

Ugborough Parish Newsletter

July/August 2023



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St Peter's Church – Sue Johns

We said farewell to Rachael Hallows at a recent Thursday Coffee Morning in Church. Rachael has delivered a reliable, cheerful, and obliging Post Office service for many months – but now has a change of job. I am reliably informed that there will not be a break in visiting personnel whilst a new person is trained.

We have been treated to 3 weddings in June, you may have heard the bells ringing out their celebratory peals. We wish Tessa and Luke, Stephanie and Nathan, and Anna and Matthew all the very best for their future life together.

Thanks to Helen Hart for masterminding the Open Gardens on July 1st – fingers crossed for good weather!

The church has been full of the sound of music throughout June – as the children practise their Country Dances for the Fair, accompanied by the Ugborough Festival Orchestra.

The Community Choir too have been rehearsing for the Fair Concert in church on July 2nd at 7 p.m. The programme is coming together now, with sets from North Huish Hand Bell Ringers and Mimi Mann – fresh from success of Ugfest, UFO and other small groups. The Refreshments I'm sure will live up to expectations as ever!

The final Messy Church this school year will hopefully be Wild – with an outdoor event and BBQ in Dunwell Pits on July 23rd. Watch for details.

Ugfest:

Huge thanks to the Team of Organisers and Mass Helpers who helped to make Ugfest one of the Best Ever! It appeared to run effortlessly – always a sign of the level of background input. So many had an amazing time to a great mix of music. An acoustic stage for the first time this year showcased sets from Paul Sice and Mimi Mann – then to the main stage for Ground Rush, The Long Faces and the Drum and Bass acoustic feast from DJ Type O! Looking like a great outcome for the Local Community and National Charities the Event is proud to support.

Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled: -Peggy Douglas

This is proving a very busy Term!

The Work Experience Independent Life Skills Group have benefitted from a couple of Talks from a Dietician in June. This was funded by the Coop Community Fund, which we have found a great support – Thank You!

Helpers Week went well too – these regular sessions ensure we keep training current for all our helpers. We always manage to learn something new!

The 3rd ASDAN Group has just been completed, as has the 1st Year of a 3-year BTEC Horse Care Course.

Our new 6-week Horse Harmony Course has just begun.

We are hosting a rerun of last year's successful Fund-Raising week of refreshments beginning 3rd to 6th July between 10 and 2 at The Brook. Come along to visit, enjoy cake and company, and don't forget to get your Raffle Tickets! Fund Raising remains key to our delivery of a comprehensive and fulfilling programme for all our participants - an amazing 70 Riders a week and 24 non riding at this moment in time! Do support if you can.....

The Harbury National Competition runs from 14th to 16th July inclusive – and this year 17 of our Riders have qualified. This will be a Marathon! Thanks to all the Vital Helpers and Parents.

Our End of Year BBQ and AGM will be on Thursday 20th July at 6:30 at The Brook – do pop in!

Last Riding this Term will be on 22nd July.

However, we rely on the summer holidays to get all those maintenance type jobs up to date – so if you do happen to have a few hours spare then do contact me.

Peggy 07882 286421

Ugborough Fair 2023

Fair week is almost here! Look out for the Ugborough Fair flyer to be delivered to your door for more info or find us on the Ugborough Fair Facebook page

facebook.com/traditionalvillagefair

Saturday 1st July

G-UP Nature Walk – Meet in Ugborough Square at 10 a.m.

Open Gardens – From 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Buy a programme from outside the Church.

Sunday 2nd July

Dog Show – Starting at 1 p.m. on the Church Green.

Fair Concert – Starting at 7 p.m. in the Church.

Monday 3rd July

The Great Ugborough Curry-off – Starting at 6 p.m. in the Square.

Tuesday 4th July

Quiz Night - Doors open at 7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start in the village hall.

Thursday 6th July

Fun Run & Treasure Hunt - The Treasure Hunt starts from 3.30 p.m. and the Fun Run starts at 6 p.m.

Friday 7th July

Land Rover Rally - Meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Donkey Lane field.

Saturday 8th July

Fair Day! - The action starts at 2 p.m. Stalls, games, bouncy castle, great food, local beers and ciders, live music, sheaf tossing – all the usual shenanigans and a few other surprises along the way!!!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Can you lend a hand?

A massive thanks to the army of volunteers that make Fair Week happen.

If you can spare half an hour on fair day to help out, please drop Tim Slater an email on timslater58@gmail.com, or message him at [07594613579](https://www.facebook.com/07594613579). Any help will be rewarded with a token for the bar! If you can lend a hand with set up, please arrive in Ugborough square from 9.30 a.m. on 8th July.

The ever-popular cake stall is welcoming contributions. If you can make a cake for the stall, then please deliver them to Flo or Val- see below for details.

If you normally park in the square there will be alternative parking provided in the field on Donkey Lane. Please make sure you have moved your car on Friday 7th July as the set up in the square will start early on Saturday 8th.

Village cake stall @ Ugborough Fair - Val Holman, 01752 894973

Flo, Yvonne and I will be in charge of the village cake stall again this year, and we would welcome cake donations from all you lovely bakers and cooks out there! So please sort out your favourite recipes, get your mixers mixing, and bake some cakes, flapjacks, brownies or whatever else you fancy making. We would prefer cakes to be dropped off before Fair Day please. This gives us a chance to price, wrap and make sure we have a good selection of goodies for Fair Day. **Drop your cakes off to Flo at 24 Fore Street or Val at 26 Fore Street on Thursday 6th afternoon or Friday 7th any time.** (Or bring them to the stall on the day if you can't deliver them beforehand!). Thank you, and Happy Baking! Roll on Fair Day!

Thursday 6th July 2023 ~ Ugborough 5km Fun Run

It's time to dust those trainers off and pop the date in your diary.

Entries are now OPEN!

On Thursday 6th July, we're inviting you to walk, jog, or run around the beautiful Ugborough Lanes or join us virtually if you're not able to join us in person.

All funds raised will go to DKMS, the Blood Cancer Charity.

You can enter here: <https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/Mission5K2023>

Start and Finish in Ugborough Square T-shirts and Medals to ALL finishers

Pasty and a Pint / Pimms / Soft drink awarded to all finishers who take part in person, kindly sponsored by the Anchor Inn, Ugborough

Early entry is advised to avoid disappointment.

Prizes for best fancy dress and raffle to be hosted on race day.

I have a small favour to ask; in light of the current climate, it is not an easy one.

However, if you know of a business or anyone who might be able to contribute a prize for our event, please feel free to contact me at cmorganhughes@icloud.com

Huge thanks and best wishes Claire, Ambassador for DKMS

My £50,000 Mission for blood cancer

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/clairewomanona.m.ission>

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.

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays – Juliet Collis

USS celebrates its 10th anniversary – Saturday 15th July.

USS started in 2013 and is now celebrating its 10th anniversary. USS has become a regular fixture in the Ugborough calendar, offering a great value café, with an opportunity to catch up with friends and acquaintances, together with a variety of excellent local produce available from our friendly stallholders.

Please come and join us for a free tea or coffee on Saturday 15th July to help us celebrate.

Saturdays 29th July, 12th and 26th August – café volunteers

As happened last year, USS will be taking a well-earned break during the school summer holidays. However, it would be wonderful if the café could continue to operate (as it did last year) as this is a valued and important resource for the community. It would be great if a small group of friends could get together and step forward to run the café for one of the dates, with opening times of 10 – 12. If you are an individual who would like to volunteer to help or are part of a group who would like to run the café, please get in touch either at USS or by email:

ugboroughss@gmail.com

USS dates

July: Saturdays 1st and 15th

August: no USS

September: USS will be back on Saturday 9th September.

Duke of Edinburgh volunteering opportunity

USS provides a volunteering opportunity for a DoE student to help out on alternate Saturday mornings. Duties include helping set up the hall at 9 a.m. and then assisting in the café. If anyone is interested or would like further information, then please email us at **ugboroughss@gmail.com**

Ladies' Lunch Pat Stephens

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

Contact Pat Stephens 07704 113837 to book.

Ceremonial Flying of the Flag

July 8th

Ugborough Fair Day

July 17th

Birthday of Queen Camilla,

July 22nd

Birthday of Prince George of Wales

August 15th

Birthday of Anne, the Princess Royal



Historical Nuggets- Gareth Taff Jones

I) The date for Devon Historic Churches Day is Saturday 9th September. However, with summer holidays fast approaching it leaves little time to organise. You can either ride or walk, churches do open and some offer refreshments, please contact me for a sponsorship form should you wish to take part. If you would like more information please email me at **taff.ugborough@mail.com** or visit their website **www.devonhistoricchurches.co.uk** .

II) Historical Nugget: July 1968 - On 15th July in Warsaw, the leaders of five Warsaw Pact States met to discuss the reforms introduced in Czechoslovakia. what would become known as "socialism with a human face." A few days later on 18th July, Alexander Dubcek, the First Secretary of the Communist Part of Czechoslovakia (05/01/68-17/04/69), advised that there would be "no retreat" from the new democratic process. On 22nd July, Soviet leaders invited Dubcek to friendly bilateral talks, the talks between Dubcek, Brezhnev and other Eastern Bloc leaders ended on 30th July with little agreement.

On the night of 20th /21st August, 500,000 Soviet led Warsaw Pact troops invaded Czechoslovakia with the intent of enabling a coup by the conservative element of the Czech Communist party, however, the coup did not materialise due to the popularity of Dubcek and a lack of a pro-Soviet replacement. Soviet intervention eventually got Dubcek to resign in April 1969 and Gustav Husak, favoured by Moscow, ended the "Prague Spring" uprising. Dubcek eventually became Chairman of the Federal Assembly of Czechoslovakia 28/12/89-25/06/92. He died November 1992.

III) Historical Nugget: 9th August 1945 - The primary target for the second atomic bomb to be dropped on Japan was Kokura, however, the city was obscured by clouds and smoke. So the B29 Superfortress, *Bockscar*, piloted by Major Charles Sweeney, made its way to Nagasaki, the secondary target. In the twelve months prior to the dropping of the atomic bomb, Nagasaki had been attacked in five small air attacks. Nagasaki was also clouded over, and the pilot ordered radar to be used to confirm the target as fuel was running low. However, the clouds parted enough for a visual sighting of the Nagasaki racetrack. The bomb, code named *fat man*, was a plutonium weapon and was released over the city's Urakami Valley. It detonated 53 seconds later at 11:02 a.m. at an altitude of 1,800 feet. Over 35,000 inhabitants were immediately killed.

Group Captain Leonard Cheshire VC OM DSC (and 2 Bars) DSO, a passenger in an accompanying B29 Superfortress, was an official British witness to the bombing. He later founded the Cheshire Homes charity. Another British witness on the same aircraft was William Penney, head of the British delegation working on the Manhattan Project. Penney also entered Hiroshima and Nagasaki as part of a team. to assess the effects of nuclear weapons. He returned to the UK on a civilian flight and brought artefacts from the bomb sites with him, he was fined £450 for "excess" baggage. Penney eventually became the "father" of the British atomic bomb and the hydrogen bomb.

Ugborough Primary School -Headteacher, Mrs. Lucy French

Congratulations to the Junior Ten Tors team.

The newly formed Parent Forum will be on Tuesday 4th July at 9.15 a.m.

End of term- Friday 21st July

First day back for Autumn term- Wednesday 6th September

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

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

Contact: admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk

Contact: 07763 215 455

In this lovely weather, the children are certainly learning about sun safety with regular conversations about sun cream, sunhats and the importance of drinking lots of water! They love any sort of water play out in the playground and still seem to have lots of energy despite the heat.

We've also been making the most of our cooler, indoor setting with lots of reading and drawing to settle down and keep cool. Nonetheless, the children still love getting active, especially in their Spinning Tot sessions with Jude. A favourite this month has been pretending to be little monkeys. Thanks to everyone who supported our fundraising by buying tickets in our Ugfest raffle and huge appreciation goes to all who donated the wonderful prizes. Well done to all who won! We raised around £400 which is a fantastic boost to our fundraising. Ugfest was, as always, a fabulous evening enjoyed by all.

July will be a busy month. We will be welcoming all our parents and families to our sports day on Friday 14th July. Paignton Zoo has been arranged as our summer pre-school trip; we're really looking forward to going on Bob the Bus and then seeing all the exciting animals! We have our Leavers' Party and Celebration on the last day of term and wish all these children every success and happiness in their future. Their leaving certificates always leave a lump in the throat!

We still have some spaces for the September term so if you would like your child to benefit from our caring, friendly pre-school with skilled and qualified staff please contact us.

Likewise, if you would like to make use of our Summer Holiday Club provision, please get in touch too. This is for school age and preschool children and includes many different activities. Please email us for further information.

If you want to support the local community and fancy joining our Preschool Committee, please do get in touch.



G-UP creating a community where it's easy to live sustainably <https://www.ugborough.com/g-up>
greenerugp@gmail.com

Please find G-UP on Facebook or drop us a line if you would like to be added to our email circulation list and hear about future events directly:
greenerugp@gmail.com Susan Williams and Jackie Andrade

No Mow May Competition Winner

Thank you to everyone who sent photos for our 'No Mow May' competition see them on our website. Our winner is Dave Price who wins a prize from Refillability in Ivybridge. Dave's meadow has a lovely range of flowers, helped by yellow rattle suppressing the grass a little. Special mention goes to Ash Tod for showing how a sowing of wildflower seeds can brighten a garden. If you tried No Mow May for the first time this year and just got grass, don't panic. It takes a while for meadow flowers to get going and in the meantime, meadow brown butterflies and nursery web spiders will be thanking you as they love long grass. Their eggs need long grass for a few more months so the longer you can leave it before mowing, the better. We have put a selection of our favourite entries on the GUp website. Thank you for all the entries and especially to Refillability for donating the prize. Now for No Mow July...

Hedgehogs and other wildlife

At the time of writing, it is hot and dry. Hedgehogs and birds love a dish of water for drinking, bathing and playing. If you are strimming or mowing, please check for sleeping hedgehogs first as many are maimed and killed every year by strimmers. Slow worms are also vulnerable.

Short and Slow Nature Walk - Saturday 1st July 10:00-12:00

Join Mikko Andrade May and Susan Williams for a slow amble looking closely at hidden wildlife in a nearby field. For more information contact Susan 07941247207

Meet 10:00a.m. in Ugborough Square

Bees to see in July

Leafcutter bees are easy to spot when they are carrying pieces of leaves in their strong jaws. They cut two different sized pieces, one for lining their nest cells and a rounder one for plugging the ends. It is also easy to recognise them collecting pollen too. Pollen is collected on pollen brushes underneath the abdomen, which they lift in the air as they feed.

Watch out for male Red-tailed and White-tailed bumblebees flying now. The bumblebee colonies are getting ready to mate with newly emerged queen bees, These fertilized queens will be the only bumblebees that survive by hibernating over winter and start a new colony next spring. These male bumbles look similar to the females but have bright yellow hairs on their faces

Swifts

We are so lucky in Ugborough to see Swifts flying around above the village with their piercing screaming call. Swifts live almost entirely in the air. They eat, drink, sleep, mate and gather their nesting materials on the wing. They fly thousands of miles across the world, navigating their way around storms, never alighting on tree, cliff, or ground until they return with the summer. Once common they are now on the red endangered list. They need cracks, gaps and crevices in buildings to nest and these are disappearing. Special swift bricks and boxes are available to replace these.

Advice from Devon's Swifts if you find a grounded swift

DON'T THROW! – DON'T FEED! – DON'T DELAY!

DO – Keep warm and quiet in ventilated dark box

DO– Hydrate with lukewarm water on a cotton bud

DO – contact swift carer or wildlife rescue asap e.g. email devonsswifts@gmail.com

For more detailed information see <https://devonswifts.wixsite.com/devonswiftgroup/help>

Wildlife Camera

Have you ever wondered what is going on in your garden when you are not looking? The G-UP wildlife camera is available for anyone in the parish to borrow. Drop us an email or text Susan 07941247207 if you are interested.



Remember to keep recording all your sightings on the i-Naturalist App and the wildlife WhatsApp Group Chat. We have over 2000 observations in Ugborough Parish. Recently posted are Flower Crab spiders, Green hairstreak butterfly, Pale Tussock moth and spotted Longhorn beetle.

A Testing Time for our Waterways.- Graham Gilbert

After a period of very little rain I was keen to find out what state the Bowcombe Brook and Lud Brook were in. It was not surprising to find that both were less healthy than when last tested on 12th May.

As a benchmark I tested the water from our water butt. The phosphate level was zero and the TDS (total dissolved solids, the amount of minerals, salts, and metals in the water) a mere 49.

So here the figures for the last two tests:

	Temperature (deg. C)		TDS (ppm)		Turbidity	
	12/5/23	19/6/23	12/5/23	19/6/23	12/5/23	19/6/23
Bowcombe Brook	14.7	18.8	149	208	<12	15
Lud Brook	13.1	16.3	80	103	<12	<12

From this we can see that the Bowcombe Brook, which is the smaller stream, has suffered more from the dry weather. Without testing below the water treatment works at Ugborough it's difficult to pinpoint the cause of the water quality decline, but with less water in the stream any run-off from roads, farms, etc will be major contributors to it. The water flow was significantly slower than the previous recording and it was less clear, hence the higher turbidity (water clarity) reading.

The Lud Brook hadn't suffered nearly so much, although a discharge of "muddy water" upstream from my testing point at Whiteley Farm was reported a few weeks ago. This happened whilst I was on holiday, so I was unable to conduct a test at the time. However, otters have been captured on camera within the last two weeks catching fish in the pool by the sluice gate at the entrance to the old leet that fed Lud Brook mill, so that's a really good sign that the stream is in reasonable condition.

I mentioned last time about taking care what we put down our plug holes, loos, and drains as we can all influence the state of our waterways. For loos remember the three Ps: Pee, poo, and paper. Anything else can cause the foul sewers to clog leading to unhealthy discharges at the water treatment works at times of excessive rainfall.

Then there's what goes down the plug holes. Try to use products that don't harm the aquatic environment; read the labels to see if there is a hazard warning. For example, on the back of a bottle of Dettol Mould and Mildew Remover it states "Prevent any surface run-off from entering drains. Harmful to fish and other aquatic life.....Do not contaminate water courses". Co-Op bleach states "Avoid release to the environment." So if you want to help our environment, choose and use your products wisely.

Beryl's Bookworms – *Norma Roe*

This month's book was *Mother's Boy* by a Bookworm's favourite author, Patrick Gale. When the Cornish poet, Charles Causley was asked why he wouldn't write his memoir, he replied that it was 'all in the poems'. Patrick Gale takes this statement to weave a beautifully written book, based on the known facts from papers and letters, and uses the poems to fill in the gaps! The poet's parents, Charlie, a groom, and Laura, a maid, met and fell in love in 1914. However, Charles Causley's father returned home from the trenches a damaged man, already desperately ill with TB. which Patrick Gale describes so movingly. The book ends in 1948, when Charles Causley returned after his own wartime Navy experiences to live with his widowed mother and take up a teaching position in Launceston, so his later life is not included in this narrative.



The story alternates between Charles Causley and his mother, the very strong Laura, who after her marriage became a washerwoman. They had a very complex mother/son relationship, with her knowing he was not like other boys but loving him intensely. Patrick Gale uses the poems to convince us of Causley's hidden sexuality, particularly Angel Hill, describing a sailor's unexpected visit to a war time very close friend, who could not acknowledge the relationship. Most of the sections covering Laura's life are fiction, but true events are included, particularly about wartime Launceston, including the racist murder of an American GI- he was black and callously killed by white GIs due to abhorrent colour discrimination.

Comments from group members included, great story telling, you could visualize and smell everything, and emotionally draining. We enjoyed the description of known localities, particularly the Lido at Plymouth, and descriptions of Launceston and Teignmouth. Even those who hadn't finished it yet said they were enjoying and savouring it.

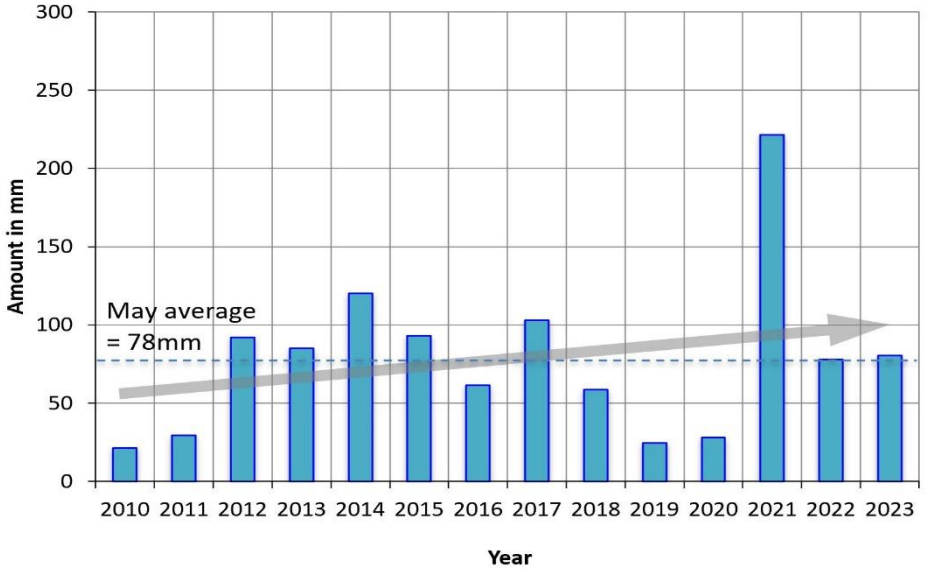
We shared some of Causley's poetry, including Angel Hill set to music by a distant relation and folk singer, Jim Causley, and it made us want to read more. Only one member of the group did not engage with the book, finding the portrayal of Causley too distant- but of course the poet was a very private man. The overall score was a high 4.25 out of 5.

Our next book is *Shrines of Gaiety* by Kate Atkinson.

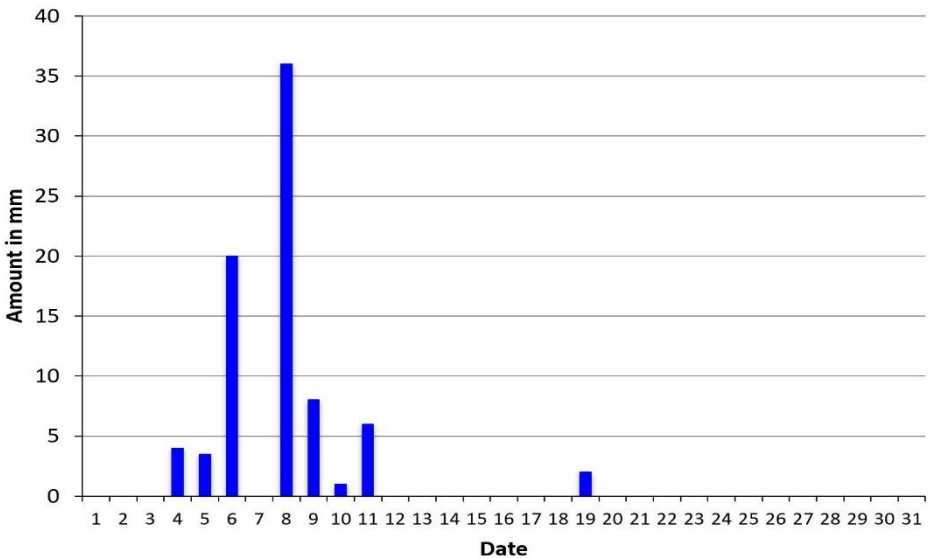
Rainfall at Shellwood Hill.- *George Arnison*

Statistically it was a pretty 'average' May in terms of rainfall at Shellwood Hill where I recorded 80.5mm of rain (3 and 1/4 ")..a smidge over the average of 78mm. In fact that is the second year in a row that we've had an 'average May'. Logically one might never actually record the average of a long series of data and I wonder what the chances of doing so are, let alone having two averages in a row ? [Answers on a postcard to the Editor please]. Anyway I'm not sure it felt average. The first half (including the Coronation weekend) was very wet and there were localised but significant surface water flooding in East Devon. The second half was almost completely dry. A funny sort of 'average'.

May rainfalls and monthly average



Rainfall in May 2023



Ugborough Parish Council

Clerk: Sally Smale Email: ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk

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

10 Members of the public attended our June meeting

The Public Forum:

- A member of the public read a statement regarding the planning application for the erection of a detached bungalow with parking in Wrangaton. He confirmed that all the concerns raised by Dartmoor National Park in a previous application had been addressed.

- A question was raised regarding the next move for the School Field following the recent site meeting with the School. The meeting was very positive. The cost of fencing necessary to facilitate the opening of the field to the public is estimated to be £30,000 and the school have agreed to pay 50% with the remaining 50% to be match funding from the community and parish council. The group estimate that the community can raise £5000. We have agreed in principle to share the cost and are currently waiting for an update from South Hams District Council on any S106 monies due. We will be considering this further as part of the budget setting process for 2024-2025. It is hoped that work would take place during the Easter Holidays 2024 and meantime members of the public are reminded that there is a letting agreement for current use of the field.

- Graham Wilson (PL21) gave a brief update on the Bittaford – Ivybridge cycleway. A bid has been made to Great Western Railway for a grant of £72,000 and DNP have pledged to make this up to £77,000. The next stages will be to get detailed drawings, confirm landowner consent and hold a public consultation.

- Graham also reported that PL21 have submitted a bid to create a traffic free path to Filham. Park and drew attention to the Pedal Power event in Ivybridge on 1st July.

- An update was requested regarding work towards creating the 20mph zone in Ugborough Village. We can confirm that Devon County Council were doing the design work and had raised various questions with UPC. We will request an update from DCC for the next meeting.

- A request was made to chase up work promised on the yellow zigzags outside the school.

- Work to repair the Bus Shelter in Ugborough Square was requested.

Report from Devon County Councillor:

Dan Thomas had provided a report beforehand which can be accessed on our website. He highlighted that the quality of social work practice across Devon remains inconsistent. Anyone experiencing difficulties accessing support from Children’s Services is urged to contact Dan.

Devon is looking for more foster carers. If you are interested further information can be found on the Devon County Council website

Report from South Hams District Council

Alison Dewynter had sent apologies and provided a report which is on our website. Summary:

- SHDC – She outlined details of the new council following the elections

- Community Ownership Fund Round 3

Application window is 31st May until 12th July 2023. This fund provides capital and revenue grants to support community groups to take ownership of community assets and amenities at risk of being lost such as community centres, parks, pubs and post office buildings.

- Climate Adaptation Strategy

The Devon, Cornwall and Isle of Scilly Climate Adaptation Strategy will help people better understand the risks their area might face in the future, as climate change increasingly affects the UK. It will also help them to adapt to these changes.

- Support for Residents with Energy Bills
Residents with pre-payment energy meters may be eligible for up to £400 off their energy bills. Residents who have yet to claim can take their vouchers and ID to a Post Office or Pay Point by 30 June 2023.
- Pedal Power Event in Ivybridge on 1st July 2023 from 10a.m. until 5p.m. at Leonards Road Car Park.

New Councillor Co-option

We are very pleased to welcome Cllr Colin Wells to the Council representing Ugborough West.

Matters arising from previous minutes:

a) Devon County Council have responded to the request to offer support at the Recycling Centre :

It would not be practical/cost effective to install bin lifting equipment at the Recycling Centre (HWRC). Site users delivering waste to the facility should be packing loose waste into bags/containers in volumes that they can safely lift/manage and not overload bags. Site staff will aim to provide assistance when 'reasonable' For example, if a bulky/heavy item required 2 or more persons to initially load the vehicle then it will be expected that the same amount of people arrive to help unload the vehicle once on site. Site Staff are unable to unload waste from a vehicle (due to the risk of damage to the vehicle), but may provide reasonable assistance once the waste is out of the vehicle. The use of smaller bags for garden waste that can be more easily handled is the solution to this issue.

b) Drainage problems at Bittaford Viaduct - Great Western Railways have promised to check this out

c) Wrangaton bus stop – there seems to be confusion regarding the status of the bus-stop at The Sidings and we are liaising with Devon County Council to clarify the situation

d) Vehicle Activated Speed Camera and Beacon View junction signs – we are very pleased to report that work has begun and will continue once special fixtures have arrived. Our thanks to the Councillors and volunteers who are helping with this.

e) Coronation Memorial Plaque – We have chosen the preferred design from the 2 submitted to us and this will be erected on the Conduit as soon as it arrives.

f) The Weeds in Ugborough Play Park have been dealt with

g) We had received a report of an infestation of rats in the closed public toilets in Ugborough Square. We have reported this to SHDC Environmental Services who will be investigating the matter as a matter of urgency.

Planning

We considered the revised application to Dartmoor National Park Authority for the erection of a detached bungalow with parking at 5, Beacon Terrace, Wrangaton and agree that this is an ideal site for a retirement residence with excellent access to public transport services. We welcome the S106 agreement made by the applicants for local occupancy into the future and will be re-iterating our views to Dartmoor National Park that Wrangaton should be considered as a settlement (having almost doubled in size in recent years.)

Ugborough West Cllr Wells reported that Bloor were struggling to find people to complete the work on the Estate. Phase 1 landscapers have been sacked and there are various outstanding tasks to complete before Bloor achieve the conditions of the planning application.

Finance

We agreed to purchase a new noticeboard for Bittaford.

We considered recommendations made during our recent internal audit. The Annual Governance Statement was approved, and this will be submitted for external audit this month. The dates for the period for the exercise of public rights are Tuesday 27th June – Monday 7th August.

Climate Emergency and sustainable Ugborough Erme water quality project – We received feedback from the recent meeting. The combined group of Councillors representing the neighbouring Parish and Town Councils met on May 12th. Cooperation has been good with the majority of councils agreeing to joint funding pro rata according to precepts. The group will focus on the most effective role for local councils in addressing the pollution issues in the Erme and ensuring that the Local Planning Authority are engaged in the concerns and priorities.

Carbon reduction consultation event – The Council working group will be meeting in the near future to organise a consultation event to identify the issues you feel to be most important – watch this space!

Highways & Rights of Way 20's Plenty for Devon campaign

We have agreed to support the Totnes led 20's Plenty for Devon campaign and will be writing to Devon County Council to request 20mph speed limits on streets throughout Devon where people live, work, shop, play or learn, with 30mph as the exception on those roads, where full consideration of the needs of vulnerable road users allows a higher limit.

Date of next meeting: Monday 3rd July in The 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 ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk

Bittaford Methodist Chapel Chris Phillips 07899934743

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

Sunday July 2nd. Revd D Youngs. Communion

Sunday July 9th Sue Bolt

Sunday July 16th D Wood

Sunday July 23rd **At 3p.m.** Revd A Roper. Cafe church

Sunday July 30th Mike Cade.

SATURDAY 22nd JULY 2p.m. to 5p.m. Cream. tea in aid of new railings

Sunday 6th August Revd D Youngs Communion

Sunday 13th August G Higgins

Sunday 20th August **At 3p.m.** Revd A Roper Cafe Church

Sunday 27th August B Smerdon.

Services at St Peter's Church, Ugborough

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

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

Date	Service
Sunday 2 nd July and Sunday 6 th August	All Age Worship- an informal service for everyone led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 9 th July and Sunday 13 th August	Holy Communion- a more traditional service
Sunday 16 th July and Sunday 20 th August	Morning Praise- an informal service led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 23 rd July and Sunday 27 th August	Holy Communion- a more traditional service Afternoon-Messy Church-(outdoor event, see above-July only. (No Messy Church in August))
Sunday 30 th July	11 a.m. Joint Mission Community Service at Diptford Church. (No service at Ugborough.)

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

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Sunday 23rd July - Messy Church outdoor event. Look out for details.
All Ages welcome.
Children to be accompanied by an adult

Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir and Annie River concert on 27th May.

You will be pleased to know that after payment of expenses etc., we had the sum of just over £760.00 to send to the chosen charity, Christian Aid - a great result.

Thanks for the super response from the audience for Annie River as our solo singer, (aided and abetted by Leo on the sound system), and the Tamar Valley Choir for their myriad of tuneful melodies.

Keeping everything together was the Rev. David Sayle as compere.

Tea/coffee and food preparation was the usual high class, and many thanks to all who helped.

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 dates are July 4th, August 4th and August 29th.

Be Aware- Use it or lose it!

A "significant" fall in the number of people using Devon's mobile library service has sparked the launch of a consultation into its future.

The mobile library vans are "expensive to maintain" and "far fewer" people now use them, three of the county's four vans are coming to the "end of their serviceable lives".

Replacing them would cost between £500,000 and £800,000,

As the cost of the service continues to rise, the use of the mobile service has fallen significantly.

Since 2013, the number of loans from the service has fallen by 68%, while the number of visits has fallen by 73%.

The library service is "exploring a number of different scenarios" as part of possible changes.

Contributions

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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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<https://ugboroughparishcouncil.org> and at the village website <https://ugborough.com>

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