

Ugborough Parish Newsletter

April 2023



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Big Breakfast for Syria & Turkey – a big Thank You - Nellie Dadge

I'd like to give my wholehearted thanks and appreciation to everyone who came out to support the Big Breakfast on March 4th. To everyone who enjoyed a breakfast, bought a raffle ticket, donated money, supplies, raffle prizes or their valuable time – THANK YOU!

With all of your support we've raise an astonishing £4719 which has now been given to the Disasters Emergency Committee to support their good works in the disaster torn areas of Turkey and Syria. In areas that are now also experiencing severe flooding – every penny we can give will help these desperate people.

I've been overwhelmed by the generosity of local people and businesses alike. I particularly want to thank those who toiled in the kitchen preparing food the night before the event and then slaved away again cooking and serving the fantastic meal you all enjoyed on the morning (you know who you are..).

To those who pitched up and helped on the morning, those who helped to plan and shop, Kate B for the flowers, Katie and Annie for putting together hampers, as always – Sue Johns, Graham and Sarah G... I could go on.

I'm proud to be a part of such a caring and generous community.

Thank you.

Nellie

***Notice, unclaimed prize by May Collins who won the Afternoon Tea for 2 at Burgh Island Hotel. If anyone knows May, please ask her to get in touch. ***

St Peter's Church, Ugborough- Sue Johns

Mothering Sunday in March saw an informal service, where all ages celebrated our mothers. Thanks to all those who donated flowers, which were put together into posies for distribution around and about.

As I write we are looking forward to hosting The Friends of Ugborough School's Easter Tea on March 28th. It will be great too, to see more of the children's Art Work brightening up the church! There will be an Extra Special Coffee Morning alongside the Post Office on Maundy Thursday, 6th April, at St Peter's 10.30 – 12; with a cake stall and Seasonal Fun Stalls with Prizes run by the children.

April sees the Easter Celebrations of course – with special Mission Community services through Holy Week (details will be circulated by the Bugle and displayed in the church porch).

There will be a Eucharist on Easter Sunday, April 9th, led by David Sayle – where there will be something for everyone!

Advanced warning of our Annual Farmhouse Lunch at Dunwell Farm on Wednesday May 3rd 12 – 2 in aid of Church Funds. Save the Date!

Oh, and just in case you haven't heard..... The Big Breakfast raised a massive total of £4,719 for the DEC Earthquake Appeal. **Huge thanks to Nellie Dadge and her AMAZING Team!**

Ceremonial Flying of the Flag

April 9th

King and Queen Consort's Anniversary

April 23rd

St. George's Day

April 23rd

Birthday of Prince Louis of Wales



Church Spring Clean *Sue and Jane*- May we prevail upon you once again to give some time to helping with the Church Spring Clean so that it looks all fresh and sparkly for Easter?

Saturday, 1st April (no it's NOT an April Fool!) from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Tea/coffee and flapjacks supplied. Bring your own utensils if you wish (make sure you mark them with your name) there are several brooms, mops and the like in the church to use. Cleaning products supplied.

Of particular use are handheld vacuum cleaners, if you have one, please bring it along if you wouldn't mind using it in the Church.

Any time you can spare would be so much appreciated, even half an hour would be great, stay as long as you can spare. With very many thanks in anticipation!

What are the differences between Real Bread and Supermarket bread? – *Juliet Collis*

The main differences between the breads are flavour, time and ingredients. The Real Bread Campaign define Real Bread as being made without chemical raising agents or any other additives. Real Bread is made slowly with only flour, water, salt and either leaven (e.g. sourdough starter) or yeast which is additive free. In contrast, 80% of UK bread (as at 2009) is produced using the Chorleywood bread process which was developed in 1961. This is a method of 'efficient' dough production which uses considerably more yeast, added fats, a cocktail of artificial additives ('processing aids') and high-speed mixing to allow the dough to be made with lower-protein wheat in a much shorter time, typically 3½ hours, including cooling, slicing and packaging.

Although there has been limited scientific research, it is generally considered that Real Bread tastes better and is more nutritious and healthy to eat. In comparison the supermarket loaves can affect people due to the artificial ingredients, additional yeast and the fast process which releases gluten very quickly and can exacerbate gluten intolerance.

As a Microbaker, I make traditional Real Bread, using organic flour and either a sourdough starter or organic yeast. For a yeasted bread, I start on a Thursday morning making a pre-ferment, which turns after a few hours into an elastic-like dough, which is then mixed with organic flour, salt, water and yeast. Once the ingredients are mixed together, the dough is kneaded for 10 seconds, followed by a 10 minute rest, which is then repeated three times. The dough is then transferred into a large tub and is then stretched and folded every 30 minutes for 3-4 hours, which is referred to as bulk fermentation. It then gets put into large containers and kept in the fridge for 24 hours after which it is divided and shaped into rounds or put into tins and placed back in the fridge.

On a USS morning the alarm goes at 4.55 am, the bread oven hopefully having just come up to temperature, so that it is ready for the dough. The dough is put in straight from the fridge and the oven is sprayed with water, so as to create steam to prevent a crust from forming while the dough rises. After 20 minutes, the steam vents are opened, so that the steam can escape and a crust can form. Once the bread is cooked and then cooled, it is ready to be bagged and taken to USS!

If anyone would like to try their hand at making Real Bread, I can help out with information and recipes which really work. We had an active Sourdough community in Ugborough during Lockdown which made some fantastic bread and are continuing to do so.

Please come and say hello at USS.

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays – Juliet Collis

This year, USS is celebrating its 10th Anniversary year, having started with the first session on Saturday 27th July 2013. Since then, other than during the pandemic, it has been held most fortnights in the village hall on Saturday mornings and is a regular fixture in the Ugborough calendar. Over the years many different local stallholders have come along, some with their farmgate products, others selling their produce as an outlet for their hobbies (bread and pastry making is one of my hobbies), some are micro-producers and others are raising money for charity.

USS comprises our producers, our volunteers who run the café and help set up and pack away at the end of the morning and our supporters who make it all worthwhile. If anyone would like to have a stall to sell their produce or to raise money for charity, please get in touch. It is a great way to have a go at selling something you have made in a friendly, warm and low cost environment. If you would like to volunteer occasionally, then please also come and chat to us, as we are a friendly bunch.

USS dates for April are Saturday 8th (Easter Saturday) and Saturday 22nd, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you.

Contact: ugboroughss@gmail.com

Advance notice- Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir concert – Sean Marcus

‘THE BEST CHOIR EVER HEARD IN DEVON/CORNWALL’

‘I LOVED EVERY MINUTE OF THE EVENING’

‘GREAT VOICES’

‘BRING THEM BACK SOON’

These are some of the comments that I want to hear from our Ugborough audience after the concert on **Saturday 27th May**.

St. Peter’s Church will host the evening and I know you will be delighted with the Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir performing a range of recent and older songs.

So do put the date and time (7.30 p.m.) in your diary so you don’t miss out on what promises to be a super time!

Tickets on the door- or via Sean Marcus at 28 Lutterburn St.

Try hummin ‘I have often walked down this street before’as you pick up a ticket, priced £10.

Come on- you know you want to!

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. (See page 2 for special Maundy Thursday morning.)

Here be aliens - Anon (Name and address supplied!)

"Lie down on your left side with your knees up...that's it, just like you're sitting on a chair." Must have strange chairs in this part of Devon...

Oh look, a tele. I wonder what's on? It's a bit early for Flog It, not that I watch it anyway. I'm a Radio 3 person in the mornings.

"I'm just going to give you the sedative."

At last, I thought you had forgotten. That's nice, sort of slightly wooo but not out of it.

Aha! The tele's on. It's a display screen! Left side vital signs: all good, I'm still alive and well; right side moving pictures, a bit boring.

Hey! I say, Steady on! Looks like we're off. I wonder who's driving? Earlier I was introduced to Justin. "He's our trainee." Trainee? It's my body, I'll have you know, and I'm quite attached to it, or is it attached to me? Philosophical discussion for later. I was also introduced to Mr Manning-Charge, the consultant, a chap of few words but pleasant enough. Give him a few weeks and the beard might develop into something.

Look at the screen. At the movies we're going through what could be a smooth lava tunnel, or a set on Farscape, or even the insides of one of the sandworms of Dune. It's sort of pale orangey-pink with veins, smooth ridges.

My wife thinks they'll discover an Alien. I hope not as we've friends coming to dinner soon and one of the little fiends bursting through my stomach as the Prosecco goes pop could be a tad unsettling.

"There's one. Snare." Eh? I didn't see any bunnies, just something that looked like a mutant pink oyster.

"Open.....close.....open.....close. Got it?"

"Got it". We move on further up the tunnel, around several bends until.."OK. Just there. That's bigger. Snare....Open....close..." This is repeated several times until the team are happy with the bag.

And finally, just inside the mouth, so to speak, of the tunnel, another larger one. Much opening and closing, then something that looks a bit like a soldering iron appears.

"What's that?"

"We're cauterising it. Stops any bleeding and heals the wound."

That means there could be smoke! Will it come out of my ears? That would be worth seeing. But no, big disappointment. A neat job, however.

Then the movie finishes, I'm disconnected from the vital sign display. I'm famished. Is it time for tea and biscuits?

On the way out I'm wheeled passed a table with a small pile of books on it. Presumably they belong to The Trainee: "Endoscopy for Dummies", "From The Bottom Up: a career guide to Colonoscopy", "Polyps: An Illustrated Guide."

Back home I feel I ought to let them know what a good job they did so I went on to TripAdvisor. Typed in "Colonoscopy" and I was offered Colonsay which is somewhat north of Derriford, and "Hampton Inn & Suites, Gilbert, Arizona", even further away.

The latter is the place of choice in America if you need "a place to prep for my Colonoscopy". I prefer Plymouth.

Erme Valley RDA- Peggy Douglas 07882 286421

This is always a tough time of year for us as we eagerly await the first signs of spring grass, and burrow ever deeper into our winter feed reserves.

Better weather to come surely.....

We're delighted to report that we flew our Annual South Hams Vet's inspection to qualify once again for our License – special mention to Sophie for her first-class documentation in particular! We recently received a regal reply from HRH Princess Anne for the artwork we sent following the Queens death, this in the form of a special card of gratitude. Thank you to Ysabel for leading the team.

Please remember that we are still fundraising for our straw for next season:- we currently have raised £312 of the £2000 that we will need. Please donate what you can. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/straw-fund-for-2023?>

We are delighted to welcome a new horse, Jack. It is unbelievably difficult to find the right horse for our many differing needs – and Jack is proving to be a great addition to the team. We are very grateful to Earnest Jackson's Of Crediton for purchasing him.

March's meeting of the Happy Hoof Club saw a carriage driving display at the Brook by Rachel, Lily and Jack French.– this was hugely well received. Pizza's at Nia's rounded the evening off nicely!

Sadly there will be not be an Easter Fun day this year, due to time constraints, but we will run an Easter raffle so prizes needed please! Raffle tickets will be available from the office at The Brook. We will also be selling some of our tack and indoor rugs in a big sale of second hand items that are not used and taking up space, this will be on **THURSDAY 6th APRIL**.

Our last session this Term will be on April 1st. The Summer Term commences on April 19th.

Thanks to those who help by donating towards our everyday needs:

A few ideas: Paint – for Jumps or Craft, Cleaning stuff and Sponges - for horses and humans! Paper, Card and craft supplies, a garden rake!

Call me! Peggy Douglas: 07882 286421

Ugborough Dramatic Society- Sue Johns

The AGM saw a goodly turn out (bribed with the promise of the first showing of the widely acclaimed Video of Pigs In Blankets, which is still very humorous!) – and we were able to return a keen committee with all Officer posts filled.

It's true.... We are planning another **PANTOMIME....** Oh yes we are!

This is likely to be towards the end of November this year. We have been encouraged by a renewed enthusiasm by old Hands and Newbies, so that we dare to presume we have enough bods, from actors to chorus, scene creators and shifters to costumiers, to commit to the massive amount of work that a full-scale Panto requires!

Scripts are currently being perused – and the Get Together on March 22nd to gauge further interest was very encouraging!

To support Fair Week this year we would like to arrange a good old-fashioned concert ... where local individuals, groups etc, of both children and adults alike may come along to play/sing/juggle/act/dance, and generally Entertain an audience in aid of Fair Funds. Looking for 10 – 12 ish 'Acts' of 5 - 8ish minutes each we reckon – clearly flexible! - so do let me know if you'd like to be involved, and hopefully we'll have enough interest to go ahead.

Date tbc, but around Fair Week, early July. Sue: 07889 737967

Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School (incorporating breakfast club and after school club) Charity Number 1043499

Opening times: 8am-6pm Monday – Friday during term time in Ugborough Village Hall.

Contact: admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk

Contact: 07763 215 455

The changeable March weather hasn't stopped us getting outside whenever we can. The children continue to love all things with wheels, and we've just regenerated our sandpit which they really enjoy.

World Book Day was a real delight with so many of the children enjoying dressing up and sharing their favourite books. They continue to enjoy book club and using their red book bags so the love of literacy is always being encouraged.

Spinning Tot sessions with Jude are still a real favourite: a recent, very wriggly session involved the children being worms crawling across the floor! Cooking is also still much enjoyed and the Welsh Cakes went down well with both the children and the parents they brought them home to.

We are open to taking bookings for new little ones in the Autumn Term when our oldest children go up to school. If you, or anyone you know, has a child who you think would enjoy our preschool, please don't hesitate to get in touch to meet the team and have a look around.

Would anyone in the village (or nearby) be interested in taking over our very popular Toddler Session on Monday mornings? It is simple to set up and run and is a lovely opportunity to get little ones together, have a cuppa and be a part of the community. If you are interested, please contact us on the details above.

We are also getting our plans underway for our Summer Holiday Club provision again. If you have children you would like to attend, please contact us to let us know your requirements.



G-UP - Creating a community where it's easy to live sustainably -Rachael Tily

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

greenerugp@gmail.com

Please find G-UP on Facebook or drop us a line if you would like to be added to our email circulation list and hear about future events directly:

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Greener Ugborough Parish Event: Energy Efficiency at Home

Thurs 30th March 7.30 p.m. at Ugborough Village Hall. All welcome.

Building on David Roe's **carbon footprint measurement** tools, we asked parish residents what resources they need next.... on Thursday March 30th join us at Ugborough Village Hall to tackle **energy efficiency in our homes**.

Our discussion will be introduced and chaired by Ugborough's **Caroline Martin** – a **Building Services Engineer and Passivhaus consultant** with 20+ years' experience at the forefront of low energy design.

We'll put to work data gathered in David's Carbon footprinting exercise to understand **home energy profiles** in the Parish. You will have the opportunity to **sign up and borrow our new thermal imaging camera** – a great tool to help focus simple solutions for maximum impact.

Jump the queue: email greenerugp@gmail.com including 'thermal' in the subject to sign up for the thermal camera and user guide.

Climate solutions news: meetings are in planning to cover other areas of our carbon footprint such as **shopping** and **travel**. Email greenerugp@gmail.com to let us know your questions and to give feedback on meetings you attend.

Meanwhile ***look out for updates about a carshare app for parish residents***

News fresh from Sustainable South Hams Rivers Assembly:

On Saturday 18th March, communities and organisations from across the South Hams attended an energetic and expertly co-ordinated series of talks, exhibitions and meetings: the Sustainable South Hams (SusSH) Rivers Assembly. Five Ugborians attended including one of our very own Westcountry Rivers Trust Citizen Scientists.

Participating organisations included Plymouth University, Westcountry Rivers Trust, Dartmoor National Park, the Environment Agency, South West Water, Yealm Estuary to Moor (YEM), Moor Trees, Ermington Environmental, the Bioregional Learning Centre, and Friends of the River Dart. South Hams residents wanted to know **how to assess and care for the health of their rivers**.

Radical reductions in Environment Agency water quality testing mean we have little information – **we risk working blindfolded**. However, an inventive solution was at hand.

'If you want to look after the marine [environment] look after the estuaries. If you want to look after the estuaries look after the streams' – Nigel Mortimer, Estuaries Officer – South Devon AONB presenting at South Hams Rivers Assembly.

In a packed auditorium, **Yealm Estuary to Moor (YEM) presented their award-winning project**. Community members from parishes all along the waterway are cooperating with experts from **Westcountry Rivers Trust** and **stakeholders** from across the community. **Volunteers gather and analyse water samples**; their data guides the deployment of **nature-based solutions** and efforts to tackle **pollution**.

A whisper of 'Surely we ought to do that too!' echoed in the corridors following the talk. A murmur gathered: 'there's a meeting for the Erme at the end of the corridor'. Amid shunting tables and shuffling chairs **around 25 people gathered from Modbury, Holbeton, Ermington, Kingston and Ugborough**. In an adjacent room, communities along the Avon gathered in parallel. Our faces were lit with delight and surprise - keen to get involved. Everyone was in agreement: Erme and Avon Catchment Groups would be formed.

Linking to the work David Roe and Graham Gilbert have already commenced in earnest, and linking communities all along the River Erme, this initiative will provide a higher-resolution picture of what's happening in the entire catchment. Community-stakeholder collaborations can then be effectively focused - enhancing the effectiveness of our most precious resource besides water: the time we devote.

Watch this space and join in - your river needs you! Erme Catchment meeting (date tbc) after Easter.

Please send an email to greenerugp@gmail.com with Erme in the subject if you want to be updated on this project.

Beryl's Bookworms – Sue Johns

'My Family and Other Animals' by Gerald Durrell caused one of our best ever debates concerning a book.



The book is an autobiographical account of five years in the childhood of naturalist Gerald Durrell, aged 10 at the start of the saga, of his family, pets and life during a sojourn on Corfu in 1935. The book is divided into three sections, marking the three villas where the family lived on the island. Gerald is the youngest in a family consisting of their widowed mother, writer and eldest son Larry, (aka Lawrence Durrell – the renowned author), the hunting, shooting, fishing fanatical Leslie, and diet-obsessed sister Margo together with Roger the dog. They are fiercely protected by their taxi-driver friend Spiro and mentored by the polymath Dr. Theodore Stephanides who provides Gerald with his education in natural history.

Other human characters, hugely eccentric, include Gerald's private tutors, the artistic and literary visitors Larry invites to stay, and the local people who befriend the family.

The account relates hilarious (to some of the Group!) anecdotes from the family's ridiculous escapades (probably exaggerated – and arguably the better for it!) – usually as a result of Gerry's insistence on filling the house with wildlife; and to the in-depth detailed descriptions of the flora and fauna prolific on the island.

We all agreed that the book is beautifully written and Durrell's accomplished observational skills of the characteristics of both the natural world and the people he met were exceptional – and that's probably where the agreement ended!

Some of us found this a joyful, page turning account of an idyllic life in the 30s – and caught ourselves laughing out loud many times, (and in how many books does that *actually* happen – despite the claims of the cover blurb?); some accepted much of the humour as tongue in cheek and that the content completely acceptable as it was very much 'of its time'.

Others found the characters ridiculous, seeing the mother as much maligned, the sarcasm of Larry spiteful and the descriptions of Leslie's hunting experiences abhorrent.

Some found they were completely captivated by the detailed imagery of the natural world, while others found it tedious and perfected a lot of 'speed reading' techniques!

Our discussions then led on to wokeness... particularly in the light of this book – and the recent Dahl editing. Not sure we came to any final conclusions – but we did all concur we had a great evening!

The score was just under 4.

Thanks to Sharon for her hospitality.

And for something completely different; next month's Book is 'The Burgess Boys' by Elizabeth Strout.

Ladies' Lunch Pat Stephens

The date for the next lunch is Wednesday 17th May at The Ship, Ugborough for 12 noon.

Contact Pat Stephens 07704 113837 to book.

Historical Nugget: Gareth 'Taff' Jones

29th April 1980 - The director, Alfred Hitchcock, died. (He was born in Leytonstone then part of Essex in 1899)

Hitchcock became known as the master of suspense and was famous for his cameo appearance in many of his films. His first film was a silent German/British movie, *The Pleasure Garden*, released in 1925. His first successful film released in 1927, *The Lodger: A story of the London fog*, helped establish the thriller genre. The first talkie Hitchcock directed was, *Blackmail*, released in 1929.

During Hitchcock's long career he directed many movies considered among the greatest British films ever produced, such examples as *The 39 Steps* (1935) and *The Lady Vanishes* (1938). In 1939 Hitchcock moved to Hollywood and there followed more success; *Rebecca* (1940) *Lifeboat* (1944) and *Notorious* (1946). There was a brief lull in his career before, taking off again in the fifties and sixties with classic films such as *Dial M for Murder* and *Rear Window* both released 1954, *Vertigo* (1958), *North by North West* (1959) - my favourite Hitchcock film - possibly his most famous film, *Psycho* (1960) and *The Birds* (1963). Hitchcock's trick was in his use of editing which turned the viewer into a voyeur maximising the suspense and fear.

Hitchcock was awarded a knighthood (KBE) in December 1979, he was nominated for forty-six Academy Awards and won six, incredibly though, he never won Best Director (nominated five times). He became an American citizen in 1955 and died in Los Angeles.

Ugborough Primary School -Headteacher, Mrs. Lucy French

We celebrated Book Month and had a number of visitors to school including members of Ugborough Book Group,(Beryl's Bookworms), who came into classes to discuss class books and to share their love of reading. World Book Day was 9th March.

Red Nose Day- we were delighted to raise over £130 for this very good cause.

Easter Holidays- Monday 3rd April- Monday 17th April.

Please note that the school will also be closed on 1st and 8th May as they are Bank Holidays this year.

Ugborough Parish Council

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March meeting public forum

Although no members or the public attended the meeting a few matters had been raised with Councillors since the February meeting:

- There has been a warning about a spate of the theft of catalytic converters in South Brent
- A request has been made for a dropped kerb to improve accessibility on the pavements opposite Palace Lane, Ivybridge.
- A request has been made for the clearance of the road debris at the bottom of Lutterburn Street

Dartmoor National Park

Ella Briens (Dartmoor National Park Authority Ranger) gave an update on Park matters. Her report is available on the parish council website. She thanked Cllrs Hart and Nelson for their partnership working at Bittaford Play Area and Cllr Hart thanked her and DNPA for their support.

Report from Devon County Council

Cllr Thomas had submitted a detailed report which is available on the website. It covers:

- New Chief Executive
- Budget
- Parents voice frustration with Children's Services
- New photo ID rules for voters

Report from South Hams District Council (Cllrs Tom Holway and Vic Abbott)

The full report is available on the website. It covers:

- Waste Disposal and Recycling
- Wild About Devon Grants
- The coming elections

Planning

1. We considered 3 planning applications:

a) 0506/23/VAR Ms Dominique Perry - Dom's Equestrian Application for variation of conditions 3 (use of development) & 4 (use of manege (retrospective)) of planning consent 2188/19/VAR Land At SX 666 559 Upper Lordswood Stables Ugborough Ivybridge - We do not object to this application but have asked SHDC to consider how the number of horses and vehicles coming to the site can be restricted to avoid traffic congestion on the narrow lane.

b) 0391/23/FUL Mr W Thomas Erection of 20 ground mounted Solar Panels on one frame Land At Sx 661 550 Bittaford - Support

c) 0507/23/HHO Mr & Mrs Andrew & Isobel Hamilton Householder application for first floor extension Palk Cottage Ware Hill Ugborough PL21 0NZ - Support – This application came in after publication of the agenda and comments are requested prior to the next meeting.

2. Over the last month we have received 2 notifications of planning decisions made by South Hams District Council and Dartmoor National Park Authority:

a) Erection of detached bungalow with parking, 5, Beacon Terrace, Wrangaton, South Brent, Devon, TQ10 9HD – Refused

b) 0330/23/TEX T1: Monterey Pine - Fell due to tree being diseased and very dangerous Ivybridge Railway Station, Ivybridge, PL21 0QR – Exemption granted and work allowed

3. We have received a reply from Dartmoor National Park regarding the status of Wrangaton with regards to planning regulations. The full response from DNP can be seen on our website. An extract:

Whilst it is acknowledged that Wrangaton is strategically well located, it is itself poorly served and there are currently not considered to be services and facilities within the settlement which would reasonably justify its elevation to a classified settlement. It is acknowledged that there is a permission (to the south of the road, outside the National Park) for a small residential development including a community shop. Were this to be implemented, including the shop, DNPA could review the status of Wrangaton in the future.

Finance

We reviewed our burial fees, and it was agreed to increase by 5% rounding down to the nearest £5 where appropriate. The new charges (taking effect from 1st April 2023) can be seen on our website.

Parish walking maps

We aim to produce 7 leaflets promoting our wonderful local footpaths and these will be paid for with the grant funding we receive from Devon County Council through the Parish Paths Partnership arrangement to look after the footpaths. We will also be seeking local sponsorship
Climate Emergency

1. A meeting is planned with GUP after the Easter Holidays to take ideas forward in partnership – our focus is transport, energy reduction in homes and widening awareness and participation in initiatives
2. We are delighted to grant fund Sustainable South Hams with £50 towards the Rivers Assembly on 18th March.

Parish Council Assets

1. Bittaford Bus Shelter

Thank you to everyone who has commented on the proposal for the community project led by our Ukrainian guests to decorate the shelter. We support the option to focus on the interior and will agree funding when a detailed proposal is received.

2. Bittaford Play Park

We hope that the new accessible picnic bench and new gates will be installed soon. We are very pleased to have finally received an affordable quote for the installation of a nest swing to replace the existing structure which is in very poor repair. We hope this will be in place for the summer. We are applying to South Hams District Council for grant funding for the wild seed planting in the Bittaford Play Area (in partnership with GUP) and look forward to this project coming to fruition.

3. Tree Planting

The silver birch Landmark Tree gifted from Devon Wildlife Trust will be planted in the Burial Ground

Highways & Rights of Way

A few of us met with our Devon County Highways engineer and Cllr Thomas at Beacon View junction (Bittaford) last week. We looked at various options to ease the difficulties presented to residents exiting the blind junction onto the B3213 and we have decided to erect a large warning sign with a yellow back plate either side of the road approaching the junction on the approach from Ivybridge and, when our Vehicle Activated Speed camera has been repaired, to temporarily install it at the junction in order to monitor traffic coming in both directions.

School Field

We have still not received communication from the school and will chase one more time.

Dates of next meetings:

Monday 3rd April Annual Parish Meeting, 7.30 p.m. in The Ugborough Village Hall – speaker to be announced.

Monday 17th April Council Meeting, 7.30 p.m. in The 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 ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk

Ugborough's Annual Parish Meeting:

Monday 3rd April 2023, 7.30 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall.

This is a celebration of Ugborough's organisations, groups, activities and events.

You are welcome to attend and find out more about all the wonderful opportunities there are in the parish.

Bittaford Methodist Chapel *Chris Phillips 07899934743*

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

Sunday 2nd April - Revd D Youngs. Communion service.

Sunday 9th April- Ms. S Bolt

Sunday 16th April- Mrs G Higgins

Sunday 23rd April- Revd A Roper Café Service at 3 p.m.

Sunday 30th April- Mrs M McNaughton

Village services.

The Post Office is continuing 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. Look out for notices in the church porch and in The Bugle for news of the Post Office service.

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

The next date is April 11th.

Sunday 23rd April from 4.30- 6 p.m.

Stories, craft activities, songs, food and fun at

St Peter's Church, Ugborough,

All Ages welcome.

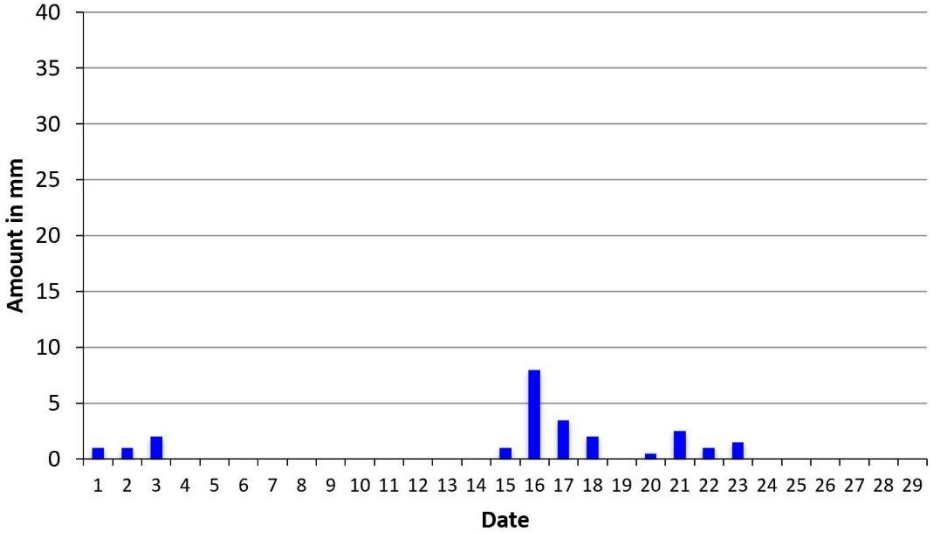
Children to be accompanied by an adult



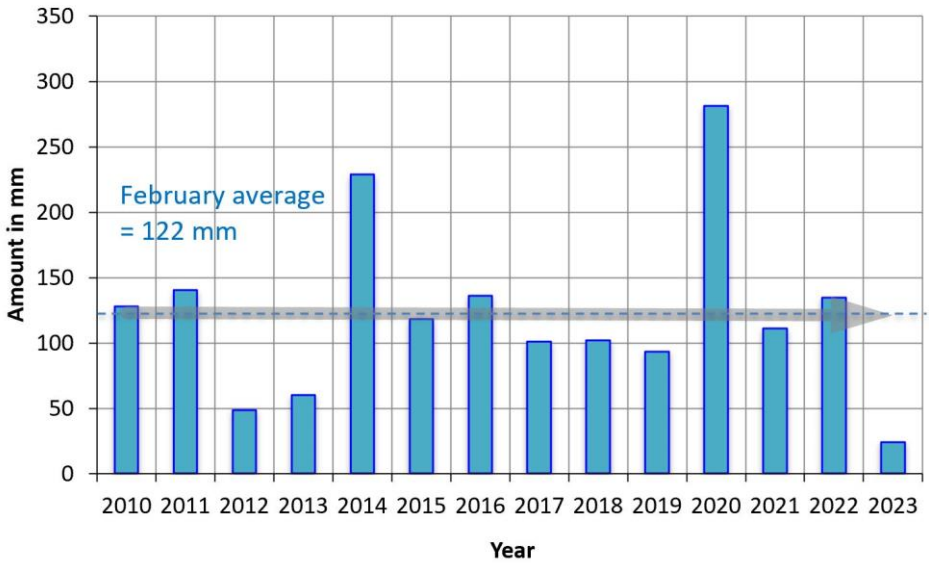
Rainfall at Shellwood Hill *George Arnison*

February this year was mild and dry...very dry: the driest February since I started recording. I recorded just 24mm (just under 1") of rain at Shellwood Hill, which was only about 20% of the monthly average of 122mm. Nationally it was the driest February for 30 years, and after a dry 2022 the early warning signs of a drought later in the year are rather ominous.

Rainfall in February 2023



February rainfalls and Trend



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 2 nd April Palm Sunday	Morning Praise with craft activities for children - an informal service for everyone. Led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 9 th April Easter Day	Easter Holy Communion- something for everyone
Sunday 16 th April	Morning Praise- an informal service led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 23 rd April	Holy Communion- a more traditional service 4.30 p.m. Messy Church (see below)
Sunday 30 th April	11 a.m. Joint Mission Community Service at Diptford Church. (No service at Ugborough.)

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

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

You can find out about everything that's going on across all the parishes at its website, www.3rivers.org.uk

For all church business and parish matters, please contact

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01548 821199 email parish_sayle@me.com.

Holbeton Film Club at Holbeton Village Hall - Harry Baumer 01752 830274

Our programme for the coming months is:

Fisherman's Friends: one and all, 12A, Friday 14th April

Mrs Harris Goes To Paris, PG, Saturday 13th May

Tickets on the door still only £4 (cash only). Ice creams will be on sale for £1.

Kingsbridge Jazz Club at The Crabshell, Kingsbridge

Tuesday 4th April- La Vie En Rose (Gypsy Jazz and Swing)

Tuesday 2nd May- Jazz Cocktail

Gig begins at 7.30 p.m. Tickets - £15 non members welcome but tickets must be reserved- none available on the door.

To reserve call- 01548 810991

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