

UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

February 2017



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Ugborough Fair 8th July 2017 -Shelley Hutcheon Chair - Ugborough Fa Limited 00720 765014

Dear Villagers,

It's already time to think about our main social and fund raising event of the village year - yep, I know it seems like ages away when it is so dark and rainy, but I am forging ahead with plans and ideas and need some help!

1. New committee members are ALWAYS welcome. As committees go, it is not too onerous. Just a few months of planning and a week of events. We keep our meetings to an hour in the Anchor, so it is fun and a great way to be part of the village.
2. A call to arms - who wants to do what? Those who ran events and had stalls last year, do you want to do it again or have a year off? This mainly applies to The Review, Pizzas, village run stalls on Fair Day etc
3. Would groups within the village like to adopt their own evening to raise money directly for their own funds? For example - the Bellringers run the Bingo Night. It would mean that each event is far more personal with dedicated advertising, different faces being involved and direct injection of funds to specific needs.

Up for grabs - The Dog Show/Football/Pizza/Bingo/Treasure Hunt/ anything else you can think of. I realise that 'The Fair' would raise less overall but it would mean that funds are already distributed within groups in the village before Fair Week even finished. Funds from Fair Day would still be allocated as normal.

4. New event? A Landrover Rally/Show on one of the evenings in the square. When I was washing up in the hall the other day, it struck me that there are a lot of Landrovers in the village (I know who you are!!) and rallies are always popular.
5. Don't forget to start collecting up your Bric-a-Brac. I know that quite a bit goes to the USS table but if you are having a massive clearout then bring your boxes of stuff to Oakenham for storage in the man-cave (makes it massively unpopular but the sheer excitement of finding a box of 'stuff' outside my front door makes up for it!!). This includes books and also children's stuff which I can pass onto Catherine G.
6. We need new advertising banners for the Fair - any recommendations?
7. Also, need new bunting - any thoughts/suggestions?

I look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas for the forthcoming year.

Ceremonial flying of the Flag. -Taff Jones

The flag will be flown on the following occasions-

February 6th

Accession Day of Queen Elizabeth II

February 19th

Birth of the Duke of York



The flag will fly at half-mast to commemorate the deaths of two Ugborough men. For those of you that have been following these commemorations you will have noticed that the deaths of Pte Head and Pte Jonas bring a total of five deaths in under six weeks. To think that Ugborough was a closer community 100 years ago it must have been quite a terrible time for those who lived and knew these men and their families. We who live on will remember them.

Head, J., Pte 1st/4th Battalion Devonshire Regiment. 3rd February 1917

Jonas, S.S., Pte Royal Marines Light Infantry. 8th February 1917

Coffee Drop-In Centre

10.30 a.m. -Noon every Thursday morning in Ugborough Church

Post office available 10 a.m.-12 noon (and Tuesday 1.30-3.30 p.m.)

Why not meet up with friends and neighbours over coffee, tea, cake & biscuits?

Everyone welcome.

Mary's Coffee Morning 1st March 10 a.m. at Oakenham, Ugborough.

The first event of the villages social calendar (well, apart from the panto). No rehearsing, no costume changes, just a lovely cuppa and homemade cake. It would lovely to see you all on the first day of March, in glorious Spring sunshine and daffodils!!!

Monies raised from the event will go to the Church General Fund.

Ugborough Local History Group- Meryll Docker

Join us at the seaside in the deep winter month of February!

On Wednesday 22nd February we welcome Tim Phillips, Architect and former Chairman of the National Piers Society, to talk on THE SEASIDE PIERS OF THE SOUTH WEST. Tim will illustrate his talk with many images of our seaside pier heritage in their heyday.

Everyone will be made very welcome - members free, non-members just £2 on the door.

See you in Ugborough Village Hall at 8 p.m. on Wednesday 22nd February.

Village services.

The Devon Libraries Mobile Library Service will be at Ugborough Square, on Tuesday 7th February from 9.30 a.m.-10 a.m.

Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School-(incorporating breakfast club and after school club) Charity Number 1043499 *Catherine Gwynne*

Open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday - Friday during term time in Ugborough Village Hall

Baby and Toddler Group - Monday 10 -11.30 a.m.

Contact

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admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk

We are back in to the swing of term and looking forward to join in with Mrs Crudg in Foundation Class whilst we vacate the hall for the pantomime. Thank you 1 school for accommodating us again, we have an exciting week planned. We are also looking forward to joining Key Stage 1 on a trip to the Theatre Royal to watch or of our favourite Julia Donaldson books - Room on the Broom (maybe a review 1 rival Beryl's Bookworms next month!).

Calling all ladies (and gentlemen!). On the eve of Mothering Sunday, (Saturday 25 March), we are holding a race night in the Village Hall (Ladies' Day theme).

Anyone who fancies getting dressed up and drinking some fizz whilst having a little flutter, watch out for posters with details of tickets!

We are also planning a book sale again for World Book Day (Thursday 2nd March) If anyone has any books they would like to donate, please drop them into the hall (8 a.m.-6 p.m.) on a pre-school day. We will be selling children's and adults' book and any not sold over the week will be available to buy at the following USS.

All donations gratefully received.

Meanwhile the children have been having fun building towers, mixing paint, creating train tracks, dressing up and playing on the well-loved wooden train in the bottom playground. It's still as popular as ever, thank you Andrew Prowse!

The Safari Supper Returns!

Ugborough Primary School PTA invites you to join us for the 2017 Safari Supper on Saturday 4th March. For your booking form please e mail the usual address ***ugborough.safari@gmail.com*** or speak to Catherine Gwynne, Shelley Hutcheon or Beth Edwards. Old and new faces from Ugborough and surrounding villages all welcome.

The Beacon Federation - *Executive Headteacher - Mrs. Jane Byrne*

Ugborough Primary School.

PTA News- On Thursday 9th February we will be holding a Valentines Disco in the School Hall at 4.30 - 6 p.m. for KS1 and 6.30 - 8 p.m. for KS2.

Cost is £2.50 to include love heart sweets; a tuck shop will be available with items costing 50p.

Parent Evenings:

We will be holding parent consultations on Monday 6th February - Wednesday 8th February - please check book bags for appointments letter.

We are very proud of what we do so please take time to read the "advert" below and consider coming to join us. You can make a difference to the lives of our children and we really would welcome your interest.

Beacon Federation Governors- Sue Roberts *Chair of Governors*

- ✓ Are you looking for a stimulating and worthwhile challenge?
- ✓ Do you want to make a difference for the next generation?
- ✓ Do you have experience in business, education, law or child development?
- ✓ Are you active in the local community or a successful fund raiser?
- ✓ Are you good at working with people and getting things done?

If any of these apply to you why not consider becoming a school governor - the most important voluntary role in Education today?

Your skills could be just what we need!

You do not need any previous experience - there is plenty of training available.

We meet monthly, serve for a 4-year term and are a mix of parents, members of staff and people from the wider community. You do need to be able to visit the schools during the day from time to time. All governors also need a satisfactory enhanced DBS disclosure.

We currently have vacancies on the Governing Board and anyone who shares our commitment to achieving the best for the children at Ermington and Ugborough is welcome to apply. You can see more about what we do on the Beacon Federation website www.beaconfederation.com.

To find out more about being a governor or to arrange an informal discussion with one of us please contact the school office at Ermington (01548 830459) or Ugborough (01752 892489) or email admin@ermington.devon.sch.uk.

We'd love to hear from you!

Ivybridge U3A- *Jean Sherrell, email ivybridge.u3a@gmail.com phone 01364 724700.* The February General Meeting of Ivybridge U3A will be held on Monday 20th February at 2 p.m. in the Watermark. Our speaker Peter Brooks will talk about "Incineration, a Waste of a Waste". In 2009 Viridor proposed building a waste incinerator in the ancient woodland at New England, just south of Ivybridge and to use the quarry, that drains into the River Yealm, as a landfill site for the resulting waste products. This talk explains in some detail how we deal with our mounting waste problems and how we campaigned to preserve the ancient woodland as a vital local nature reserve for the community, now under the management of the Devon Wildlife Trust. See our website for full details www.ivybridge-u3a.org.uk

Beryl's Bookworms - *Joan Fletcher*

Exposure is a spy story set in 1960 with the Cold War at its height. Simon Callington is married to Lily, a German Jewish refugee, and works at the Admiralty in a job secured for him by Giles Holloway. Simon's comfortable uncomplicated life starts to unravel when Gile is hospitalised after a drunken fall and asks Simon to return a top secret file Gile should never have taken home.

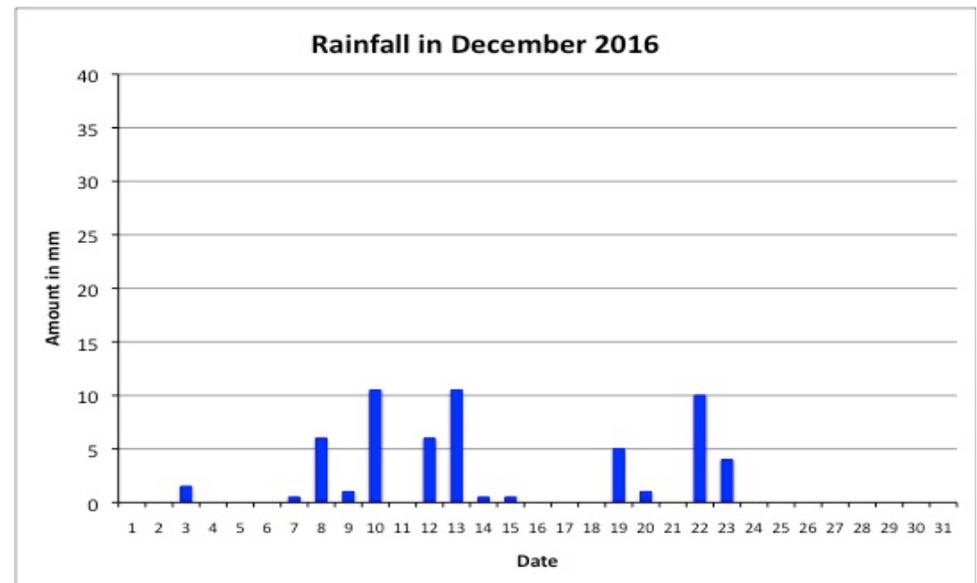
The author is known for writing about how historical events play out in ordinary lives and the repercussions for women and children. Exposure is no exception and as the story unfolds, Lily becomes the central character. We felt the book really captured the atmosphere of 1960s London in the Cold War and, although relatively uncomplicated as spy novels go, it held our interest until the final page. And, yes, it does have a satisfying ending and I will say no more.

We enjoyed the book and gave it an average score of 4. We look forward to reading next month's book: 'Where my heart used to beat', by Sebastian Faulks.



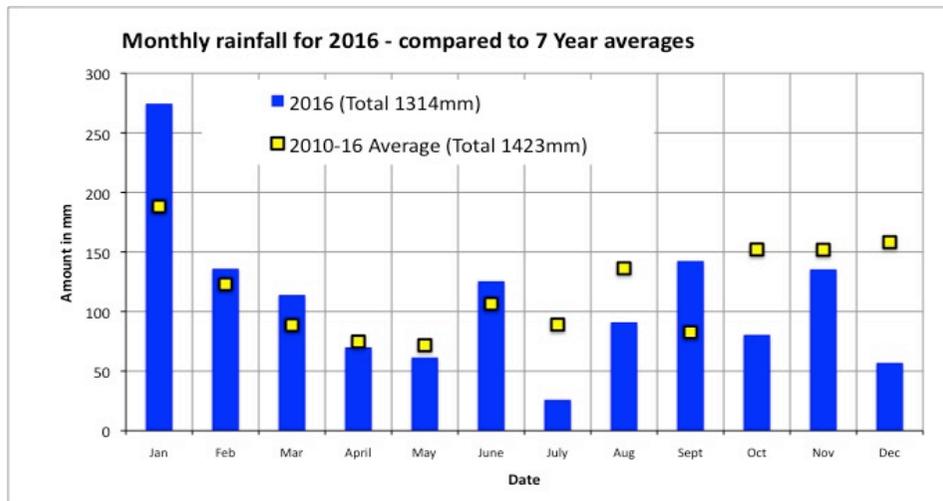
Rainfall at Shellwood Hill *George Arnison*

December was another dry month, when I recorded just 57mm (2.25") of rain at Shellwood Hill - compared with the last four Decembers of 175mm (2015), 91.5mm (2014), 237.5mm (2013) and 327mm (2012).



Overall 2016 was a dry year - I don't think especially sunny, but the driest in the last five years, and below the average of the seven years I've been recording. This was despite a really wet and wild first seven weeks of the year which accounted for almost a third of the year's total rainfall, and thanks to a particularly dry second 6 months (apart from September). The wettest single day I recorded in 2016 was on 19 November (38mm), and the longest continuous period with zero rainfall was between 10 and 23 March (13 days)...although there was an 18 day spell across June/July in which there was only 1mm.

Nationally it was also a relatively quiet year, with only one named winter storm (Storm Angus) by the end of the year, whereas by the end of the previous December there'd been six!



Ugborough Village Hall- Stafford Williams

A number of tasks are ongoing in the Hall to maintain the facility, but the next big project will be roof refurbishment - the committee is seeking quotes at present.

The Hall will be unavailable on Thursday 4th May as it will be used as a polling station that day.

17th February has been nominated to complete a deep clean of parts of the main hall during half-term and anyone who wishes to help should contact Catherine Gwynne, Phil Jones or Kate Brampton - many hands will make light work.

The Hall risk assessment has been updated and posted on the lobby noticeboard and in the occurrence book if you wish to read it.



Your Stars Tonight. "I think your subject for this month should be obvious" declares the steamed dieter as she glides out of the house in a faerie twirl of glitter, destined for yet another pantomim rehearsal. As the front door shuts I see Venus shining like a headlight in the evening sky above St Peter's Church tower. It is remarkably bright, so bright that it has been claimed that it casts a shadow when there is no moon or sun to compete.

As the second closest planet to the sun, Venus orbits on the inside circuit in 225 days while the Earth circles around the sun in the outside lane in a more leisurely 365 days. The result is that from our earthly viewpoint Earth, Venus and the sun are in the same relative positions on a cycle of around 584 days.

The current cycle started back in April 2016 when Venus emerged from behind the sun to start catching us up on the inside lane and steadily became brighter (and higher) in the evening sky. It reaches a maximum brightness on 1st February after which it begins to dim and get lower in the dusk. Then at the end of March it withdraws level with us and be in a direct line with ourselves and the sun and is lost in the sun's glare only to reappear in May in the dawn sky as it begins to race away from us on its journey round the sun. And when it reaches the far point the whole cycle starts again - there is a lovely YouTube video called "Earth Venus tang around the sun" which is worth watching.

But there is an additional complexity in predicting the brilliance of the light from Venus. Through good (and very steady!) binoculars or a telescope Venus shows phases just like the moon. Back in April last year it was a small almost circular image changing slowly to become like a mini half-moon by Christmas. Since then its unlit side is increasingly being shown to us and so we see a crescent of light. But because it is getting closer to us the light reflected from Venus is becoming ever brighter - a nice mathematical problem involving spheres, ellipses and inverse square rules - just the thing to solve on a wet February afternoon.

And in February we also get a "two for the price of one" planet bonus as Mars is less than a hand's width away to the left of Venus. Look for a much fainter dirty orange star - rather upstaged and outshone by the brilliance of Venus.

The steamed dieter enters stage left much later in the evening, long after Venus has set, her thespian sparkle undiminished. And I know that I must forget the planets and gush about how for the first few days of February there will be a host of stars glittering in the night in the Ugborough Village Hall against which the celestial sights will be but dim sparks.

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays -Sarah Scanlon

I don't know about you but although it is lovely seeing family and friends and indulging in the festive food and drink, over the Christmas and New Year, in some ways it is comforting to get back to a routine. I know that for quite a few folk within the parish and further afield, USS is part of our routine in the village now.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful helpers, who do not think twice about helping with refreshments, putting tables and chairs out before we open and staying behind to close up the village hall. I often say many hands make light work and it is so true.

The village hall is a perfect setting for USS and visitors from other parishes are very envious of the superb facilities we have.

The Hall will be transformed for the Village pantomime production soon so we will be changing venue for 4th February.

The Church has very kindly allowed us to set up our tables in St Peter's. This will be the same time (10 a.m. - 12 noon) and the familiar stallholders and refreshments will be there looking forward to seeing you.

It is a little cooler than the hall and the foods may look a little strange under the red lights! But last year we really enjoyed being in a different place and are very grateful to the Church for their support.

Dates for February are 4th (in the Church) and 18th (back in the Village Hall).

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The same concerns regularly turn up at Ugborough Parish Council Meetings, and January was no exception. These included flooding at Lutterburn, the travellers at Hillhead, potholes and highway maintenance. Sadly, there is often no progress in resolving these concerns - although one day, I feel sure there will be success!

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan progress has also stalled, as it is still awaiting feedback from SHDC on the soundness of the draft plan.

Planning applications - Parish Council recommendations are given in bold below:

- Change of Use to Assembly & Leisure at Unit 2I Wrangaton Business Park, Wrangaton **Support**
- Single storey extension at Rockdale, Bittaford **Neutral**
- Conversion of barn to dwelling at Ladydown Barns, Ugborough **Neutral**
- Alterations and extension at Firslea, 1 Brook Gardens, Ugborough **Neutral**, subject to a condition that the possible flooding arising from the development be addressed

Open Space, Sport and Recreation were a focus for discussion at the meeting. An Open Space Plan, including a Playing Pitch Strategy is being prepared. This will have relevance within the Neighbourhood Plan and will provide supporting evidence when applying for grants towards sport and recreation facilities.

Exciting new play equipment for Bittaford playpark is being considered and, once details have been confirmed, it is hoped to get the go-ahead at the February meeting. The equipment is grant funded by £8000 Tesco Bags of Help and £200 Dartmoor Communities Fund.

The **Highway Community Enhancement Fund** is inviting funding applications and has £100,000 available. The March deadline is very tight, so the Parish Council is rushing to come up with ideas - if you have any suggestions, please let the Clerk know as soon as possible.

The **2017/18 Budget and Precept** were agreed at the meeting, with the emphasis on funding for open space, sport and recreation provision and the successful Community Road Warden scheme. The annual precept from your Council Tax is to increase to £18,500, which will amount to an increase in the average annual Council Tax bill of £2.52 next year.

The **SHDC Homeless Strategy** for 2017-2022 has been launched for public consultation until 13th February. Proposed actions include the continuation of the No Second Night Out Service for rough sleepers, a 'crash pad' model for the young single homeless, and the feasibility of a tiny houses project. More details on the consultation are available at www.southhams.gov.uk/homelessconsultation.

The next Parish Council Meetings will be held a week later than normal, on Wednesday 8th February and 8th March, starting at 7.30 p.m. Agenda and minutes will be displayed on the noticeboards and website.

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> **Bittaford Methodist Chapel** Jutta Berger 01752 698381  
> Please come and join us - we look forward to welcoming you.  
> Our services all start at 10.30 a.m. unless otherwise stated.  
> Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February - Rev. David Youngs Sacrament of Holy Communion  
> Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Mr. Terry Milam  
> Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February - 2.30 p.m. Rev. Simon Leigh Covenant Service  
> Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Mr. Justice Abusah  
> Our Hall is available for hire. We have a small Tea Kitchen. All enquiries  
> contact: Jutta Berger as above or e-Mail to: [juttaberger@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:juttaberger@tiscali.co.uk)  
> Green Pastures Coffee Bar for families with small children.  
> Open every Friday from 10 a.m. 'til 12 noon including School Holidays!  
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## St Peter's Church Services in February

All services now start at 9.30 a.m. unless otherwise stated.

| Date                             | Service                                                                                                    |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> February  | All Age Worship- an informal service                                                                       |
| Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> February | Holy Communion-                                                                                            |
| Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> February | Service of the Word-a less formal service led by members of the congregation.<br>Messy Church at 4.30 p.m. |
| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> February | Holy Communion                                                                                             |
| Every Thursday at 12 noon        | Holy Communion                                                                                             |
| Date to be confirmed             | Prayer meeting at the home of Katie Smart                                                                  |

### The Three Rivers Mission Community

invites you to our Messy Church

Craft activities, songs, games and Bible stories  
followed by a Party Tea at Ugborough Church  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 4.30 - 6 p.m.

Everyone Welcome- All children to be accompanied by an adult

Clergy Contact: Revd David Sayle Tel: 01548 821199

or email: [parish\\_sayle@me.com](mailto:parish_sayle@me.com)



The **Three Rivers Mission Community** covers the parishes of Diptford, Ermington, Halwell, Harberton, Harbertonford, Moreleigh, North Huish and Ugborough.

#### Priest in charge-

Rev'd David Sayle, The Rectory Diptford Totnes Devon TQ9 7NY  
01548 821199 email [parish\\_sayle@me.com](mailto:parish_sayle@me.com).

#### Business matters should be referred to the church wardens-

Mrs Helen Hart-[hmhart@sky.com](mailto:hmhart@sky.com)

Jeremy Wells- 01364 72180

#### Parish matters may also be referred to our Reader

Dr. David Stafford- 01752 691525

#### Contributions

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter.

Contributions should be sent to - Mrs. Norma Roe, The Editor, Ugborough Parish Newsletter, 20 Lutterburn St, Ugborough, Ivybridge, PL21 0NG.

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

**E mail is welcome to [norma-davidroe@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:norma-davidroe@tiscali.co.uk)** (I use Microsoft word, font Comic Sans. Any articles as attachments in this format would be particularly welcome.)

#### Newsletter Appeal for Funds- Sue Johns

A huge thank you as ever to all those involved in the production and distribution of the Newsletter. Particularly to Norma Roe for her Editorship and to Tom & Anne Holwe for collation and distribution to our trusty band of Distributors.

We continue to distribute 450 printed copies of the Newsletter to individual households, including some by post and we e mail those who wish to receive in the format. We are midway through our 3 year Risostat maintenance contract and the contract is up for renewal next year - this will cost in excess of £1800. It is still the cheapest way to duplicate the number of sheets that we require monthly.

I am about to order both paper, ink and mastercopy which will cost around £450.

Thanks to all those who donate towards our costs. This year we are grateful to the individuals who have contributed £297.50 - and to the Organisations who have donated a total of £1255, especially Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays and Ugborough Fair Ltd who gave £700 as a cumulative donation from the 2015 & 2016 Fairs.

If you would like to donate towards the Newsletter it would be very gratefully received by any of the Newsletter Team.

Statement of accounts for 2016:

| INCOME                            |                | EXPENSES |               |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------|---------------|
| Individuals                       | 297.50         | Paper    | 156.49        |
| Village Organisations             | 1255.00        | Ink      | 57.90         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>1552.50</b> |          | <b>214.39</b> |
| Excess of income over expenditure | <b>1338.11</b> |          |               |

#### Late news- Erme Valley RDA: Peggy Douglas 07882 286421

Here we are riding into 2017, with sadly the same heartfelt plea for Volunteers. We seriously have to limit the number of riders we can help because of the ongoing shortage of volunteers - which does seem a shame.....So, if you can help in ANY way (and we can find something for everyone!) - do contact me.

We are grateful once again to be in receipt of generous funding from the Cadbur Foundation and Kingsbridge Rotary have named us as one of their charities this year. Sian Holway is kindly planning another Fund Raising Meal for us - watch out for details. We are delighted that the Bishop of Crediton - Bishop Sarah, is due to visit us at the end of January. We are looking forward to introducing the Bishop to some of our riders and showing her around the premises.

Your Newsletter is available online at the Parish Council website [ugboroughparishcouncil.org](http://ugboroughparishcouncil.org) and at [ugborough.com](http://ugborough.com)

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