

# Ugborough Parish Newsletter

January 2020

*Wishing you all a Happy, Peaceful and Healthy New Year!*



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### **Editor's note** – Norma Roe

Another year has passed, and March 2020 will start my 12 years as Editor! I would like to thank all the contributors who work regularly to make this Newsletter such an interesting and useful publication. Particular thanks to you this edition for keeping to the earlier deadline, due to my printer's schedule. You will have noticed that we now have an improved appearance thanks to the very professional service of Ivybridge Community College Reprographic Department. I would also like to thank 'the team' of Sue Johns, our treasurer, Anne and Tom Holway for their continued support with distribution, including the e mail list and the many others who make sure that your Newsletter is delivered to you.

### **Garden Club** - Shelley Hutcheon



New Year always means a fresh start for gardeners - the promise of what we could grow this year is never ending so January will be spent looking through seed catalogues and gazing at the garden from inside the house!

Keep an eye out for our list of speakers and events in the February newsletter - new members are always welcome. There's no committee so you can pop in for any of the events and no-one will force you to be Treasurer or Chair the meetings!!

### **Ugborough Fair Working Group** - Shelley Hutcheon

Boxes of Bric-a-brac have already started coming in - keep them coming with your New Year clear outs! Some aspects of the Fair have already been booked while research is underway for a mobile coffee seller and children's entertainment - if you have any ideas, please let me know. Any help with this year's Fair would be greatly appreciated, we are looking to reduce the number of planning meetings and allocating specific tasks, bookings and jobs to individuals to help reduce the overall workload.

Does anyone have any memories of the Fair in its current form (there were two Fairs with the main aim of selling stock)? It would great to have a 50- or 75-year celebration of the fair, or 100 years of Sheaf Tossing? Any thoughts?

### **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.

### **Ceremonial flying of the Flag.**

The flag will be flown on the following occasions-

**January 9<sup>th</sup>**

*Birthday of the Duchess of Cambridge*

**January 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Birthday of the Countess of Wessex*



**Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School**-(incorporating breakfast club and after school club)

Happy New Year!

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) – Monday 1.30-3 p.m.

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

December was, as always, an exciting month for the children. They enjoyed making, decorating and finally eating Christmas cake. Christmas carols were rehearsed in the bath, in the car even in bed before finally being performed to the parents.

Pennywell Farm provided the perfect location for the children's nativity which was enjoyed by all who attended.

I hope the children have enjoyed the festivities over the Christmas holidays with their families and are well rested, ready to embark on the new term.

I would like to welcome anyone who would like to attend our Baby and Toddler group which runs in the Village Hall on Monday afternoons, 1.30 p.m.-3 p.m. in term time. It is a lovely informal group providing space for the children to play together, coffee for the parents and some singing thrown in for good measure.

It is a great way to get to know people so please drop in, everyone is welcome.

Happy New Year!

**Ugborough Local History Group**- *Merryl Docker*

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to our 2020 series of History Group Meetings.

We will start off with a film night on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January, 8 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall when we will be looking in depth at the history of "Protest!" From the Independent Cinema Archive films. This will seem like a very appropriate subject given the current topics of unrest regarding government, BREXIT, climate issues etc, but what were our previous generations protesting about in this part of the world?

Join us to find out!

Free of charge to members, £4 on the door for non-members. everyone will be made very welcome.

**Ugborough Ladies Lunch** *Pat Stephens- tel 07704113837*

The next ladies' lunch is February 5<sup>th</sup> at The Ship for 12.30 p.m. Please contact me if you would like to join us. Thank you

## **Greener Ugborough Parish – Faith Matthews**

...or “G-UP” is the new sustainability group set up by residents for everyone in Ugborough Parish. Its purpose is to collate ideas and encourage and support action towards making the Parish more sustainable.

Our first event was tackling the problem of invasive Himalayan Balsam at two sites in the Parish. It’s important to keep this invasive plant under control as it smothers native plants.

In November we planted 106 native trees at Ugborough Primary School. Led by Ashley Todd and supported by The Woodland Trust, this took place with Year 5 and 6 pupils. We have over 400 more trees arriving in the spring so please get in touch should you know of good Parish planting sites for them!

We have set up collection points for two hard-to-recycle waste streams: Crisp packets (any brand) can be dropped in the wheelie bin at Hillhead Farm. Smaller amounts of these as well as Writing instruments (any brand or pen part) can be dropped in the collection boxes at USS.

We have two free talks coming up - both take place after USS in the Village Hall. All are welcome - please save the date and come along!

### **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan (12.15 - 13.00) – *What Can You Do About Your CO2?***

David Roe has spent the last 25 years working with businesses to help them reduce their energy use and waste. Here, with a balance of humour and the deadly serious, he will distil for us how we might determine our carbon footprint and practical steps we can take to reduce it.

This will be supported by a series of 6 workshops on practical sustainability starting Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. For full details see page 10

### **Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Feb (12:15-13:00) – *The Rubbish Talk - A Journey Towards Zero Waste Living***

Sarah Allen, mother, teacher and writer, shares how she has reduced her household waste down to one wheelie bin every 6 months (for a family of 4). Sarah will give an honest insight in to how she’s achieved this, likely obstacles and helpful tips.

We also have a presence once a month at USS where you can come a chat to members, find out about events and give us your ideas and support. If you’d like to become a member or find out more then please contact Faith Matthews at [\*\*msfaithmatthews@yahoo.co.uk\*\*](mailto:msfaithmatthews@yahoo.co.uk)

There is now a page on the community web site where you can keep up to date with what we’re doing and what you can do to help make our beautiful parish greener and more sustainable.

Details of all G-UP events can be found at, [\*\*www.ugborough.com/sustainability\*\*](http://www.ugborough.com/sustainability).

**The Beacon Federation** - *Executive Headteacher - Mrs. Karen Dixon*

Ugborough Primary School.

We welcome our children back for the Spring Term on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

**Ivybridge U3A** – *Ann Oakins*

Our next meeting is at the Watermark on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The guest speaker will be a representative of the Devon Freewheelers who provide a free courier service to the NHS across Devon. The service is mainly operated on motorbikes by volunteers during the evenings, weekends and public holidays. The 'Blood Bikes' carry, whole blood, blood and other medical samples, tissue samples, patient notes, medication, medical equipment and donor breast milk for premature babies.

A whole blood delivery service is provided to the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance every 48 hours, and our volunteers also deliver LyoPlas (blood replacement product) to the Devon Air Ambulances.

Both of the services enable patients at the scenes of accidents to have a better chance of getting to hospital to receive treatment.

These services are provided free by volunteers and the charity receives no funding from the government or NHS. The service is operated totally on the very kind donations made by the general public.

**Advance notice** - *Taff Jones*

Next year the Early May Bank Holiday is to be held on the Friday, 8th May to mark the 75th anniversary of the end of war in Europe - VE Day. I intend to hold another formal black-tie dinner for this event in the Village Hall, a similar event to mark the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War I in August 2014 which was very well attended (with reserves on the list).

Planning is in early stages, but I hope to have firm details of prices (and what you get for your money) by mid-January. Mark the date and watch this space.

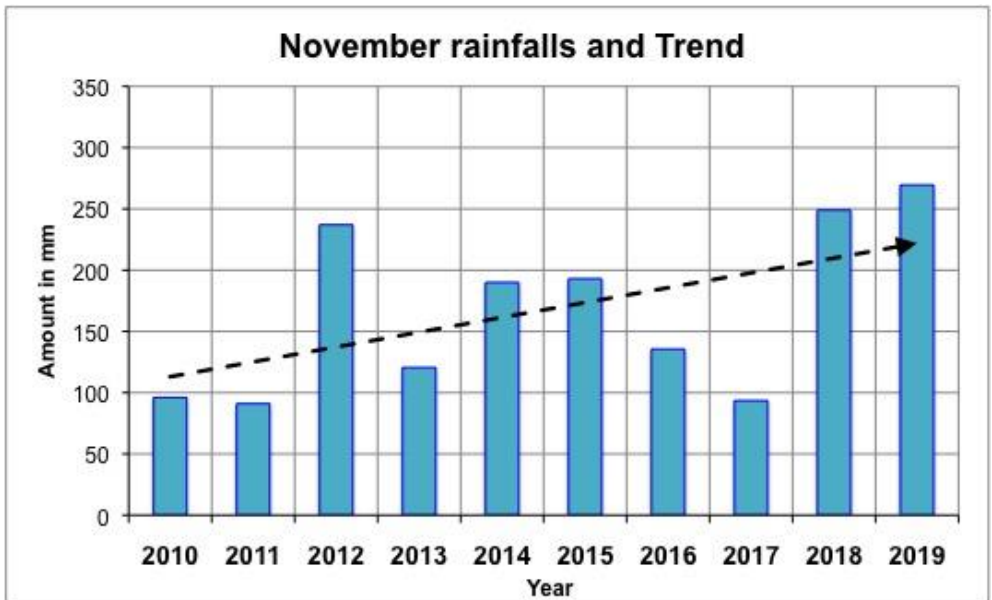
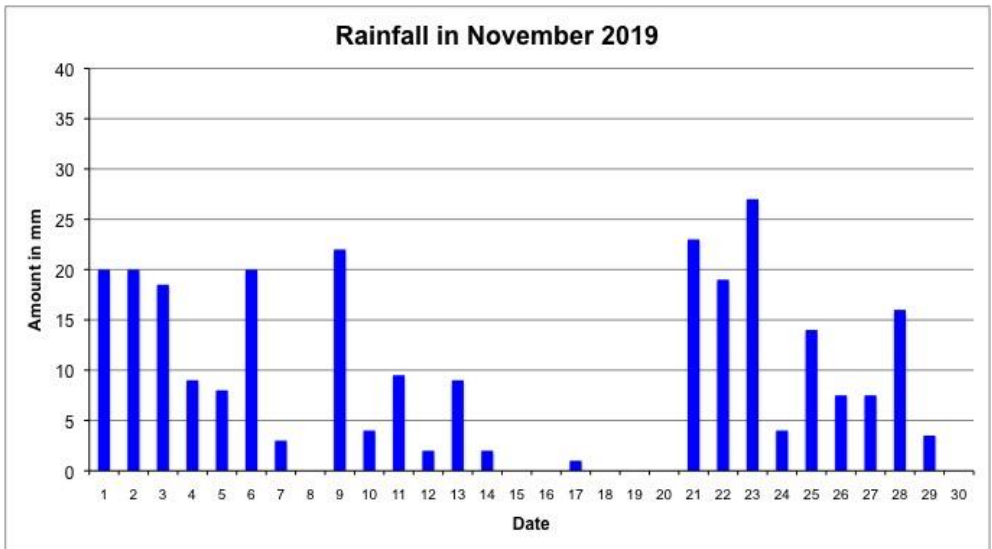
**Rainfall at Shellwood Hill** *George Arnison*

Well our staggeringly wet Autumn continued through November when I recorded 269.5mm (over 10.5") of rain at Shellwood Hill, which compares to an average for the month of 167.5mm.

After the second wettest September and the wettest October, this was also the wettest November in the last ten years.

In total we've had 732mm of rain over the three Autumn months, which is getting on for nearly double what we might normally expect...and it has been by some way the wettest Autumn since I started recording in 2010. The second wettest autumn was 2012 when we had 507mm...and a lot of flooding. This year there were major floods in Yorkshire and

Lincolnshire in November...but thankfully not down here because, although we've had a lot of rain overall, it hasn't ever come with overwhelming intensity.



### **Beryl's Bookworms** -Joan Fletcher

Our book this month was *Intrigue in Covent Garden* by Susanna Gregory. Susanna Gregory writes detective fiction and is noted for her series of mediaeval mysteries featuring Matthew Bartholomew, a teacher of medicine and investigator of murders in 14<sup>th</sup> century Cambridge. *Intrigue in Covent Garden* is one of another series set just after the Restoration of Charles II and features Thomas Chaloner, detective and former spy. Thomas Chaloner is a fictional character, but his family was real.



The story is set in January 1666 when the plague has almost disappeared from London, leaving the majority of its surviving population in poverty. The resentment against those who fled to the country turns to outrage as the court and its followers return. The death of an important physician, the mysterious sinking of a man-of-war in the Thames and the disappearance of a popular courtier are all causing concern to Chaloner's employer, the Earl of Clarendon. Chaloner discovers all the cases appear to be linked to those planning to set a match to the powder keg of rebellion in the city.

Susanna Gregory's academic background is apparent in the attention to historically accurate detail. Many of the characters are real historic figures and the descriptions of Covent Garden give a real insight into its development during the 1600s. Some of us found the historic detail interesting, however we found that overall the book didn't deliver the atmosphere which would have brought London in the 1660s to life. We felt the characters lacked depth and we quickly got lost following numerous people and plots. We always felt certain it would all come right in the end!

Only 5 of us finished this book and we gave it an average score of 3 out of 5.

Our next book is *Tess of the d'Urbervilles* by Thomas Hardy.

### **Ugborough Dramatic Society: Jack and the Beanstalk** -- Sue Johns

Oh yes it was!

We are still reeling from the compliments we have received from 'our public' re our latest Pantomime Jack & the Beanstalk - shown at the end of November!

We performed to 5 sell out audiences – and as ever every audience reacted to our antics slightly differently, keeping us all on our toes!

My thanks go to every single individual of the cast, crew and front of house Team. The latter are loyal friends who come annually and give of their time, to run the bar, draw, seating etc. seamlessly. Thanks to the Jones' (all 3), Prowses (all 4!), Nick and Cliff. Lynsey Hughes tackled THE worst job of ticket sales in her usual unflappable manner - ably assisted by her mother (not quite so unflappable maybe in this role!) Thanks too to Steve Heywood for his professional photos: his time too given so generously.

We would not be able to begin to produce such a class production without our superlative Stage Manager Vici, her creativity and ingenuity is awesome - this year she was ably assisted by Maggie and Rog the beanstalk animator.....

So many talented costumiers and prop creators this year-- Vici, Shelley, Annie, Susan, Wendy, Lilly Maggie, Nellie, Helaena, and Anne.

Steve The Curtain – keeps the audience participation on task; Steve The Lights sets the scene and the mood. Kim – our Soundman deserves a special mention - not only has he attended every rehearsal - first to arrive and last to leave – his sound creations are always timely and appropriate... (well almost!) - another King Pin!

Crucial to the whole production is Anne The Prompt who is always ahead of the cast – even when their ‘improvising’ has everyone scanning the script for a clue as where they are exactly ... (and you all thought it was seamless!)

The Chorus this year gave strong performances of all our songs; Annie, Helen, David, Shelley, Jennie, Norma, Karen – and Panto virgin Wendy. Special mention too for Norma’s angelic solo; and to Jennie’s heraldic interjections.

The Young Company of Tean, Alfie, and Amalie were joined by Leo this year – and their talent for word learning certainly kept the adults on track.

Tean & Alfie found their natural forte this year as the Panto Cow... and Amalie as a bundle of energy as the Goblin and Hen (from small beginnings....?)

We are so proud of Evie and Milly, who both took on greater roles this year. As well as being vital members of the Chorus – they excelled as the sarcastic Mother Nature (bet she’s great to have as a teenager at home!) – and Princess Jill – played to perfection – giving a professional performance as any adult in this role. Jill’s poignant solo had everyone mesmerised.... Remember who gave them their first break!

How evil can a malevolent Baddie get Bev? – well, unless captivated by the Giant’s all-encompassing dance moves.....? But good will prevail as the Mother Natures’ magic and trusty Black and Decker proved... Paula, queen of the rhyme with a voice like a nightingale led our handsome prince-in- shorts, Claire - the archetypal, eloquent, fearless hero - to triumph. The King (Ann-Marie) on his fearless Emu always arrived at just the right moment to make a ridiculous comment.

So to Simple Simon...(Steve) - who always finds the perfect comic timing (eventually!)- teamed with Sharon The Dame. They were a totally professional and just hilarious combination who had the audience aching with laughter. Huge thanks to those hapless members of the audience who ‘assisted’ on stage and provided THE best entertainment of the evening! The only audience complaints we received concerned the aching and exhaustion they felt from laughing SO much.

The slickness of all the performances reflected the sheer amount of hard work and striving for perfection (well nearly!) undertaken by the entire team. A Team I am honoured and blessed to be part of....

‘A huge bonus to our dramatic antics is our sharing of the profits with local community groups. This year funds were distributed as follows:

Ugborough Village Hall £1500

Erme Valley RDA £500

St Peter’s Church £500

Ugborough School £300

Ugborough Preschool £300

Manor Primary School £50



## Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays –Sarah Scanlon

This month I would like to say a little about our Bring and Buy Table at USS.

5 years ago, we came up with an idea of people bringing along pre-loved items that were not needed any more and seeing if anyone would like to take them home after giving a donation towards a local cause.

We never imagined how this simple idea would blossom and raise so much money for Charities.

During the last 8 months, we have raised £200 for the South West Ambulance First Responders, £200 for South Hams Citizens Advice and over £200 for the annual Senior Citizen's Christmas party.

For the next couple of months, we have chosen "the Silver line"

This provides 3 functions to support older people:

- A 24- hour helpline which is available 365 days a year and offers information, signposting, advice and a place to talk
- A befriending service to combat loneliness
- A means of empowering those who may be suffering abuse and neglect, if appropriate to transfer them to specialist services to protect them from harm.

For more information and how to access this service please see leaflets and posters at USS I am going to finish with a couple of comments I picked up via e mail and our Facebook page.

"It was our first time visiting as we have just moved to Bittaford, and we loved it. What an amazing atmosphere. Thank you so much, we will be back"

"We had a lovely fun packed evening with you and all of USS at the recent Potluck supper. Thank you so much for the great food and games. USS is such an asset for Ugborough"

Dates for January are 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Please pick up a 2020 calendar for all the dates next year at the next USS.

### Holbeton Players

#### **Cinderella! You shall go to the ball!**

Holbeton Players are busy rehearsing an all-new panto - Cinderella. The panto sees Cinders meet Prince Charming at a glamorous ball and pursue her love, while the ugly sisters try to fraught her ambitions. With a hilarious script, the cast will play out this magical fairy tale, singing and dancing to well-known songs with a live band - entertainment for young and old alike.

#### **Performances: 6th, 7th and 8th February.**

Tickets are selling fast. Seats are numbered so book early to get the best view. There's a licenced bar too! Tickets can be bought from Holbeton Village stores: 01752 830246 or

***holbetonplayersboxoffice@gmail.com***

## **Greener Ugborough Parish “25 by 2025” Workshops.** -David Roe

Would you like to join the Greener Ugborough Parish’s “**25 by 2025**” project? It’s a programme of six informal one-hour community workshops designed to help you and your household significantly reduce your CO2 emissions - and we are aiming for the ambitious target of 25% reduction by 2025. And from the experience gained and the lessons learnt we want to set out a pathway for Ugborough to achieve the same or better.

The presenter, David Roe, will be supported by the Greener Ugborough Parish team and other community efforts. The workshops are drawing on his experience of working 25 years working with hundreds of organisations as diverse as the Wrigley company and the National Trust to improve their environmental performance.

This programme of Workshops is designed to be a journey of hope for a better Ugborough – not a collective guilt trip!

A limited number of places will be available so please contact Faith Matthews at [msfaithmatthews@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:msfaithmatthews@yahoo.co.uk) or David Roe at [davidroeqsa@gmail.com](mailto:davidroeqsa@gmail.com) to reserve your place.

**Workshop 1** **Monday 20th January (7:30 - 8.30 pm) at the Ugborough Village Hall** – “Measure to understand”. Getting to grips with your environmental accounts and calculating your Carbon Footprint - starting with energy, water and travel.

**Workshop 2** **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February (7:30 - 8.30 pm)** – “Making the complicated simple” Using the numbers gathered after the first workshop to feed into your personalised Carbon Footprint Calculator. A bit technical but individual tutoring will be provided so that each participant ends up with a personal Carbon Footprint.

**Workshop 3** **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March (7:30 - 8.30 pm)** “Giving your dreams arms and legs!” Equipping you with the tools to plan the journey from where you are now to the smaller carbon footprint and then helping you achieve those reductions.

**Workshop 4** **(Date TBC)** “Your lifetime Carbon Allowance”. Looking at the big picture with a cradle to grave focus on the environmental costs of consumer products - and tips on spotting the green wash.

**Workshop 5** **(Date TBC)** “Getting to Grips with Waste” The waste hierarchy and a guided tour around the minefields of recycling and energy from waste, plus learning to live with plastic.

**Workshop 6** **(Date TBC)** “Doing it for Ugborough” How can we use our experience of understanding our own our Carbon Footprint to set out a strategy for collectively reducing Ugborough’s Carbon footprint by 25% by 2025 – a step along the road to the 100% reduction that the planet needs by 2050.

## Ugborough Parish Council

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**Drainage works** were prominent at the start of the December Parish Council Meeting, as finally been released, with the work programmed for February. Devon County were also assessing works to Workhouse Brook – and Councillors asked that both works were not undertaken at the same time so that road users did not suffer too much grief! Not surprisingly, excessive rain in October had resulted in many more potholes, so the scheduled highway work had not gone forward.

**Amendments to double yellow lines at the Green Lane junction** in Wrangaton can finally go ahead, as the duplicate NCN2 cycleway has been removed.

**Doing What Matters** Community Grant Scheme replaces DCC's TAP scheme, with the focus on '... connecting people in a positive, fulfilling and inclusive way; tackling and reducing loneliness and undesired isolation in all their forms and across all age groups. Up to £20,000 per non-repeatable project grants are available, with 25% match funding. Also available is Making the Connection Grant Funding, for small, one-off non-repeatable, grants of up to £300 to support community-led ideas and initiatives, with no match funding required. Finally, there is a Crowdfund Devon pilot. Details of all these funds are available at <https://www.devon.gov.uk/communities/how-do-i/getting-support-and-funding/sources-of-grant-funding>

**Planning applications** considered at the Meeting (with recommendations in **bold** & weblinks available on the e-newsletter):

1. Provision of extension to existing stable building at Land at Magnolia Barn, Ludbrook Ref **3696/19/FUL** **Neutral, subject to the number of stables being restricted to the land area in applicant's ownership, in accordance with British Horse Society Standards; and a restriction to personal use, with no commercial use beyond the applicant's own bloodstock**

2. Readvertisement (Revised Plans Received) Hybrid application for the erection of up to 200 dwellings, comprising the following: Phase 1 - detailed application for the erection of 94 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 106 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 SX 651 560, Filham Ref **3703/18/OPA** **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 • Contribution towards a new preschool premises for Ugborough**

3. Readvertisement (Revised plan received) Proposed conversion of garage to dependant residential unit at Ludd Farm, Ugborough Ref **2873/19/FUL Support, subject to the dwelling being ancillary to the main residence**

4. Readvertisement (Revised plans received and amended description) Application for approval of reserved matters (landscaping and appearance) following outline approval 1534/19/VAR (Outline application with some matters reserved for 2no. new dwellings) at Kosy Cottage, 1 Filham Cottages, Filham Ref **2988/19/ARM No comment**

5. Householder application for proposed extension to existing bedroom at first floor level at 2 Church Row, Donkey Lane, Ugborough Ref **3415/19/HHQ Neutral**

6. Application for approval of reserved matters for details of scale, layout, appearance of the proposed building and landscaping of site in connection with residential development for 36no. dwellings and flexible commercial/community floorspace and discharge of and/or compliance with conditions 1,7,9-12, 14, 16-21 following outline approval 1317/16/OPA at Land adjacent to Siding Cross, Wrangaton Ref **3717/19/ARM The commercial/community facility should have 6 parking spaces. Inadequate parking provision, having regard to the Ugborough Neighbourhood Development Plan UG12 to 'provide at least two parking spaces of sufficient size per unit plus additional visitors parking'. Clarification requested on the commercial/community facility.**

7. Erection of Skystream 3.7, 2.4Kw Wind Turbine on 13.7m tower at Haydens Farm, Wrangaton Ref **3217/19/FUL Neutral. Prefer solar panels, which would be less intrusive from Dartmoor**

8. Outline application with all matters reserved for single new dwelling at Land to rear of 24 Lutterburn Street, Ugborough Ref **3744/19/OPA Neutral, provided all buildings are outside Flood Zone 3. Remove permitted development rights**

9. Erection of single storey extension, enlarged entrance porch and alterations to dwelling at Hillcrest, Ugborough Road, Bittaford Ref **0540/19 Neutral**

**Funding was granted** towards Citizens Advice South West and towards community planting in Bittaford. In addition to Parish Council grants, your District Councillor holds Locality funding for local projects – please ask the Clerk if your community cause needs funds.

**Christmas** will have been done & dusted by the time you read this Newsletter. Once again, Richard Prowse provided a magnificent Christmas tree in Ugborough Square – thank you, Richard, for your generosity, and thankyou Ed Johns and helpmates for setting up the tree.

**The Parish Map** was shown at the meeting. It is hoped to display the map in Bittaford, Moorhaven & Ugborough, with leaflets available in the pubs. A map launch even is planned for March – watch out for details!

**Wrangaton needs a waste bin next to the bus shelter** and SHDC will only provide and empty a bin if it is relocated from elsewhere in the Parish. I have suggested that we relocate the bin on the Church Lawn to Wrangaton – which would still leave one bin in Ugborough Square and another at the play park. Feedback on this proposal, please.

**Devon Countryside Access Forum** is seeking new members and applications from ‘anyone with an interest in recreational access’ are invited – especially ‘walkers, women and those with a knowledge of the Definitive Map review process’. For details and an application form please see [www.devon.gov.uk/dcaf](http://www.devon.gov.uk/dcaf) The closing date is Friday, 21st February 2020.

**The Public Toilets** at both Ugborough & Bittaford were again discussed at the Meeting, and alternative options are being explored. As a result of the election, the bill removing liability to Business Rates failed, which would have cost us over £1500 per year.

**The next Parish Council Meeting** will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January, starting at 7.30 p.m. Agenda and minutes will be displayed on the noticeboards and website.

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**Bittaford Methodist Chapel** *Chris Phillips* 07899934743

Services at Bittaford Chapel for January

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 11a.m. Rev’d D. Young - Communion service

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 6 p.m. Rev’d M Lawrence - Covenant service and Communion.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 11 a.m. Mr P. Walsh.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 11 a.m. Mr J Pointon.

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

**St Peter’s Church, Ugborough- A letter from our Rector- Rev’d David Sayle**

Cher sang, ‘if I could turn back time’. What would you wish that you could do differently in 2020? What would you happily repeat?

As we enter another year, we often find ourselves saying, 'how did that come around so quickly?' The New Year is very often a time when we look back with joy or regret, hope or dismay, thankfulness or resignation or maybe all at once! We may well wish we could turn back time and try again. But as you look at the year ahead, would your response be ‘whatever!’?

It's a little word brought to prominence by one of Catherine Tate's characters and sadly, I feel has encouraged a generation to use the put down to great effect. To have someone reply 'whatever' is now a harsh put down showing that they just can't be bothered to be interested in the other person, their feelings, their hopes, their joys or concerns. It's become a word which encapsulates feelings of boredom and indifference a 'couldn't care less' attitude.

As we move into another new year, will we continue to go ahead clutching at the old habits and unhelpful attitudes that have tripped us up in the past year or will we take the opportunity to do some sober reflection and make some positive decisions about how we would like to do life with God and with others in the year ahead

St Paul had a 'whatever' attitude. However, he used it to much greater effect. He wrote in Philippians 1: 27, 'Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Jesus Christ.' He also wrote to the Colossians, 'whatever you do, do it in the name of Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.'

He was writing to them sitting on death row, in prison and had no idea how long he would be there, but his loyalty to Jesus was not dependent on a desired outcome. He didn't say to God, I'll give up on you if you don't get me out of here. Rather he said '*whatever...*'

Paul knew he had a very uncertain future but his faith in God wasn't conditional on God doing exactly what he wanted him to do when he wanted it.

As we face a rather uncertain future, are we ready to trust God with our 'whatever'? We don't know what the year ahead will bring, but we can enter it trusting completely that Jesus will be with us every step of the way if we let him.

Have a wonderful New Year and may we all stay following Jesus... whatever. *David*

**St. Peter's Church, Ugborough**

**Services in January**

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

Date	Service
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	All Age Worship
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Holy Communion
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Breakfast church
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Holy Communion Messy Church at 4.30 p.m.
Thursdays at 9.30 a.m.	Mid-week communion

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](http://www.threeriversmissioncommunity.org.uk)***

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This month's Breakfast Church is on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January at Ugborough Church at 9.30 a.m. You are very welcome to this informal service.

**Come along and join our Messy Church Community  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January from 4.30-6 p.m.**

at St Peter's Church, Ugborough, PL21 0NS

Children to be accompanied by an adult.

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**Save the date**

St Peters Church Jumble Sale:

2-4 p.m. Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Details in next month's Newsletter

**Tamer Valley Male Voice Choir**

We were delighted to host this talented choir at Ugborough Church on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December for their Christmas concert.

Our atmospheric candlelit church was filled with music and song as they performed to a packed audience. Everyone joined in when invited with some favourite carols and a good time was had by all.

Thanks to all who were involved in organising this special concert, which gave a great start to our Christmas festivities. Mention must be made of 2 Ugborough members of the choir, our church warden, Jeremy Wells, and Sean Marcus. Well done! And thank you to all who supported our fund-raising efforts- an amazing total of £1100 was raised.

**Stop press - Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Sincere thanks to all at TLC and the whole team involved in providing the wonderful Christmas lunch today. A lovely social occasion- great food and company.

Thank you so much.

## Village services.

### **New Mobile Librarian**

After serving the mobile library community for 25 years, Steve Palmer has now retired. New to the round is Heidi Baumbach-McCoy who is looking forward to welcoming readers old and new to the mobile library. Heidi is a local farmer's daughter from Strete so knows the area well. She lives in Ivybridge with her husband and two daughters.

The library is FREE to join and use and you can borrow up to 12 books at a time, brilliant if you are an avid reader. The mobile library carries a huge variety of books, including bestsellers, books with larger print, audio books and a great selection of books for children.

The mobile library comes to Ugborough every four weeks, on a **Tuesday morning from 9:30-10 a.m.** and Heidi will be delighted to welcome you, especially if you have not previously thought to use the mobile library. The visit dates for 2020 are: **Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 3 & 31, Apr 28, May 26, Jun 23, Jul 21, Aug 18, Sep 15, Oct 13, Nov 10 and Dec 8.**

Heidi looks forward to meeting you on board the mobile library soon. You can also follow Devon Mobile Libraries on Facebook: [facebook.com/devonmobilelibraries](https://www.facebook.com/devonmobilelibraries) and Twitter: [@devonmobilelibs](https://twitter.com/devonmobilelibs)

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**Waste collection** – collection due on 3<sup>rd</sup> January is changed to 6<sup>th</sup> January.

Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> January- all collections will be one day late, (so Friday 10<sup>th</sup> will be collected on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>).

Christmas trees up to 6 ft. can be put out for collection.

### 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 ONG.

**The deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> of the month please. Thank you for keeping to this.**

**E mail is welcome to [norma-davidroe@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:norma-davidroe@tiscali.co.uk)** (I use Microsoft word, font Calibri. Any articles as attachments in this format would be particularly welcome.)

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