

Ugborough Parish Newsletter

April 2024



What's on

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| ***Friday 29th March- 12th April- School closed for Easter Holiday*** | | |
| Saturday 6 th April | USS at Ugborough Village Hall from 10 a.m.-12 noon Coffee morning and Bring and Buy at North Huish Church from 10 a.m.-12 noon | Page 4 Page 7 |
| Wednesday 10 th April | Ugborough Parish Annual Community Meeting at Ugborough Village Hall 6.30 p.m. | Pages 10 and 13 |
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St Peter's Church – Sue Johns

As I write we are looking forward to the services that mark the end of Lent – culminating in the Easter Sunday All Age Holy Communion Service at 9.30 a.m. – led by Rev Dr Peter Povey and Local Worship Leaders. Grateful thanks to Gerald Arnold for the donation of Eggs for the Hunt!

Thanks to all those who helped with the Church Clean on 16th March – we had a good old scrub, polish and tidy!

Huge thanks too to Jennie Lauchlan who, with her trusty assistants Anne, and Yvonne, has been providing coffee and cakes in a cosy Village Hall on Saturday Mornings between Markets, for the last few weeks. As a fantastic bonus she has also raised over £150 for Church Funds!

We are planning a series of Fund-Raising Events to raise Funds for the urgent repairs of the lightning conductor, Chancel Wall, and to the damage caused by water ingress to a window arch in particular... so do please support our first event, which is a

QUIZ and CURRY Evening on Saturday April 13th

In Ugborough Village Hall

Doors open 7 for 7.30 p.m. Start. Teams of up to 8 people £10 each. Spaces Limited

Please contact Sue or Phil to reserve your place/Team and make payment .

07889 737967 07866 518333 Bar & Raffle

St Peter's Church APCM is to be held in Ugborough Village Hall **at 7 p.m. on Monday April 15th.**

All are welcome to attend, to have your say and to hear all about how 2023 was for us.

The PCC members are currently Jeremy Wells, Church Warden, Sue Johns, Church Warden and Treasurer and Norma Roe, Safeguarding Representative. David Sayle as our Rector is the Chairperson.

There's room for more! And you'd be hugely welcome... You just have to be on the Church Electoral Roll and fill in the forms which Sylvia Marcus, as our ex-officio minute secretary would be delighted to provide. Really, it's not too onerous with around 4 meetings a year.

Newsletter News. Sue Johns, Treasurer on behalf of The Newsletter Team-Sue Johns, Anne Holway and Norma Roe

The Newsletter Team continue to distribute over 400 paper copies of the Newsletter to the Parish of Ugborough 10 times a year, with many copies also sent electronically. It is also available to view online at the village and Parish Council websites.

Thanks to Tom and Anne for distributing to the brilliant Team of Distributors. And to Norma for her Editorial skills – not only collating and juggling copy – but in chivvying us all up to make the deadline. All this takes a considerable chunk of her time – and is often completed in a Campervan in many varied locations, hunting the elusive Wi-Fi signal!

Newsletter News continued We have been lucky enough to have had an excellent Printing Service from ICC's Reprographic Department for several years now – and we thank them for their past attention. However, over the last few months the College's internal workload has increased which has meant that sometimes they have been unable to print for us, at very short notice, necessitating the emergency use of a commercial printer. Obviously, the College's own printing needs have to come first- but to make the situation worse for us, their charges have doubled in 2024.

In order to deliver your Newsletter as efficiently as possible, it is essential that our printer gives us a reliable service. We are pleased to say that we have found a local Printer (Colourbridge) who is able to give us a competitive rate for a regular service equivalent to the College's increased costs and who is keen to meet our needs. But, compared with previous years, our annual total printing costs are estimated to rise by around £800 in 2024. We are not looking in any way for a profit but we do need to break even!

Our accounts for 2023 are below. As ever, we are very grateful to all who made donations last year. Thank you to those Organisations who make use of the Newsletter to communicate their News and Updates and in return contribute to our costs. And to Individuals- those of you who enjoy the Newsletter, find it a useful Parish Communication Service and generously give financial support. Thank you!

And thanks to USS for the extra support with the loose change pot- (see page 4.)

If you would like to make a Donation, then this can be by:

Cash or Cheque – made out to Ugborough Parish Newsletter, to any of the Team

Or BACS: Ugborough Parish Newsletter: Nat West

53-61-57 08251576 Ref: your name please.

| INCOME- RECEIPTS FROM DONATIONS | | EXPENSES | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Individuals | £170.00 | 11/1/23 | ICC Printing | 238.08 |
| Organisations | | 9/3/23 | ICC Printing | 153.60 |
| Parish Council | 300.00 | 1/8/23 | ICC Printing | 365.00 |
| Ugborough Fair | 100.00 | 1/9/23 | Colour Bridge | 180.00 |
| Village Hall Committee | 50.00 | 24/10/23 | Colour Bridge | 180.00 |
| Erme Valley RDA Ltd | 50.00 | 24/10/23 | ICC Printing | 76.00 |
| St Peter's PCC | 100.00 | | | |
| USS | 150.00 | | | |
| Parish Voluntary Fund | 209.82 | | | |
| Friends of Ugborough School | 50.00 | | | |
| UgFest | 100.00 | | | |
| TOTAL FROM ORGANISATIONS | 1109.82 | | | |
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| TOTAL DONATIONS | 1279.82 | TOTAL PRINTING COSTS | | £1192.68 |
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| EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE | £87.14 | | | |

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays -

At our USS in mid-March, we were delighted to be joined by five young producers who between them brought their edible produce and craft creations to our USS market. They had also done a great marketing job by getting their friends to come along and visit USS and see them in action.

If any grown-ups would also like to have a go at producing and selling their products at USS, we would be delighted to welcome you. There is no commitment to come to every market, so you can sign up for any date that is convenient to you, or come as a one-off. If someone would like to raise money for good causes, or perhaps several people group together and bake cakes to sell on a Saturday, please get in contact with us. Our USS supporters love to buy locally produced items and in particular we see demand for cakes, honey, meat, vegetable, flowers, pies and curries.

USS dates for April are Saturday 6th and Saturday 20th, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you.

Contact : ugboroughss@gmail.com

PS – at USS we have a pot located near the serving hatch for any loose change and donations to go towards the costs of production of this Newsletter.

Erme Valley RDA- Peggy Douglas 07882 286421

We were very sad to hear that David Gabriel, our Vet of 40 years sadly passed away in January. He was always there for us. His expertise, friendship, fun and generosity will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with Liz, his wife at this time.

Ever versatile, 5 of our Riders completed their creative writing entries for a National Competition, and are looking forward to the results at the end of the month.

Thank you to the Glitter Ball for the £1000 donation, Great effort once again.....

We are delighted to announce this will be running again at the end of the year.

Huge thanks too, to Shell for £1000 from the Kindness Grant program.

And our Dates for April:

16th April - Accessible Social Club - Mossy Carpet Workshop at The Brook. 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

23rd April- Regional Show Jumping, Art and Countryside Challenge @ The Brook.

30th April - Accessible Social Club - Planting Pumpkins.

We're very much hoping that it STOPS RAINING very soon. And we know that's a sentiment echoed by every horse owner, farmer, gardener, walker, and anyone who is wrestling with mud, damp, drizzle, and lack of Vitamin D!

Ladies' Lunch Pat Stephens

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

Contact Pat Stephens 07704 113837 to book.

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.

Ceremonial Flying of the Flag

April 9th *King Charles and Queen Camilla's Anniversary*

April 23rd *St. George's Day*

April 23rd *Birthday of Prince Louis of Wales*



Historical Nugget *Gareth (Taff) Jones* 30th March 1953 – United States.

A nuclear Pressurised Water Reactor (PWR) went critical for the first time at Arco in the Idaho Desert. Early nuclear reactors were referred to as Piles, and were developed to produce plutonium for atomic bombs, radioisotopes for nuclear research and medical purposes, and for nuclear physics research. None of these Piles, utilised the heat generated as a source of power.

Calder Hall, in Cumbria, is generally cited as the first Reactor in the world to generate power for commercial purposes in October 1956, however, its primary purpose was to produce plutonium for Britain's atomic bomb project. The first purpose-built Reactor to produce power for commercial purposes was the PWR constructed at Shippingport, Pennsylvania which went critical in December 1957. However, both these "firsts" overlook the commissioning of the prototype Submarine Thermal Reactor (STR 1) which went critical in March 1953 and subsequently, after further testing, produced steam to a turbine in May that year (a full three years before Calder Hall produced power).

This development at Arco allowed the first production model to be fitted into a submarine under construction at Groton, Connecticut. The *USS Nautilus* was launched in January 1954 and on 17 January 1955 slipped her berth for sea trials, the first nuclear-powered submarine and, arguably, the first Reactor to power plant and machinery anywhere in the world.



G-UP creating a community where it's easy to live

Sustainably

<https://www.ugborough.com/g-up>
greenerup@gmail.com - Susan Williams

Community Renewable energy

At the time of writing, we are preparing for our presence at the Parish Council Carbon Zero event.

We hope that we had a chance to chat to you about community renewable energy schemes. We have been doing a lot of research into exciting potential projects but need your help to make things happen. If you didn't make it to this event and saving money on your energy bills through community energy schemes or local renewables interests you, please get in touch.

Swifts

We are very lucky to have swifts flying around our Parish as they are on the 'red List' of endangered birds. We will start to see them arrive from Africa at the beginning of May. When you first see them, please let us know on the wildlife WhatsApp group.

The swift is black all over, with a small, pale patch on its throat. Looking a bit like a boomerang when in the air, it is very sociable and can often be spotted in groups wheeling over roofs and calling to each other with high-pitched screams. It is larger than swallows and martins (which have white undersides) and, unlike them, does not perch on wires, buildings or trees. Incredibly they spend all their lives flying unless they are on their nest. They feast on small flying insects by catching them in flight. Insects collect in a special pouch at the back of the swift's throat, where they are bound together by saliva until they form a kind of pellet known as a bolus, which can be regurgitated and fed to chicks. One single bolus can contain over 300 insects, with some holding over 1,000!

Specially designed nestboxes help swifts to survive in our towns and villages, where renovation work often blocks the small holes that they use to access their nest sites. You can help by adding one to your house. If you are interested in finding out if your house is suitable for a swift nest box, please get in touch. There is no need to worry about having to 'clean up' if you are lucky enough to get swifts nesting on your house, because they do not leave any droppings around the nest.

So, keep looking into the skies at the end of April and beginning of May and keep listening for that unmistakeable sound that the swifts have returned.



Remember to keep recording all your sightings on the i-Naturalist App and the wildlife WhatsApp Group Chat.

Defibrillator Awareness Session - Wednesday, 28th February - Clive Hart

Kevin, from the South West Ambulance Service, delivered an excellent session on how to provide lifesaving support in a medical emergency. He explained how to differentiate between someone suffering a heart attack and someone suffering a cardiac arrest, and how to respond accordingly. In particular, he taught us how to provide CPR, using the latest guidance, and when and how to use a defibrillator correctly.

Unfortunately, it was a relatively disappointing turnout at Ugborough Village Hall. As such, we will look at how we can encourage greater numbers to attend this very important annual awareness session next time. If people would prefer a Saturday daytime session rather than a weekday evening session, please let us know.

Kevin also highlighted a useful website www.defibfinder.uk which you can use to familiarise yourself with the location of registered defibrillators in a 400m radius of your position.
(PLEASE NOTE, THIS IS NOT TO BE USED IN AN EMERGENCY.)

Ugborough Primary School -Headteacher, Mrs. Lucy French

Dates to remember- Friday 29th March—12th April Inclusive.

School closed for our Easter Holiday.

North Huish Community Group

This group was set up in 2023 with the purpose of organising community events for the residents of North Huish and surrounding villages. The venue is St Mary's Church, North Huish, now closed for regular public worship but kept open to the public, providing a meeting space for the local community. This beautiful Grade 1 listed building is in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust, a national charity protecting historic churches at risk. Funds donated at events held there, help to support the cost of repair and maintenance which, in a typical year, can amount to nearly £2,000. Currently, there is a power supply, but no electric circuit installed so, this year, a proportion of the funds raised are to be set aside to pay for the installation of electric sockets where they are most needed for safety and convenience when running events.

April event

- Saturday 6th April: **Coffee Morning with Bring & Buy Cake Sale and Plants, 10 a.m.-12.30.** For offers of cakes, please contact: caroline.n.stradling@hotmail.co.uk For offers of plants, please contact: jacciandjohn@icloud.com

Ugborough Chair Exercise Class- Peter Povey

After a successful first term, the Chair Exercise Class will be continuing after the Easter Holidays until the start of the schools' Summer Holidays. Classes, led in turn by Michelle, Sine, Kara and Michelle, will take place in Ugborough Village Hall on Friday afternoons from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.. We return on **Friday, 19th April**. The sessional fee is £5.

E. coli and Other Delights. by Graham and David

Ugborough Rivers Group.

Dedicated readers of this column will know that your local intrepid Citizen Science Volunteers regularly test the Bowcombe Brook, Lud Brook, and the Erme for phosphates, total dissolved solids, temperature and turbidity. The data we gather is uploaded into the Westcountry Rivers Trust (30 years old this year) website “Cartographer” which is used to help provide a picture of the health of our local waterways. One test we’ve never undertaken is for E.coli. But first.....

SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

“Can I catch E. coli from surfing the internet?” - no, but you could if you surf at Mothecombe after a sewage discharge.

“Is it true that EEE. coli comes from Yorkshire?” - yes, and it’s available in other counties as well.

“Is E. coli a virtual brassica?” - now you’re being silly.

“What is it then?” - *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) is a family of “motile, flagellated” bacteria (don’t ask) and they are part of the much larger Coliform Bacteria tribe which are widely distributed in water, on land and almost universally can be found in the gut of humans and warm-blooded animals. Most coliform are harmless, but *Escherichia coli* (STEC) are the bad boys of the family and can cause all sorts of nasties which we won’t go into – but you can find out all about it from Wikipedia.

According to the WHO, not the pop group but the World Health Organisation, “STEC has also been isolated from bodies of water (such as ponds and streams), wells and water troughs, and has been found to survive for months in manure and water-trough sediments. Waterborne transmission has been reported, both from contaminated drinking-water and from recreational waters.”

So we decided to carry out a one-off test for E. coli on the Bowcombe Brook and Lud Brook. It came as no surprise that there was a much higher level of coliform just below the Ugborough Water Treatment Works than anywhere else we tested. The good news was that below the treatment works E. coli was only marginally higher than elsewhere. Even better news was that by the time the water in the Bowcombe Brook reached Ludbrook the level of both coliform, and specifically E. coli, were much reduced. The figures were rounded down or up to the nearest 100 and for the techos they are given as ratios of E. coli to coliform in cfu per 100 ml as follows.

Bowcombe Brook as it comes down the valley and through Ugborough

Above the treatment works – E. coli/ total coliforms - 400/ 4800

Below the works at Parsonage Meadow – 400/ 17900

At Cider Press Barn, Ludbrook - – 100/800

Lud Brook which has come from the moor at Bittaford via Torpeek and Earlescombe Just above the confluence with the Bowcombe Brook at Ludbrook - E. coli/ total coliforms 300/1100

It should be noted that at the time of year when we made the tests, end of January, there were low numbers of grazing animals in adjacent fields - in fact because of all the rain we have had the fields were more suited to spring rice. It would be interesting to discover what the figures would be like when animals had been turned out to pasture, especially after a period of rain.

To put the above figures in context, anything below 1000 cfu/100 ml of E. coli are considered "Good" for inland bathing waters while coastal bathing waters have to be even better at below 500 cfu/100 ml to meet Environment Agency bathing water quality classifications.

Beryl's Bookworms – *Joan Fletcher*

This month's book was *The Romantic* by William Boyd. The book tells the story of Cashel Greville Ross and follows the hero's escapades for most of the 19th century. The story is a whole life creation, a fictional character whose story is told from birth to death. Boyd sets Cashel into the real world of the 19th century to fight at Waterloo, meet Byron and Shelley and enjoy a series of adventures.



The title references the Romantic movement of the first half of the 19th century and Cashel is one of their number. Cashel is very much part of the history and not just an onlooker. The author is very skilled at character development and along the way all Cashel's noble and dishonourable characteristics are displayed. It's difficult not to like Cashel and his impulsive nature despite his faults.

The romp through 19th century history was a readable rollicking adventure although, at times, it felt a bit like a sheep dip as events and characters, although well described, come and go so quickly. Women are maybe the only constant in Cashel's story. How could one man have experienced so much in his life?

We particularly enjoyed the descriptions of historical events, all described with great accuracy, particularly the hunt for the source of the Nile. And, yes, some of us did check on the accuracy!

As Boyd himself says "fundamentally Cashel tries to remain true to himself, to his nature, an irredeemably romantic one".

Our enjoyment of the book was reflected in the high average score of just over 4 out of 5. Next month's book is *On the Black Hill* by Bruce Chatwin.

Yes! Life Is a Cabaret. And you can join in! At your own village church! -Sean Marcus

Just to remind you - please don't forget to put 18th May (a Saturday) in your diary as that's when you can enjoy the great variety of songs produced for you all by the Modbury Gospel Singers. (Gospel – a range of styles such as rock and roll, country, rhythm and blues, soul) And what's more – Annie River will also be there to entertain with her usual sparkling brand of blues/pop/jazz.

Not only but also - the world-renowned caterers of Ugborough will be providing the refreshments. Yep, let them eat cake, they said!

So – the GB version of a Cabaret is On!

The chosen charity is Christian Aid, so you get the best of both worlds in one session – sheer enjoyment from that range of singers and knowing that the proceeds of ticket sales go to an international organisation in the Aid business. And Gosh – don't so many parts of this world need aid at the moment, no matter where you look?

Life-Aid '24 - Join us! On 18th May at 7 p.m. at St Peter's.

'What good is sitting alone in your room? Come hear the music play – Life is a cabaret.....'

Ugborough Parish Council

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

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

Your Annual Parish Community Meeting. Wednesday 10th April at 6.30 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall. South West Water will be the main speaker – please come along with any questions you would like to put to them. This will be followed by the regular monthly Council meeting.

Questions from the Public and Matters Arising from previous meetings

- **Ugborough Newsletter** - We appreciate that the costs for producing this newsletter have increased and are happy to continue grant-funding towards this accordingly. Cllr Thomas (Devon County Council) is also happy to contribute to this from his Localities Grant.
- **A Road Sign** has been reported as missing on the road at Ware and this has been reported to Devon County Council
- **Speeding at Wrangaton** –The police have suggested that residents might wish to establish a community speedwatch scheme and we will send details to the member of the public who has raised the issue.
- **Light on Conduit** - we have met on site with Devon County Council and South Hams District Council Officers and work is progressing to do the repair work whilst working to the planning conditions stipulated for a listed monument.
- **We have heard from Tilia Homes** that no. 2 Creber Drive (proposed in planning applications as a flexible shop / community space) is currently under offer and so we have asked what commercial use they are proposing.

- **Parking fees within Dartmoor National Park** – we have received communication from a resident opposing the newly introduced fees at Wrangaton Park and we have referred this on to Dartmoor National Park

Report from Cllr Dan Thomas (Devon County Council)

The full report can be seen on our website. Of particular relevance to us:

- Bloor developers have requested use of David's Lane for their works traffic but continuation of use of the estate is recommended.
- Unfortunately Devon County Council have not agreed to our request for the 30mph on the B3123 zone at David's Cross to be changed and we have now asked Cllr Thomas to take this matter to Devon County Council's Highways and Traffic Orders Committee for consideration.

Report from Cllrs Abbott and Dewynter (South Hams District Council)

The full report and links to useful sources can be seen on our website.

A summary

- Highlights from SHDC Council Plan
- Community Library Support Fund (Closes 31 Mar 24)
- Consultation on designated bathing waters
- Grants to Support Individuals and Families in Need
- Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Consultation on the control of alcohol in public places
- £300 Energy Vouchers for South Hams Residents
- Changes to the way you can vote in the UK
- Garden Waste Service
- Learn Devon Courses

Planning

We considered 9 planning applications this month. The first 4 all related to Lower Bowcombe Farm and we supported all of them. (Cllr Hosking left the room for this having declared an interest in the applications.) Cllr Johns will assess and respond to the application for tree works at Moorhaven Church, 5 Church Lane. We supported the 2 applications relating to a general purpose agricultural building at East Cannamore Avonwick South Brent, the application for the restoration and conversion of a barn into a 4-bed two storey dwelling with associated amenity area and car parking at Langford Barton and the application at Moorhaven Church, 5 Church Lane providing the conservation officer is happy that the glazing choice is not detrimental to the property

We had received the following decisions made by South Hams District Council and Dartmoor National Park since our last meeting:

a) 1070/23/ARC and Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions Wain Homes (South West) LTD

Decision: Discharge of Condition Approved

b) 4189/22/ARC Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions Wain Homes (South West) LTD Proposed Development At Sx 6481 5631, Off Rutt Lane, Ivybridge Decision: Discharge of Conditions - Split

c) 3719/23/FUL Farm Yard Manure Store. Cutwellcombe Farm. Decision: Conditional Approval

We have also commented on the planning appeal against the decision by South Hams District Council to refuse planning permission for the erection of self-build 2-bed bungalow with parking 5 Beacon Terrace, Wrangaton. We had nothing more to add apart from drawing to attention that we supported the original application and continue to support it.

Highways We continue to pursue the erection of the promised bus shelter at Sidings Cross and the feasibility of a shelter at Filham Chase. Having received complaints from motorists about the difficulties of exiting Shute Lane and Green Lane onto the B3123 due to obstructions to visibility we have written to the local business owners. We are also seeking clarification regarding the extent of the road closure and diversion proposal during the roadworks to widen the A3121 south of the Sign of the Owl junction.

Climate Emergency and sustainable Ugborough By the time you read this we will have held our Carbon Reduction event, and we look forward to feeding back to you all the outcomes of the event. We have expressed an interest in the Regen and National Grid Electricity Distribution project focused on the decarbonisation of rural areas. (REACH: Rural Energy and Community Heat) and will hear in due course if Ugborough has been selected.

Bittaford Play Area Work continues apace to ensure you have a safe and inviting area to enjoy. The removal of the fallen tree is in progress, and we will be doing additional work to repair the damage to the wall. The removal of the shelter has been postponed until the ground dries and the use of the plant machinery needed to do it will not churn up the ground. The closing mechanism for the gate is on order. We do have plans to do further work on the footpath that was damaged so horribly during one of the recent storms, but this is on hold until we have reassurance that the water runoff from the highway onto Bittaford Play Area will not be a regular occurrence. Devon County Council have a statutory right to allow water run-off into adjacent land from roads to alleviate flooding on the roads and so their funding to do preventative work is restricted. As we do not agree that this should be the case when the run-off is into a children's play area, we will do some further investigative work on whether there is anything we can do to "divert" any potential run-off and, if not, we will challenge this with Devon County Council legal department.

School Field update We met with the School at the end of March and look forward to updating you in the next newsletter.

Police advice Cllrs Beable and Holway had attended 2 police webinars and would like to share the following information:

A recommendation of the guide to help those in need regarding the criminal justice process. "Criminal Justice and you- an essential guide for victims and witnesses"

Please watch out for Rogue Traders – Local police are currently dealing with a gang who are preying on elderly and vulnerable residents.

Privacy policy – visit ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

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

Ugborough Parish Annual Community Meeting

Your chance to have your say about what matters to you in our parish.

Wednesday 10th April at 6.30 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall.

South West Water will give a brief presentation and then answer any questions.

Ugborough Village Fair - SAVE THE DATE - FAIR DAY is 13th July 2024

Fair week starts as usual in the preceding week. and we already have the Village Dog Show on the 7th and Fun Run on the 10th pencilled in. We would love to have a few more helpers on the team, but maybe, rather than all turning up at meetings (although they are in the pub), you could take on a job such as the Kids Tent, the Bric-a-Brac or Stall co-ordinator and run with it outside of the meetings?

Just a thought! Any kind of help, in any form is always appreciated as are suggestions and ideas for anything new and fun.

Contact anyone on the team including me on 07720775014 (Shelley).

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

In April 2024, it will be 10 years since Dawn's dad Jim passed, due to a Brain tumour, so in his memory, and for all those fighting the fight right now, Dawn is running 10 miles every day for 100 consecutive days for The Brain Tumour Society. 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, so she is also raising awareness for @nass_exercise and the importance of moving through chronic pain. Dawn's daughter Chantelle is fundraising for The Brain Tumour Charity for 100 days too, with a daily 5k.

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

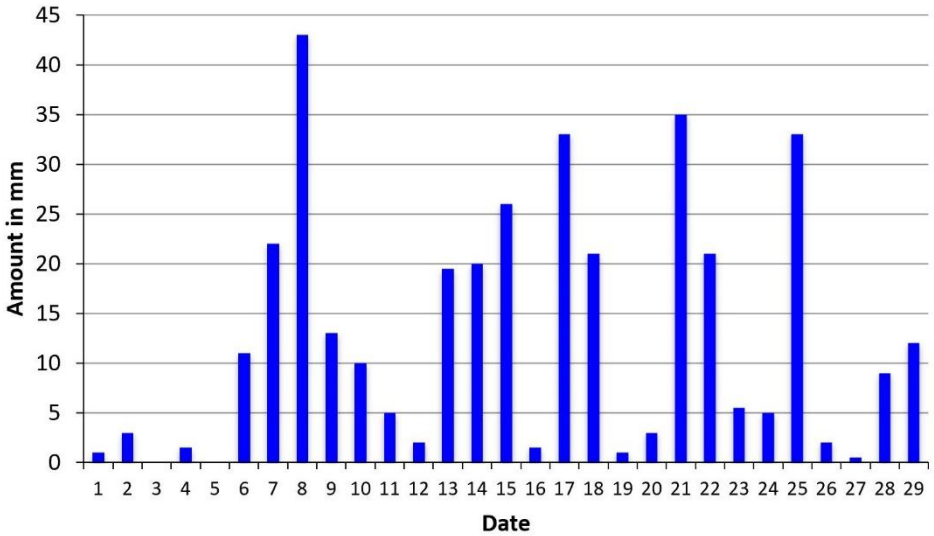
Dawn's JustGiving page [Run 10 miles for 100 consecutive days in 2024](#)

Chantelle's JustGiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/page/chantelle>

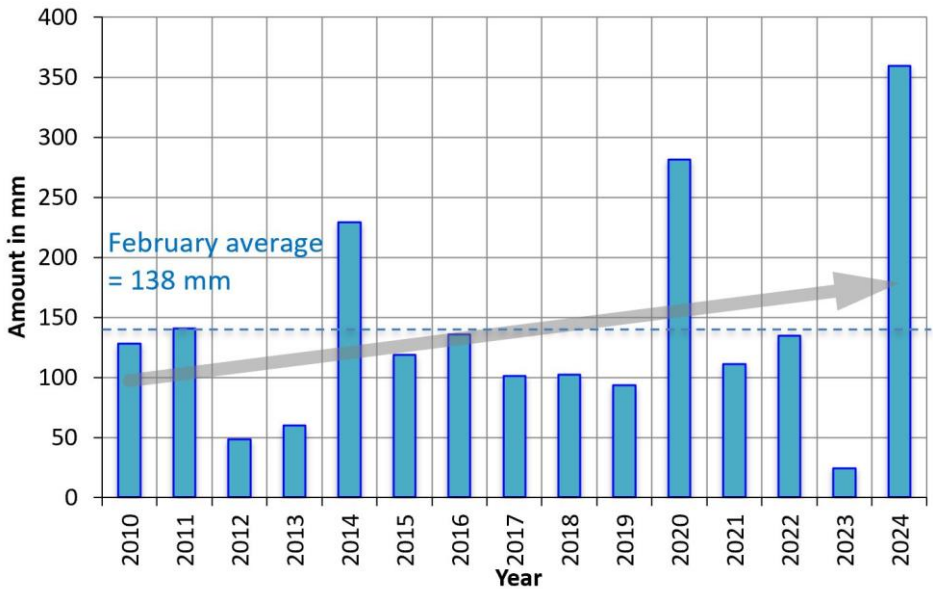
Rainfall at Shellwood Hill *George Arnison*

At Shellwood Hill I recorded a staggering 359.5mm (over 14") of rain during February. This was more than double the month's average of 138mm and it was by far the wettest February since I started recording in 2010. In fact it was the wettest single month I've recorded in that whole 14-year period - by over an inch. Nationally, this was the warmest February in England on record, and the wettest February on record for Southern England....so it wasn't just us!

Rainfall in February 2024



February rainfalls and Trend



Bittaford Methodist Chapel *Chris Phillips* 07899934743

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

Sunday 7th April- Revd D Youngs. Communion service.

Sunday 14th April - Mr K Angilley

Sunday 21st April- S. Bolt

Sunday 28th April- Revd Roper.

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 7 th April | All Age Worship- an informal service for everyone Led by Local Worship Leaders |
| Sunday 14 th April | Holy Communion- a more traditional service |
| Sunday 21 st April | Morning Praise- an informal service led by Local Worship Leaders |
| Sunday 28 th April | Holy Communion- a more traditional service 4.30 p.m. Messy Church (see next page) |

Hand gel is still provided if required and please be mindful of others' space.

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

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Sunday 28th April 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.

The Post Office will continue its service at Ugborough Church on Thursday mornings and coffee and cake will be available from 10 – 11.45 a.m. Do pop in for a chat.

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