

Ugborough Parish Newsletter

May 2022



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Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays - Val Holman 01752 894973

We will be in the village hall from 10 a.m.-12 noon on the dates below. Come and fill your boots with delicious pies, bread, ready meals, pasties, jams and cakes all made by local producers, most of whom live in the village. Clever crafts include cards, prints, oilcloth bags, jewellery and sewn items. There are usually plants available too! Phil's famous bacon butties and decent coffee & tea are for sale from the Cafe. Please come and support this local initiative, we would love to see you. Upcoming dates are 7th and 21st May

Ceremonial Flying of the Flag

We are in the process of sourcing a new flagpole for Ugborough Square. We will be sorry to see the existing flagpole go, which has been there since 1902, but sadly we are not going to be able to renovate it. See Parish Council report where planning permission is being requested for a replacement.

The flag would not normally be flown in May.

The Thursday Coffee Morning

in St Peter's Church is BACK, alongside our continuing weekly Post Office.

Pop along for a beverage and cake between 10 and 11.45 a.m.

Please make use of the hand gel and wear masks until seated. All are welcome!

Come to a
FARMHOUSE LUNCH
At Dunwell Farm, Ugborough
Home of Cliff & Sue Johns
On Wednesday May 4th at 12 noon
£12
Proceeds to St Peter's Church, Ugborough

Bring & Buy

Draw



Ugfest 2022

Ugfest will be on Saturday May 21st at Hillhead Farm.

We are very excited about bringing this epic one night music and beer fest back - we have local bands The Long Faces and Groundrush booked in with sound services from Blue Thunder, and we will finish with another incredible set from Electric Geraint!

Tickets are very much sought after and speak to Catherine (07817175460) to check availability.

Thursday 2nd June Queens Jubilee Bonfire

At Hillhead Cross - official bonfire to be lit at 9.45 p.m.

BBQ and bar. This is a nationwide, fully co-ordinated event. More details can be found on the website <https://www.queensjubileebeacons.com>

If there are any buglers or potential town criers out there, please let me know! All proceeds from this event will go to the church.

Sunday 5th June Queens Jubilee Afternoon Tea

Please note change of date. Full details to follow.

Ugborough Village Hall - Stafford Williams

The Village Hall hosts the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 10th May at

8 p.m. in the main hall. The committee welcomes everyone from the community to review the year's activities and finances. This is the opportunity for you to have your say on the Hall and to help establish the committee for the coming year.

Ugborough Village Clean up - Clive Hart

I would just like to say a warm and sincere thank you to all of the people who joined me for the Spring Clean of the Village Square and surrounding roads on 2nd April. The benefits of your time and effort are clear for all to see.

We managed to clear the Square, the areas down towards both the Ship and the Anchor and the top end of Donkey Lane towards the play area. We also straightened one of the signs at the junction between Fore Street and Parsonage Lane.

There is still much to do and over the coming weeks I will endeavour to do some of the areas we were unable to reach this time. If anyone is up for another Working Party, please let me know.

I would also like to thank the Parish Council and Church for the refreshments provided.

In the 1990s the village won a number of CPRE Best Kept Village awards, and it would be lovely to think we could get it back to looking like it obviously did then.

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

Charity Number 1043499- *Tessa Watkinson*

Open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday – Friday during term time in Ugborough Village Hall

Contact 07763215455

admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk

We have been enjoying lots of good weather spending lots of time outside in the playground and also at the village playpark. We have been enacting several stories such as 'A Squash and a Squeeze' climbing onto the slide and we have tried constructing houses out of real straw, sticks and bricks for the 'Three Little Pigs' story.

The Easter Egg Hunt in the lovely garden of one of our committee-members was very exciting. The children were sponsored by friends and family to raise valuable funds for our preschool but, most importantly, they had a fantastic time in their wellies, searching out the eggs despite the rain!

We have also been learning about the frog life cycle and were thrilled recently to see frogspawn and tadpoles. Forest School also restarted after the Easter holiday which is welcomed by us all.

Indoors, we've had just as much play and discovery. We have made pizza muffins seeing the way cheese changes with heat and watched the powder and milk mix in Angel Delight to see liquid turning solid. The children also really enjoyed making chocolate Easter nests. We have continued having a lovely time with Jude from Spinning Tots Dance on Thursday afternoons and all the children are enthusiastic to join in when she comes.

We had a fantastic trip to Dartmoor Zoo for the Friday children with the tiger, meerkats and lizards being among the favourite animals. We are very grateful for the parents who accompanied us and also drove other children. We have plans to do another pre-school trip on a

couple of different days so that all the children get a chance to continue their preschool education in other settings.

We have been pleased by the response to our Summer Holiday Club. If you feel you need to make use of this, please let us know as soon as you can. Our Baby and Toddler Group is still running on Mondays from 10.15- 11.45 in the village hall and we would always be happy to see more new faces there. The costs are £1.50 for a child or £2.50 for more than one child.

Finally, we are delighted by the fantastic ticket sales for this year's Ugfest (a night of great bands, food and dancing) as it is such an important fundraiser for us. See you there on Saturday 21st May if you've secured your ticket.

Ugborough Primary School- *Headteacher - Mrs. Lucy French*
Sports Day + Jubilee Celebration

We are all looking forward to our Sport's Day on Friday 27th May and are delighted that we are able to invite parents and carers to spectate the event. Parents/carers can arrive at 9.45 a.m. and we are looking to finish by 11.45 a.m.

Preparations are also underway for an in-house celebration to mark the Queen's Jubilee which is scheduled for the afternoon on this day.

Monday 2nd May Bank Holiday	School Closed
Monday 30 th -Friday 3 rd June	Half Term
Monday 6th June	Non - pupil Day – School Closed

Ivybridge u3a summer programme

The monthly general meetings, which are free to all members of Ivybridge u3a, usually take place at the Watermark on the third Monday of each month, starting at 2 p.m.

On 16th May, Ian Gasper will be taking his audience through the 'History, Wildlife and Landscapes of Patagonia' and in June Brian Fernley is also on his travels when he relates some of his experiences in 'Destination Utah'.

In addition to the monthly meetings, u3a members also have access to nearly 40 specialist groups. These range from Egyptology to Etymology, Country Dancing to Creative Writing, Dartmoor Industrial Archaeology to Card Games, and Language classes to Wine Appreciation. See the Ivybridge u3a website for full details.

Ladies' Lunch *Pat Stephens*

The date for the next lunch is Wednesday May 18th at The Ship, Ugborough for 12 noon.
Contact Pat Stephens 07704 113837 to book.



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

<https://www.ugborough.com/g-up>
greenerugp@gmail.com



Come and join us for a wildlife walk led by our knowledgeable Wildlife and Biodiversity Group members. Whether you are interested in wildflowers, birds, insects, lizards, or mammal tracking there will be something for everyone.

This will be an ideal opportunity to record what we see on  iNaturalist . Download the APP before the walk and help will be on hand to get you started.



Greener Ugborough Puddings -Saturday 21st May

G-UP will become Greener Ugborough *Puddings* at Ugfest on Saturday 21st of May. Donations of anything sweet would be greatly appreciated. All puddings must be labelled with a full ingredients list. Also label all containers that you want returned. Please bring all donations to Jane Johns at the Pudding gazebo on the evening.

Himalayan Balsam removal – Saturday afternoon 18th June – time + place tbc

Himalayan Balsam is a non-native invasive species. It looks pretty but it out-competes our native plants and reduces biodiversity. Pulling the stems before they flower is the best way to remove it and isn't very difficult because it doesn't have deep roots. Come and join us to make a real difference to biodiversity in your community and get the many benefits of being outdoors in nature.

Have you spotted Himalayan Balsam? Let us know where it is in the Parish.
 (greenerugp@gmail.com)

Families Welcome – children must be supervised by parent/carers. Bring gloves.

Wildlife and Biodiversity Working Group News



Do something simple for wildlife and help create a community nature reserve.

www.ugborough.com/wildlink

Food	Water	Shelter	Management
Bird feeders or food for hedgehogs	Wildlife pond (without fish)	Climbing plants for nesting and feeding	Leave perennials in until spring
Insect friendly nectar-rich flowers	Bog garden or permanent wet area	Mature trees	Compost garden and kitchen waste

Flowers, fruits, and seeds all year	Bird bath	Native shrubs or hedge	No pesticides including slug pellets
Shrubs and trees with nuts and berries	Water left out for hedgehogs and insects	Log piles or hibernaculum	Long grass area or mow and weed less
Wildflower meadow or nectar-rich lawn	Save water and use rain butt	Bird, bat, hedgehog, or bee/insect box	Hedgehog access into your garden

Last month **WildLink** was promoted at Ugborough School Easter tea with lots of pollinator-friendly seeds and seedlings given away and the children enjoyed making bug ‘hotels’.

WildLink – My Wildlife Pond - Jackie Andrade

Ponds are great for getting up close to nature. We spend countless hours looking at ours because there is always something happening. Blackbirds fuss around it in the winter, waiting for us to break the ice so they can bathe and drink. Now in spring, it is the centre of their battles for territory. Smaller birds visit to wash in the shallows. Below the surface, palmate newts are looking for mates in the sunlit areas of water, the males with their characteristic back feet that look like they are wearing black gloves. Water snails are getting busy, keeping it clear of fallen leaves, and caddis fly larvae are starting to build tubular homes from intricate mosaics of tiny pieces of stone or leaf. By summer the purple loosestrife and water mint will be humming with insects. We have watched spectacular dragonflies lay their eggs in the damp mud around the reeds, bats swoop low to catch insects, and hedgehogs come for an evening drink. One day, a beautiful grass snake silently slid into the water and looped its way across the pond.

Our pond is about 5 feet wide but even tiny ponds have value for wildlife. One day I tripped over an old washing up bowl and got my own back by burying it in the garden and filling with rainwater. By the time I’d put a couple of stones and a water plant in it, I had counted five different robins eagerly waiting to claim it as their own.

According to the Devon Wildlife Trust, half a million ponds have been lost in the UK over the last 100 years, filled in because we no longer need them for washing farm horses or digging marl to lime fields. An aim of the **WildLink** project is to recreate the lost web of watery habitats with a network of garden ponds. Could you do wildlife a favour and make a pond this weekend? If you do, we’d love to hear about it. What creatures will you see first?

For more information about wildlife ponds see <https://www.ugborough.com/garden-water>

How is your wildlife-friendly garden coming on? Get in touch

Bittaford and Moorhaven - Jackie j.andrade@me.com

Ugborough and the rest of the Parish - Susan susan@inxite.co.uk

POLLINATOR FOCUS

A brilliant flower for pollinators, a hardy perennial that has a long flowering season, interesting seed heads and edible – You may have spent all your life persecuting the dandelion, but can you give them a second chance in your garden?

Hoverflies are a beautiful and often overlooked type of pollinator. A simple way of encouraging hoverflies with an aquatic life stage into your garden is to make a hoverfly lagoon. Put a container filled with grass cuttings, leaves and water in a shady spot. This is the perfect habitat for hoverfly 'rat-tailed' larvae. For more info and to join the hoverfly lagoon project with Sussex University. <https://www.thebuzzclub.uk/hoverfly-lagoons>

Hoverflies are true flies (Diptera) but are often mistaken for bees because of their yellow-and-black patterns. This is no accident, since hoverflies mimic bees and wasps for defence, pretending they can sting. Here are the easiest ways to tell the difference.

Bees (Hymenoptera)	Flies (Diptera)
Longer elbowed antennae	Short stubby antennae
Smaller oval eyes on the side of the head	Big eyes that meet or almost meet in the middle
4 Wings (not always easy to tell as the front and hind wings are attached)	2 wings

The Lifecycle of the Bumblebee is quite different from a honeybee even though they are both social insects. In the Spring large queens emerge from hibernation feed on pollen and nectar and find a nest site. Here she lays eggs which develop into female worker bees. By summer the workers have taken over foraging for food and caring for eggs and larvae. The queen then remains in the nest where she will lay eggs until she dies. By late summer some eggs develop into Males and new queens, which leave the nest to feed and mate. The males and workers then die, leaving only the mated queens to hibernate over the winter and begin the lifecycle again. Bumblebees have a special method of pollination that honeybees can't do. It is called BUZZ pollination. This method is essential for example in blueberries, tomatoes, aubergines, and kiwis. Buzz pollination happens when the bumblebee contracts its flight muscles, which produce strong vibrations directed by their legs and mouthparts to release the pollen. So next time you see a bumblebee on your tomatoes listen out for a high-pitched noise as they BUZZ pollinate.



Remember to keep recording all your sightings on i-Naturalist and the wildlife WhatsApp Group Chat.

Sighting in the Ugborough Wildlife project last month include Bee-flies, Oil Beetles, Hairy-footed Flower Bees, Common Carder Bee, Brambling, Sparrowhawk, Cuckooflower and Pink Purslane.

Please find G-UP on Facebook or drop us a line if you would like to be added to our email circulation list and hear about future events directly: greeneruqp@gmail.com

Grants of up to £500 available for Devon community wildlife projects

Independent charity Devon Communities Together (DCT) has announced the launch of a new Community Wildlife Grant scheme, which has been developed by the Devon Local Nature Partnership (DLNP) to provide small grants of up to £500 to community wildlife projects. Applications are open to parish and town councils, community groups and community partnerships that wish to fund initiatives that will benefit local wildlife. This includes funding a new idea, continuing an existing project or starting a new group.

The scheme is being managed by Devon Communities Together and has been funded by Devon Environment Foundation, DCT and Devon County Council (DCC), as part of their shared commitment to help tackle the ecological emergency.

The aim of the grant scheme is to provide a very simple way for community groups to access small amounts of funding to kickstart their groups and initiatives, as well as benefit from advice, equipment and other resources. Guidance for applicants may be found on the website: www.devoncommunities.org.uk/projects/wild-about-devon-community-wildlife-grant-scheme

Beryl's Bookworms –Juliet Collis

Elly Griffiths – The Crossing Places

Our April read was the first in the series of currently 14 books, which are based on a fictitious forensic archaeologist, Dr Ruth Galloway, who works at a university in North Norfolk and is called in by police to assist with ageing the bones of a child's body discovered in the marsh near Ruth's home.



DCI Nelson is investigating the unsolved case of a missing girl from ten years ago and has received letters about the missing girl which contain various religious and literary references, as well as ritual sacrifice. Ruth is able to carbon date the bones and found that they were from the Iron Age, when marshland was considered to be sacred as it lay between the land and the sea and bodies were often buried there.

While the investigation continues, a second girl goes missing and the plot takes a sinister turn.

The book receives mixed reviews online, as it did with our group, ranging from 2.5 to 5 out of 5, with an average of 3.5. However we were interested to read the archaeological references and about the Norfolk marshlands and most found it to be well written and easy to read. For some the plot seemed rather contrived, while others considered it to be plausible. Overall we were pleased to have read the book and several of the group have either read or are planning to read the rest of the series.

Our next book is Patrick Gale's 'Take nothing with you'.

Ugborough Dramatic Society: -*Sue Johns*

A few heartfelt grateful thanks to those instrumental in the great success that was our Staycation Event - where we entertained an enthusiastic audience of 70 or so to superlative refreshments and an eclectic range of sketches!

Thanks to all the cooks who, often at their own expense, provided a first class 3 course meal., and all the kitchen, clearing volunteers.

To the eventual backstage team who managed to implement Nellie's Dream for the church (from her sickbed!), to those who set the hall for two vastly different venues and for their furniture rearranging skills, to those who sewed and created costumes, to the children of the School for their delightful country dancing, to those who supervised the Bar and purchased the drinks, to the ones creating atmosphere with light and music. To all the individuals who created buses, seagulls, photo booths, a Punch & Judy set, signs and backdrops plus all those little touches that so add finesse.

And thanks too to the hard-working Chorus for their dancing, singing and commitment, to those actors, who really didn't intend to be, for stepping up so magnificently in such varied roles! They showed accomplished acting, creative talent, beautiful vocals and an ability to create many different characters. They held the whole evening together with their exemplary performances. The audience had a Ball!

Profits from the evening will be distributed between Village Charities.

Do you have better Excel skills than I have or are you of a more artistic inclination than I am?

- *Owen Davies*

I volunteer with a UK charity called Engineers for Change Sierra Leone (EfCSL) and, as the name suggests, we are a group of UK based Professional Engineers of all persuasions who are trying to enhance the Capability and Capacity of Professional Engineers in Sierra Leone.

We have very little money, so we use our professional engineering knowledge and experience to mentor Developing Graduate Engineers in Sierra Leone towards the internationally recognised qualifications that the UK Professional Engineering Institutions award on behalf of the UK Engineering Council.

Today we have a cohort of 18 Developing Engineers with Mechanical, Electrical or Civil Engineering BEng degrees, awarded by the University of Sierra Leone, aiming to be registered as Incorporated Engineers in years to come.

I could use a bit of help in two areas please:

Firstly, I would like to refresh the rather clunky and obsolete Engineering Competency Tracker that the UK Institution of Mechanical Engineers gave me for the Graduates to use. It's built in Excel.

Secondly, I would like someone who has an artistic/printing/media services background to help me with a 'Lift Brief' document that EfCSL are drafting. We can do the words but turning them into something that catches the eye is not a competency in which I shine!

If anyone thinks they could help, please give me a call on 07934226118 or call in at Lutterburn Cottage. Thank you.

Bittaford Methodist Chapel *Chris Phillips 07899934743*

All services start at 11 a.m. unless otherwise shown.

Sunday 1st May - Revd D Youngs. Communion service

Sunday 8th May -Mrs M McNaughton.

Sunday 15th May - Mr K Ridley.

Sunday 22nd May No morning service but at 3 p.m. Revd A Roper. SONGS of PRAISE SERVICE.

There will not be a sermon, but we will have well known hymns, Light refreshments. All welcome.

On 3rd April a free concert was given by the Damerel Belles at the chapel. A retiring collection raised £130 for the upkeep of the chapel. The members of the chapel wish to express their appreciation to the Damerel Belles and their Director Trefor Farrow

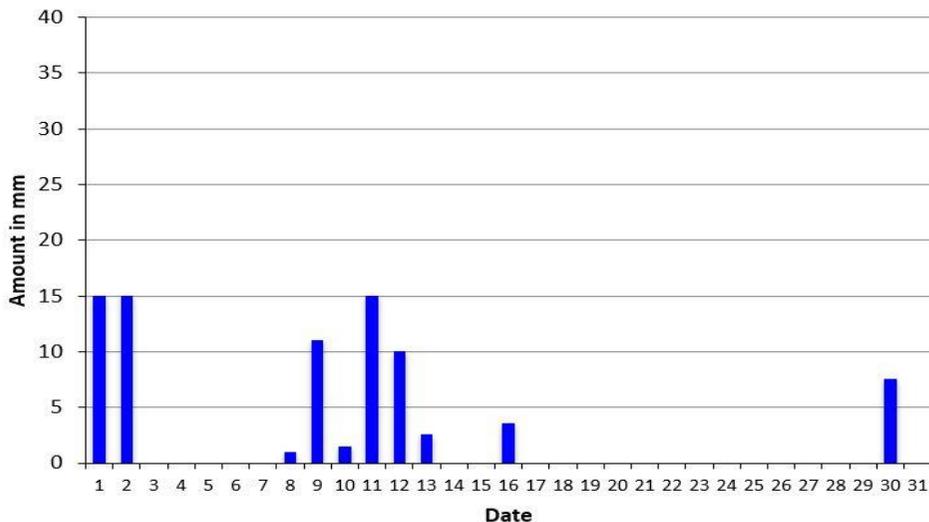
Rainfall at Shellwood Hill *George Arnison*

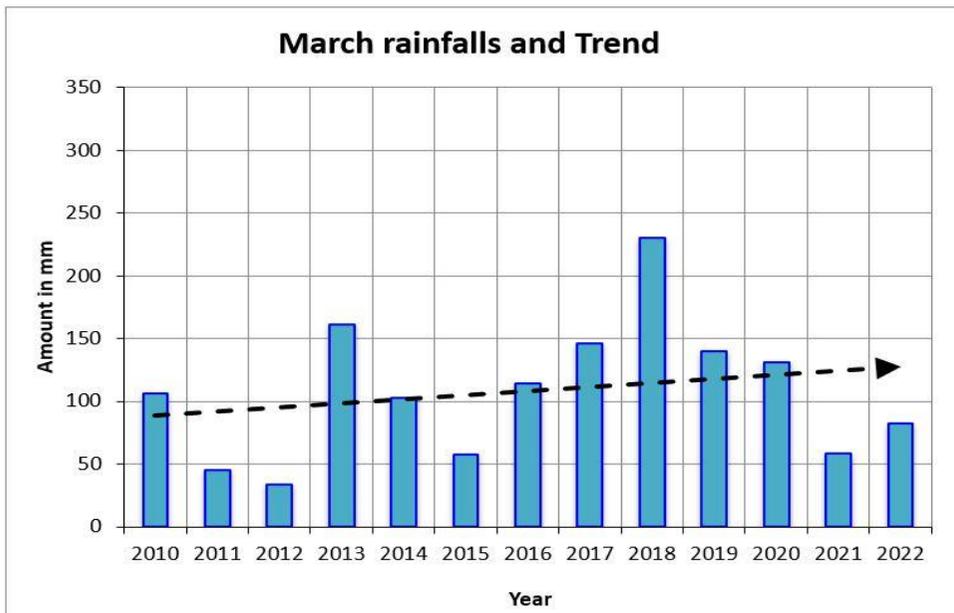
Our dry start to the year continued through March, when I recorded just 82mm (just over 3”) of rain at Shellwood Hill, which was below the month’s average of 108mm.

Otherwise it was a fairly unmemorable month weather-wise.

Looking back at the Met Office weather maps for last winter (i.e. Dec, Jan & Feb) across Devon – it was warmer (by over 1°C), drier (by around 20%) and less sunny (by around 10%), in comparison to the 1991-2020 averages.

Rainfall in March 2022





Ugborough Parish Council

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Website: <https://ugboroughparishcouncil.org>

People Power came to Ugborough at the start of the April Parish Council Meeting, as we were deluged with villagers who had come along to express their concerns at the decision by the school (now part of WeST Academy) that the playing field could not be used as a community space. A community working group had been set up, with practical solutions to the Headteacher's concerns over safeguarding. They were supported by DCC Cllr Dan Thomas, and the Parish Council has asked for a meeting with the Headteacher. This conflict also raises the wider issues of the absence of community in the new Academy arrangements, together with inadequate consultation on changes in the school administration.

Questions from the public always raise diverse issues, and this meeting was no exception. A community litter pick in Ugborough (thank you!) had revealed numerous wobbly paving setts around the Square. And complaints in Bittaford had arisen from noisy workers overnight on the railway line.

The Parish Council has contacted those responsible, and hopefully these complaints will be resolved.

Ukrainian refugees were the focus for attention by both your County and District Councillors. A new website now hosts the latest guidance and information - visit devon.gov.uk/supporting-ukraine. Anyone who is interested in offering accommodation can register via the government website [Homes for Ukraine – Local Sponsorship Scheme for Ukraine](https://www.gov.uk/homes-for-ukraine). The fastest way to donate to a DEC appeal is by donating online at <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>.

Finally, the Government has published a guide in Ukrainian on how to access benefits and find work at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/welcome-a-guide-for-ukrainians-arriving-in-the-uk>

Spring COVID-19 booster jobs have started to be offered to those people in Devon at greatest risk of COVID-19 infection, many of whom had their first booster six months ago. The groups eligible for the spring booster are people aged 75 years and older, residents in a care home for older adults, and people aged 12 years old and over who have a weakened immune system. The best time to have the spring booster is around six months after the previous booster, although the minimum interval is three months. You can find your nearest walk-in clinic on the [NHS site finder website](#) or book an appointment via the [National Booking System](#).

Step on Scheme is being piloted by SHDC, to pay a deposit of about £3,000 for anyone wanting to give up a rented social property and buy a part buy/part rent property. SHDC is also joining with DCC & Plymouth CC to set up a Freeport for Plymouth and South Devon.

Planning applications considered at the Meeting (with the Parish Council recommendation in **bold**):

1. 22/0010 TPOs at Bittaford Wood Caravan Park: Reduce oaks **No comment**
2. [0759/22/HHO](#) & [0760/22/LBC](#) Householder application & Listed Building Consent for alterations to convert workshop into greenhouse and reinstate conservatory at Lower Bowcombe Farm Ugborough **Support, subject to existing stonework being retained and not replaced**
3. [042/22/PDM](#) & [0953/22/PDM](#) Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to 1No. dwellinghouse (Class C3) and for associated operational development (Class Q (a+b)) Yeo Farmhouse, Ermington Road, Ivybridge (For information) **Not enough information provided on the timing of the land purchase, nor the agricultural use of the buildings and land. Zone 3 flood zone.**
4. [0465/22/HHO](#) Householder application for first floor extension to the rear of property at Press House, Ware Hill, Ugborough **Neutral**
5. [0977/22/FUL](#) Replace existing wooden flagpole with recycled aluminium flagpole at The Flagpole, The Square, Ugborough **Support**

Maintenance of Parish Council assets was discussed: The planning application for a new flagpole has been submitted; footpath improvements through Bittaford playpark have been negotiated with Dartmoor National Park; the bench next to Bittaford phone box will be replaced; the Bittaford bus shelter is to receive a spring clean; and the Parish Council will be displaying a plaque commemorating the Platinum Jubilee on the conduit. The Parish Council had followed up a request at the Annual Parish Meeting to replace the disintegrating pole on Ugborough Beacon, but was unsuccessful as the landowner's permission was not forthcoming.

The next Meeting will be held in the main hall at Ugborough Village Hall from 7 p.m. on Wednesday 4th May, starting with the Annual Parish Council Meeting, when administrative arrangements for the next year are agreed.

Privacy policy – visit ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

Litter picking equipment is available to local volunteers.

To borrow, please contact the Parish Clerk Tel 01364 661127 ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk

Events in St Peter's Church *Sue Johns*

It was great to see the church thronging with school children as the Friends of Ugborough School held their **Easter Tea Afternoon** in church - with a great display of their Spring work and sunflower creations - and how cheering to hear the church ring with the sound of young voices as the Tuesday After School Choir entertained us all!

Easter Post Office Coffee Morning.

How wonderful to be able to welcome the community to the church for such a social event! A good crowd enjoyed hot cross buns and coffee whilst partaking of the side stalls managed by the children, such as Guess the Eggs in a Jar, A Treasure Hunt and Guess the Weight of the Simnel Cake (won by Flo Crossman) The Posy competitions were won by Sylvia Marcus and the Godfrey Family. Thanks to Claire Lockley for judging.
As a bonus we raised £150 for church funds.

At last **Messy Church** is back in its rightful regular place on a 4th Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

Note the slot!

In March for the first time in two years, some 30 odd parents and children enjoyed the story telling, crafts and party tea.

We even boasted a small music group - which we very much hope to build upon.

The **All Age service on Easter Day** was similarly a joyful occasion with some 60 attendees aged from 4 to 84 enjoying informal worship with Rev David Sayle, including tissue flower making and the Lego Challenge for the children - and of course the inevitable Egg Hunt!

Next Event

A Farmhouse Lunch at Dunwell Farm, Ugborough: 12 – 2 p.m. on Wednesday May 4th.

Tickets £12. Draw and a Bring & Buy Stall

All proceeds to church funds.

At last- Messy Church is back!
Sunday 22nd May at 4.30- 6 p.m.
Stories, crafts, messy activities, songs, food and fun at St Peter's Church, Ugborough,
All Ages welcome. Children to be accompanied by an adult



Services at St. Peter's Church, Ugborough

Services start at 9.30 a.m. unless otherwise shown.

We have a variety of services, traditional and informal, so please check below to see what is available.

Date	Service
Sunday 1 st May	All Age worship- an informal service suitable for all and led by Local Worship Leaders.
Sunday 8 th May	Holy Communion- a traditional service
Sunday 15 th May	Morning Praise- a more informal service led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 22 nd May 9.30 a.m. 4.30 p.m.	Holy Communion- a more traditional service Messy Church -see below
Sunday 29 th May at 11 a.m.	Benefice Holy Communion service at Diptford- no service at Ugborough

Please use the hand gel provided and respect others' space.

You may continue to use face covering if you wish.

Ugborough Church Annual Parochial Meeting

Date – to be confirmed (in May)

The APCM is where new appointments are made, and our supportive army of volunteers are re-elected.

We look to make new appointments for Church Wardens, the people who look after fabric and day to day functions of our Churches. We take stock of what the parishes have achieved during the challenging years,

We then plan for the year ahead and look forward to a more productive year.

This is one of those meetings that a minority of our parishioners attend, but if you want to have your say in parish church matters, you are welcome to attend.

Please look out for details confirming the date.

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

For all church business and parish matters, please contact

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May reflection- *David Stafford.*

What a difference a day makes. In the case of those left behind when Jesus had been murdered there were rumours and eyewitness accounts that he was alive and had encounters with one or two of his followers. Just because you hear that someone has had such an experience does not mean that you believe them. Should they give credence to the whole idea of resurrection and believe what they had been told? This was a problem for the disciples and especially for Thomas. Minus Thomas, they locked themselves in a house because they were afraid of the authorities, especially regarding the rumours of resurrection. Even Mary's recounting of her amazing talk with Jesus was not enough to help them manage that fear. Even with an eye witness to a miracle, they needed something more to inspire them to leave that safe place.

Thankfully Jesus just showed up, in the middle of their fear, and says to them, "Peace be with you." I guess he could tell that they needed some encouragement. He offers them his hands and his side, sharing with them his wounds, not because they asked, but it seems like he knows that it might help them to understand if they see. Evidence was important to them because they found it hard to believe that what he had said all along was in fact true. He breathes the Holy Spirit on them, This new Body of Christ, (those who form His church), will carry his work. And he disappears, just as quickly as he once appeared.

Thomas missed it all. I'm not sure where he was. Scripture doesn't say, but does indicate that Thomas was not known for being fearful. It is fascinating that the disciples, including Thomas are in that same house a week later. Maybe they chose to wait, hoping that Jesus would appear again for their friend. Jesus appears again, not bothering with the doors they have closed to protect themselves. Again, he offers peace, and he offers his body as proof. Jesus said to Thomas don't be unbelieving but believe. To believe in him is to be in relationship with God through him. In this moment, when Jesus asks Thomas to believe, unsurprisingly, Thomas, fearless as ever, quickly asserts his belief and renews his relationship, calling Jesus, "My Lord and My God", making one of the clearest statements of belief in the whole Gospel.

Let's fast forward several weeks into the future where we find Peter speaking quite fearlessly in Jerusalem. How was he able to speak out when in the upper room they were quite frightened of the authorities? Well it was the evidence that sunk home that Jesus was alive and afterwards had ascended into heaven. Now their real joy of witnessing to these events began.

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., normally every 4 weeks.

The next date is **May 24th**.

And don't forget to visit your Post Office in Ugborough Church on Tuesday afternoon from 12.30-2.30 p.m. and Thursday morning from 10 a.m. – 12 noon.

Yealm Rouleurs Spring and Summer rides

Local road cycling club, Yealm Rouleurs, ride every Saturday in the South Hams, as well as organising monthly expeditions.

Other rides planned for 2022 include:

21st May - East Devon ride

19th June - Dartmoor classic sportive

16th July - Train to Penzance and cycle back

13th Aug - Circumnavigation Dartmoor

24th Sept - Cornwall raid

Routes and information

We keep our Facebook page updated [fb.me/yealmrouleurs](https://www.facebook.com/yealmrouleurs). New riders who can cycle for 30-40 miles at 13-14 mph can try out on a Saturday ride and are asked to contact us in advance via Facebook.

Horse and Groom Beer Festival- Rose, Dawn & Olly

This year the Horse and Groom Team at Bittaford are celebrating 20 years in business.

Join them on Saturday 30th April and Sunday 1st May for their big party Beer Festival.

Including Live Music from Devon's Top Glam Rock Band "SWEAT", Morris Dancing with the Plymouth Morris Men, More Live Music with "Rick The Stick" + the Famous "the Beer Fest Waitress Race" returns by popular demand.... sponsored by "Hunter's Brewery".

This two days event will once again be raising money for "The Brain Tumour Charity"

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