

Ugborough Parish Newsletter

January 2019



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The Newsletter - *Sue Johns*

A huge THANK YOU to all those local organisations and individuals who have donated in 2018 towards our funds to allow the Newsletter to continue to be produced and delivered throughout the Parish and beyond for FREE. Your kind thoughts and words are much appreciated by the team.

We are very proud of our record that allows free distribution yet does not rely on advertising.

The Good News is – due to a radical change in the method of printing – which has proven over the last year to involve minimal costs - we have a very healthy bank balance. Funds had been put aside to fulfill a maintenance contract with the old duplicator, which we have not needed.

So, you'll all be pleased to know your next year at least will be at no financial cost to anyone.

The down side of the new system is that it takes me, as the printer, at least 9 hours of sitting in the very near vicinity of the printer to keep feeding paper and resetting the Wi-Fi connection when it flips out for a millisecond (which it seems to do pretty often out here in the sticks!). If anyone would like to relieve me of this simple, but time-consuming task in the comfort of your own home, do let me know.... But I probably haven't sold it very well!!

Coffee Drop-In Centre

10.30 a.m.-Noon every Thursday morning in Ugborough Church

Post office available 10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

Why not meet up with friends and neighbours over coffee, tea, cake & biscuits?

Everyone welcome.

Christmas at the Farm - *Shelley Hutcheon and all at Hillhead Farm*

A massive thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair. I think we were pretty lucky with the weather but it was great to be in the barn this time, tucked in next to my greedy sheep who managed to get through 4 loaves of bread! All the village groups raised brilliant amounts of money – roughly around £750.00 between them and then stall money and entrance fees went to Farming Communities Network (around £250.00) which supports farmers and their families in times of crisis.

Best wishes for the New Year!

Christmas Fair thanks. *Geraint Edwards*

Many thanks to everyone who supported Twm, Tom and Bess' cake stall at the Christmas Fair at Hillhead. They raised a fantastic £85 for Jeremiah's Journey charity based in Plymouth.

Ceremonial flying of the Flag.

The flag will be flown on the following occasions-

January 9th

Birthday of the Duchess of Cambridge



January 20th

Birthday of the Countess of Wessex

Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled- Peggy Douglas

(tel. 07882286421, or 01752 894348.)



Sian Holway, who is currently cycling 2000km up the East Coast of Australia in aid of EVRDA, has very nearly reached her destination. She has had a fantastic and challenging experience in every type of climatic condition – and only a few days ago fought with tropical cyclone Owen to reach Byron Bay.

We are hugely grateful to Sian and all her sponsors – who have raised to date £2,736.21.

There is still time to donate – please just Sian's Just Giving page.

Go Go Sian!

We'd like to thank ALL our loyal supporters who throughout 2018 have helped fund raise, have donated or volunteered to ensure our riders have a first class service; and wish them a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Make it your New Year's Resolution to perhaps give of your time and help our Group with the many vital and varied jobs. Just call me for more information.

Ugborough Dramatic Society PANTO Update –Sue Johns

We are, for all intents and purposes, SOLD OUT for all 4 evening performances of Robinson Crusoe from Jan 30th, 31st, Feb 1st and 2nd.

HOWEVER we do have returns occasionally – so please e mail ugboroughds@gmail.com or see Susan Williams at 3, The Square, to be put on the waiting list.

I do urge anyone who has tickets to return to please do so ASAP.

We are inviting those for whom an evening performance is not appropriate e.g. small children or vulnerable adults to contact me, Sue Johns 07889 737967, to reserve a place at the Dress Rehearsal on Sunday January 27th at 1.30 p.m. Tickets will be £1 – and £5 for accompanying adults or carers.

SHDC Civic Service and Parish Carol Service. -Tom Holway

Just want to say a big thank you to David Sayle and everyone else who helped make the Carol Service such a success.

Best wishes to all for a Happy New Year. Tom.

Poppy Appeal- *Francis Douglas*

The Royal British Legion Poppy Boxes in the Ugborough area raised £555.68 this year (£111 up on last year). Individual premises have been advised of how much their box raised.

The Remembrance Service was very successful again with a full church, which was preceded by the poignant sound of a half-muffled peal on our new bells. The church collection raised an additional £515.21 for the Poppy Appeal, making the total £1070.89, a wonderful amount for our small community.

If you would like to be involved next year (Poppy collection or service), please contact Francis or Taff.

Thank for your support.

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

Open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday – Friday during term time in Ugborough Village Hall

Baby and Toddler Group (drop-in) – Mondays 1.30-3 p.m.

Contact 07763215455

admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk

I am delighted to be able to announce the total raised by the first ever Ugfest Unplugged was a massive £1326.70! Thanks again to everyone who attended and to all those who helped organise a very enjoyable evening.

December was a busy month at pre-school with many exciting activities in the build up to Christmas. The children enjoyed making and decorating Christmas cakes and mince pies. A Christmas lunch and Christmas sing-a-long added to the festive spirit and a trip to Pennywell farm, with an appearance from the man himself, produced looks of wonder and amazement creating memories for both parents and children alike.

The children have been focussing on the Expressive Arts and Design elements of the curriculum, talking about different textures and materials and making 'feely boards' which were enjoyed by all.

Pre-school numbers continue to rise with new children joining us at the start of this term. We look forward to the coming year with enthusiasm.

Ugborough Local History Group - *Merryl Docker*

Please note the change of date: We will meet on Wednesday 16th January at 8 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall. Our first meeting of 2019 has been bought forward to accommodate our wonderful Parish Panto (Oh no it isn't, Oh yes it jolly well is!!).

We will welcome in the New Year with a talk on Tin and Bronze a presentation by Dartmoor Guide and photographer Nigel Grist. No doubt we will see some beautiful photos of Dartmoor as we explore the area seeing how the ancient workings for these vital metals have shaped our local landscape.

Everyone welcome, come along even if you've never been to one of our meetings before. Meetings are free to members (£10 per year) or just £4 on the door for non-members. Tea and coffee will be served. I look forward to seeing you all again and wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Merryl

The Beacon Federation - *Executive Headteacher - Mrs. Jane Byrne*

Ugborough Primary School.

Unfortunately Mrs. Byrne has not been able to be at school because she has broken her ankle. We wish her a very speedy recovery and she has sent her best wishes for a very Happy New Year.

Please can we ask you all to make a New Year's Resolution?

To send your children into school with healthy snacks and if a packed lunch, the same?

The science here speaks volumes that a good diet enhances concentration and positive levels of energy that are both needed to learn and get the best out of the school day.

There is so much information on the internet should you be stuck for ideas.

Please can you support us in this in every way?

After School Clubs

These will start again on

Monday 14th January 2019.

Remember the first day of the Spring Term is Monday 7th January 2019

Ivybridge U3A - *Jean Sherrell*

The January General Meeting of Ivybridge U3A has been POSTPONED to Monday 28th January at 2 p.m. in the Watermark

Our speaker Keith Mason will be presenting " More Here There and Everywhere "

Following his earlier talk we are looking forward to seeing his wonderful photographs and memories of visits to many places including The Imperial War Museum, Scotland, Hereford Cathedral and Stokes Castle.

See our website for full details www.ivybridge-u3a.org.uk

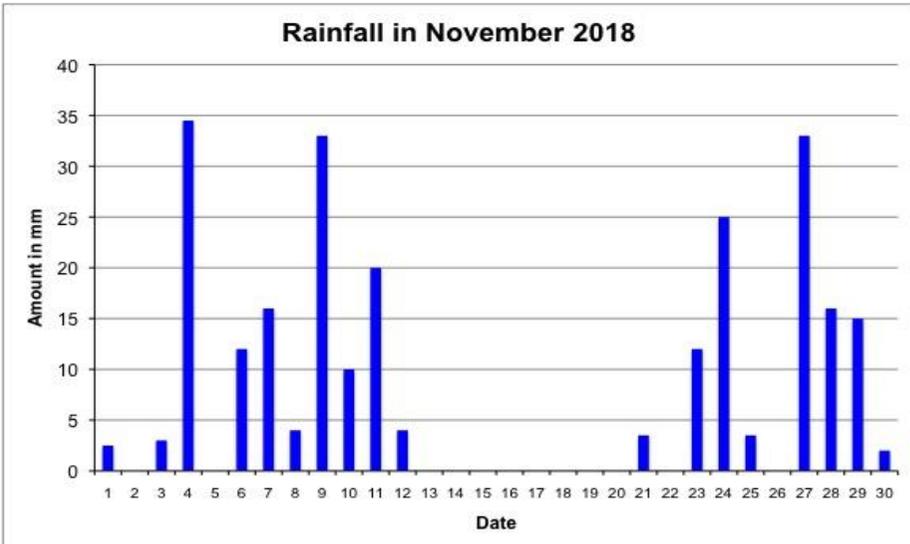
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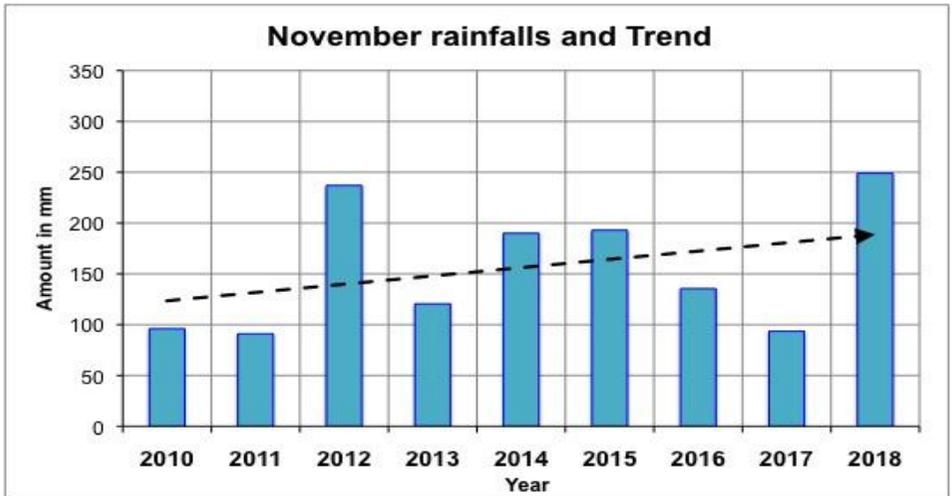
The Lord's Prayer adapted for Mobile Phone use- Ian McClure

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Rainfall at Shellwood Hill - George Arnison

November is usually a wet month, and this year was no exception. I recorded 249mm (just under 10") of rain at Shellwood Hill, making it the wettest month of the year so far. Memories of dry summer months are now long distant, and this was in fact the wettest November I've recorded in the last nine years (considerably above the monthly average of 156mm) and even higher than November 2012 when there were widespread floods across the county. The fact that there weren't this year is principally down to the relatively dry preceding months.





Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays –Sarah Scanlon and the USS team
1001 ways to use your present (or maybe just 5)

Happy new year and to celebrate 2019 we have gone to great expense and given you all a present- the new all singing and dancing USS flyer with the dates for the coming year. On the reverse are the details for ESS held at Ermington and there is parking at The First and Last Bistro to allow you to pop in.

I did promise some suggestions for using this free gift

1. Stick on the fridge door and never miss a USS
2. Use as a book mark and forever be reminded of USS
3. Use as a handy coaster for your cup of tea or Gin and Tonic
4. Works well as a fan during a hot flush
5. Plan a great day out with Family/visitors and combine going to USS before taking them out for a picnic

The success of the Bring and buy table never ceases to amaze us and during the last year, this has raised funds for a variety of local good causes culminating in a staggering £286 going to the Senior Citizen’s Christmas meal held on 15th December. All guests were presented with a voucher to use at a future USS- a unique Christmas present!

We are always looking for good causes to raise money on the table and would welcome any ideas from you so get your thinking caps on.

On a last note, thank you so much to everyone who supports us. A true community event would be nothing without the community getting involved.

Dates for January (if you have lost your flyer already!) are 5th and 19th

There is only one USS in February (none on 2nd) due to the staging for the pantomime in the Village Hall and this is February 16th.



Your Stars Tonight

I answer a knock at the door and find myself gazing in awe at a veritable star of the Ugborough stage and (DVD) screen. “Daahling, I saw the most gorgeous fireball last night all yellow and green and billowing smoke - just like me” the apparition exclaims. While we pose for our selfie I offer my congratulations and extol the wonders of interplanetary garbage left over after the formation of the nine (yes I’m old fashioned and still include Pluto) planets which left a legacy of asteroids, comets and other planetary building rubble. Around 100 tonnes of this burns up in the earth’s atmosphere every day – mostly as meteors caused by dust size particles hitting the atmosphere 100 km high at a speed of around 110,000 km/h. The resultant friction causes them to burn up and give a characteristic streak of light – a sort of “Zip, one, two” - disappearing almost before the brain has time to react. Fireballs are much larger lumps and move across the sky in a rather more leisurely way - “What’s that, one, two, three” - and often show a trail of smoke. Every year several thousands of these survive their journey from space to land on earth as meteorites. I have only seen about five fireballs in my life so if anyone else saw this one on Sunday 2nd December I would be interested to hear from them.

I retire indoors to pass on this breaking news to the Parish Newsletter editor, only to find that she is posing in front of the mirror practising her cutlass skills for pirate dismemberment – presumably something to do with an up-coming Pantomime. She gives me a cursory glance and remarks “You are getting portly – do something about it before people see you at Christmas.”

Ever compliant, I trudge off for the walk around the block. My spirits always rise as I walk along the ridge road as I feel the companionship of the ghostly thousands who since Neolithic times have travelled this route to the Tamar hoping for trade and bartered goods. And then we meet more recent ghosts at the recycling skips. One of whom found the bottle skip was full and very carefully poked their wine bottles into the hedge at five metre intervals, perhaps thinking they were providing nesting boxes for alcoholic voles. Another, probably a couch rugby enthusiast, was so exhausted by the effort of driving up the hill only to find a full skip, and not able to take them back home or to another recycling point, dumped around 100 beer bottles. Presumably they expected the skip driver (or some mug like me) to put them in the next empty skip. And pity the person who did not realise that they could not fold up plate glass to post through a bottle sized hole and left it neatly stacked against the skip. Now we have a splendid mess of glass shards just where everyone has to stand. And the final irony in the angst about “The Blue Planet” is our fellow humans, who, after going to the bottle bank, celebrate the occasion by tastefully decorating it with empty carrier bags – even going so far in their enthusiasm to leave behind their Lidl and Tesco “Bags for Life”.

With a howl of “Just what don’t they get about a finite earth and a profligate human race” I become incandescent with rage and anyone passing might have thought they had seen another Ugborough fireball.

Beryl's Bookworms – Norma Roe

We had an amazing Christmas party- thanks to Katie for hosting and to Sharon for giving us silly things to do! The food was fantastic!
Our book for January is The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls.



Can you donate your Winter Fuel Payment to help people in your area keep the heating on this winter?

The Winter Fuel Payment is a non-means tested payment of between £100 and £300 given out each winter to people over 65 years old. It is given out regardless of income to help people afford to keep warm. If you don't need it, please consider donating it to help others who do.

Did you know, each year in the UK 32,000 people die due to a cold home?

If you can donate your Winter Fuel Payment to South Dartmoor Community Energy (SDCE), it will enable us to deliver energy advice to those most in need. £50 funds us to provide one home visit to a person who is struggling to keep warm at home; we can arrange a better energy tariff, access extra support from suppliers and apply for grants for insulation and heating. We also hold a crisis fund for emergency situations for those most at risk.

SDCE is a not-for-profit community benefit society, based in Ivybridge. This is our third year of running an energy advice service, we run in partnership with South Hams District Council, the health sector and Citizens Advice. If you would like to find out more about us first, please get in touch.

If you need our help, please contact us today. A full list of our drop-in sessions can be found on our website, if you're not online please give us a ring!

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The future of our public toilets was finally decided at the December Meeting. The community had responded in favour of taking them on – so the Parish Council will give it a 12-month trial. This will have a direct effect on its finances and your Council Tax, which you will see when the 2019/20 budget and precept is decided in January.

District Cllr Holway reported on SHDC waste services, which are to be put out to tender, and on investigations into creating a Mutual Bank. He still has Locality Funds available for local projects, but only for the next couple of months – please apply to him or the Clerk.

County Cllr Hosking reported on a review of the mobile library service. Apparently, lending costs are double those of the static library, and borrowers are increasingly using e-books. If you use the mobile library and want the service to continue, contact Cllr Roger Croad on 01752 892223 or roger.croad@devon.gov.uk.

DCC is receiving a capital allocation of £18.754m for highway repairs, which will be used to fill potholes, repair bridges etc. Flood mitigation works are planned for Parsonage Lane, and Forder Lane will be closed for up to 6 months for repairs – although Councillors did query the cost of those works, particularly in relation to the potential benefit (number of users).

Planning applications considered at the meeting are given below, with the parish Council recommendations given in **bold**, and links provided to planning applications in the e-newsletter:

- Change of use of land for the grazing of horses and creation of vehicular access and hardstanding area at Wood Farm, Ugborough Ref [3589/18/FUL](#) **Neutral: change of use. Object: Hardstanding too large & site liable to flooding**
- Change of use from agricultural to equestrian and erection of timber stable building and rest/feed room (resubmission of application 0485/18 at land adj to Quillet, South Brent Ref [0616/18 EBS](#) **Neutral, providing a 5-10 year agreement is provided for a tenancy over the adjacent land**
- Readvertisement (revised plans) Approval of reserved matters following outline approval 27_57/2139/15/O for residential development of 4no. dwellings with associated access and other works at Development site at Ivydale, Godwell Lane, Ivybridge Ref [2387/18/ARM](#) Hembury Homes Ltd **Neutral**
- Householder application to replace Dutch barn with a single storey extension at Oakley Barn, Godwell Lane, Ivybridge Ref [3631/18/HHO](#) **Object. Barn development contrary to planning policies. Not suitable for conversion. Over-development.**

- Hybrid application for the erection of up to 220 dwellings, comprising the following: Phase 1 - detailed application for the erection of 107 dwellings (C3), formation of access with Exeter Road (B2131), new spine road, internal roads and footpaths, surface water infiltration ponds, landscaping, ground and utilities works and associated infrastructure; and Phase 2 - outline application for up to 113 dwellings (C3) with all matters reserved except for access; strategic landscaping, surface water drainage works, highway works and diversions and associated infrastructure at Land At Filham, Ivybridge Ref [3703/18/OPA](#) Bloor Homes

Object. Land should be reserved for access onto the A38. Contravention of Policy UG4 in the Ugborough Neighbourhood Development Plan. Unacceptable traffic generation through Bittaford, Wrangaton & Ivybridge. Excessive residential development without adequate infrastructure or employment provision.

If SHDC are minded to approve the application, provision should be made for: Earmarking land for a new access from Exeter Road onto the A38; retention of existing trees and hedgerows; S106 contribution towards a new pedestrian crossing in Wrangaton, extension of the 30mph speed limit in Bittaford, traffic calming in Bittaford & Wrangaton, and new preschool premises for Ugborough.

- Application for new agricultural building to house livestock and for associated access at Woodland Barton Farm, Avonwick Ref [2117/18/FUL](#) **Support**

A new bench has now been delivered, to be installed at Hillhead, and two further benches will replace those on Ugborough Church Lawn – once the Christmas tree has been removed. Hopefully, a new post box will shortly be installed in Ugborough, and the Clerk is asking Royal Mail to get a move on.

Finance The Burial Ground fees have received their annual review, and £150 was granted to Citizens Advice South Hams.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd January at 7.30 p.m., when the 2019/20 Budget and Precept will be agreed. Agenda and minutes will be displayed on the noticeboards and website.

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St. Peter's Church, Ugborough

A letter from our Rector- Rev'd David Sayle

Dear All,

May I begin by taking this opportunity to thank you for all your Christmas cards, presents and greetings, they are greatly appreciated and I hope and pray that you have had a peaceful Christmas. I also wish you a very Blessed and Happy New Year.

On the first Sunday of January, we will be celebrating Epiphany, the time we especially remember the wise men being led by a star to worship the Christ child.

Matthew's account speaks simply of 'wise men from the east'; later tradition fixed their number at three, made them kings and recalled their names – Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. With this in mind Epiphany is a very apt time for all of us to pray for the worldwide mission of the Church and it is no coincidence that the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity falls at this time of year.

You may have already put Christmas to one side but as we journey to and through this feast of Epiphany we are still reminded of the Church of England's, Advent, Christmas and Epiphany campaign, to



As you look forward to the year ahead, I invite you to look back too and say thank you to God for all the blessings he gave you last year.

Here are a few simple ideas may help you do that.

Blessing stars

Write on the back of star-shaped gift tags to remind you of some of the blessings of last year – family, friends, health, time together – then hang them somewhere visible; perhaps even create a mini 'tree' to hang them on by collecting twigs and standing them up in a plant pot.

Thank you for food

Even if you don't normally 'say grace' before a meal, why not try this simple prayer at a mealtime: For this food, and for each other, and for every gift and blessing, we thank you, God. Amen.

Make a blessings table mat:

- Decorate a piece of A4 card or paper with things that remind you of the good things in your family's life. This is a great activity to do with a small child while they wait for the meal to start.
- If you want to keep it for more than one meal, you'll need to laminate it.
- Your child can use it as a table mat for the special meal – a reminder to everyone of all the things to be thankful for.

Or

Decorate a blessings jar:

- Take an old jam jar or other container, and make sure it's nice and clean.
- Decorate the outside with pictures, photos, handprints, stickers – everything that reminds you of the good things in your family's life.
- If you use PVA glue you can add an extra layer of glue at the end to act as a varnish.
- Put the decorated jar somewhere you'll see it throughout the year, and keep some sticky notes and a pen close by.
- Whenever something good happens, jot it down and put the sticky note in the jar.
- If you're having a tough day, or feeling down, get the papers out of the jar and read through them to remind you of the good things.

These ideas have been taken with permission from www.churchofenglandchristenings.org

However you celebrate the New Year, whatever your hopes are for this coming year what is certain is that it will involve change. Change is everywhere and change is unavoidable but if embraced can be quite a good thing in many ways although I have to admit it is often hard for us to accept. So as we enter into 2019 and all that is in store for us, I invite you to seek to continual to follow the star and as you do so reflect upon these words:

'And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'

And he replied:

Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.'

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East'.

With God's blessing, David

St Peter's Church Services in January
All services now start at 9.30 a.m. unless otherwise stated.

Date	Service
Sunday 6 th January	All Age Worship- an informal service for all ages together
Sunday 13 th January	Holy Communion
Sunday 20 th January	Breakfast Church- a cafe style relaxed service with breakfast
Sunday 27 th January	Holy Communion Messy Church from 4.30- 6 p.m.
Thursdays at 9.30 a.m.	Mid week communion



Come and share breakfast and a relaxed cafe style service with us at Ugborough Church on Sunday 20th January. All are very welcome.



“ Belonging”

Sunday 27th January 4.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Stories, crafts, messy activities, songs, food and fun
at St Peter’s Church, Ugborough, PL21 0NS

All Ages welcome

Children to be accompanied by an adult

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/9153

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.threeriversmissioncommunity.org.uk

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Bittaford Methodist Chapel *Chris Phillips* 07899934743

Services at Bittaford Chapel for January

6th January – 10.30 a.m. Mike Cade

13th January- 6 p.m. Revd Lawrence. Communion service.

20th January – 10.30 a.m. Keith Angilley.

27th January- 10.30 a.m. Gillian Miles.

Our hall is available for hire. We have a small tea/ coffee kitchen. All enquiries to Liz Cade on lizcade50@gmail.com or the above number.

Contributions

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter.

Contributions should be sent to - Mrs. Norma Roe, The Editor, Ugborough Parish Newsletter, 20 Lutterburn St, Ugborough, Ivybridge, PL21 0NG.

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

E mail is welcome to *norma-davidroe@tiscali.co.uk* (I use Microsoft word, font Calibri – a new look for 2019! Any articles as attachments in this format would be particularly welcome.)

Your Newsletter is available online at the Parish Council website ***<https://ugboroughparishcouncil.org>*** and at ***<https://ugborough.com>***

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Village services.

A reminder that you can visit the Devon Libraries Mobile Library Service at Ugborough Square, Tuesdays from 9.30 a.m.-10 a.m. every 4 weeks. The date for January is 22nd.

See item in Ugborough Parish Council item. If you use the mobile library and want the service to continue, contact Cllr Roger Croad on 01752 892223 or *roger.croad@devon.gov.uk*.

**Waste collections over the New Year period- not 4th January but moved to 7th
-not 11th but moved to 12th**

Back to normal after then.

And don't forget to visit your Post Office in Ugborough Church on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning.