

# Ugborough Parish Newsletter

## March 2025



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## **St Peter's Church** – Sue Johns

We are heading for the season of Lent as I write and on Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> we are looking forward to a visit from Bishop James of Plymouth who will be including St Peter's in his whistle stop tour of selected churches in the Plymouth and Totnes Archdeaconries. He will be with us at Ugborough Church between 10.35 and 11.15 a.m. and all are very welcome to join him for this time of prayer. It will be a simple and informal time, which he will lead, and which will create space for all to come humbly and in repentance.

That evening there will be a service of Holy Communion at Diptford Church at 7 p.m., which will include the Imposition of Ashes.

This year's Lent Course will explore the Rhythm of Life and will take place every Wednesday from 12<sup>th</sup> March to 9<sup>th</sup> April at The Rectory, Diptford at 7 p.m. If you would like to know more, please contact David on 01548 821199 or [parish\\_sayle@me.com](mailto:parish_sayle@me.com)

### *Mothering Sunday*

*Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March; 9:30 – 10:00 at St Peter's Church.*

A short informal service to make posies and have them blessed by Rev David Sayle before distribution, to pray and to sing together.

Do bring along some flowers if you so wish.

*The Mission Community 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Eucharist will follow  
at 11 a.m. at Diptford Church*

Advanced warning of the Parish Church Council's AGM, to be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7 p.m. in the Committee Room of Ugborough Village Hall.

Everyone is welcome – so do come along to see what we've been up to – and hear of our plans for the future.

Every 6 years it is necessary to prepare an entirely new parochial Electoral Roll rather than revise the existing one, and this will occur in 2025.

Every person who wishes to have their name entered on the new Roll, whether it is entered on the present Roll or not, is required to apply for enrolment again this year.

If you would like to remain on the Roll - or if you have not been on the Roll previously but would like to enroll for 2025 - please complete an application form (available in church or from Helen Hart- see below.)

Forms can be completed and returned electronically by email, [hmart@sky.com](mailto:hmart@sky.com), or you can deliver a hard copy to Helen at: Tail End, Donkey Lane, Ugborough, Ivybridge, PL21 ONE before **17<sup>th</sup> March**.

Come along to a Quiz Night with Soup & a Roll  
On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March in Ugborough Village Hall at 7:30pm  
£10/ticket. Teams of 6  
Bar and Draw.

All proceeds to St Peter's Church Building Fund.  
Contact Sue Johns or Helen Hart to book your place.  
[suejohnsdunwellfarm@gmail.com](mailto:suejohnsdunwellfarm@gmail.com) 07889737967  
[hmhart@sky.com](mailto:hmhart@sky.com)

### **USS- Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays - Juliet Collis**

USS dates for March are **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>**, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Village Hall.

April dates will be **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>** (which is over the Easter weekend).

### **Newsletter donation**

USS generates a modest surplus from its Café which is reinvested into USS or is used to support good causes within the parish. Last month USS was delighted to be able to make a donation to this Newsletter's expenses for 2025, as it is a valued resource within the community. *(Thank you, this is most appreciated- Ed.)*

### **Charity fundraising and good causes**

If you support a charity or other good cause and would like space one USS Saturday, please get in touch. As part of our commitment to the local community we would like to encourage anyone who is raising money for charity to come to USS and have a table free of charge, or take the opportunity to promote their good cause.

Contact: [ugboroughss@gmail.com](mailto:ugboroughss@gmail.com)

### **Ugborough Dramatic Society AGM: Sue Johns**

It is the AGM Season... and UDS invite everyone to their summing up of the past year with a glimpse into the future (which just might hold something for all budding thespians, singers, dancers, techys, choreographers, seamstresses, makeup artists, front of house aiders, backstage roles and visionaries of every age!)

Not to be missed!!

Hope to see you on **Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall.**

Our Thursday Coffee Mornings in church accompanying the Post Office have continued to be well attended despite the very chilly winter weather. This is such a valuable fund raiser thanks to the generosity of our expert bakers tantalizing everyone with their delectable cakes! Come along and sample! 10 a.m.-12 noon

### **Printmaking workshops**

Local artist Sara Gilbert works from her cosy loft studio tucked away behind Ermington Mill, where she is offering printmaking workshops. Students can choose from linocut, collagraph, drypoint etching, fabric printing or paper lithography – or a combination of all of the above! Suitable for beginners or those wishing to brush-up on their skills, workshop space is limited to two people sharing. Students get tailored tuition and time to learn how to design, make and ink-up their printing plates, colour mixing and the hand-printing process. So, come along and have a go and make use of Sara's Hawthorn etching press and well-equipped studio. It costs £35 per person for half a day (3 hours) and £70 for all day (6 hours). Block bookings of four sessions or more attract a 10% discount (two people sharing). All materials and light refreshments are included.

Sara is also running a beginners' linocut day on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.- cost £70.

To find out more, contact Sara by email [sara@artgilbert.co.uk](mailto:sara@artgilbert.co.uk) or find her Erme Art Studios page on Facebook.

### **Free help available for people in rural areas worried about the cost of heating their home**

**Do you or anyone you know of need support in household energy bills or keeping your home warm this winter?** Did you know that independent charity Devon Communities Together can provide **FREE** confidential advice sessions on how to manage your energy bills in rural Devon? We can help with advice on accessing financial support, saving energy, understanding tariffs, ways to manage heating oil if you're off-grid, and much more – and we've even got some lovely fleece blankets to give away while stocks last, to help keep you toasty! It is important to us that we help you and your community to keep your home warm this winter.

If you would like to have a confidential chat with one of our specialist Energy Champions, contact us on

01392 248919, [anderson.jones@devoncommunities.org.uk](mailto:anderson.jones@devoncommunities.org.uk) or check out our Energy Outreach Project page on our website <https://www.devoncommunities.org.uk/projects/energy-outreach-project>

## Ceremonial Flying of the Flag

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in March

*Commonwealth Day*



March 10<sup>th</sup>

*Birthday of Prince Edward, Duke of Edinburgh*

### Erme Valley RDA- Peggy Douglas 07882 286421

What a challenging 6 weeks we've had with a poorly, infectious horse shutting our main riding activities down – with associated loss of income and unexpected expenses.

However, we are immensely grateful for the generosity of the local community in and around Ugborough – and from all our loyal supporters from further afield ....

Our appeal has raised over £10k thus far.

Particular thanks go to Ugborough Primary School who donated the proceeds from their special Mufti Day in early February... and to Philomena and her **amazing** Team who raised over £3,100 at a packed Big Breakfast in Ugborough Village Hall. Unbelievable generosity!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported us, whether financially, with their time, or in other ways. Special thanks to the Holways for allowing us to use their field, which has kept three of the ponies safe and isolated during this period. Despite the challenges, we've been keeping busy. The horses at the Brook have been undergoing training, we've had a thorough clean and tidy of the yard, and we're pleased to share that the carriage now has its own shed.

Due to our stringent bio security measures, we were able to prevent the spread of disease from our contagious pony to any of our other horses, and we were delighted to be able to recommence Riding again on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

We are thrilled to announce that we have received funding from Action for Children to support educational programmes and transport for our riders. This funding will make a huge difference in ensuring our activities remain accessible to all.

A big thank you to Ian for his hard work in putting together the successful application! A lucky few enjoyed our dementia friendly Tea with a Pony in early February, and we look forward to hosting the next one on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

The Happy Hoof Club and Accessible Social Club plan to meet on March 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>.

*From Janine Fox, Bittaford*

Everyone is welcome to a Fundraising event on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall

**Ukelele band and Sing-along Cream Tea**, or cheese scone, together with a raffle.

All proceeds to Erme Valley RDA and will help ensure they can continue their incredible work.

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

Charity Number 1043499 –

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

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

Contact: 07763 215 455

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding an Easter Holiday Club for children aged 2-11 in Ugborough Village Hall Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The price for primary school aged children will be £35 per day (£17.50 for a half day). The price for preschool age children will be £45 per day (£22.50 for a half day). For further details and to book one of our limited places please contact [admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk](mailto:admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk)

**Ugborough on the cultural map!** *(from The Greenwood Consort)*

For the last two years, Ian and Mark have been coached by The Brook Street Band at the music summer school at Dartington and then again in Norfolk.

On 30<sup>th</sup> March at 6 p.m. The Brook Street Band are bringing Kitchen Conversations to Ugborough Church.

This is a rich baroque diet to feed mind and soul with musical ingredients from Telemann, Handel, J S Bach, CPE Bach, Rameau, Purcell and Errolyn Wallen.

Tickets for 'Kitchen Conversations' are £20 each or free for under 21s.

Further information at [www.brookstreetband.co.uk](http://www.brookstreetband.co.uk)

**Ivybridge u3a - Roy Little**

Ivybridge u3a March General Meeting

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March at the Watermark Centre, 2 p.m.

"Murder on Dartmoor"

Stephanie Austin, a local author, has written many books involving murder and mystery in and around Dartmoor.

The Devonian sleuth is an Ashburton antique dealer. Stephanie will talk on the task of writing such books and the inspiration derived from our home area.

The event is open to members and to those no longer in full-time employment who wish to find out more of what u3a has to offer.

**Ladies' Lunch** *Pat Stephens*

The date for the next lunch is Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 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>  
[atyourconveniencecic@gmail.com](mailto:atyourconveniencecic@gmail.com)



Our HAPPY LOO YEAR event in January saw 40 people attend with lots of support to move forward with the purchase and development of the long-closed public toilets at both Ugborough and Bittaford. At this event more local volunteers stepped forward which means we now have a fundraising team in place. This group have met, and with thanks to Chloe, have undertaken some training she has offered in this area. Funding applications are underway! A key part of applications is to demonstrate to funders the community benefits of this project. We want to see each building reopened primarily as a public loo - each fully renovated, made accessible and with a baby change.

Additionally to this, there is a small part of each building that could be used for alternative community use as well. Please have a think about what you would like to see housed within these structures for community benefit. The newly formed *Community Engagement* arm of our group is developing a survey (and may well ask you in person) – please share your views, tell us what you think and of course if you have any time to give (even a little!) please get involved.

Alongside all this, the nuts and bolts of the business and legal side of things needs to continue, as does FUNDRAISING here in the Parish. Please - if you can donate to our Just Giving page to help get the monetary ball rolling please do. Although South Hams District Council have agreed to sell the buildings to our community for £1 each, we need £50K to renovate and make good! And every little helps.

For online viewers-QR code and webpage – with thanks.  
[www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/atyourconvenience-cic](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/atyourconvenience-cic)



**The Friends of Ivybridge Library (FOIL)** will be holding a quiz evening on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March in the Library, starting at 7 p.m. Teams of four at £5 per person with proceeds going to help support the Library. The quizmaster will be Dave Gibbins, well known sports reporter. Previous events have been very well attended and have provided valuable funds for the Friends' activities. Tickets will be available from the Library from late February onwards.

## **Devon Rural Skills Stone Facing Course**

The Editor has been sent details of a stone facing course which is taking place on 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March at North Huish Vineyard. For further details contact the instructor, Nil Kirkham on 07946034471 or email [origin.inspired@outlook.com](mailto:origin.inspired@outlook.com) or Devon Rural Skills website [www.drst.org.uk](http://www.drst.org.uk)

### **Historical Nugget**– *Gareth 'Taff' Jones*

23<sup>rd</sup> /24<sup>th</sup> March 1989 – Alaska, on this day the super tanker, *Exxon Valdez*, ran aground in Prince William Sound shortly after leaving the port of Valdez, the terminus of the Alaskan oil pipeline. At 987 feet long and weighing nearly 215,000 tons, the *Exxon Valdez* was carrying over 53 million US gallons of crude oil and shortly after the pilot disembarked the third mate altered course to avoid small icebergs in the Sound. Another change in course near midnight resulted in the ship running aground on the Bligh Reef and 11 million US gallons of crude spilled into the Sound.

The immediate effect was the deaths of between 100,000 and 250,000 seabirds, as many as 2,800 sea otters, approximately 300 harbour seals, over 200 bald eagles, and 20 odd orcas. The number of salmon, herring and other fish is not known. A clean operation ensued taking many months, this operation was also the subject of investigation and intense media interest focussing on the apparent toxicity of the chemicals used in the clean-up operation.

The Master, Joseph Hazelwood and the two Mates were ordered to be available to face Federal charges. It was alleged in the media that the Master had been drunk although 21 witnesses testified that he did not appear to be under the influence of alcohol. As is usually the case, the accident was not a simple matter of X, Y or Z happening but a catalogue of errors involving not only the Exxon company, but the US Coast Guard and the Alaskan authorities. Much litigation ensued amongst all the parties involved; Exxon were fined \$5 billion in punitive damages, on appeal reduced to \$2.5 billion. The Supreme Court reduced this further to \$500 million to cover the costs of the clean-up operation. After returning to service and operating under numerous owners using different names, the *Exxon Valdez* eventually sold for scrap and, the irony of it, was beached on the Gujarat Coast in India and dismantled in 2012.

### **Beryl's Bookworms** – *Juliet Collis*

It was with mixed emotions that we met up in February, as we had recently heard that Beryl (as in Beryl's Bookworms) had sadly died in January. We reminisced about the books that Beryl liked (and disliked!) and the fun that we have had as a book group since we started in 1999. It was Beryl who had expressed an interest in starting a book group when we held the Ugborough Village Appraisal, just before the Millenium and who ended up setting up the group. The Bookworms had a toast to Beryl who we thought would have been thrilled to know that her book club legacy continues to thrive after 25 years.



Our February book was a debut murder mystery novel by (Judge) Robert Rinder. The victim was a 'public hero' police officer who had collapsed and died at the Old Bailey, minutes before giving testimony in a drugs case. All evidence pointed to the victim having been poisoned and the prime suspect being a recently released career felon, who had a 'history' with the policeman.



The main protagonist, Adam Green, was a pupil barrister on the accused's defence team. He was a likeable character, and we got an insight into the workings of chambers and the early careers of barristers. Rob Rinder had a number of similarities to Adam Green, as are both Jewish, with single mothers, from working-class backgrounds, navigating an Oxbridge-dominated profession. Rob Rinder has specialised in fraud, as well as other cases including British soldiers charged with the manslaughter of Iraqi detainees.

Rob Rinder has also appeared on a number of TV shows, starting with Judge Rinder in 2014, Strictly in 2016, 'The Holy Land and Us', 'My Family the Holocaust and Me' and more recently, 'Britain Behind Bars'. An episode of 'Who Do You Think You Are' traced his Jewish family's tragic history and made new discoveries about his grandfather, a survivor of both [Schlieben](#) and [Theresienstadt](#) concentration camps. Rinder states that being the grandson of a "Holocaust survivor has informed my politics, my view of the world, my instinctive reaction to people, this idea of who in the community is a bystander, a rescuer, a perpetrator."

There were mixed reactions in the group to the book, although generally we thought that it was easy to read, with characters who we could relate to, and it gave a good insight into the world of pupil barristers and their interactions with other members of their chambers.

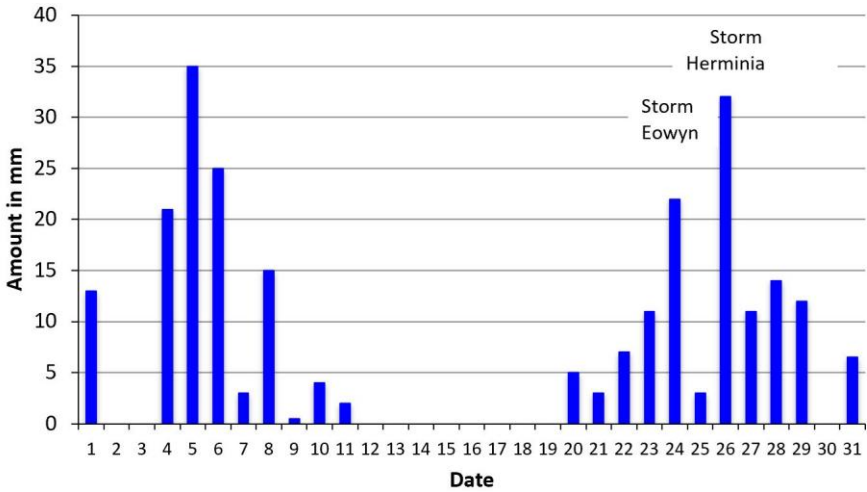
Overall we scored it 3.8

Our next book is The Seventh Son by Sebastian Faulks.

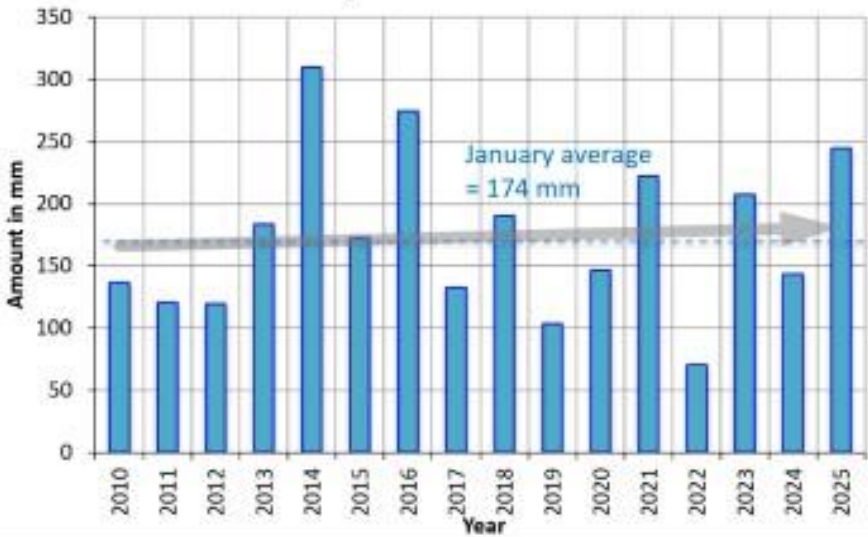
### **Rainfall at Shellwood Hill** *George Arnison*

Apparently, January 2025 was (somewhat unexpectedly) the warmest January ever - globally. Not in South Devon! For us it was cold. It started off wet and cold; was then just cold for a week; and ended by being windy, wet and cold as Storms Eowyn and Herminia blew through. At Shellwood Hill I recorded 245mm (just over 9 1/2") of rainfall, which was well above the months 174mm average.

## Rainfall in January 2025



## January rainfalls and Trend



## **Ugborough Parish Council**

Clerk: Sally Smale Email: parishclerk@ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

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

### **Ugborough Parish Council News from our February Meeting.**

#### **Two members of the public attended the meeting**

#### **Dementia Friendly Ugborough.**

Claire Puckey (Community Liaison and Support Lead for the Four Rivers Dementia Alliance) gave a brief introduction into the work of the Alliance and the support available to parish councils.

She will be sending us further information (which will be available on our website) and at the March meeting we will agree what actions we can take to make Ugborough a Dementia-friendly Parish. If you have any suggestions, please email our clerk or come along to our next meeting.

#### **Matters raised by the Public and Arising from Previous Meetings**

1. **Wheelchair access to the post box in Ugborough Square** - Unfortunately, following their review of the site, Royal Mail have concerns over health and safety if the post box was repositioned nearer to the road. The post box cannot face the road as it will force users and Royal Mail staff to stand in the road to access the post box. Furthermore, the post box could be blocked off by a parked vehicle. We have decided to fund the work ourselves to create 2 drop kerbs at the corner of the raised island and are currently seeking quotes.
2. **A replacement tree in Ugborough Square** will be planted this spring
3. It was noted that the **Parish Magazine** was in need of funding, and it was agreed that this would be considered on receipt of a grant funding application from the organisation
4. **Flooding outside the school - we were very sorry to hear of the flooding and** subsequent ice that caused a traffic accident outside the school. We will report a blocked drain at the entrance to the school field to DCC and ask our lengthsman to clear the buddle holes on the hills up to Toby Cross and Hillhead Farm. Hopefully this will prevent another incident.

**Report from County Councillor** Cllr Dan Thomas had sent apologies and an update on the Government's recent white paper on Devolution and potential impact on Devon.

**Report from District Councillors** Cllr Alison Dewynter had sent apologies. Cllr Abbott spoke briefly on SHDC revised parking charges in Ivybridge and reminded us that it is time to subscribe to the **garden waste service** if required. We are very conscious that there is a significant price increase for the garden waste collection and have expressed our concerns regarding that to Cllr Abbott. Their report is available on our website.

A summary of topics covered follows:

Garden waste services, Bird Flu, Half-term activities at Fusion Leisure Centres, SHDC's response to the Local Government Finance Settlement

**Councillor News** We are very sad that Joan Fletcher has stood down from Council and will miss her commitment and dedication very much. Councillor Tim Slater (as deputy Chair) has agreed to step into the role of Chair and Councillor Jon May will take on the role of Vice-Chair.

**Planning** Aldi had submitted a revised application for the proposed store in Ivybridge. We consider that our previous concerns regarding adequate screening on the west of the site had not been fully addressed and so have re-submitted our previous response. We supported the erection of two solar fences on land at Sx 690 567, Ugborough but felt that we had insufficient information to make an informed decision on the application to change existing enclosed paddock into a riding school with sand on land at Sx 665 563. Bittaford and have requested further details.

We had received ten notification of decisions made by South Hams District Council and Dartmoor National Park Authority and these are listed on our website.

**Finance** At our December meeting we agreed our budget for 2025-2026 and a precept of £42,000. The 2025/26 Council Tax bill for a Band D property will be £35.14 for the Ugborough council tax element of the total bill. This is an increase of £2.02 on the 2024/25 Band D figure of £33.12.

The agreed budget is available on our website. We are pleased to grant £200 towards the website hosting costs for Ugborough.com. Our burial fees have been revised to show a 5% increase for 25-26 - these will take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025. Fees for people outside of the parish are doubled.

**Highways and Public Footpaths** We have been approached by South Hams Ramblers with a request to use their signposting for the newly developed South Hams Way in the parish. We are very happy to support this initiative.

Work is currently being done on the annual review of all our footpaths as part of our agreement with South Hams District Council and to know where to focus the limited funding we receive next year. If anyone has any comments to make, please email our clerk.

On an appropriately very wet day in January Cllrs Fletcher and Hart met with the Devon County Council Flood Officer in Ugborough Village. At the site meeting it was agreed that DCC would review the water-flow throughout - looking at works done and the impact of any development. They would also research possible grant funding sources for any future agreed work. We will report further on this when we hear from them again.

**Asset Management and Maintenance Work** The latest monthly inspection of **Bittaford Play Area** only identified a couple of small works that need doing and this is very gratifying having invested so much time and money last year to maintenance issues.

Unfortunately, the weather took its toll on part of the **hedge to our burial ground**, and we will be seeking quotes for repair work to this as soon as possible. Work on the **repainting of the conduit** will begin as soon as the weather improves. We have been in communication with DCC for almost two years now regarding the installation of a bus shelter at the entrance to the Bloor Estate on the B3213 Filham. We have now approached them with a proposal to part fund the installation of a bus shelter. The estimated costs for us are up to £8,000 but with no on-going maintenance costs.

**Transport survey** We have recently contributed towards the costs for South Hams Community Action to survey local people on transport needs within their parish. The findings will enable local councils and voluntary organisations to have a clearer picture of your transport needs, and we would be very grateful if you could spend a few minutes completing this survey. It is available on our website, or you can go online and respond. Printed versions are in The Ship Inn, St Peter's Church, The Village Hall and The Horse and Groom Pub, Bittaford.

### **Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in Ugborough Village Hall**

This is your meeting and an opportunity to celebrate all the activities and opportunities on offer in the parish. You are invited to come along to speak briefly about your group / organisation and let us all know what you have been up to. It is also a perfect opportunity for individuals to find out how they can get involved in new activities.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 7.30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room, Ugborough Village Hall.**

### **North Huish Community Group**

We are holding a Coffee morning with Bring and Buy cake sale at North Huish church on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30 a.m.- 12.30 p.m.

All are very welcome.

### **South Devon Big Band**

At Rattery Village Hall on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March there will be an evening of Swing, Dance and Jazz with the South Devon Big Band in aid of Mothers' Union.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the first half starts at 7.30. Licensed cash bar.

Tickets are £12.50 and available online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk) or from Ruth Collop, at [ruthcollop@btinternet.com](mailto:ruthcollop@btinternet.com) or 01803843452

### **Girls Night out concerts**

Girls' Night Out choir are celebrating 25 years together. They recently performed to fundraise for EVRDA and now have performances on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March at Holy Cross Church, Newton Ferrers at 7 p.m. and Modbury Church on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7 p.m. They are fundraising for The Mustard Tree Cancer Support and Star\*scheme charities in support of the Mayflower Atlantic Challenge.

Tickets are £6 available by emailing [tracy.pl8@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.pl8@gmail.com)

Bittaford Methodist Chapel *Chris Phillips* 07899934743

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

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March Revd D Youngs. Communion,

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March Mr Mike Cade

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March Mrs B Youngs.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Mr J Carhart.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March Mr Mike Cade.

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 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	All Age Worship led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Holy Communion led by Revd M. Cockfield, Rural Dean
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Morning Praise led by Locally worship leaders
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Holy Communion led by Revd David Sayle Messy Church at 4.30 p.m.
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday	Making of posies for distribution in the village at 9.30 Benefice Holy Communion service at Diptford at 11 a.m.

Hand gel is available and please respect others' space.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March from 4.30- 6 p.m.  
Stories, craft activities, songs, food and fun at  
St Peter's Church, Ugborough,  
All Ages welcome.  
Children to be accompanied by an adult



On **Ash Wednesday** (Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March) Bishop James, the Bishop of Plymouth, will be spending the day in prayer and fasting and will visit various Churches across the Plymouth and Totnes Archdeaconries.

He will be praying at Ugborough church for 40 minutes from 10.35 a.m. and all are welcome to join him. It will be a simple and informal time, which he will lead, and which will create space for all to come humbly and in repentance.

Repentance is not a miserable act of sackcloth and ashes. It is a beautiful thing. It is Jesus' invitation in his opening words in the Gospels. It is to right to an even keel when our lives have begun to list and become unstable. It is the restoring of a relationship in which there has become a distance or blockage. It is turning our faces back to the God who loves us without limit and has his arms open wide to us.

As Paul encourages us it is how our faith began and how we continue in faith (Col. 1:23).

If you are unable to join him at Ugborough or any of the other venues, then please do take time in whatever place you are in to pray this Ash Wednesday, for what is upon your heart and mind.

### **Lent Study Course- The Rhythm of Life**

This is being held at The Rectory, Diptford each Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. from 12<sup>th</sup> March to 9<sup>th</sup> April. Contact the Rector below for further information.

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

You can find out about everything that's going on across all the parishes at its website, [www.3rivers.org.uk](http://www.3rivers.org.uk)

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### Village services.

The Post Office continues its service at Ugborough Church on Thursday mornings and 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.

### Ugborough Parish Newsletter: Funding News. *Sue Johns (Newsletter treasurer)*

Last month we published the accounts for 2024, and these showed that our expenses exceeded our income. We are delighted to report that Ugborough Parish Council have agreed to make up this shortfall. A very sincere Thank you!

For any individual who enjoys the Newsletter, finds the community information useful, and would like to donate towards costs, each Newsletter costs about 45p per printed copy.

So, an annual donation of just £4.50 per household would be really helpful....  
(And huge thanks to those who are happy to subsidise others...)

Cheque or Cash to any of the Team.

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Contributions should be sent by e mail to Mrs. Norma Roe, The Editor, Ugborough Parish Newsletter at [normaroe9@gmail.com](mailto:normaroe9@gmail.com)

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

**\*\*This last month I have received several coloured posters as attachments to emails.**

**As we print in black and white, it is unlikely that the coloured posters will come out well, although I have aimed to include the main points in text.**

**Please send your items in Word if possible and remember that due to costs, space is limited. \*\***

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<https://ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk>

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

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