

Ugborough Parish Newsletter

June 2020



Support Ugborough Update -Sue Johns

Another month has passed in these strange times – and I'm happy to report that all is well with the wonderful Ugborough Support Team.

The new Guidelines show no easing of the lockdown for all those Shielding and Self Isolating in the community – their need is as great as ever, so we are continuing to shop , run errands and collect prescriptions etc for all those Vulnerable Persons.

It's great that so many are getting to know neighbours that have merely been passing acquaintances – and a true community spirit is unfolding.

So much so that the VE Day Celebrations were thoroughly enjoyed by all those who took part. The Scruborough Sewers changed product to produce copious amounts of bunting, which was gaily hung, cream teas baked (including no doubt sour dough scones, with or without garlic!) and enjoyed and a certain amount of cheering beverage was consumed!

Following on from that the Friday night drinks also give people a chance to socialise in a limited fashion, though I hear that's more about the liquid refreshment...

The Scruborough Sewers have produced an incredible 63 sets of Scrubs, all neatly bundled in ribbon and distributed locally! We have a Team of 3 or 4 who are ready to take to their machines once more should the need arise.

With Medics advising that face coverings or masks should be used whenever our volunteers are in contact with their VPs – or out and about in close quarters - Scruborough are joyfully turning their hand to this task. Which I understand is light relief after the 3 hours it took to make a set of scrubs!

The Sour Dough Bakers are going from strength to strength with more followers and more weird and wonderful recipes popping out of ovens. There was a pizza bake off the other weekend– and much technical discussion on hydration, comparison of Dutch oven burns – and delicious images of loaves with sundried tomatoes, red onion, sunflower seeds, black olives and grated cheese.

You'll be delighted to know that there is talk of a Sourdough recipe booklet when this is All Over!

Anyone interested in becoming involved please contact Queen Juliet. julietcollis@outlook.com

We're all going to remember 2020 (apart from the obvious...) as the Year of the Garden... three of my children have built raised beds – two of whom have never shown the slightest interest in gardening before! As a popular offshoot the Plant Swap (or just Takeaway) has been going great guns. Many plants have changed hands – and it sounds like the entire community will be making ratatouille all summer judging by the dozens of tomato plants taken. Many thanks to Katie and Joan for overseeing. They are grateful when the donated plants are labelled as it sorely tests their knowledge trying to identify yet another green leafed specimen in a small pot.

This stall will continue until people run out of plants – or we all go back to work!

There was a great take up of plants for containers and pots in and around the Village in NHS blue. Thanks to Katie who did manage to land a good deal eventually – with Plants Galore. Thanks to funding from the Parish Council, the pots in the Square are planted – and various households in the village have agreed to tend to their needs.

We hope this display will be a great sight as the summer progresses.

The Village Herb Garden has had a makeover – thanks to Meryl and Mary and a Bugle plea for fit young men (well ... thanks to Lawrence and James anyway -*I'm Joking* !!) the invasive tansy and mint are banished. Owen has revitalised the lovely copper plant labels – and many herbs are replanted. More of specific types are welcome to cover a wide range – please contact Meryl for advice.

It will be wise not to decimate the herbs for your sour dough and Sunday lunch – as the plants really need to establish for a season....

The two Zoom Quiz Nights have been really well received – with around 30 – 40 competitors, from as far afield as Wales and Portugal!

Thanks to Andy Hughes and the Griggs Family for setting the Questions. To be honest the Booby prize winners have been as thrilled with their gift in the Bus Shelter as the Winners. Much competition now for last place!

The next Zoom Quiz will be on **Saturday May 30th at 8 p.m.** and will be devised by keen Quizzers the Ward Booths – who live at Cheston ... I note that – as rumour has it that they intend to wreak revenge on the Ugborough Village Round, by considering the Peripheral Parish!

Zoom details will be advertised through the BUGLE nearer the time.

The Pop Up Veg Shop has now run its usefulness – a huge thanks to Shelley for the enormous work she has put in with this project - carting car loads of great local veg to the Square for the community every Saturday. It has been a lifeline for many who have been unable to book supermarket deliveries and particularly to our Volunteers shopping for VPs.

As supermarkets have geared up to more online orders there is less demand for this Village Shop – and it is no longer economically viable if whole units cannot be bought and sold on the day. So sadly for many this service has now ceased.

And – there must be so much veg about to erupt in stuffed gardens and window boxes we might need to continue the Plant Swap as a Veg Swap!

Thanks too to those who donated laptops for use in the School – particularly useful at this time of Home Schooling.

4 have already been wiped, upgraded and delivered to Ugborough School to be distributed – and thanks to Kim Solomon, Geraint Edwards and Nona Greaves' Son for their technical expertise.

Libby still has some packs available for the Village Quilt – we might well be grateful for this distraction when it inevitably starts to rain for 3 months in the Summer. So please contact her and she will be happy to deliver. 07930 491759

The Support Group, thanks to Sarah's consummate organisational skills, are delighted to have been able to deliver treats to those living alone, to NHS Workers in the Parish and to those working in the Caring Sector. They all have our huge admiration coping in this time of great adversity.

And it's not over yet.

The Support Team are braced for the second wave – and have well practiced systems in place to Support ALL those who need it in the Community.

They are a force to be reckoned with!

Karen Milner of Friary Mill Bakery has come flying to the rescue to feed the Community's seemingly insatiable appetite for home cooking - by bringing a weekly supply of flour to Nellie who has been distributing by leaving bags of the white powder outside her gate To date Nellie has kindly distributed an unbelievable 480kg - that's nearly half a tonne!!' (see item below from Juliet Collis)

This month Ugborough community has been delighted to pay tribute to our local Postie and to our refuse collectors.

Thanks to Holly's organisation many have contributed to Hampers given to show our appreciation of the invaluable, reliable work these public servants have given to the community throughout the Covid crisis.

In the fore front of contact with so many households their work has continued undeterred. Thank you!

Every household should have a number they can ring if required.

I'm very happy to intermediate ... 07889 737967.

News from the Ugborough Sourdough WhatsApp Group

Way back in March during the first week of Lockdown, Nellie and I were messaging both about the lack of bread and bread flour in the shops, as well as a shortage of yeast for baking. A few messages later, with Nellie having arranged a fantastic supply of flour from Karen Milner at Friary Mill Bakery, we were ready to set up a Sourdough group. Sourdough requires a starter rather than normal yeast, which needs to be nurtured and fed regularly, so anyone who was interested in baking sourdough, was supplied with 25g of white starter and instructions on how to maintain it and an initial recipe.

The WhatsApp group now has 23 members, many of whom were new to the vagaries of sourdough baking, but in a very short space of time have produced some wonderful loaves. There is lots of encouragement, advice, tips and sharing of recipes, with photos shared of the finished products. At Easter there were many different versions of hot cross buns; when wild garlic came into season, there were wild garlic scones and sourdough loaves, as well as wild garlic pesto; there was a focaccia bake-off with an amazing creation by Vici based on Van Gogh's Sunflowers which gained icon status and a pizza weekend, with different doughs and toppings.

When the group was set up, we were not aware of the incredible interest in sourdough that was being generated across the country. There has been lots of press coverage, recipes and other resources being made available for lockdown, as well as ideas on how to bake bread without flour. We have been so fortunate to have been kept in flour throughout and are so grateful to the kindness of Karen for having enabled us to bake and to learn new skills.

We are still baking and would welcome anyone else who would like to have a go at sourdough. A starter and instructions can be provided, and flour is available to purchase. If you would like more information please contact me at: julietcollis@outlook.com

St Peter's Church Ugborough - 2020 GIFT DAY APPEAL

First and foremost, David our Rector and the PCC, would like to take this opportunity to say a really big thank you for all the help and financial support that you and many others have given to Ugborough Church over many years. It is greatly appreciated and helped to keep our beautiful Parish Church of Ugborough growing and developing as we seek to support people within our community.

As most of you are aware, around the 29th June (St. Peter's Day), we have traditionally held our annual Gift Day Appeal to help with the upkeep and day to day running costs of our historic Grade 1 listed building, which dates from around 1121.

At present our church doors are closed, probably the first time in the Church's history but with the help of technology we are keeping our weekly and monthly Church services, like Messy Church, running but more than this, this period of lockdown has given us the opportunity to review what we do and how we do it - seeking to nurture and encourage the whole life of our Parish community.

In these unprecedented times, we find ourselves like every other Charity or Community Group in the position where certain expenses still need to be paid and our income has been severely affected by the inability to fundraise. This is perhaps the first time in around thirty years that the Dunwell Farmhouse Lunch has not been held, our planned Arts & Crafts Festival scheduled for the Summer has been postponed and sadly weddings and other family events have all had to be rearranged.

We are fully aware this is a very difficult time for many people, but we would like to ask you, if at all possible, please could you give careful consideration to supporting our 2020 Gift Day Appeal.

With the concerns about handling cash at the present time, please could you consider making a donation by one of the following ways:

Donate by BACS: the bank details are Lloyds Bank: Sort Code 30-94-58: Account No: 00096503 and please could you use the reference Gift Day and if you are able to 'Gift Aid' your gift please e mail me, (Sue Johns- see below), accordingly with your name and address including postcode.

If you would like to make an ongoing commitment to Ugborough Church, the most efficient way is by the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). The PGS works as a direct debit but has the advantage of collecting the Gift Aid for the Church within days of the donation. For further information about this scheme you can either telephone PGS Direct on 0333 002 1271 and reference St Peter's, Ugborough, Parish Code 151505631 or telephone David, the Rector on 01548 821199 or myself on 07889 737967

You could also, if you require make a donation by Cheque, payable to Parochial Church Council Ugborough, and post to Sue Johns, Dunwell Farm, Ugborough, Ivybridge, PL21 0HL

On behalf of St Peter's Parochial Church Council, may we say thank you for reading this letter and giving our 2020 Gift Day Appeal careful consideration.

Take care and stay safe

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Ceremonial flying of the Flag.

The flag will be flown on the following occasions-

June 2nd

Coronation Day Anniversary

June 10th

Birthday of the Duke of Edinburgh

2nd Saturday in June

Queen's Official Birthday

June 21st

Birthday of the Duke of Cambridge

Last Saturday in June

Armed Forces Day

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

Charity Number 1043499- *Faith Matthews*.

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

With the Government's recent announcement to phase the re-opening of Pre-schools from the 1st of June, staff and committee have been looking in to implementing our reopening in some capacity. At the time of writing we are still closed, and the hours above are those of our 'usual' opening times. Please get in touch should you have any queries re children's attendance - for the immediate or for this coming September. The fact the children and pre-school staff have been missing one another in recent weeks is testament to the warmth, care and professionalism of the latter. The commitment of staff and their ability to foster a safe, caring and stimulating environment (seemingly naturally) for all the children makes it a wonderful place.

The continued commitment of staff and also that of pre-school committee members has blown me away in recent weeks. During this unprecedented and continually-unfolding scenario much time has been spent knee-deep in policy and legislation, burning the midnight oil. We are hugely grateful for all efforts.

Where and when able the children have been making the most of the sunny weather. Parents/carers have been sharing what they've been up to at home through ongoing Pre-School updates. There's been den building, daily scooter exercise, lots of arts and crafts the list goes on....Staff have also shared some of what they've been up to at home much to the intrigue of the children.

Currently, babies, toddlers and Pre-Schoolers can also join a (remote) sing-along on Mondays at 11.30a.m. via Zoom. To join this weekly opportunity to reconnect, simply email ugboroughsongtime@gmail.com

Ugborough Local History Group- *Merryl Docker*

Dear friends

Under normal circumstances we would be having our summer outing towards the end of June and my idea was a guided tour around the new Plymouth museum The Box. Seemed like a good plan at the time, maybe next year! All being well we'll get together in September, but who knows at this stage.

In the meantime, stay safe and well.

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

Ugborough Primary School.

Please see the Beacon Federation website (School Closure section) for the latest information about phased reopening.

We have been keeping updated with all announcements and advice from the Department for Education (DfE) and liaising closely with the Local Authority. We have conducted risk assessments for each of our three schools in order to interpret this advice for our own settings, ensuring that any re-opening is conducted in a safe and organised manner with all risks carefully considered and actions taken effectively in order to mitigate them.

This process has confirmed that we will not be able to re-open our schools more widely with effect from 1st June.

Although work is already well underway, this would not give us sufficient time to put all the necessary policies, procedures and protocols in place, together with the alterations to classrooms and resources that will be needed in order to keep everyone safe.

Instead, we are planning to phase in our wider re-opening from 8th June, as follows.

Week commencing 1st June-Educare only 8.30 –3.15pm

Week commencing 8th June -Educare continues as above-Year 6 returns, Monday-Fri 8.30am –3.15pm

Week commencing 15th June -Educare and Year 6 continue as above-Year 1 returns, Monday-Fri (Timings TBC)

Week commencing 22nd June -Educare, Year 6 and Year 1 continue as above-Foundation return (Timings TBC)

It is important to note that the above plans are subject to change, as we respond to a rapidly evolving situation and the advice that we are given. We will ensure that you are kept promptly and regularly updated throughout

Thank you for bearing with us at what is a very challenging time. We appreciate your trust in us to do the best we can for all our children, and we will continue to update you regularly on our plans- please check the Beacon Federation website.

Ugborough Fair Week 2020- *Shelley Hutcheon 07720 765014 shelley@oakenham.com*

After much discussion regarding Ugborough Fair Week 2020, we have decided to go for a Virtual Fair Week. We are very much in the planning stages so far and need to ask groups within the village whether they would be happy to host virtual elements but we are thinking of a fun run over the week to keep people apart with Strava mapping your timings. A treasure hunt also run over the week so that families can incorporate into daily exercise with just visual clues, a virtual shop on the Saturday, online bric-a-brac sale, quiz and bingo and anything else you can think of!

Please let any of the team know if you have any ideas, items for sale for charity or just want to be involved.

We would still like to keep any money raised in the village as both the hall and church will have seen a significant drop in income over the past couple of months.

Many thanks

Lost in translation – Part 2 - Ian McClure

I usually start my Interpreting talks with the following (possibly Apocryphal) anecdote, which shows that however good an Interpreter you are local knowledge is very important:

At the end of an Anglo-French conference in Caen, the Chairman announced:

‘Nous avons resolu tous les problemes grace a la sagesse normande’

Which was duly translated, quite correctly, by the (French) Interpreter as

‘We have solved all the problems thanks to Norman Wisdom’.

All the Brits present burst out laughing, to the bafflement of the French delegates. So, know your subject, which includes the culture and customs of the target language!

On the same theme, a few years ago I was on a military exercise in Ukraine and fell into conversation with a charming French Colonel, who spoke excellent English but with a strong Inspector Clouzot/Peter Sellers accent. On discovering I was from the UK he remarked ‘Ah, I ‘ave recently been a victim of your famous British sense of ‘umeur’. This I must hear, I thought.

‘I was a student on your British Army Staff Course, at ze end of which we had to deliver a lecture about tactical and strategic NATO subjects. I ‘ad all my notes prepared, slides and PowerPoint etc but I was not sure how I should introduce my presentation. So I asked my ‘friend’ Colonel Johnny, for some advice which he duly gave me.

‘ So I stood with confidence in front of the large audience of (mainly British) officers and said: “ Now listen very carefully, I will say zis only once”

‘I did not understand why they all burst out laughing!’

Another example – perfect use of the language but ignorance of local culture. Surely he had watched ‘Ello ‘Ello’!

Beryl’s Bookworms – Joan Fletcher

Our book this month was *A God In Ruins* by Kate Atkinson. The novel is about Teddy Todd, the younger brother of Ursula Todd the protagonist of the companion book ‘*Life After Life*’. Events in Teddy’s life aren’t revealed in chronological order and opens with him as a bomber pilot in the second World War before going back to his childhood and then forward to the lives of his child and grandchildren. At first this book appears to be more straightforward than *Life After Life*, although it also jumps backwards and forwards through time. The author reveals her characters in glimpses while keeping back vital information thereby creating mysteries at the heart of the story. Kate Atkinson herself said “there is a great conceit hidden at the heart of the book to do with fiction and the imagination, which is revealed only at the end but which is in a way the whole *raison d’etre* of the novel.”

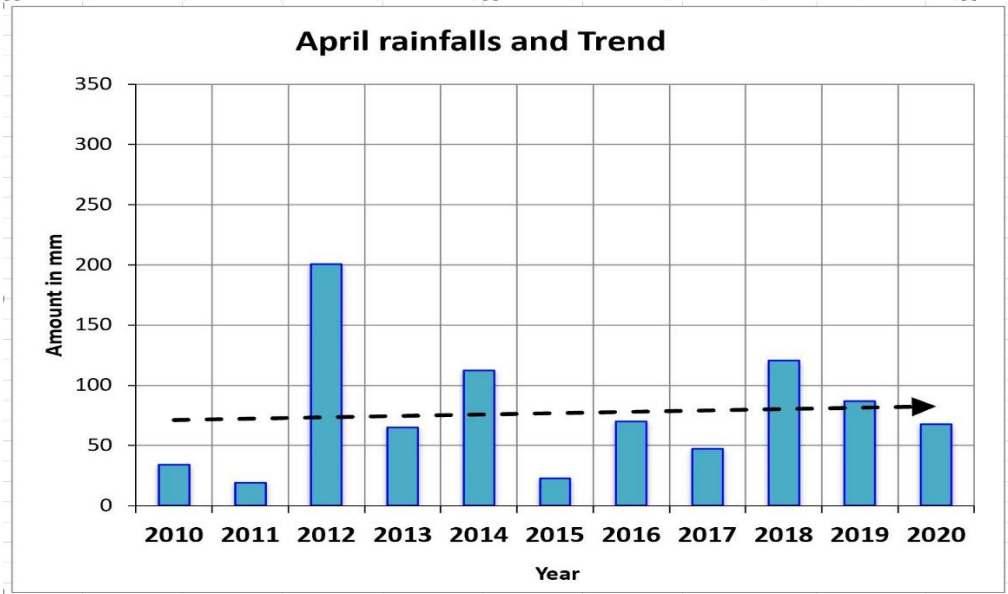
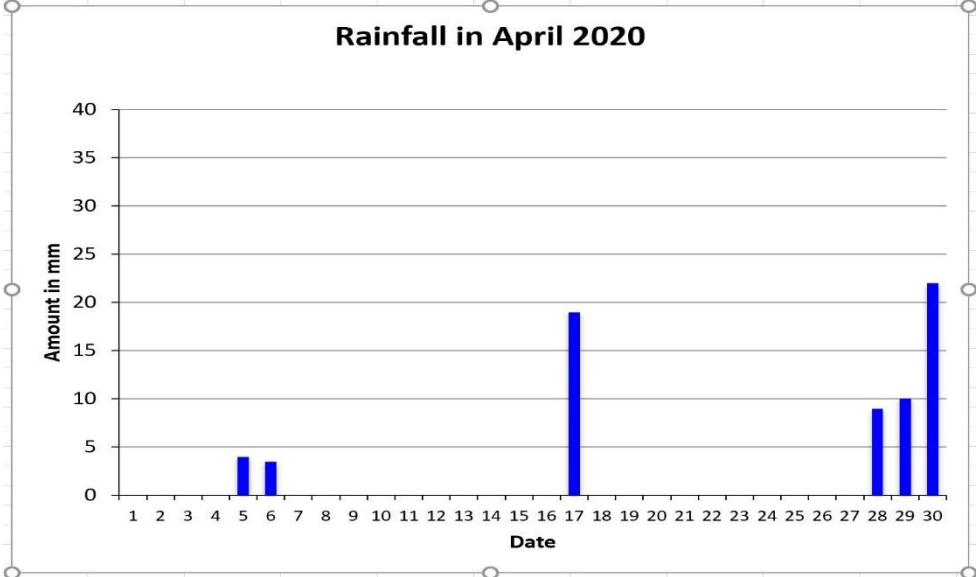
We had a lively discussion via Zoom. Most of us enjoyed the book, although in general not quite as much as we liked *Life After Life*. A few of us found it slow going at first. We gave the book an average score of 4 out of 5.



Our book next month is *The Tin Man* by Sarah Winman.

Rainfall at Shellwood Hill *George Arnison*

The fine weather from the second half of March continued throughout April....which was generally a dry month, apart from a welcome few days of rain in the middle and at the end of the month. I recorded 67.5mm (2¾") of rain at Shellwood Hill during the month, which if not record breaking was certainly below my average for April of 77mm thanks to a high pressure system that sat over the country for much of the month. Nationally this was the sunniest April since records began in 1929, and the fifth warmest since 1884.





Your Stars Tonight. “N’er cast a clout ‘ere May is out”, as my dear old mother used to say ... or was it my mother in law? Or maybe a character in Darling Buds of May – it’s all getting a bit blurry after the last couple of months. I was grateful for my clouts (whatever they are) as it was a distinctly chilly 2 am on one of the many clear nights this May. I was down the bottom of the garden peering in a puzzled fashion at my computer screen (where better place for a computer screen at 2 am?). The question was “where was Comet 2019 Y4?” This was being touted as the comet sensation of 2020 when it first made its unexpected appearance just before Christmas. As it rushed towards the sun it was brightening rapidly, with a predicted spectacular climax at the end of May.

So where was it? All I could find was a faint blur - yet only a week before I had captured a brilliant photograph of it. Later in the day I went on line to find that my photo was possibly the last one ever taken of poor old comet C2019 Y4 - for in its frantic rush to rendezvous with the sun the stresses all got too much for it, and it disintegrated into a cloud of gas and dust and disappeared from view forever.

Which got me thinking about where the materials that make up comets, planets and ourselves originally came from. One of the main sources is recycling from long gone stars (we are talking billions of years – surely longer than even the worst lockdown you can imagine). When some stars reach the end of their lives they leave the cosmic stage as supernova. What a way to go! An enormous uncontrolled nuclear chain reaction blasts them into a cloud of incandescent plasma which shines for a few months with the light of a billion stars. I have never seen one (not surprising as the last one that was visible to the naked eye was 1604 and before that 1006). But 51 million years ago, one detonated in the faraway spiral galaxy Messier 61 and the light has just reached us. In the last few months I have been having a lot of fun photographing distant galaxies through my telescope and I wondered if I could spot it – and there it was - a clear dot of light in the distant swirling spiral arms of M61.

As I plodded up the hill to Toby Cross a few days later, I was listing the good things that were coming back into our disrupted lives. Like the return of swifts and house martins, and the Wednesday Fish ‘n Chips and being able to drive to Soar Mill Cove to find that the Atlantic Ocean is still there. As the sun set over Dartmoor, I was looking forward to seeing a brilliant Venus close to a faint Mercury – but then realised that the star gazer’s curse was descending. After a day of clear blue skies there was a band of high cloud coming in from the west threatening to obscure the view. Venus was easy enough to see but Mercury - well it was being typical elusive Mercury - the fleet footed messenger of the gods can be devilishly difficult to spot in the dusk light. But then it popped out in a gap in the cloud for a few seconds and palely glimmered just below the brilliant Venus.

Returning home, I saw a bright light silently moving across the sky - the International Space Station – the ultimate in virus isolation. So, I waved to them to wish them well and show that we were fine down here in Ugborough. And then came a long-forgotten smell – the first honey suckle of 2020 – a reminder that life is sweet.



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

Reflecting on the various lifestyle changes that have had to be made during lockdown, G-UP has been considering which of the 'accidental positives' might be worth keeping as society begins to re-open and we look to a sustainable future.

It's rather timely that Graham Wilson, Chair of the PL:21 Transition Town Initiative should share with us their **Active Street Design Strategy** which is a campaign we feel could have a positive impact:

PL:21 and Ivybridge Town Council have commissioned this Travel Study which shows how the paths and streets within Ivybridge and the corridor between South Brent and Plymouth could be adapted for walking and cycling. Sustainable transport charity, Sustrans has undertaken this work involving many public consultations.

The study shows how traffic-free routes could be created and quiet roads used (without impacting on busy main roads) so that everyone may feel confident and safe. This is a huge project with a budget to match, which PL:21 are now embarking on raising money for. The plan has support from ICC, Dame Hannah Rogers School, Ivybridge town council and Sir Gary Streeter MP.

Given the reduction in traffic and the increase in walking and cycling during lock down this is a good time to be supporting a considered proposal which looks to make walking and cycling socially acceptable and improve accessibility for all. Importantly, Devon County Council are also exploring a series of temporary measures to support social distancing for walkers and cyclists including schemes which support local community aspirations for improvements: <https://www.devonnewscentre.info/devon-exploring-temporary-measures-for-walkers-and-cyclists/>

Another initiative we are leaning towards is that of a **Repair café**. These are events where skilled volunteers assist with fixing household appliances, garments, tools, toys etc. Embracing the re-use philosophy whilst saving pennies too and – hopefully down the line – a social event to boot. Please if you have skills you think you could lend do get in touch! And please consider shelving broken items for the foreseeable instead of binning and buying new.

In the meantime, if you'd like to get involved please contact us:

Email: greenerugp@gmail.com

Or you can find further info in the following places:

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

Our Facebook page: Greener Ugborough Parish

Ugborough Parish Council

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

Website: <https://ugboroughparishcouncil.org>

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

Ugborough Parish Council

The May Parish Council Meetings were the first held remotely on Zoom – a new experience, but one many of us are getting used to.

Covid 19 continues to dominate our lives. A Welfare Support Fund has been launched by South Hams District Council, in association with Devon County Council, to support residents whose financial situation has been seriously affected by the current pandemic, to help people who have no money for even the most basic household essentials. The fund can provide small emergency payments to help with necessities such as food, basic household items, essential travel or utility payments. For more information, go to www.southhams.gov.uk/welfarefund or call 01803 861407.

Your District Councillor Tom Holway is placing helpful information on the Facebook pages 'Ugborough Parish Matters' & 'Bittaford and Wrangaton are Community Minded'.

To weather the Lockdown, Devon County Council has announced over a hundred free Learn Devon courses. Go to <https://www.learndevon.co.uk/>

The Ugborough Annual Parish Council Meeting allocated Councillors' responsibilities over the next year, and a full list is displayed on the Parish Council website. George Beable stood down as Chairman, after 9 years in the post, and Councillors thanked him for his leadership and hard work. For the first time ever, the Parish Council will have a female Chair – Joan Fletcher!

The normal Parish Council Meeting followed, with reports from your District & County Cllrs, focusing on support during the pandemic. The recycling centre was reopening, but on a restricted basis, and SHDC would start remote meetings. Cllr Hosking confirmed that funding had been approved for the Kitterford Cross roundabout, although lighting would need to be resolved.

Cllr Holway had attended a Community Safety Partnership Meeting – Police were alert to the fact that County Lines were now targeting loners and those with learning difficulties. Please report any situation involving vulnerable individuals which does not look quite right.

Planning applications – with recommendations in **bold**:

1. Formation of temporary construction access at Land at SX 652 562, Exeter Road (B3123), Filham Ref [0897/20/FUL](#) **Neutral**
2. Change of use and conversion of barn to two residential dwellings and associated access and landscaping at Yeolands Farm Barn, Ermington Road, Ivybridge Ref [1024/20/FUL](#) **Neutral, on the assumption that the gas main is not too close to constitute a threat to future occupants**
3. Dormer extension to roof at Anthony House, Moorhaven Ref [0193/20](#) **Support, subject to no overlooking the adjacent property**

The 2019/20 Accounts were approved and would be submitted to the auditor. Expenditure over the last year amounted to £22887.96, and receipts £32295.42 – which includes some grant funding held on behalf of local groups who would otherwise not be eligible for the grant. The Parish Council is required to explain to the auditor any significant variances in receipts or expenditure – and this year, there were no significant variances, which means that they are much the same as the previous year.

Grants were approved for planting in Ugborough Square, which this year will have an NHS theme, and towards the Ugborough website, which has been particularly helpful during the current pandemic.

Community Initiatives for the over 70s are the focus of Persimmon Community Champions funding of £1000pm. If your project needs financial support, go to <https://www.persimmonhomes.com/community-champions>

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held remotely on Wednesday 3rd June, starting at 7.30pm. Agenda and minutes will be displayed on the website.

Privacy policy – visit ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

Bittaford Methodist Chapel *Chris Phillips 07899934743*

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

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

As a Church we will pray for all those affected by this virus in this country and abroad, remembering especially those who are mourning as a result. We will pray for the scientists and medical staff who are seeking to find a vaccine to prevent this virus and for all those in the NHS who have to care for those affected.

St. Peter's Church, Ugborough

For all church business and parish matters, please contact

Rev'd David Sayle, The Rectory Diptford Totnes Devon TQ9 7NY
01548 821199 email parish_sayle@me.com.

Zoom Services

As well as being able to join our Church services and activities via the computer and Zoom, you can also join via telephone.

If you're not already on David's contact list and you would like to join in, do please send him an email at parish_sayle@me.com or phone him on 01548 821199 so that he can send you joining details and Orders of Service.

Our current pattern is as below

Monday 10 a.m.	Collective Worship (School Assembly)
Tuesday 7.30 p.m.	Sunday Gospel Reflection, followed by Compline
Wednesday 7.30 p.m.	Compline
Thursday 10.30 a.m.	Coffee Morning
Sunday 11 a.m.	Sunday Service (alternating between Eucharistic and Non-Eucharistic)
1 st Sunday of the month 4.30 p.m.	Three Rivers Mission Community Messy Church

Across the Diocese there is a regular Sunday Service and a daily 'Pause'.

The details of how to access these can be found either

at <https://exeter.anglican.org/resources/coronavirus-guidance/sunday-services-to-watch-online/> or on the Diocesan Facebook page @CofEDevon.

There is also a weekly 10 a.m. live Exeter Cathedral Eucharist on [Facebook](#).

And at 7 p.m. every Sunday, we are encouraged to continue lighting a candle and place it in the front window of our homes

I am fully aware that a lot of the above information requires a computer etc to access, so please do not forget our local radio stations, which often broadcast a Sunday act of worship or Radio 4 at 8.10 a.m. broadcasts Sunday worship.

God Bless,

David

Also Daily Hope is a free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers. 08008048044.

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,

3rivers.org.uk

(This is a new website address.)

The office can be contacted by e mail at office@3rivers.org.uk

From-**Thoughts on Ascensiontide** - Rev'd Paul Hancock

The priest of the Church in Baghdad wrote, "In the midst of heartrending tragedy, we know God's abiding Grace and Presence is with us. We walk by faith and not by sight. As long as we believe that "Jesus is Lord" we can face anything. Our Lord who said, "I am with you always, even to the close of the age".

Further thoughts

The day will come when we can reopen our churches. Our Lord reminds us of the ethos which should be at the centre of our church life. He said, "If you love me keep my commandments".

After washing his disciples' feet, he explained these words when he said "You are to love one another as I have loved you . By this all will know you are my disciples".

In other words, "Go about your lives as those who are loved by God and in turn reflect that love care and compassion in your lives".

This is so vital today especially for those working in the Health Service, Hospices, Care Homes, and those facing isolation and grief.

No one is outside of God's Love. The assurance of this hope flows from the resurrection of our Lord whereby we know that the Risen Lord is within us and beyond anything that would shut him out.

In St Paul's words, "He is not far from each one of us. In him we live and move and have our being."

Village services.

As this goes to press, the School and Preschool are preparing for a limited return to some sort of normality in early June.

When this happens the Post Office, so kindly hosted by the Village Hall Committee during the Lockdown, will continue on the usual Thursdays 10 - 12, back in the Church. (Staff permitting)

The Church will only be open for this Post Office service - and the same social distancing and infection control measures will apply, as are being currently practised.

Support Ugborough thanks- Norma Roe (Editor)

I would like to add my sincere thanks to the Support Ugborough team for their invaluable help enabling us to get through this crisis. At the beginning of lockdown, it was so alarming not knowing how to safely buy provisions. I have found the list of suppliers on the website so useful- and it is regularly updated as new names are added and changes made.

(Do check out the list on ugborough.com website).

We have been very well provisioned, and the volunteer team have gladly made up any items that have proved more elusive. So, THANK YOU- it is greatly appreciated.

Contributions

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this 3rd far from normal Newsletter.

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

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

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

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JUST DO ONE! -Sharon Hughes

COVID 19 you're not wanted here or there

In fact no one wants you anywhere.

You think you're clever with your sticky spikes

Just go quick, like those on Pete's electric bikes

You thought you'd pick us off one by one

Well Sue Johns' army is like a loaded gun

You thought we couldn't cope even after the furlough

But you didn't realise we got Juliet's starter of sour dough

You thought you'd divide and conquer right?

Listen! Helen's Zoom meeting is on a Monday night

You stopped us going out on the hop

Don't care, Shelley's had a pop-up shop

You thought you'd stopped our bread in your witching hour

But Karen's still delivering bags of yeast and flour

You thought that you'd deny us all we wish

But couldn't halt Bev and Nick's gorgeous fish

You thought you'd hush us and stop our banter

But we laugh and smile amid Katie's blue planters

You think you can linger and spread in popular hubs

Well Charlotte and Co have made dozens of scrubs

You think as we return to work you'll have an easy task

Ha, Tom AD, Phil, Vici, Wendy and others have made us a mask

You think you'll drive us crazy and get us all in a tizz

Well the Hughes' have started a popular virtual quiz

You think you can tempt the vulnerable out

Instead the volunteers will go when they shout

You think our keyworkers, posties and bin men will crumble

But Hollie will fill hampers and we'll just stay humble

You think our glorious NHS workers won't stay upbeat

You're wrong – Sarah with many others, will deliver a treat

You think we can't share just like we did back then

But we've got the bus shelter and Nellie's pasty den

You think we're getting bored and about to give in

No, we'll stay 2 metres apart but still drink the Gin

You think we can't manage our charity money

Well Joan's on the case so don't try and be funny

You think we won't remember you when you've gone

Be warned, Val is writing a chronicle with aplomb

You even stooped so low and deprived of us the toilet roll

But we stopped the bulk buying which helped on the (w)hole

So Coronavirus you think you lord it over the Ugborough Team

But we'll stay apart but together and wait for that vaccine.