

Ugborough Parish Newsletter

April 2025



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St Peter's Church – Sue Johns

As I write we are hoping for a successful evening on March 22nd at our Quiz and Soup evening! All proceeds to the Church Building Fund. And huge thanks to all those who have promised to help!

Mothering Sunday at the end of March will see a short informal service of posy making, song and prayer with families led by David Sayle. The posies will then be distributed around the community. The main Mission Community Service will follow in the form of a Eucharist at 11 a.m. at Diptford Church.

The APCM will be held on Thursday 3rd April at 7 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Village Hall. A chance for everyone to see how things work in our Parish Church!

We have some special Easter Events this year.... The Preschool will be holding their Annual Easter Egg Hunt during the weekly coffee morning on Thursday 3rd April. Do come along to watch the excitement!

There will be Mission Community Services then throughout Holy Week beginning on 14th April on the lead up to Easter - at Diptford Church – see Services later in this Newsletter.

On Maundy Thursday, 17th April, the usual church coffee morning will be transformed into a special Easter Eggstravaganza – so we'd like to welcome everyone to sample some Easter Delicacies and maybe win a jar of Eggs – if you count the number correctly! Chance to win a Simnel cake too... All proceeds to Church Funds.

Easter Saturday, 19th April will see the Church transformed from the reflective season of Lent into the celebration of Easter! If you'd like to bring some flowers along to help decorate, perhaps in memory of someone, do come along any time that morning. The children are very welcome to come and create the traditional Easter Garden during the morning too.

This year we are hugely privileged to be able to display a fantastic collection of large bespoke display eggs. They are truly remarkable and well worth a visit. I'm sure the kettle will be on! These Eggs will be left on display over the Bank Holiday weekend too, to allow everyone the chance of appreciating them.

On Easter Sunday, 20th, we will celebrate in an informal All Age Easter Service at 9:30 a.m. led by the Local Worship Leaders. There will be craft activities, and the inevitable Hunt for Chocolate!

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-(see change to times at end of Newsletter).

Hand gel is available and respect others' space.

Don't miss the Pre School Easter Egg Hunt on 3rd April and the Maundy Thursday (April 17th) Easter Eggstravaganza , both at the coffee mornings.

Memories are made of this?

Yes, it's that time of the year again!

Come May 17th, you have the privilege, nay, Destiny, to be seated in the centre of the largest and most impressive building in Ugborough.

This follows the triumph of last year's performances by the enthusiastic Modbury Singers and your very own Annie River, who all came together to help raise funds for Christian Aid.

You can now further enjoy the glory moments from a re-appearing Modbury group and also be entertained by the well-known 'Girls Night Out' choir.

Who could ask for anything more?

OK – so You could, could you?

In which case, yes, there is something more!

Jane Johns and her sparkling team of helpers will be providing the usual high standard of catering, and there will be a bar (Taff) and raffle (Flo).

With all that and David Sayle as M.C. you won't want to go home.

Put it in your diaries – Saturday 17th May, Ugborough Palladium – sorry, slip of my pen there, I meant Ugborough Church.

Probably 7 p.m.

Thanks to the PCC for their kind offer of the building

USS- Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays - *Juliet Collis*

USS dates coming up are: Saturday 5th and Saturday 19th April (Easter Saturday), followed by Saturday 3rd May (bank holiday weekend). USS runs from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Village Hall.

USS Café

Come and join us on a Saturday and enjoy the convivial café facilities, including excellent coffee and Westcountry Teas, with bacon butties to accompany! Any surplus generated by the café is either reinvested into USS or used to support good causes within the parish.

Helpers for USS set up

USS is most grateful to our volunteers who help set up the village hall on the Saturday morning from 9 a.m. If you would like to volunteer occasionally and help with the set up, then please come and chat to us, as we are a friendly bunch, and many hands make light work!

Contact: ugboroughss@gmail.com

Ceremonial Flying of the Flag

April 9th

April 23rd

April 23rd

King and Queen's Anniversary

St George's Day

Birthday of Prince Louis of Wales



Erme Valley RDA- Peggy Douglas 07882 286421

We are delighted to be back on track and fully open! While we are still isolating the pony as a precaution, things are running smoothly. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported us—whether by helping on the yard, fundraising, or donating. Your generosity is truly appreciated and has once again made a big difference in managing our finances.

March events included a Quiz night held by Ivybridge Rotary Club at a packed Ivybridge Rugby Club; and a Cream Tea with a dazzling Ukulele Band in Ugborough Village Hall, the latter making over £600! The last Fundraising Event for this current Appeal will be a Cake stall run by Caitlyn at Holbeton towards the end of March.

A huge welcome to all our new volunteers and riders who have joined us over the past few weeks. The February dry weather has kept the mud away – but the cold Easterly winds have stopped the grass growing.

As always, we are in need of tea, coffee, chocolate, cleaning products, and other essentials. Any contributions are greatly appreciated—thank you in advance!

Our next regular dementia friendly Tea with a Pony is on April 1st at 3 p.m. - and no - we're not joking! If you know anyone who might appreciate a slap-up tea and close encounters with ponies and dogs do let me know.

The Easter Holidays are between 14th and 23rd April. Then we're straight into competition season: the Creative Writing Entries have been submitted already – and the Regional Countryside Challenge and Show Jumping will take place at The Brook on April 29th.

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

We still have a few places available at our Easter Holiday Club for children aged 2-11 in Ugborough Village Hall Monday 7th April to Friday 11th April and Monday 14th April to Thursday 17th April 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The price for primary school aged children will be £35 per day (£17.50 for a half day). The price for preschool age children will be £45 per day (£22.50 for a half day). For further details and to book a place please contact admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk

G-UP

Creating a community where it's easy to live sustainably



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

At Your Convenience CIC / GUp

You might have noticed a recent short questionnaire delivered to your letter box about potential future uses for the public toilets in Bittaford and Ugborough. We kindly ask you to complete it and return it to the collection points as it's important for us to determine the most suitable and desirable uses for the community, in addition to their primary function as toilets. *(At the time of writing, forms are also available in the bus shelter.)*

We are still actively seeking grants and trusts to help make this proposal viable - any donations most welcome – please contact us at atyourconveniencecic@gmail.com
Thank you!

Historical Nugget– Gareth ‘Taff’ Jones

9th April 1969 – Filton, Bristol, Britain’s first (and so far only) supersonic airliner, Concorde 002, made its maiden flight with Captain Brian Trubshaw at the controls. The flight lasted a mere twenty-one minutes and came a month after the French made their maiden flight in Concorde 001. Trubshaw declared it a “wizard flight”!

Britain and France had plans to sell over 400 of these aircraft but in the end only twenty airframes were built. Of these Air France and British Airways were the sole customers operating seven aircraft each (the remaining six were non-commercial). After the fatal air crash of an Air France flight in July 2000, commercial flights were suspended until November 2001 but both fleets were retired in 2003. Of the twenty built, all but two are preserved and on display across Europe. One was scrapped in 1994 – the British example, Concorde 216 G-BOAF, flew to her new home at Filton, Bristol on 26th November 2003.

Ivybridge u3a - Roy Little

Ivybridge u3a General Meeting

Monday April 14th at 2 p.m. at The Watermark Centre

Guest speaker, Mike Haywood, will talk on ...

“The Mirror, the invention that changed our perception of self forever”

Mike has a growing reputation as a marine and portrait artist.

The event is open to members and to those no longer in full-time employment who wish to find out more of what u3a has to offer.



Just because you can do something, does it mean you should?

Seventh Son by Sebastian Faulks

Sebastian Faulks's novels are always serious, intelligent and compellingly readable. Although he is best known for historical fiction, he has a keen interest in science, particularly medical science. *Seventh Son*, his 16th novel, is set in near future. It is divided into four parts between 2030 and 2056. Writing about the future compared with the past, there are no sources but everything in book is quite feasible-travel by driverless car, restrictions on flights,(with a personal long haul allowance), meat eating becoming a rarity, chips in wrists that allow entrance to the subway, a lack of cars; and (an invention but possible in the book's timeframe) a giant vacuum conveyance that pumps passengers along the Eastern seaboard. It gets hotter.

In researching the book Sebastian Faulks read about genetics, consulted geneticists, embryologists and Rebecca Wragg Sykes, the writer of the book- *Kindred* -which has so expanded our knowledge of Neanderthal life.

Neanderthals were around for 300,000 years and were very resourceful and hardy. They lived in different parts of world with different climates. *Homo sapiens* have been around for a third of that time, and are the last surviving type of human. In 2010 it was discovered that *homo sapiens* mated with Neanderthals. Sebastian Faulks' own DNA test showed 3.7% Neanderthal.

If other types of human had survived, maybe the human condition would be different and better, with no mental illness or dementia.

And so to the plot of *The Seventh Son*. In need of money to fund her research, a young American academic, Talissa Adam, offers her services as a surrogate mother to the London-based and extremely rich Parn Institute. Its ambitious creator, Lukas Parn, an Australian of Eastern European extraction, is fascinated by genetics and unscrupulous. His particular interest is in those humans, especially Neanderthal Man who preceded *Homo Sapiens*, and who mated with them.

Parn persuades his chief scientist, a man who is both ambitious and resentful, to commit a breach of professional ethics by secretly switching a would-be father's semen for Neanderthal semen from a recently discovered body preserved in ice.

So the child that Talissa carries, Seth, is created- a 50% Neanderthal -50% *Sapiens* human hybrid. He is a loving and much-loved child, in a very happy family situation. His parents, Alaric and Mary adore him, but notice some differences, which they assume are personality traits. He doesn't dream, has no appreciation of art, finds it difficult to make relationships with other children as he doesn't know what they want from him. He is amiable but solitary. He is very literal. He has an intuitive understanding of other creatures and senses when things are going to happen. He loves football and is a Crystal Palace fan. So in subtle ways he is like us but different. Talissa is allowed to meet him when he is 12 and both likes and feels responsible for

him. At the end of his school days, he studies engineering at Cambridge where he has friends keen on racing who are delighted to discover his affinity for horses and rare ability to pick winner.

Then, as you will expect, things begin to go wrong. The goings on at the Parn Institute are leaked and Seth has to go into hiding. And the pace of the book picks up so that the last 50 pages or so are almost like a thriller.

I must warn you that there is an unexpected sex scene at the end, which might upset some readers. Sebastian Faulks defends this by saying it was necessary, but you may not agree. Some of the Bookworms found this distasteful.

We had a very thoughtful discussion, and some found it a very interesting read, with a gripping plot and convincing characters. Others found too much science which made it a dull read. The scores reflected this variance of opinion, from 2 to 5 out of 5, and so again the average was 3.5.

Our next book is *Death at the Sign of the Rook*- the latest Kate Atkinson which features a favourite- Jackson Brodie.

Ugborough Chair Exercise Class -Peter and Ann Povey

The Class will meet on Friday, 4th April, and then take a break for the Easter Holidays. It will then meet again after Schools return on Friday, 25th April, continuing every Friday until the Half Term break, resuming, after that break, until Schools finish for the Summer Holidays. Each Class Meeting is in Ugborough Village Hall on Friday afternoons from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. under the leadership of our wonderful and experienced physiotherapists Michelle, and Sine (a Hebridean Gaelic forename, pronounced Sheena). We have room for a few more participants and would warmly welcome new members to join us in gentle exercise suitable for older people, and others who find conventional exercise classes too strenuous. The exercises, which we do in a happy, safe, and joyous environment, are particularly geared to benefit us in our daily living. Members contribute £5 towards the costs of each Class attended, and accompanying carers are free. Enquiries to povey.ann@googlemail.com or Tel. 01752 691654.

South Hams Citizens Advice - Volunteer with us!

Wondering how you can help people in your community? Volunteer with us! Volunteering is now possible from home or the office. Our training programme is a mix of online learning and shadowing more experienced advisers to get practical hands-on experience. Plenty of support is available as you train to make sure you can give the advice that helps people move forward with the issues they face.

For more information and to apply, see our website

<https://southhamscab.org.uk/get-involved/>

Your Stars Tonight - Your litter today



Interesting what happens to good intentions: During Covid everyone was walking around the block and enthusing how much better they felt - but now it is a lonely exercise. What caused such a loss of motivation? Perhaps everyone got depressed by the inexorable rise in hedgerow litter and began to think murderous thoughts about those who abuse the little bit of earth we have been blessed with.

I have passed the time in my lonely wanderings by undertaking an in-depth study of the litter found in the back lanes of Ugborough Parish. It soon becomes apparent there are three tribes competing for the title of Litteratti - and each has their own ecological niche.

Firstly, there is the restless band of builders and related trades who crisscross Devon to get to the next client, all the while shouting instructions into their mobile phones. They have little time for lunch and at the end of their nutritious meal of sausage rolls, Pot Noodles, crisps and chocolate confectionary they make an offering to the pagan gods that they follow by throwing out the wrappers, plastic containers and cans into the layby that has given them shelter.

Then there are more youthful groups who congregate in specific areas, presumably late of night as the partying heats up. The steamed dietor and I came across one of their favoured locations on the minor road that runs from Hookmoor Cross, near the allotments, up to Venn Cross on the way to Ladydown Farm. We soon lost count of the number of discarded cans - we realized we were looking at serious and serial littering. As we approached the brow of the hill the litter louting became organized with neatly tied black plastic bags full of empty cans cast into the hedge. And then we came across what must have been an offering to the dark forces – for there stuck provocatively in the hedge was a Morrisons “Bag for life”. Impaled on the bramble and hawthorn it seemed to whimper – “Put me out of my misery – I thought I was going to be loved for a lifetime of fetching and carrying for environmentally caring owners only to find I have been betrayed and cast aside by their alcohol soused progeny”. So, we took pity on its blighted dreams and used it to pick up the cans – after the first 100 we gave up counting and just kept litter picking until the lane was clear.

Inspired by this I felt impelled a few days later to do something about a blot on our local landscape which has developed over the last few months around the glass recycling skip at Hillhead Cross. I had become obsessed with trying to understand just what goes on in the mind of *homo sapiens litterbug*. Luckily Graham “the hedge” volunteered to join me and made sure that I took my anti-raging medication. Our sausage roll consuming friends had obviously felt that this was a good place to relieve themselves of both their food waste and their buckets and bags of house restoration rubbish - no doubt they have starving kiddies at home and can't afford the tip fees. But the person who left 3 black bags of hydrangea cuttings – were they some penniless OAP? And who would take a Prestige stainless steel saucepan (with lid) and leave it there? Or buy a posh flat pack bookshelf and take the empty box to the top

of the hill? By the time Graham and I had filled 6 plastic bags it looked a lot better – and we felt a lot better. We had learnt to balance our ying and yang forces with the ley lines of Hillhead Cross. Good thing we had done so – next morning I walked past to find someone had just left an empty 25 litre can of Adblue for the litter fairies to collect.

Yoga classes

Local yoga teacher, Faith Matthews, facilitates weekly classes here. These are small, personalised sessions (Fridays 9-10 a.m.) nestled above Ugborough on the first floor of the Village Hall.

Faith's approach is *Viniyoga* and in this tradition of yoga, mindful movement is used in harmony with conscious breathing. This helps to focus and calm the mind whilst developing flexibility and resilience. In *Viniyoga* postures and stretches are carefully personalised to suit individual needs and abilities.

Classes run weekly alongside school term times enabling students to develop their practice. If you can't make a class, Faith gives the option of attending one of her many other local classes in lieu, if there is space (Moorhaven - Fridays, South Brent – Monday, Wednesdays, Saturdays).

If you're interested in developing a supportive and sustainable yoga practice for health and wellbeing you can book a taster session, a 1-2-1, or join one of Faith's Saturday morning workshops (which this spring are all about **balance**) to see if the *Viniyoga* approach connects with you.

For full info and booking visit: [Horizon Yoga | South Hams Yoga Classes | Pregnancy Yoga | One to One Yoga](#) or contact Faith direct: Msfaithmatthews@yahoo.co.uk

Ugborough Parish Council

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

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

Ugborough Parish Council News from our March Meeting. Two members of the public attended the March meeting

Matters raised by the Public and Arising from Previous Meetings

1. **Clean Air Zone** - A member of the public noted that the school buses sat outside the school with their engines idling for up to 20 mins on occasion. He proposed that we consider creating a clean air zone. We will be considering this further at our April meeting and welcome any input you might wish to make either by emailing our clerk before the meeting or coming along on the night (We will be meeting in the upstairs room in Ugborough Village Hall)
2. **Speeding in Wrangaton** - A member of the public had sent photographs of his vehicle which had been damaged as a result of speeding traffic in Wrangaton. The Community Speed Watch team have undertaken monitoring in this area recently and Cllr May has responded with the following:

We set up the speedwatch group last year partly in response to complaints from residents in Wrangaton, but also because we wanted to measure traffic volumes and speeds before the possible development of an Aldi store in Filham, which will potentially increase traffic along the B3213. As well as the speedwatch group, the developers on the Sidings Cross houses were required to install a vehicle activated warning sign, which is run by the Highways department of Devon County Council. We are hoping that we will be able to obtain the data from this camera so that we can obtain an objective record of any worsening of the situation over time. Together with the Speedwatch data, this will help the Police decide where to locate speed cameras, and how often to visit the area.

You have probably seen us already at the junction of Green Lane, monitoring traffic travelling Eastwards towards the A38. We also have sites (which have to be approved by Devon & Cornwall Police) in Bittaford (both directions) and Filham (eastwards traffic again). We have run 12 sessions since the 15 January. Half of our sessions have taken place in Wrangaton, and of the 65 vehicles which we have recorded as exceeding the speed limit, 39 (60%) have been in Wrangaton, so it has slightly more than its share of offenders. Worse though, to record a vehicle as speeding, it has to be going at least 35mph - over half of all vehicles are in the unlogged 30-35 range, in line with national figures.

We have just received permission from the police to add a second recording site in Wrangaton so that we can also monitor Westbound traffic, so will be trying this location out too as soon as we have completed the official paperwork.

Crucially – this is a small group of local volunteers and if you or anyone you know would like to join the group, please email our clerk.

3. We are still working to establish ownership and responsibility for the **hedges on the approach to the train station in Ivybridge**
4. **Flooding outside the school** - DCC have replied that they will need to arrange for the highway drains in the area to be cleaned but that they are unsure of the source of the running water on the north east side of the road. They will carry out further investigations but will need to wait for a budget to be available to install some new positive drainage to pick this water up and pipe it into the existing highway drainage. We will continue to pursue this.
5. **Bus shelter at Filham** – We are so happy finally to be able to report that all parties are happy with the proposed bus shelter and the installation of this long-awaited for facility will commence soon.
6. Following the January meeting with the Devon County Council **Flood Officer** in Ugborough Village we are pleased that the latest update from them is very positive, and various actions are in progress.

Report from County Councillor Dan Thomas

The full report is available on our website. It includes information on the budget and proposals for Local Government Re-organisation. Things are changing daily with this. We were slightly taken aback by the announcement that day from Plymouth City Council that confirmed the inclusion of Ugborough Parish in Plymouth City Council's proposed expansion as we had received no previous communication from them. You will be pleased to hear that we are now in touch with PCC, and we have been offered a briefing. (For some reason, their attempts to speak to us had been unsuccessful)

Report from District Councillors Alison Dewynter and Vic Abbott

The full report is available on our website and includes: Parking, apprenticeships, help for residents with damp and mould, Avian Flu, dementia awareness, Devolution and Local Government Re-organisation, Village Halls Week, investing in council homes , Hope Wood, bottle bank closures, dads and male carers, Ivybridge market consultation

Co-option to Council- We are delighted to welcome Councillor Alan Hall to Council. He comes with experience of working as a parish councillor in Somerset along with a range of useful skills gained through his employment over the years

Planning- We supported 3 planning applications:

- Replacement illuminated and non-illuminated signage (retrospective) Shell, Carew Service, Station, South Brent, Devon, TQ10 9ER
- Erection of 100 person covered standing area. Ivybridge Town Football Club, Ermington Road. Ivybridge. PL21 9ES
- Erection of covered yard, Windy Ridge. Ugborough.

And will be seeking the advice of our Tree Warden before commenting on the Tree applications at Hill House and Turtley Corn Mill.

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

- Work on a Birch 2 x Oak trees Bittaford Wood, Caravan Park , Bittaford - **TPO Exempt**
- Work on a tree bordering the road known as Hillside at risk of falling into the road - **Approved**
- Work on a Scots Pine, 93 Hazel Lane, Ivybridge – **Approved**
- High House Cottage, Bittaford. Replacement of redundant manege with new sand school for private equestrian use - **Conditional Approval**

Finance- We are pleased to grant fund £250 towards the Ugborough Newsletter from this year's budget and look forward to contributing to next year's publications. (*This is much appreciated- thank you- Ed.*)

Asset Management and Maintenance Work

- 1. Damaged wall to our burial ground** - We had received 3 quotations to repair the wall (£1037 and £2245 and £1800) and have employed John Widdicombe to undertake the work
- 2. Accessibility to the post box in Ugborough Square.**- Three companies had been approached. Two were unable to take on the work due to various restrictions when working on Highways and reservations regarding possible solutions. We discussed the solution presented to us – a fixed ramp (thanks to the member of public who volunteered to test this out!) but considered this to have the potential to cause accidents and we have decided to request that Devon County Council install a dropped kerb with formal road markings. This will potentially be a very expensive project and take a long time to come to fruition, but we will keep you up to date with developments.
- 3. Replacement bench in the Burial Ground**- We had received four quotes (£514, £505, £596, £510). Cllr Holway will discuss the replacement with the person who donated the original bench, and we hope to replace this soon.

Community Statement- We have recently produced a Community Statement for our Devon Association who are reporting on the work of parish councils as part of the Local Government Review. It summarises what is important to you (our communities), what we do for our communities and what we would like to do for our communities if we had the legislative powers and adequate funding to do so. You might want to take a look at this on our website.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9th April 2025, 7.30 p.m. in the upstairs room of Ugborough Village Hall

Privacy policy – visit ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

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

Bittaford Methodist Chapel *Chris Phillips* 07899934743

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

Sunday 6th April Revd D Youngs

Sunday 13th April- M. Cade

Sunday 20th April- M. Cade

Sunday 27th April- J. Cathart

Water update- *Graham Gilbert*

What's on your Christmas book wish list? Mine usually features some sci-fi, the latest Robert Macfarlane, Jasper Fforde, Isabella Tree, etc. So when a very good friend gave me "The Science of Sewage" I can't say I was overjoyed. However, it turned out to be a Very Good Read, and one I've subsequently recommended to a number of people. And now I'm recommending it to you, dear reader.

You see, my friend and I, as you may be aware, are Citizen Science Volunteers for the Westcountry Rivers Trust. Once a month, usually, we visit our allotted spots on the Bowcombe Brook, Lud Brook, and the Erme to test the waters for phosphates, temperature, total dissolved solids, and turbidity (basically, how clear the water is). Sewage, of course, is discharged into our waterways, usually in such a state that it little affects water quality. But there are occasions, far too many of late, when untreated sewage from Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO) is allowed into our waterways where it has an impact, sometimes severe, on the aquatic ecosystem.

When we flush our loos, pour stuff down our sinks, take a shower, we think of these events in isolation, but when they're added up on a national scale the quantities involved are quite mind-boggling.

To quote from the above book: in the UK approximately 12 million tonnes (1 tonne = 1,000kg/2,200 lbs) go into the sewers **every day**. And it never stops flowing. About 2 million tonnes of it comes from 45 million toilets, or to put it another way, 2 billion litres/440 million gallons per day just from toilet flushing. But we're lucky: according to the World Health Organisation/ UNICEF, (2015) 2.4 billion or more people worldwide live with no sanitation.

So how are our streams doing? Well, normally not too bad, and in the event of a CSO discharge the water clears up fairly quickly. If you look at the Lud Brook, for instance, above Bittaford the phosphate levels are so low as to be undetectable (which you would expect) and the water is gin clear, but by the time it reaches the Erme the level has risen to 100ppb, rarely 200ppb. This increase is largely due to agricultural run-off.

On the Bowcombe Brook, however, phosphate levels are rarely, if ever, below 100ppb, and are usually between 200 and 300ppb, and the turbidity of the water is, on average, not as good as the Lud. There is also far less observable aquatic life in it than the Lud Brook, where otters have been recorded. I've hardly ever seen a fish in the Bowcombe Brook, but Trout, Salmon, Bullheads, Eels, and River Lamprey live in the Lud Brook.

To thrive, the Bowcombe Brook needs fewer, if any, CSO discharges from the Ugborough Water Treatment Works, as well as less agricultural run-off (which

includes fertilizers and animal waste). We can do our bit by being careful what we put down the drains.

If you're interested, and if you've read this far, I guess you are, read "The Science of Sewage" by Julian Doberski, published by Gemini. ISBN 9781914902147. Yours for £9.99! Order it from The Ivybridge Bookshop.

Annual Ugborough Safari Supper - *Catherine Gwynne*

We would like to invite you to join the Annual Ugborough Safari Supper on Saturday 26th April. A 3-course supper hosted by yourselves and friends - old and new- in Ugborough and the surrounding area. Entry is via an online form

<https://tinyurl.com/safarisupper2025> (type this link into your browser or copy and paste if reading on line.)

or contact Safari HQ at ugborough.safari@gmail.com or 07817175460 for entry or more information. We hope you can join us to help raise funds for Friends of Ugborough Primary and St Peter's Church.

Ugfest news.

The date for Ugfest is set for mid summers day – 21st June 2025 from 6.30. We are delighted that local musicians including acoustic acts and bands The Longfaces and Groundrush are all booked in to join us.

Last year we donated our profits of nearly £8000 to village charities, Erme Valley RDA, Friends and Families Plymouth, The Ivybridge Food Bank and Trevi House Plymouth. We hope you can join us for another great evening. Tickets will go on sale in April, and we will advertise to let you know when through posters, the Bugle and Facebook. Ugfest1@gmail.com if you'd like to contact us!

Ugborough Fair - *Shelley Hutcheon*

The date for this year's Ugborough Fair is Saturday 12th July.

If you would like to be involved the next fair meeting is Tuesday 15th April and 'all are welcome' to join us organise this iconic village event!!

Newsletter News - *Sue Johns*

Finance Update

Thank you to all the Groups and individuals who have donated to the cost of printing the Parish Newsletter this year thus far.

By the end of February we had received kind donations from Ugborough Fair, USS, Ugborough Village Hall and Ugborough Dramatic Society. We are also grateful for some further donations in March.

We understand the Parish Council have something allocated too.

Thank you one and all!

As you are aware, printing is the only cost for the Newsletter, all the time for editing, distribution, and keeping the financial records is freely given.

We are very grateful if you show your appreciation by making a donation to funds

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 6 th April	All Age Worship led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 13 th April Palm Sunday Passion Sunday	Holy Communion
Sunday 20 th April Easter Day	All Age Easter worship led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 27 th April	Holy Communion Messy Church from 4.30-6 p.m.

Hand gel is available and please respect others' space.

Holy Week services At Diptford church at 7 p.m.

Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th- Compline

Thursday 17th (Maundy Thursday) Service of Holy Communion

Good Friday at Diptford church from **2-3 p.m.** Quiet hour at the Cross

Sunday 27th 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



The Three Rivers Mission Community covers the parishes of Diptford with North Huish, Ermington, Halwell, 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

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Bishop's Open Garden

The garden of the Bishop's Palace is one of the best kept secrets in Exeter. It covers 3 acres and is one of the most ancient in Devon. It will be open to the public, in aid of Devon Historic Churches Trust, on Sundays 6th and 13th April from 2-4.30 p.m. Suggested donation is £5. Tea, coffee and hot cross buns available in the Palace porch. (Sorry there is no suitable access for wheelchairs or mobility scooters.)

Village services.

The Post Office continues its service at Ugborough Church on Thursday mornings **from 10.15 – 11.45 a.m.** (Note new times- the coffee morning times remain unaltered.) Do pop in for a chat.

A gentle reminder - A Country Bus Service (91) runs through Ugborough every Friday, and quite often the bus is blocked by inconsiderate parking on Ware Hill and Fore Street. Please remember these are highways and parking on them is not to impede other road users. It is not only the bus but the emergency services that require 24-hour access. A fire engine is about the same size as the local bus so please consider other road users when you park

Contributions

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Contributions should be sent by e mail to Mrs. Norma Roe, The Editor, Ugborough Parish Newsletter at normaroe9@gmail.com



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

Your Newsletter is available online at the Parish Council website-

<https://ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk>

and at the village website

<https://ugborough.com>

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