

Ugborough Parish Newsletter

March 2023



What's on- DON'T FORGET MOTHERING SUNDAY IS 19TH MARCH!!

Saturday 4 th March	Big Breakfast for Syrian and Turkish Earthquake victims at Ugborough Village Hall from 9.30 a.m.	Page 2
Saturday 11 th March	Ugborough Sustainable Saturday at Ugborough Village Hall from 10 a.m.- 12 noon	Page 4
Sunday 12 th March	Ugborough Steepers start their work at 10 a.m.	Page 10
Monday 13 th March	Ugborough Parish Council meets at Ugborough Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.	Page 14
Wednesday 15 th March	Ladies' Lunch at The Ship from 12 noon	Page 3
Saturday 18 th March	Winter Warmers Lunch at Ugborough Village Hall from 12 noon- 2 p.m.	Page 3
Monday 20 th March	Ivybridge u3a meets at The Watermark, Ivybridge at 2 p.m.	Page 7
Wednesday 22 nd March	Ugborough Dramatic Society drinks and nibbles at Ugborough Village Hall at 7 p.m.	Page 16
Saturday 25 th March	Ugborough Sustainable Saturday at Ugborough Village Hall from 10 a.m.- 12 noon	Page 4
Sunday 26 th March	Ugborough Steepers start their work at 10 a.m. Messy Church at Ugborough Church from 4.30- 6 p.m.	Page 10

Details of services at Bittaford Methodist Church are on Page 14

Details of services at St. Peter's Church, Ugborough are on Page 15

Big Breakfast in Aid of Syrian and Turkish Earthquake Survivors
(DEC charity no. 1062638)

On Saturday 4th March in Ugborough Village Hall we will be holding a Big Breakfast in aid of Syrian and Turkish earthquake survivors.

There will be two sittings, the first commencing at 9.30 and the second at 11 a.m. Here's the menu:

~ **Big Breakfast Menu** ~

Full English Small / Large

Sausages, bacon, eggs (fried or scrambled), mushroom, tomato, hashbrowns, baked beans, toast

(Vegetarian option has veggie sausages)

Pancakes (syrup, bacon optional)

Tea, Coffee, Orange or Apple Juice

Fruit salad Muesli Greek Yogurt Pastries / croissants

We hope you enjoy your breakfast! Please donate as generously as you are able!

(suggested donation £10, cash preferred, or BACS)

**non-dairy spread and milk, and gluten free available*

Booking your place would help us enormously, but it's not essential. It just gives us an idea of numbers to cater for.

Please email your booking to ndadge@googlemail.com

We are also holding a **raffle** with some **amazing prizes**, the two top ones (worth over £300 each) being a Monday to Tuesday stay in Cheriton Treehouse on the Cheriton Estate, South Cheriton, Somerset. and a two night stay in a luxury Shepherd's Hut (with hot tub) at Forton House, near Chard, Somerset. Other prizes include Sunday roast for two at The Anchor, veggie hampers, food and pamper hampers, fruit baskets, mounted print by local artist Angelie Pickett, and many more.

We're very grateful to all those who've kindly donated prizes, food and drink, and to our wonderful band of Ugborian volunteers who are helping to make this a success.

The death toll from the magnitude 7.8 earthquake in Türkiye at the time of writing stands at 46,000, and in Syria more than 5800. Some 345,000 apartments in Türkiye are now known to have been destroyed. Hundreds of thousands of people have been injured, and thousands have been left homeless.

Our help is desperately needed. The Disasters Emergency Committee say that:

£10 could provide blankets to keep two people warm.

£25 could provide emergency food for a family for ten days.

£50 could provide emergency shelter for two families.

So if we can raise £3000 it would help so much. Thank you.

St Peter's Church – Sue Johns

Well – we managed to deliver the essential update re health and safety, and food and hygiene at St Peter's – ticked off in February when 16 or so of those who use the church regularly attended the briefing.

Thanks to Jane Johns for informing us of the latest food regs etc.

February saw the beginning of our Lenten journey – which continues through March until Holy Week – the lead up to Easter Sunday on April 9th.

The Mission Community Lenten Course this year is led by Rev David Sayle, and by Zoom. The course is entitled 'A River Across the Desert' – a Lenten journey in the Holy Land. Everyone is welcome ... contact David on parish_sayle@me.com for details.

As I write we are planning February's Messy Church, where we will be considering once more inclusion, and focusing in particular on those who are considered the least and last in society. A small music group will accompany some of the singing, and there will be a short drama to illustrate the Gospel reading. The theme of inviting everyone to the party will be echoed in our craft activities – and party food of course!

March's Messy Church will be on 26th: 4:30 – 6 p.m.

Mothering Sunday will be on 19th March this year – watch for details!

The Thursday Coffee Mornings continue to be a place to chat and enjoy the coffee and cake provided by our great Team of volunteers.

The Thursday Coffee Morning in St Peter's Church All are welcome! Pop along for a beverage and cake between 10 and 11.45 a.m. and support our continuing weekly Post Office. Please make use of the hand gel and respect others' space.

Ladies' Lunch Pat Stephens

The date for the next lunch is Wednesday 15th March at The Ship, Ugborough for 12 noon.

Contact Pat Stephens 07704 113837 to book.

Winter Warmers- Philomena Jones

Please join friends and neighbours with a warming bowl of soup and cake at Ugborough Village Hall on Saturday 18th March from 12- 2 p.m. £2 per head.

Ceremonial Flying of the Flag

The flag will be flown on the following dates in March-

2nd Monday in March

Commonwealth Day

March 10th

Birthday of the Edward, Earl of Wessex



Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays - Juliet Collis

Charity fundraising opportunities

If you support a charity and would like space one USS Saturday to raise funds by selling something, please get in touch. As part of our commitment to the local community we would like to encourage anyone who is raising money for charity to have a table free of charge and have the opportunity to promote their good cause.

The Village all is a hive of activity on USS mornings, with visitors from the parish and from further afield. There are local stallholders with their produce including eggs, cakes, pasties, pies, bread and pastries, crafts people with their wares, cards, jewellery and plants. Locally produced items which are lovingly made and with lower product miles. There is also the USS Café and the renowned bacon butties!

USS dates for March are Saturday 11th and Saturday 25th, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Village Hall. Contact: ugboroughss@gmail.com

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

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

The end of February saw the return of our Forest School sessions, so we now really feel that Spring is on its way. We've enjoyed spotting signs of new life especially 'yellow trumpets' (daffodils)!

Many of the children have been loving swapping pre-school books, using their bookbags also as storage for artwork and letters. As part of our push towards greater literacy and love of reading we also visit the mobile library bus monthly. We have World Book Day coming up on Thursday 2nd March where we look forward to the children's costumes and ask them to bring in their favourite book to share.

We also have Stay and Play during the week beginning 6th March: every year we have an extra opportunity for parents and carers to share in their child's successes and meet 1-to-1 with their Key Worker. It is always a lovely occasion and a valuable chance to share the children's progress together.

There are still some spaces available for the spring and summer terms. Please phone for advice if you are interested.

We are really benefitting from close working between staff and our committee parents ensuring excellent provision and encompassing exciting plans for the future. We would love to increase the number of members on the committee so please do contact us if you have even just a little time to spare. In particular, we are still pursuing various options for our purpose-built setting in the village. If you have an interest in helping us in provide this facility, which will benefit the village as a whole, we would love to hear from you.

You do not need to have children attending the Pre-school to join, just to want the best for Ugborough!

Final Call for tickets for the Coronation Dinner 6th May 2023 Gareth 'Taff' Jones
taff.ugborough@mail.com

This year we are organising a "Black Tie" dinner to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. The event will be held in the Village Hall (outside caterer) and run along similar lines to the dinner we organised to commemorate the start of World War I (formal mess dinner).

At the moment, we estimate the cost will be in the region of £50 pp - payable March/April - (entrees, three courses, wine to start on table, cheese board and port).

We will be strictly limited to eighty people, please contact me in the first instance at the e-mail above. After the first eighty people I will run a reserve list should anyone drop out. Everyone will be informed their position on the list as I receive e-mails.



G-UP

Creating a community where it's easy to live sustainably -Rowan Martin and Faith Matthews

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

e mail- greenerugp@gmail.com

South Hams District Council has purchased a thermal imaging camera for use in our community! As we learnt at our recent public talk, thermal imaging cameras can be used to easily identify drafts and cold spots, in our homes, helping us to figure out where energy is being lost and, most importantly, where energy can be saved. Any Parish resident can borrow the camera (for free!) – to do so please sign up for a slot by visiting the online sign-up sheet at the link below. Or you can e mail us to book/request a date

You might like to get together with friends or neighbours and jointly book a couple of slots to use the camera and look at your home's thermal picture together.

To learn more about what's involved there is a good guide put together by Building Services Research and Information Association (search online for "BSRIA NF86 How to interpret the results of a thermal imaging survey"). G-UP also plans to support this initiative with a follow up talk on what measures we can take within our homes to tackle some of the issues highlighted. In the meantime, the camera works best when there is a large temperature difference (>10C) between inside and outside, so make the most of the colder weather while you can!

With thanks to Cllr Tom Holway and SHDC for securing the camera.

Sign up sheet <https://tinyurl.com/3f9dcjmb> or email us to book/request a date

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: greenerugp@gmail.com

Erme Valley RDA- Peggy Douglas 07882 286421 peggydouglasrda@gmail.com

The Spring Term is ticking along – with the horses consuming full winter rations and sporting their cosy rugs. We're all looking forward to that first spring grass!

We are introducing a new project.....

Tea With A Pony!

A new and meaningful activity to help those in particular who are living dementia.

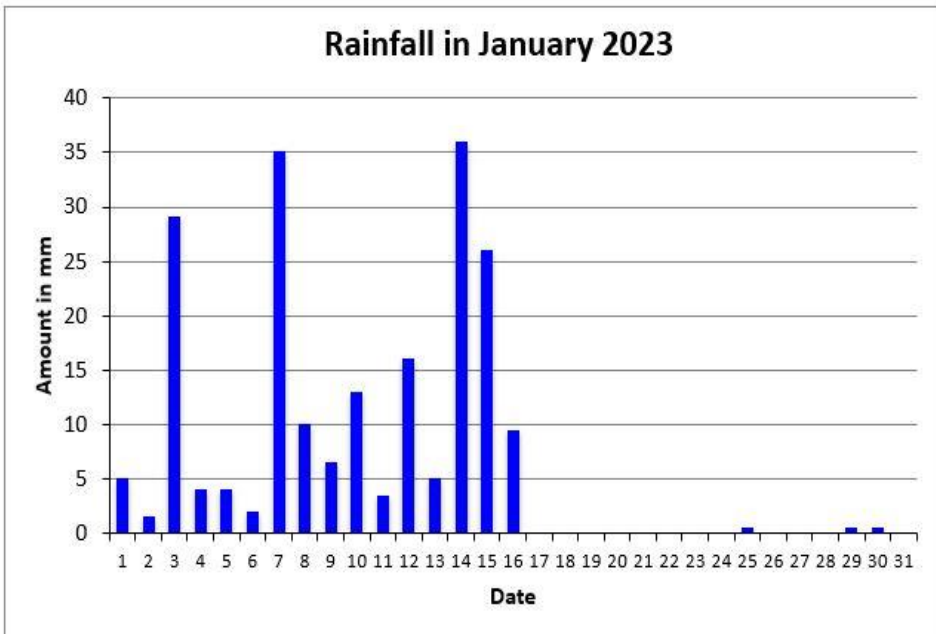
We will provide a Devonshire Cream Tea, and there will be the opportunity to meet and pat a pony! This might just give sufferers the opportunity to revisit memories from years gone by. Do let me know of anyone you know who might enjoy this experience – perhaps a friend, neighbour or relative. It is also hoped that this will impact the carers and family in a positive way.

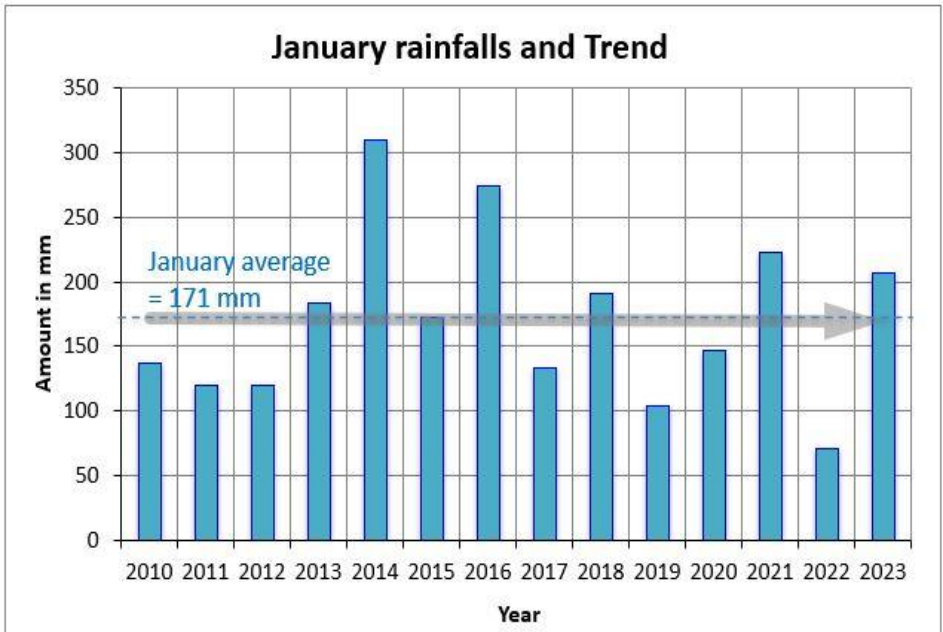
Our last session this Term will be on April 1st.

And don't forget, we are always grateful for mundane gifts of vital supplies – such as Cleaning products, spongers and paper!

Rainfall at Shellwood Hill *George Arnison*

The first half of January was really wet, continuing on from the last couple of weeks of December. The second half was very dry with a second cold-snap of the winter. In this January was almost a mirror image of December. Overall I recorded 207.5mm (about 8 ¼”) of rain at Shellwood Hill – which a bit above the monthly average of 171mm.





Beryl's Bookworms – Jane Johns

Our January book was “A Slow Fire Burning” by Paula Hawkins, author of “The Girl on the Train”, which was a runaway bestseller, somewhat to her surprise! Her second novel was “Into the Water” and had poor reviews.



“A Slow Fire Burning” is a murder mystery set on and around the Regents Canal in London, and starts with the discovery of a body. Several people might have been responsible, and we are kept guessing almost up to the end. The atmosphere of the place is quite creepy and full of foreboding. Dark and dripping under the trees which I imagined were looming over the canal.

Most of the characters are believable, and all have a possible motive for the crime. They all have complex backstories, with secrets to hide, and are, in the main, ordinary people with tragedies and regrets in their lives. The number of characters and several twists and turns in the plot make it a little hard to follow at times, it’s hard to remember who is the mother, or the aunt, or whose child is who’s! Despite it most definitely not being a comedy in any sense of the word, the author has a way of commenting on her characters in an amusing way, which makes them seem more human. However, the book was not universally loved by our Group, but, equally, not disliked either.

We gave it an overall score of 3 out of 5, with most people giving it 3, unlike some books we’ve read where the scores can be from 1 to 5. Not a Marmite book, more of a wet blanket maybe! Most of us felt that we wouldn’t recommend it – sorry Ms Hawkins!
Our March book is My Family and Other Animals by Gerald Durrell.

Ivybridge u3a Full details can be found on the Ivybridge u3a website.

Spring is in the air! Well not quite yet perhaps, but it is as far as Ivybridge u3a is concerned as they have lined up a series of speakers for their monthly general meetings which are open to members and non-members alike.

On March 20th the subject will be Climate and the Ecology Crisis - what's all the fuss about?

David Ramsden will be bringing some expert light to bear on this subject which now dominates so much time and space in the media.

On April 17th the group will be looking back into history - in particular the history of medicine - when Daphne Savery will be discussing Medicine, Herbs - kill or cure? She will bring specialist knowledge of the use of herbs and medicines at the time of the Black Prince.

And on May 15th Alan Taylor will be shedding some light on a more local matter when he puts the spotlight on 'South Devon Railway' - the story of the former GWR branch line.

All general meetings take place at the Watermark, in Ivybridge, starting at 2 p.m. They usually conclude around 3.30, which is convenient for those using the town centre car park. In addition to the monthly general meetings, the u3a also offers a whole range of groups covering diverse subjects from local history and geography to book reading and wine tasting.

Historical Nugget: 12th March 1939: UK - Rome, The coronation of Pope Pius XIIth.- Gareth 'Taff' Jones

Pope Pius (Pious) XIIth was born Eugenio Pacelli in Rome in 1876. He was Secretary of State to the Holy See, in which he had a distinguished career, prior to becoming Pope. Under his leadership during WWII, the Vatican did much humanitarian work, notably for prisoners of war and refugees. However, there has been continuing controversy over his attitude to the treatment of Jews by the Nazis', many arguing that he could have used more of his influence in preventing the holocaust. There was so much controversy that he earned the sobriquet Hitler's Pope. He was, however, a vocal critic of the Nazis during the 1930s and had written (in German) an encyclical critical of Nazi violations, it was read from every Catholic Church in Germany on Palm Sunday 1937. After WWII, the plight of persecuted Christians and the fate of Catholicism in communist eastern Europe became his personal concern. He also became associated with slowly ending the Italian monopoly on the Roman Curia employing German and Dutch advisors. He elected also elected young priests as bishops, one 38 year old being Karol Wojtyla, later Pope John-Paul II.

Eighty years after his appointment as Pope (March 2019) Pope Francis announced that secret Vatican files relating to Pius XII pontificate, would be accessible to scholars from March 2020. Covid has interrupted the study of these files but one historian, in January 2022, discovered evidence that Pius XII had personally saved at least 15,000 Jews from extermination and had also sent a report to the US Government on the Holocaust shortly after the Wannsee Conference. No doubt as more of the files are examined a better picture will emerge of a Pope denounced by many for his failure to help the Jews of Europe from the Nazi tyranny.

Clear Water below Ugborough Westcountry Rivers Trust. *by Graham and David*

Once again your dogged Citizen Science Investigators have been testing two local streams, the Bowcombe Brook and Lud Brook, and have now added the Erme at Ermington and Lower Keaton to their sites of watery scientific interest.

In early February, with snowdrops brightening up the dreary days, Citizen Gilbert set out to test the Lud Brook at Earlscombe and the Bowcombe Brook at Ludbrook (confusing, I know). Happily, both produced similar encouraging results to previous tests, in fact the Bowcombe Brook had less phosphates in it than before. It seems that both are in good heart with no signs of pollution, but at some stage the Bowcombe Brook ought to be tested after continued heavy rain to see if any discharges from the Ugborough Water Treatment Works seriously affect it.

Then because one of our team was still suffering from the effects of a prolonged dose of lurgy, on a misty, damp, and, it has to be said, mostly miserable day that Gilbert & Roe took the Friday bus from the Square all the way to far distant Ermington in order to carry out the first test on the Erme, just along from Fawns Bridge (by the Residential Home) and then from the Ludbrook, just before it discharges into the Erme. Both gave good results.

It was a long walk via Penquit, and two puffy hills, to the next sampling spot on the Erme just above the ghastly stretch of busy narrow road at Lower Keaton bridge. It was a relief to get onto the Erme Valley Trail heading up the Erme to Ivybridge. The mist was becoming quite atmospheric at this point and it has to be said that the Erme is a beautiful river - and we should be very grateful to be living somewhere so precious. Again the results were quite reassuring and it will be interesting to see how they change through the year.

A bonus on returning to Ermington was a welcome soup and scone at the Community Café and after stocking up on macaroons for the rest of the winter we felt like royalty as we made the return journey on the last bus of the day from Ermington.



Stars Tonight The comet 2022 ZTF has been, and is now going fast. I managed to get a lovely photo of it at the beginning of February when it was at its brightest, very green with a fascinating and complicated tail but by the third week of February it has become very faint as it is now speeding away from the vicinity of the Earth at high speed - I can just see it with the telescope now.

The coming month is very much dominated by that diva - Venus. It has been bright in the dusk over the western horizon for weeks now and each evening is slightly higher in the sky. At the very beginning of March it passes close to Jupiter which is getting lower in the sky each night. Jupiter is very bright at a magnitude of -3, but can't compete against the brighter Venus at -4 magnitude.

As Jupiter gets lower in the sky every evening, the ascending Venus passes another planet - Uranus - on 30th March. They will be about a moon width apart but with a magnitude of +5.8, Uranus needs binoculars and the glare from Venus at magnitude -4 (7500 times brighter) will make spotting it a challenge.

And at the end of march Mercury joins the party - it is close to Jupiter on the 27th and steadily brightens and rises above the horizon in the first weeks in April - worth having a shot at spotting them all - Venus, Jupiter, Uranus and Mercury on a clear evening at the end of the coming month.

Ugborough Steepers - *Graham Gilbert*

The first hedge that Ugborough Steepers worked on has at last been finished, so Northways Lane now has a completely laid hedge that will benefit wildlife and plantlife in the years ahead. Growth after the first season of laying has been good despite the dry conditions last year so it will be interesting to see how it progresses in 2023.

So we are now working on a new project, again a hedgebank belonging to Hillhead Farm, that has different challenges in as much as most of the growth is more mature, and so stems are thicker, which means harder work. But we will be treating this hedge differently to the previous hedge; it will be laid in “conservation hedging” style as opposed to the traditional Devon way.

The idea is that instead of removing up to 50% of the growth, as would normally be the case, we will be aiming to take out somewhere between 10 and 20%, in other words laying as much as possible thus producing a more dense hedge. Keeping as much of the hedge material in situ as possible provides better shelter, nesting, and feeding opportunities for birds as well as greater protection for small mammals. So it will be interesting in a couple of years’ time to compare this hedge with that along Northways Lane. We’ll keep you posted.

March is the last hedgelaying month of the season so if you want to come and see what we’re up to or to join us and learn a new skill don’t leave it too long! For more information contact Graham Gilbert on 07718 161079 or email graham@artgilbert.co.uk.

Hedgelaying dates in March: Sundays 12th and 26th. We meet at 10 a.m. and work through until 3 p.m. (ish).

Ugborough Parish Council

Clerk: Sally Smale Email: ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk

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

February Meeting Public Forum

Two members of the public attended the meeting. The following issues had been raised with Councillors over the course of the month:

Concern that a tree in Ugborough square might be dead. It was agreed to wait until the spring to assess what action was needed.

Litter in the grit bins – Cllr Slater will report to Devon County Council who have responsibility for the bins

The hedges at the back of Churchill Cottages are over-shadowing the road – the clerk will contact the occupants and request that they trim them back.

Devon County Council report from Cllr Dan Thomas. Dan felt that the meeting regarding the implementation of a 20 mph speed limit had gone well with a positive outcome and he has committed £1500 of his locality budget to pay for the design element of the project. We are very grateful for this offer. He had attended the site meeting at Kitterford Cross and thanked everyone for sending him their concerns. All comments will feed into the safety audit.

Cllr Beable reported cyclists are still using Shute Lane as a cycle route despite the unsuitability of it and Dan will look into a warning sign.

South Hams District Council Cllrs Holway and Abbott had submitted a written report which can be downloaded from our website. A summary:

South Devon and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership is working with Devon and Cornwall Police to provide professionals with a bitesize awareness session on stalking and harassment. Research commissioned by the Rural Services Network (RSN) last year shows rural areas are suffering more acutely from the rise in the cost of living compared to urban areas. From 1st March permits will be needed for private van access to the Recycling Centre at Ivybridge. It is anticipated that there will be a request to fund a digital projector for Ugborough Village Hall from the remaining locality budget. An update was given on support given to and available for our Ukrainian guests.

Dartmoor National Park (DNP) Cathy Pannell had distributed the latest DNP Newsletter which can be downloaded from our website. A summary:

Cathy updated us on the situation regarding the back-packing camping court judgment and highlighted the crowd funding appeal by the Dartmoor Preservation Association and the general Dartmoor National Park donation page. She reminded us that there is an interactive map identifying areas where back-packing camping is still permissible.

Cllr Beable raised the issue of Wrangaton not being considered a settlement for planning decision purposes and we agreed that the clerk would request that DNP reconsider this in the light of the recent new development.

Planning We considered 5 planning applications:

- 0330/23/TEX T1: Monterey Pine - Fell due to tree being diseased and very dangerous. Ivybridge Railway Station, Ivybridge. PL21 0QR - Action had already been taken on this application
- 0151/23/FUL Erection of agricultural storage building. Land At SX 671 566 Bittaford - Support
- 0146/23/CLE Certificate of lawfulness for existing use for the storage of vehicles on site together with the siting of an open fronted shed & a shipping container Land at SX 688 573 Yard at Corner of Yellowberries Lane Wrangaton.

The above application had been submitted to us asking if we had evidence to either support or refute the claim that the land/building has been used for the purpose described in excess of the last ten years - We were unable to comment

- 0248/23/HHO Householder application for replacement Garage Valley View Donkey Lane Ugborough PL21 ONE – Support
Application received after publishing the agenda
- 0069/23 Prior Notification The blocking up of one gateway and creation of a new gateway – Support

Over the last month we have received 5 notifications of planning decisions made by South Hams District Council and Dartmoor National Park Authority:

- 2084/22/OPA Land at SX 648 561 Rutt Lane Ivybridge Mr Neil Pateman - Devon County Council Built Environments Team Outline Planning Application (264892, 56143) Outline application (all matters reserved) for the provision of new Special School - Conditional Approval

- 3859/22/FU Lower Bowcombe Farm Ugborough PL21 OHN Mr & Mrs S Hayes Proposed conversion of vacant barn into holiday accommodation, together with works to existing farmhouse (Resubmission of 2536/22/FUL) - Conditional Approval
- 3860/22/LBC Lower Bowcombe Farm Ugborough PL21 OHN Mr & Mrs S Hayes Listed Building consent for proposed conversion of vacant barn into holiday accommodation, together with works to existing farmhouse (Resubmission of 2537/22/LBC) - Conditional Approval
- 4290/22/TPO 21 Lutterburn Street Ugborough PL21 ONG T1: Beech - Removal of tree due to minimise the risk of the wall collapsing as it is severely cracked in several places - Tree Works Allowed
- 3745/22/HHO The Cottage The Square Ugborough PL21 ONT Householder application for replacement & relocation of existing rear roof dormer feature along with the incorporation of 2 new conservation roof lights - Conditional Approval

Finance • 20 mph speed limit in Ugborough Village. Following Cllr Thomas' grant of £1500 for the design element of the implementation of the 20mph speed limit, and with it being clear that Ugborough is not a priority on Devon County Council's roll-out programme and that there is no likelihood of joint funding from DCC, we agreed to ring-fence £13,000 being the estimated cost if the project goes ahead. When and if appropriate we will consider going out for tender with the work

- Beacon View Junction. We looked at various options for speed cameras and other safety precautions at this junction and we have decided to request a site meeting with DCC Highways officer to discuss the most viable way forward.
- We are delighted to be grant funding £250 to South Hams Community Volunteer Services who provide valuable support to volunteers in our community. Please note they are currently urgently seeking volunteers in Ugborough Parish to provide transport for people needing to attend medical appointments.
- We agreed to set aside up to £500 for Coronation events (should it be required) and to purchase a plaque to sit alongside the two on the conduit in Ugborough Village Square.
- We considered the funding request of £450 for a community art participation project led by Ukrainian guests to decorate the Bittaford bus shelter. We deferred a decision on this as we would like to know that the project has the support of local residents before taking it forward. Please look at for the posters / social media asking for your views.

Climate Emergency update The group has met recently and two key areas were identified to look at reducing Ugborough's carbon footprint - Transport and energy use in the home. We agreed that we would liaise with Greener Ugborough to provide two workshops focused on the above key areas.

Workshop 1

Provide information on carbon emissions data and links to models that can be used to calculate carbon emissions on a household basis. We will be asking you for your ideas to reduce carbon emissions, what information (or other help) you would find useful, and whether you could offer support in the key areas identified.

Workshop 2

We will invite guest speakers to provide further information in the areas where help is needed and explore in more detail community initiatives for reducing carbon emissions in the areas of transport and energy use in the home.

Cllr Holway highlighted the up-coming Sustainable South Hams Rivers Assembly at Kingsbridge Community College on 18th March. If you would like details of how to attend this, please contact the clerk.

Council Assets-a) Bittaford Play Park

A new gate has been purchased by Dartmoor National Park Authority and is due to be fitted before the end of March. In return for this we have ordered a new accessible picnic bench.

Cllr Hart will be pulling together a working group of volunteers to remove some old equipment and the old rubber safety tiles, remove the concrete below them and clear some overgrown shrubbery. If you would like to join in please do let us know.

b) Public toilets in Ugborough and Bittaford.

Cllr Fletcher presented a summary of different arrangements in South Hams and we agreed that there appeared to be little consistency in the operations and that Cllr Holway would continue to pursue with South Hams District Council (SHDC) senior management team. We will now wait to get a clear standardised offer from SHDC before any further consideration.

c) We are very pleased to have received a free Landmark silver birch tree from Devon Wildlife Trust and are looking at the most suitable place for planting.

Highways & Rights of Way We are very pleased that progress is finally being made in creating a 20 mph speed limit in the village. A satisfactory outcome has been achieved at an on-site road safety meeting with Devon County Council at the junction of Parsonage Lane onto the A3121. Cllr Hosking thanked everyone for their feedback following the onsite meeting which he has collated and this will be fed into the safety audit. We would like to thank George Fletcher for his support in filling the pot-holes on Donkey Lane

May Local Elections We would love to hear from anyone who might be interested in joining the council and would like to highlight that the deadline for applications is 4th April. Please do contact any of us if you would like to know more and do come along to our next meeting on 13th March for a taster of Council business.

Have your say! Rural Cost of Living Consultation. This is an online survey with a deadline of 31st March. Go to the Rural Services Network website – rsnonline.org.uk

Dartmoor National Park (DNP) Authority's draft Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Consultation. This SPD provides guidance to support the delivery of housing in Dartmoor National Park. The consultation will be open from Monday 6th February to 5pm on Monday 27th March. Go to the DNP website: Dartmoor.gov.uk

Other meetings attended by Councillors: Cllr Beable reported back on a virtual meeting held by Superintendent Shardlow of Devon and Cornwall Police:

- The police gave support to the Ivybridge Community College following the tragic death of a student, particularly on the issues of mental health

- The police had to have a very even hand on the "Wild camping " demonstration at Cornwood and were pleased that it proved to be a peaceful protest. Just two individuals tried to break away towards the estate owner's property, but were prevented from doing so.

- Ivybridge Rugby Club is the victim of a recent break in.

- The public are being asked to be very vigilant as there have been a number of cases of power line theft in remote areas between Ivybridge and Wrangaton.

- Thefts of both catalytic convertors and also of mopeds had stopped and the level of crime in our area is remaining at the same level.

Cllr Hosking reported back on a meeting he'd attended with local parishes to look at water quality in the River Erme:

The focus of the group will be to gather more data and lobby for more water testing. Invitations to other stakeholders will be extended for the next meeting.

Cllrs Hart and Slater have met to review the Emergency Plan. They intend to run a community workshop in April in liaison with an expert in the field of emergency planning to identify what individuals in the community have to offer and what we can all do most effectively in the event of an emergency. If you are interested in getting involved in this, please let the clerk know.

The Annual Parish Assembly Meeting is being held on Monday 3rd April at 7.30 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall – please put this date in your diary now, it would be lovely to see as many of you as possible there to share your news and information about village activities.

Date of next meeting: Monday 13th March in The Village Hall

Privacy policy – visit ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

Litter picking equipment is available to local volunteers. To borrow, please contact the Parish Clerk Tel 07814849131 ugboroughhpc@yahoo.co.uk

Bittaford Methodist Chapel Chris Phillips 07899934743

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

Sunday 5th March – Revd D Youngs Communion Service

Sunday 12th March- Mr M Cade

Sunday 19th March- Mrs D Smart

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

Sunday 26th 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



Services at St Peter's Church, Ugborough

Services start at 9.30 a.m. unless otherwise shown.

We have a variety of services, traditional and informal, so please check below to see what is available.

Date	Service
Sunday 5 th March	Morning Praise with craft activities for children- an informal service for everyone Led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 12 th March	Holy Communion- a more traditional service
Sunday 19 th March Mothering Sunday	Morning Praise- an informal service led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 26 th March	Holy Communion- a more traditional service 4.30 p.m. Messy Church (see above)

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

Rev'd David Sayle, The Rectory Diptford Totnes Devon TQ9 7NY
01548 821199 email parish_sayle@me.com.

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child 2022 Shoebox Appeal Destination Update –

Kate Brampton

Thank you to everyone who supported the Appeal last year by providing filled Gift Shoeboxes, online Shoeboxes and/or monetary donations – it has all helped.

We understand the Gift Shoeboxes went to children & young people in **Ukraine, Nigeria & Central Asia.**

Thank you for your generous support.

Village services.

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

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 March 14th

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

Our programme for the coming months is:

Downton Abbey: a new era, PG, Saturday 11th March

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.

Contributions- Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter and to Ivybridge Community College for printing them so efficiently.

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

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

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

Your Newsletter is available online at the Parish Council website

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

*******Appeal*******

We are pleased that we can make the Newsletter available to you with no charge and we continue not to accept commercial advertising or syndicated articles.

Everything we publish comes from you- our local community.

We depend on donations from the local Organisations that use the Newsletter to let you know about their activities, and from generous individuals who simply appreciate the service.

Thank you EVERYONE who contributes in any way... a great Team effort, and we do hope you will be happy to support us again this year.

Special thanks to those who have already done so- it is much appreciated.

Stop Press-Ugborough Dramatic Society: -Sue Johns

We are holding a drinks and nibbles evening on Wednesday March 22nd at 7 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall - and invite anyone who would like to join our merry band of players to come along and meet the team.

Although we have an established core of actors - we would like to see who else is out there who might be interested in a supporting role acting or musically, as well as those who would relish getting involved in the vital work backstage creating sets and costumes - and generally ensuring the smooth running of the whole show.

We'd love to meet you!

Views published in the Newsletter are not necessarily those of the Editor or of the Newsletter Group, or of any other contributing group.

Contributions are published at the Editor's discretion. The Editor's decision is final.