

Ugborough Parish Newsletter

December 2022



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Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays – Juliet Collis

Christmas is fast approaching, and USS is looking forward to welcoming you on two occasions to the Village Hall in December. Our craft producers have wonderful items which make excellent gifts for Christmas, for Secret Santa presents and for stocking fillers. Locally made products are typically more individualistic, lovingly made and are well received by the recipients, as there is often a story behind them.

USS will be offering free homemade mince pies to all our visitors on **Saturday 17th December** and **Annie will be providing her wonderful musical entertainment** to get us into the festive spirit. Please come and join us on alternate Saturdays in the Village Hall to enjoy refreshments at the USS Café, bacon butties, locally produced chicken, eggs and homemade sweet and savoury foods including bread, pastries, pasties, cakes, and preserves.

USS dates for December are: **Saturday 3rd and Saturday 17th** from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. If you would like any further information, please contact us at ugboroughss@gmail.com

Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch – Saturday 10th December

The TLC Team are delighted to announce that they will be hosting a Christmas meal for the Senior Citizens of the Parish on Saturday 10th December. This will take place in the Village Hall at 12.45 for a 1 o'clock start.

We will be providing a three course Christmas lunch and you are invited to bring along your own drinks to toast the festive season. There is no charge for the lunch, as funds have been kindly provided to enable us to put on a post-pandemic community event.

For more details please speak to one of the team at USS or telephone Val on 01752 894973 or Sarah at sjascanlon@btinternet.com by Saturday 3rd December.

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

Ugborough Fair 2022 -Shelley Hutcheon on behalf of the Fair Committee

We have finally paid out money raised from this year's Ugborough Fair. I blame the frankly, inefficient Treasurer but better late than never!

In no particular order, £2,450.00 has been shared between:

The Church Village Hall Ivybridge Food Bank Ugborough and Bittaford Pre-school
Newsletter G-Up

Some money remains for supporting village meals and 'warm rooms' in the village hall over the winter months.

Thank you to all for your support of the village fair –first as a great community event and secondly as a fundraiser for predominantly village-based charities and needs. We'll be back in the New Year to put together the 2023 Fair and hopefully find a slightly better Treasurer (they couldn't be any worse than the current one). Thank you again.

Winter Warmers- *Philomena Jones*

Please join friends and neighbours with a warming bowl of soup and cake at Ugborough Village Hall from 12- 2 p.m. £2 per head.

Future dates- January 7th

February 18th, March 18th

(Thank you for the November Winter Warmer. Much appreciated. Ed.)

You are invited to a Christmas Family Event!

A showing of 'The Polar Express' on Thursday December 22nd at 4 p.m.

In Ugborough Village Hall. £5 a family ticket, or adults £2. Popcorn and Hot Dogs available at cost. Children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult.

Interested? Please contact for catering.-Phil 07866 518333 Sue 07889 737967

Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School (incorporating breakfast club and after school club) Charity Number 1043499 – *Tess Watkinson*

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

Contact: admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk

Contact: 07763 215 455

With such a mixture of weather lately we have had plenty of opportunity for both outside play in beautiful sunshine as well as some splashy, puddle experiences too!

Inside we've stayed cosy and creative with some wonderful cookery sessions. We've made yoghurt pot muffins, scones and pizza faces; the children are always so proud to see what they've made.

Staff did an amazing job of making the children feel comfortable and 'at home' during the week in which we were based in the Primary School rather than the village hall. Many toys and resources were moved by staff up to the different location to ensure familiarity for our littlest ones. Many of the older children got the chance to visit the Foundation Class with Miss Warley which was very exciting and a great transition to moving up next September. Preschool and Primary School staff were wonderfully flexible to ensure the week was a positive experience.

We also had a really fun Preschool Trip to Plymouth Aquarium. The children loved looking at and naming the creatures and even getting a bit hands on with the odd one! Thank you to all the parents who supported by attending or driving. Without your support it would be very difficult to lay on such lovely opportunities for the children.

As ever, if you would like your child to join our setting, please do get in touch.

Please continue to support the Thursday Coffee Morning in St. Peter's church, hopefully alongside our continuing weekly Post Office (but please check for notices in the porch and in The Bugle about the Post Office service).

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

Please make use of the hand gel and respect others' space. All are welcome!

Ugborough Primary School -Headteacher Mrs. Lucy French

On Remembrance Day, our children attended a short school Remembrance service at the village War memorial. They respected a two-minute silence and listened to the Last Post played by Reuben.

All our children took part in running around the playground to raise money for RunPudsey (Children in Need) and raised an incredible amount.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 8th December Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day –

Tuesday 13th December Christmas Celebration in the Church 1.30 p.m.

Monday 19th December –Tuesday 3rd January Christmas Break

Wednesday 4th January First Day Back

Beryl's Bookworms – Norma Roe

On a very wild and windy night, our group met to discuss *The Woman in the White Kimono* by Ana Johns. This book is set in 2 different time frames in 2 different places- present day America and post war Japan.



In America, Tori is caring for her dying father when she finds an unposted letter and a photo which completely upturn her life. After her father's death, she sets out to find the truth about his past life. This all is revealed in the alternate chapters set in 1950's Japan at the time of the American post war occupation. We learn of his love for a young Japanese girl, Naoko and her very moving and tragic story.

The book is inspired by true stories from the author's own experiences and events in Japan. It is a debut novel and had a very mixed reception from the members but we all agreed it was well researched. Whilst we were very interested to learn of a period and a culture we knew little about, the response to the characters and plot was very varied. Half of us really loved it and were both emotionally involved and fascinated whilst others found the characters implausible and the plot irritating. The author is a journalist, and some found her language too contrived and flowery.

So although the average score was 3.5, the actual scores varied from 1.5-4.5!

We are looking forward to our annual Christmas party in December (this time with a French theme!) and January's book is *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles.

Coronation Dinner 6th May 2023-Gareth Jones (Taff)

Next year we will be organising a "Black Tie" dinner to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. The event will be held in the Village Hall (outside caterer) and run along similar lines to the dinner we organised to commemorate the start of World War I (formal mess dinner). At the moment, we estimate the cost will be in the region of £50 pp - payable February/March - (entrees, three courses, wine to start on table, cheese board and port). We will be strictly limited to eighty people, please contact me in the first instance at the e-mail below, after the first eighty people I will run a reserve list should anyone drop out. Everyone will be informed their position on the list as I receive e-mails.

taff.ugborough@mail.com

Submarines- Gareth Jones (Taff)

Historical Nugget: 14th December 1906: Germany - the first Unterseeboot (U-Boat), U-1 entered service.

Many of you will be familiar with a regular feature of the Bugle that I send out, the "Historical Nugget", relating mainly to events in the 19th century. Hopefully, as a regular feature of the *Newsletter*, I hope to pick a topic each month and elaborate on the subject chosen, this month I am starting with a subject of great interest to me, submarines!

Germany was behind the United States, Britain and France in building a submarine force but became great innovators over time. The USS Holland, 107 tons and commissioned in 1900, is accepted as the first milestone in submarine design having a single 14" torpedo in the bow tube, however, these early submarines were restricted to coastal waters. The first "sea-going" submarine was the German U-Boat U-9, this 485-ton submarine, launched 1910, had a range of 3,200 nautical miles, carried six 17.7" torpedoes and was the first to be fitted with a gyro-compass enabling her to navigate submerged.

U-19, 837 tons and launched 1912, was the first submarine to be fitted with diesel engines and Germany was again in the forefront of submarine design with the second milestone in submarine design. The U-35 class were designed with an emphasis on surface performance using a deck gun to sink merchantmen, more sea vents were fitted allowing the boat to dive quicker.

The Type VIIC was the most common German submarine of World War II with 568 commissioned between 1940 and 1945, however, Nazi Germany were still innovating with their U-Boat designs. The Type XVIIIB introduced High Test Peroxide as a fuel (oxygen independent) these gave terrific speed, but the fuel is highly dangerous and the boats never got further than the experimental stage. The Type XXI U-Boat is the third milestone in submarine design, this design put the emphasis on underwater performance (the Allies by this time were sinking many U-Boats on the surface). Streamlining, larger batteries and the snorkel mast were a feature of the class, however, although over 100 were built (bad quality due to the use of slave labour), they arrived too late in the war, only two became operational before the end of WWII. The very successful P and O classes (operational 1950s-1990s) of the Royal Navy were based on this design.

The last word has to be on the Snorkel (Snort in the RN). Many people believe it was a German invention, it was not. the Dutch were the first to employ the snort mast, allowing air into the submarine whilst dived so they could run their diesel engines. At the outbreak of WWII some Dutch boats made it over to Britain and some were captured by the Germans; it was incorporated into the U-Boat because the Allies were sinking many of their boats, the British did not consider using the snort mast until the very end of the War. However, a patent on the "snort mast" was filed by a Scotts Shipbuilding engineer in 1917, Patent No: 106330, titled 'Arrangement for running main engines submerged' with an induction mast. As with a lot of British engineering inventions - it was not acted upon!



G-UP

Creating a community where it's easy to live sustainably -Jackie Andrade and Faith Matthews

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

If you would like to get involved in future G-UP projects or have an idea for future meetings, please get in touch.

At our October public meeting Henry and Louise Wainright from Bigbury Net Zero introduced us to thermal imaging cameras. As a result, and with help from Cllr Tom Holway, South Hams District Council will be purchasing a thermal imaging camera for any residents in Ugborough Parish to borrow. Thermal imaging is a simple way to see where your house is leaking heat and discover the differences that curtains, insulation and draught excluders can make. We shall let you know as soon as it is available for loan.

This ties in very much with our most recent public talk where local expert David Roe (re)introduced us to the idea of our household carbon footprint and showed how small changes such as watching your speed when driving, sealing draughts, and trying meat-free recipes can make big changes to your household's environmental impact (as well as your bills).

With David, G-UP have decided to revisit **our ambitious (but achievable) scheme to reduce household carbon footprints by 25% over 5 years**. We are hoping the original group who signed up (pre-pandemic) will return (regardless of where they feel their footprint is currently at size-wise) and we also hope to welcome new participants...

If you are interested in reducing your household carbon footprint and would like to be part of this informative scheme, please contact us by 14th December. You'll be asked to submit some data by the end of January (re things like energy use, utilities, transport). David will crunch the numbers (in a much more in-depth way than any online carbon footprint calculators) and we'll transpose findings in to a meeting (towards the Jan) where we can come together to review where we're at and look at what we can actually do to get our shoe size shrinking!

We are very grateful as ever to David for sharing his expertise, enthusiasm, time and spreadsheets. Please see David's report, below.

G-UP would also like to extend thanks to the Ugfest organisers as well as Ugborough Fair Committee for their recent donations to G-UP, which have been gratefully received. These will help realise future initiatives which aim to make it easier to live sustainably here in our beautiful Ugborough parish.

With the funding from Wild about Devon and through pudding sales at UgFest, we now have an easy-to-use trail camera (with night vision) for filming wildlife in your garden. If you created habitats this year as part of our WildLink project, why not use the camera to see what difference it has made? Please email greenerugp@gmail.com if you'd like to borrow it. We would love to see your wildlife photos and videos.

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Ugborough's Carbon Footprinters – David Roe

It seems like an age ago - and it was - because in February 2020 Covid intervened just as the G-UP inspired Carbon Footprint sessions were at the last stage of their project to measure and then reduce their Carbon footprint by 25% by 2025. Their intentions to discuss and then start working on how each of the fourteen households taking part could achieve this target were, like so many things in 2020, derailed by Lockdown.

G-UP asked me to revisit the results for their recent November Meeting and it made me realise that we had achieved quite a lot. We had calculated our annual carbon emissions from all the energy used in our homes from the meter readings (water, electricity, gas, oil). Then we looked at the amount of fuel (including electricity) used in car and van travel. After that we took a deep breath and looked at a couple of possibly contentious issues - the Carbon Footprint of our food and the carbon cost of air travel. For all of these we used the conversion figures provided by the HMRC for Carbon Footprint reporting with large companies. And then with a bit of help from my laptop we added them all together and each of us had our individual household Carbon Footprint for 2019.

So how did we do? For utilities in the home (heating, lighting, hot water, cooking, washing machines, fridges and all those other power assisted gizmos in the home and garden), we averaged 4.3 tonne for each household. But what was fascinating was the highs and lows - three of us used less than 2 tonne while the top usage was nearly 9. And as we talked it through, it became clear that most of this was related to the energy rating of our houses - new build houses are incredibly well insulated, while many of us had houses that leak heat like highly effective sieves.

Then we looked at we looked at the Carbon Footprint from car and van use - and this showed the same spread of results - the average was just under 4 tonne, but some lived frugally at below 2 tonne while others (like me) managed to guzzle over 6 tonne, largely due to inefficient engines, or perhaps a love of camper van life.

Food is a tricky one, but it seems a low meat diet, bought from local providers, can halve the estimated meat eaters' annual two tonne Carbon Footprint. And then there is the killer (in planetary terms and global warming) - air travel. A return trip to Tenerife weighs in at 3 tonnes, while a family trip to Australia could blast out nearly 20 tonne of carbon dioxide.

But knowing your carbon footprint is a waste of time if you don't use it to do something about it - and the Covid lockdown gave the human race some clues. My own personal figures show in 2020 my vehicle fuel dropped to a third of the 2019 figure, and of course air travel just did not happen.

In the last couple of weeks I have looked at how I have done over the last 3 years towards making a 25% reduction by 2025. My new gas boiler continues to do incredibly well, I did some improved insulation around doors and windows and got rid of the bath. I made some lifestyle changes to my holiday and leisure travel, thought hard about making local journeys, I halved my meat consumption and bought from local providers whenever possible. To my great surprise - and delight - I found in the last 12 months I have cut my footprint by 22% compared with 2019.

I am now buzzing with some lots of new ideas about doing far better than a 25% reduction.

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

Turbidity Tough Talk when the CSI came to Ugborough - Graham Gilbert and David Roe

Like all good investigations a team of two is required: good cop, bad cop; Starsky and Hutch, Morse and Lewis, or Poirot and Hastings. So when the Westcountry Rivers Trust (have a look at their website at <https://wrt.org.uk/>) offered to train and equip "Citizen Science Investigators" to monitor the pollution levels in local streams around Ugborough then Gilbert and Roe sprung (well, shambled) into action. The targets were the Lud Brook at the bridge below Earlscombe Farm and Bowcombe Brook near the Cider Press Barn at Ludbrook.

So would this pair of CSIs cut the mustard (in the drawing room with a carving knife so to speak?). It was not a good start from the Square, when it turned out one of the team thought that they were just going to walk down to the Ugborough Sewage Works at Haredon Cross rather than a three-hour hike to the edges of the Ugborough's far western frontiers. As a result enthusiasm was lacking going up the hill to Toby Cross and then down to Bowcombe on a surprisingly warm and dry November afternoon. Suitable autumnal themes of conversation were exchanged on subjects ranging from Late Nite Plymouth phobia, the unexpected emotions on the loss of beloved pets, and the demise of Devon's dilapidated humble rural dwellings which are being remorselessly converted into bijou residences surrounded by horses.

At the Earlscombe bridge the CSIs got down to business. Would anyone alert Neighbourhood Watch as they tried to find suitable answers to the West Country Trust questionnaire? The local eco-system: the dominant land use, the water flow and the appearance of the riverbed, the bankside vegetation, invasive plants like Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam (unfortunately we have a patch of the latter). These were gravely noted on the paperwork provided. Then the heavy-duty science started as they obtained stream water samples, armed only with a small white plastic decorator's bucket on a length of string, and a modified plastic milk container cable tied to a five-foot-long bamboo cane.

First a turbidity test to check the water clarity, done by peering down a tube full of water to gauge the amount of sediment in the water from wash off from the surrounding land. West Country Trust provide a rather flashy high-tech gizmo to measure the dissolved solids - again from the fields and also from domestic septic tanks, cattle sheds and of course the SW Water sewage plant higher up the valley. At both locations the results were good - although any thought of quaffing cool mouthfuls of water "fresh from Dartmoor springs" was discouraged.

Then there was a whispered "have you got the "Molly Blues" and a chemical test strip was produced and popped into a test tube full of stream water and given five shakes. The magic of the phosphate test was revealed, and the intensity of the distinctive molybdenum blue was compared with the reference colours. 50 parts per billion (ppb) is the roughly the naturally occurring level in a stream near Dartmoor so any result above that is usually caused by human or agricultural pollution. High results result in increased plant growth such as algae bloom, which in turn leads to low oxygen levels which can kill off fish and other aquatic species.

The result at Earlscombe was fairly good at 100 ppb, while the 300 ppb reading at Bowcombe was a little high - we need to keep an eye on it.

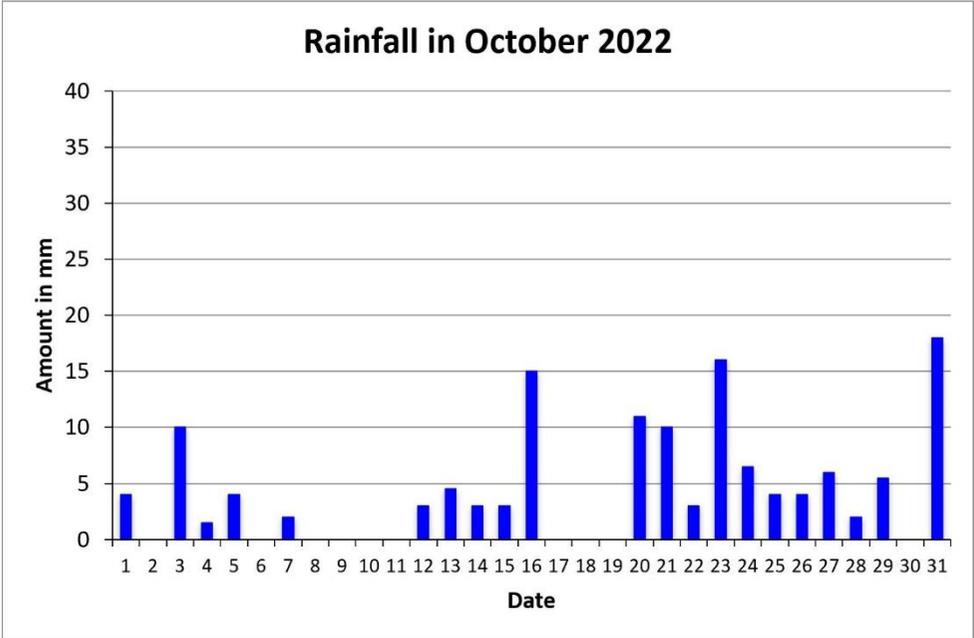
So the Ugborough CSI hope to be back on a monthly basis (and after unusual weather such as heavy rain or droughts). Perhaps the Parish newsletter editor will invite them to regularly report their findings to be read alongside George Arnison's monthly "Rainfall at Shellwood Hill".

(The answer is an emphatic- Yes please! Ed)

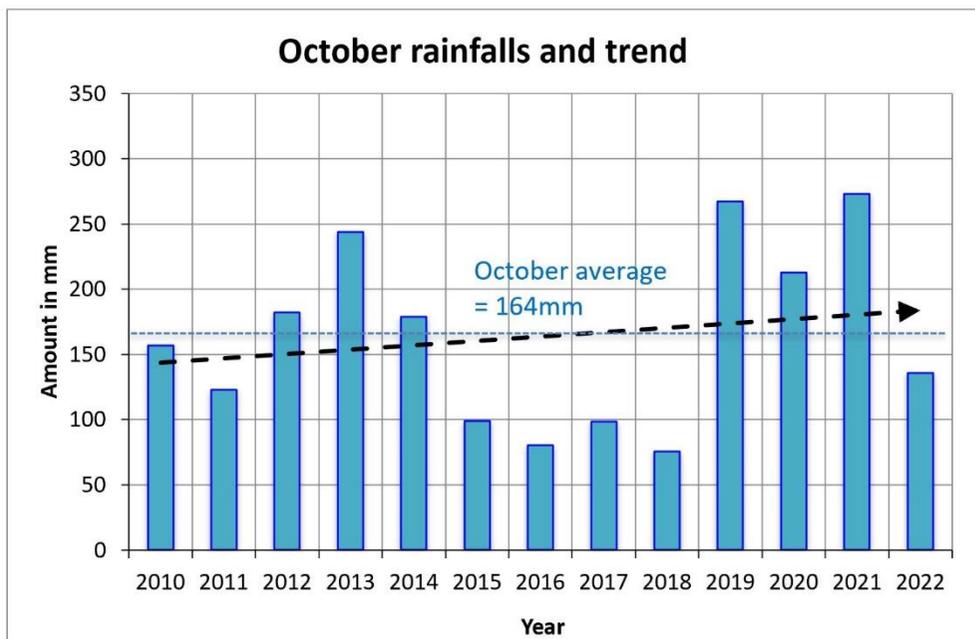
<p>Ladies' Lunch <i>Pat Stephens</i> The date for the next lunch is Wednesday 11th January at The Ship, Ugborough for 12 noon. Contact Pat Stephens 07704 113837 to book.</p>

Rainfall at Shellwood Hill *George Arnison*

October was mild and wet this year. It rained most days, and at Shellwood Hill I recorded 136mm of rain (just under 5½"). This compares to the monthly average of 164mm... so actually it was well below average and maybe it wasn't as wet as it seemed. Certainly groundwater, river and reservoir levels across the county didn't seem to recover much.



October rainfalls and trend



Erme Valley RDA - Peggy Douglas

Winter routine is upon us, and the horses are fully rugged and on winter feed rations..... could do with a brief respite from the heavy rains which are affecting the fields detrimentally!

Some of our Riders took part in the Virtual Championships earlier in November – great scores overall and many prizes. Particular mention of Janice, who won her section and to Ebony, who was chosen as horse of the day on Sunday!

The Halloween Fundraiser was hugely successful and raised over £1000.

The Christmas Sponsored Fundraiser on 18th December encourages everyone to choose their own challenge. There's a thought!

Last Sessions this term Sat 17th December. 4th Jan is the first session of 2023.

We wish all our Riders, Helpers and Supporters a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Huge Congratulations to Peggy for achieving her Princess Royal Coaching Academy, Advance Coach Qualification! This, the culmination of a gruelling course at venues nationwide, and an in-depth assessment. Peggy was part of the first cohort to take part in this innovative programme. Well done Peg!- Sue Johns

Ugborough Parish Council

Clerk: Sally Smale Email: ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk

Website: <https://ugboroughparishcouncil.org> - where you can view the Newsletter to use the weblinks

Questions from members of the public

1. We were requested to contact DCC Highways Officer to find out if mirrors would be allowed on the property at the junction of the A3121 and Parsonage Lane and, if so, whether there is there an official process to follow to install them. If not, are there alternative options?
2. There was a question about the construction vehicles using David's Lane to access the Bloor Homes development. Unfortunately, there is no stipulation in the planning approval that they could not use David's Lane.
3. We were asked to request that DCC deploy a drain sucker to clear the drains on the B3213 at Wrangaton.
4. Concerns have been expressed about the continued lack of mobile coverage due to problems with the mast at Forder Lane. Cllr Fletcher will ask DCC Councillor Dan Thomas if he has any update on the situation

Reports from District & County Councillors

Cllr Thomas (DCC) had sent a written report which can be found on [UPC website](#)

Cllrs Holway and Abbott summarised their written report which can be found on the [website](#)

Planning

We considered 11 planning applications. We supported 6 of the applications, requested further information for one, submitted neutral comments for 3 and objected to one.

Finance

We were pleased to grant fund £300 towards the Ugborough Parish Newsletter and donate £50 to Ugborough Church, £25 to Bittaford Methodist Church and £25 to Bittaford Community Hall for Christmas lights.

Climate Emergency

We have established a working group comprising Cllrs Fletcher, Hart, Holway, Hosking and May to prioritise spending of the climate emergency reserve based on the [carbon footprint report](#). Members of the public are invited to join the group. We also agreed to join Modbury Parish Council to lobby SWW regarding water pollution in the area and to set aside a reserve during the budget setting process at the December meeting to support the potential establishment of the Moorhaven [Local Energy Club](#).

Parish Emergency Planning

We will be simplifying [the plan](#) and intend to hold a community workshop to identify support available and support needed.

Asset Management

We were pleased to note the decision of SHDC to designate the field alongside the Bittaford Play Park as an asset of community value.

Bittaford Play Park – The see-saw has been repaired and Cllr Hart is now researching replacement for the deteriorating climbing bars. Discussions are underway with GUP regarding a rewilding area in the park.

In response to a suggestion to decorate Bittaford bus shelter with folk art flowers in recognition of the Ukrainians living in Moorhaven and surrounding areas, we will invite the co-ordinator to the next meeting.

The annual defibrillator training will be held in Bittaford Hall in January. The date will be confirmed as soon as possible. Please email the clerk if you would like to attend.

Highways & Rights of Way

Cllr Fletcher and the clerk are looking forward to meeting with DCC on Tuesday 10th January to discuss the implementation of a 20mph speed limit in Ugborough

Community Engagement

The clerk is now a member of the Ugborough Parish Matters Facebook Group. Please keep an eye open for posts keeping you up-to-date with Council projects and information that has come our way which we feel might be of interest to the community.

School and Pre-School

Discussions continue regarding a site for the build of a pre-school. There was a meeting with the school on 17th November to discuss use of the school field. There will be an update in the January Newsletter.

Correspondence

Dartmoor National Park Byelaws Review: [Comparison of existing, proposed and final draft revised byelaws](#)

South Hams [garden waste subscriptions](#). You can now sign up to continue to receive garden waste collections and SHDC are encouraging everyone to sign up early and not leave it to the last minute to assist them with planning the collections.

Bittaford and Ugborough Public Toilets

Cllr Holway fed back on discussions with SHDC regarding the future of the public toilets in Ugborough and Bittaford. We agreed to consider taking on the cleaning costs (subject to costings) if SHDC agreed to maintain ownership and responsibility for all maintenance. Cllr Holway will pursue this.

Next meeting in the main hall of Ugborough Village Hall on Monday 12th December at 7.30 p.m.

Privacy policy – visit ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

Litter picking equipment is available to local volunteers. To borrow, please contact the Parish Clerk Tel 07814849131 ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk

Bittaford Methodist Chapel *Chris Phillips 07899934743*

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

Sunday 4th December - Revd D. Youngs - Communion service.

Sunday 11th December - Mrs D. Smart

Sunday 18th December - Local arrangement

Saturday 24th December - Christmas Eve at 6 p.m. Candle lit carol service. All welcome.

Sunday 1st January - Mr M Cade.

St Peter's Church - *Sue Johns*.

Huge thanks to Jane Johns and her family for hosting a successful Soup & Crumble Luncheon in early November. Heartwarming company and food on a foul November day. As a bonus £335 was raised for Church Funds.

St Peter's held a Service of Remembrance on November 13th, followed by the laying of the wreath on the war memorial, when some 60 people came together to remember the fallen of the Parish from the two World Wars – and to pray for the healing of the nations in all conflicts. The collection amounted to nearly £200 to be donated to the Earl Hague Poppy Appeal. Thanks to the Bellringers for their muffled peel, which set the scene and added such poignancy, and to the excellent bugler Graham Hutton who sounded the Last Post and Reveille.

So now we're looking towards the Advent and Christmas Season.

The PCC have agreed, with the current dramatic rise in electricity costs, that the church be illuminated this year from 1st December to Twelfth Night. We know how well received the lighting of the church is in the Community – and how welcoming the village seems as you drive down Hillhead Hill on a wintry night and are greeted by the church building glowing. We are grateful, as ever of a small grant from the Parish Council and the few individuals who make donations towards costs. Should these donations increase this year then perhaps we can indeed keep the church lit until Candlemas, (February 2nd).

We were delighted to welcome a very keen bunch of children to our first practice for the Carol Service, and equally delighted that a small band of musicians also gathered to play, in particular, a Christmas Composition penned by our very own Graham Gilbert.

Come along and join us for the Carol Service on Saturday 17th December at 4:30 p.m. and sing traditional carols and hear the Christmas Bible Readings.

We are looking forward to our Annual Christingle Service on Christmas Eve at 4:30 p.m. Hopefully in the Square as last year – so wrap up! (Indoors if wet!)



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 4 th December	All Age Worship- an informal service for everyone with children's activities. Led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 11 th December	Holy Communion- a more traditional service
Saturday 17 th December	Carol Service at 4.30 p.m.
Sunday 18 th December	Morning Praise- an informal service led by Local Worship Leaders
Saturday 24 th December	Christingle service at 4.30 p.m. (outside the church unless wet.)
Sunday 25 th December	Christmas Communion with Rev'd David Sayle
Sunday 1 st January	All Age Worship- an informal service for everyone with children's activities. Led by Local Worship Leaders

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

This year's Mission Community Christmas Midnight Communion is at Halwell Church.

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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01548 821199 email parish_sayle@me.com.

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child 2022 Shoebox Appeal Update - Kate Brampton

Thank you to everyone in the Community who supported the Appeal this year by providing filled shoeboxes, online shoeboxes and/or monetary donations – it has all helped.

At the time of writing, we have provided 5 physical and 10 online Shoeboxes and £100 in gift aided donations which is equivalent to another 5 Shoeboxes for needy children/young people overseas.

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

Thank you once again for your generous support particularly during these challenging times.

Village services.

We hope that the Post Office will continue to provide reliable service at Ugborough Church on Thursday mornings but in any event, coffee and cake will be available from 10 – 11.45 a.m. Do pop in for a chat. Look out for notices in the church porch and in The Bugle for news of the Post Office service.

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 (but Christmas arrangements intervene!). The next date is December 6th and the January date is January 17th.

Have you thought working in a rewarding role in Social Care?

The Proud to Care Team at Devon County Council offer an advisory service for anyone who would like to know about employment and training opportunities in Adult Social Care.

The level of support can vary, depending on if you are in the early stages of thinking about working in this area and would like to know more, right through to helping you find the right employment to suit you. All advice and support are tailored to suit you and what you are looking for, whether that be full time work, a few hours a week, volunteering, or available training opportunities. As well as care positions, can also help those that are interested in working in this area as a domestic/ housekeeper, administrator or cook, to name a few.

You can find out more about accessing this support on website, which also contains a variety of information and a jobs board where you can apply for positions directly - <https://www.proudtocaredevon.org.uk/>

Kat Oliver Recruitment and Retention Advisor

Workforce Development Integrated Adult Social Care Devon County Council

Derriford Hospital

We are sorry to learn that a number of Ugborough residents are in hospital at the moment and send them our very best wishes for a successful outcome.

We wanted to make Ugborough parishioners aware of an alternative to driving to Derriford.

A recent regular visitor has found it very convenient to take the Gold bus from Bittaford into Plymouth (every half hour) , to get off opposite Primark, cross the road (Charles St.) and to change to the bus number 42 which stops at the hospital.

Much less stressful than driving and trying to find a parking space!

Holbeton Film Club at Holbeton Village Hall - Harry Baumer 01752 830274

Our programme for the coming months is:

The Duke, 12A, Friday 9th December

Operation Mince meat, 12A, Saturday 14th January 2023

Where The Crawdads Sing, 15, Friday 10th February

Downton Abbey: a new era, PG, Saturday 11th March

Fisherman's Friends: one and all, 12A, Friday 14th April

Mrs Harris Goes To Paris, PG, Saturday 13th May

Tickets on the door still only £4 (cash only). Ice creams will be on sale for £1.



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

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<https://ugboroughparishcouncil.org> and at the village website <https://ugborough.com>

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