

UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

December 2018

Merry Christmas and a Peaceful and Happy New Year to all!



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Christmas at the Farm

Come to our Traditional Christmas Fair at Hillhead Farm, on Saturday 1st December from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Enjoy home-made food and drink in the cattle barn and around the fire.

See the farm animals including cows, sheep, chickens and horses.

Local craft stalls, cards and gifts. Bespoke wreathes made to order.

Support Ugborough Church, local charities and the Farm Crisis Network.

This event will aim to reduce the use of single use plastic and be plastic free.

Ugborough Dramatic Society Presents our 2019 Pantomime

Robinson Crusoe by Tom Whalley

On Wed January 30th, Thurs 31st, Fri February 1st and Sat 2nd at 7:15.

Ugborough Village Hall

Tickets will be available for booking via the UDS e mail ugboroughds@gmail.com
or directly to Susan Williams from December 1st.

Prices: Adults £10, under 16s £5

Payment is due to Susan: 3, The Square, Ugborough 07941 247207

Cheques made payable to Ugborough Dramatic Society

Tickets will be distributed on receipt of payment.

Oldies Christmas Bash -*Philomena Jones* 01752 892086 mobile 07866518333

This year's Oldies Christmas Bash will be held on 15th December at 4 p.m. in the Village Hall. If you would like to come along and enjoy some company and a feast of cold meats fish and other yummy side dishes then please let me know by 12th December.

This event is being supported by Ugborough Sustainable but if anyone would like to donate a savoury or sweet dish it would be most welcome as we do not want to make a charge for this event.

Bring a bottle to share at the table and check if your neighbour would like to join in- it should be fun. Looking forward to seeing you all on the day.

Ugborough Local History Group - *Merryl Docker*

Our 'Christmas Party' with the Shanty Crew was our last meeting for 2018.

Our January meeting will be on 16th (note the date) and we have a presentation by Dartmoor Guide and photographer Nigel Grist - 'Tin and Bronze'.

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

Open 8am-6pm Monday-Friday during term time in Ugborough Village Hall

Baby and Toddler Group (drop in) - Mondays (1:30pm-3pm)

Contact 07763 215455 admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk

Our first *Ugfest Unplugged* went with a bang (or a tuneful acoustic twang)! We are very grateful to all the acts that took part - some superb music from both new and familiar faces - and the live jukebox will live long in the memory! Thanks also to all those involved in realising the event overall and the audience refreshment - the drinks and bar, the nibbles (thanks to Jenny Smith), the homemade curries, and the rice (thanks to The Ship Inn). Thanks also to all the raffle donors! The team effort is very much appreciated and we look forward to announcing the fundraising total soon - no doubt, everyone's support will contribute to the upkeep and sustainability of our excellent preschool and the quality experiences we are able to offer the children.

In other November news, to commemorate 100 years since the Armistice, the children made a wonderful poppy picture which they then delivered to the church, where it was displayed for Remembrance Sunday. Earlier in November, the children celebrated bonfire night by creating firework pictures and making edible 'Catherine' Wheels' with pastry, tomato and cheese.

The children have been focusing on the literacy element of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, using many different media for emergent writing, such as chalk, and even writing in sand. They've also been playing with magnetic letters and baking biscuits with different letter cutters.

We are now gearing up to Christmas and looking forward to visiting Pennywell Farm on 14th December to see their annual Nativity production (usually, complete with real animals!) On Tuesday 18th December the children will welcome parents and carers to their Christmas party and singalong, before completing their autumn term on Thursday 20th December. We wish you all a Happy Christmas and a healthy 2019!

Ivybridge U3A - *Jean Sherrell*

Ivybridge U3A will be holding their Christmas Social on Monday December 17th at 2 p.m. in the Watermark.

There will be seasonal entertainment at this event which is open to our U3A members.

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

Ugborough Primary School.

In November the schools took part in 2 important charity appeals.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause. The school raised a massive £102.21!!

Children in Need

Our cake sale this week raised an amazing £101.11! Thank you to parents who baked such wonderful cakes! Money was also raised through mufti and sponsorship for this very worthwhile cause.

Dates for your diaries-

Thursday 6th December- PTA - Disco 4.30-5.15 p.m. KS1 and 5.30-6.30 p.m. KS2

Wednesday 12th December- Christmas Lunch/Jumper Day

Tuesday 18th December p.m. - Carol Concert/Nativity - St Peter's Ugborough

Wednesday 19th December-PTA Christmas Shop and Special Visitor!

Thursday 20th December- Last day of Autumn Term

Monday 7th January- First day of Spring Term

**Beacon Federation Governors-*admin@ermington.devon.sch.uk or
admin@ugborough-primary.devon.sch.uk***

Ermington and Ugborough Primary Schools

- ✓ Do you want to ensure the future of your village school?
- ✓ Do you want children to attend a successful, caring local primary school?
- ✓ Can you offer a little time each month to help make sure this happens?
- ✓ Have you thought about becoming a Governor?

Parents, carers, grandparents and friends, teachers, support staff, local residents and anyone else who is interested are all eligible to apply. We still have vacancies so if you would like to find out more please contact Ermington (01548 830459) or Ugborough (01752 892489)

We look forward to hearing from you soon!



Join us at Ugborough Church for breakfast on Sunday 16th December at 9.30 a.m. for a different sort of service.

Come and see what it's all about! All are very welcome.

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child 2018 Shoebox Appeal Update -

Kate Brampton

Thank you to everyone in the Community (including St Peter's Church and Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays) who supported the Appeal this year by providing filled shoeboxes and/or monetary donations - it has all helped.

Between us we have provided a fantastic **total of 48 Gift Shoeboxes** (in 2017 42nr Gift Shoeboxes and in 2016 32 Gift Shoeboxes) and their associated project/shipping costs for needy children overseas. The shoeboxes started their journey after a lovely Blessing Service on 4th November 2018 to Shoe Zone in Plympton, which is our local drop off point for the next part of their journey.

We are endeavouring to track where as many of the shoeboxes are going as possible, and this will be done via those shoeboxes that were registered/paid for online. Hopefully we should hear early next year which country/countries these shoeboxes have gone to. In previous years, it has been Belarus and Albania.

Several people have said they would like to do shoeboxes next year for the Appeal - as most of you want to collect shoeboxes and items such as new toys, school supplies, hygiene items etc for the shoeboxes during the year leading up to October, I am happy to confirm that the Appeal will definitely be on next year for those who want to contribute.

Thank you once again for your generous support.



Beryl's Bookworms - *Norma Roe*

Our November book was *The Trouble with Goats and Sheep* by Joanna Cannon. This quirky book, the author's debut, is set in Britain during the hot summer of 1976, with flash backs to a shocking event in 1967. Mrs. Creasy goes missing and whispers fly about in the heat. There are many secrets that threaten to be revealed when the two ten year olds, Grace and Tilly start their investigations.

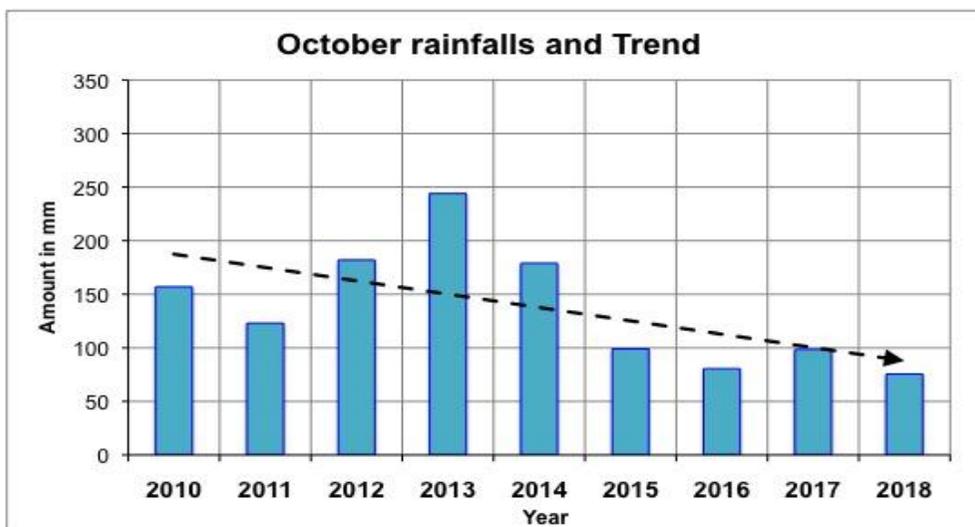
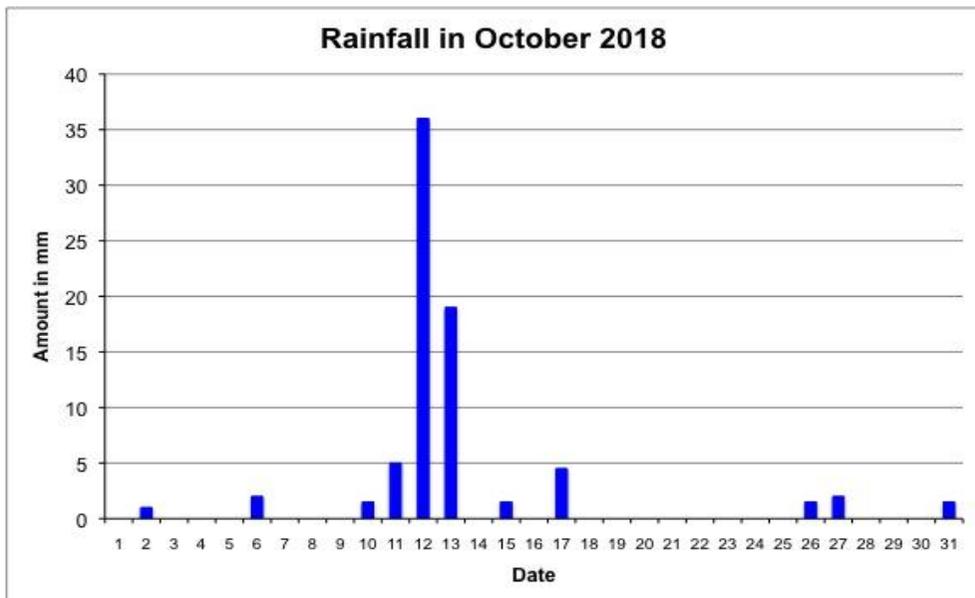
We found the characters of Grace and Tilly to be realistic and engaging with lots of humour. We believed in the other characters too, particularly Harold Forbes and his relationship with his wife, Dorothy, and also the more sympathetic Eric Lamb. Walter Bishop, the misfit who did not belong to the group, was also very interestingly drawn.

Joanna Cannon herself (a very private person and a psychiatrist) writes a blog which explained the meaning of the book and how many of us want to belong (sheep) but are really goats! By the end of the novel we were not at all sure which of the characters the sheep were and who were the goats!

In fact we did find the ending rather obscure (and were pleased to see on line that there were several others seeking clarification!) However this did not detract from it being very pleasurable and enjoyable read. The average score was just under 4 out 5. Our next meeting is party time!

Rainfall at Shellwood Hill *George Arnison*

I recorded 75.5mm (3") of rain at Shellwood Hill in October - which includes the effects of Storm Callum which blew through mid month. Despite this it was a dry month overall - the third driest of the year to date and the driest October I've recorded in the last nine years, and well below the average of 138mm.



Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays -Sarah Scanlon

Following on from another very busy Saturday, on a personal note I appreciate how fantastic it is to have so many talented producers wanting to come to USS.

I am sitting at the table looking at our new OS map tablecloth, eating home-made bread and locally produced bacon and looking at my Christmas present cupboard crammed full of beautifully made artisan crafts. I have also lit a fire using Amanda's clever sustainable firelighters and of course I will be getting through the many eggs needed for my baking provided from Dunwell.

USS really does have an impact on our lives whether it is buying items or just catching up with people for a coffee and a chat.

It is quite an operation turning the Village hall into the busy, well run USS that you see as you come in.

We are looking for volunteers to help occasionally to help set up tables and put out the famous Bring and Buy table, but more importantly helping put everything away at the end of a market as it can be quite tiring for just a few people. The saying "Many hands make light work" is so true and it would only take 15 minutes of your time to make such a difference to us.

If you think you could spare time once every 4 markets then Vici would be delighted to hear from you.

You can contact us in the normal ways, speak to us or leave a message at ugboroughss@gmail.com Dates for December 8th and 22nd. January 5th and 19th

Ugborough Parish Council

Clerk: Sarah Woodman Tel: 01364 661127 Email: ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk

Website: ugboroughparishcouncil.org

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

The future of our public toilets was again discussed at the November Parish Council, and some feedback had been received from the public. Arguments in favour of adopting the toilets included the service to those visiting or working in the villages. Against were the cost of taking on the toilets, which would amount to 20% of the Parish Council's precept & Council tax, and current low usage - one Councillor suggested that they were mostly used by 'white van man'. The Parish Council was unable to make a decision based on the small feedback it had received from the Parish, and has deferred its decision until its next Meeting on 5th December - so this is your last chance to respond to our consultation!

What do you think - Are the public toilets in Bittaford & Ugborough necessary, and should we take them on? Let the Parish Council know by emailing ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk

Also, is anyone interested in taking on the (paid) cleaning of the toilets in Bittaford & Ugborough? Responses to the Clerk, please.

District Cllr Holway reported on the SHDC budget preparations; consultations on the Council Tax discounts and the Joint Local Plan modifications; SHDC proposals to rejuvenate market town high streets; and Sea Moor lettings, which would bring together private landlords and the homeless. Cllr Holway promoted the online portal to contact SHDC, rather than using the phone.

County Cllr Hosking reported on DCC's preparations for winter - if you know of any grit bins which need refilling, please report them via the Devon County website.

Planning applications considered at the meeting are given below, with the parish Council recommendations given in **bold**:

- Householder application for proposed single storey extension to the rear and a porch to front at Wisteria Cottage, Ludbrook, Ugborough Ref 2941/18/HHO Mr J Knapman **Support**
- Refurbishment and remodelling of an existing dwellinghouse and erection of outbuilding at Sea Moor View, Bittaford Ref 0587/18 Mr T Willcox **Support**

Internet banking is finally being adopted by the Parish Council. This move has been resisted for a long time because of the possibility of fraud, but there are now so few banks around that the Clerk's ability to process cheques has become almost impossible!

Christmas is just around the corner, and the Parish Council has made funding available towards Christmas decorations in both Bittaford and Ugborough. Thank you, Richard Prowse, for providing the tree and to Ed Johns for arranging its display.

Thanks are also extended to Shelley Hutcheon for planting up the tubs in Ugborough Square (funded by the Parish Council) - it is good to have a bit of colour throughout the year.

Highway matters loom large at every meeting - so much so that they are now permanently on the agenda. At the November meeting, the Parish Council discussed speeding vehicles from Ivybridge to Wrangaton, which Cllr Hosking will follow up; it requested a replacement 'crossroad' warning sign at Ware Cross; and instructed DCC Highways to investigate the possibility of a 20mph zone within Ugborough. In addition, the Clerk has been in consultation with Sustrans about rerouting the National Cycle Network Route 2 from Bittaford to Wrangaton, so that it runs along Wrangaton Road, rather than the busy B3213.

Consultations which may be of interest to you:

- Dartmoor National Park Local Plan consultation, from 3rd December 2018 until 4th February 2019. Drop-in Events will be held at Yelverton War Memorial Hall on 11th December 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. and at the Ashburton Christmas Fayre 6th December 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.. Go to www.dartmoor.gov.uk/localplanreview

- Plymouth & south West Devon Joint Local Plan Main Modifications to 3.12.18. Go to <https://plymouth.objective.co.uk/portal/planning/jlp/>

Grants Finally, a new Devon Grants Scheme has been set up, offering up to £300. You don't need to be a group to apply - you can be an individual with a good idea for your community. Contact grants@teigncvs.org.uk or 01626 326130

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th December at 7.30 p.m. Agenda and minutes will be displayed on the noticeboards and website. *Privacy policy - visit ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk*

Bittaford Methodist Chapel *Chris Phillips 07899934743*

Services at Bittaford Chapel for December

2nd December - 10.30 a.m. Revd D. Youngs

9th December- 6 p.m. Revd M Lawrence (Sacrament)

16th December- 6 p.m. Revd M Lawrence

23rd December- 10.30 a.m. Mr N, Norris

24th December- 6 p.m. CAROL SERVICE - mince pies and mulled wine (alcohol free)

30th December- 10.30 a.m. Preacher not yet appointed.

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.

St. Peter's Church, Ugborough

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

Once again, this year the Churches in our Mission Community are participating in the Church of England's 2018 Christmas campaign *#FollowTheStar*. Here we are invited to journey with all preparing to celebrate Christmas through the season of Advent, to enjoy the Christmas story of 'God with us' and then to continue this journey of discovery as we travel with the Wise Men to meet Jesus on the feast of Epiphany.

In introducing this Christmas campaign our Archbishops wrote, "for you Christmas might be a time of joy and togetherness. Or perhaps it's all about planning and to-do lists. Many others can find it a sad and lonely time - nagged by the feeling that your Christmas is not like those 'perfect' ones we see in the media. But just like the unexpected assortment of people who were invited to meet the baby Jesus, *#FollowTheStar* doesn't ask you to be perfect. It says: come just as you are to take the life-changing Christmas journey."

So all our Churches warmly welcome you to Christmas services, details of which can be found within this magazine and to help in this journey, I invite you to participate in a different 'Advent Calendar' - Countdown to Christmas and if you are struggling at anytime over the Christmas season, feel free to give me a ring or send me an email.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very 'Peace Filled Christmas and Blessed New Year'. God Bless, David



St Peter's Church Services in December

All services now start at 9.30 a.m. unless otherwise stated.

Date	Service
Sunday 2 nd December (Advent Sunday)	All Age Worship
Sunday 9 th December	Holy Communion
Sunday 16 th December	Breakfast Church at 9.30 a.m. All welcome. Parish Carol Service at 3 p.m.
Sunday 23 rd December	Holy Communion
Monday 24 th December	Christingle and Crib service at 4 p.m.
Tuesday 25 th December	Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.
Sunday 30 th December	Service of the Word (lay led)
Thursdays at 9.30 a.m.	Mid week Communion

Christmas Services Across the Three Rivers Mission Community

Sun 2nd Dec 9.30am Breakfast Christingle at All Saints, Moreleigh, TQ9 7JN

Sun 2nd Dec 4.30pm Messy Christingle at St Mary the Virgin, Diptford, TQ9 7NY

Sun 9th Dec 4.00pm Carols by Candlelight at St Mary, North Huish, TQ10 9NQ

Sat 15th Dec 4.30pm Christingle Service at St Peter & St Paul, Ermington, PL21 9NJ

Sun 16th Dec 3 pm Parish Carol Service at St Peter, Ugborough, PL21 ONS

Tues 18th Dec 7.00pm Carol Service at St Leonard, Halwell, TQ9 7JA

Wed 19th Dec 7.00pm Carol Service at St Mary the Virgin, Diptford, TQ9 7NY

Fri 21st Dec 7.00pm Carol Service at St Peter & St Paul, Ermington, PL21 9NJ

Sun 23rd Dec 4.00pm Carols & Crib Service at St Andrew, Harberton TQ9 7SD

Mon 24th Dec 4.00pm Christingle & Crib Service at St Peter, Ugborough, PL21 ONS

Mon 24th Dec 6.00pm Carols Around the Tree at The Square, Harberton, TQ9 7SD

Mon 24th Dec 7.00pm Carols Around the Tree at The Square, Diptford, TQ9 7NY

Mon 24th Dec 7.00pm Carols Around the Tree at The Square, Ermington, PL21 9NJ

Mon 24th Dec 11.30pm Midnight Communion at St Peter & St Paul, Ermington, PL21 9NJ

Mon 24th Dec 11.30pm Midnight Communion at St Mary the Virgin, Diptford, TQ9 7NY

Tues 25th Dec 8.00am Holy Communion at St Mary the Virgin, Diptford, TQ9 7NY

Tues 25th Dec 9.30am Holy Communion at St Andrew, Harberton TQ9 7SD

Tues 25th Dec 9.30am Holy Communion at St Peter, Ugborough, PL21 ONS

Tues 25th Dec 9.30am Holy Communion at St Leonard, Halwell, TQ9 7JA

Tues 25th Dec 11.00am Holy Communion at St Peter, Harbertonford, TQ9 7TL

Tues 25th Dec 11.00am Service of the Word at St Mary the Virgin, Diptford, TQ9 7NY

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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

For all church business and parish matters, please contact

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Contributions

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter.

Another year over (my 10th as Editor of your Newsletter!) and thanks to the trusty team- Sue Johns for all the printing and Anne and Tom Holway for the distribution of both the printed Newsletter and dealing with the electronic version. Also to David Roe , my proof reader. And not forgetting all those who are responsible for actually delivering the Newsletter through your door. Thanks to you all.

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 Comic Sans. Any articles as attachments in this format would be particularly welcome.) Your Newsletter is available online at the Parish Council website *ugboroughparishcouncil.org*. and at *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 December is 18th.

And don't forget to visit your Post Office in Ugborough Church on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning (new time 10.30- 12.30.)

Kingsbridge Jazz Club at The Fisherman's Rest, Aveton Gifford

Christmas Gig & Buffet Jazz Supper

Tuesday 4th December 2018

KEVIN GRENFELL'S JAZZ GIANTS with JEREMY HUGGETT

This is a Ticket Only event and there are only a few tickets remaining.

Call the box office now, 01548 831159, to secure your place.