

Ugborough Parish Newsletter

November 2023



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Proposed Ugborough Village 20mph zone - Consultation

Please have a look at the proposals for a 20mph zone in Ugborough Village. There are copies to look at in St Peters Church and Ugborough Village Hall. These plans can also be found on the Ugborough Parish Council website: ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk.

The reason for implementing a 20mph zone is to improve safety for all road users and is something residents have asked for over many years. If you have any comments, please email the Parish Council by November 17th on: ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk



Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays – Juliet Collis

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays – Notice of AGM – Saturday 4th November (approx. 12.15)

Our annual AGM will be held after the market on Saturday 4th November where we will present the Committee's report for the past year and the Treasurer's report, as well as appointing Committee Members for the next year. All USS stallholders, supporters and volunteers are most welcome to attend. Please email us if you would like more information at ugboroughhss@gmail.com

We would like to take the opportunity to give a big thank you to all of you who come along every fortnight and keep supporting USS, helping to make it a vibrant community asset, which is appreciated and valued by so many from both Ugborough and neighbouring parishes.

Our craft producers are currently busy making ideal presents for Christmas and with only four USS shopping days until 25th December, do come along and pick up local and lovingly produced unique presents for family and friends and for Secret Santa!

This month's USS will be held on Saturday 4th November and Saturday 18th November.

St Peter's Church – Sue Johns

We were delighted to welcome the South Hams Community Orchestra in October when they performed a varied programme including Mozart's Bassoon Concerto Epistle Sonatas. Symphony No.4 in F and the Overture and Arias from The Beggar's Opera. It was a treat! As a bonus £133 was raised for Church Funds.

Bring & Share Harvest Supper: Was a great success! Some 50 adults and children enjoyed abundant quantities of a great variety of dishes in a convivial atmosphere. £65 was collected from kind donations for church funds.

Thanks particularly to Philomena Jones.

Remembrance Sunday: November 12th This year there will be a Eucharist at 9:30, and an Act of Remembrance at 10:50 – for this service please gather in church by 10:40.

Advanced Notice 1: Save the date.... Friday December 15th ... rumour has it that Santa will be paying a visit to Ugborough Square... Details later!!

Advanced notice 2: We will be looking for community choir members – old and young – for our Carol Service on Saturday 16th December at 4:30. Do let me know if you're interested. Everyone is most welcome. We will be joined by the Ugborough Festival Orchestra.

Calling all willing helpers - we will be having a **Church Clean** on **Saturday 11th November**. As usual, tea/coffee and flapjacks will be provided. We'll start at 10 a.m. and finish at 12.30 - please come at whatever time suits and for however long you can spare. Cleaning materials provided, but if you would like to bring along your favourite broom or a hand-held vacuum cleaner that would be great.

Look forward to seeing you then, and thank you very much in advance.

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.).

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

Ceremonial Flying of the Flag The flag will be flown on

November 12th-

Remembrance Sunday

November 14th

Birthday of King Charles III



Ugborough Garden Club Show 2023

A quick note to say a massive thank you for everyone's support of the Produce Show - it was amazing to see so many entries in all the classes especially in the vegetable classes. We raised £120.00 of which £100 will towards the Village Hall. We will try and host some events towards the end of this year and into next, I'm not sure where this year went!

Erme Valley RDA: -Peggy Douglas

Ever wondered what a typical week looks like at The Brook?

Here's a sample week...

Mondays: full day of sessions with work experience and horse care,

Tuesday: Equine facilitated learning, Accessible social club fortnightly, Dressage and show jump training.

Wednesday: Sessions in the morning, staff and horse training in the afternoon with Karen Lisk, BTEC course and Horse Harmony course with Ivybridge community college all day.

Thursday: full RDA sessions and evening, ASDAN education course in the afternoon.

Friday: Horses' day off.

Saturday: Morning sessions / competitions / horses' training

Sunday: Horses' day off/ horses hacking, moor rides.

A full and exciting programme!

Thank you very much to Ugfest for £1000 donation, it is very much appreciated.

Just Giving and Giving Funds help us with much needed funds but using these donation platforms sometimes make it hard to thank everyone personally as it doesn't always show itemised amounts.

So, **THANK YOU!**

We really appreciate everyone's support that helps to keep us running.

Please let us know if you have raised money for us so we can personally thank you.

An **advanced notice** that we will be creating our own Christmas Cards this year! We can't wait to show you.

Also there will be a new booklet available to buy that is at the printers now. This is a comprehensive guide to all the horses and all that we do.

Fundraising Event; The ever popular.....

Family Halloween Fun Day is back!

28th October 12 noon – 2 p.m. at The Brook.

Free entry includes meeting the horses. Activities from £1 include the Hobby Horse Obstacle Course, a Pumpkin Hunt, Mechanical Horse rides, refreshments and much more!

Everyone is very welcome – and if you can lend a hand for a time that would be brilliant!

Please contact me with any queries: 07882 286421 peggydouglasrda@gmail.com

Sunday 26th November 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



Ugborough Village Fair 2023- Shelley Hutcheon

What a brilliant Fair day - a slightly frightening rain storm and then perfect Devon weather. Over the week including the Dog Show and Land Rover Rally we raised a massive £5,000. Our thanks go to the incredibly hard-working team who pull the whole event together as well as the event organisers of each fair night and stalls, their long-suffering families and everyone in the village who pull together to make this, the community village event that it is. Also our thanks go to both pubs for their involvement and generosity, especially for the Fun Run and Land Rover Rally. We are very lucky to have both pubs in such a small village.

Our plan is to give the funds raised to the following -

The Church	£503 from The Church Ladies cake stall (wow!) £500 from general funds
Village Hall	£500 for the loo refurb and subsidised use for community events.
Pre-School	£250
Newsletter	£100 <i>(Many thanks for this generous gift-Ed)</i>
Erme Valley RDA	£500

Our other plan is to look into purchasing a trailer to store all of the Fair Day tables, chairs, signs, bunting, gazebos (these may still need to go in the hall because of potential rat damage), first aid kits, BBQs, cooking equipment and props. At present, this is all mainly in the hall and spread liberally across garages and outbuilding across the village. This trailer will then become a mobile store for the week and then a stage for the music on the day. The trailer will be parked at Hillhead Farm and the contents available for people to borrow.

Is this a good idea? We need your thoughts on this before pursuing a search for a suitable trailer. New BBQs also need to be purchased for next year's fair, and a couple of decent gazebos. Depending on these equipment costs, there will potentially be additional money to disburse.

Please have a chat with anyone on the committee or email/send me a message shelley@oakenham.com/07720765014

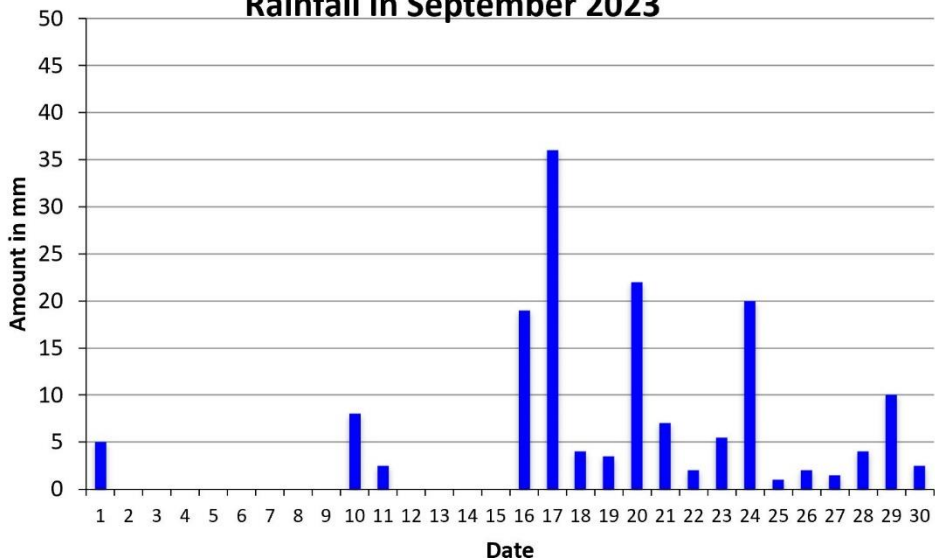
New members are always welcome in any capacity. We are looking at introducing some fun stalls next year and always need volunteers on the day.

Ugborough Fair Committee (Next year's Fair 13th July 2024)

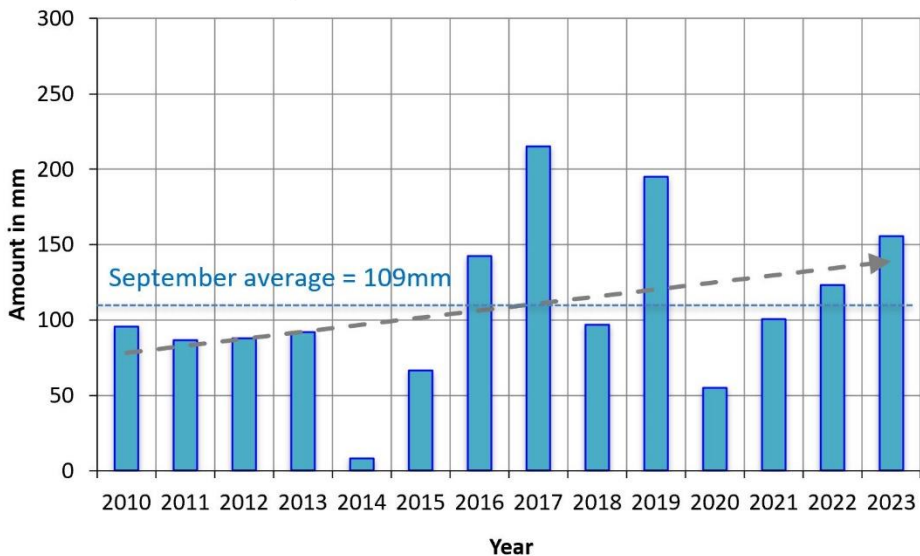
Rainfall at Shellwood Hill George Arnison

After a quiet start, September was a stormy month with a series of wild days and nights. On the 10th we had a particularly dramatic overnight display of thunder and lightning (albeit with not too much rain). On the 17th we had very heavy rain, and there was serious flash flooding in the nearby Harberton area. On the 27th the first named storm of the year ("Agnes") brought very strong winds. Across the month I recorded 155.5mm (just over 6") of rain at Shellwood Hill – well above the month's 109mm average.

Rainfall in September 2023



September 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

With such a mixture of weather lately we have had plenty of opportunity for both outside play in beautiful sunshine as well as some splashy, puddle experiences too!

Inside we've stayed cosy and creative with some wonderful cookery sessions. The children have enjoyed making and playing with slime and playdough.

As a charity our mission is to provide a cost-effective learning and play environment which meets the needs of our community.

At our recent AGM the committee and Pre-school team made the decision to alter the hours of preschool delivery and you can now drop off at preschool from 8.45 a.m. and pick up at 3.15 p.m. which will be really useful younger siblings of children at Ugborough Primary or for parents who want to be at work for 9 a.m. .

Alongside breakfast, after school club and preschool we also offer 2 Toddler sessions each week.

Baby and Toddler Group Mondays 9 a.m. - 10.30 (term time)

Spinning Tots Thursdays 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. (term time)

For more information please phone the Manager on the number above or check out our Ugborough and Bittaford Preschool Facebook page.

Ladies' Lunch *Pat Stephens*

The date for the next lunch is Wednesday 8th November at The Ship, Ugborough for 12 noon.

Contact Pat Stephens 07704 113837 to book.

Bittaford Methodist Chapel *Chris Phillips* 07899934743

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

Sunday 5th November- Rev'd D Youngs (Communion)

Sunday 12th November – Rev'd T Youngs

Sunday 19th November—Sylvia and Sean Marcus talking about their work in Romania

Sunday 26th November at 3 p.m. -Rev'd A Roper (Café service)

Beryl's Bookworms- Sharon Hughes

Beryl's Bookworms met to review and discuss this month's book *The Keeper of Stories* by Sally Page.

The story is a story within a story with other people's stories, which Janice, the main character uncovers through her work as a cleaner.

It all sounds complicated but is in fact a mostly light, easy to read novel with stories which are, according to the author, based on true life ones.

For added humour, if it floats your boat, there's a talking and swearing dog.

The book is one that could be read in a couple of sittings, with its fairly simplistic writing style, or perhaps over a week on the beach where you don't want to feel too taxed by anything dreary or heavy.

Beryl's Bookworms had the most divided opinion of any book they've reviewed in a long while. 4 out of 10 members present at the meeting gave it the lowest score of 1 out of 5, which is almost unheard of, but several other members gave it 4 or above, averaging out at a middling 3. The views varied from judging the writing as childlike and feeling it was a debut novelist over trying to please the audience by randomly throwing in unnecessary adjectives, metaphors and attempted humour, to those that felt it believable, relatable and just a really enjoyable and heartwarming story.

As always everyone agreed that they were completely happy to have read this book, regardless of their feelings at the end, as what would be the fun in everyone having the same views on everything and all to have the same story?

Next month we're reading *The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Farrell.

Memories of the River Erme and Estuary

River Erme Councils (the 6 town and Parish councils whose catchment includes the River Erme) are pooling resources to help improve the state of the river and its estuary. As part of this initiative, we invite you to share your memories of the Erme - spending time with friends and family, swimming, kayaking, horse riding and dog walking, as well as just taking time out from busy lives - all adding up to build a picture of how the community has engaged with this wonderful river over the years. We want to hear from you! We are also interested in any encounters with wildlife, favourite times of year and so forth (picking sloes for gin, watching the migrating birds come and go, snacking on rock samphire etc.). You are invited to drop in to the Modbury Parish Council office, 2 Galpin Street, Modbury PL21 0QA and share your memories for a special audio recording that will form part of a future exhibition. Drop-in sessions are **11 a.m. to midday on Saturday 4th November** with Laura Denning, Modbury resident and artist and academic, who will collate the recordings. You can also contact Laura directly if you do not wish your voice to be recorded but would like to talk to her. For those living outside Modbury, you are welcome to come to our parish office or contact Laura to arrange a meeting nearer to you.

lauradenning2@gmail.com <https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/staff/laura-denning>

Historical Nugget- Gareth 'Taff' Jones

Historical Nugget: 2nd November 1956 - Budapest, Imre Nagy, the leader of Hungary's 1956 revolution (23rd October – 10th November) told the Soviet ambassador, Yuri Andropov, that Hungary would leave the Warsaw Pact. The uprising had started 23rd October when university students appealed to the civilian population to join them in protesting against the USSR's political dominance of Hungary through the Stalinist government of Matyas Rakosi.

At the meeting, AVH security police shot and killed several protestors. This led to the establishment of revolutionary militias and in the ensuing violence many AVH police were captured summarily killed by beating or lynching and their mouths stuffed with banknotes. Political prisoners were released and armed. The new government of Nagy disbanded the AVH and pledged to hold free elections. By the end of October, the fighting had subsided, and discussions were underway with Andropov to withdraw the Red Army.

However, according to copies of the KGB archive files smuggled out of Russia in 1992 by Vasili Mitrokhin, Andropov deceived Nagy and was decisive in persuading a reluctant Nikita Khrushchev to agree to military intervention to prevent a domino effect in collapsing the Warsaw Pact. The Soviet repression began on 4th November and continued until 10th November when resistance collapsed. 2500 Hungarians were killed and 700 Red Army soldiers; over 200,000 Hungarians fled their country and sought political asylum. Nagy was secretly tried and found guilty and sentenced to death (obviously)! He was hanged in June 1958 and the trial and execution made public after the sentence had been carried out. Nagy was buried - face down, hands and feet tied with barbed wire - with his other "conspirators" in the prison yard.

Foot Note: Andropov was also the main advocate twelve years later in 1968 of crushing the "Prague Spring" from 1967-1982. He was chairman of the KGB, a sycophant to Leonid Brezhnev (General Secretary of the CPSU 1964-1982) and, needless to say, succeeded Brezhnev as Leader of the USSR upon his death in November 1982. Andropov served just eighteen months until his own death in February 1984.

Ugborough Parish Council

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

Questions from The Public We have received a comment regarding the extent of weeds growing in the verges and gutters in the village. This is an on-going maintenance issue which is currently not within UPC's remit. If anyone wishes to attend to any of the public areas in the village (without using pesticides) it would be much appreciated.

The gentle exercise class in the village hall is looking for seed funding to establish itself and Cllrs Abbott and Dewynter (South Hams District Council) will consider if this is something they could support through their localities budget.

We are very pleased to finally have our speed camera back up and running in Bittaford and Cllr Fletcher thanked those Councillors who made the special fixing and braved the elements and ladder climbs to save us considerable labour costs.

Report for Devon County Councillor Dan Thomas had sent his apologies. He will be contacting the School to chase up their S106 application. He also brought to our attention that Devon County Council scrutiny committee has sent the matter of the withdrawal of the mobile library service back to Cabinet for them to reconsider their decision to close the service.

Report from South Hams District Councillors Alison Dewynter had sent her apologies and Cllr Abbott delivered their report which can be seen in full on our website.

Summary

1. Recycling Container Roll out
2. Corporate Strategy
3. St Ann's Chapel
4. Improving Follaton Arboretum
5. Seamoor Lotto
6. SHDC New Website

Planning We only had 1 application to comment on this month – 21 Lutterburn St. Listed Building Consent for replacement of three single glazed windows at upper East end of cottage with double glazed windows of the same materials, design & appearance. We supported this application. (Cllr Fletcher had declared an interest and left the room for the discussions and vote)

We had received three decisions from South Hams District Council / Dartmoor National Park Authority:

- a) Filham Park Veterinary Clinic Godwell Lane Ivybridge PL21 0LE Installation of 1 external air conditioning unit - Conditional Approval
- b) Filham Cottages Filham PL21 0DH Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 (Facing & Roofing Materials) of planning consent 2523/22/ARM - Discharge of condition Approved
- c) Demolition of existing garage block and change of use of land for the siting of three residential caravans. Bittaford Wood Caravan Park

Withdrawn

Ugborough West, We have received reports about motorcycles using the new footpath between David's Lane and Godwell Lane and will be monitoring this.

Climate Emergency and sustainable Ugborough Having received an enquiry as to why the net zero community meeting had been postponed until early next year, we would like to explain that the main purpose of the community meeting was to look at carbon reduction measures that the community could make together and, although winter fuel saving would be part of this, it was not the main theme driving the schedule. It has been difficult to arrange meetings to suit all parties and therefore we do not feel we have had sufficient time to do proper planning in time for an earlier event. We are also mindful of the changes in the national government targets and that this might impact our planning. We will be meeting on Monday 30th October to take this forward.

We would like to remind everyone that there is a thermal camera available for loan and anyone who wishes to use this should contact Cllr Holway on 01752 941872 / 07706215441
Highways & Rights of Way 20mph zone consultation

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Flooding at Bittaford viaduct Devon County Council will be arranging for a camera survey to assess the size of the root in the pipe causing the flooding problems in

Housing Crisis. We have responded to the Devon Housing Commission consultation, and you might wish to respond as an individual. They want to hear from you about the housing issues you face, how to solve those issues and how the Commission can make a difference. Go to their website:

<https://www.exeter.ac.uk/about/regionalengagement/impact/devonhousingcommission/>

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 8th November at 7.30 p.m. in the Committee Room, 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 ugboroughhpc@yahoo.co.uk

Village services.

Do support the **Post Office** service at Ugborough Church on Thursday mornings from 10-12.30 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.

A reminder that you can visit the **Devon Libraries Mobile Library Service** at Ugborough Square, Tuesdays from 9.30 a.m.-10 a.m., normally every 4 weeks.

The next date is November 21st.

This service is currently under threat- see Parish Council report.

Contributions

Thank you everyone for getting your contributions to me in good time for half term Unfortunately due to printer problems, the college were unable to print this time, so thanks to Colourbridge for their efficient service.

Special thanks to the team – Anne and Tom Holway for organising the delivery to the distributors, and the distributors for making sure that your copy is delivered to you.

Contributions should be sent by e mail to Mrs. Norma Roe, The Editor, Ugborough Parish Newsletter at norma-davidroe@tiscali.co.uk

The deadline is 15th of the month please. Thank you for keeping to this.

Your Newsletter is available online at the Parish Council website

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

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 November	All Age Worship- an informal service with craft activities for children. Led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 12 th November Remembrance Sunday	9.30- Holy Communion- a more traditional service 10.50- Act of Remembrance (see page 3)
Sunday 19 th November	Morning Praise- an informal service led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 26 th November	Holy Communion- a more traditional service 4.30 p.m. Messy Church (see page 4)

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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01548 821199 email parish_sayle@me.com.

Congratulation to Maureen on her very special birthday from us all at St. Peter's!!

And to Taff for completing the sponsored walk for Devon Historic Churches.

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