

# Ugborough Parish Newsletter

## March 2024



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### **St Peter's Church** – Sue Johns

March sees a special service for Mothering Sunday on March 10<sup>th</sup> which this year will be an All-Age Holy Communion, with traditional posies will feature. Then Holy Week and Easter will be upon us! There will be Mission Community Services throughout Holy Week - watch out for detail on the Bugle and the church notice board, and a 9.30 service of Celebration on Easter Sunday, led by the Local Worship Leaders. There will be a Mission Community Easter Eucharist at Diptford Church at 11, led by our Rector, David Sayle.

There is an opportunity to comment on the draft proposal that Harberton Church leaves the Three Rivers Mission Community to join The Totnes MC. Details of this proposal and of ways to communicate your views are again on the Church Notice Board.

Sadly the church building is in need of some urgent repairs - all this rain has taken its toll - and as to be expected with any such intervention in an historic Grade 1 listed building, it is going to be expensive - certainly way beyond the pockets of our few regular contributors. So, in addition to our usual Fund Raising for day to day running costs, we will be holding extra events. We will be very grateful for any support in the way of financial or physical help, however small!

There will be a special Coffee Morning on Maundy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March between 10-12 alongside the Post Office. Will Flo win Guess The Weight? again is the Question!

### **Erme Valley RDA**- Peggy Douglas 07882 286421

We've had a fantastic response to our '40th Challenge Appeal' - dozens of our riders and supporters have undertaken a variety of personal challenges to raise much needed funds in celebration of our 40-year Anniversary. Huge thanks to them all!

We are now registered to start running the 'Changing Lives through Horses', a BHS programme. We are really looking forward to getting up and running. It is available for ages between 5 - 25 (with options to extend the age if the course is appropriate). The course hopes to empower young people regardless of their background, with the opportunity to develop their skills and knowledge, enabling them to return to education and/ or employment. It has a simple goal to build young people's resilience, confidence, self-esteem and support to develop drive and ambition to be a productive member of society.

Another string to our bow! Much has changed since our very first sessions back in 1984 when half a dozen riders enjoying one session a week in a hired school!

### **Ceremonial Flying of the Flag**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in March**

*Commonwealth Day*

**March 10<sup>th</sup>**

*Birthday of the Edward, Earl of Wessex*



**Ladies' Lunch** *Pat Stephens*

The date for the next lunch is Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at The Ship, Ugborough for 12 noon.  
Contact Pat Stephens 07704 113837 to book.

**The 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). The Coffee Morning on Maundy Thursday- 28<sup>th</sup> March will be a special fund raiser. Please put this in your diaries!  
Please make use of the hand gel and respect others' space.

**Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays** - *Juliet Collis* Contact: [ugboroughss@gmail.com](mailto:ugboroughss@gmail.com)

USS dates for March are Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Village Hall.

April dates are Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>.

On behalf of the committee and stallholders, a big thanks to all those who support USS which continues to be a hive of activity on winter Saturday mornings. Please come along and join us, not forgetting that there is the café and bacon butties available for your Saturday breakfast.

We are very happy to welcome new producers and makers who can make contact either via email or visit us on a USS Saturday morning.

**Note from** - *Jennie Lauchlan* Come for coffee, tea, chocolate, cake and chat at the Village Hall on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30 a.m. -12. All for £2.50!

**It is Time !-** *Gerald Arnold*

"For our Time is a very shadow that passeth away" Book of Wisdom Ch 2 v 5"

Humankind has always tried to identify and measure something that does not exist; TIME. We talk about past times, present times and the future. It is difficult to define. I suppose one can say it is the measure between one event and another. But how do we calculate something that, in reality, does not exist. Or does it ?

Peoples of ancient times recognised certain events and why they re-occur. Dawn - Dusk, Winter - Summer, the phases of the Moon. From these, deductions for planting and harvesting of crops and when wild natural foods become available; over longer periods, the elapses of the movement of the stars. They worked out that a star moved across the sky one degree, in a 360-degree circle, every 72 years. It was, also, realised that certain formations of stars moved across the eastern sky helically, once every 2,160 years, before repeating themselves after 25,920 years; the "Great Year".

On a local level, the sundial was the only accurate means of measuring time, providing the sun was shining, but who was concerned that the difference of noon in London was 16 minutes earlier than in Plymouth ?

Historically, there have been arguments as to who developed the use of hours and minutes. Some have put forward the Sumerians about 7,500 years ago when they used 60 as the basis of their mathematics. In the early fourteenth century here in England, the 24 hours came into use. Some parts of the world still use the 12 hours to cover daylight and 12 hours for night. This can cause confusion during the winter/summer.

Precise measurement of time began with the spread across Europe from Italy of the weight-driven clock. At first these were horacudii - that is hour striking clocks without dials. The famous clock in Exeter Cathedral was built in 1376 and originally had only one hand, the smaller minute hand came later. In 1449 Bishop Pecock of Chichester wrote, "that men schude make use clocks forto knowe the hours of the dai and nyt".

Parallel with the measuring of time visually and audibly with clocks, the year was divided up into seasons and months. Attempts to alter the recognised pattern was never successful. During the French Revolution, a new calendar was introduced in 1792. Every week was ten days, every month had thirty days. A leap year occurred every sixth year, and this was to be devoted to sport. It is hardly surprising that it didn't work and was abolished in 1804. The world of Islam works on a Lunar cycle, which explains why the important feast of Ramadan moves 9 - 10 days forward each year.

There were arguments as to where the longitude line of time should be set. The English proposed Greenwich, the French wanted Paris and there was one argument that Cairo "the Pyramids" was appropriate. Greenwich won. When travel was by coach and horses, accurate time was not necessary. It was only when the trains came into existence that an accurate time table across the country was a requirement. Thus, Noon in London was to be Noon in Plymouth. Greenwich Meantime was established and used across the world.

At the end of the month we put the clocks forward in the UK to "gain" an hour for Summer Time. A practice used by many other countries as far away as New Zealand. Having created Time, it now, sadly, rules all our lives.

#### **Ugborough Dramatic Society:-Sue Johns**

Our AGM kicked off the new season, re- electing our keen, hard-working committee and welcoming one new, also keen, member. Rumour has it that our in-house playwright buoyed by the huge success of Pigs in Blankets has his fingers on the keyboard again .... Watch this space!



### G-UP

*Creating a community where it's easy to live sustainably*

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

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Faith Matthews

We are looking forward to the Parish Council's 'Are you prepared for carbon

zero?' event on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. We will be there! We are particularly interested in **energy** currently: How we, as a community might generate our own, the idea of using renewables in the Parish and whether establishing a local energy team or club is feasible. Come and speak to us about this (or other ideas)!

We'll also have information about *Wildlink*, our community nature reserve initiative along with 'hands on' nature activities.

Our thermal imaging camera is still available to loan and works best whilst the weather is still chilly – so book a slot now! Through this gizmo you can discover cold spots/drafts/poorly insulated areas at home that might otherwise have gone undetected, so you know where to tackle so as to improve energy efficiency, reducing chills as well as bills!

Email us to book: [greenerugp@gmail.com](mailto:greenerugp@gmail.com)

### **ARE YOU PREPARED FOR CARBON ZERO?**

**Are you interested in issues such as:**

- **Energy saving in the home?**
- **Community energy generation?**
- **Greener transport?**
- **The Erme water quality?**

**Ugborough Parish Council invite you to a 'drop in' event on Saturday 23rd March from 12.30 to 3.30pm in Ugborough Village Hall.**

**We want to know what you think are the most important issues for our community and how you would like to be involved in driving initiatives forward. We also want to know what information and support would help you.**

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

The class continues on Fridays from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

March dates are March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. All are welcome to attend.

The weekly sessional fee is £5.

## **WATER Website** – *John Mildmay-White*

We are very excited to announce the launch of our new website. On it, you will find information on the WATER steering group, live and planned projects as well as information on how you can get in touch, sign up to our newsletter or volunteer. Just follow:

[www.ermeriver.org](http://www.ermeriver.org)

## **Yealm and Erme Species Survival project (YESS)**

### **Helping non-farming landowners enhance wildlife and climate resilience**

We are delighted to report that the Environment Agency has awarded funds to help non farming landowners (NFLs) in the Yealm and Erme catchments to better manage their land to support wildlife and climate change resilience.

Thanks to this funding, YESS, (a collaboration between WATER and the Yealm Estuary to Moor), is working with ParkLife South West and Devon Wildlife Trust (DWT), to deliver a Pilot Project by the end of March.

The YESS project will provide expert advice and practical support, leading to capital works and the Pilot Project will get us started. We hope that YESS will become an established project with NFLs being encouraged through talks and events to become a network/community who can share experiences and provide mutual support to assist the longer-term success of the project.

The work will seek to mirror the successful project delivered by Devon Wildlife Trust in the neighbouring Avon catchment ('the Avon project') though providing advice and delivering practical interventions to deliver multiple benefits.

Following a call to NFLs in the Erme and Yealm catchments, which resulted in over 70 responses, a short list of potential sites has been identified. A series of site visits and assessments is underway. We have received lots of exciting ideas from NFLs including tree planting, creation of hedges, ponds and meadows, flood and erosion prevention and fencing to protect trees and rivers from livestock. YESS plans to deliver at least 3 projects on the ground by the end of March.

WATER would like to thank YEM who have taken the lead in getting this project up and running.

Together with our partners we hope to apply for more funds in the future so if you are a non-farming landowner with 1 to 10 acres of land please get in touch via

<https://yemcorridor.com/>      <https://ermeriver.org/get-involved/>

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

### **Dates for your diary**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March- World Book Day. Mufti—dress up as a favourite book character.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March—12<sup>th</sup> April inc - Easter Holiday.

### **Beryl's Bookworms** – *Norma Roe*

Beryl's Bookworms were a smaller group this month due to coughs and colds, (and travels by some lucky members!) However, we had a lively discussion of an unusual choice- a nonfiction history book- Nathaniel's Nutmeg by Giles Milton.



The book has many exciting ingredients as it explores the Spice Trade in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries. There are many tales of swash buckling explorers,( pirates really) , and general derring-do, as routes are searched to reach the elusive Spice Islands. True stories of exploration before maps, setting off into the unknown with long and dangerous ocean voyages, in search of extremely valuable nutmeg and other exotic spices, which were endowed with all kinds of medicinal powers. These spices gave unbelievable monetary wealth to merchants, who wanted a monopoly over supply and were prepared to finance expeditions and go to extreme lengths to gain control of trade. The Portuguese (initially) then the Dutch and English engaged in bloody encounters and some of it makes truly gruesome and horrible reading. There are examples of courage and cruelty, treachery, torture and betrayal as territories are acquired that are rich in spices as a means for economic interests and colonial expansion.

Nathaniel himself makes a brief appearance in the Prologue and then disappears until two thirds into the book, as much background information is relayed. His importance is perhaps overstated, but he certainly comes to a grisly end.

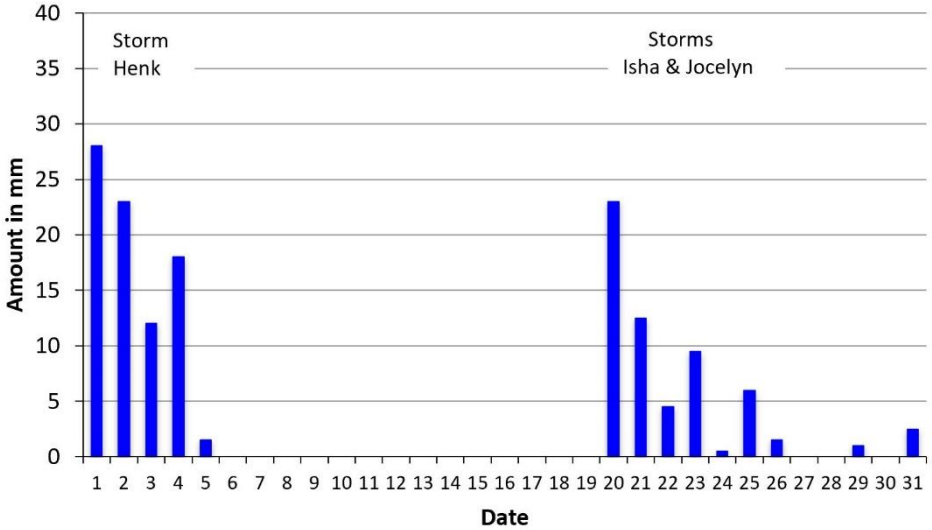
This book divided opinion. One member loved the use of first-hand material- logs and documents and was transported to that time and place. However others found it very dry and dull, surprisingly so, in view of the potential for a very lively read. Maybe it's indicative that only 3 members managed to actually finish the book, and their views were very varied. Others persevered to part way through and were able to give it a score (normally we prefer to only accept scores from those who finish books!) However, both groups averaged out at 2.5 out of 5.

Next time you visit Ugborough church, look out for the Grocers' window (Church patrons) and you will see evidence of the importance of the Spice Trade with the inclusion of the cloves. In the present day most of us can easily find spices such as nutmeg, mace and much more at our local supermarkets and shops. This book reminded us that it wasn't always so easy to obtain such exotic spices and we may not ever look at our spice racks in quite the same way! Our next book is *The Romantic* by William Boyd.

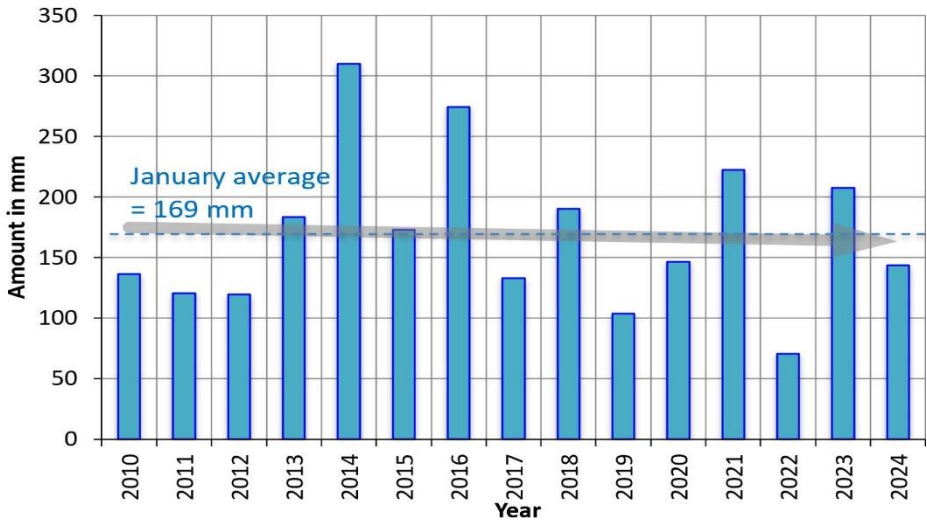
### **Rainfall at Shellwood Hill** *George Arnison*

December's wet weather continued into the first week of January 2024, but we then had two weeks of unusually cold and dry weather, before more typical milder and unsettled weather returned to the end of the month. The month also saw three named storms - Henk, Isha and Jocelyn - sweep across the country. At Shellwood Hill I recorded 143.5mm (just over 5 1/2") of rain, which was a bit below the month's 169mm average.

## Rainfall in January 2024



## January rainfalls and Trend





## **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.

Events planned for 2024 are:

- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:caroline.n.stradling@hotmail.co.uk) For offers of plants, please contact: [jacciandjohn@icloud.com](mailto:jacciandjohn@icloud.com)
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: **Cream Tea with a local history display entitled: Memories of North Huish, 2 – 5 p.m.** If you can lend old photographs or articles for display, please contact: [sara@artgilbert.co.uk](mailto:sara@artgilbert.co.uk)
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September: **Harvest Lunch, 12 noon – 2 p.m.** Homemade soup and bread + dessert + cider or apple juice.
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November: **Armistice Day short Act of Remembrance, 10.50 a.m.** in support of the Royal British legion. Coffee and biscuits served.
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December: **Carols by Candlelight, 4 p.m.** Mulled wine and mince pies served.

The North Huish Community Group look forward to welcoming you at any of these events.

## **Ugborough Parish Council**

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Website: [www.ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk) - where you can view the Newsletter to use the weblinks

**We have a new website! Please take a look at [www.ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

Work will continue on this to ensure all content has moved across from our old website. All feedback welcome!

**2 Members of the public attended our meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Questions from the public and matters arising from previous meetings**

1) Two members of the public made representations on the recent planning application made for Lutterburn Farm. They are concerned that the plans lack detail and do not fully illustrate how the drainage will work and do not include information about neighbouring properties that will be impacted by the work.

They reported that there has been no engagement with neighbours regarding the work and that they had concerns about flooding to their property that could potentially happen as a result of the work. The current permitted access to the land by one of the neighbouring properties to maintain their own building was also potentially compromised. It was also noted that SHDC had not taken action on a previous breach of the application.

2) We had received a request to agree the rewinding of a small grass verge in Wrangaton. This piece of land is not our property or responsibility and so we are unable to pursue this matter.

3) Residents at Saxons Gate had reported that the developers / management committee were not taking responsibility for the hedge cutting.

4) Flooding on Donkey Lane continues to be a problem, and this is on Devon County Council's schedule of work, but they are unable to give us a date and, with the recent weather, are currently inundated with highways work.

5) Flooding and drainage on the B3192 above Bittaford Play Area continues to be an issue and we will be reporting this, together with continuing flooding at Kitterford roundabout, to Devon County Highways.

6) Devon County Council will be repainting the yellow zigzags outside the school when the weather is suitable.

**Report from Devon County Councillor Dan Thomas** Cllr Thomas had sent his apologies, but he sent a report which updates us on the devolution deal for Devon and Torbay which has progressed to consultation stage. For further information go to the website– [www.devontorbaydeal.org.uk](http://www.devontorbaydeal.org.uk). He will be updating us on Devon County budget at our March meeting. The 20mph scheme for Ugborough Village has now been approved and will proceed to public consultation and the relocation of the 30mph sign at David's Cross is still being discussed. We will be requesting a site meeting to try and move this matter on.

**Report from District Councillors Vic Abbott and Alison Dewynter – for the full report see our website. Cllr Dewynter had sent her apologies. A summary:**

1. A Dog Warden has visited Ugborough Village, but no evidence of fouling seen. Cllr Dewynter advised that for effective action exact problem locations were needed.
2. South Hams Housing Offer
3. Changes to the way you can vote
4. Garden Waste service
5. Learn Devon Courses
6. Composting Pilots
7. Climate Change and Bio-diversity Locality Fund
8. South Devon National Landscape "Life on the Edge" project
9. Support for Care Leavers

## **Planning We discussed 6 planning applications:**

[0182/24/LBC](#) Listed building consent for necessary repair works to the roof covering & rear chimney and [0309/24/LBC](#) Listed Building Consent application for 'Phase 2' necessary structural repair works to the roof, roof trusses & first floor structures over living room at Hill House Ugborough - **Support**

[3678/23/FUL](#) Use of a mobile home to act as a temporary agricultural workers dwelling at Higher Witchcombe Farm - **UPC recommend that SHDC investigate whether any existing residential mobile homes on the site are available for the purpose intended.**

[0237/24/VAR](#) Application for a variation of Conditions for the approved planning application 0228/20/FUL Earlscombe Farm Bittaford - **No comment**

[4206/23/FUL](#) Restoration & conversion of barn into a 4 -bed two storey holiday unit with assoc amenity area & car parking. Langford Barton, The Barn, Ugborough - **Support**

**0368/24/ARC** Lutterburn Farm, Ugborough. Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 4 (surface water drainage scheme) and 5 (Adoption and Maintenance) of planning consent 3460/17/OPA - **The Parish Council has concerns about this application due to the technical nature of the proposals.** We request South Hams District Council and their specialist consultants to ensure that the works proposed comply with the Development Plan and any planning conditions specified at the time of the original and any subsequent planning consents, and take into account the points raised by objectors. In particular we require assurance that the proposed barrier hedge is suitable for purpose, and if so, that its future maintenance is secured with a planning condition.

Between meetings we had been corresponding with SHDC regarding an application with a response deadline before our meeting:

**3950/23/POD** 2 Creber Drive on the new Development at Sidings Cross, Wrangaton. to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use from Commercial, Business & Service (Class E) to dwelling house (Class C3).

We strongly opposed this proposal as Wrangaton has few local services and in our Neighbourhood Plan a need is identified for a retail outlet and/or community space. We also understood from the Local SHDC Member at the time of the original application for the development that this was a condition precedent for him to approve the original application. We feel that the space should be made available to the community to manage and enable them to find a suitable community use and/or commercial occupier for the building. We requested that SHDC took the application to their Planning Committee to be subjected to closer scrutiny and highlighted to planning enforcement that we wished them to investigate as use of this space to date as an office was a breach of one of the conditions of the original decision.

At our meeting we were going to consider what further action we would take if the application was approved but had received confirmation from SHDC that it had been refused and so now will be looking to discuss future use of the building with the developers.

We had received the following decisions made by SHDC and DNP since our last meeting:  
3412/23/FUL Witchcombe House, Ugborough. Proposed 20 ground standing solar panels, associated equipment & batteries. **Conditional Approval**

0499/23 Burrington House Wrangaton. Cladding to upper walls of existing house  
**Conditional approval**

Grid Reference: (269273, 58611) Communication Station Lower Eden Stable South Brent.  
Notice of Intent to Install Electronic Communication Apparatus Permitted Development  
Owley Cottage, South Brent. Installation of two radon sumps **Conditional approval**

3526/23/TCA Works to a Tree in a Conservation Area 21, Lutterburn Street, Ugborough  
**No Objection**

**Climate Emergency and sustainable Ugborough** Reminder that you are all invited to a Carbon Reduction community event on 23<sup>rd</sup> March in Ugborough Village Hall

**School Field update** We are very pleased to have received the confirmation that the grant monies available from developers as a result of new developments in the parish have been confirmed and the school hope that the fence will be erected over the Easter Holidays. If not, it will be during the May Half-term holidays.

**Annual Parish meeting** Your Annual Parish meeting will take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 6.30 – 7.30 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall. This is an opportunity for you to come and learn about things that are going on in the parish so we do hope you can join us.

**Date of next meeting Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. Ugborough Village Hall**

*Privacy policy – visit [ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk)*

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

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

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

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March- Revd D Youngs

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Revd T Higgins

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March- D Smart

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March- S Bolt

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March- B Smerdon

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 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



**LIFE AID CONCERT-** *Sean Marcus*

Yes, the follow-up to the great LIVE AID performances of the past!

Except that the performers are a different bunch and the venue is not Wembley but Ugborough!

But we're a lot cheaper!

Modbury Gospel Choir will be entertaining us with a range of songs from various countries, and once again the inimitable Annie River will join the list of singers who will put a sparkle in your life.

All proceeds to the charity Christian Aid, who I am glad to say operate in such a way as to help any homeless, war-torn, hungry and helpless communities irrespective of religious belief.

You all contributed greatly last year when the Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir and Annie River gave us a great concert at St Peter's, and no doubt you will all feel the same on **May 18<sup>th</sup>** this year.

Do put that date and time of **7 p.m.** in your diaries now.

We need you there, and we know you will like the evening. There are the usual Raffles and superb refreshments at the event.

Do Come! You know you want to!

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

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

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

## **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. There is an additional Holy Communion this month on 17<sup>th</sup> March, but Easter Day will be a non-Communion service at Ugborough church.

Date	Service
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	All Age Worship- an informal service for everyone Led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	All Age Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Holy Communion
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday Passion Sunday	Holy Communion- a more traditional service 4.30 p.m. Messy Church
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March Easter Day	9.30 a.m. Easter Morning Praise service with activities for children led by Local Worship Leaders 11 a.m. Easter Holy Communion service at Diptford church

**Please use the hand gel provided and respect others' space.**

**During Holy Week (the week leading up to Easter) there are special services each day in the Mission Community (some by zoom).**

**For details see the church notice board and announcements by the Bugle.**

The **Three Rivers Mission Community** covers the parishes of Diptford with North Huish, Ermington, Halwell, Harberton, Harbertonford, Moreleigh, North Huish and Ugborough. You can find out about everything that's going on across all the parishes at its website, [www.3rivers.org.uk](http://www.3rivers.org.uk)

**For all church business and parish matters, please contact**

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**Your Stars Tonight** The clear night had a one-night stand in Ugborough – in what turned out to be its only February gig of its comeback tour. Telescope, camera and brand new lap top were set up as the sun set with Comet 12P/Pons-Brooks as the first target, then a wait until around midnight for Comet 62P/Tsuchinshan to get high enough in the sky.

By 7 p.m. Comet 12P was in the bag - just visible with binoculars it also made a pretty photograph as a green ethereal glow against a background of thousands of stars. This is a comet that is truly on a comeback tour as returns after its 71-year journey to the outer reaches of the Solar System. It is expected to be big in 2024 as it should be visible to the eye when reaches its closest approach to the Sun in April.

Then I had to wait a couple of hours for my next target to rise above the hedge. This was my last chance to capture Comet 62P which was fading fast as it heads out to the Oort Cloud. So, there I was snoozing in front of the fire, only to be awoken by the steamed dietor pounding down the stairs from her editorial office with a hot Ugborough news item - it was raining. There are few more heart stopping sights in the dark than a laptop sitting in a puddle of rainwater. Luckily all was well after a brisk towelling down and gentle warming on the radiator – but that was the end of February’s star gazing and I fear Comet 62P will never be seen by me again.

Ever optimistic and looking forward to March - weather permitting - it will be worthwhile going for an amble at dusk to the Ridge Road, as an elusively faint Mercury will appear low in the sky at the beginning of the month, rising steadily higher above the western horizon as the month goes on. And perhaps follow comet 12P (find its daily location on *theskylive.com*) as it slowly drifts through the constellations of Andromeda and then into Pisces (the Fish) - and if you can find Pisces you are better at constellation spotting than I am!

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

Fundraising for the Brain Tumour charity is something Dawn is very passionate about, having lost 4 family members due to brain tumours, one of which was her Dad , Landlord Jim who some of you may remember.

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

Dawn's daughter Chantelle is also fundraising for The Brain Tumour Charity for 100 days with a daily 5k. If you would like to support, you can on their JustGiving pages .

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

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

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**Village services.**

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