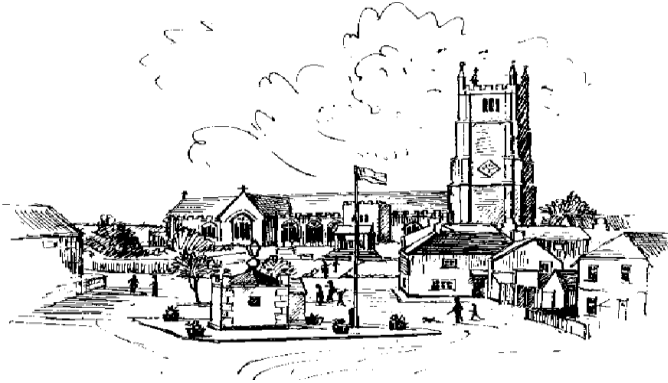


Ugborough Parish Newsletter

October 2025



What's on

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St Peter's Church – Sue Johns

What a privilege it was to host the Mission Community Confirmation Service with the Bishop of Plymouth, the Rt Revd James in St Peter's on 21st September. The 5 Candidates were from Ermington, Diptford and Ugborough and were supported by a congregation from all the MC churches. Music for one of the hymns was provided by some of our young people, and the Refreshments were enjoyed by all! Thanks to all who helped in any way.

Our Harvest Celebrations took place at the end of September with a Harvest Praise Service led by the Rector David Sayle in the morning – and continued in the afternoon with Messy Church using song, word and craft to honour the occasion – followed as ever with a Party Tea.

Goods were collected to donate to the Ivybridge Food Bank, and the Collection supported the work of the Farm Community Network.

Do come and join our annual:

Bring and Share Harvest Supper
On Saturday October 11th:6-8 p.m.
Ugborough Village Hall.
Adults £2 Children Free.

And so to **CHRISTMAS** with *Dates for your Diary*:

St Peter's Carol Service-SATURDAY DECEMBER 13th at 4:30

a Service for the whole Community featuring the Community Choir, young singers and local musicians. If anyone is interested in joining the Community Choir for this Celebration do let me know 07889 737967

CHRISTMAS MARKET On Sunday December 7th: 1- 5

in The Anchor Barn – details to follow.

October services. – Norma Roe

You can see from the information in the Newsletter that there is no service in Ugborough church on Sunday 5th October. Our Rector, David Sayle, looks after the 6 parishes of the Three Rivers Mission Community. For the last few years, so that Ugborough can continue to have a service each week, David has trained 3 volunteer Local Worship Leaders (Sue Johns, Sylvia Marcus and Norma Roe) to lead the All Age and Morning Praise services on the first and third Sunday of each month. They meet regularly to plan and prepare the services under David's guidance and always work together committing prayerful time and energy to deliver informal but meaningful services to Ugborough.

Unfortunately, due to other events it has proved impossible for the Local Worship Leaders to cover the service on 5th October. It is worth bearing in mind that without their commitment and dedication other regular services would not be possible.

USS- Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays - Juliet Collis

We had a busy Saturday morning on our return after the summer break, with excellent produce for sale and a real buzz in the café. A big thank you to all the USS supporters, including our volunteers and stall holders.

WANTED – Surplus vegetables for sale – we are often being asked if there are vegetables to buy, so if you have any surplus vegetables that you have grown, then please bring them along to USS for sale. There will be no table charge for our local veg producers!

Charity table

If you support a charity and would like space one USS Saturday to raise funds, 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. You can contact us at ugboroughss@gmail.com or catch us at a USS morning.

The October USS dates are Saturday: 4th October and 18th October.

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.

Ladies' Lunch Pat Stephens

The date for the next lunch is Wednesday 19th November at The Ship, Ugborough for 12 noon.

Contact Pat Stephens 07704 113837 to book.

Ugborough Chair Exercise Class -Peter and Ann Povey

We will meet on Friday afternoons in Ugborough Village Hall from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. We contribute £5 towards the costs of each meeting of the class. Accompanying Carers are not expected to contribute. If you think you need to exercise more, but are not sure how, why not come to one of our Class sessions and see what we accomplish in our congenial and joyous group.

We follow the School Terms, so will have a break at Half Term, returning thereafter to meet every Friday until Christmas.

Half Term: No Class Friday 31st October.

Enquiries: Tel: 01752 691 654

Email: povey.ann@googlemail.com

Historical Nugget– *Gareth 'Taff' Jones*

Historical Nugget: 12th October 1984 – As one gets older it is often forgotten by many people, myself included, that “lived” experiences can go on to become significant historical events which we only realise either years after the occasion or because it grows in national and often, international importance. One such event happened on the above date; the Brighton bombing of the Conservative Party Conference.

In 1976, the British government withdrew “special category” status to members of the Provisional Irish Republican Army (PIRA), This status saw them treated as political prisoners (POWs), rather than criminals – convicted paramilitary prisoners. In 1978 the dispute escalated into the dirty protest where prisoners refused to leave their cells to wash and covered the walls in excrement. In 1980, a number of prisoners participated in the first hunger strike which lasted 53 days. In 1981, a further hunger strike took place during which ten prisoners died, including Bobby Sands (who was elected to Parliament as the member for Fermanagh and South Tyrone a month before his death).

Because the Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, was staunchly opposed to the return of “special category” status to republican prisoners, and was held responsible for the deaths, the PIRA decided to assassinate her.

During the years 1982 and 1983 the PIRA reconnoitred the Conservative Party Conferences and began planning for the 1984 attack. A bomb with a long delay time fuse was planted in the Grand Hotel Brighton more than three weeks before the 1984 conference. The bomb was planted by Patrick Magee who would serve fourteen years (after being sentenced to eight life sentences with a minimum tariff of thirty-five years) in prison before being released under the 1999 Good Friday Agreement. The judge branded him a man of exceptional cruelty and inhumanity. During his time in prison Magee read Politics and Modern Art graduating with a first-class honours BA, he received a PhD from Ulster University with a thesis on the representation of Irish Republicans in Troubles fiction.

The bomb killed five people and wounded thirty-four, including the wife of Norman Tebbit, Margaret, who was permanently disabled as a result of the bombing. After release from prison Magee continues to defend his role in the bombing although he expressed remorse for the innocent lives lost. Although some victims have forgiven Magee, Lord Tebbit argued that giving up violence was insufficient stating; ‘if Dr Shipman had announced he was not going to murder any more of his patients, I don’t think we would have felt that was a case of going ‘good old Shipman’ and giving him a slap on the back and a special award from the BMA.’ Thatcher survived the assassination attempt and attended the Conference at 09:30 the following morning where she was given a standing ovation. Neil Kinnock, leader of the Labour Party said of Thatcher’s actions: ‘That is the way we must respond to such vile acts in this democracy. There can be no concessions...’

Volunteering opportunities at the Devon Rural Archive

Archive volunteers

Are you passionate about Devon's heritage? Have a few hours a week to spare, enjoy working with others, and have a good eye for detail? The Devon Rural Archive (DRA), set on the beautiful Shilstone estate near Modbury, is looking for volunteers - especially on Saturdays and Sundays. You could be welcoming visitors, helping with research, shelving and organising collection items, or cataloguing new acquisitions. Travel expenses are paid, and volunteers enjoy a discount in our Café. Get in touch to join us. Contact: archive@shilstonedevon.co.uk

Conservation volunteers

Conservation volunteers needed to help maintain the beautiful, historic landscape at Shilstone. Care about protecting a beautiful, historic landscape? We're seeking enthusiastic conservation volunteers to take part in hands-on environmental projects at Shilstone, near Modbury. You could find yourself uncovering the 17th-century water theatre, clearing the rills and leats that connect cascading medieval fishponds, or harvesting apples for pressing. It's a chance to learn new skills, enjoy the outdoors, and be part of a team making a real difference. Travel expenses are paid, and volunteers enjoy a discount in our Café. Contact: archive@shilstonedevon.co.uk

Ivybridge u3a - Graham Meadon

The u3a general meetings is on Monday 20th October at 2 p.m. at The Watermark, Ivybridge.

The speaker is Chris Robinson who is an acknowledged expert on the history of Plymouth and a guide to important places in the city.

The title of the talk is "The story of Plymouth Hoe, Barbican and City Centre" and it will be a historical and pictorial tour of the heart of Britain's Ocean City.

Friends of Ivybridge Library Quiz Night

This will be held by the Friends of Ivybridge Library in support of the work of the Library.

It will take place on Tuesday 21st October at 7 p.m. in the Library. Tickets will be on sale in the Library in the near future at £5 per head to include nibbles. Teams of four, or turn up on the night and form an impromptu team.

The Quizmaster will be Dave Gibbins, sports journalist and Spotlight presenter.

Beryl's Bookworms – Anne Marie Bulgen

You Are Here by David Nicholls

In this book, the fourth novel of this bestselling author, we meet two people whose lives are stuck in ruts. Both are single and both quite lonely.



Marnie Walsh (38), who works as a freelance copyeditor/ proofreader from her flat in London and

Michael Bradshaw(42), who lives in York and is a geography teacher and loves going off on long walks on his own.

They both have a mutual friend Cleo Fraser who is trying to encourage the pair to be less reclusive, and she persuades them to go on a coast to coast walk with her and her son Anthony and another friend of hers an "absurdly attractive" pharmacist called Conrad. There was supposed to be another friend, Tessa, whom Cleo had also invited as a potential match for Michael, but she drops out at the last minute.

Cleo, Anthony, Marnie and Conrad have planned to walk the first few days of the challenging England 192-mile coast to coast walk which transverses from the west coast of Cumbria through 3 National parks: the Lake District, Yorkshire Dales and the North York Moors. The accommodation was booked along the way, but the weather isn't great and some of the walkers aren't very keen to carry on. Gradually the numbers dwindle which allows a new friendship to be built between Marnie and Michael. As they continue the walk, they discuss their past lives and future dreams. There are many side stories from the main narrative of this book that had me chuckling. The main characters came across to me as lovely people and entirely relatable and the dialogue is witty such that it was impossible not to become immersed in their lives.

There were very mixed views on this book in the group; the scores given reflected this only scraping a 2 from some members who felt it too predictable, even though it resulted in an overall score of 3.5 due to others scoring it 5.

Members comments of note were that David Nicholls previous book One Day was preferred, and this one is a perfect holiday read.

Our next read :**The House of Doors- Tan Twan Eng**

South Hams Art Forum Annual Art Trail- 11th-26th October (shaf.org.uk)

- Open Studio- Karen Murphy

I am setting up a glass and ceramics studio in "The Loft" at the bottom of the turning up to Bittaford and I will be exhibiting and opening up my studio during the South Hams Artist Forum. I will be open on 11th/12th, 17th/18th/19th and 24th/25th October. I will be set up for visitors to come and have a go at making a small piece of fire glass as well.

Erme Valley RDA- *Peggy Douglas 07882 286421*

We're well back in the swing of things after the summer break – and embracing the Virtual Championships at this time - with Riders being put through their paces under the eye of a Video Camera to be entered for this National RDA Competition. Good Luck All!

Tea with a Pony – our Dementia Friendly Tea to meet the ponies and dogs and enjoy a first-rate Tea with lovely company. Please let me know if you're interested. Carers welcome too!

We hope you have all got your tickets for our 40th Year Anniversary Celebration

40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Saturday October 18th

5:30 – 11 p.m. in The Anchor Barn, Ugborough
Hog Roast, Line Dancing, Bar, Raffle, Bouncy Castle

Tickets Adults £12.50 Under 12s £6.

Line Dancing from 8

Tickets in advance: please e mail
ermevalleyrda@gmail.com

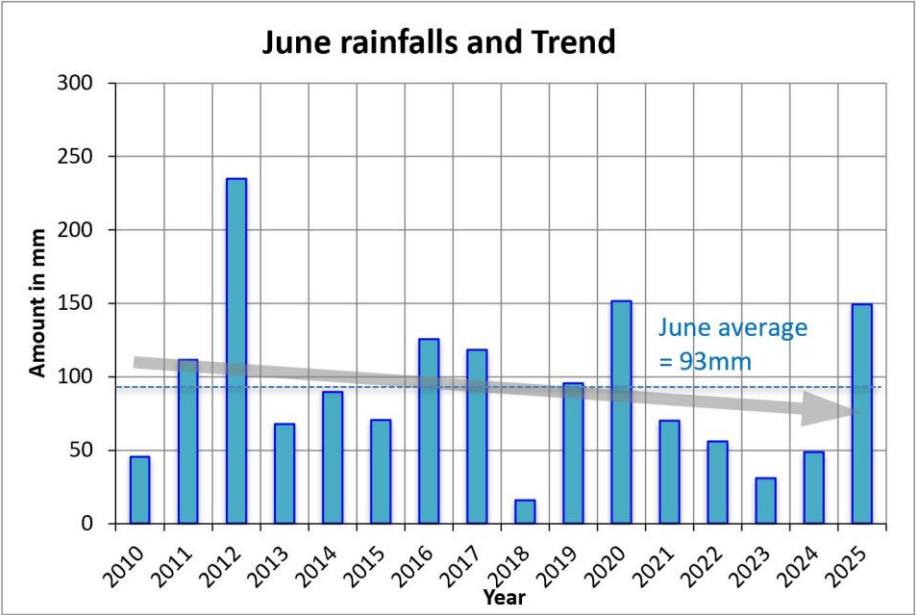
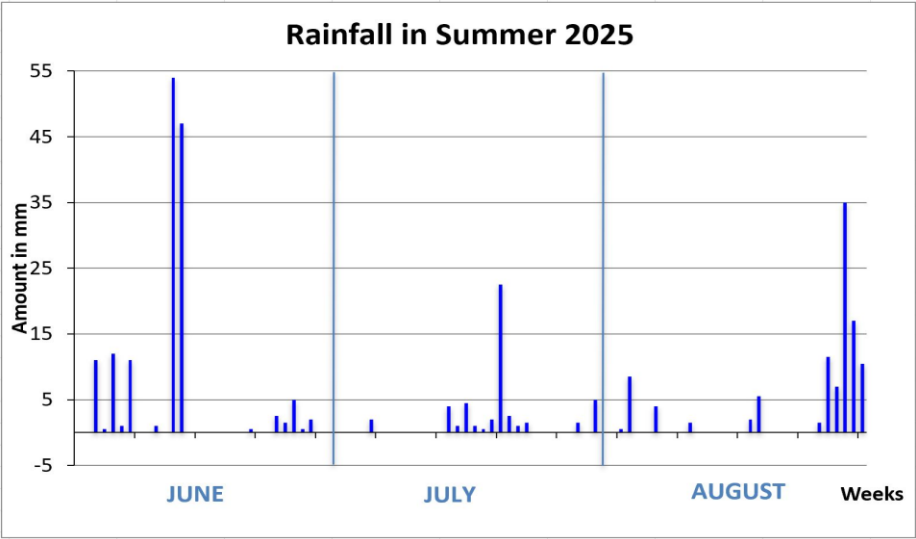
The Accessible Social Club and Happy Hoofers continue to meet regularly and have fun events planned for October.

We are always in need of the following items; just drop them into The Brook or 22 Fore Street if you can help with any of these. Thank You!

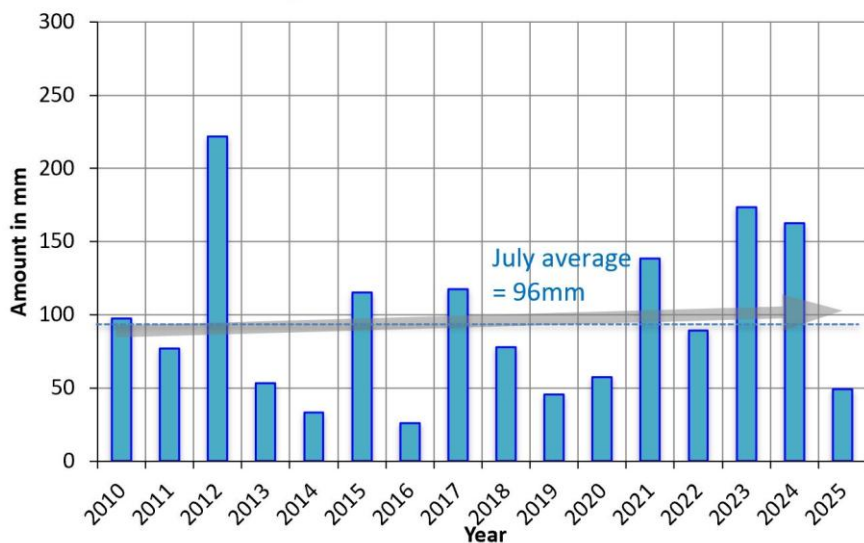
Cleaning supplies, Tea, coffee & biscuits, Sponges, Fly spray,
Local honey, Felt tip pens, Pencils, Biro's, Lined paper & Bin bags

Rainfall at Shellwood Hill *George Arnison*

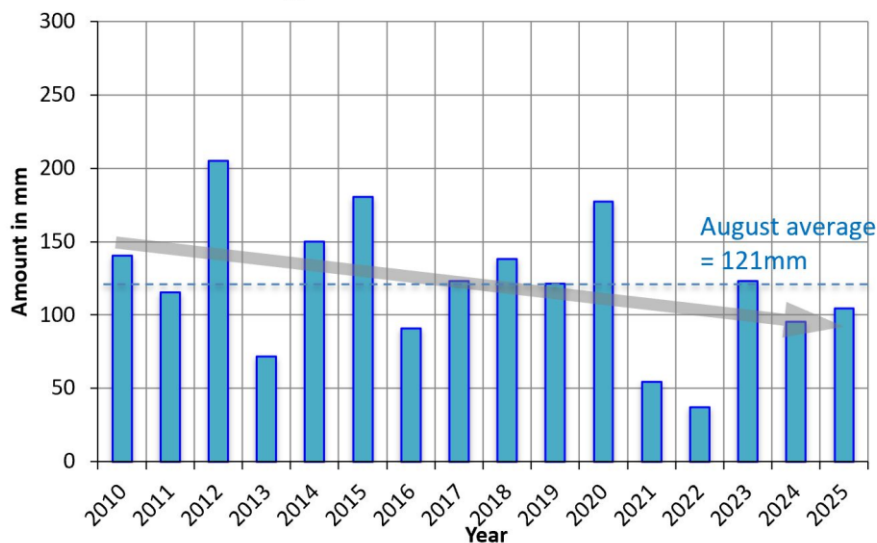
I've not been able to provide rainfall reports for a few months but - fear not! - rainfall recording has continued at Shellwood Hill, thanks to my rainfall elves! So here's a summer catch up: Despite several 'heatwaves', our total rainfall (303mm) across the summer has been only marginally below the 16-year average (309mm). Overall, June (149.5mm / 6") was wetter than average, July (49mm / 2") was much drier than average, and August (104.5mm / 4") was slightly drier than average. June *would* have been much drier but for a very wet couple of days (12th/13th) which saw severe thunderstorms and 100mm of rain (more than the monthly average) fall in around 24 hours. This led to widespread surface water flooding across the region. The last week of August brought more autumnal and wetter weather - including the remnants of Hurricane Erin - after an otherwise very dry first few weeks. Nationally it was the warmest summer on record, but not the sunniest.



July rainfalls and Trend



August rainfalls and Trend



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

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

Contact: 07763 215 455

From the Chair:

Thank you to all from across the community who have offered to assist the committee of the Ugborough and Bittaford preschool, breakfast and afterschool club following the announcement of their decision to close announced on 5th September 2025. Thank you, too for those who attended our open meeting on Friday 19th September. The meeting saw an open exchange of the concerns of three groups of attendees:

1. The volunteer committee who are currently unable to profitably staff and manage both the preschool (2-4 year olds) and wrap around care (breakfast and afterschool club for 2-11 year olds) in the village and are of the view that the mandated governance and business model are no longer fit for purpose in the face of increasingly onerous government legislation and skilled staff shortages.
2. Parents of preschool children currently using the services who spoke passionately of their need and desire for the school to remain open and of the difficulties many of them would face continuing in work if provision between 0800 and 1800 daily was not available.
3. Members of the community who expressed concern about the unintended consequences to the village of closing the preschool, principally a reduction of young families choosing to live here and fewer children in our primary school.

It was agreed that verbal offers of support and proposals to keep the school open made during the meeting should be forwarded to the Preschool Chair committee@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk immediately and that a final decision would be made in the week beginning 22nd September.

(More news in next month's Newsletter.)

Ugborough Parish Council

Clerk: Sally Smale Email: parishclerk@ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

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

Ugborough Parish Council News from our September Meeting.

No members of the public attended the meeting

Matters raised by the Public and Arising from previous meetings:

1. Cllr Abbott confirmed that the Aldi Planning application was going to be considered by South Hams District Council at the October meeting
2. We have been asked if there can be wider distribution of the Ugborough Newsletter to West Ugborough. Although it would be unsustainable to deliver hard copies of the letter, we have decided to organise an A5 leaflet drop with a QR code linking to the online letter so that individual households can choose to access that way or be added to an email distribution list.
3. We had received a report regarding a property in Ugborough village that has invasive brambles overhanging a public walkway – Cllr Beable will talk to the owner and request a cutback
4. The clerk has made contact with the owner of the wall at the start of Donkey Lane and will continue to liaise with them regarding remedial repair work

Report from Devon County Council

Cllr Dan Thomas had sent apologies. Cllr Vic Abbott:

- Thanked us for sharing information regarding the process for establishing 20mph speed limit in the village
- Will support us in seeking work to the hedge on the junction of the Sign of the Owl which is causing a safety risk
- Will continue to chase the relevant departments for release of the agreed footpath grant funding

Report from South Hams District Council Councillors (Alison DeWynter and Vic Abbott)

The full report is available on the [website](#). Summary:

- Sale of two Churchill Cottages properties – LiveWest has confirmed that two of the properties are for sale. The clerk is still waiting for a response to the questions put to them regarding their policy for disposal and specific plans for the two properties and will chase for a response. We will also be writing to Rebecca Smith MP to express our concern at the disposal of 2 affordable properties in the parish.
- LGR consultation sessions
- Reuse and recycle

- Disposal of Lithium batteries (including vapes)
- Election – annual canvass of residents
- More support for care leavers and vulnerable groups
- Help shape plans for Dartmoor National Park
- Postal vote renewal
- Avian Flu
- RTS Teleswitch off

Cllr Abbott thanked us for the work being done to make Ugborough Parish dementia-friendly

Cllr Hart requested a review of the **South Hams District Council grass cutting in the Church Burial Ground** and we will be working with them to reach an agreement on the number of cuts and areas for frequent cutting or less frequent in order to support biodiversity. If anyone has any comments they wish to make, please contact our clerk and these will feed into our deliberations at the October meeting.

Planning

We supported the following application - Whiteoaks, Davids Lane Filham. Householder application for proposed extension & alterations. And were unable to provide any evidence to support or object to the following - Certificate of lawfulness for existing use as a dwelling together with associated garden Monument House Monument Field South Brent TQ10 9ES

Local Government Review

We will be requesting an update from Devon County Council Councillors and South Hams District Council councillors at our October meeting and will be undertaking a consultation with Ugborough parishioners regarding their and Plymouth's final submitted proposals as soon as these are confirmed. This is likely to be in October or November.

South Hams District Council will be at the Sustainable Saturday event in Ugborough Village Hall on September 20th to consult with residents.

For information on Local Government Review take a look at the following websites:

www.devon.gov.uk/devolution-and-lgr/

www.southhams.gov.uk/your-council/local-government-reorganisation-and-devolution

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation-lgr>

The date of our next meeting is a week later than originally advertised - Wednesday 15th October 2025, 7.30 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall

Privacy policy – visit ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

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

Local Government explained *Cllr. Alison Dewynter- South Hams District Council*

A lot is planned for local government over the next few years. Here is some information on what it all means.

The Labour Government has identified local government as an area where efficiency savings can be made. This assumption is based upon a 2020 report by the County Council Network that stated £2.9bn could be saved over 5 years by replacing two tier local government systems with unitary councils serving up to 500,000 residents. Others have questioned these figures, but the changes are planned to go ahead within the next 2-4 years.

We live in a two-tier area: South Hams District Council and Devon County Council manage different aspects of our local services. The idea is that, after the reforms, we will fall under a unitary authority along with some other district council areas and possibly even Plymouth City. This is being called, 'Local Government Reorganisation' or LGR. How the South West is going to be divided is currently the subject of debate and residents have engaged with the process at events held locally.

The other aspect of local government reform is called 'Devolution'. This involves the transfer of powers and funding from central government to local mayoral strategic authorities, which will sit above the new authorities created by LGR. These mayoral authorities will cover areas with populations over 1.5 million in regions of England that do not already have them. As is obvious from their name, these authorities will be headed up by an elected Mayor. Council leaders in Devon favour the creation of a South West Peninsular Mayoral Strategic Authority but the boundaries of this have not been agreed.

Bittaford Methodist Chapel *Chris Phillips 07899934743*

All services start at 11 a.m.

Sunday 5th October Revd D Youngs

Sunday 12th October Mike Cade

Sunday 19th October Mike Cade

Sunday 26th October 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 5 th October	No service at Ugborough
Sunday 12 th October	Holy Communion
Sunday 19 th October	Morning Praise led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 26 th October	Holy Communion

Hand gel is available and please respect others' space.

Sunday 26th October 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, Harbertonford, Moreleigh 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.

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.

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 normaroe9@gmail.com

The deadline is 15th of the month please. Thank you for keeping to this. Your Newsletter is available online at the Parish Council website- <https://ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk> and at the village website <https://ugborough.com>

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