



## Ugborough Parish Newsletter

June 2021

### What's on

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### Ugborough Fair Lite (Covid edition) -Rowan Martin

Plans are moving ahead for Ugborough Fair on 10<sup>th</sup> July. Given the uncertainty that still exists around the COVID roadmap, the event will be somewhat scaled down from usual, but don't worry - the key elements will all be there! Cake stall, BBQ, a bar, food and music (from the much- loved Long Faces). The action will begin at 3:30 and end around 9 p.m.

It's been a long and difficult year, and this will bring a long- awaited chance to come together as a community and have a good old catch up with friends and neighbours. It's been far too long!

The easy going and fun- loving fair committee are always open to new members and ideas, so if there's something you'd like to see or make happen or just keen to help out a bit on the day then get in touch. [shelley@oakenham.com](mailto:shelley@oakenham.com).

**Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays - What's happening??** - Juliet Collis

Well not a lot! We are discussing when it will be safe to reopen our popular Saturday mornings in the village hall. It's unclear at the time of writing whether we can serve coffee and bacon butties inside, and numbers in the hall would have to be limited with check-in procedures adhered to, and masks worn. New government guidelines are being studied to make sure we get it right.

But ..... we need your help! Would you support it? When would be the right time to restart ..... July? or should we wait until September? Are you a producer who would like to be a seller? Ideas on how we can get this popular village venue restarted are welcomed, and we would love to have some feedback, so email us on: [ugboroughss@gmail.com](mailto:ugboroughss@gmail.com)

**Ceremonial flying of the Flag.**



- June 2<sup>nd</sup>**                      *Coronation Day Anniversary*
- June 10<sup>th</sup>**                    *Birthday of the Duke of Edinburgh*
- June 12<sup>th</sup>**                    *Queen's Official Birthday*
- June 21<sup>st</sup>**                    *Birthday of the Duke of Cambridge*
- June 26<sup>th</sup>**                    *Armed Forces Day*



**Three Rivers Mission Community- Ugborough Church**

We look forward to welcoming you to the online service on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 4.30 p.m.  
For login details contact the Rector, Rev. David Sayle on 01548 821199 or at [parish\\_sayle@me.com](mailto:parish_sayle@me.com)

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

Ugborough Primary School.

Diary Dates:

HALF TERM- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May –Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Last day for pupils

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

Charity Number 1043499- *Contributor-Danielle*

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

07763215455

[admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk](mailto:admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk)

The term is in full swing, and the staff and children have been extremely busy. The weather hasn't been kind over the last few weeks, so we've not been able to proceed with Forest School. Instead we have gone for wellie walks, and this was a safer option given all the rain we have had. Once the weather brings back the sunshine, Forest School will re- commence.

In previous months, following the topic of Spring, the children have looked at new life in the fields and in the growth of new buds. This week the new life was in the form of ducklings, brought in off a local farm and the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

With new beginnings, comes new happenings and the staff at the preschool have under extensive training for the exciting, revised curriculum in September, which will bring an even stronger emphasis on language and literacy.

In September we will say goodbye to some of our pre-schoolers as they start their journey in primary school, therefore we are liaising with the school and teachers to ensure a smooth transition following covid safety rules.

With covid scuppering most of our annual traditions we can happily announce it won't be casting a shadow on our annual sports day.

We have now been in talks with moving forward with the plans to build on school grounds. We will need help to fundraise, so anyone who would like to join our committee and help please get in touch with Leanne or Tania.

The Preschool is still open to new faces, so if your child likes a diverse range of playing inside and exploring the great outdoors then come and see us at Ugborough and Bittaford Pre-school. You can contact Tania for further information.

The children have welcomed a few new faces to the pre-school and have enjoyed showing them around, but there is space for more.



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

*Jackie Andrade*

Calling all citizen scientists...we are inviting people in Ugborough to help record and monitor wildlife in the parish.

To do this, we have launched a project called Ugborough Wildlife on iNaturalist. iNaturalist is an easy-to-use app: you take or upload a photo of something you have seen, then click the 'what did you see?' button and the app identifies it for you automatically. It is amazingly good at doing this but there is a human element too. In a few days typically, other wildlife spotters will check your photo and confirm or correct the identification. Your recording is now 'research grade'. When you create an observation, the app automatically uses your phone or camera's GPS tag to locate it. The Ugborough Wildlife project collates all the observations that fall within the parish boundaries, from Ludbrook to Avonwick, Ugborough to Redlake, allowing you to see what else has been spotted.

We would love as many people as possible to use iNaturalist to record the plants, animals, fungi and even slime moulds that they see while out and about in the parish. You can build up a picture of what you have seen as the seasons progress, and test your knowledge of local wildlife. Your observations will help G-UP to create a thorough record of Ugborough's wildlife, measure progress on biodiversity projects like wildflower meadows and hedge laying, and discover if there are vulnerable species or habitats in the parish that we could do more to protect. We have over 350 observations already, from 34 observers and covering a whopping 227 different species ranging from owls and elms to the charmingly named Flowers of Tan, which is also less-charmingly known as dog vomit slime mould.

In other news, more trees have been planted at the school and distributed in other spots around the parish. A team of volunteers raked dead grass from Ugborough burial ground, ready for a wildflower and grasses survey next month and management as a potential wildflower meadow and rough grassland. The Moorhaven meadow group cleared the cemetery of docks and planted field scabious and yellow rattle. This meadow and the much larger one up the hill at Stoneybrook will be open to the public on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 11 a.m.- 3 p.m., as part of the Moor Meadows open meadows scheme:

<https://moormeadows.org.uk/events/open-meadows-2021/>

If you are interested in learning more about G-Up, please sign up for our newsletter here: <https://www.ugborough.com/g-up> or email us at: [greenerugp@gmail.com](mailto:greenerugp@gmail.com)

### **History Group News Spring 2021-** *Vici Hemming*

We are planning an exciting History Group relaunch out of our enforced hibernation starting in January 2022 with hopefully some outdoor events this Summer – full details to follow.

We are working on a programme with a broader focus of talks and events covering not just Local History but also the Natural History of the Parish, Dartmoor, the South Hams and the wider Devon County. We would like to incorporate talks and walks around the Parish led by both members of our community as well as and by specialists for members and non-members alike. As we all walked a lot more during Lockdown it will be an ideal opportunity to now tread our local pathways in a more sociable way and also to learn about the natural and man-made environment in which we all live.

If you have a favourite walk and would like to lead a group please get in touch via [www.ugborough.com/history](http://www.ugborough.com/history) or email Vici ([history@mondopeople.org](mailto:history@mondopeople.org)).

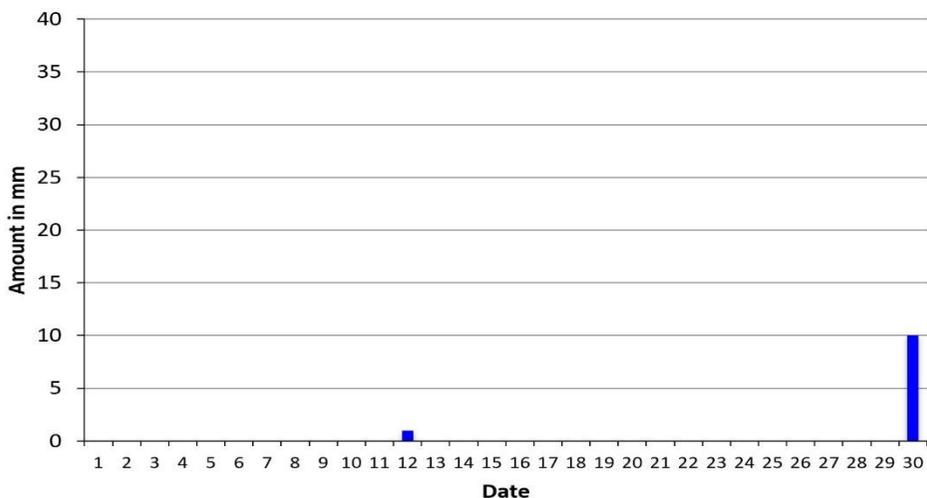
Anyone keen to get involved in organising or leading group activities is very welcome please let us know.

We will not be enrolling members until later this year for the 2022 season and look forward to welcoming both old and new members of the community to our new programme.

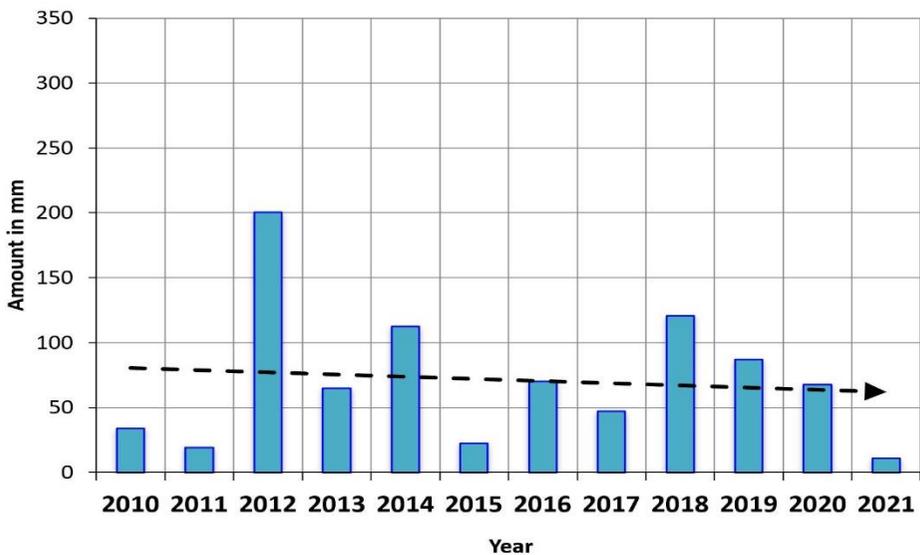
### **Rainfall at Shellwood Hill** *George Arnison*

If it hadn't rained on the last day of the month, this April would have broken all records. As it was, it did - and so it was only the *second* driest month since I started recording rainfall at Shellwood Hill twelve years ago (after September 2014 – 8mm). What else is there to say really, other than it was a very dry month, with only 11mm (less than ½”) of rain...well below the monthly average of 78mm and followed on from a dry March.

### Rainfall in April 2021



### April rainfalls and Trend



## **Beryl's Bookworms** – Sue Johns



Our book this month was Hamnet, penned by one of our favourite authors, Maggie O'Farrell. This is essentially a re-imagining of the death of Hamnet, Shakespeare's son who died as a child from the plague. However, it essentially focuses on Agnes, his wife, a true country character with a gift

for healing and an extraordinary relationship with nature.

Shakespeare himself rarely commands direct speech, and is never referred to by name, only as 'the husband' or 'the Latin tutor'. Even Stratford can only be identified by street names. This allowed the author licence to focus on Elizabethan domestic life, and the vividly drawn characters encountered.

The author researched the period meticulously, and this is evident on every page. The description of the house is accurate, if you've ever visited, but O'Farrell transports you there by filling it with the sights, sounds and smells of that moment in time.

The timeline of the text shifts back and forth between 1596, the year Hamnet dies aged eleven, and the 1580s, tracing the courtship and marriage of Agnes and William, and family life with their three children. Shakespeare escaped to London on his wife's insistence allowing him to develop and perform his plays – and Agnes made her own successful life, despite being bereft at his absence. It is a tale of both tragedy and new beginnings, and rich in detail.

We all agreed that the imbibing skill in this book is the vivid imagery. Each character can be visualised and scene imagined. This all through O'Farrell's exceptional mastery of language. We were THERE... from harvesting a swarm of bees to the all-consuming mother's grief for a child. The harrowing description of the plague travelling from the Middle East across Europe was particularly relevant at this time.

We all agreed that this is definitely one of those books that will remain in our memories. The score of 5 out of 5, almost without exception, reflected the strength of our convictions.

Next Month's Book is 'Miss Benson's Beetle' by Rachel Joyce.

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

Sunday 6th June at 11 a.m.      Revd D Youngs - Communion service

Sunday 13th June at 11 a.m.      Mr M Cade

Sunday 20th June at 11 a.m.      Mr J Pointon

Sunday 27th June at 11 a.m.      Revd A Chislett-McDonald.

## Ugborough Parish Council

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Website: <https://ugboroughparishcouncil.org>

**The May meetings** promised to be a marathon, as we raced to complete remote meetings before the law required us to return to meetings in person. We started with the...

**Annual Parish Meeting**, which receives reports from local groups, County & District Councils, the Dartmoor National Park and our Police Advocate. The G-Up presentation focussed on exciting projects which will make a real difference to the Parish, including: Waste & recycling schemes, Wildlife & Biodiversity Live Projects, greening up Ugborough play park, hedge laying initiatives, a Parish species inventory and habitat mapping, tree planting and clearance of invasive Himalayan Balsam.

The enthusiasm and resilience of local groups in these challenging times was really impressive, and all their annual reports are available on the [website](#).

**The Annual Parish Council Meeting** then swiftly followed, in which arrangements for the next Parish Council year were agreed. Joan Fletcher continues as the Chairman and Meetings will continue on the first Wednesday of each month – but, from now on, in person.

**The monthly Parish Council Meeting** then followed, starting with...

Only one planning application (with the recommendation in **bold**): [1108/21/FUL](#) Increase use of agricultural barn and adjacent field from 28 days to 56 days per year (Max 14 Weddings per year) at Dunwell Farm Ugborough **Support**

**The burial ground spoil heap** has been looking pretty untidy for some time now and, when its gate failed, a new approach was needed, in particular to discourage the dumping of non-organic waste on the heap. So, the plan is to dispense with the heap entirely and spread any spoil across the unused parts of the burial ground, which the grass will grow through (once we have picked out all the plastic etc dumped in the spoil heap). I always think the burial ground is such a peaceful place, with beautiful views down the valley, and it will be even more attractive once we have tidied up the entranceway.

**Bittaford playpark** should have its new play equipment by the time this Newsletter is published. However, we seem to move one step forward and two steps back, as the very popular see-saw has recently been vandalised, leaving jagged pieces of metal protruding to injure young children playing on it. We have managed to remove the sharp metal and have ordered replacement parts at a cost of £233. What a senseless waste of money – and to make things worse, the vandals threw the parts they wrenched off into the stream!

On a more positive note, the Parish Council will be providing another picnic bench in the play park to supplement the current picnic bench, which is very well used.

**Projects** over the next few months include renovating the flagpole in Ugborough Square and options to improve car parking for access on to the moor, in particular to reach the Puffing Billy track. Devon County Council has agreed to the station car park being used, but the Parish Council queried whether users would be prepared to walk the considerable distance along roads to reach the moor. Car parking at the top of Cantrell Lane could be enhanced, although this would depend on land ownership.

After such a marathon evening of meetings, we finally finished at 9pm! It is amazing what you can achieve when time is tight...

**The next Meeting** will be held in the main hall at Ugborough Village hall from 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Covid safety precautions mean that the public must advise the Clerk in advance if they wish to attend. At the meeting, we will be discussing the Parish Council accounts for the last financial year.

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### **Clean up our Patch**

**Litter picking equipment available to local  
volunteers**

**To borrow the equipment, contact the Parish Clerk  
Tel 01364 661127 [ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk)**

Ugborough Parish Council



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

### **St Peter's Church Services in June**

We are delighted to be able to invite you back into our church for regular services but please note that numbers are limited due to Covid restrictions – so please book your place by e mailing or ringing Sue Johns at [suejohnsdunwellfarm@gmail.com](mailto:suejohnsdunwellfarm@gmail.com) 07889737967.

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

Date	Service
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Holy Communion Mission Community Messy Church at 4.30 p.m. via zoom
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Holy Communion
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Holy Communion
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Holy Communion

**It will be necessary to wear face coverings at all services and strict hygiene measures will be in place.**

### **Mission Community Services online via Zoom or telephone.**

**Please contact Rev'd David Sayle on 01548 821199 or at [parish\\_sayle@me.com](mailto:parish_sayle@me.com) for further information, and by 6 p.m. the day before for login details.**

**Every Sunday at 11 a.m.- Sunday Service**

Harberton and Harbertonford churches are open mid-week for private prayer- see the Three Rivers Mission Community website for details.

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

You can find out about everything that's going on across all the parishes at its website,

[www.3rivers.org.uk](http://www.3rivers.org.uk)

**For all church business and parish matters, please contact**

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### **St. Peter's Church Annual Meeting**

The Annual Church Meeting was held on 19<sup>th</sup> May via zoom. Jeremy Wells and Sue Johns were re-elected as Church Wardens and in addition the PCC comprises the Rev. David Sayle as chair and Norma Roe who has responsibility for Safeguarding. Sylvia Marcus continues as our very efficient Minutes Secretary.

Many thanks to all for their hard work and for enabling us to worship safely.

### **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 library will be visiting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Strict hygiene measures are in place and face coverings must be worn.

And don't forget to visit your **Post Office** in Ugborough Church on Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. Please remember that it is necessary to wear face coverings and strict hygiene measures are in place to keep you safe.

Thank you to Ugborough Support and church volunteers, and the outreach team at Elburton Post Office who have made this valuable Community service continue to be possible.

### **Help your local children's hospice reach pot of gold this summer!**

Children's Hospice South West (CHSW) is excited to announce plans for its Rainbow Run Your Way fundraiser on 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Rainbow Run has become an event synonymous with sunny days and explosions of colour across three different locations in the south west.

Last year due to COVID restrictions the event went virtual and still raised £100,000 for the charity. This year participants will be encouraged to once again take on the Rainbow Run in their own way.

Open to absolutely anyone who wants to get involved, CHSW is encouraging participants to pick a route of any distance and complete it however they wish. It will be a chance to don a bright outfit and complete your distance by running, skipping, walking, skating or riding and have fun along the way. The aim will be to collectively raise £30,000 for each of the charity's children's hospices, Little Harbour in St Austell, Little Bridge House in Barnstaple, and Charlton Farm in Wraxall, Somerset, a poignant target to reach for the charity's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

This free, fun and very colourful fundraiser is kindly being sponsored by Ann's Cottage and The Exeter and is a fantastic way to show your support for CHSW during its 30th Anniversary year and will also mark the start of national Children's Hospice Week.

CHSW encourages everyone to register on its website to ensure they have access to event information and free resources. If participants raise £15 or more in sponsorship, they will be sent a 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative medal after the event.

For more information and to register visit [www.chsw.org.uk/rainbow](http://www.chsw.org.uk/rainbow)

## **Contributions**

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this 'new normal' Newsletter. It's been a long and hard road through the pandemic, but it is really heartening to see news in this edition of tentative plans for the future from some of our Groups.

A few printed copies have been produced for those without internet availability and many thanks to Ivybridge Community College for this and to those safely distributing them.

I am very much looking forward to when we can go back to our usual paper format, (maybe for the July/August edition???)but we must keep our volunteer distributors and all who receive the Newsletter safe.

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

**The deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> 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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