distributing packs of the mag to the door to door distributors and for e mailing all our e readers.

And to all the grass roots Distributors who pound the streets delivering door to door every month.

Thank you All! Sue Johns Treasurer

Cheque or Cash to any of the Team.

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### **St Peter's Church** – Sue Johns

The Christmas Season has been full of joy and good tidings, sharing the Christmas Story with crowds of people attending the main services!

The Candlelit Carol Service had a real Community feel with Readers from the various Parish Groups, a 20 strong Community Choir, children from Ugborough School and Ugborough Festival Orchestra all delivering a variety of music – both traditional and modern and including an original composition from one of our parish resident composers. The packed church sang the Carols with gusto led by the Mission Community Organist. The refreshments so ably provided by our loyal and stalwart cooks went down a storm with seasonal beverages! The Collection realised £140 for the work and upkeep of the church.

The Christingle & Crib Service, once again candlelit, attracted some 200 church goers – all eager to sing carols and hear and see the Christmas story enacted by some of the children who came dressed for a visit to the stable! The hundred lit Christingles were a sight to see – as we contemplated the light of Christ shining into our world.

The Collection of £362 has been sent to the Children's Society.

The Christmas Day All Age Holy Communion was our final Christmas celebration and a fitting moment of reflection before heading into the Busyness!

We have had many individual donations towards the cost of flood lighting the Church from Advent to the end of January. Thank you... a special mention to USS for their £100 donation and the £100 part proceeds of Philomena's Christmas Fayre (which handily went straight to repair one of the lights!)

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.

Hand gel is available and respect others' space.

### **Ceremonial Flying of the Flag**

**February 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Birthday of Andrew, the Duke of York*



### **USS- Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays - Juliet Collis**

As a reminder for many and as an introduction to new parishioners, USS is an Ugborough Parish community organisation, which holds fortnightly markets, providing opportunities for local producers from Ugborough and surrounding parishes to sell their produce. Our USS café runs alongside the market and is a great place for people to get together over a coffee and catch up with news in the local community.

Any surplus that USS generates is reinvested into USS itself or is used to make contributions to community good causes within the parish. As an example, this year we were able to contribute to the **Christmas Lights Appeal**, which funds the Christmas lights for the tree and the lighting of the church over the Christmas period and the month of January.

#### **Student volunteering opportunity**

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

USS dates for February are **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>**, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Village Hall. Come and join us on a Saturday and enjoy the café facilities, including excellent coffee at just £1 a mug and bacon butties are available too!

**Contact:** [ugboroughss@gmail.com](mailto:ugboroughss@gmail.com)

### **Ladies' Lunch Pat Stephens**

The date for the next lunch is Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at The Ship, Ugborough for 12 noon.

Contact Pat Stephens 07704 113837 to book.

**The Santa Run** was a great success – thanks to Philomena, Santa and his elves! Sleigh Mark 3 is even more resplendent! We collected around 30 pairs of children's pyjamas which were delivered to the children's wards at Derriford the following day.

Thank you all!

### **Ivybridge u3a February General Meeting- Roy Little**

Monday 17th February at the Watermark Centre, 2 p.m.  
**"Life as a London Firefighter"**

Roger Kendall will talk about his life as a firefighter. He joined the London Fire Brigade in 1978 aged 20. Roger attended some of London's most dangerous call-outs including the Kings Cross fire, the bomb at Harrods and the Marchioness disaster.

He also worked as a technical adviser for the ITV series 'London's Burning'.

This event is open to members and those no longer in full-time employment who wish to find out more of what u3a has to offer.

**Erme Valley RDA**- Peggy Douglas 07882 286421

We'd like to wish all our members a very Happy New Year and extend our heartfelt thanks to our volunteers, fundraisers, donors, and behind-the-scenes supporters who made 2024 such a wonderful year. Your dedication and generosity are what keep us going!

Two great local Fundraisers in December boosted much needed Funds:

Huge thanks firstly to Sian for organising a Carol evening led by Girls Night Out – and featuring a prize packed draw, the now famous Douglas' BBQ with mulled wine and various stalls. It was extremely bad timing that Storm Darragh ravaged the South West on the very evening of this event. Many performers and punters were unable to attend – but a stalwart few turned up and had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Despite All, Sian raised a fantastic £642!

That very Weekend when the gales had subsided somewhat, Philomena's Christmas Fair took place in Ugborough Village Hall – when Stallholders touted their wares in for a donation to EVRDA, this with the profits from the BBQ, Mulled Wine and Draw realised £450. Thanks everyone for your support!

The two Christmas Raffles running through December added £250.

**Important Information**

*Looking ahead to 2025, we're excited for what's to come, but unfortunately, the year hasn't started as we hoped. Due to an isolated case of an equine contagious disease and following veterinary advice, we will not be running any sessions throughout January. We aim to restart in February, but we'll keep you updated.*

*In the meantime, we'll continue offering educational programmes, art activities, supported work placements, and social groups. It is very important that these groups adhere to the strict biosecurity measures in place on the premise. These will be well signed. With the cancellation of sessions, we are looking at a loss of around £1500/week.*

***We have opened a Just Giving Page to try and recover the projected £10,000 loss of earnings. If you are able to donate, just pop into The Brook or visit our Just Giving Page <https://www.justgiving.com/page/evrda-yardclosure?>***

*Thank you for your patience as we work hard to reopen fully as soon as possible.*

**STOP PRESS: Emergency Fund Raiser for EVRDA:**

There will be a BIG BREAKFAST on Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup>:

9 – 12:30 in Ugborough Village Hall (see poster on page 15)

**Ugborough on the cultural map!** (from *The Greenwood Consort*)

For the last two years, Ian and Mark have been coached by The Brook Street Band at the music summer school at Dartington and then again in Norfolk. These warm and generous full-time professional musicians have been exciting and inspiring to work with... And now they are coming to Ugborough!

We would love to raise as large an audience for them as possible and we warmly recommend them to you as performers who have inspired us. It's the evening of Mothering Sunday (Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 6 p.m.), so if you know anyone who needs to be taken out for a treat...

Tickets for 'Kitchen Conversations' are £20 each or free for under 21s.

Further information at [www.brookstreetband.co.uk](http://www.brookstreetband.co.uk)

### **Ugborough Dramatic Group** – Sue Johns

We all had a Ball at the end of last November when we proudly presented a Play (Family Planning) with Punch and a Pasty! This event was received with much hilarity from a hugely appreciative audience. Too many gems of comedy to mention – but Granny’s pearls of wisdom and persistent curiosity – alongside the antics of a committed hypochondriac and the defence of his virtue against the passionate attention of his neighbour went down particularly well – to cite just a few of the comedic characters!

We were able to occupy the Hall for two weeks – thanks to the School, for accommodating the Preschool, the Preschool for vacating the premises, to USS for juggling their markets and to the Village Hall Committee for allowing this flexibility. Consequently, we were able to erect the most professional set to date and to rehearse uninterrupted for several nights on a ‘real’ stage, at least the next best thing to a fixed stage. Only a small team this time – but they all worked their socks off, backed by a fantastic Backstage/Front of House Team. Thanks to Friary Mill for the pasties – and all our loyal and generous regular front of House Team for providing the cherry on the Babycham!

2025 sees the 10th anniversary from the inception of UDS, when it grew from a bit of an idea with a few interested parties - which very soon attracted some serious commitment from budding thespians and an associated increasingly skillful Backstage Team.

To date we have performed 6 Pantomimes, 2 full length Plays with Food; 2 Events for the Fair-involving sketches and Food – and an Event combining Sketches with the two venues – Church and Village Hall; not to mention 18 months avoiding Covid!

In this decade we have purchased professional curtains with a track fixed to the ceiling of the Hall; various stage surrounds to fit on the stages kindly loaned from Ugborough and Manor Schools and several sets of lights with permanent fixtures in the Hall.

On top of our running costs, we have also raised an amazing **£20,000** which we have distributed to Village Charities: Ugborough Village Hall, the Friends of Ugborough School, Ugborough Preschool, St Peter’s Church, Ugborough Parish Newsletter and Erme Valley RDA.

We are all truly proud of our record – and look forward to the next 10 Years!

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

– Charlotte Walliker

Charity Number 1043499 –

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

Contact: [admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk](mailto:admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk)

Contact: 07763 215 455

We have returned after Christmas with the memories of visiting Greenslade Farm and also seeing Father Christmas at our party last term.

We have enjoyed the excitement of snow and ice, and are starting to hear the birds’ tweet for the start of spring. We are making bird feeders next week to help them out in this cold time. Lots of layers and woolly hats have been in order at our Forest School.

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year in January, making crafts and food and learning about this country. In March we will be having our Stay and Play week when parents and

carers are invited in to our Village Hall setting to speak to their child's Key Worker and to chat over successes and challenges. This helps us all work as a team to support each child.

The children love chatting with the older members of the community in Ugborough and we take every opportunity to do this at the weekly exercise class. We also enjoyed singing some carols in the Church for everyone at the special Thursday Christmas coffee morning.

We had our Ofsted inspection in December. We did very well, and the report will shortly be published on the Ofsted website.



#### **G-UP**

***Creating a community where it's easy to live sustainably***

**<https://www.ugborough.com/g-up>**

**Ugborough Parish: At Your Convenience – A Community Effort**

atyourconveniencecec@gmail.com

Just before Christmas, we received fantastic news from South Hams District Council: they have agreed, in principle, to our business plan and accepted our £1 bid for each of the former public toilets in Ugborough and Bittaford (subject to terms and conditions). Their desire to see these structures placed under community ownership is a hugely positive step forward.

However, to turn this opportunity into reality, we need to overcome some significant challenges. Approximately £50,000 must be raised to cover renovation and running costs. The small group of people currently involved simply cannot achieve this alone—we need more active support and volunteers to help make it happen.

At the time of writing, we are busily preparing for our event, HAPPY LOO YEAR, which will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> January. This event aims to inform the community about this exciting opportunity and encourage more people—especially those who believe these facilities should be reopened—to join our friendly group and contribute to the cause.

These buildings have been designated as 'Assets of Community Value,' and we're committed to ensuring they live up to that title. Our vision is to reopen the toilets as updated, accessible, unisex facilities with baby-changing amenities. Beyond that, there is the potential to incorporate additional multi-purpose features at each site, such as delivery lockers, vending machines, a tool library, hard-to-recycle drop-off points, pop-up cafés, or honesty shops. We're also eager to hear your ideas on how these spaces could benefit the community in ways we may not have considered.

We hope that by the time of our next update, we will be in a strong position as a group to take these plans to the next stage. Together, we can make this vision a reality!

Faith, Vici, Chloe, Tim.  
Facebook: [@HorizonYogaViniyoga](https://www.facebook.com/HorizonYogaViniyoga)

Website: <http://www.horizon-yoga.co.uk>  
Instagram: [@faithmatthewshorizonyoga](https://www.instagram.com/faithmatthewshorizonyoga)

### **Tip of the Month: Recycling Electricals** -Jan Sellick & Tessa Trappes-Lomax

This, the first of two 'tips' on recycling, deals with reclaiming potentially valuable materials. The second, about batteries, is due next month.

**WHAT are 'electricals'?** Very broadly, they include any appliances which use electricity to make everyday life easier and/or more enjoyable: toasters, kettles, washing machines, televisions. Also electronic devices which also rely on software for all sorts of communication and information management.

#### **WHY is recycling them so important?**

Whatever their purpose, it is becoming increasingly important to reclaim and recycle them all. Firstly for their **Value** and secondly, especially with batteries, for their **Safety**.

Most electricals are made of non-renewable materials like metal and plastics. Unlike many plastics the metals can be re-used to make other things. For example, the steel in one domestic iron can be used to make 13 tin cans, 95% of which are made of steel.

Electronic devices also contain non-renewable precious metals such as gold, platinum, lithium and cadmium. If we are going to continue depending on these, it is vital we re-use them. If we just dump them in the 'grey' bins, these rapidly vanishing resources will end up being incinerated and lost forever.

#### **WHERE does electrical waste go?**

South Hams nearest recycling centre is just outside Ivybridge. It is open 7 days a week. The Material Focus website also lists other places where waste electricals are accepted.

The Small Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) legislation requires producers to recycle their end-of-life products. As long as they sell similar equipment, retailers are also obliged to offer to take back unwanted electricals for recycling, whether or not they have been purchased in their shops. But for the moment, they are mainly collected in Ivybridge.

WEEE materials are sent to specialist recycling companies across the country. Ivybridge send their materials to an international company, SIMS Recycling, at their Nottingham scrap yard where they are repaired and/or recycled.

Electronic devices, like laptops or mobile phones, are an exception, because they may have value in themselves. If owners give explicit permission, viable devices will be serviced and either donated to charities like the Salvation Army, or sold on at low prices in the site shop, helping to fund developments at the centre.

We have been assured that no waste material of any sort is sent overseas.

**Tips: Recycle only if it is impossible to re-use electricals. Recycling them is good for the environment and for the economy. See the Material Focus website (address follows)**

#### **WHO is responsible?**

The Recycling Centre is managed by SUEZ Recycling, but Devon County Council owns the site, holds the contracts, monitors service delivery and holds the company to account.



## HOW can we get more information?

MATERIAL FOCUS (<https://www.materialfocus.org.uk/>) is the name of a campaign set up in 2020 to encourage people to recycle the old cabling, chargers, laptops and mobiles which lurk in those 'Drawers of Doom' which inhabit many homes.

DCC's own site <https://www.devon.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/> an overview of all its recycling services.

SWEEP electricals treatment example:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PK3kmDZmONA>

SUEZ recycling <https://www.suez.co.uk/en-gb>

SIMS Metal Management <https://simsrr.com/locations/nottingham-nottinghamshire/>

## **Beryl's Bookworms –**

### **The Outrun by Amy Liptrot** -*Anne-Marie Bulgen*



Our November read was *The Outrun*, the first book written by Amy Liptrot published in 2016. It has since been adapted into a film which premiered in 2024.

The book is an autobiographical account of the author's struggles against alcoholism intertwined with beautiful but factual writing about the Orkneys windswept beauty and wildlife.

Amy Liptrot spent her childhood on the remote Orkney Islands but she left as a teenager for its complete opposite to attend university in Hackney. With its warehouse parties, ecstasy and access to a lot of alcohol Amy began a downward spiral into addiction, mainly to alcohol.

*The Outrun* is a memoir about a period when after getting out of rehab in London she returned home to the Orkney Islands where she found herself a new addiction - the natural world.

She manages to get a seasonal job with the RSPB to count the highly elusive bird, the corncrake and offers advice to local farmers regarding mowing methods in an attempt to prevent the bird's declining numbers.

Most of our group enjoyed this read, some being able to personally relate to the captivating descriptions of the islands with its rugged landscapes and sense of community. I personally like her reflections comparing her London life with her island life.

A minority of the group thought it rather self-obsessed, repetitive and would have liked to have had narrative from the author's friends and relatives.

The book scored just under 4 out of 5 with the Bookworms.

Next read is **The Trial by Rob Rinder**

## **Historical Nugget** – *Gareth 'Taff' Jones*

6<sup>th</sup> February 1918 – London, the Representation of the People Act received its Royal Assent giving the vote to all men over 21 and married women over the age of 30 with property qualifications. All women over 21 were finally given the vote in 1928 and in 1969 the voting age was lowered to 18

### **Coastguards Beach information from Wild About The Erme River**

The Environment Agency (EA) released the 2024 classifications for bathing water in England on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Of the 155 bathing waters in Devon and Cornwall, where the Environment Agency takes weekly tests for water quality from May to September, only three achieved a 'Poor' rating.

Disappointingly, Coastguards Beach at the mouth of the river Erme was one of them; neighbouring Mothecombe Beach was classified as 'Good'.

Wild About The Erme River (WATER) is an environmental charity focused on restoring water quality and habitat throughout the catchment of the Erme, from source to sea.

It has been monitoring the Environment Agency's data as well as conducting its own testing as part of a Citizen Science project.

For further information contact:

Colin Whybrow, Marketing and Communications Lead, [colinw@ermeriver.org](mailto:colinw@ermeriver.org)

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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



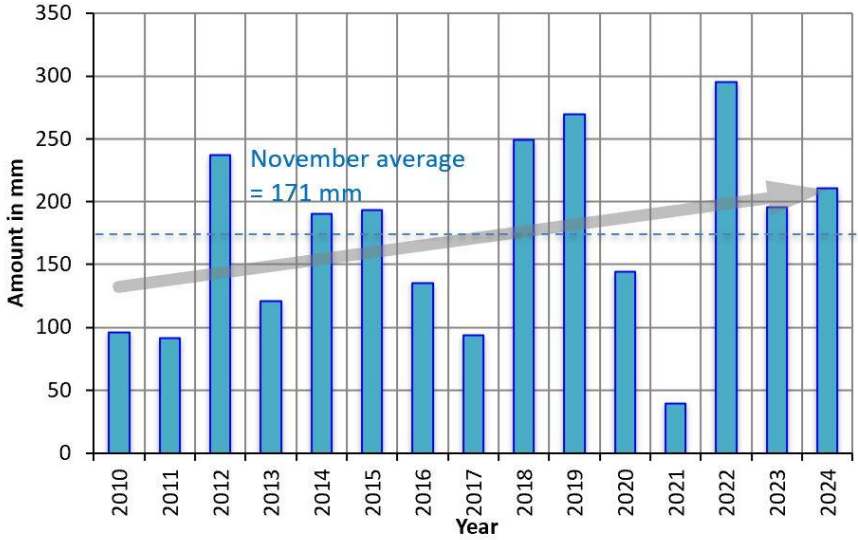
### **Rainfall at Shellwood Hill** *George Arnison*

The first half of November was particularly dry; the second half extremely wet. As a result, the overall total of 211mm that I recorded at Shellwood Hill, was slightly above the months average of 171mm, but not dramatically so. Storm Bert occurred on the 24th of the month, and gave us the wettest single day of the year (57mm) in a very wet week. The wet weather continued through the first week of December, which included Storm Darragh before a cold and dry spell brought us some respite. The second half of the month was just 'a little bit wet' pretty much every day. As a result the month's total of 134mm was well below the average for December of 198mm.

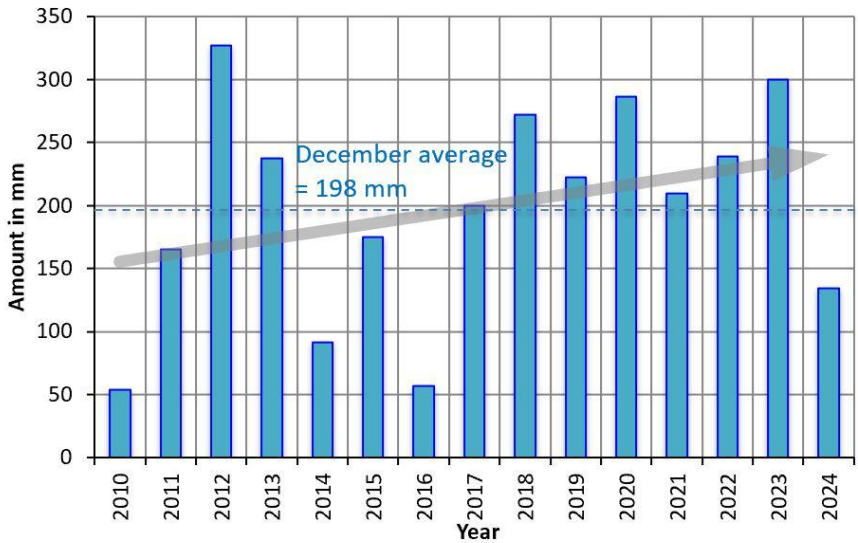
Looking back over 2024 as a whole, it was the wettest year overall since I started recording at Shellwood Hill fifteen years ago. We had precipitation on 221 days out of 365 (60%). The driest spell was 14 days without any rain, back in January and the wettest day was 24<sup>th</sup> November with 57mm. The annual total was 2066mm - the first time we've gone over the 2m mark. This was largely due to the exceptionally wet February and March. The annual average over that time is 1556mm. According to the Met Office, Devon was warmer than usual but had less actual sunshine.

Globally, 2024 was officially the warmest year on record (yet again) and notable for being the first year when average global temperatures exceeded 1.5°C above pre-Industrial levels (the climate change limit set by the Paris Agreement in 2015). The direct impacts of climate change were felt at various stages of the year in the form of catastrophic floods, wildfires, hurricanes, heatwaves or droughts - on every continent.

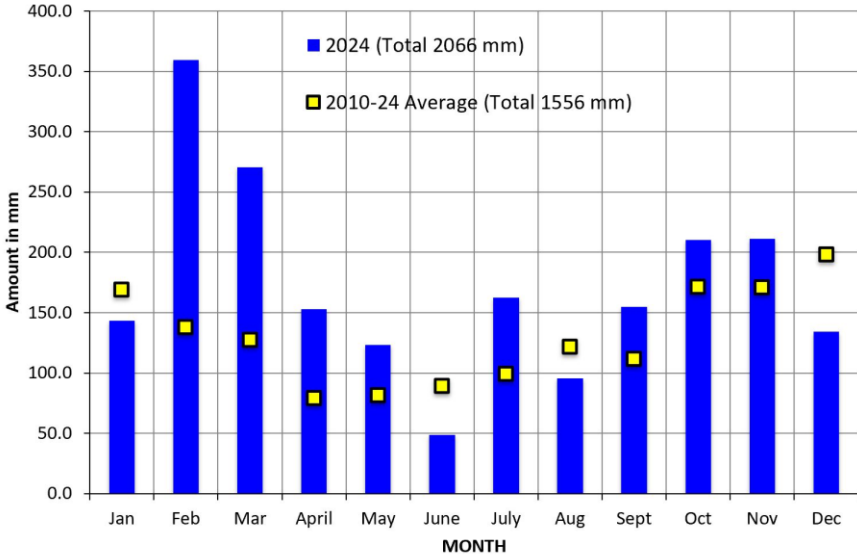
### November rainfalls and Trend



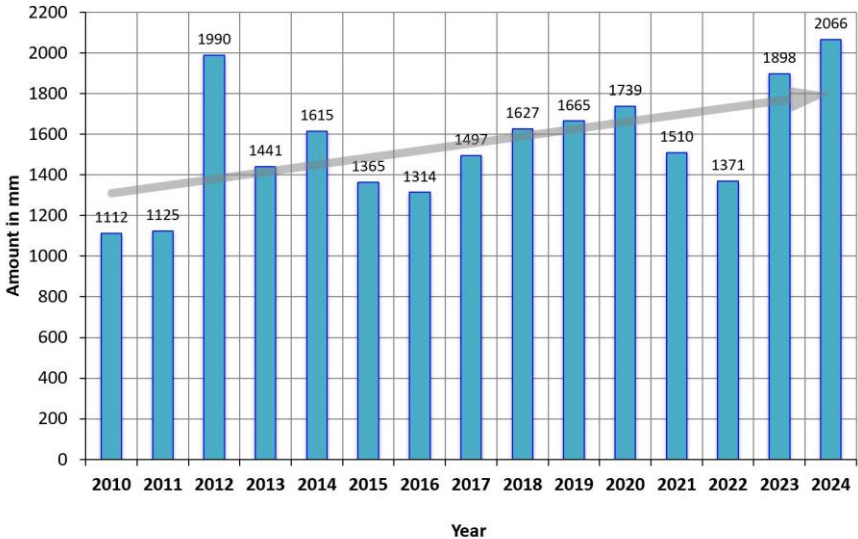
### December rainfalls and Trend



### Monthly rainfall for 2024 - compared to 15 Year averages



### Annual rainfall totals and Trend





**Your Stars Tonight** I was walking back to Ugborough from Hawksmoor Cross.

For once the sky was clear and a big squishy orange sun was just about to set above Holbeton. It set me thinking about how a few weeks ago, on the shortest day, it probably set over Mothecombe Bay, while at the Summer Solstice it would disappear behind Westen Beacon on Dartmoor. I realised how much we have lost compared with the prehistoric inhabitants of Ugborough in the sense of our place in the universe and how we now huddle for comfort of information in the safety of our phone and computer screens. My idealised Prehistoric Ugboronian would have known these celestial facts precisely, because for them the Winter Solstice meant the beginning of the end of the hungry days of winter. And anyway they were building Grandad's and Grandma's barrow tomb at the top of the hill and its entrance would need to be aligned exactly with the Solstice so they could find their way to a new home in the spirit world. That's the sort of thing I waste my time thinking about on a walk around the block so as to temporarily escape from my own widescreen portal into the underworld. I then turned to more practical and pressing matters: it was going to be a clear night and at last I would have a chance to view five planets – Venus, Saturn, Jupiter, Mars and – perhaps pushing my luck – Uranus. By the time I reached the bottom of the hill the dusk was setting in and Venus popped out of the gentle blue black darkening sky as an almost garishly bright beacon above the church.

Through the telescope it was easy to locate the brilliant Venus and when it came into focus there was a surprise - it was a tiny half crescent. In the next month it will grow in size (as the distance between Earth and Venus shortens) but simultaneously the crescent becomes ever thinner so at the end of February the lit surface is only 15% of the disc. Yet almost counter intuitively it becomes much brighter. Venus is beginning to set earlier in the western sky each night in February.

As the sky darkened completely, I was able to see a very faint Saturn, perhaps two moon widths to the left of Venus, looking rather insignificant. At the moment it is a very odd-looking Saturn as its famous rings are almost edge on to the earth and only visible with a lot of patience and magnification. They reach their minimum thickness in April and then will slowly over the next 9 years tilt back again to their full glory.

After a quick cheese on toast it was back down the garden again to look up almost overhead – and there was Jupiter – almost impossible to miss. The scope showed that wonderous sight of Jupiter's four Galilean Moons in their endless celestial waltz around their parent planet. One of them was about to disappear from view behind Jupiter which had two clearly visible vermilion- red bands and the famous red spot.

And then to Mars. Patience is the hunter with Mars – let the eye relax and the turbulent atmosphere above us quieten down and suddenly things pop out – a brief glimpse of the ice cap and then the dark finger of Syrtis Major on the red Martian desert surface. By now it was getting cold and Uranus – no doubt very resplendent in its watery green tint - was going to have to wait for a clear night in February – and Venus, Saturn, Jupiter and Mars all over again.

## **Ugborough Parish Council**

Clerk: Sally Smale Email: [parishclerk@ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February.**

*Privacy policy – visit [ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk)*

*Litter picking equipment is available to local volunteers. To borrow, please contact the Parish Clerk Tel 07814849131 [parishclerk@ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk)*

Ugborough Parish Council wishes everyone a Happy New Year. There was no council meeting in January and so news from us will resume next month. Minutes from all our meetings can be found on our website.

## **Town/Parish Council Report for Bittaford and Wrangaton Speedwatch Group.**

Reporting between 09/11/2024 and 09/12/2024

Current Volunteers = 8

### **Summary for this Period**

Number of Sessions this period = 7

Total Vehicles exceeding limit = 52

DVLA Valid vehicles = 46

Accuracy = 88%

Maximum Speed recorded in 30 limit = 49 mph(+63%)

Police Actions this Period

Reported to D&C = 52

**The Friends of Ivybridge Library (FOIL)** will be holding a quiz evening on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March in the Library, starting at 7 p.m. Teams of four at £5 per person with proceeds going to help support the Library. The quizmaster will be Dave Gibbins, well known sports reporter. Previous events have been very well attended and have provided valuable funds for the Friends' activities. Tickets will be available from the Library from late February onwards.

**Bittaford Methodist Chapel** *Chris Phillips* 07899934743

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

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - Revd D Young

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

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Mike Cade

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February- Keith Angilley .

### 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	All Age Worship led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Holy Communion
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Morning Praise led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Holy Communion Messy Church from 4.30-6 p.m.

The Three Rivers Mission Community covers the parishes of Diptford with North Huish, 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](http://www.3rivers.org.uk)

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### **Village services.**

The Post Office continues 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. Look out for notices in the church porch and in The Bugle for news of the Post Office service.

### **NORTH HUISH COMMUNITY GROUP**

This group was set up in 2023 with the purpose of organising community events for the residents of North Huish and surrounding villages. The venue is St Mary's Church, North Huish, now closed for regular public worship but kept open to the public, providing a meeting space for the local community. This beautiful Grade 1 listed building is in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust, a national charity protecting historic churches at risk. Funds donated at events held there, help to support the cost of maintaining the building. Events planned for 2025 are:

- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March: **Coffee Morning with Bring & Buy Cake Sale, 10.30 -12.30.**
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June: **Quiz Night, 7 p.m.**
- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September: **Harvest Lunch, 12.30 – 2.30 p.m.**
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November: **Armistice Day short Act of Remembrance, 10.50 a.m.**
- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December: **Carols by Candlelight, 4 p.m.**

The North Huish Community Group look forward to welcoming you at any of these events.

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

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