

UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

September 2018



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Garden Club *Anne Holway*



For our next meeting we are going to visit the South Devon Chilli Farm, Loddiswell at 12 noon on Thursday 13th September. Hopefully we will have some expert advice followed by refreshments of your own choice in their restaurant. Please ring Anne on 01752 941872 if you would like to join us and we will arrange car sharing where possible.

Coffee Drop-In Centre starts again on Thursday 6th September.

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

Post office available 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Do drop in and meet up with friends and neighbours for cake and coffee.

Everyone welcome.

Ceremonial flying of the Flag.

On 5th September the flag will fly at half-mast to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the death of Rifleman C. H. Joint, Royal Irish Rifles.

We will remember them.



Church Bells Restoration update - *Juliet Collis*

Much has happened since the last newsletter when we were still awaiting confirmation as to when the bells would be returned. The bells were collected from Taylor's in Loughborough at the end of July and our grateful thanks to Charles Reade who brought them back in his articulated lorry, which included a very long and tricky reverse along a narrow residential street to get to the foundry doors. The bells were off loaded in the Square by Chris Winzer, who used his telehandler to get them to the top of the steps outside the church. They were then picked up by Andrew Prowse, who carefully reversed them into the church with only inches to spare either side. Our thanks to Chris and Andrew for the loan and operation of their lifting equipment.

Once the bells were in place, the Flower Festival team sprang into action and set up the wonderful flower arrangements with the theme of *Bells in Bloom*. The variety of displays reflected the thought and ingenuity that had gone into their design and creation, resulting in a diverse and colourful exhibition in a great setting. Even before the doors were officially open, we started to welcome lots of visitors and the numbers kept on coming throughout the weekend. We would like to thank all the flower arrangers for their displays and to all those who helped in many ways, including lending or making props, or allowing their gardens to be raided for flowers and foliage.

As well as the flowers, the visitors enjoyed seeing the bells and hearing more about the project. They could see the excellent slide show of the bells' journey compiled by

Peter Whittaker using his photos together with those of Chris Weaving. There was live music during the afternoons from the Greenwood Consort, which enhanced the event and our thanks to them for their contribution.

The Bell Café was an enormous success, providing excellent refreshments which helped create a lovely sociable atmosphere within the church. There were many helpers who served the food, washed up, baked cakes, emergency shopped, provided jams and chutneys and kept up an endless supply of delicious scones still warm from the oven. Our thanks to Shelley Hutcheon and the team of helpers for their great contribution to making the Festival such a success. Thanks too to Florence Crossman for co-ordinating the highly successful Tombola and to Heather Sayle for compiling the quizzes to entertain the younger visitors.

Once the Bell & Flower Festival was over, the last stage of the bells' journey was to get them back up the tower into their newly painted bell frame and the running gear set up for ringing. The spider crane returned on the Tuesday morning and within three hours had put all the bells up into the ringing chamber, from which they were winched up the tower, using an electronic winch. Andrew Ogden, the Taylor's bellhanger has been assisted with the installation by a team made up of ringers and other kind volunteers who have helped him undertake the work. At the time of writing, Andrew is due to complete the main part of the installation just before the bank holiday weekend. From the initial testing of the bells, they are sounding really good. We are all looking forward to ringing them and hearing how they sound together as a peal.

A final thank you to everyone who has helped us with this project and for everyone's support in making the Bell & Flower Festival weekend such an enormous success. It certainly helped put Ugborough in the spotlight (with special thanks to our media friends), and demonstrated what a wonderful community we have.

Tuesday Luncheon Club

We are starting a new venture in Ugborough and would like you to be part of it.

The Tuesday Luncheon club (TLC) will be opening its doors for the first session on Tuesday August 28th.

This luncheon is open to anybody who would like to come and, depending on the uptake, we hope to be able to run this event every school holiday when the hall is not being used by the Preschool.

The second luncheon will be held on October 23rd.

We will be serving a 2-course hot meal with soft drinks and tea/coffee included for the amazing price of £5 per head.

The meal will be served in Ugborough Village Hall and will run from 12 noon until 2 pm.

A wonderful team of ladies will be cooking, serving and even washing up for you so do not hesitate.

If you are interested in coming then please contact Val on 01752896644 or Sarah on sjascanlon@btinternet.com

Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled- *Peggy Douglas*

(tel. 07882286421, or 01752 894348.)

Glorious as the sunshine is everyone at The Brook was delighted to see the long overdue rain to water our parched fields - and to help our over worked water pump!

Thanks must go to fund raisers the Horse & Groom and The Long Bar who have once again given us generous donations from local events. Thanks also to USS for their recent donation, and to Ivybridge YFC for their donation from their recent Dinner and Dance and Auction.

Thanks also to all those who came along to Peggy's Annual Coffee Morning and enjoyed a 'burger at our End of Year BBQ & AGM.

We were all delighted with the success our Riders enjoyed at the National Champs yet again. Thanks to the Team of Volunteers who made this possible.



If anyone would like to support us AND have the chance of winning cash prizes
from £25 to £25,000 each month

Check out SeaMoorLotto.co.uk and search for Erme Valley Riding.

Tickets are £1 a week and HALF of this comes directly to us. 10% goes to the SHDC controlled Community Fund, 20% towards the prizes and 20% in Admin.

The Autumn Term Riding starts week beginning September 10th - and as ever if you can help in ANY way do please call me on 07882 286421.

MacMillan Coffee Morning at The Anchor

We are hosting a coffee morning on 28th September between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon for the World's biggest coffee morning to support Macmillan. Please come and support us. All welcome.

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

Ugborough Primary School.

Welcome back to school on Wednesday September 5th!

Ivybridge U3A - *Jean Sherrell*

The September General Meeting of Ivybridge U3A will be held on Monday September 17th at 2 p.m. at the Watermark.

Our speaker John Jeffries will talk about The History and Activities of the Plymouth Morris Men. See our website for full details www.ivybridge-u3a.org.uk

Or email ivybridge.u3a@gmail.com

Or phone 07866 077030 (new contact phone number)

Concert at St. Peter's Church, Ugborough
Claudia Alvarez Calderon- soprano,
Stephen Yates, guitar
Performing Romantic Spanish and Italian songs
Sunday 23rd September at 4 p.m.
Tickets £10 on the door- includes a cup of tea! Under 16 free
For more information phone 0743221339 or see www.claudiaalvarezcalderon.com

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

Open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday - Friday during term time in Ugborough Village Hall
Baby and Toddler Group (drop-in) - Mondays at new term time of 1.30 p.m.-3 p.m.

Contact 07763215455

admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk

The children transitioning to 'Big School' had a super send off at the end of our summer term. The leavers' party saw each child acknowledged for their contribution to Pre-School and then each receive their 'celebration books'. The children (and parents!) are always very proud of these unique record books - documenting their time through Pre-School, with developmental milestones and memorable photos included. The time taken by each child's key worker to create these record books is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all those who recently gave their time and energy to hosting the Pre-School area at the Summer Fair. Much fun was had and money raised will contribute to our vital fundraising efforts. This year our fundraising focuses on our aspiration for a new purpose built Pre-School building. Thanks to all those who facilitated, attended and gave input at our recent consultation events - all this will feed constructively into our efforts and plans.

This month Pre-School welcomes back some familiar faces alongside new joiners, all of whom will be excited to play together and engage in the range of enriching activities Pre-School continues to provide. **We have a change of weekly schedule:** The Primary school visit now takes place on Monday afternoons; multi-instrumentalist Rachel will lead her sessions on a Wednesday morning; Forest School is on a Thursday morning.

All are welcome at our relaxed and friendly drop in **Baby and Toddler group - now on Monday afternoons at 1.30 pm.-3 p.m.** in the Village Hall.

Ugborough Local History Group- *Merryl Docker*

We start our new season on Wednesday 26th September at Ugborough Village Hall at 8 p.m. Speaker to be arranged. All are very welcome including new members.

The next Ladies Lunch will be held at The Ship Inn on Tuesday 18th September.
To reserve a place please contact Willa Howe
Email: willahowe50@hotmail.com
Tel: 01752960173
Mobile: 0792011895

Ugborough Village Hall - *Stafford Williams (Secretary)*

You will have noticed the roofing work at the Hall in August and at time of writing we are complete subject to the snagging reports associated with such a big project.

The contractor SMW have completed in just over 2 weeks and the Hall looks very smart, albeit that the scaffolding remains up until snagging and building control do their bit. The work was essential due to the poor state of the 50-year old roof that had resulted in several leaks around the building.

The Hall Committee would like to thank all those that helped us raise £40,000 for the project, in particular: Lottery Awards for All, USS, Panto, Parish Council, SHDC and other groups that have contributed to Hall funds to support such work. We also thank our neighbours and those in the village that have put up with the inconvenience when work was ongoing and the road was blocked - special thanks to the Slaters for use of their land for scaffold.

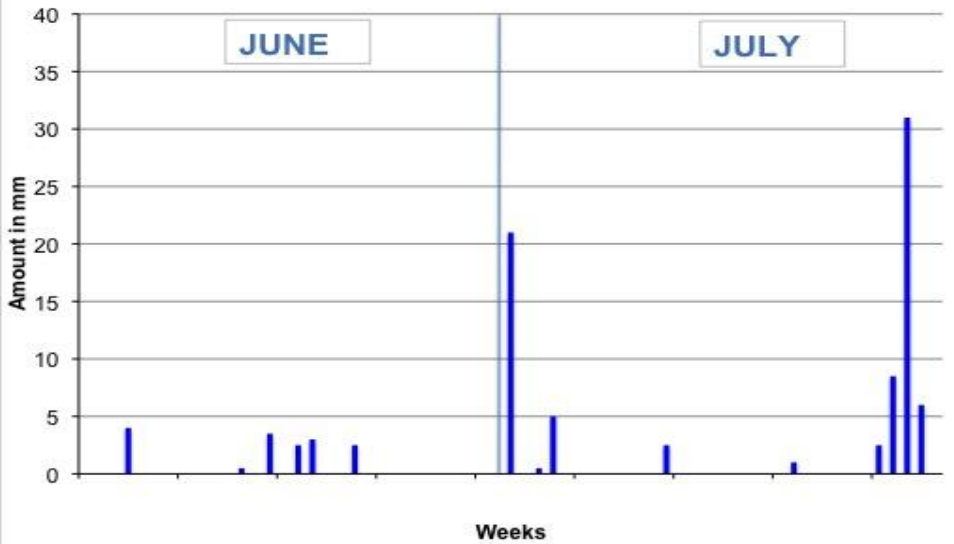
The Hall plans to hold a 'topping-out' ceremony conducted by the Chair of SHDC on **22nd September** and hopefully conduct a little fund-raising to help get the coffers back to normal - details to follow, but please make a note in the diary if you want to support the Hall.

Defibrillator Awareness Session
Wednesday 12th September from 7 p.m.
At Ugborough Village Hall
Free attendance- Everyone is welcome
Contact Parish Clerk 01364 661127

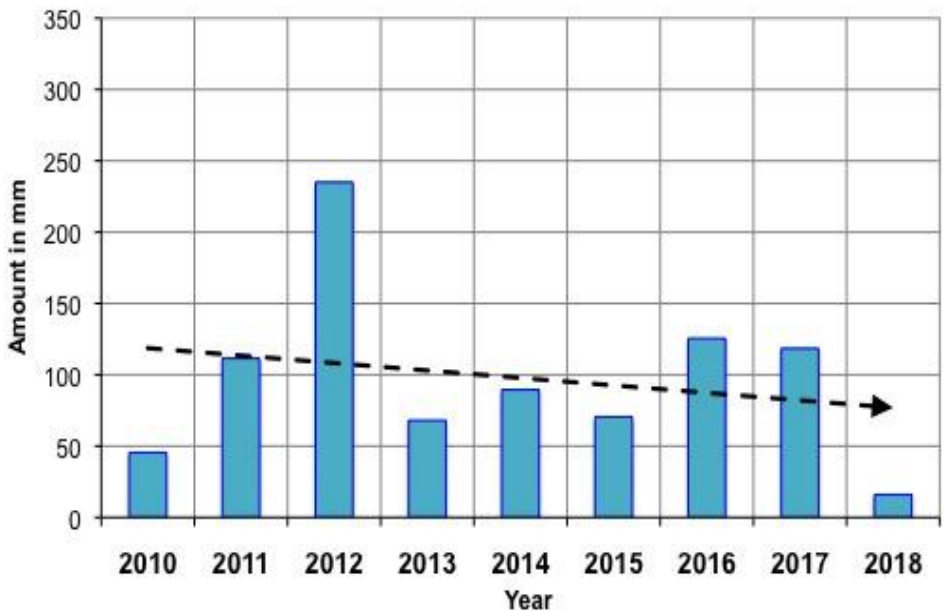
Rainfall at Shellwood Hill *George Arnison*

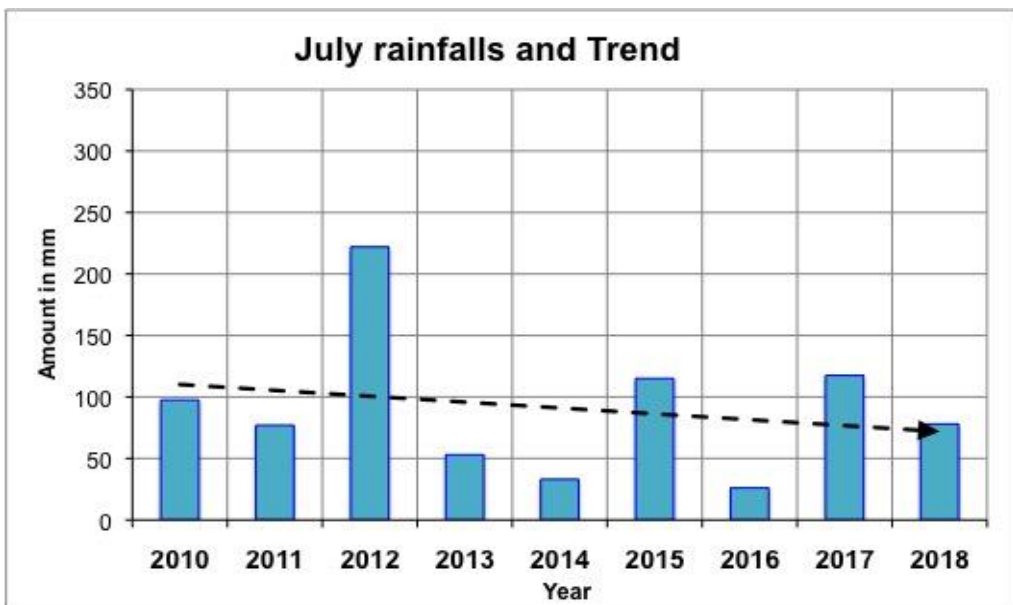
I recorded just 16mm (3/4") of rainfall in June and 78mm (3") in July at Shellwood Hill. Both months were below my nine year averages for June (98mm) and July (91mm). June was particularly dry, with the fine weather continuing on from May. It was the driest June since 2010 by some way...but not the driest month I've ever recorded (which was September 2014 when only 8mm fell). However it does look like this summer will go down as one of the warmest and driest for a long time.

Rainfall in June & July 2018



June rainfalls and Trend





Beryl's Bookworms - Sharon Hughes, Ann Povey

Our meeting in July discussed *'Eleanor Oliphant is completely fine'*.

Unlike so many meetings where opinions on books have varied hugely, this one immediately got a resounding thumbs up.



There was a healthy discussion about nature v nurture which concluded the latter was the cause of Eleanor's extreme social difficulties after being a victim of severe emotional neglect by her mother.

Everyone appreciated the cleverness of the humour and agreed Eleanor's inadvertent comic moments made her character very endearing. Importantly the faux pas' definitely made you laugh sympathetically with her and not at her.

The emotive subject of neglect creating socially inept adults was churned over and whilst everyone hoped they would be compassionate and inclusive towards others, there was an admission that 'quirky' characters can easily be marginalised, especially in the workplace where there is often little time.

We spent some time looking at some pre prepared book group questions which generated a lot of laughter. One question asked 'Do people match themselves according to the league which their looks fall into and did anyone feel that they or their partner was punching above their weight?' There was an affirmative to this but no admission whether they were being punched or punching high themselves!

Also asked was 'Do you believe in love at first sight and has this happened to you?' Suddenly everyone suffered a bout of social awkwardness and other than a mutter of 'that would be telling' the question remained unanswered!

Overall the book was considered highly readable and scored 4.5

Our August book was "*The Dry*" by Jane Harper.

After studying English at the University of Kent, Jane, who has resided in both the UK and Australia, followed a career in journalism. This is her first novel.

It is set in Kiewarra, a fictitious country town in Australia. We ourselves were reading the book when Ugborough was experiencing a heat wave and this gave us an added sense of the book's atmosphere. At the core of this "page-turner" thriller, with three brutal murders in one family, is the idea of secrets and lies, and the reasons why people keep them. Short passages in italics reveal parts of the truth.

We thought Harper's clever characterisations of townspeople and farmers in neighbouring properties were revealing. Few of us were able to discern "who dun it?" until the climactic end of the story.

We agreed it is a well written book. Some of us gave it 5 out of 5, and our average score was 4.5. I'm looking forward to reading Jane Harper's second book, featuring the investigating Policeman, Aaron Falk.



Your Stars Tonight "It will be good to have the bells of St Peter back again and hear the hour strike throughout the day - and with more accuracy than some things I could mention," pronounces the steamed dieter as she labours over the laptop gathering in the Parish Newsletter harvest. I attempt to divert attention by hunting spiders in a dark corner

of the kitchen, but this painful barb is well aimed. I have to confess that in the last Newsletter I confidently predicted an eclipse of the Moon on the 27th July and at least one reader spent a fruitless evening on a hilltop in a vain attempt to view it. Unfortunately my prediction was two days early.

At least the weather is back to a reassuring Devonian predictability (it will probably rain shortly/ it's about to rain/ it's raining) after the slightly unnerving heatwave but a few days ago there was a clear night and I managed to find Comet 21P Giacobini-Zinner. This has been slowly brightening in the last month as it approaches the sun and is now visible - with a little patient searching - in the eastern sky near Cassiopeia and Perseus. It is now easy to spot as a hazy smudge through binoculars while through a telescope there is more than a hint a tail. Its current position can be found on the website <http://cometchasing.skyhound.com/> which also provides a print off star map to assist in finding it.

Another pleasure at the moment is the rather nice planetary alignment after sun set. Just above the horizon in the west Venus is still very bright with an equally bright Jupiter to its left in the South West. Keep circling to the east and you should spot the

sullen red glow of Mars which is beginning to challenge Jupiter and Venus in the brightness stakes. There is one more to add to this planetary gathering which is a bit more tricky to spot - between Mars and Jupiter is a much fainter Saturn which may only be visible as the stars begin to appear. Worth an evening stroll to the top of Ugborough Beacon to catch four planets in a line just above the horizon?

The clear skies in July gave me an opportunity to get a close up photograph of Mars, but my first attempt very disappointing - just a big orange featureless blob. The NASA Mars website provided the explanation. An enormous dust storm had completely obscured the surface of Mars for several days forcing a shutdown of the gallant little Mars Opportunity explorer - its solar power panels were coated with dust. A few days later the storm subsided and I got a lovely image of Mars showing both of its white polar caps and the black markings of the surface feature of Mars. It is a very odd experience to be watching the weather patterns change 36 million miles away on Mars from an Ugborough back garden - where anything can happen with the weather.

And now with the bells back and Martin's sure hand returning to the clock I shall know the time throughout the night time star gazing.

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays -Sarah Scanlon

On July 7th we had a lovely gathering and celebrations in style in the Village Hall. The occasion? The first USS was held 5 years ago. It was so lovely to see the hall packed with happy, smiling people wanting to share this special occasion.

The lovely ladies in the kitchen were kept extremely busy giving out free drinks all morning and Chloe made a superb cake that summed up the whole ethos of the market - good produce, beautifully presented and very yummy!

Maureen cut the cake and she was surrounded by many of the young children that we have seen grow up over the last 5 years, eager to have a slice.

For those of you who are new to the area, run by volunteers, USS is a place to sell and buy locally produced goods, a place to sit and have a very reasonably priced drink and have a chat with people, a place where you can pick up a bargain on the bring and buy table with the proceeds going to local charities and simply a lovely and sociable way to spend a couple of hours every other Saturday morning.

The dates for September are 1st, 15th and 29th October 13th, 27th

Replace your black plastic sacks with paper! Come to Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays. - Graham Gilbert

Bin the bags! Did you know that if every household in Ugborough Parish puts out two black plastic bags for collection once a fortnight that equates to 3016 bags!

This means that every year in our parish alone we send 78416 non-recyclable, non-bio-degradable bags to landfill or incineration!

THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE BAG!

It's made of PAPER! And you could buy them at just above cost price at Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays. A family firm called Alina make and supply paper bags treated with starch which helps give them wet-strength. They're made from sustainable materials and are stronger than regular paper bags. They come in six sizes and you can see samples on my table at Sustainable Saturday. The idea is to sell them at cost plus a few pence which will go towards USS.

The prices are:- 7 litre - suitable for a kitchen waste caddy - 8p (nearly 10p cheaper than Tesco!) 10 litre - 11p 25 litre - 21p

75 litre - suitable for a swing/pedal bin - 40p, 140 litre - 70p - great for garden waste
240 litre - 77p suitable as a wheelie bin liner / garden waste

I would like to gauge how much interest there is from people in the Parish in order to see if it's viable for us to stock them, so if you are interested please come and talk to me. If you can't make it then you can always email me at graham@artgilbert.co.uk.

In case you haven't heard, even "bio-degradable" plastic always stays as plastic but in very small particles, so it can get into water supplies and thus into the food chain.

As reported on the BBC recently, it's been discovered that plastic in the oceans gives off methane, a greenhouse gas, so we really must do all we can to wean ourselves away from it.

Ugborough Parish Council

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e-newsletter: ugboroughparishcouncil.org/parish-newsletter-2018/

Ugborough Square has provided the focus of attention over the summer months, as the:

- Conduit was redecorated, which has attracted considerable praise! It is lovely to see the plaque in full colour - although it will fade a bit over time.
- Post box has disappeared. The new owner of the former post office has tried very hard to retain the post box near its previous position, but Royal Mail - without any public consultation - has decided that our lovely George VI 1937 post box must be removed, to be replaced at some unspecified time in the future with a modern pillar post box, possibly near the phone box. Royal Mail would appear to be remote and bureaucratic - so the Parish Council has asked Gary Streeter MP for help and has found an email address for community feedback - postbox.appearance@royalmail.com

The Parish Council has held two meetings since the last Newsletter, with a wide range of local issues discussed, including:

- The relocation of the lamp post in Lutterburn Street - which DCC intended to carry out without local consultation, on land whose ownership has been queried, with works which may affect a tree subject to a TPO. DCC is investigating the land ownership and is consulting an arboriculturalist about the tree.

- S106 funding from the new housing developments to the west of the parish, which we had hoped would support the preschool development. Apparently, Devon County Council considers the provision of preschool places adequate, so we are unlikely to receive any funding - although District Councillor Tom Holway and Devon County Councillor Richard Hosking are still fighting our corner.
- Dog mess, which is proving an unsavoury problem along Parsonage Lane and in the Erme Playing Fields (which are just in the Parish). SHDC considers the existing dog waste bin at the top of Donkey Lane to be adequate provision (it is not), but will monitor the situation. When walking in the countryside, advice to dog owners is to use a stick and flick dog poo into the undergrowth - definitely *not* hang bags of poo from the hedgerow!
- Irresponsible dog walkers along the Erme-Plym Trail have been letting their dogs mess on the playing field - which is particularly revolting for the adults and children who play there. To date, the response from all the authorities has been far from satisfactory.
- Defibrillator training has been planned, as the parish now has 3 defibrillators - in Ugborough, Bittaford & Moorhaven, and more trained operators are needed. Training is available at Ugborough Village Hall on Wednesday 12th September from 7 p.m.- see page 6.
- **Grants** have been made to both Ugborough and Bittaford towards planting and new half barrels - thank you to the volunteers who have made our village centres so colourful and attractive. Bittaford Community Hall has also been awarded £1000 towards the replacement of soffits and fascias.

The September Parish Council Meeting will consider applications for the Community Together Fund, which replaces the TAP Fund. Applications are now open to voluntary and community organisations for new ideas and projects, with an emphasis on working together, and match funding increasing the likelihood of applications being supported. For more details, visit www.southhams.gov.uk/article/4677/South-Hams-Communities-Together-Fund

The Internal Auditor had recommended that the Parish Council adopt a: Grant Giving policy, Risk Management Scheme, Anti-Fraud & Corruption Policy, and annually updated Statement of Internal Control. So, the August Meeting approved all but the Anti-Fraud & Corruption Policy - which the Clerk will be presenting at the September Meeting. It seems auditors always like to make recommendations - I wonder what it will be next year?

Planning applications considered at the August meeting are given below, with the Parish Council recommendations given in **bold**. The e-newsletter (see above) provides planning links:

- Householder application for a two-storey extension and alterations at 1 Trinnicks Orchard, Ugborough Ref **2165/18/HHO Support**

- Provision of manege at Land at Orchard Barn, Zeaston, South Brent Ref **1974/18/FUL Neutral**
- Construction of enclosed porch on existing raised plinth and steps at 15 Sumner Road, Bittaford Wood, Ivybridge Ref **0366/18 Neutral**. **Ensure a permanent dwelling is not created**
- Erection of artist's studio to side of house (retrospective) at Anthony House, Moorhaven Ref **0387/18 Neutral**. **Prefer a dual pitched roof**
- Change of use of land and creation of an all-weather riding arena at 1 Leigh Close, Bittaford Ref **0375/18 Neutral**

The Torrhill Farm development in Ivybridge, by Aster Homes, has now been released, with 2 x 2 bed coach houses, 4 x 3 bed houses and 3 x 4 bed houses properties. Vacancies will be advertised on *Devon Home Choice* - you must register with Devon Home Choice to be eligible.

Fight Against Fraud has been promoted by DCC Cllr Hosking, who has applied to become a Scambassador. Fraud has been increasing nationwide, with 1 in 15 adults in the country being scammed. The average age of those scammed is 75, and the typical sum is £2,500 - with the local record of £400,000!

Where fraud, such as an overcharging Trader, is actually taking place, call 999. Telephone scams may be reported to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040. Advice on what to do if you have been scammed is available from the Citizens Advice Consumer helpline on 03454 040506, and the National Trading Standards website <https://www.friendsagainstscams.co.uk> provides information and ways in which you may be able to help your local community. *Please help to prevent our elderly and vulnerable residents losing their hard-earned savings!*

The Devon Remembers Project ...will really appreciate it if you are willing to share details of your commemorative events or interesting stories about members of your Parish from the 1914 - 1918 conflict'. For more information, go to www.devonremembers.info/

Finally, some of you may have noticed that grassland improvement schemes have been taking place along the A38 between Ashburton and Wrangaton. The grassland will be enhanced by planting indigenous species, such corn flower, corn cockle, common poppy, corn marigold, corn chamomile and wild pansy - which will improve the appearance of the verges and support further biodiversity of invertebrates, reptiles and small mammals.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th September at 7.30 p.m. Agenda and minutes will be displayed on the noticeboards and website.

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Bittaford Methodist Chapel *Jutta Berger 01752 226733 mobile 07265285828*

Please come and join us - we look forward to welcoming you. Our services start at 10.30 a.m. unless otherwise stated.

Sunday 2nd September- Rev. Youngs - Sacrament

Sunday 9th September- Rev. Lawrence- Sacrament- service at 6 p.m.

Sunday 16th September- Mr. Cade

Sunday 23rd September- Mr/Ms Day

Sunday 30th September- Rev. Lawrence- Sacrament.

Our Hall is available for hire. We have a small Tea Kitchen. All enquiries contact:

Jutta Berger as above or e-Mail to: juttaberger@tiscali.co.uk

Green Pastures Coffee Bar for families with small children.

Open every Friday from 10 a.m. 'til 12 noon including School Holidays!

St. Peter's Church, Ugborough

A letter from our Priest in Charge- Rev'd David Sayle

Schoolbag blessings

If September brings some kind of new beginning for your family, such as a child starting nursery, school or moving up a class, it can be helpful to know that God is always with us wherever we go.

The start of a new term is an opportunity to ask for God's blessing on the places we will go and the people we will meet.

Here's a simple way to do this:

- Look in your child's school bag. Often there is a name tag built in. You can usually take the paper slip out of the tag.
- Write on the back of the paper slip a simple prayer for your child, for example, 'Dear God, please bless (child's name) at (nursery/school) this year', or similar words.
- Replace the card in its holder, and nobody will know the prayer is there except you, your child and God.
- If the bag doesn't already have a tag, you can use a keyring (one of those with a plastic frame and a paper insert) and attach it to the zip.

Parents, in fact everybody: if you take a bag or briefcase to work (or even if you just have a handbag, sports bag or wallet) why not make yourself a blessing label too?

Plan for each day

Starting a new morning regime can be stressful but planning ahead for the next day is a great way to reduce morning panics and get the day off to a smooth start.

So the night before, try doing a few things ahead of time. Helping your child pack their bag and laying out their outfit or school uniform can help. Make their packed lunch the night before too, if they'll have one.

Saying a simple prayer each night at bedtime can help children relax and know God will be with them through everything they'll do the next day. Ask your child if there are any special things happening, whether there is anything they're excited about. If they have any worries or think there might be problems to tackle the next day, let them know they can hand their worries to God, because Jesus promised that everyone who has problems can come to him, and he'll find a way to lighten the burden.

You might then like to pray with your child about those things, to say thank you for everything that's going well, and ask for God's help with the challenges. The following prayer is an example, but simply talking to God like a friend is often the easiest way to pray!

Loving God, thank you for all my friends, and my teachers/carers. Thank you that I have the chance to learn new things every day. Please bless everyone at school/nursery, and please bless me too. Help me to know that all day long, whether I'm having fun or whether I'm feeling upset, you're there for me. Amen.

Make a memory

If your child recently had a first day at school or nursery or playgroup, keep the photo of them that day as a reminder, and of how special the moment is. You could take one at the same time each year, and create an album - pick a background that won't change, so you can see how they've grown!

With all our blessings, *David*

'Article taken from www.churchofenglandchristenings.org with permission.'

Caroline Luff, who was our Assistant Priest until her retirement always asks me to continue to send her the Newsletter. This is a recent e mail from her in response-

Thank you, Norma - we also look back at the parishes and count ourselves very fortunate to have been part of them and to have made such lovely friends.

I'm now helping out regularly in the Shaldon benefice - at present I'm organising "Experience Church" when a class of schoolchildren come in to find out about the church and its furnishings - we have a team of 15 or so to man the various stations and help with crafts. It's good to have something to get my teeth into!

I hope you all have a pleasant summer; do give my best wishes to everyone.

Caroline

PS The orchid which Ugborough gave us when we left has come into glorious flower again - quite spectacular! So we remember you frequently.

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

Date	Service
Sunday 2 nd September	All Age Worship
Sunday 9 th September	Holy Communion
Sunday 16 th September	Service of the Word (lay led)
Sunday 23 rd September	Holy Communion No Messy Church (resumes October)
Sunday 30 th September	Matins 9.30 a.m.
Every Thursday- note new time of 9.30 a.m.	Mid week communion

Harvest Celebrations - details to be advertised

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

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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 September is 25th. And don't forget to visit your Post Office in Ugborough Church on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning.

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