

# Ugborough Parish Newsletter

## February 2024



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\*\*\*\*\*Please note the Editor's new email address (see back page)\*\*\*\*\*

**St Peter's Church** – Sue Johns

Did you know you can drop donations of food into the Church (table at the back of the church) for Ivybridge Food Bank, and we will deliver to the Methodist Church. Thanks to all those who contribute to this vital service, just remember the food must be in date or else it will be declined. Perhaps you could take advantage of a Buy One Get One Free offer, and donate the 'free' one?

The weekly Thursday Coffee Morning, alongside the Post Office continues to attract a good number from around and about for coffee/tea and cake.

Thanks to all those who give their time to bake, serve and have a good old chat!

**Erme Valley RDA-** Peggy Douglas

We are always grateful for the support we receive from Ugborough Community... and we extend our thanks in particular to the Ugfest Committee and to Ugborough Fair Ltd who have both donated generously to our Funds recently.... Thank you!

To celebrate entering our 40<sup>th</sup> Year, several riders are taking part in a personal sponsored challenge. We have banked over £2000 to date – with Just Giving final figures still to come.... Huge thanks to everyone who has taken part – and good luck to all those still mid-challenge. Of particular mention is Sarah Chambers who has raised nearly £800 from her 40-mile cycle ride – and to Sarah and Laura who are ticking away, yard by yard, and clocking up 40 laps of the Tamar Bridge – an amazing £1000 raised to date via JG!

We are grateful to all those who raise and donate funds to the Group... every ride is subsidised to the tune of £25 – so a huge Thank You.

The Accessible Social Club and Happy Hoof Club meet as usual in February – and the next Tea With A Pony is on February 19<sup>th</sup>. If anyone knows a local resident who would benefit from this dementia friendly initiative, please let me know.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> February there is a Volunteer and Coach Training Day at The Brook. A chance to grab some CPD points – and vital to all those helping out...

Half Term is February 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> inclusive.

Interested in finding out more? Please contact me on 07882 286421  
[peggydouglasrda@gmail.com](mailto:peggydouglasrda@gmail.com)

**Ugborough Dramatic Society:** Sue Johns

We are holding our AGM on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall. Everyone is very welcome to pop in and hear what we've been up to!

**Ladies' Lunch** Pat Stephens

The date for the next lunch is Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at The Ship, Ugborough for 12 noon.

Contact Pat Stephens 07704 113837 to book.

## **The Ugborough Wassail 2024** -*Graham Gilbert*

It was Friday afternoon in the orchard and, strangely, it wasn't raining. The trees were quietly enjoying the gentle breeze and exchanging the odd message via the Wood-Wide-Web. Some of the younger trees were playing Ori and the Will of the Wisps (a rootleg version acquired on the blackthorn market) when a warning went out that a few humans were Doing Things in the adjacent field; remarkably similar Things to the same time last year. Wassailing Things.

The following afternoon, and in no time at all, actually about an hour or so thus time there definitely was, a marquee was erected, followed by a large gazebo. Tables and chairs, gas hobs, and other paraphernalia appeared, lights strung around the field and about the marquee and gazebo, mulled cider and apple juice were heated up, then People began to arrive. Some came bearing wassail cakes, apple cakes, apple flapjacks, focaccia and bread.

Musicians assembled, instruments tuned, fingers warmed up. Then the wassail began. "Waes Hael" rang out, and UFOlk played three wassail tunes accompanied by singers from the village and members of the South Devon Wassail Singers. The Singers then sang a couple more songs before the Master of Ceremonies and the Wassail Queens led a procession into the orchard to bless three chosen trees with words from the Apple Tree Wassail. Shotguns were fired together with much banging of pots and general noise in order to drive out any evil spirits daft enough to be still hanging around.

Then the People left the orchard for more mulled cider or hot soup to be consumed around the warmth of the fire pits. The Singers sang more wassail songs. Children played. Eventually the soup and cider had been drunk, the food eaten, the cold began to insinuate itself beneath the layers of clothing. Time to go.

Everyone agreed that a good time was had, and that after a good harvest in the autumn, attributed to the effects of the last Wassail, another would surely follow. The orchard settled down to a chilly night happy in the knowledge that an awful lot of People cared enough about them to give them their blessings in the traditional way. It meant a lot.

**The safari supper returns** for 2024 on 2<sup>nd</sup> March!

Entry via Google form <https://forms.gle/1sR5uF9dPRZbxMh17> or paper entry forms in the bus stop.

Can't wait to see you, talk to your neighbour or e mail [Ugborough.safari@gmail.com](mailto:Ugborough.safari@gmail.com) for more info!

**Ceremonial Flying of the Flag**

**February 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Birthday of Andrew, the Duke of York*

**Ugifest 2023** was held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June at Hillhead Farm, Ugborough. Thank you to everyone who helped make the event such a success!

About 480 people joined us to enjoy local music, food and drink. We had amazing music from Paul Sice, Mimi Mann, Groundrush and The Longfaces, rounded off by the brilliant DJ Typo.

Ugifest is now an independent organisation (charity commission status pending) headed by a small committee and supported by a gang of enthusiastic volunteers. We are grateful to the generosity of so many, with particular mention to Hillhead Farm for hosting us; to Alfie and the wider Hutcheon/Johns family for preparing the barns; to Dunwell Farm for the event equipment and expertise; and to all the musicians - all of these declined a fee.

We were kindly supported by local businesses: shout out to our sponsor Marchard Petit; our food vendors Kid Hod Thai and The Wonky Moose Pizza Company; and our sound/light from Blue Thunder. Most Pilsner and Ale came from Social Enterprise Company Ivybridge Brewing. All the other beer was produced within 15 miles of the barn. The Cider selection was also local and delicious! We had merchandise for the first time this year by Devon Tees. Our main charities each received £1000:

Erme Valley RDA – We are delighted to support Peggy, Sophie and the wider team for the amazing opportunities they provide for local disabled riders at The Brook in Ugborough. They plan to put the money towards supporting access to horses for local school children.

Gifted Women- A small charity supporting women in Tavistock and Plymouth areas to find employment. They aim to empower women experiencing multiple disadvantage (often a combination of intersecting barriers including homelessness, substance misuse, contact with the criminal justice system, abuse and exploitation and removal of children into care) to move into employment so they can build a better future for themselves and their families. We are delighted to also report that via Ugifest advertising, an Ugborough connected business contacted Gifted Women and a work placement has been arranged.

Mary's Meals –Katie, the South West's Officer for Mary's Meals, is an Ivybridge Rugby Club parent. Mary's Meals serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. The promise of a good meal attracts these hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future. More than 67 million primary school-age children are out of school around the world. In order to survive, they have to work or beg. The Ugifest donation will provide 52 children with a meal in their place of education for an entire year.

We were also able to donate £4000 to charities within our community: The Ugborough Newsletter, Ugborough Church, Friends of Ugborough School, Ugborough and Bittaford Pre-School, Ugborough Village Hall, Ugborough School Junior Ten Tors Teams, Greener Ugborough Parish and we have dedicated some money to supporting the work to gain access to a green space/playing field.

Please save the date for the next Ugfest – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024!! If you would like to be involved with this event, please e mail us [ugfest1@gmail.com](mailto:ugfest1@gmail.com) .

*Sally, Katie, Ali and Catherine*

### **Ugborough Fun Run 2024 - Wednesday 10th July**

It's back for the third year running, pardon the pun!

The Annual 5km Fun Run is back and Early Bird Entries are now OPEN!

Perfect to help you keep focused with your New Year resolutions or simply if you wish to have little target to aim for in the summer.

Early entry is advised to avoid disappointment.

Date: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Where:

Run at any time on the 10<sup>th</sup> July wherever you are in the world- virtually if you're not able to join us in person.

OR join us live at Ugborough Square, Devon to walk, jog, or run around the beautiful Ugborough Lanes

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

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

Cross the finish line with the amazing feeling of knowing you have helped to add more potential lifesavers to the blood stem cell register as all funds raised will go to @dkms\_uk, the Blood Cancer Charity.

Full details and registrations can be found here: <https://www.dkms.org.uk/get-involved/events/mission-5k-2024>

If you'd like to support the event by means of volunteering, donating a raffle prize or if your company would like to sponsor the event, please do get in touch via Claire [claire@womanonamissioncoaching.com](mailto:claire@womanonamissioncoaching.com)

### **Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays – Juliet Collis**

USS has recently welcomed both Isabella and Stella, two new young producers who have successfully launched their fledgling businesses at our USS market. We look forward to seeing how their businesses progress and wish them every success.

We would also be delighted if any other food producers who have a Food Hygiene Certificate and would like to have a stall at USS, get in touch with us via email or visit us on a USS day.

We send our thanks to the Village Hall Committee for installing the new lights in the hall, which we very much appreciated on our first market of the New Year, as it brightened everything up on an otherwise dull day.

USS dates for February are Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Village Hall. Come and join us on a Saturday and enjoy the café facilities, including excellent coffee at just £1 a mug, with bacon butties to accompany!

Contact: [ugboroughss@gmail.com](mailto:ugboroughss@gmail.com)

### **And for the Saturdays in-between..... Jennie Lauchlan**

Come for coffee, tea, chocolate, cake and chat at the Village Hall on the 2 Saturdays between Sustainable Saturday (3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February) from 10.30 a.m. -12. All for £2!

### **Ugborough Chair Exercise Class – Peter Povey**

The Class held its first session on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January in Ugborough Village Hall. Physiotherapist Michelle took participants through an hour of gentle exercise in an enjoyable manner, with musical accompaniment. As the Newsletter goes to press, participants are looking forward to enjoying future sessions with Michelle and her physiotherapist colleagues Sine and Kyra.

These will be on Fridays from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

February and March dates are February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> (no session during half-term week), and March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. All are welcome to attend.

The weekly sessional fee is £5.

### **Historical Nugget: Taff Jones**

23<sup>rd</sup> January 1934 – Britain, Sir Edward Elgar OM GCVO, the great English composer died at the age of 76 and was buried next to his wife at St Wulstan's RC Church in Little Malvern, Worcestershire.

Elgar received no formal musical training except from his father whom he succeeded as a church organist in Worcester. He gained early experience as a band master at Worcester County Lunatic Asylum (everyone has to start somewhere) and later became conductor of the London Symphony Orchestra.

Elgar first gained international recognition with the *Enigma Variations* followed by the *Dream of Gerontius*. His best-known pieces of work in Britain are possibly his *Pomp and Circumstance* marches played at the Proms each year. However, Elgar's reputation fluctuated as times and tastes changed, Richard Strauss, Sibelius and others compared him to the greatest English composer since Henry Purcell. In later years, Herbert von Karajan called his *Enigma Variations* "second hand Brahms". By the 1960s Edwardian music was not as severely criticised and Elgar's music became more fashionable.

During his lifetime Elgar was awarded many honours, both in this country and abroad. A statue of him can be found on Worcester High Street and another statue of him with his bicycle can be found in Hereford. His image was also found on the obverse of the £20 note 1999-2007 (the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth – 1857).

**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 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](mailto:admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk)

Contact: 07763 215 455

During February, the children will be making buns, mixing and making bird food, and celebrating Pancake and Valentine's Day.

Many of the children have loved swapping pre-school books, using their bookbags also as storage for artwork and letters. We have World Book Day coming up on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March where we look forward to the children's costumes and ask them to bring in their favourite book to share.

Monday's Toddler sessions are well attended, currently hosted by preschool 9 - 10.30 a.m. tea and coffee provided.

We also have Stay and Play during the week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> March: every year we have an extra opportunity for parents and carers to share in their child's successes and meet 1-to-1 with their Key Worker. It is always a lovely occasion and a valuable chance to share the children's progress together.

There are still some spaces available for the spring and summer terms. Please phone for advice if you are interested.

We are really benefiting from close working between staff and our committee parents ensuring excellent provision and encompassing exciting plans for the future.

We would love to increase the number of members on the committee so please do contact us if you have even just a little time to spare. In particular, we are still pursuing various options for our purpose-built setting in the village. If you have an interest in helping us to provide this facility, which will benefit the village as a whole, we would love to hear from you. You do not need to have children attending the Pre-school to join, just to want the best for Ugborough!

## **G-UP - Creating a community where it's easy to live sustainably**

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

Faith Matthews



A reminder that we have a thermal imaging camera that is available for you to borrow and use at home...it works best in cold weather so now could be an *ideal* time to use it and see where you're losing heat

through leaks or poor insulation. Essentially, this easy-to-use device shows you where to put in place measures to save on chills as well as bills!

Any Parish resident can borrow the camera (for free) - it's quite good fun and you might be surprised what you find!

To book the camera out sign up for a slot via the online signup sheet here:

<https://tinyurl.com/3f9dcjmb>

Any problems with this please email us: [greenerugp@gmail.com](mailto:greenerugp@gmail.com)

We can provide you with a guide on how to use said gadget (helpfully put together by David Roe, with thanks) as well as a document on how to interpret what you see!

Why not book a joint slot with friends or neighbours and take a look at your neighbourhood thermal picture together?

With thanks to Rowan and Caroline Martin for facilitating the camera loan scheme.

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

### **Valentine's Day Thoughts - Gerald Arnold**

With Spring coming, an article on St Valentine is timely.

Legend has it (though there is no real evidence to substantiate this), that St Valentine's Day originated in the Roman Festival of Lupercalia, which occurred at this time of the year, and the Martyrdom of a certain St Valentine. In fact, there were two St Valentines martyred in Rome in 269 - 270 AD, about the same time as the Lupercalian festival, who have generally become confused - one was the Bishop of Terni and the other a priest or physician who was also invoked by sufferers of leprosy.

The Roman Lupercalian fertility rites in mid-February were held in honour of the Goddess Juno Februa (and, according to some, Pan). On that day, boys would draw by lot the names of unmarried girls for courtship. 14<sup>th</sup> February was probably also chosen for St Valentine's Day because, in folklore, it is the day on which birds choose their mates. Two Bluebirds which figure on so many Valentine cards therefore represent lovers bound together in spirit from this day forth.

Valentine's Day is for sending cards, love messages, poems and romantic presents. The idea of sending sentimental cards to loved ones is a Victorian one, and they developed it into a fine art, with ornate cards decorated with real flowers, lace, bird feathers and even hearts of spun glass. Cards declined in popularity for a while (perhaps because the taste for coarse, lewd cards became as pronounced in late Victorian times as is often seems today), but they now enjoy a revival.

In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, lovers in Lyme Regis area would have their initials entwined together into a piece of lace. Lyme Regis lace was of a very fine quality and would have been quite slow to work. How many romances were finished before the lace was ? !

(I am grateful to R.E.H. for all the background information and some of the ideas.)

### **Ugborough Primary School -Headteacher, Mrs. Lucy French**

Half term is from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> -Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. 1<sup>st</sup> day back- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February.





**Your Stars Tonight** Good Heavens! We actually had a few clear nights. Did the Ugborough star gazers rush down the bottom of the garden to revel in the astronomical wonders above the horizon? Well, to be honest it was a bit chilly! But after a lot of pep talks from the steamed dieter, issue of Mohair long johns and a stiff tot of rum it was too good an opportunity to

miss. It was gorgeous up there, with Orion striding over Spriddlescombe to the south and I spent some time trying to spot the Messier 78 near Orion's eastern arm and finally glimpsed the faint blue nebulae glowing from the light of new born stars at their center, surrounded by a even fainter a red tint of a long gone supernova. And around midnight the constellation of Leo rose over the hedge and I found the faint haze of comet 62P Tsuchinshan (check out <https://theskylive.com/>) which is currently moving night after night down Leo the Lion's rear leg. Was the night under the stars at -3 °C worth it? If I don't go down with pneumonia: Yes!

Meanwhile the Ugborough CSI team has been breaking the ice on the local streams (to be honest I did get one temperature reading in the Ludbrook of 4°C) and despite the extraordinary rain and cold snap, the pollution level readings are OK - but could do better. We are hoping to test for E.coli in the Ludbrook and Bowcombe shortly – so let's hope we don't find any as we get ready for next month's charity "wild swimming" skinny dip (only joking).

### **Ugborough Parish Council**

Clerk: Sally Smale Email: [parishclerk@ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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

### **2 Members of the public attended our meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

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

**Bus shelter in Ugborough Village** - We have received a comment that the is very untidy. There is currently no one who has responsibility for looking after the shelter. If anyone would like to take this on, please do contact the clerk. Thank you to everyone who contributes to the book swap in the shelter and just a reminder to please only leave books that are in good condition and when there is room on the shelves.

**Paint on the road in Ugborough Village** - We are conscious that this is very unsightly and are still looking to see if we can get this cleaned up

**Bus shelter at Wrangaton** – we are still chasing and waiting for a reply regarding this.

**Bus shelter at the entrance to Bloor Estate** - we are looking into the possible sources of funding.

**Light on Conduit** – a site meeting has been agreed with SHDC and the light company, but no date has been arranged although we hope to resolve this matter as soon as possible.

**Public toilets** – We cannot take on the toilets under the current conditions being stipulated by South Hams District Council. We will be writing to the Leader of Council to request that SHDC re-open the toilets at Bittaford and Ugborough.

**Dog fouling in Ugborough Village** – Cllr Dewynter is following up on the problem with South Hams District Council

**Donkey Lane flooding** – we have reported this to Devon County Council, and it is on their schedule but is not currently a priority whilst main highways continue to be cleared after the recent bad weather.

**Report from Devon County Councillor**

Cllr Thomas had sent a Highways report, and the full report can be seen on our website. He has offered to arrange a site meeting with interested parties to discuss speeding traffic along Bittaford Road at Davey’s Cross and we will report back on the outcome of this at a later date.

**District Councillors report (Cllrs Dewynter and Abbott)** – the full report can be seen on our website- Summary:

1. Conduit in Ugborough Square
2. Dog fouling in Ugborough Village
3. Housing Partner Merger
4. Supporting E-Bikes
5. S106 Infrastructure Funding Statements
6. Support with Energy Bills

**Planning** -We considered 3 applications:

3719/23/FUL Farm Yard Manure Store Site Cutwellcombe Farm - Support

0499/23 Cladding to upper walls of Burrington House, Wrangaton - we requested that the colour of the cladding is in keeping with the existing building.

0545/23 Conversion of a redundant building into a dwelling, Cheston Farm, Wrangaton -

**Support subject to part 7 of the supplementary statement being met**

**We had received the following planning decisions made by South Hams District Council and Dartmoor National Park:**

0466/23 Moorhaven Church 5 Church Lane IVYBRIDGE PL21 0XW - **Conditional approval**

Land at Cutwellcombe Farm, Avonwick Application for prior notification of proposed development for installation of a 25m lattice mast - **Prior Approval Required and Given**

**Ugborough West Update – the full report can be seen on our website**

**Summary:**

1. Noise at Hayman Joinery
2. Speed restrictions at Davey’s Cross
3. Bus shelter at David’s Lane
4. Parish Clinic
5. Parking in and around the Rugby Club
6. Use of motor vehicles in the pedestrian lane between David’s Lane and Godwell Lane
7. Right to further consultation on planning application 4254/24

**Finance and HR** We have now agreed our budget for 2024 – 2025 and this is available on our website. The precept demand for 2024 – 2025 will be £37,150. This means that the band D tax rate will be £33.12, and this is a small increase of £1.58 per annum .

We are very pleased to grant fund £100 to the Four Rivers Dementia Alliance. This is a group of town and parish councils in South West Devon (we are one of them) working with other interested organisations to promote dementia friendly communities.

If you would like to know more about The Alliance please go to their website [www.4riversdementia.org.uk](http://www.4riversdementia.org.uk) or contact our clerk who can put you in touch with them

**Climate Emergency and Sustainable Ugborough** Please don't forget the carbon reduction event on the afternoon of Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March in Ugborough Village Hall.

**Bittaford Play Area** We have been working hard to ensure the play area meets all the necessary safety standards and to seek a solution for the repair of the path damaged during storm Ciaran in November. The following work will be taking place over the next month or so:

Clearance of the fallen tree and tidying up of surrounding undergrowth, addition of a self-closing mechanism to the pedestrian gate, removal of the damaged wooden shelter and flooring and repair of the path through the park. (There will be temporary work done in the first instance by Dartmoor National Park Authority whilst a permanent solution is agreed.) We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause as various areas of the park will not be available at various times.

**Annual defibrillator training.** FREE training will take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in Ugborough Village Hall. Please contact the clerk if you would like to attend (the session will end at approx. 9pm) We would urge you to come along and familiarise yourself with this life-saving equipment. There are 3 defibrillators in the parish at Bittaford, Wrangaton and Ugborough.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 7 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall**

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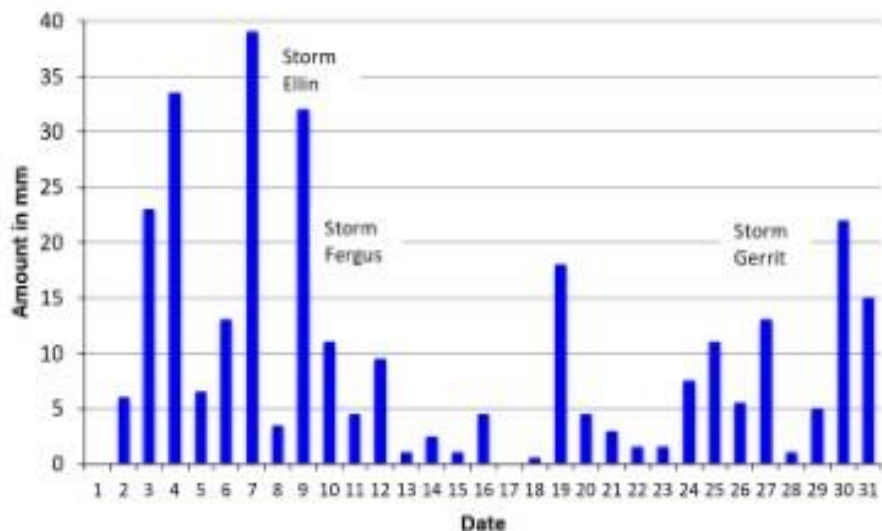
*Litter picking equipment is available to local volunteers. To borrow, please contact the Parish Clerk Tel 07814849131 [parishclerk@ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk)*

### **Rainfall at Shellwood Hill *George Arnison***

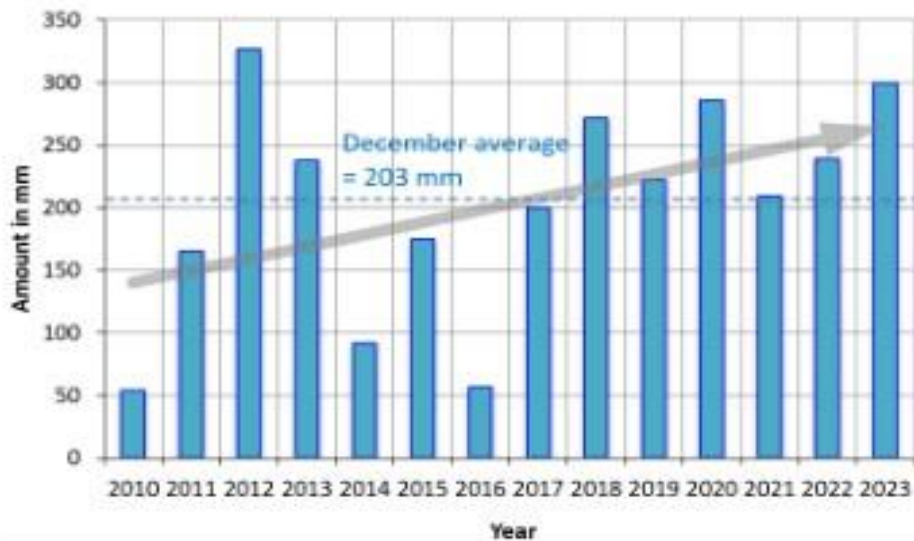
After a cold start, December was a very wet month. Wet and windy. There were 3 named storms - Elin (9th), Fergus (10th) and Gerrit (27th) - during the month as a succession of Atlantic Low-pressure systems swept across the UK. We thankfully escaped the worst effects of these, but our wettest day on the 7th caused flooding in East Devon. At Shellwood Hill I recorded 299.5mm (just over 11¾ ") during the month which was almost 50% above the months average of 203mm, and second only to December 2012 in my fourteen-year record.

Over 2023 as a whole I recorded a total 1898 mm (approx. 75") of rain at Shellwood Hill - only slightly less than the extremely wet year of 2012 - and which compares to my annual average of 1519mm. It was a funny old year of weather - but then every year feels like that these days: In 2023 we had our driest February...our wettest March...our warmest June...and then a succession of mild, wet and windy Autumn/Winter Storms - which also saw the lowest ever November atmospheric pressure recorded in Plymouth. At a national level, it looks like 2023 will be the UK's second warmest (after 2022) since records began in 1884. Globally 2023 is set to be the warmest year on the record since 1850, with record (high) sea surface temperatures and (low) Antarctic sea ice.

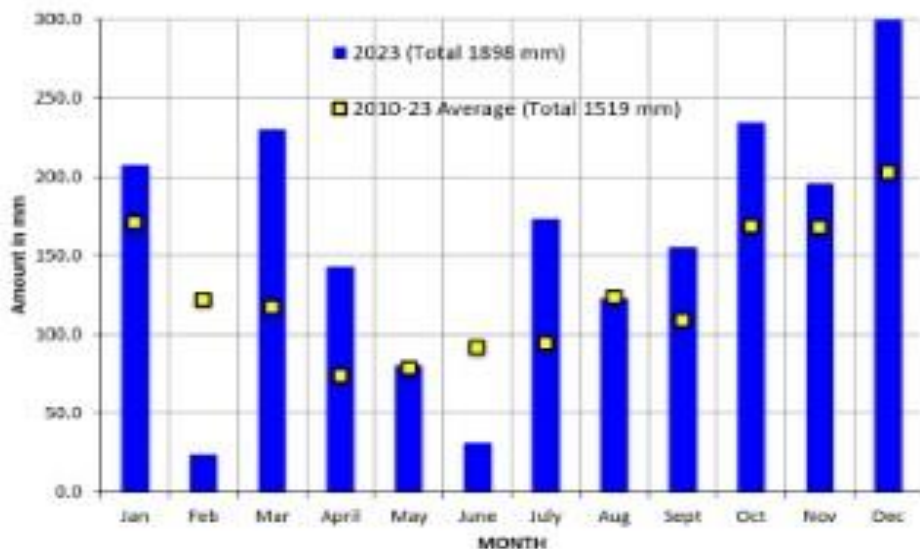
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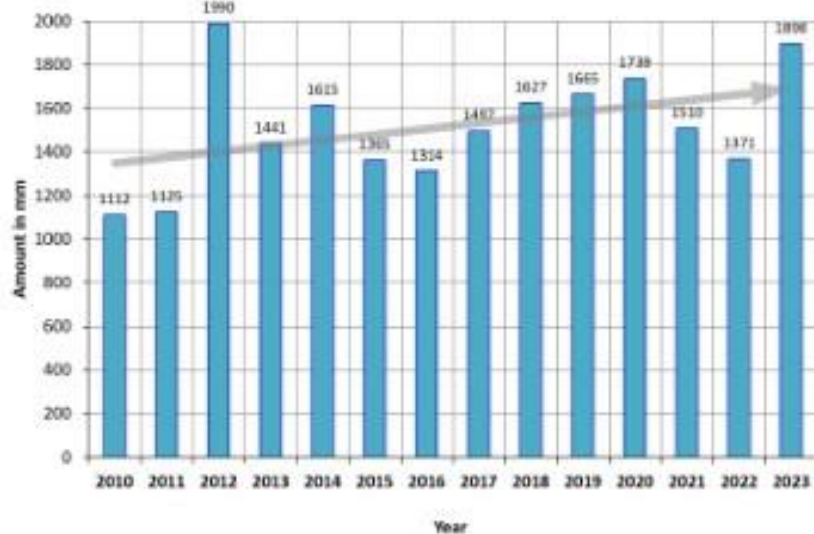
### December rainfalls and Trend



Monthly rainfall for 2023 - compared to 14 Year averages



Annual rainfall totals and Trend



**Something positive for 2024.** - Dawn The Horse & Groom landlady and Chefette.

Having lost 4 family members due to brain tumours, one of which was her Dad , Landlord Jim who some of you may remember.

Fundraising for the Brain Tumour charity is something Dawn is very passionate about.

In April 2024, it will be 10 years since Dawn's dad passed so in his memory and for all those fighting the fight right now Dawn is running 10 miles every day for 100 consecutive days. Some have said this isn't much of a challenge, but Dawn has Ankylosing Spondylitis which she has battled with almost her whole life As this is a progressive disease attacking Dawn's body it makes daily life very challenging. This is why while Dawn is running for The Brain Tumour Charity, she is raising awareness for @nass\_exercise and the importance of moving through chronic pain.

Dawn's daughter Chantelle is also fundraising for The Brain Tumour Charity for 100 days with a daily 5k.

If you would like to support, you can on their JustGiving pages .

Dawn's JustGiving page

[Run 10 miles for 100 consecutive days in 2024](#)

Chantelle's JustGiving page

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/chantelle>

**Bittaford Methodist Chapel** *Chris Phillips* 07899934743

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

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February Revd D Youngs                      Communion service

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February- Mr M. Cade

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February- Mrs B Smerdon

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February- Rev'd A Roper    3 p.m. Café style

## 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 4 <sup>th</sup> February	All Age Worship- an informal service for everyone Led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Holy Communion- a more traditional service
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Morning Praise- an informal service led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Holy Communion- a more traditional service 4.30 p.m. Messy Church (see below)

**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](http://www.3rivers.org.uk)

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Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 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



### **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.

The Devon Libraries Mobile Library Service has regularly stopped at Ugborough Square, on Tuesdays from 9.30 a.m.-10 a.m., every 4 weeks.

This service is currently under threat of closure at the time of publication, and sadly it is not known whether it will continue. We are very grateful to Heidi and her team for their service and send best wishes for the future.

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