





Ugborough Parish Newsletter December 2023

Merry Christmas and a Happy and (above all) Healthy New Year.

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St Peter's Church - Sue Johns

Thank you to everyone who so willingly gave their time to clean and polish our beautiful church interior. It looked really lovely for the Remembrance Day services.

Christmas Events in St Peter's Church.

Carol service: On Saturday December 16th at 4:30 p.m.

A Service of Carols and Lessons involving many members of the local community. Traditional lessons and carols for all to sing, accompanied by the Mission Community Organist, and a community choir accompanied by Ugborough Festival Orchestra and Friends.

The North Huish Hand Bell Ringers will welcome us into the church – and there will be mulled wine and mince pies... a truly celebratory festive start to the Christmas Season.

Christingle service: on Christmas Eve, December 24th at 4:30 p.m.

Everyone is most welcome to come to this popular candlelit service with a Christmas message and distribution of Christingles.

Christmas day service at 9:30 a.m.

This year will be an All-Age Service, with activities for the younger ones, and a Eucharist led by Rev Dr Peter Povey.

Poppy Appeal

Many thanks all who donated, the RBL Poppy Appeal raised £709.71 in the Parish, some more money may come in from the use of QR codes which were used by the RBL for the first time this year. Richard Lane, the Parish RBL organiser will distribute the cards to the locations, so they know how much they raised individually.

North Huish Parish Church Carols by Candlelight. Graham Gilbert

On Sunday 10th December at 4 p.m. there will be Carols by Candlelight, organised by North Huish Community Group, in North Huish Parish Church (note this is not a service). There will be seven carols to be sung, and seasonal readings. North Huish Handbell Ringers will be accompanying some of the carols, and the Ugborough Festival Orchestra along with the Ugborough Church Choir will be playing three songs. Seasonal refreshments will be provided, and there will be a retiring collection for the Churches Conservation Trust. Please bring a torch as there is no lighting in the church. Parking is in the quarry just up the lane from Brookdale before you get to the church. Car sharing recommended.

Ladies' Lunch Pat Stephens

The date for the next lunch is Wednesday 10th January 2024 at The Ship, Ugborough for 12 noon.

Contact Pat Stephens 07704 113837 to book.

Ugborough Dramatic Society:

Hurry, HurryLIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE **NOW**for Ugborough Dramatic Society's Pantomime.
.... The Wizard of Oz by Tom Whalley,
On Wed Dec 6th, Thurs 7th, Fri 8th, Sat 9th December at 7:15 p.m.
in Ugborough Village Hall.
Enquiries to UDS e mail ugboroughds@gmail.com (preferred)
Or to Sue Johns 07889 737967 Price £10, children U16 £5

BACS payment to Lloyds Bank
Ugborough Dramatic Society
30-96-26 21912768
Cheques or Cash to 17,Lutterburn St c/o Rog Fillingham
Payment within a week of enquiry to secure tickets.

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays – Juliet Collis

Christmas is fast approaching, and USS is looking forward to welcoming you to the Village Hall on **Saturdays 2nd and 16th December from 10 a.m. to noon**. Our craft producers will have their wonderful locally created items which make unique gifts for Christmas, Secret Santa presents and stocking fillers. Our food producers will have their usual array of good foods and some festive fare, including eggs, home-produced sweet and savoury foods, bread, pastries, cakes, and preserves.

USS will be offering **free homemade mince pies** to all our visitors on **Saturday 16**th **December**, so please come and join us and get into the festive spirit.

AGM – the USS AGM was held on 4th November, after the USS market. The committee reported that: USS had celebrated its 10th Anniversary in July; stall takings and café sales had increased over the previous year; donations had been made to the Ugborough Newsletter, the Ugborough Garden Show and to the RDA in memory of Maureen (aka as Pasty Mo). The committee thanked all the USS supporters, including the volunteers who set up the hall and kitchen in the morning, those who help clear up at the end and those who run the café. The committee comprising Val Holman (Secretary), Juliet Collis (Treasurer), Graham Gilbert (Communications), Yvonne Angear (Local publicity) and Christine Mathews (Volunteer co-ordinator) all agreed to stand again and were unanimously re-elected.

USS would like to give a big vote of thanks to everyone who has supported our talented producers and makers during this past year and wishes all its supporters a very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2024. Our first USS of 2024 will be on **Saturday 13th January**. If anyone is interested in joining the USS team or would like further information, then please email us at **ugboroughss@gmail.com**

Erme Valley RDA- Peggy Douglas 07882 286421

We were honoured to receive a donation of £310 in memory of Maureen, H's Grandma, who has always supported us and whose pasties were legendary. She will be much missed. Thanks to all who supported the Halloween family fundraiser which, despite the weather, was a great success. We raised a fantastic £700! Thanks too to the helpers that came and made the day possible to run. It was great to see several new riders supporting us. The money raised is going to go towards mirrors in the mechanical horse room.

The glamorous infamous Glitter Ball was also a highlight of November, a successful event once again. Thanks to the Organisers.

The Virtual Championships in November proved another success story for our excellent Riders! Well done all – and the Support Team of course!

The Happy Hoof Club had a great Weekend at Finn Lake in November ... Swimming, walking, tennis, board games and a trip to Paignton Zoo was the order of the Day – and cheering on our riders at the Champs. A great time was had by all!

Sian Holway is kindly organising Mince pies, Mulled wine, Raffle and Christmas singing from Girls' Night Out at The Brook on **Monday 4**th **December at 6.30 p.m**. Free entry.

Please come along and support - tell your friends and family. It should be a lovely way to start off the festive season!

The participants Christmas sponsored fundraiser will be taking place throughout December, it is expected that everyone that uses our facilities takes part and raises at least £20. Every ride and session that takes place at the Brook is subsidised by the charity by at least 50%. For example, a ride costs you £15, the actually cost to the charity is £40. As we are coming into our 40th anniversary this year, the theme will be 40! Eg. 40 jumps, 40 words, 40 mins, 40 miles!

A coach load will be heading for the International Horse Show once again in December, which is always a popular outing!

We are hoping to get sponsor a pony scheme back up and running with some more success. It will include a picture, certificate, story, history, and you are welcome to come and visit and groom your pony, as well as termly updates. Please let me know if you would like more details.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our supporters a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

<u>Historical Nugget: 3rd December 1967</u> - South Africa, the world's first human heart transplant was successfully carried out at the Groote Schur Hospital in Cape Town. Dr Christiaan Barnard led a team of 30 doctors and nurses. Denise Darvall was a 25-year-old bank clerk who was brought to the hospital dying after a road accident and agreed for her heart being used (an extraordinary thing to do, don't you think?). Her heart was transplanted into 54-year-old Louis Washansky's chest. He died eighteen days later of pneumonia brought about by his suppressed immune system.

SANTA's visit to Ugborough!

On Friday December 15th at 5 p.m. Santa will be trailing through Ugborough.

He will be ready to collect any letters you may have – and no doubt will have something tasty to distribute!

This year Santa is also collecting pairs of new children's pyjamas which will all be donated to the charity Children's Hospital Pyjamas. This charity founded in 2010 collects brand new pyjamas to give to poorly children in hospitals, hospices, and women's refuges in the South West. Bringing a little comfort at Christmas time.

There will be a BBQ in the Square, and Mulled cider or fruit cup served on the church steps, and carols around the tree!

There will also be a bucket collection for Erme Valley RDA.

Any queries please contact Philomena Jones, or Sue Johns.

Ugborough Rivers Group. - Graham Gilbert

The Ugborough Rivers Group (URG) goes from strength to strength. We now have five Westcountry Rivers Trust Citizen Science Investigators in our group now that David Bell has joined. David has land on the edge of the moor which includes the upper reaches of the Lud Brook, so our testing regime now covers the entire length of the Lud from source (almost) to its confluence with the Bowcombe Brook at Ludbrook.

We're also grateful to two landowners, Rebekka Kikkides and Gina Smallridge, down at Ludbrook for facilitating access to the Bowcombe Brook and the Lud on private land. That makes our task more complete and much safer. Rebekka has also been monitoring the turbidity levels in the Bowcombe Brook, supplementing our monthly tests,

During November we'll be looking at the possibility of testing e-coli levels in addition to our current tests for phosphates, turbidity, temperature, and total dissolved solids. More on this in the next issue.

You may have noticed that's it's been a bit wet of late, so more water has made its way into our waterways. This can have the effect of diluting phosphate levels, but it also brings increased run-off from fields and roads, neither of which are good for the health of our rivers. Some flooding also occurred, notably at Ludbrook and Whiteley Farm, but this is entirely natural in this season with the flood plain doing its job of taking the load and decreasing the rate of flow.

In September the Environment Agency undertook a fish survey on the Lud Brook at Whiteley Farm and recorded 10 Atlantic Salmon, 13 brown/sea trout, 1 Lamprey, and 59 Bullhead (a small fish 8 – 12cm long with "characteristically large flattened head and a tapering body"). So I think that's quite encouraging, especially as the survey was done at the otters' favourite dining area!

Chair Exercise Class: Preliminary Announcement

A one-hour chair exercise class, open to all, but particularly suitable for older people and those who find conventional exercise classes too daunting, is being arranged for Friday afternoons in Ugborough Village Hall. It will be led by a team of chartered physiotherapists who lead similar classes in Yealmpton.

Classes are expected to commence on Friday, 19th January 2024 at a cost to participants of £5 per session, and to take place from 1.30 p.m. until 2.30 p.m.

Further details will appear in the January Newsletter when the arrangements for the weekly classes have been finalised.

Enquiries to Ann & Peter Povey: 01752 691654; povey.ann@googlemail.com

<u>Ugborough Primary School</u> -Headteacher, Mrs. Lucy French Christmas Events

Thursday 7th December- National Christmas Jumper Day mufti for Save The Children (Donations via School Gateway please)

Friday 8th December- PTA Christmas Shop at St Peter's Church.

Thursday 14th December- Christmas Concert in St Peter's Church 4 p.m.

Friday 15th December- Christmas Concert in St Peter's Church 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 20th December— 2nd January 2024 inc Christmas Holiday

Wednesday 3rd Jan 2024- First Day Back Spring Term

The Thursday Coffee Morning in St Peter's Church All are welcome! Pop along for a beverage and cake between 10 and 11.45 a.m. and support our continuing weekly Post Office (but please check for notices in the porch and in The Bugle about the Post Office service).

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

Ceremonial Flying of the Flag

January 9th

Birthday of Katherine, Princess of Wales



Beryl's Bookworms -

Our book this month was The Marriage Portrait by Maggie O'Farrell, the author of the highly successful Hamnet. The Marriage Portrait is also a reimagining of the life of a historical character about which not very much is known.



The book is inspired by Robert Browning's poem My Last Duchess in which Duke Alfonso of Ferrara displays his portrait of his late wife. Maggie O'Farrell uses a mix of historical fact, portraiture and poetic fantasy in telling the story.

The story is of a girl forced into a dynastic marriage at a very young age and is overlaid with myth and fairy tale. The girl in question is Lucrezia de' Medici who, in 1558 at the age of 13, was married to Alfonso d'Este, Duke of Ferrara. Lucrezia was well educated and bought up in Florence as a daughter of the wealthy Medici family.

There has always been uncertainty as to the manner of her death three years later at the age of 16. Did she die of tuberculosis or was she poisoned by her husband so he could find a new wife to produce an heir for Ferrara?

Most of us found the book readable and compelling. We liked that the book invites you to read more about the historical context, particularly about the Medicis of Florence and Este family of Ferrara.

However, we were divided as to whether we enjoyed the rather flowery language and lengthy descriptions or found the writing too 'wordy'. Some of us were disappointed that the story became rather like a fairy tale towards the end.

We scored the book between 3 and 4.5 out of 5 with an average score of 4.

Next month's book is The Other Side of the Bridge by Mary Lawson.

<u>Ugborough Steeper Hedgelaying Dates.</u> Graham Gilbert

Ugborough Steepers will be working again on the following Sundays -3rd and 17th December. Please talk to Graham for further information.

Ermington Twilight Fair

This will be held on Saturday 2nd December from 5 p.m.

We need donations for School Christmas Shop

A market for Ugborough Primary School pupils to buy gifts for loved ones

PLEASE DONATE to make this event as magical & sustainable as possible...*

We need:

- Good quality preloved/unwanted gifts
- Handmade or homegrown items*
- Small items for little hands to carry safely
- Items for all ages/family members!
- Wrapping paper/gift bags/bubble wrap

*Food items MUST include full ingredients list otherwise we cannot use them. Please ensure items are non perishable and will last til Xmas!

All items to the school office ASAP please by Fri 1st Dec latest, ready for the shop on Fri 8th.



Obituary-Lesley Bird

The family of Lesley Bird are sad to announce the death of this much loved, longstanding local resident. As a founding member of the Ugborough Parish Newsletter, she printed the original copies on an old Banda machine by hand.

Lesley also contributed in other ways to the local community since arriving in the seventies. She supported the Sunday School, Girl Guides, taught recorder and worked as a TA at the primary school. Married at Ugborough Church, she went on to have four children that she adored and who attended the local schools.

A nature lover, she always had cats and dogs, and at various times, horses, bees, chickens and goats and loved tending her garden at the family home in Wrangaton.

Lesley was a regular helper at the local Riding for the Disabled Association, bringing much light and laughter. In later years she was eternally grateful as they helped her to ride again (her main passion!) following a back injury and again more recently after a serious motorcycle crash.

Subsequently this is one of the charities we are suggesting people can send donations in her memory.

A truly bright light has been lost. We would like to thank those who knew and loved her for your kind words and support.

Her funeral is on 1st December from 12-1 p.m. at Ford Park Chapel, Plymouth.

Dress as you like.

Followed by a Celebration of her life at Lee Moor Village Hall at 2 p.m.

Family flowers only please. Donations to Devon Air Ambulance, Erme Valley RDA or Plymouth and District Leukaemia Fund.

Ugborough Parish Council

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

the weblinks

Questions from The Public and Matters Arising from Previous Meetings:

An update on the broken light on the Conduit was requested. A solution avoiding embedding the cable into the fabric of the structure has been presented to SHDC Heritage Planning Officer for approval before work progresses.

Concern has been expressed about the flooding on Donkey Lane. The Lengthsman has this on the long list of tasks resulting from the storms and it will be dealt with as soon as possible.

We are very grateful for all the hours he has put in dealing with the problems created by the storms and the on-going heavy rainfall.

Saxon gate Development There has been a complaint about contractors parking on the pavement. We have reported this and will follow up the issue.

There have been complaints about blocked drains on Lutterburn St. Work has been done to clear this and the situation is being monitored

Concern about the spilled paint on the road in Ugborough Square has been expressed and we are liaising with DCC and SHDC for the best solution to cleaning the road.

We are still chasing the installation of the promised bus shelter at Wrangaton and for an additional bus shelter to be considered at the entrance to the Bloor Estate

Report from Devon County Councillor Dan Thomas. The full report can be seen on our website.

Summary:

- Impact of Storm Ciaran
- A3121 speed limit at Ermington approved (paid for by Ermington Parish Council)
- UPC has received £750 of locality funding towards the new accessible picnic bench at Bittaford Park and other planned work

Report from South Hams District Councillors Abbott and Dewynter - The full report with links to various consultations can be seen on our website.

Summary:

- Food Waste collection from Donkey Lane
- SHDC Place and Economy Team update
- Recycling and Waste Container Roll out
- Corporate Strategy (which lays out the aims and ambitions of SHDC)
- Council Tax Reduction Consultation
- Control of Dogs
- The Ivybridge Economic Plan Consultation is now live.
- Electoral Registration Canvassing
- A Reminder about Waste Enquiries
- Update from SHDC Place and Economy Service

Planning We considered the following applications:

- a) 0466/23 Replacement windows & roof of existing conservatory Moorhaven Church, 5 Church Lane, Support
- b) 3412/23/FUL Proposed ground standing 20No solar panels, associated equipment & batteries Witchcombe House Ugborough PL21 0HR Support
- c) 3406/23/VAR Application for variation of condition 2 (approved drawings) & 10 (ecology) of planning consent 0228/20/FUL Earlscombe Farm Bittaford PL21 0LD No comments to make
- d) 3624/23/VPO Devon County Council Education Application for modification of Section 106 agreement on 57/2472/14/O and 2084/22/OPA Land At Sx 647 561 Filham Support

e) 3526/23/TCA Works to a magnolia tree. 21 Lutterburn St. PL21 0NG - Delegate to Cllr Ed Johns as Tree Warden

We have received details of the following decisions made by SHDC and DNP since the last meeting:

- a) 1664/23/HHO Lutterburn Street. Application for extension & alteration DECISION: Conditional Approval
- b) 2297/23/ARC Land At Sx 651 560 Filham Bloor Homes Application for approval of details reserved by condition 24 (Surface Water Drainage Management System) of planning consent 3703/18/OPA DECISION: Discharge of condition Approved
- c) 2613/23/ARC Lutterburn Farm Application for approval of details reserved by condition 13 (Landscape Scheme)for planning consent 3460/17/OPA - DECISION: Discharge of condition Refused

Finance We are pleased to grant fund £300 for Ivybridge Ring-and-Ride and thank them for their service.

20mph Scheme in Ugborough Village Thank you to everyone who has commented on social media, via email and at the Sustainable Saturday session with Cllr Fletcher. We have prepared a report for Devon County Council who will now be undertaking their statutory consultation. As soon as we have details of how you can participate in this, we will let you know.

Climate Emergency and sustainable Ugborough The proposed date for the community event is the afternoon of Saturday 23rd March in Ugborough Village Hall. It will be a participative and fun family event with the aims of:

- Engaging everyone in developing the Parish climate emergency agenda
- Finding out what the most important issues are for you
- Finding out what information and help would be most useful to you
- Finding out what you can offer in terms of knowledge and skills

Put the date in your diary now and further information will follow.

Bittaford Play Park

It has been a busy time for matters relating to Bittaford Play Park. We have been dealing with issues raised at the last inspection and we are seeking quotes for the removal of the damaged shelter and associated worn surfacing. (Please be aware that the current surface might be slippery in certain conditions), we have investigated the movement on the see-saw and work will be done to remedy this as soon as possible and we are working with Dartmoor National Park to agree a solution for the entrance gate closing mechanism .

There are other issues that have arisen as a result of inclement weather and our Tree Warden will be recommending any further action that we need to take as a result of a fallen tree whilst we work with Dartmoor National Park to find an alternative option for the footpath following the devastation of the footpath (for a second time) as a result of the heavy rainfall.

We have decided not to close the Play Area but please do be cautious of the uneven surfaces.

School Field Due to the delay in progressing the proposed amendment to the S106 agreement we have decided to budget £15,000 for the fence to be paid out of the 24-25

precept in the first instance and hope that (in the extenuating circumstances) the S106 funding can be claimed retrospectively.

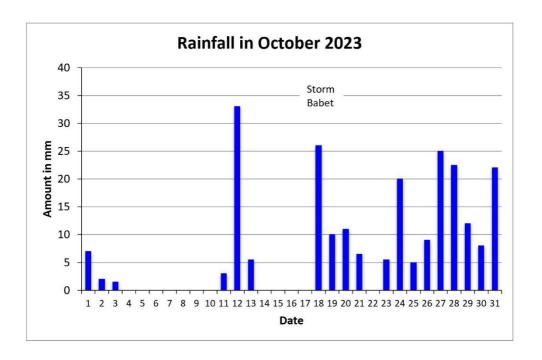
Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13th December in The Village Hall

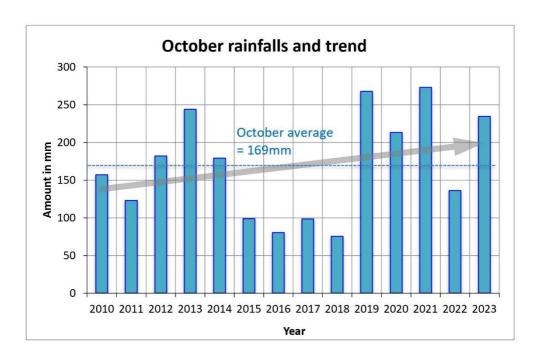
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Litter picking equipment is available to local volunteers. To borrow, please contact the Parish Clerk Tel 07814849131 parishclerk@ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

Rainfall at Shellwood Hill George Arnison

October this year really marked the full transition into Autumn, and the end of any hopes for an 'Indian Summer'. The first half of the month saw a mixture of warm and sunny weather interspersed with cooler and wet periods as Atlantic fronts swept across the country. The arrival of Storm Babet on 18th October however signalled the start of the very wet and windy weather that dominated the rest of the month. Overall I recorded 234.5mm (9½") of rain at Shellwood Hill - well above the month's 169mm average.





<u>Bittaford Methodist Chapel</u> Chris Phillips 07899934743

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

Sunday 3rd December Revd D Youngs Sunday 10th December Mrs G Mills. Sunday 17th December Mrs D Smart.

Sunday 24th December at 6 p.m. Revd Roper. Traditional Carol Service

Sunday 31st December Sue Bolt.

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Sunday 7th December Revd D Youngs. Covenant service.



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 December	All Age Worship- an informal service for everyone
	Led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 10 th December	Holy Communion- a more traditional service
Saturday 16 th December	Carol service
Sunday 17 th December	Morning Praise- an informal service led by Local
	Worship Leaders
Sunday 24 th December	No Morning service
	Christingle service at 4.30 p.m.
Monday 25 th December	Christmas All Age Service (with Communion and activities for children)
Sunday 31st Ugborough	11 a.m. Joint Mission Community Service at
	Diptford Church. (No service at Ugborough.)
Sunday 7 th January	All Age Worship

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

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*.

Village services.

We hope that the Post Office will continue its service at Ugborough Church on Thursday mornings but in any event, coffee and cake will be available from 10-11.45 a.m. Do pop in for a chat. Look out for notices in the church porch and in The Bugle for news of the Post Office service.

A reminder that you can visit the Devon Libraries Mobile Library Service at Ugborough Square, Tuesdays from 9.30 a.m.-10 a.m., normally every 4 weeks. The next date is Tuesday January 2nd.

Please note that unfortunately this service is very likely to be discontinued in the immediate future. Many thanks to Heidi and the team for the pleasure they have brought to villagers over the years.

Contributions

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

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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