

# Ugborough Parish Newsletter

## July/August 2024



### What's on

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| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July   | GUp meeting about the future of the public toilets Ugborough Village Hall at 7 p.m.                             | Page 7            |
| Fridays 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> July   | Chair exercise class at Ugborough Village Hall 1.30- 2.30 p.m.  | Page 4            |
| <p>*****<b>From Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July Ugborough Fair week.</b>*****</p> <p>Many events starting with the <b>Concert on 6<sup>th</sup> July</b> and ending with <b>The Fair on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>.<br/>See pages 2, 3 and 16 for full details.</p> |   |                   |
| Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> July  | Garden Party at Bittaford Methodist Chapel from 2-5 p.m.  | Page 13           |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July  | Ladies' lunch at The Ship from 12 noon<br>Ugborough Parish Council meets at Ugborough Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. | Page 5<br>Page 12 |
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## Ugborough Fair- Deborah Cole

Fair Week is almost here! Look out for the Ugborough Fair flyer to be delivered to your door for more info or find us on the Ugborough Fair Facebook page: [facebook.com/traditionalvillagefair](https://www.facebook.com/traditionalvillagefair)

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July** - Fair Concert – 7 p.m. in the Church

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July** - Dog Show - 12:30 on the Church green for dog training demonstration, showing classes start at 1.30 p.m.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July** - Pizza & Prosecco - 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. on the Church green

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** - Quiz Night - doors open at 7.15 p.m. for 7.45 p.m. start in the village hall

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July** - 5k Fun Run & Treasure Hunt - Treasure Hunt at 3.30 p.m. Fun Run warm-up at 5.45 p.m. for 6 p.m. start in the square. Please register in advance at [www.dkms.org.uk/get-involved/events/mission-5k-2024](http://www.dkms.org.uk/get-involved/events/mission-5k-2024)

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July** - Land Rover Rally - meet at 6 p.m. in the Donkey Lane field

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July** - Fair Day! The action starts at 2 p.m. Stalls, games, great food, local beers and ciders, live music, sheaf tossing...

### **Can you lend a hand?**

Thank you to everyone that helps to make fair week happen. We're looking for volunteers to help on Fair Day, if you can spare just half an hour to help it would be much appreciated as it is only a success if we get the support from everyone in the village. If you can help with set-up, please arrive in Ugborough Square from 9.30am on 13<sup>th</sup> July. Any help throughout the day will be rewarded with a token for the bar!

**If you normally park in the square there will be alternative parking provided in the field on Donkey Lane. Please make sure you have moved your car on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July as the set up in the square will start early on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>.**

### Village Cake Stall at Ugborough Fair - Val Holman, 07881 944390

It is nearly time for our wonderful village fair, which means we are looking for cakes to sell to raise funds. Flo Crossman and I will be in full baking mode making cakes, scones, biscuits and other favourites, and we would welcome donations of cakes and goodies from all you lovely bakers out there to help fill the stall. So please dust off your aprons, rev up your mixers, and get baking!! You have been such generous bakers and donators over the years, and we hope you will be again this year.

It is really helpful if you can deliver your goodies to Flo at 24 Fore Street, or Val at 26 Fore Street, on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> or Friday 12<sup>th</sup>. This gives us a chance to price the cakes and get them ready for sale on Fair Day. Thank you for your help.

### Ceremonial Flying of the Flag

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

**July 17<sup>th</sup>**

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Ugborough Fair Day*

*Birthday of Queen Camilla*

*Birthday of Prince George of Wales*



### **Ugborough Fun Run 2024 - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

It's back for the third year running, pardon the pun! Early entry is advised to avoid disappointment.

Date: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Where:

Run at any time on the 10<sup>th</sup> July wherever you are in the world, virtually if you're not able to join us in person.

OR join us live at Ugborough Square, Devon to walk, jog, or run around the beautiful Ugborough Lanes

Pasty and a Pint / Pimms / Soft drink awarded to all finishers who take part in person, kindly sponsored by the Anchor Inn Ugborough

Prizes for best fancy dress and raffle to be hosted on race day.

Cross the finish line with the amazing feeling of knowing you have helped to add more potential lifesavers to the blood stem cell register as all funds raised will go to @dkms\_uk, the Blood Cancer Charity.

Full details and registrations can be found here: <https://www.dkms.org.uk/get-involved/events/mission-5k-2024>

**If you'd like to support the event by means of volunteering, donating a raffle prize or if your company would like to sponsor the event, please do get in touch via [Claire](mailto:claire@womanonamissioncoaching.com)**

### **St Peter's Church – Sue Johns**

**Gift Day** If you would like to help towards the costs of the upkeep and work of this fine building, it's not too late to donate!

If you would prefer that your contribution was restricted to the Fabric Fund, please just Ref Gift Day Fabric – and it will be used for building work only. Your gift will be very gratefully received!

Cash or Cheque made payable to the PCC of Ugborough: given to anyone connected to the church, or via the Offertory Box to the left of the Main Door, or by post to Sue Johns, Dunwell Farm, Ugborough, PL210HL.

By Bacs: Lloyds Bank, Parochial Church Council of Ugborough

Sort Code 30-94-58 Account Number 00096503 Ref Gift Day.

By QR Code with a Smartphone – Code available in Church.

Thank you!

We are looking forward to hosting this year's **Fair Concert** for Fair Week on Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup>. A showcase of local talent not to be missed! Tickets £5 on the door: U16 free. There will be a licensed Bar and Raffle.

Similarly, the Church will be packed no doubt when the Fair Teas are served from the church kitchen once more. Such a useful space in July, be it too hot, too wet or just indifferent outside!

Special shout out for Messy Church this month as we will be Going Wild with an outdoor fun afternoon on Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup>  
N.B. There will be no Messy Church in August.

### **USS- Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays - Juliet Collis**

The USS date for July is **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July** from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the village hall. Please note that there will be a 3-week gap from the previous USS on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June, as Ugborough Fair will be on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July. A number of the USS stall holders will be at the Fair, so please do go and say hello to them.

The USS team will then have a summer break and will be back again in September.

#### **Student volunteering opportunity**

USS provides a volunteering opportunity for students to help out at USS on alternate Saturday mornings. Duties include helping set up the hall at 9am and then assisting in the café. If anyone is interested or would like further information, then please email us at [ugboroughss@gmail.com](mailto:ugboroughss@gmail.com)

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.

Hand gel is available and respect others' space.

### **The Ugborough Chair Exercise Group**

The Ugborough Chair Exercise Group is holding three classes in July on Friday afternoons, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July from 1.30 p.m. until 2.30 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall, ahead of a Summer break. All are welcome to attend the classes, led by Michelle, Sine and Kyra, all experienced physiotherapists, who take us through a variety of exercises particularly suitable for older people, and for those who find conventional exercise classes too demanding. Michelle, Sine and Kyra take particular care in giving us a programme which is designed to exercise all parts of the body to help in our daily living, such as walking, balancing, reaching, standing, sitting, and which also helps our general wellbeing. The classes take place in a relaxed atmosphere and are great fun. If you would like to join us for a taster session, we would be very happy to see you. Come along at about twenty past one on one of the Friday afternoons so we can book you in, and the physiotherapist can discuss with you your particular needs. Each class cost the participants £5, to help pay for the physiotherapists' fees and the hire of the Village Hall.

There will be a break for the Summer Holidays, and we hope to resume after the holidays in mid-September. Watch out for an announcement in September's Newsletter. Enquiries about the class to Tel: 01752 691654 or E-mail: [povey.ann@googlemail.com](mailto:povey.ann@googlemail.com)

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

Our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fundraiser has raised nearly £5000 so far! What an incredible effort! A huge well done to all who have taken part thus far.... And it's not too late to help the Group – just let us know. Special mention to Laura and Sarah who have made the prestigious National Office Fundraising Page, completing 40 laps of the Tamar Bridge. Starting back in the winter they have very nearly finished- what an effort! We are just coming to the end of a very successful helper training week. Thank you so much to all those that participated. A vital and useful part of a Volunteers work with us.

Thanks also to Francis Douglas, whose round Eddystone sail raised £1300 for Funds. It's The Inspection time of year! We've had the BHS and ABRS inspection, both of which went well, the South Hams License Vets inspection is due shortly. Our Annual Coffee Morning week runs from 1st July - 6th July from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. each Day. EVERYONE is most welcome to come and enjoy the refreshments. You're very welcome to take a look at our work and facilities at the same time.

There will be a contingent of keen Riders, Horses and Volunteers heading for Harpbury for the RDA National Finals between 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July. Excitement is in the air already, and that's just the horses!

The AGM/BBQ is on the 18th of July from 6 o'clock we really need you to support this event and look forward to it being a brilliant evening. 20<sup>th</sup> July signals the end of term.

Autumn session starts the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> September. However, if you're looking for a change of scene, we are always on the lookout for willing helpers to tidy, paint and mend throughout the summer holidays. Just let me know. 07882 286348

**Ladies' Lunch** *Pat Stephens*

The date for the next lunch is Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at The Ship, Ugborough for 12 noon.

Contact Pat Stephens 07704 113837 to book.

**Cakes for Commandos** *Charlotte Walliker*

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Cakes for Commandos event to celebrate D-Day. Not all the money is in yet, but we have already raised £400 for the Royal Marines Charity.

**Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School** (incorporating breakfast club and after school club) Charity Number 1043499 – *Tanya Baretto*  
Opening times: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday – Friday during term time in Ugborough Village Hall.

Contact: [admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk](mailto:admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk) Contact: 07763 215 455

It is lovely to see the sun and we are making the most of it at pre-school, using the outside learning environment at Forest School and around the village in order to widen the children's experiences. We try to bring the inside out with books, reading, construction activities and even a picnic to maximise the benefits of the warm and dry weather. We can also allow much more freedom as the children play with sand, water and painting media when we are outdoors - more fun for them and less cleaning up for the staff!!

Things to look forward to are:

Visits to the Foundation Class at the Primary School on 26<sup>th</sup> June and 10<sup>th</sup> July. A trip for the 4<sup>th</sup> July while the village hall is being used as a Polling Station; Sports Day and Leavers' Celebration on 9<sup>th</sup> July; Ugborough Fair on 13<sup>th</sup> July and our end of term Pre-School party on 18<sup>th</sup> July from 9 a.m.-12.30 p.m. (*all welcome*).

The last day of the summer term is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July . The first day of the Autumn term is Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

### **The Concert for Christian Aid in May** – *Sean Marcus*

All of you who attended will probably agree that the singers were amazingly good the whole evening, and the atmosphere was very enjoyable.

Jo with her Modbury Gospel Singers, and Annie-River with her selection of pop, blues etc made the evening go swingingly.

And as per St Peter's, the food afterwards (organised by Jane Johns and her trusty team) was a treat.

Importantly, the money raised for the Charity was very close to £1000.00, which you will realise from any news broadcasts is sorely needed these days, with war still taking its toll on families overseas. Your monetary contributions, whether for tickets, raffle, or food, were gratefully received, and already dispatched to Christian Aid.

So, thanks to David Sayle as M.C., Jo and the Singers, Annie-River (and Leo), Jane and team, Shelley for organising the licence for the bar at the concert, Taff and Kevin for all they did in setting up the bar for the night. and of course Flo etc on the Raffle!

To all of you volunteers who made things a success, keep up the good work.

See you for next year's Christian Aid event!



## G-UP

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

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

Faith Matthews

Many thanks to everyone that attended the meeting we hosted to discuss the former public toilets in Ugborough and Bittaford. A strong interest in the community taking on these former public conveniences in some way was evident: Many are keen to have at least one accessible toilet up and running again at each, whilst a variety of other multipurpose uses were also touched on, along with considerations and feasibility surrounding these 'starting point' ideas.

Legislation states that to be eligible to formally express a 'community right to bid' on these assets with SHDC, you must be an *incorporated* group. At our meeting, attendees thereby decided that a new Community Interest Company (CIC) would be set up specifically for this purpose. Four people volunteered as initial Directors; and five as Advisory Board members to proceed. Special thanks to Vici Hemming and Chloe Tingle who (within the space of 48 hours!) had composed and submitted the CIC application for the newly formed *Ugborough Parish At Your Convenience CIC* (and are still in the throes of ironing this out).

We now wait for this to be processed, after which we hope to write to SHDC to formally express interest in these buildings. This early-stage process is not an application nor bid: This simply informs SHDC that there's community interest and - if accepted - triggers a 6-month period within which the community can come together, consult, determine feasibility and put in place legal structures for anything they might like to do with the buildings before then submitting a business plan or proposal.

These buildings are 'Assets of Community Value'... If you are interested in how they should best be used by the community and the future of these buildings, please get in touch or come along to our next meeting. Similarly, if you have skills in relation to this process that you think you could lend, we would love to hear from you.

**Next meeting date: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 7 p.m. Ugborough Village Hall**

ALL WELCOME [greenerugp@gmail.com](mailto:greenerugp@gmail.com)

Messy Church Goes Wild- outdoor fun afternoon on Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup>.

All ages welcome. All children to be accompanied by an adult.

N.B. There will be no Messy Church in August.





**Your Stars Tonight** I was enjoying a June sun drenched evening sitting on the seat at the top of the hill at Hookmoor Cross – always a welcome resting spot when taking a walk around Ugborough village. I had taken my secateurs to do some pruning of the spring growth which tends to invade the area around and under the bench but was

delighted to find someone else had already done the job which meant all I had to do was sit and watch the world go by. What could be nicer? Warm and dry, with the sun soothing away the long winter blues and a post Covid 2024 fatigue. Add to that, the promise of clear skies and starry night skies – albeit short and late.

I have been chasing comets. They are, as always, unpredictable and wayward in their behaviour and in the next few months there promises to be quite a few interesting ones. I wonder what the collective noun for comets is. They are rather like feral cats who are apparently called a “clowder” or a “clutter” of cats. So, let’s just say that there is a clowder of faint comets wandering around the night sky at the moment some of whom may break big. The most promising is Comet 2023 A3 (Tsuchinshan-ATLAS) currently scraping the Western horizon just after sunset and just visible with binoculars and already showing a small tail. In July it goes below the horizon - perhaps to show off in the southern hemisphere as it brightens on its approach to the sun - before reappearing in October in the evening sky when it might be easily visible to the naked eye. But predicting what a 40 km pile of rocks glued together with frozen water and gas is going to do as it is heated up by the sun is always tricky – it may end up being yet another fuzzy dot.

I also took the opportunity of a clear night to explore the obscure constellation of Canes Venatici (the hunting dogs) – a faint scatter of stars between the brighter constellations of the Herdsman (Boötes) and the Great Bear (Ursa Major) – perhaps the herdsman’s dogs are snapping at the bear’s heels in heavenly mythology. The brightest star is named Cor Caroli in honour of Charles II and there at least 5 large galaxies visible with binoculars. I have long wanted to photograph NGC 4163, also known as the Whale Galaxy (it does look a little like one) and its fainter companion NGC 4657. They are around 35 million light years away and at some time in the very distant past they collided with each other leaving NGC 4657 looking as if it had had a minor rear end shunt.

Our own galaxy is predicted to collide with the Andromeda galaxy which is our nearest galactic neighbour in around three billion years’ time. Should one take out insurance? The average distance between stars is around 5 light years – that’s about 30,000,000,000,000 earth miles – so most of the contents of the two galaxies - stars, planets, comets, nebula, interstellar dust clouds and assorted black holes - should just pass through each other like ships in the nights.



But back to July 2024 - the planets are beginning to return to the night sky. If you are an early morning bird then Jupiter, Saturn, Mars and a faint Neptune are visible before sunrise. I prefer to wait for the twilight after which gives the chance of glimpsing Venus and Mercury just above the horizon in the Northwest. And a possible treat may be seen 30 minutes after sunset on 6<sup>th</sup> July when both planets are just below the faintest of faint crescent of a New Moon – possibly a great photo from the top of Ugborough Beacon.

**Historical Nugget**– Gareth ‘Taff’ Jones

**Historical Nugget: 25<sup>th</sup> July 1909** – Dover Castle. The Frenchman, Louis Bleriot, became the first man to fly the English Channel. Bleriot landed at Dover Castle forty-three minutes after taking off at 05:00 from Sangatte near Calais, and with it won the £1000 prize offered by the *Daily Mail*. Bleriot covered the thirty-one miles distance at 40 MPH in a monoplane fitted with a three-cylinder engine. This was achieved just over five and a half years after the Wright brothers flew 850 feet in the first powered flight at Kittyhawk, 17<sup>th</sup> December 1903.

In the words of one historian; ‘It took him twenty-five minutes to cross the ditch that had insulated Britain from the Continent for millennia...’ Britain’s security of invasion from the continent was no longer assured.

**Historical Nugget: 6<sup>th</sup> August 1972** – Kampala. The Ugandan dictator, General Idi Amin Dada, declared that 50,000 Asian passport holders were to be expelled to Britain within three months. Amin accused the Asians of sabotaging the economy, they had settled in Uganda and elsewhere in East Africa for over a hundred years and were the most prosperous community in Uganda. Indeed, once they came and settled in Britain, their business enterprise and commitment for hard work benefitted the country in many ways. Most of us of a certain age can remember corner shops keeping regular opening hours of 09:00-17:00, closing for lunch and for half a day mid-week, they generally opened Saturday mornings only. It was quite a surprise when some shops were bought up by the Ugandan Asians that opened earlier and shut much later, with all day opening on a Saturday.

In response to Amin’s announcement, a Home Office official expressed surprise; ‘We always thought that Amin was a decent chap. After all, he served in the British Army for more than 15 years. Yup! That sounds just like a Whitehall bureaucrat. (Amin served from 1946 in the King’s African Rifles rising to the rank of Lieutenant)

### **Ugborough Parish Council**

Clerk: Sally Smale Email: [parishclerk@ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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

### **Questions from the Public and Matters Arising from Previous Meetings**

A Trustee for PL:21 reported back briefly on their response to the Aldi consultation and Cllr Fletcher confirmed that we had raised several issues with Aldi at the meeting

we had with them and were now awaiting the application before any further comment.

We will make sure that Donkey Lane is trimmed back in time for Fair Week, and we are happy for a sandpit to be placed on the Church Green

We continue to chase the repair of the Light on the Conduit and are pleased that the Church Yard grass has now been cut. We are conscious that many graves are hidden in the longer undergrowth, and we will ask if a copy of the map of the gravestones can be made more accessible and put on the Council website

**Devon County Councillor Dan Thomas** had sent his apologies and provided the following information:

- James McInnes is now the leader of Devon County Council and Andrea Davis is deputy leader.
- John Hart is Chairman of the Council for what will be his final year as a county councillor.
- Combined County Authority - this was not dealt with as part of the winding-up business of Parliament and so it has been postponed until the next Government is elected.

**The Report from South Hams District Councillors** Vic Abbott and Alison Dewynter is available on our website.

Summary:

- Volunteering Opportunities for Residents
- Voting in the General Election
- Information on water quality for open water swimming

**Planning** We considered 5 planning applications:

1685/24/FUL and 1846/24/FUL Windy Ridge, Ugborough. Erection of roof over existing store -

Support for both applications (Cllr Cooper declared an interest and left the room for this agenda item.)

1537/24/HHO 2 Park Cottages Ugborough. Application for small single storey extension at the front of the building - Support

1704/24/FUL Combe Cross Farm Ivybridge. Erection of covered handling yard and general-purpose agricultural building - Support

1724/24/VPO Proposed Development At Sx 6481 5631 Ivybridge to modify a Section 106 Agreement for application 57/2472/14/O to accommodate upcoming development proposals at the site - Support subject to the development of the site being for employment use

We had received 8 decisions made by SHDC and DNP since the last meeting and these can be seen on our website.

**Finance** We were very pleased to grant £170 to the Bittaford Planters for their work to spruce up the area under the viaduct – massive thankyou to them and Ugborough planters for their work

**Highways** We continue to negotiate with Devon Highways regarding what can be done about the speeding on the approach to Ivybridge from Bittaford (B3213), David's

Cross. The 30mph sign cannot be moved and so our next conversation is to see if the national speed limit sign close to this can be removed and / or a “you are approaching a 30mph zone” sign added. Watch this space!

The official Devon County Council 20mph zone in Ugborough village consultation was finally published on 20<sup>th</sup> June with a closing date of 11<sup>th</sup> July. If you wish to make any comments, please go to their consultation website: <https://devon.cc/20mph>. Further details can also be seen on our website.

**Public Footpaths** – Cllrs Hart and May have now walked all the paths and checked for accessibility and maintenance issues. A barbed wire fence that had been erected across one of the paths has now been removed. Please do let us now if you come across any problems when you are out and about.

**Climate Emergency and sustainable Ugborough** The Balsam Bashing group have now had 2 meets and 2 more are scheduled on 30th June and 21st July – see our website for further details and please contact the clerk if you would like to get involved.

#### **Our Assets and maintenance work**

**Bittaford Play Area** If you have visited the park recently, you will be aware that the improved weather has finally allowed us to start work in earnest on various jobs identified in the monthly and annual inspections. Please be patient with us and, if there is equipment or areas taped off, please do not remove this as it is there for safety reasons. We will be making good the area where the old shelter climbing frame was with a view to installing new toddler equipment when finances allow, and the see-saw is awaiting repair or replacement. There will also be work, in due course, to reduce the likelihood of the flooding that caused so much damage to the path at the end of last year.

**Post Office and Post Box** We have considered ways to improve accessibility to the Post Office and post box in Ugborough Square and we will be arranging for tiles to be fitted to improve the path and alleviate the gradient problem to the Church and talking to Devon County Highways regarding solutions for the post box.

**Former Public Toilets in Ugborough & Bittaford** South Hams District Council have published their notice of intention to sell and, as we applied in the past for these buildings to be made community assets, there is a special process that needs to be followed to ensure that community groups have a right to bid before they go on the open market. We had agreed in the past that it would be unsustainable for us to open up the buildings and run as public toilets under the conditions placed by SHDC at that stage, but we revisited the matter due to the change in the situation.

We discussed 3 options:

- a) Whether to submit an expression of interest to bid for the WCs in the light of a possible revision of the terms on which sale may be offered by South Hams District Council.
- b) Whether to submit an expression of interest to bid for the WCs to enable the Parish to consider the possibility of a joint venture with a Community Interest Company or other organisation with a view to reopening the WC facilities in Ugborough and Bittaford.

c) Whether to earmark some of the climate change reserve to support a project taken forward by a community group subject to there being sufficient public support and a satisfactory business plan for any proposed initiative.

We had a long debate summarised as follows:

- No decision has been made on the preferred option for the facilities if purchased – favour seems to be for a joint use building with a public toilet and community space.
- Discussion regarding whether by expressing an interest the Council would be committing itself to further action and that community groups might consider the Council were going to progress a project and therefore lose focus on their own projects
- It had already been agreed by Council that it would be unsustainable for the parish council to open up the buildings and run as public toilets.
- Concern expressed that the council did not have the finances or capacity to take on a potentially extensive project
- Consideration was given to the fact that the conditions placed on the sale by SHDC might have changed
- Concern that interest from UPC would compete with any community groups wishing to bid
- Concern that any joint initiative could ultimately leave the Council liable
- The attendance at the public meeting had not demonstrated overwhelming support by the community for the purchase of the toilets and further consultation would need to be done
- Two people who attended the meeting had not wanted the toilets in Bittaford re-opened at all
- Congratulations for progress made to date by G-Up to form a CIC
- The clerk advised that the potential cost of the project to make the building(s) fit for purpose and then maintain as public toilets would be a severe financial risk for the council

We finally agreed to vote on the matter and agreed: (5 for, 4 against and 1 abstention) that we would express an interest in order to trigger the 6-month moratorium period. (This is a 6-month period when the buildings cannot be sold other than to a community group who has expressed an interest in purchase) This will give a community group more time to prepare and be in a position to take their idea forward. We are not committing to taking on the facilities.

**School Field** We are pleased to say that we are now close to finalising legal and insurance matters for this and, although there are still a few things to iron out, we hope this project will finally come to fruition before the summer holidays.

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July. 7.30 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall

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*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

**Bittaford Chapel Garden Party** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Cream teas, hot-dogs. Music and games for all ages. All welcome.

Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m. Revd D Youngs. (Communion)

Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m. B. Youngs.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 11 a.m. D. Smart.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 11 a.m. B.Smerdon.

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 11 a.m. Revd D Youngs. (Communion)

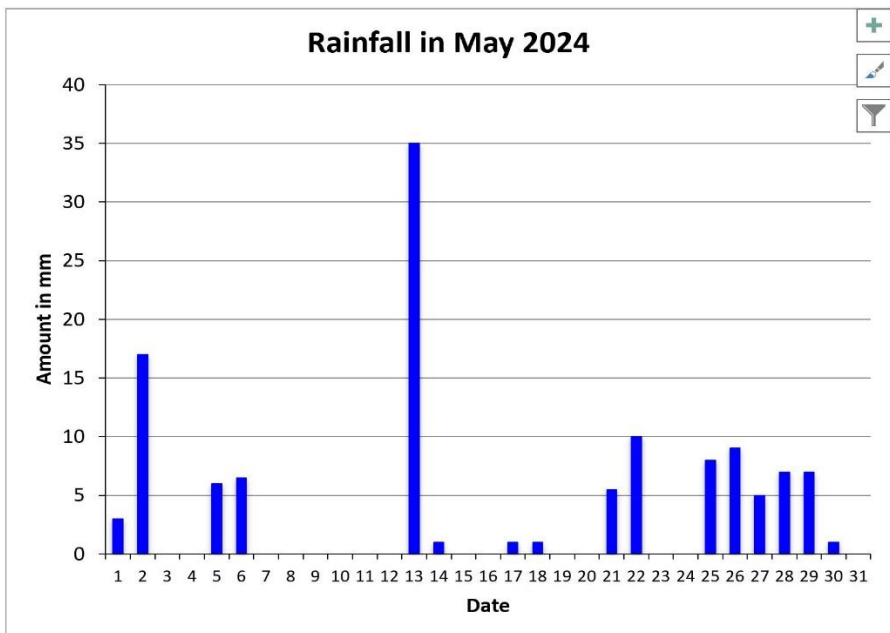
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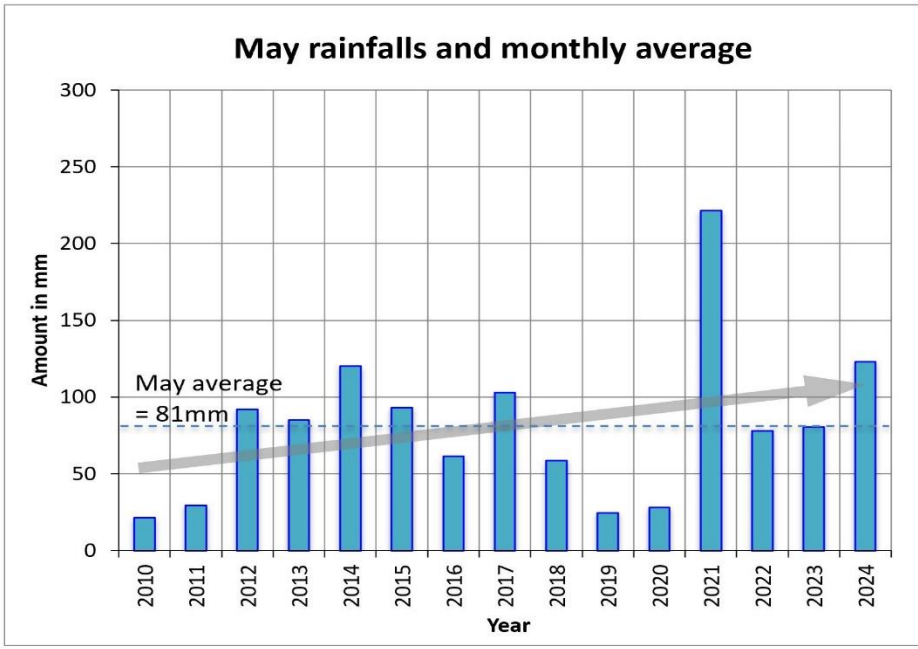
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 11 a.m. K. Angilley.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 11a.m. K. Ridley.

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

Apparently, it was the warmest UK May on record (1884), but it also continued to be wetter than average so I'm not sure it felt like it. I recorded 123mm (just under 5") of rain at Shellwood Hill during May - well above the month's 81mm average, although to be fair this was significantly due to a single very wet day in the middle of the month, and we did have a dry spell beforehand. On the 10th May there was a dramatic solar flare resulting in the Aurora Borealis being visible across the whole country...although I didn't see it.





**Services at St Peter’s Church, Ugborough**

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

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

| Date                           | Service  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July    | All Age Service                                    |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> July   | Holy Communion                                     |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> July   | <b>Morning Praise- see below</b>                   |
| Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> July   | Holy Communion<br>Messy Church goes wild afternoon |
| Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> August  | All Age Service                                    |
| Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> August | Holy Communion                                     |
| Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> August | Morning Praise                                     |
| Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> August | Holy Communion                                     |

Hand gel is available and please respect others’ space.

### **Morning Praise service on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Do you have a favourite hymn? We are planning a 'Songs of Praise' service, where we will sing hymns chosen by the congregation. We hope that you will be able to say why it is your favourite hymn (only a couple of sentences necessary!) Please speak to Sue, Norma or Sylvia as we need to know what you have chosen in advance.

Then we can make sure we have the right music for your choice.

Please come and join in this special time.

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

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### **Village services.**

The Post Office continues 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.

### **Contributions**

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The deadline is **15<sup>th</sup> August** for the next edition, please. Thank you for keeping to this.

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# **UGBOROUGH FAIR**

**13 JULY FROM 2PM**

**FAIR GAMES KIDS ACTIVITIES**

**LIVE MUSIC SHEAF TOSSING**

**CREAM TEAS BEERS & CIDERS**

**BBQ FOOD CRAFT STALLS**

**FREE PARKING**



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