

# Ugborough Parish Newsletter

## May 2024



### What's on

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| Half term from Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May.<br>School also closed May Bank Holiday 6 <sup>th</sup> May. |  |                   |
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## **St Peter's Church** – Sue Johns

We've enjoyed a very busy April!

Thanks to all who supported, helped, and donated cakes for the Maundy Thursday Coffee morning, £321 was raised for Funds. Congratulations to Mike Holman for guessing the correct weight of the Simnel Cake – and to Anne Holway for her correct guess of Eggs in a Jar!

Easter was celebrated in style when some 60 or so were able to enjoy a Service with both formal and informal elements in a church resplendent with flowers. The children decorated a cross with flowers – which was displayed in the Lych gate - until the gales thought otherwise! Hot Cross Buns and an Easter Egg Hunt nicely finished the proceedings.

Then came the Curry and Quiz Evening – when Philomena and her trusty band of hard-working volunteers produced multiple curries, and a prize laden Draw for a packed Hall of very competitive Quizzers. Great to have a selection of Question Setters: thanks to Taff for GK, Chris for early pop music the G-Bs for the food round and Harry Cornford for GK and a picture round. The evening was ably MC'd by Harry assisted by Daisy. Team 'It's just a guess' featuring Kev, Katy, Libby, Pete, Catherine, Dave, Francis, Steve, and Sally won the hamper! A close fought battle, with 4 Teams in 2<sup>nd</sup> place after the penultimate round..... AND an incredible £1785 (including a generous donation) was raised for the Building Fund. Brilliant! Community life at its very best!

The next day Peter Povey conducted his final ministerial role with a Eucharist in St Peter's. The Ermington congregation and Choir came to join us in a meaningful service followed by Refreshments. Peter has been assisting with services in Ugborough and Ermington and latterly in the wider Mission Community since 2000 when he came to the Village with Ann, his wife and most loyal supporter. A valued PCC member for 15 years, his penchant for bureaucracy was second to none – a hugely beneficial skill! Luckily the Poveys are not leaving Ugborough.

The PCC AGM was held in April - when the following were returned: Chairperson David Sayle, Church Wardens: Sue Johns and Jeremy Wells; Sylvia Marcus ex officio Minute Secretary and Norma Roe PCC member and Safeguarding Representative.

We remain a very small PCC - which sadly, is pretty representative of many community groups nowadays it seems, where just a very few hold significant roles of responsibility, which in our case involves the impossible upkeep of a priceless decaying Grade 1 listed building!

However, the PCC remains grateful to our keen band of Supporters whose invaluable help ranges from Service planning to Community Events, minor repairs to cleaning, flower arranging, baking and Fund Raising! Thank you all!

So, looking ahead.....

Come to a FARMHOUSE LUNCH  
At Dunwell Farm, Ugborough -Home of Cliff & Sue Johns  
On Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup> from 12-2 p.m. £12  
Proceeds to St Peter's Church, Ugborough  
Bring & Buy Draw  
Contact Sue Johns 07889 737967 to book a place.

We're delighted to host the Christian Aid Concert on May 18<sup>th</sup> – details below.

**'The Sounds Of Music' Sean Marcus**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, at 7 p.m.

No doubt you have already noted the details in your diary/calendar.

The Big Concert, aka LIFE 24, will be coming to St. Peter's in Ugborough on that very day!

Who and What? Well, you like the blues? .....Come on the night!

And some soul? .....You got it! C & W? ..... Waiting for you. Pop? .....You'll love it all.

And all this courtesy of Jo's Modbury Gospel Singers, with the added pleasure of Annie-River back in our village.

The team headed by Jane Johns will provide the usual great refreshments after the show.

And to cap it all – David Sayle will once again be M.C.

Posters will appear soon with any extra details affixed.

Ticket price only £10.00, with all profit going to overseas aid.

Car parking off Donkey Lane provided by the kindness of Adrian at White House Farm.

Of course it won't be wet!

DO COME! The hills could be alive with the sound of music .....

**Calling All Performers!**

Ugborough Fair Concert will be on Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup> . (To begin Fair Week)

Last year the concert was a rip- roaring success, featuring Parishioners entertaining a packed audience with a glorious mix of musical genres. The Community Choir led the way with soloists, small groups, and a Rock Slot!

Book your place ASAP!

Please contact me: Sue Johns. 07889 737967 [suejohnsdunwellfarm@gmail.com](mailto:suejohnsdunwellfarm@gmail.com)

**The Ugborough Village Hall** holds its Annual General Meeting in the Village Hall at 8 p.m. on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Everyone is welcome to attend to see how the Hall is run on your behalf and hear the annual reports. If you have any agenda items please send to Stafford Williams, Secretary Ugborough Village Hall via [Stafford@inxite.co.uk](mailto:Stafford@inxite.co.uk) before the end of April.

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

USS dates coming up are: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, followed by Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

### **Helpers for USS set up**

USS is most grateful to our volunteers who help set up the village hall on the Saturday morning.

If you would like to volunteer occasionally and help with the set up, then please come and chat to us, as we are a friendly bunch.

### **Charity table**

If you support a charity and would like a space one USS Saturday to raise funds by selling something, please get in touch. As part of our commitment to the local community we would like to encourage anyone who is raising money for charity to have a table free of charge and have the opportunity to promote their good cause.

### **Student volunteering opportunity**

USS provides a volunteering opportunity for students to help out at USS 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)

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.

### **Greenwood Consortium goes to Venice**

On **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church, Ashburton**, come to an evening of Venetian baroque music when *Greenwood Goes to Venice*.

Tickets £12 on the door (or what you can), children free. Refreshments available. Booking enquiries to [admin@moorlandteam.org.uk](mailto:admin@moorlandteam.org.uk).

## Ceremonial Flying of the Flag

May 2<sup>nd</sup>

*Birthday of Princess Charlotte of Wales*



### Erme Valley RDA- Peggy Douglas 07882 286421

As I write dare we hope that the weather is beginning to relent – and the never-ending Somme like conditions are going to end?? It's been an expensive and extensive winter.....

We are in a positive frame of mind and looking forward to that better weather – and to the competitions beginning.

The Regional Showjumping and Countryside Challenge is being held at The Brook on 23<sup>rd</sup> April and the Regional Dressage at Lakefield on the 14<sup>th</sup> May.

The pilot group for the 'Changing lives though horses' is starting up during the summer term. We are really looking forward to getting going with this course.

We say a fond farewell and offer our thanks to Molly for all her hard work on the Yard in the past few months, we wish you well with your Veterinary studies. And we extend a warm welcome to Chloe. We are still looking for some more (paid) help a few mornings a week on the Yard, if anyone is free and has some experience in working with horses...

As ever we are always really grateful for any donations of cleaning products, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, biscuits, cat food etc.

Thank you hugely to the Judy Williams Trust for a generous donation of £1000, and to Hatton Jewellery for a £250 donation.

7<sup>th</sup> May - Tea with a Pony: A dementia friendly chance to meet the ponies and dogs – AND enjoy a high tea. Do let me know if you'd like to attend or know someone who would. We can usually arrange transport.

14<sup>th</sup> May Regional Dressage at Lakefield

21<sup>st</sup> May Accessible Social Club - Decorating horseshoes (Don't they have an interesting programme!)

And **FINALLY**... a heartfelt plea for Volunteers ... we are desperate! and it really is limiting the service we can provide. Can you spare an hour a week? All aspects of volunteering are sought after, from admin to leading horses, looking after clients to DIY.

Please call for more info – or to come and check us out....

### Ladies' Lunch Pat Stephens

The date for the next lunch is Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at The Ship, Ugborough for 12 noon.

Contact Pat Stephens 07704 113837 to book.

**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

Preschool - First a huge thank you to Chris and Malan Mercer for their very generous raffle prize donation of a Spring picnic hamper filled with delicious goodies to eat and drink. Thank you, to all of you in the Ugborough community who bought tickets, helping us raise nearly £300 and congratulations to the winner Catherine Gwynne. We will be raffling another picnic hamper later this year - details to follow!

We were very excited to have our friends from the Foundation class at Ugborough Primary School join us for our Easter Egg Hunt on the last day of term. It was a very enjoyable morning, and we are very grateful to Sue Johns and the Church community for allowing us to move our hunt into St. Peter's at short notice in order to avoid the rain. Another highlight of this term was meeting all our parents for our recent Stay and Play week, and discussing the children's progress.

Looking ahead and hoping for some warmer, drier weather for the summer term, we will be resuming our weekly Forest School sessions. We are also finalising plans for a pre-school trip in May, and are thinking of jumping on the train in Ivybridge to adventures unknown!

Our visits to the Foundation class at Ugborough Primary school every Friday will continue and are particularly important this term to help those children who are rising 5 and preparing to transition to the school this September.

We still have some preschool spaces available for children from 2 years old and we accept all types of government funding from this age. Do call us for more details of this financial support if you don't know if you qualify. Our team of highly trained and experienced team of staff love welcoming preschool children and their parents for a taster visit. Our sessions run from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday to Friday.

For any further details please ring 07763 215455 or email [chair@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk](mailto:chair@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk)

Breakfast and After School Club continues to be full and very busy every morning and afternoon until 6 p.m.

## **G-UP**

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



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

*Faith Matthews*

Many thanks to all who made the Parish Council's recent '*Are you prepared for carbon zero?*' event possible, and many thanks to those that came to speak to us. We were there, aiming to generate conversation around community energy schemes and using renewables: We are looking at ways to use these together to potentially shrink energy bills for parishioners whilst reducing carbon footprint for our beautiful environment overall.

We also had information about *Wildlink*, our community nature reserve initiative, to hand, as well as some 'hands on' nature activities for children.

What came out of this was an amazing bug hotel - which attendees contributed to through the day, stuffing the apex shaped structure (kindly created by Vasyi Rybchuk) with moss, twigs, bamboo cuttings and bark. This will be sited in Ugborough play park so as to be enjoyed by local children (as well by local bugs and insects whom we look forward to welcoming to their new residence).

This open consultation-style event was the first of its kind locally run by a Parish Council and we are heartened that ours is seeking to generate conversations that need to be had (and acted upon) if we are to reach net zero. We look forward to debriefing on the event with councillors and hearing the actions they are planning.

If you are concerned about ways we can contribute as a Parish to the net zero effort whilst also reducing household energy bills, please get in touch.

[greenerugp@gmail.com](mailto:greenerugp@gmail.com)

### **Historical Nugget: 31<sup>st</sup> May 1962– Gareth 'Taff' Jones**

Israel. Shortly before midnight SS Obersturmbannführer Otto Adolph Eichmann was executed by hanging. Eichmann was born in Solingen, Germany on 19<sup>th</sup> March 1906, the eldest of five children.

In 1913 the Eichmann family moved to Linz in Austria. Eichmann attended Linz High School but apart from playing the violin and participating in sports, he had a poor school performance. Adolph Hitler had attended the same school seventeen years earlier! After leaving college (without a degree) he joined his father's company working as a salesclerk between 1927 and 1933.

1<sup>st</sup> April 1932, Eichmann joined the Austrian branch of the (NSDAP) Nazi Party and seven months later enrolled into the SS with responsibility for guarding the party

headquarters in Linz. In 1933 Eichmann lost his job and the Nazi Party was outlawed in Austria, these events forced the decision to return to Germany where the Nazis were now in power. In 1934, Eichmann requested a transfer to the *Sicherheitsdienst* (SD), the SS security service and began to study and report on Jewish organisations. During this time Eichmann befriended a Jewish Hebrew teacher immersing himself in Jewish literature and learning a little Hebrew and Yiddish thereby gaining a reputation within the SD as an expert in Jewish matters eventually becoming the SD adviser on Jewish affairs. In 1935 Eichmann married, Vera Liebl (another fanatic Nazi, she died 1997), with whom he had four sons.

In March 1938, Austria was annexed to Germany in the *Anschluss* and Eichmann was appointed later that year to head the Central Agency for Jewish Emigration in Vienna. With the outbreak of war, Eichmann returned to Germany to command the Reich Central Office for Jewish Emigration working under SS Obergruppenfuhrer Reinhard Heydrich, head of the SD. From December 1939 Eichmann was responsible for the transportation of Jews to the Central Government (part of German occupied Poland). At the infamous Wannsee Conference in January 1942, Eichmann drafted a list of the number of Jews resident in the various European countries. He also prepared and distributed the official minutes of the meeting. Under Eichmann's supervision, the deportations began immediately, and he remained active, especially in Hungary, throughout the war in deporting Europe's Jews to their deaths. Eichmann claimed to have coined the phrase "The Final Solution".

After the war, Eichmann was high on the Allies list of "Most Wanted" and was captured by American forces. Eichmann was using forged papers that identified him as Otto Eckmann, his real first name and a similar sounding surname! The evidence given against Eichmann at the Nuremberg trials in 1946 forced Eichmann to find a new name and work overseas. He was given documents in the name of Ricardo Klement (by the Nazi sympathiser, Bishop Hudal, in Rome). On the basis of these papers, the International Red Cross Committee gave Eichmann documents that allowed him to emigrate to Argentina.

Eichmann was eventually tracked to Argentina by the Israeli secret service, MOSSAD, where he was kidnapped and brought to Israel for trial. Appeals for clemency were dismissed and after execution the body was immediately cremated, and the ashes taken aboard an Israeli Patrol Vessel. They were thrown into the Mediterranean Sea outside Israeli territorial waters.

The famous Nazi hunter, Simon Wiesenthal, was allowed to take credit for finding Eichmann to take focus away from the MOSSAD agents who had abducted him. The death penalty in Israel was abolished in 1954 however, two people have been sentenced to death, Eichmann is the only execution. John Demjanjuk, a Ukrainian guard at Treblinka death camp known as "Ivan the Terrible", was sentenced to death in 1988, this was subsequently overturned by the Supreme Court in 1993.



### **Beryl's Bookworms** – Sue Johns

We enjoyed another lively discussion this month courtesy of Betty at Waterman Farm with sumptuous cake! Oh – and the Book....!



*On the Black Hill* is a tale of identical twin brothers who grow up on a farm in rural Wales, never marry and never leave home, from the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century to the 1980s. They work the rough soil and sleep, live and breathe together as only twins can, (and we had a twin in our midst who was able to corroborate this!) touched only occasionally by the advances of the twentieth century. It was interesting to have the experiences of a few of us with farming connections, who can remember, and not so long ago, farmers living in this area who were so wrapped up in the day to day sheer time consuming hard work of caring for livestock and cultivating ground, that the world seemed to completely pass them by.

We all agreed that the book conjured up vivid imagery of the Welsh countryside in all the diverse weather conditions. Equally memorable were the many character depictions – so many of ‘everyday country folk,’ where cleverly, in a few words, Chatwin could bring a person to life.

The descriptions of the treatment of Conscientious Objectors during WW1 caused much discussion.

We touched on Bruce Chatwin as a person; someone who’d clearly led a privileged, colourful life and who suffered an untimely death – yet he really did manage to capture the true essence of rural life, and from the standpoint of the sheer hard grind of everyday manual work in a small community.

Some of us found it a blissful page turner – and others found it harder to get into. A minority considered it too mundane. The consensus, however, was that despite the seemingly tragic tale, with its hints of hope, we had all been transported to a different place – true escapism, as great books should! One of our higher scorers with an average of 4.2.

Next Month: ‘*Homecoming*’ by Kate Morton

### **Ugborough Parish Council**

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

### **Annual Parish Community Meeting**

Your Annual Parish Community meeting took place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April and 4 members of the public attended. The guest speakers from South West Water delivered a brief and very informative presentation responding to questions we had sent in advance. Their slides can be seen on our website. Of particular interest are the signposts they gave us to useful resources, and these also will be uploaded onto our website.

They responded to 3 additional questions:

Exporting water - They are increasing their water sources and making use of china clay pits in Cornwall to increase water supply during dry periods. SWW does not export water to other parts of the country at present.

Invasive species – The main species is Himalayan Balsam. SWW has a legal requirement to manage outbreaks on their own land and are not averse to working with other groups and organisations to manage it in neighbouring areas.

SWW staffing - In response to the question whether human resources were sufficient to take on the extra work over the coming years. SWW confirmed that there would be use of contractors and internal recruitment for project management and quality control.

### **Questions from the Public and Matters Arising from Previous Meetings**

- We were asked if, in the light of our healthy financial situation, we would consider completing the work needed to make access to the Post Office accessible. This will be considered at our May meeting.
- We also agreed to contact Open Reach regarding the excess cable left at the base of various telegraph poles in the village.
- In response to pavement concerns at Bittaford we will contact Devon County Council to ask if they can do anything regarding the condition of the footpath at the western end of Bittaford leading to Ivybridge. There is a particular stretch between the pavement opposite the Village Hall and the Clay Factory where grass and soil has encroached onto the pavement making it very narrow and dangerous.
- In the same vein we will ask Devon County Council to consider installing a drop-kerb on the pavement opposite the Village Hall entrance to allow mobile scooter users to cross the road to a wider pavement to prevent them having to use the very narrow pavement (particularly outside the Toll House) on Bittaford Terrace. The current drop-down kerb is frequently blocked by parked vehicles, and we ask people to be aware of others when parking vehicles.
- Vision obstruction for motorists exiting Shute Lane and Green Lane onto the B3123 – there are a range of factors contributing to this problem and we will consult with Devon County Council to see if there are any possible solutions
- A member of the public has expressed an interest in assisting with pot-hole repairs. We will send the individual details of the Road Warden scheme and, should they be interested in training for and taking on the role of Road Warden and recruiting and managing a volunteer team, we would consider supporting them by entering into the agreement with DCC but this is not currently a role any of the Councillors can take on.
- We had received a request to raise the ground next to the post box to improve accessibility. This is not something we can take on without permission and we will contact the Post Office to discuss any options.

## **Report from District Councillors – see our website**

Summary:

Community Composting Pilot Projects

Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall

Free Energy Retrofitting Guide for Residents

South Dartmoor Community Energy

Economic Impact of the Visitor Economy for the South Hams

Community Safety Partnership

Freeport Unlocking Growth Event

### **Planning**

1. It has been brought to our attention that we made an error in the April Newsletter report regarding the planning appeal against the decision to refuse planning permission for the erection of a self-build 2-bed bungalow with parking at Wrangaton. It was actually Dartmoor National Park planning authority and not South Hams District Council who refused the application. We apologise for this mistake.

2. We considered 2 planning applications at our April meeting:

a) 0107/24 First floor story extension to the side, 5 Leigh Close, Bittaford, - We noted the external staircase and agreed to respond neutrally to Dartmoor National Park and comment that they may wish to check that this complies with their current policy on short-term letting.

b) 0948/24/LBC Hill House Ugborough Listed Building Consent for 'Phase 3' Internal alterations along with a single window replacement - We supported this application providing the South Hams District Council conservation officer approves it.

3. We had received the following decisions made by South Hams District Council and Dartmoor National Park since our last meeting:

a) 182/24/LBC Hill House Ugborough. Listed building consent for necessary repair works to the roof covering & rear chimney - Conditional Approval and Listed Building Consent for 'Phase 2' necessary structural repair works to the roof, roof trusses & first floor structures - Conditional Approval

b) 3678/23/FUL Higher Witchcombe Farm, Ugborough, Use of a mobile home to act as a temporary agricultural workers dwelling - Refusal

4. We had received communication from North Huish PC concerning a 2021 planning application that may have been breached and have referred the matter to SHDC Planning Enforcement.

### **Update on Ugborough West**

1. The ongoing debate about speeding etc in the west-side of the Parish continues to gain a pace:

- The south side of David's Lane now has a 20mph speed limit from the junction of the new site office and the top before the junction with Exeter Road;

- The "horse" signs have still not appeared back on the national speed limit post at Davey's Cross;

- An increase in speeding along the entire section of Exeter Road from the west of the Parish to the east, especially through those residential areas designated 30mph has been noticed;

2. The flooding at Rue St Pierre appears to have abated given the last few months work, however the continued rains have now opened up more recently filled and new potholes along the entire section of Exeter Road, particularly as discussed last time the mini-roundabout at the junction of St Peters Way;

3. Someone has, dangerously turned the 30/National Speed limit sign around as you approach Fore Street from the A3121 just passed the junction with Parsonage Lane.

### **Finance**

1. We are pleased to grant fund South Hams Citizens Advice £400 this year and thank them for their excellent work and support for members of our community.

2. We will be purchasing a new noticeboard for Wrangaton and apologise for any inconvenience caused recently by the absence of notices as the existing noticeboard cannot be opened.

### **Highways**

1. We have finally received the proposed design for the long- awaited bus shelter at Wrangaton Sidings Cross and have confirmed our agreement of the design. Hopefully the work will not be further delayed.

2. We discussed the implications for the roadworks to widen the A3121 south of the Sign of the Owl junction. Although we agreed that this was potentially going to create a lot of problems in our narrow lanes, we have accepted that there were no alternatives for DCC. We have, however, asked DCC to consider the use of traffic lights in the 2nd phase in order to keep the Sign of the Owl Cross open

### **Climate Emergency and sustainable Ugborough**

1. Carbon Zero event:

We thank the 17 helpers at the event. 17 people attended which was slightly disappointing as there was a lot of really useful information pulled together. We will be creating a section on the website to signpost people to support and advice as and when needed.

2. We have budgeted £250 (in the first instance) to establish an Invasive Species project run by Cllr May. A series of Balsam Bashing events are taking place starting 15<sup>th</sup> May. For further information go to our website and if you would like to help out, please contact the clerk.

### **Bittaford Play Area Update**

Work to remove the shelter and re-seed in the top area has been delayed by the weather. The gate closing mechanism and see-saw alignment will be dealt with this month and work is in hand to investigate whether there is a problem with the drainage from the highway above the play area that caused the footpath damage. Dartmoor National Park have repaired the damage to the path and done some remedial work on a pipe that might help prevent the flooding re-occurring.

### School Field update

There is a meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> April to agree the lease and it is hoped that the work will take place during the May half-term

### Date of next meeting:

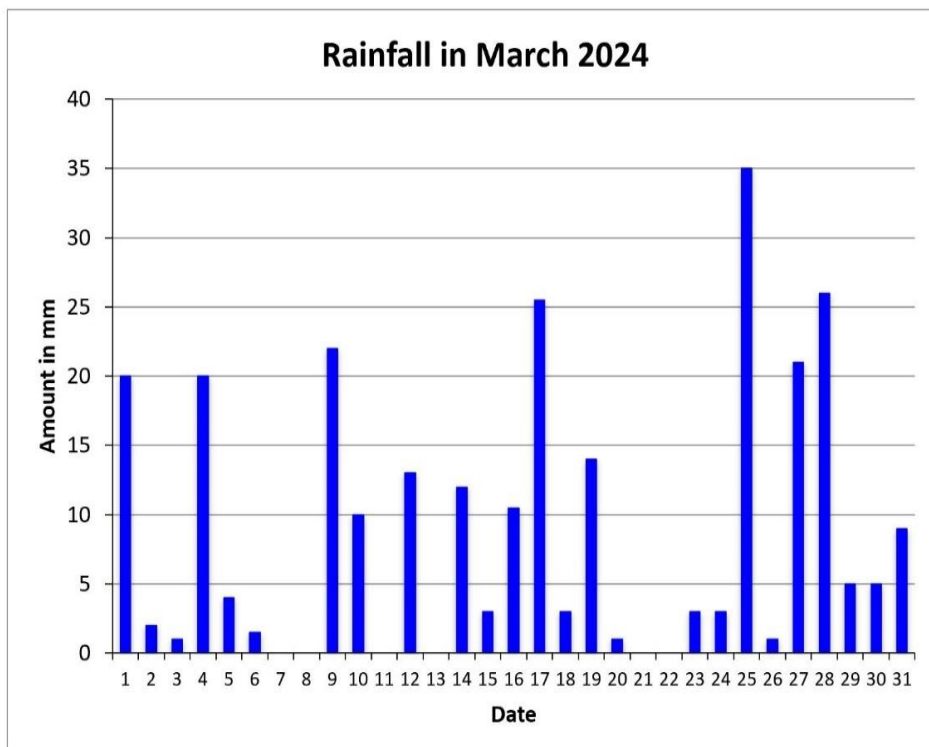
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 p.m. (Annual Parish Council meeting) followed by the May monthly meeting in Ugborough Village Hall

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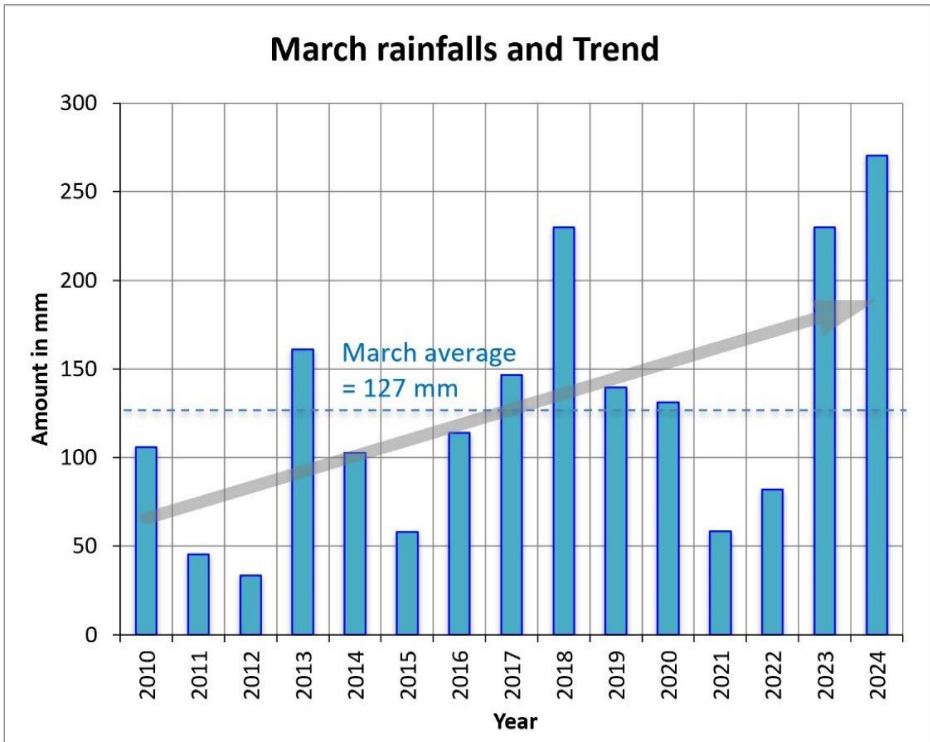
*Litter picking equipment is available to local volunteers. To borrow, please contact the Parish Clerk Tel 07814849131 [parishclerk@ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk)*

### Rainfall at Shellwood Hill *George Arnison*

Rain...rain...rain.... The seemingly never-ending wet weather of late January, and all of February, continued throughout March. I recorded 270.5mm (just over 10 ½ ") of rain at Shellwood Hill, more than double the average for the month of 127mm and the wettest since I started recording fifteen years ago.



## March rainfalls and Trend



Bittaford Methodist Chapel Chris Phillips 07899934743

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

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Rev'd D Youngs. Communion Service

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May- Mrs G Higgins

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May- Rev'd T Higgins

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May- Mrs G Mills

## Services at St Peter's Church, Ugborough

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

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

| Date                                     | Service  |
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| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May               | All Age Worship- an informal service for everyone Led by Local Worship Leaders             |
| Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May              | Holy Communion- a more traditional service   |
| Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May<br>Pentecost | <b>TO BE ADVISED (please look out for announcements via The Bugle and church notices.)</b> |
| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> May              | Holy Communion- a more traditional service<br>4.30 p.m. Messy Church                       |

Hand gel is available and please respect others' space.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 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 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)

For all church business and parish matters, please contact  
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01548 821199 email [parish\\_sayle@me.com](mailto:parish_sayle@me.com).

### **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.

### **Contributions**

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

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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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