

Ugborough Parish Newsletter

April 2020



What's on (not a lot!)

In view of these unprecedented times, most meetings and events have been postponed

Please remember the latest Government directives.

During this time of self- isolation or social distancing it has proved impossible to continue to print and deliver your Newsletter in its usual paper form. All printers have now closed until further notice and, in any event, we are sorry that we could not deliver a paper Newsletter within Government restrictions.

However, we feel that it is a vital source of Parish information and we are determined to continue to produce it, but we have to change the way you have been able to receive it. We are therefore asking you to access the Newsletter on-line where you will find it on our Parish website, ugborough.com Under the heading Our Community and you will see Parish News which is where the Newsletters are stored. To make it easy to return to, please put ugborough.com on your favourites list to read future copies.

All of us are susceptible to the virus and we want to make the Newsletter as failsafe as we can- it is too precious to lose!

Bittaford Methodist Church – all services suspended and closed for time being.

St. Peter's Church, Ugborough is now closed and all Services are suspended (see next page for details of Post Office).

Support Ugborough- *Sue Johns 07889 737967*

All Ugborough Village residents should have received a flier through their door with an invitation to make contact with a volunteer if they are self- isolating or feeling lonely and vulnerable, and need help.

If you have missed out and would like to make contact - please don't hesitate to contact me by phone as above or e mail suejohnsdunwellfarm@gmail.com

(This is a really great scheme and thanks to all those who are making it possible

Please see final page of Newsletter for other valuable available support during these difficult times)

A summary of the present position (as at 26th March)

The Post Office will now open in the Village Hall with strict anti-contamination measures from Thursday April 2nd onwards 10.30 to 12 (thereafter 10-12) Pending further government directives. Other than for this Emergency Post office the Village Hall is closed.

The church is closed now and for the immediate future.

Rev David Sayle is happy to receive communications:

01548 821199. parish_sayle@me.com

Look out for a Pop up Veg store for Ugborough residents on a Saturday morning.

Every Vulnerable or self- isolating Ugborough Village resident will be contacted by their delegated Volunteer once a week for a veg order which will be delivered to their door - as the situation stands at present.

If anyone has any queries re Ugborough Support please contact Sue Johns suejohnsdunwellfarm@gmsil.com

07889 737967

The Bittaford contact for support is

Jonathan Bell: jonathanbell11@btinternet.com

Erme Valley RDA is closed for the foreseeable future - please contact Peggy Douglas for information.

07882 286421 peggydouglasrda@gmail.com

This ever- changing situation is updated regularly on the website ugborough.com and posted on Facebook - Ugborough Parish Matters. If you know a neighbour does not have internet access, please phone them with new information.

Ugborough Fair Week- *Shelley Hutcheon (This was written before the most recent Government restrictions and is included in hope!)*

We have finally managed a meeting and Fair Week and Fair day planning is coming along nicely! We have a new committee member which is very exciting, but would love to have a couple of sub -groups to take on parking and safety on the day. No meetings would be needed as we can brief everyone on the day and it would only be for an hour or so in the afternoon.

Anne Holway has books to pass on to a willing volunteer on Fair Day to run the bookstall.

I have been collecting Bric-a-Brac – please hold on to any items until the crisis is resolved.

Ugborough Church Bellringers- *Anthony Luggar* anthonyluggar@me.com 01752 892428

Sadly there will be no Bell ringing until further notice.

Garden Club – *Shelley Hutcheon*



Garden jobs in April are all about blossom and bees. A vast amount of plants in the fruit garden rely on pollination by bees including apples, pears, plums, gages, damsons, cherries, quince, peaches, apricots, strawberries, raspberries and more. Fingers crossed at this point for no late frosts, but if you think there is a risk it may be worth trying to cover the at risk plants with horticultural fleece. Early in the month, try and get on top of the weeds now as they emerge and take care over getting all the roots out of particularly troublesome weeds such as docks. It is important to trap in moisture (we have had plenty of that!) with a nutritious layer of mulch. This will feed the plants at a time of peak growth, suppress any new weeds as well as protect against the usual April dry spell. Try not to mulch right up the trunks or stems of woody plants as it will harbour too much moisture against the bark. Many other plants will be quite happy to grow out of the mulch, but watch out for slugs!

April is also the busiest month for sowing both outside and undercover. Once germinated and growing on, plant out as soon as you can to avoid leggy seedlings. These can be planted quite deeply in moist compost so there is no wind rock. Courgettes and squash can be sown indoors in the warmth and once growing on, pot them into slightly larger pots. Sow salad leaves in large pots for picking when young and these could be grown on the windowsill. Try some basil indoors as well - there is nothing like the smell of fresh basil!
Happy growing!

St Peter's Church Coffee Drop-In Centre

We are very sorry to tell you that due to the Corona Virus situation, there will be no coffee mornings in the church at present. Do look after your neighbours (especially the elderly and those without transport) during this period.

Post office – see announcement on page 2.

Ceremonial flying of the Flag.

The flag will be flown on the following occasions-

April 21st

Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II

April 23rd

St. George's Day



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

Charity Number 1043499- *Catherine Nightingale.*

Contact 07763215455 admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk

The preschool is currently closed until further notice.

Ugborough Local History Group- *Merryl Docker*

As I write, I am about to postpone our March meeting as we are heading into a shut- down which will continue for the foreseeable future. All meetings are therefore suspended and I will do my best to let all our members know when we can restart.

Stay safe everyone and be kind to each other.

Terry, Peter and Juliet Hutchison would like to thank all who attended Jeanette's funeral. It was lovely to see so many people. We would also like to inform everyone that £270 was raised for the Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled and £50 for St. Peters Church. Thank you also for the lovely cards and kind sentiments which were a great comfort. Thanks to all again.

Ugborough Ladies Lunch -Pat Stephens- tel 07704113837

The ladies' lunch planned for Wednesday 1st April at The Ship **has unfortunately been cancelled.** Please contact me if you want further information. My e mail address is ***patandpaul1@outlook.com*** Thank you.

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

Ugborough Primary School. (Taken from a letter to parents written on 20th March and posted on the Federation website)

We are all so sorry to know that it may be several weeks before we see your children again. Saying goodbye to them at the end of today was very difficult and upsetting. However, we are still here. We will be in touch with you very regularly with information and updates, and we will be available throughout the period of school closure. We are here to help and support you, and we are more than willing to talk over any issues that may be troubling you. Please use us, even though this will not be face to face contact. To our Year 6 children, we are particularly sad to say goodbye to you, and hope very much that we will all return before the end of the summer term so that today wasn't your last day at school. If this is not the case, we will arrange events for all our current Year 6 children in September so that we can reflect on and celebrate your time at primary school. I will be writing a separate letter to the children next week but in the meantime we send them our love, and we send all of you our very best wishes for the weeks ahead. Stay safe, and we will look forward so much to seeing you as soon as this is all over.

Ivybridge U3A – Ann Oakins

Ivybridge U3A has regretfully cancelled meetings for April and May in view of the current pandemic. The hope is that we will meet once more in June if the situation is resolved.

We wish all our members and their families good health and that before too long we may recommence our activities once again.

Please see our website for up to date information.

www.ivybridge-u3a.org.uk;

Or email ivybridge.u3a@gmail.com; Or phone 07866 077030



Your Stars Tonight. Back in January I was hoping against hope that the rainy season had finished and perhaps there might be a chance of a few blue skies during the day and followed by starry nights. It was not to be – the unsettled weather continued remorselessly as evidenced by George Arnison’s rainfall records in this newsletter

And the inclement weather has also resulted in me missing all the astronomical excitement about Orion’s super star - Betelgeuse - which has been having a distinct hissy fit. Located on the Hunter’s right hand shoulder (or on the left-hand side from our viewpoint), Betelgeuse is the distinctly orange red colour and around the fifth brightest star in the Northern night sky. I choose my words carefully when I say “around” as it is a variable star and brighten and fades in an irregular basis over a period of months. But in the last few months something odd has happened with Betelgeuse and it has become distinctly fainter dropping to around 20th place in the bright star league.

To be honest Betelgeuse is the sort of stellar neighbour one might try to avoid as it is very much a bloated and overblown star. It has been classed as a Red Giant star and its size varies from 230 million kilometres to a massive 780 million kilometres (you can see why it is designated a variable Red Giant) and at its maximum it would completely engulf the solar system all the way out to Jupiter.

All stars demonstrate the power play between gravity pulling the star’s mass back to the centre and the huge expanding pressure of the furious nuclear furnace at the stellar core. That balancing act between gravity and nuclear energy is something we can smugly claim to have got right with our sun which has a rather trim waist diameter of one million miles. And no doubt it primly tells our stellar neighbours about the virtues of “moderation in all things”. Alas poor Betelgeuse just kept binge eating on cosmic dust and got heavier and heavier until it was around 35 times the weight of the Sun. Its life balance is now hopelessly out of kilter as the complexities of the resulting nuclear reactions and gravity struggle to find a stellar meditative calm and inner peace.

Earlier in the March I spotted Orion in a brief cloud interlude, and in comparison with Bellatrix at Orion’s other shoulder, or the steely white Rigel at his left foot Betelgeuse was very puny. A quick glance to the bright orange Aldebaran – the eye of Taurus the Bull - a little higher in the sky and slightly to the north, confirmed Betelgeuse’s fading light.

But in stellar life there is an inevitability that condemns all red stars to a cataclysmic doom – the gravity versus fusion balance spins out of control as the star runs out of nuclear fuel and collapses in on itself. This then triggers a new nuclear reaction which releases the light of 1,000,000 suns – it becomes a Supernova. Don’t hold your breath – it could happen to Betelgeuse any time in the next million years but the view from earth will be spectacular. However, the current Betelgeuse problems are probably chronic stellar indigestion rather than anything more dramatic.

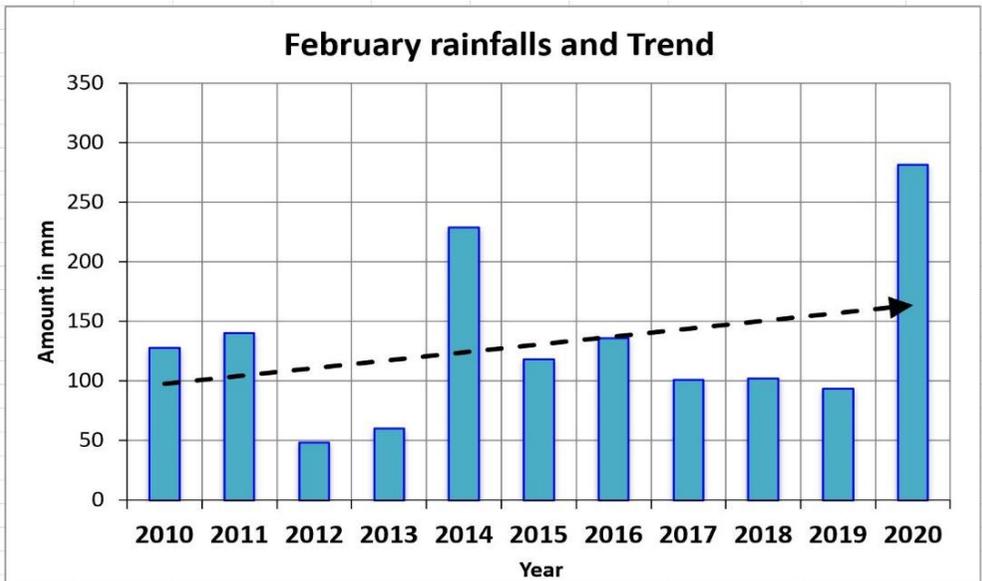
Library News from Devon County Council

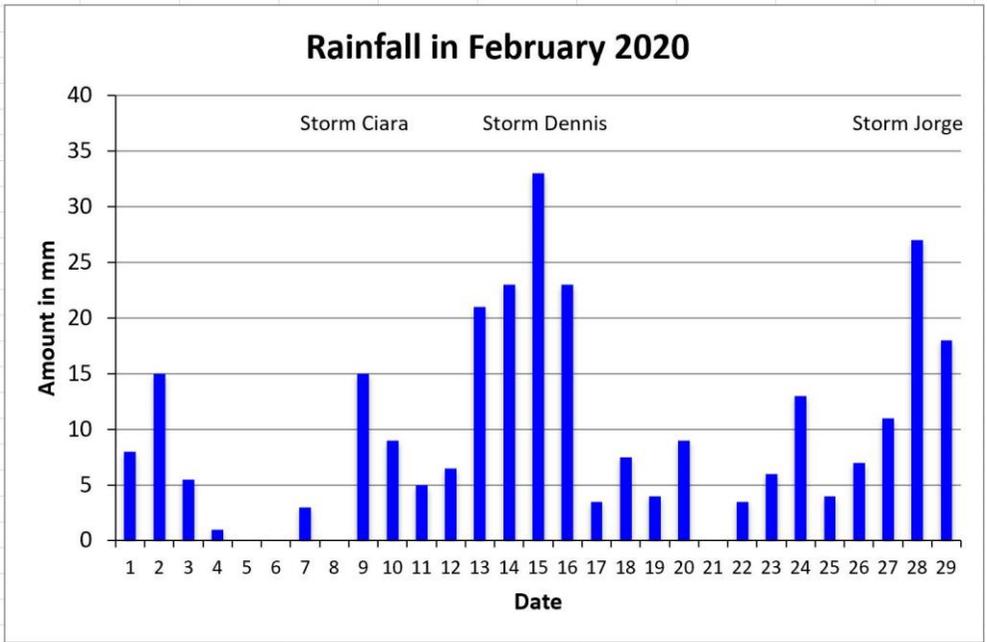
To keep our staff, volunteers and customers safe and healthy we've taken the decision to close our physical sites in Devon from the end of Friday 20th March, and suspend our public events.

We will suspend our Devon mobile library service in line with our physical building closures.

Rainfall at Shellwood Hill *George Arnison*

During February I recorded 281.5mm (just over 11 inches) of rain at Shellwood Hill. This was apparently the wettest February on record in the UK, so it is not surprising that it was also the wettest here since I started recording – and more than double my rolling February average of 131mm. Our previous recent February high point in 2014 saw a series of major storms and coastal damage across the SW. Despite exceeding the 2014 rainfall totals and experiencing a lot of high winds, we definitely escaped the worst of the three named storms this time. Storm Dennis was the second deepest Atlantic depression (around 920Mb) on record, and if the jet stream had brought it a few degrees further south, it might have been Devon and Cornwall experiencing the devastating flooding that Wales and the West Midlands suffered. On a slightly separate note, early February also saw a record breaking temperature of 18°C in Antarctica. On the same day it was around 5°C in Ugborough !





Beryl's Bookworms – Anne Holway

Big sky by Kate Atkinson

The prize winning author of “Behind the scenes at the Museum” and a “Life after life” also publishes crime novels featuring Jackson Brodie, a retired copper who works as a private investigator. “Big Sky” is the fifth of these, the last one was published in 2010.

Atkinson tells a great story, deceives by omission, toys with expectations and writes like she is your favourite friend. The author introduces us to a crew of old buddies who gather at the posh Belvedere Golf Club, north of Whitby. She opens up a whole world of awful marriages, (the richest member’s first wife accidentally fell off a cliff) and alarming betrayals. The main plot revolves around a shifty businessman who cons foreign women into coming to Yorkshire for so called lucrative work. Some members of the group found Human Trafficking a difficult subject to read about. Atkinson is also adept at weaving the mundane details of her characters’ lives into the Brodie books as a way of humanizing them despite the dark malevolence that lurks beneath the surface. No detail is too small to come home to roost. Brodie has been Atkinson’s most popular character for good reason, although he seems to do very little! He was interestingly broken so she hasn’t bothered to fix him.

Some of our group felt the plot took a while to get going and we were bombarded with characters and sub- plots but the author left no stone unturned and with her humorous

quips every small detail falls into place by the final chapter. This novel was a real page-turner and our group gave it a 4 out of 5 .

Our next book (for virtual discussion) is “Education” by Tara Westover.

UGBOROUGH BOYS MAKE History with Rugby Semi-final Victory and a Final at TWICKENHAM

On Wednesday, 4th March, Ivybridge Community College hosted the National Schools' Rugby Cup competition semi-final between the U15 Academy Rugby Team and Harrow School. It was a hugely close and competitive event with Ivybridge progressing to the final, by the narrowest of margins. The game ended in a draw (22/22), but Ivybridge were announced as the winning team, as they had scored the first points of the game. Ed and Freddie from Ugborough Square, played the whole match and have featured in all games to date.

The victory secured a first final for any Devon school side and the first West Country state school ever. Ivybridge had qualified for a home semi-final after an impressive away win at Wellington College, 12-8. They were then placed with the daunting task to play Harrow, a team who had not lost a match in 2 years and were the Roslyn Park Sevens champions. The final will be held at the home of English Rugby, Twickenham, on Thursday, 19 March. We wish our Team the very best of luck! (*sorry for the disappointment about this*) Chris Brown, Director of Academy Sport at the College said, “The day was a fantastic advert for schoolboy rugby and the values the game teaches you. Our team should be as proud of themselves as we are of them”. He added, “The College provided a fantastic event and Matt Shepherd, Director of Rugby, and our Rugby Coaches have done a great job. Thank you to the students, staff and visitors who watched the game and of course the players who played. The Team thoroughly deserves their day at Twickenham”.

Match Report

The match kicked off with the rain pouring down and the home supporters loudly cheering on their team. Ivybridge shot out of the blocks with energy and aggression to give them an attacking opportunity; they took this with both hands, as a well worked maul brought them to the 22 metre line, where a backs move saw Matt put Jeremy into a gap as he slid over for a try underneath the post. This was a game in which both teams showed their attacking power, as Harrow ran the ball back into Ivybridge's half. Poor discipline by Ivybridge allowed Harrow back into the game with a penalty in front of the post; the Harrow kicker slotted the kick with ease to place the scores at 5-3. Ivybridge continued to assert pressure on Harrow, with a big defensive effort from the backrow and the centres, leading to Harrow knocking the ball on just inside their 22.

Ivybridge held their own against a huge Harrow front row, securing possession allowing Ethan to storm down the blindside with a destructive carry leaving Ivybridge 10 metres out. Sharp plays within the forwards brought Ivybridge inches away from the line before Ethan squeezed over from short range. Ed held his nerve to convert to put the home team 12-5 up. They continued to look sharp throughout this period of the match but struggled to convert. This gave Harrow an opportunity to play rugby within Ivybridge's half. A lack of

discipline at the lineout gave Harrow a strong platform for their forwards to drive them over for a try. A good kick left the score 12-10. Continued pressure from Harrow put them back deep within Ivybridge's half and despite brilliant defence from Ivybridge they were able to burrow in from close range. The try was converted leaving the score 17-12 to Harrow going into half time.

The match was still very much in the balance as Ivybridge kicked off for the second half, both teams going at each other with intense aggression in defence. Shouts of appreciation came from the lively home supporters when big tackles were landed by the home team. This spurred the team on as they pressed deep into Harrow's half, and a very well executed maul allowed Ivybridge to attack through the forwards, Ethan scoring a second try to the delight of the home supporters. Matt missed with a difficult conversion leaving the score at 17-17. The game opened up with frantic defence and attack from both teams with 10 minutes left. Harrow gained momentum, carrying the ball with pace and intent up the pitch, enabling them to release their backs into space, as their winger dotted down near the touchline. The conversion was missed, leaving Harrow 22-17 ahead.

Ivybridge knew they needed to score soon with 5 minutes left to play; they were able to retain possession due to immense defence from Nick and Freddie, which allowed the team to attack within the Harrow half. Some strong carries by the forwards enabled space for Matt to run into, charging down their half before offloading to Jeremy who ran in to score. An explosive roar erupted across the pitch as the home supporters relaxed after a tense couple of minutes. Matt hit the post with the conversion, 45 seconds remaining with the home supporters in full voice sensing a victory.

A tense finish to the game as Harrow gained possession but a spirited Ivybridge defence held strong, as Freddie put a strong tackle in, allowing Ed to win a penalty. Matt kicked the ball out as the team were engulfed with supporters who were overwhelmed with emotions, as their team made history by securing a first ever spot in the final, playing at Twickenham. The team are now in the final 2, of the 256 teams that started the competition.

A player later described the supporters as "the 16th man", due to their passionate involvement throughout the match, spurring the team on to a victory. Credit goes to all the players involved, particularly the backrow who defended incredibly well against very strong opposition.

Additionally, to the coaches, who have been an inspiration and encouraged the team throughout the competition.

Good luck to the team in the final who seek to be first school in Devon or Cornwall to win the National U15 Schools' Cup since the competition began in 1988.

(still a huge achievement despite the disappointment)

Match Report by Ed

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays –Sarah Scanlon

We are so sad not to be able to run USS at this present time. We know that a lot of producers and visitors will really miss the social aspect of getting together but we will see through the bad times and regroup hopefully in the not too distant future, stronger, brighter and rearing to get going again.

USS only runs so well due to the band of helpers who very kindly give up their time to allow the smooth running of our fortnightly get together.

The team are so grateful for people turning up early to help put out the tables and chairs and clearing away at the end of the sessions.

We have a rota for helpers to pop in at the end of USS and help clear away the Bring and buy items and books.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank these unsung heroes as, after a busy morning, it is lovely to have somebody helping to clear up.

When we start up USS again, if anyone is free to come up to the hall at about 10 to 12 once every 3 USS meetings, we would be thrilled as a vacancy has arisen due to Lesley moving on. We wish her all the best with her relocation.

Graham has recently added another product to his very popular paper compost bags. He has a selection of teas blended in the west country and all packaging including the bags are biodegradable, compostable and recyclable.

At the time of writing I know that quite a few of the producers want to continue offering high quality products to you and I believe there will be a list circulating so look out for this. *(see information on final page of Newsletter).*

The USS team wish you well and look forward to the great grand re opening. Take care .

TLC

We are sorry that we didn't manage to have a TLC in March.

Due to staff shortages and the risk of the Corona virus, the team decided that it was better to wait and until we can relax and enjoy another lunch club.

Details are as follows:

The Tuesday Luncheon club is a place to gather and chat, have a 2-course hot meal and soft drinks for £5 per head. It is held in the Village hall and is open to anyone.

The next TLC planned is **Tuesday May 26th** in the village hall, **12.15 for a 12.30** service.

Bookings and final numbers must be received by **Friday 22nd May at the latest but**

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR UPDATES!

If you would like more information, and to book your place to find out more or book please call Val on 01752894973 or Sarah on sjascanlon@btinternet.com.

Everyone is welcome but do let us know you are coming!!

The TLC team

PS. We are looking for volunteers to help make TLC happen. We would welcome anyone who would like to help prepare the food, help in the kitchen on the day, serve the food or wash up. Please contact us using the details above.



G-UP - Creating a community where it's easy to live sustainably - *Caroline Martin*

March has been a busy month despite the best efforts of mother nature in all her guises to disrupt.

Our first tree planting event had to be postponed due to high winds, however our second attempt yielded better results with a great turn out despite the fickle weather which included hail, sun and rain (fairly standard 2020 weather!); at least 300 trees were planted! Many thanks to the Todds, the Johns and the Pickstones for making this happen.

We have now completed our second CO₂ workshop. With the numbers in, we compared and contrasted (anonymously) our household totals for 2019. David Roe guided us through the figures and it was agreed that we would all go away and think of ways that we might reduce our carbon over the next 5 years by 25%, particularly in key areas like heating, cars and flights. We discussed whether signing up to a green electricity tariff would count towards lowering your carbon footprint and discussed the 'tyranny of things' and how difficult it is to measure the carbon impact of everything that we buy.

We have been lucky to be able to host two thought provoking talks from A-listers on the sustainability circuit in the last month. The first was The Rubbish Talk - A Journey Towards Zero Waste Living; an inspiring talk by Sarah Allen. Sarah shared tips and insights on how she reduced her family's waste to 1 wheelie bin every 6 months (prompting us to visit to the zero waste shop in Totnes the following weekend). The second talk was a joint talk by former met office engineer and scientist Paul Whiteley and former police commander of Cornwall Rob Cooper. Paul gave a fascinating insight into how the data that guides our weather and climate predictions is collected whilst Rob discussed the potential impact of climate change on our society in the coming decades. With both talks providing lots of food for thought.

Finally this Saturday saw a gaggle of Nature Detectives led by Stephen Fletcher descend on Ugborough to spot clues for who we share our local environment with. From spotting a Roe deer's bed, to demonstrations on how mice and voles eat hazelnuts (with the help of enormous chocolate eggs), adults and children alike came away with fascinating facts to share (I now know why rats teeth are yellow). This inspiring walk made us all conscious of how many other species also call Ugborough home.

Many thanks to all the workshop and talk leaders for your time and insight. As we go to print we are suspending our face-to-face G-UP activities until normality resumes **this applies to our CO₂ reduction workshops with David Roe also.**

We've achieved a lot and built a broad network over the past few months and hope to build on this (albeit remotely) during this strange period. To join our email list please email: greenerugp@gmail.com

You can find out more about Greener Ugborough Parish in any of the following places:

The Ugborough website: <https://www.ugborough.com/sustainability-group>

Our Facebook page: Greener Ugborough Parish. Our notice board in Ugborough Village Hall (when open again).

Citizens Advice South Hams- *Janie Moor (Chief Officer)*

Coronavirus Update- Face to Face Services Suspended

We have taken the decision to suspend our face to face services in light of the Coronavirus outbreak. Therefore we are not currently offering advice to the public from our offices or outreach. We apologise for any inconvenience.

We would like to reassure you that our staff and volunteers continue to work behind the scenes and we are able to offer support in the following ways:

Adviceline*: 03444 111 444 (Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm)

Email: www.southhamscab.org.uk

From the 'Contact us' page select 'Email' and click 'Use our online form'

WhatsApp: 07497 758779

Self Help: www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Letter: Citizens Advice, Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes TQ9 5NE

Our paid staff and volunteers are doing all they can to keep our service operational. However, we expect that you may experience a delay before your enquiry is responded to. We apologise for this and hope you will bear with us during these unprecedented times.

Ugborough Parish Council

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

Website: <https://ugboroughparishcouncil.org>

e-newsletter: ugboroughparishcouncil.org/parish-newsletter-2020/

The March Parish Council Meeting was exceptionally short – so my report will be short, too!

The Ugborough Annual Parish Meeting was going to be held on Wednesday 15th April in Ugborough Village Hall. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW.

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

1. Closure of existing road access and field entrance and creation of new road access and associated track at Land at SX 687 567 Ridge Lane to Venn Cross Road Ugborough Ref [4206/19/FUL](#) **Neutral. Prefer traditional Devon hedgebank**
2. Householder application for construction of rear extension and new detached garage/car port (resubmission of 1880/19/HHO) at Rhiannons Spring, Ugborough Ref [0605/20/HHO](#) **Neutral. Prefer pitched roof**
3. TPO application to fell a tree at Rutt House, Rutt Lane, Ivybridge Ref 20/0013 **Neutral.**

Replace with native tree

B3916 Pinch Points is a petition sponsored by the Parish Council to apply pressure on Devon County Highways to improve the B3196 from Kitterford Cross to Loddiswell. If you are fed up with traffic blockages, causing difficulties to local residents and businesses, then go to <https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/b3916-pinch-points> (no need to make any payment).

The Dartmoor National Park Management Plan has been published, with a consultation until the 20th April. Find out more and have your say at [DNP Management Plan](#)
The next Parish Council Meeting was due to be held on Wednesday 1st April, starting at 7.30 p.m. Please look at the Parish Council website for updated information.
Privacy policy and updates – visit ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

Bittaford Methodist Chapel *Chris Phillips 07899934743*

The coronavirus continues to spread in the UK and we must be wise and responsible in our response to this situation.

There will be no services at present and we will advise when we are returning to normal.

As a Church we will pray for all those affected by this virus in this country and abroad, remembering especially those who are mourning as a result.

We will pray for the scientists and medical staff who are seeking to find a vaccine to prevent this virus and for all those in the NHS who have to care for those affected.

St. Peter's Church, Ugborough

A letter from our Rector- Rev'd David Sayle

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have asked all churches in the Church of England to close. This means that we have **suspended all Sunday services and other meetings** within the Three Rivers Mission Community and our churches will not be able to continue to be open for private prayer.

We will continue to update any new information on the following websites:

www.threeriversmissioncommunity.org.uk www.achurchnearyou.com

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.

Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Please know that I am still contactable by **Telephone: 01548 821199** or
by **email: parish_sayle@me.com** and I will do my very utmost to get the information you.
Above all else, keep safe and pray. With love and my prayers for you all, David

St Peter's Church Services are currently suspended. This includes Breakfast church and Messy Church.

Please see notices in church porch and noticeboards and on the Three Rivers and ugborough.com websites for updates.

In a joint letter, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York are calling for Church of England churches to put public worship on hold and become a "different sort of church" rooted in prayer and serving others in the coming months to face the challenge of coronavirus.

They invited clergy to maintain the ancient pattern of daily prayer and, where possible, the eucharist – live streaming their worship if they have the resources to do so.

(The services from Exeter Cathedral are livestreamed-see below).

And they urged congregations to be in the forefront of providing practical care and support for the most poor and the most vulnerable during the crisis.

"Our life is going to be less characterised by attendance at church on Sunday, and more characterised by the prayer and service we offer each day.

We may not be able to pray with people in the ways that we are used to, but we can certainly pray for people. And we can certainly offer practical care and support.

Then by our service, and by our love, Jesus Christ will be made known, and the hope of the gospel – a hope that can counter fear and isolation - will spread across our land."

They added: "This is a defining moment for the Church of England. Are we truly a church for all, or just the church for ourselves?"

A Prayer for those in isolation

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
In their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.

Holy week and Easter Sunday Services to watch online

Over the coming weeks, Exeter Diocese will be posting acts of worship for Sundays, the Maundy Thursday Chrism Eucharist, Good Friday and Easter Day. You will be able to view them from 10 a.m. on our [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) Channels.

Easter is such a special time for many of us. Normally a time to celebrate with those we love, to enjoy an Easter egg hunt in the garden, to gather around the table for a Sunday roast. This Easter it will be very different with family members and friends absent because they are self-isolating or socially distancing themselves. Some will know loneliness and anxiety for the future.

Often we would start the day with an uplifting Service in our much loved Church, singing with gusto, hymns about the resurrection of Jesus and praying for those we love. We can still do this by tuning into our radio and television programmes.

A service from Exeter Cathedral will be shown on YouTube which can be accessed via the Exeter Diocesan Website. (see above)

We may feel that what we are experiencing is the pain and uncertainty of Good Friday but we need to remember and hear again the message of joy and hope that followed on Easter Sunday when Jesus rose from the dead, the gift of the Father's love to each one of us.

May we hold onto our faith and hope for the dawning of that day when the spread of infection is over, remembering Jesus' words to us '**Do not be afraid, I am with you always**'.

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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Contributions

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this far from normal Newsletter.

Contributions should be sent by e mail to Mrs. Norma Roe, The Editor, Ugborough Parish Newsletter at norma-davidroe@tiscali.co.uk

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

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

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Services offered by USS Providers and others.

To support people self-isolating in Ugborough Village during the coronavirus situation a list of food deliveries and other services available locally has been created. This is on <https://ugborough.com> and will be updated regularly.

If you or your neighbour require urgent supplies, please get in touch with your Support Ugborough contact, who may be able to help.

The list below includes some familiar faces from USS and the village.

However the full list is on the website as mentioned.

Service	Name	Phone no	Other details
Post Office (strict anti- contamination measures apply)	Tina and Martin	01752 401183 (Elburton PO)	In the Village Hall from 2 nd April- Thursday: 10 – 12 (first session 10.30-12)
Eggs: always available in Farm Porch - or can deliver	Sue Johns Dunwell Farm	07889 737967	suejohnsdunwellfarm@gmail.com
Pies, quiches, sausage rolls, soups, eclairs and cakes	Sarah Scanlon	896644	sjascanlon@btinternet.com
Takeaway meals, bread, milk, basic foodstuffs	The Anchor	892565	anchor@westcountrybreaks.com
Takeaway foods	The Ship	690388	info@shipinnugborough.com
Westcountry Tea - teabags and loose tea	Graham Gilbert	07718 161079	graham@artgilbert.co.uk
Vegetables	Shelley Hutcheon	07720 765014	Weekly: day and time to be advised shelley@oakenham.com
Jams, marmalades and other preserves	Angela Hickman	01548 830616	Angela is a USS producer
Beef and pork	Deborah - USS producer	07496 671133	mondymoo3@aol.com
Pet food and supplies	Merryl Docker	07519 507029	merryldocker@yahoo.co.uk
Connor Gibson	Dog Walking	07465 299025	£5 for 40 mins