

Ugborough Parish Newsletter

June 2023



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St Peter's Church – Sue Johns

Gift Day Saturday 24th June

Please see Gift Day information on page 12 and support our annual appeal for donations towards the huge running costs of our beautiful church at the heart of the parish community since 1121. Please give generously- thank you.

Thanks to all who attended, helped and contributed to the Farmhouse Lunch at Dunwell Farm in early May. It was a happy, convivial sunny occasion, and in addition a fantastic £840 was raised for church funds!

The Fair Concert will now be on Sunday July 2nd at 7:00 pm in St Peter's Church.

This will be a low-key affair with a few local groups, both children and adults, making music - accompanied by drinks and nibbles!

Still plenty of room to book a slot - anything goes- just let me know!

Sue Johns suejohnsdunwellfarm@gmail.com 07889 737967

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

9th May: Regional Competition

20 riders enjoyed a fantastic opportunity to compete at Regional level in early May: with many qualifying for the National Event in July.

We are so proud of our Super Cobs - Buddy and Tic Toc - who did so well at the Devon County Show in the Working Show Horse Class ridden by Jamie and Sophie Douglas - bringing home a 3rd and 4th respectively.

These two horses are very special, and it's great to see them having a nice break from their day job.

Our Accessible Group continue to do us proud with their art work - more rosettes to celebrate!

Huge Thanks to everyone who has supported our hay and straw fund so far. This is looking healthy and will be vital to help us through next winter.

The Winzer Family and Friends raised £290 for us at the recent Fleet Point to Point. Thank You!

At a loose end?? Help is needed in particular to keep on top of those odd maintenance jobs, always plentiful!

Please contact me.

Save the date for our Open Week, the first week of July: 3rd - 7th. Pop down to the Brook to see us in action and enjoy refreshments.

Watch for details.

Ugborough Fair - Saturday 8th July 2023

Fair week is not far away! This year we're planning open gardens, dog show, village curry-off, quiz night, 5k run (or walk), treasure hunt, Land Rover rally, and of course Fair Day.

Stay tuned for further details!

Save The Date! Thursday 6th July 2023 ~ Ugborough 5km Fun Run

It's time to dust those trainers off and pop the date in your diary.

Entries are now OPEN!

On Thursday 6th July, we're inviting you to walk, jog, or run around the beautiful Ugborough Lanes or join us virtually if you're not able to join us in person.

All funds raised will go to DKMS, the Blood Cancer Charity.

You can enter here: <https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/Mission5K2023>

Start and Finish in Ugborough Square T-shirts and Medals to ALL finishers

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

Early entry is advised to avoid disappointment.

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

I have a small favour to ask; in light of the current climate, it is not an easy one.

However, if you know of a business or anyone who might be able to contribute a prize for our event, please feel free to contact me at cmorganhughes@icloud.com

Huge thanks and best wishes Claire, Ambassador for DKMS

My £50,000 Mission for blood cancer

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/clairewomanonamission>

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays – Juliet Collis

USS dates for June are Saturday 3rd and Saturday 17th June.

We are still looking for a volunteer to help in the kitchen on Saturday 17th June to help with the teas and coffees for the USS cafe. If you would like to join the friendly team and help out, we would be really pleased to hear from you. Please contact us either at USS or by email: ugboroughss@gmail.com.

Ladies' Lunch Pat Stephens

The date for the next lunch is Wednesday 19th July at The Ship, Ugborough for 12 noon.

Contact Pat Stephens 07704 113837 to book.

The Thursday Coffee Morning in St Peter's Church All are welcome! Pop along for a beverage and cake between 10 and 11.45 a.m. and support our continuing weekly Post Office (but please check for notices in the porch and in The Bugle about the Post Office service).

Please make use of the hand gel and respect others' space.

Ceremonial Flying of the Flag

17th June

King's Official Birthday

21st June

Birthday of William, Prince of Wales

Last Saturday in June

Armed Forces Day



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 warmer weather has brought lots of opportunity to be outside listening to the birdsong and learning about sun safety. It is a welcome change after so much wet play!

We were lucky with the weather for our trip to the Devon Steam Railway and Totnes Rare Breeds Farm on voting day. Although the sunshine was not with us, we had a fantastic day outside without getting soaked. The children were delighted with the train journey and enjoyed interacting with the animals at the farm especially guinea pig snuggles.

We also had a wonderful Coronation Tea Party. We had built up to the event in our cookery sessions by making scones and bread rolls which were then enjoyed in our flag-waving picnic. We learnt about King Charles and Queen Camilla and had a very celebratory afternoon.

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

We are also getting very excited for our Summer Holiday Club provision. If you have children you would like to attend, please contact us to let us know your requirements. Also, we have some capacity for extra staffing to support our Summer Holiday Club leaders in providing sporting activities and other fun and games so if you know of anyone local who might enjoy this role for the summer, please contact Tania.

If you want to support the local community and fancy joining our Preschool Committee, please do get in touch.

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

Monday 5th June- First Day Back after half term



G-UP creating a community where it's easy to live sustainably

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Susan Williams and Faith Matthews

'Prize' Wildlife Lawns

Did you join in with Plantlife's annual #No Mow May campaign?

***Email us your Wildlife lawn pictures, and we will be giving a prize for the best.* (Deadline – 10th June).**

No Mow May is a national campaign that encourages people to experiment with not mowing their lawns until the end of May in order to boost the flowers and nectar available to pollinating

insects such as bees, butterflies and moths. It also allows spring flowers to set seed and plants to establish themselves in advance of the summer.

Here's how to mow for wildlife all year round:

- Mowing once every four weeks gives more pollen and nectar for pollinators.
- Leave areas of lawn uncut, don't cut it all in one go.
- Stop using weedkiller.

Events - Short and Slow Nature Walk - Saturday 1st July 10 a.m.-12 noon- Meeting in Ugborough Square

Join Mikko Andrade May and Susan Williams for a slow amble looking closely at hidden wildlife in a nearby field. We will be recording our finds on the i-naturalist App. For more information contact Susan 07941247207

Moorhaven Open Meadow Moorhaven's community meadow will be open to the public on Sunday 2nd July – see programme link below for booking details. A chance to see the difference that managing a lawn as a meadow has made three years on.

<https://moormeadows.org.uk/events/>

Meanwhile - watch this space for a **half term event at Brackenhill!**

Bees to see in June

As well as the usual buff-tailed, white-tailed and common carder bumblebees, look out for Garden, Red-tailed and Tree bumblebees. You might be lucky enough to spot a Vestal cuckoo bee too, searching for Buff-tailed nests to take over. They will kill the Buff-tailed queen and trick the workers into looking after the 'cuckoo' eggs.

The solitary red mason bees will be finishing, and the leafcutter bees will arrive. Look out for the female bees carrying a piece of leaf as big as herself clasped between her legs. Favourite leaves to cut are roses and lilac, or in my garden Cercis. If you see a bee with yellow spots along the side and a chunky body, it is the Wool Carder Bee. The females collect downy material from the underside of Lamb's Ear (*Stachys byzantina*), rolling it into a ball as big as herself, to line her nest. The males are very aggressive, defending flower patches to the death, with spikes under their abdomen.

Plants for Pollinators

Planting different flowers for different bees is particularly important this month when there can often be what's called a June gap. A lull in nectar and pollen supplies as spring flowers fade before summer ones burst into bloom. Try **catmint** (*Nepeta*) for short-tongued bees, and **foxgloves**, **honeysuckle**, **comfrey**, and **thistles** for long-tongued bees. The yellow flowers of **Dyer's chamomile** (*Anthemis tinctoria*) are great for all types of solitary bees, along with **Geranium**, and **Viper's bugloss** (*Echium vulgare*) Don't forget **Lamb's Ear** (*Stachys byzantina*) for the wool carder bees.

Wildlife Camera

Have you ever wondered what is going on in your garden when you are not looking? The GUP wildlife camera is available for anyone in the parish to borrow. Drop us an email or text Susan 07941247207 to book.

In waste-reduction related news, Refillability, the Ivybridge based refill shop, is starting a local delivery service which includes Ugborough, Bittaford and Wrangaton. Delivery days are Wednesday with orders to be placed by 4 p.m. on Tuesday via the website: <https://refillability.shop>. If you're out during delivery you can leave your bottles in a designated place (clearly marked with the contents you require in each).



Hawk Moth

Remember to keep recording all your sightings on i-Naturalist and the wildlife WhatsApp Group Chat.

Sightings last month include Cardinal Beetles, Goldenrod Crab Spider, Wood Avens, small Copper, Snake-back spider, Grey Wagtail and Hummingbird

A wormery: the circle of life - *Graham Wilson*

Have you thought about your food waste? At home my wife and I bought a wormery several years ago. I think everyone who has a garden however big or small should have one. I have learned what food worms enjoy. They munch away at nearly everything but don't put in meat or lemon skins, etc. They love uncooked peelings, cooked leftovers, mouldy jam, tea leaves and used ground coffee. I discovered that they don't like tea bags, so we have ditched them and buy loose leaf tea. Ours are from Plymouth Tea Company.

As a family of two, the worms eat all our food waste and will eat more. Liquid fertiliser is produced in the tank below and we use this to feed our vegetable garden (especially good for tomatoes). I currently have 25 litres unused liquid fertilizer. The wormery waste turns into a dark compost and needs to be left to dry, before using in your garden.

We overcame increased food waste when visitors come to stay with us by buying a mini-composter. This has a grating under the food waste and liquid collecting chamber at the bottom. It gathers lots of liquid fertiliser in very quick time. The food rots down in about 14 days and can be thrown onto your compost heap.

Apart from this, we compost all our garden waste and hedge clippings go to create a bug hotel. We don't use our brown bin. Finally happy worms produce lots of babies and our wormery is much loved. That's my worm news.

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: greenerug@gmail.com

Beryl's Bookworms – *Sharon Hughes*

Beryl's Bookworms were a depleted group this month, due mostly to a clash of holidays.

However, the absentees were set some homework, with most obliging by sending in their personal reviews of Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus.



The group then had the pleasure of hearing these and the fun of trying to work out who had written each one. Some were easily identifiable, with their much-known dislike of talking animals or lack of reality but not all were as predictable!

The story was set in the 1960's patriarchal Hastings Research Institute in America with Elizabeth Zott a female Chemist, navigating her way through sexism, sexual harassment and sexual assault. Zott faces blatant misogyny on a daily basis with her colleagues believing women have no place in science.

This may sound like a heavy read but with a genius comical dog narrating the story, a gifted daughter asking questions way beyond her years and Zott's dry unintended humour, it isn't!

The group were split in their thoughts about whether the author ever intended to cover the big topics in a serious way, or whether it was intended as a light humorous read with thought provoking themes. Some members of the group were definitely irritated by the exaggerated themes and disappointed in its flippancy. Although in the summing up nearly all admitted quite enjoying it and wanting to know what was going to happen next, even if it was totally unbelievable.

The average score worked out at 3 out of 5- a bit lower than the 4.35 from half a million reviews on Goodreads, so don't be put off by us!

Next month's book- *Mother's Boy* by Patrick Gale.

Historical Nugget- *Gareth (Taff) Jones*

12th June 1903 - King Alexander and Queen Draga of Serbia were murdered in their bedroom in the early hours of the morning. A group of army officers, led by Colonel Misches and Colonel Mashin, a brother of the Queen's first husband, forced their way into the royal palace in Belgrade shooting the bodyguards.

The King and Queen were found hiding in a cupboard in their bedroom and shots were fired before their bodies were mutilated and disembowelled and thrown from the bedroom window. It is believed that the reason for the assassination was the King's plan to move the War School from Belgrade, but the causes of the Army's disaffection apparently ran deeper. There was a scandal when the King married Draga Mashin, as rumour had it that she had a promiscuous and shady past, but the King would not listen to advice and enraged the nation when they married. The King succeeded to the throne in 1889 and managed to make himself unpopular by abolishing the liberal 1888 constitution and restoring the more conservative one of 1869. Alexander was 26 when he died, maybe he should have taken the advice of his seniors...

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

We had two meetings in May – The Annual Parish Council meeting followed by our ordinary May meeting. Two members of the public attended the meetings.

Annual Parish Council Meeting

The meeting started with the important business of electing a Chair and Vice-Chair for the next year. We voted in Cllrs Joan Fletcher and Tim Slater respectively for these 2 roles

We agreed which Councillors to appoint to Committees and outside bodies.

Meeting dates

We have agreed to change the dates of our meetings to the 2nd Wednesday of the month. One agreed exception is the July meeting which will be Monday 3rd July. As the Hall is unavailable for the September, October and November dates these will be agreed next month.

Ordinary full council meeting.

The following matters had been raised with Councillors since the last meeting:

A member of the public raised the accessibility problems presented for people choosing not to subscribe to the garden waste refuse service and using the Ivybridge Recycling Centre. We will take this matter to DCC Cllr Dan Thomas and request if it is possible for more assistance to be made available for people lifting waste or for hoists to be installed.

We were reminded that the annual wash of the Bittaford bus stop Perspex is due, and the clerk will organise this.

The issue of silt build-up and flooding under the Bittaford viaduct was raised and Cllr Nelson and the Clerk will contact Great Western Railways and request their assistance with the matter.

Bittaford – Ivybridge Cycleway

We were sorry to receive apologies from Graham Wilson (PL21), but Cllr Holway gave a brief introduction to the project. Letters of support for the grant funding bid to the GWR Community Improvement Fund had been received from DCC and SHDC and PL21 requested a letter of support from us. We support the project in principal and the grant funding bid and look forward to learning further details of the scheme and consultation arrangements. We hope that Graham will be able to attend the June meeting. Part of our discussions were regarding the speed along the B3213, and we will be writing to DCC to present our support for a 20mph road scheme throughout Devon

Report from DCC Councillor Dan Thomas

We had received apologies from Devon County Councillor Thomas. He had sent details of grants and funding opportunities to ease the cost-of-living crises. Anyone can sign up to receive the online DCC funding newsletter.

Report from SHDC Councillors Vic Abbott and Alison Dewynter

Cllr Abbot had sent his apologies and Cllr Slater welcomed Cllr Dewynter to her first UPC meeting. Their report is available on our website.

Planning

We reviewed the following planning applications:

- a) 0061/23/FUL Conversion of a silage pit into a general-purpose agricultural barn with new roof over Higher Bowcombe Farm - No comment
- b) 0885/23/CLE Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land for residential use and siting of caravan on land behind stables Higher Witchcombe Farm Ugborough Ivybridge PL21 OHR. We have no evidence to prove or disprove that the site of the mobile home has been used continuously for residential purposes and have requested monitoring by South Hams District Council Planning Team and confirmation from them that the mobile home is a permanent structure and not a caravan.
- c) 1414/23/FUL Erection of 4 detached dwellings with shared drive Land At Sx 653 560 Davids Lane Filham – Support

Finance

We have agreed to purchase a Coronation memorial plaque to match the 2 in place on the Conduit and to purchase duplicate Vehicle Activated Speed camera parts to simplify moving the

camera between 2 locations as and when required. We hope that this will contribute to our efforts to reduce speeding along the Bittaford Road and, in particular, the problems with exiting Beacon View onto that road. We are pleased to give grant funding of £150 for the Ugborough Planters

Climate Emergency and sustainable Ugborough

Representatives of the Council have recently met with G-UP to look at joint working and we discussed various positive works in progress.

Erme water quality project – Cllrs May and Hosking have recently attended a meeting held for local parish councils and the draft minutes for that meeting are available on our website. There are various groups in the locality and this group focusses on the role that the local councils can most usefully play in developing a campaign to protect and manage the health of the River Erme. There is a River Erme Water Quality workshop open to all on Monday 22nd May at 7.30pm in The Watermark.

Cllr Johns has removed the dead tree in Ugborough Square and will be doing further tidying up work. We will be making a decision on its replacement at the June meeting.

Council Assets

Bittaford Play Park – The new nest swing is partly in place, Cllr Hart will be chasing up the installation of the new accessible picnic bench and the new gate needs some remedial work. We will be establishing a working group to do the tidying up work at the end of these works. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the clerk.

Highways & Rights of Way

Kitterford Roundabout Safety Report – We are disappointed that the designer has disagreed with virtually all of the safety issues raised, and Cllr Hosking and the Clerk will liaise to put together a response to the design team questioning their responses to the issues raised.

Congratulations to Cllr Johns who has passed his chapter 8 training. He is now qualified to do the necessary work for road closures.

School Field

We have a working group looking at this matter and have now adopted the terms of reference for this group. We had received an initial estimate for works necessary if the school field were to be opened to the public (£35,000 - £40, 000) and consider this to be excessive - we will be seeking further details.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 14th June 2023, 7.30 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall

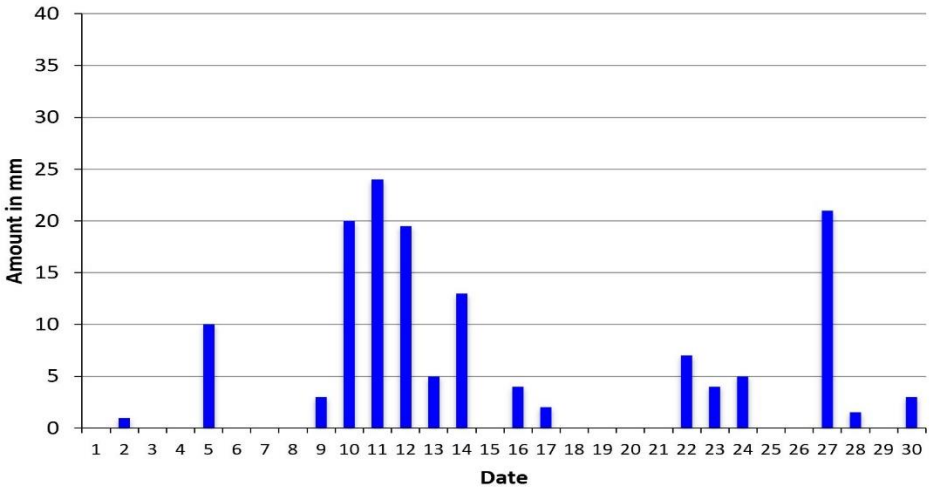
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Litter picking equipment is available to local volunteers. To borrow, please contact the Parish Clerk Tel 07814849131 ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk

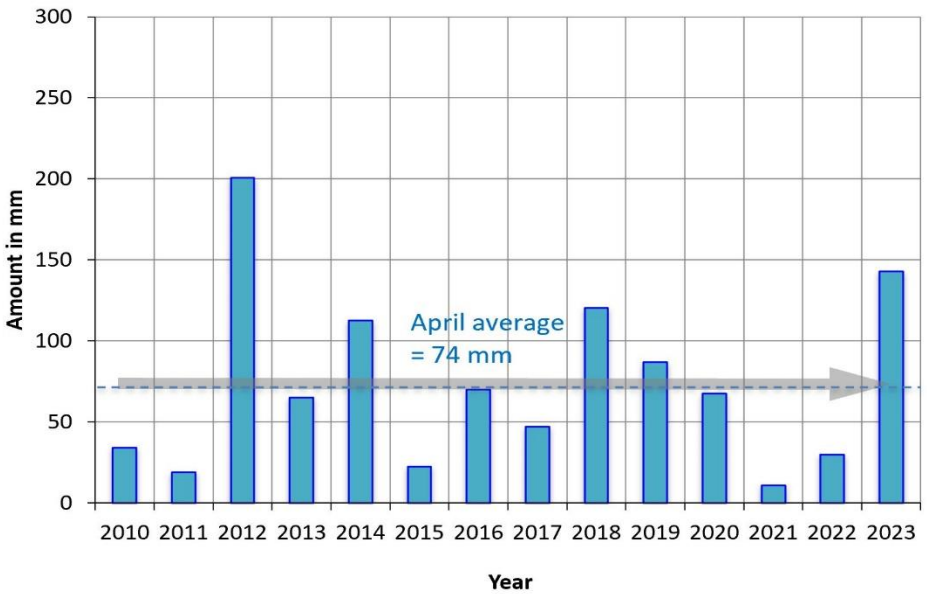
Rainfall at Shellwood Hill George Arnison

After a particularly dry February and an especially wet March, April was relatively 'normal'. I recorded 143mm (5.5") at Shellwood Hill, which was still double the month's average of 74mm and actually the second wettest April locally in the last fourteen years. So only relatively, "relatively normal". But no records were broken.

Rainfall in April 2023



April rainfalls and Trend



Bittaford Methodist Chapel *Chris Phillips 07899934743*

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

Sunday 4th June- Revd D Youngs- Communion Service

Sunday 11th June- Revd T Higgins

Sunday 18th June- Mrs B Youngs

Sunday 25th June- 3 p.m.- Revd A Roper – Café Service

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 4 th June	All Age Worship- an informal service for everyone Led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 11 th June	Holy Communion- a more traditional service
Sunday 18 th June	Morning Praise- an informal service led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 25 th June	Holy Communion- a more traditional service 4.30 p.m. Messy Church

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

Sunday 25th June at 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



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

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

For all church business and parish matters, please contact

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St Peter's Church, Ugborough GIFT DAY. Saturday 24th June

Our beautiful church has dominated Ugborough Square and has been at the heart of the parish community since 1121.

The running costs to keep the church open are huge. Last year with increased utility bills etc our expenditure was around £110/day. This coming year we face many urgent minor repair jobs highlighted by the recent Quinquennial report - and that's without tackling the more substantial repairs always lurking. So more than ever we are appealing for help from the Parish - and do hope you can give generously.

The Church Wardens will be in church between 10 and 12 on 24th June to receive any gifts you'd like to give personally - but of course donations can be given at any time to a PCC member or electronically. A card machine will be available for donations if preferred.

Donations can be cash or cheque - made payable to Ugborough Parochial Church Council

BACS: Lloyds Bank

Ugborough Parochial Church Council

Sort code-30-94-58 Account number 00096503 Please reference Gift Day

If you are able to Gift Aid and haven't completed a form before, there will be forms available in church.

Thank You Sue Johns & Jeremy Wells on behalf of Ugborough PCC

Village services.

We hope that the Post Office will continue its service at Ugborough Church on Thursday mornings but in any event, coffee and cake will be available from 10 – 11.45 a.m. Do pop in for a chat. Look out for notices in the church porch and in The Bugle for news of the Post Office service.

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

The next date is June 6th.

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.

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

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