

Ugborough Parish Newsletter

November 2019



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Garden Club *Anne Holway*

We welcome Chris Groves at our November meeting. Chris is Head Gardener at Overbecks, but his illustrated talk is entitled 'Patagonia, land of violas and volcanoes', hopefully some sunshine for a Winter evening. We meet on Thursday 21st November at Sou West, Park Cottages, starting at 7:30 p.m. Visitors will be most welcome.



Coffee Drop-In Centre

10.30 a.m.-Noon every Thursday morning in Ugborough Church

Post office available 10.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

Why not meet up with friends and neighbours over coffee, tea, cake & biscuits?
Everyone welcome.

Ugborough Dramatic Society

Thanks to all those who have bought tickets for the UDS Performances of Jack and the Beanstalk showing at Ugborough Village Hall between November 27th and 30th inclusive. We are effectively sold out... but there may possibly be returns- so if you'd like to add your name to a waiting list please e mail Lynsey Hughes: lynseyhughes24@gmail.com or ring Sharon Hughes 07925 607348.

If tickets are available, they will be released after full payment.

Hope to see you all there! *Sue Johns*

Ugborough Local History Group- *Merryl Docker*

The famous, or infamous, Ugborough Panto is being performed at the end of November, so our November meeting is to be held in the first week of December. This suits us well because we can hold our heads up and state this will be the Ugborough Local History Group CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

Join us on Wednesday December 4th, 7 for 7.30 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall for our annual Christmas Party. All group members (and their other halves) are very welcome. Please bring with you a plate of something to share. Sweet or savoury, or crisps, cheese, whatever takes your fancy. Or you could bring a bottle of something to share - wine or non-alcoholic juice. We will be entertained by the Modbury Gospel Choir who will be singing festive songs - no doubt we will be joining in to start the month of Christmas cheer to help us through the darker days. Very much looking forward to seeing you.

Ceremonial flying of the Flag.

The flag will be flown on the following occasions-

2nd Sunday in November *Remembrance Sunday*

November 14th *Birthday of the Prince of Wales*

November 20th *Queen and Prince Philip's Anniversary*



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

Charity Number 1043499- *Catherine Nightingale*.

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

The Pre-school children and staff have been busy as always. The children made bread rolls and learnt songs in preparation for their harvest festival. Parents came along to watch the singing and enjoy the food that the children had prepared to celebrate the harvest together. This term we have been able to introduce Jude from Spinning Tots who has been doing some creative dance which the children have loved. They have been covering themselves with ‘mud’ being wombats and falling as delicate leaves.

The Pre-school AGM was held in October and we said goodbye to a few people who have dedicated many hours over years in order to keep the pre-school running so thank you very much to those people. As a committee run pre-school we rely on the efforts of parents who sit on the committee to keep things going. It is through this work that we are able to provide a preschool with improved ratios of adults to children and add extra activities to broaden our children’s experience. We also have a pre-school helpers group who support the committee with fundraising and other events. If you feel that this is something you would like to be a part of please get in contact.

Forest school is an absolute favourite for many of our children. We are currently looking for anyone who would like help with this activity on Thursday mornings so that we can continue to offer this to as many children as possible. Again if you feel this could be you or would like further information please get in contact.

Ugborough Village Hall- Stafford Williams

The inventory check in the Hall has revealed that many items are going missing and there is no trace. This applies mainly to crockery and we have had to buy replacements rather more frequently than expected. It is unlikely that these are due to breakages, but it may be that folk have ‘borrowed’ items and not ensured their return. If you know the whereabouts of items from the Hall please help us get them back. Please also note that no-one is entitled to remove items from the Hall without getting it approved by the Hall Committee and preferably recording it on a hire form. If in doubt, please ask anyone on the Committee and seek to book items through Mrs Philomena Jones.

TLC and Christmas Senior Citizen Christmas meal

There will be no TLC in December, but the team will be hosting a Christmas meal for the Senior Citizens of Ugborough Parish. We will be serving a 3-course hot meal as in previous years and it will be funded by Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays. The date is **Sunday 15th December** and will be held at lunchtime in the village hall. Please contact Philomena Jones for more details

Ugborough Ladies' Lunch - *Pat Stephens* - tel 07704113837

Advance notice- The next ladies' lunch is on 4th December at the Ship for 12.30 p.m. Please contact me if you would like to join us. Thank you

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

Ugborough Primary School.

The school will be taking part in 2 charitable fundraisers this month-

Poppy Appeal

The British Legion has launched their Poppy Appeal once again to help support serving and ex-serving members of the Armed Forces community and their families. Last year the Poppy Appeal raised over £50 million! At school, poppies are available (at break time) for a donation, together with a selection of memorabilia priced at 50p for zip pulls and reflectors; £1.00 for wristbands and £1.50 for snap bands.

Children in need

On Friday 15th November children can wear mufti for a donation to support this very worthwhile charity.

Parents' evenings are taking place for years 1-6 during the week commencing 4th November. Appointments have been arranged.

Ivybridge U3A – *Anne Oakins*

Charity No 1178944

Retired or no longer working full time? Keen to meet people, learn new things, have new experiences?

IVYBRIDGE U3A could be just what you are looking for!

The next General Meeting will be at THE WATERMARK, Ivybridge on Monday 18th November 2 – 4.p.m.

Guest Speakers: Don McIntosh and Lisa Patterson- Tally Ho Coaches

The talk covers the history of public transport in Kingsbridge, the development of the coach business in South Devon and then the specific business of Tally Ho, illustrated with some stories and pictures.

New and potential members welcome.

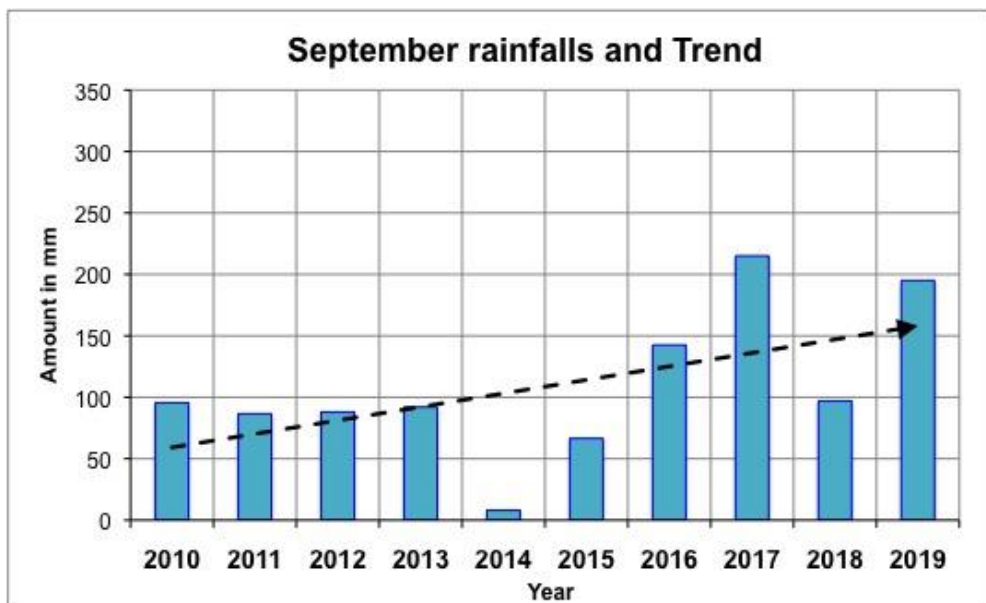
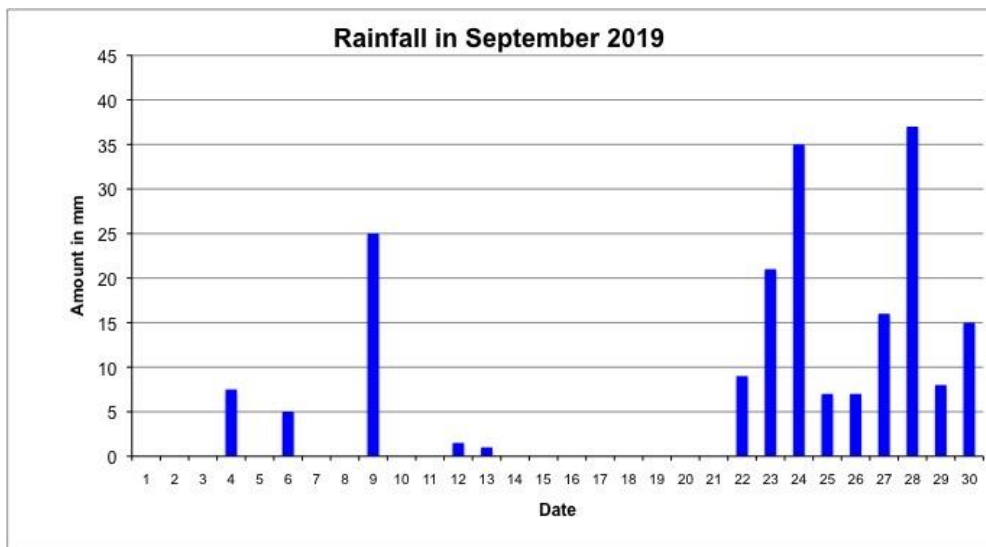
The U3A offers a wide range of interest groups for you to join including Walking, Looking at Art, Dartmoor Archaeology, Etymology, Bridge, Tai Chi, Local History – and many more.

See our website for full details www.ivybridge-u3a.org.uk;

Or email ivybridge.u3a@gmail.com; Or phone 07866 077030

Rainfall at Shellwood Hill *George Arnison*

Autumn really kicked in towards the end of September with the start of a very wet, albeit still mild period. I recorded 195mm (over 7 3/4") at Shellwood Hill during the month. This was by some distance the wettest month this year so far, and one of the wettest Septembers over the last 10 years (the average for the month being 109mm).



Ram Roast news - Helen Hart

Thank you to everyone who has been in touch with Sue, Clive and myself telling us how much they enjoyed the Quiz and Ram Roast. We are so pleased to hear that everyone had such a good evening and overwhelmed by your generosity which helped to raise an incredible £1,183 for church funds.

Of course it couldn't have happened without all the support and help from so many people in the community - from Pete and Libby providing and cooking the Ram, the ladies (and gents!) who made some delicious puddings and helped to serve and clear up in the kitchen, Phil and Taff on the bar and of course all of you who turned up to make it such a fun filled community occasion. We'll look forward to seeing you all again next time!

Beryl's Bookworms - Joan Fletcher

Our book this month was Home Fire by Kamila Shamsie.

Kamila Shamsie was born in 1973 and grew up in Karachi, Pakistan. She went to college in the United States and now lives in London. Home Fire is her seventh book and was long listed for the Man Booker prize in 2017, shortlisted for the Costa Novel Award in 2017 and won the Women's Prize for Fiction in 2018.



The book is a contemporary reimagining of Antigone, the Greek tragedy written by Sophocles. The novel follows the Pasha family, twins Aneeka and Parvaiz and their older sister Isma. Isma has raised her younger siblings in the seven years since they were orphaned by the death of their mother. Their [jihadi](#) father, whom the twins never knew, is also dead. Parvaiz attempts to follow in his father's footsteps by joining [ISIS](#) in Syria.

We thought the characters were well drawn and that Home Fire is very relevant to today's world. The book gives a frightening insight into the radicalisation of British Muslims. We found Home Fire memorable for its content, prose, love and horror. It is a powerful exploration of the clash between society, family and faith in the modern world. We liked the way the story was told from the perspective of the different characters whilst allowing the story to unfold chronologically.

We gave the book an average score of 4 out of 5. Next month's book is Three Things About Elsie by Joanna Cannon

CHRISTMAS WHIST DRIVE

On Wednesday 13th November 2019

At 7.30 p.m.

In the Village Hall, Ugborough

All Welcome

Refreshments and Raffle Entry £3

In aid of St Peter's Church, Ugborough



Your Stars Tonight I am sitting in the delightful, but soporific, warmth in Zambujeira in Southern Portugal - wonderful name, wonderful place- which is just clinging to its status of being unspoilt by tourist development. I was expounding on my views on sustainability to the steamed dieter – in particular on how driving a two-litre diesel powered campervan to

Zambujeira could no longer be regarded as an acceptable sustainable holiday option. I was developing a rather fine argument that there were plenty of coastal locations in Cornwall starting with Z that would be much closer to Ugborough which would result in us belching forth far lower global warming emissions. Where better than Zennor in October I rhetorically asked – only to find that the steamed dieter had left for the beach down the road.

This led to thoughts on the green, green, grass of home and in particular I recalled a warm June night in Ugborough leaning on a farm gate to admire the sunset over Dartmoor. To my surprise I glimpsed in the far corner of the field a couple of hares – often depicted in artwork at Ugborough Sustainable Saturday but rarely glimpsed in reality. Throughout the summer I always looked out for them in the top field and was delighted to see they had produced a fine pair of children who joined them in grazing in the twilight. One evening a leveret came closer and closer to the gate and then stopped five metres from me, with twitching nose and whiskers, huge eyes and characteristic ears. It did not seem to register my presence; perhaps it thought I was some ancient grey menhir or granite gatepost. And then it turned and lolloped back to its family. I hope they survive the coming winter.

Young hares are called leverets. A strange and rather lovely word from Jacobean times derived from the French word *lievre*, which in turn comes from the Latin *lepus* for a hare. And the November sky brings the return of my favourite trio of constellations; the mighty Orion the Hunter, accompanied by Canis Major his dog in their pursuit of the constellation of Lepus, the hare, just below Orion's right foot. Admittedly Lepus is a rather faint scatter of stars requiring some imagination to visualise as a fleeing hare. However, Lepus has a couple of very special astronomical sights, both visible with binoculars and rather more impressive through a telescope. Just below the hare's head is a faint glow of the globular cluster Messier 79 which is a compact globe of around one million stars. It is an oddball as it does not seem to have been born in our own galaxy but to have been captured from an alien galaxy in a near miss collision billions of years ago.

Nearby in the low southern sky is Hind's Crimson Star –startling when glimpsed - for as its discoverer wrote after he had first seen it, "like a crimson drop of blood". But seeing it can be challenging as its brightness varies over a period of four hundred days from magnitude 6 – easily visible in binoculars - down to magnitude 12 – a struggle to see even with a telescope. Astronomers are still arguing about the cause of this variation – but it seems to be a very ancient and bloated red star near the end of its life which is wallowing in an enormous cloud of carbon soot which periodically cuts out its light.

Perhaps a metaphor for our times – a star choking on its own soot.

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays –Sarah Scanlon

We are always on the lookout for new producers at USS and would love to see people of all ages making and selling home-made items. Now is a perfect time if you know someone who is trying to save a little extra money for Christmas or fund raising for trips at school or charities close to their hearts. Helping out at USS can also count towards your D of E volunteering section We will always find a table in the hall and promote your products/ causes on social media. You may have a lot to gain but nothing to lose. Contact details below. Following a well-attended AGM in September, the committee members are as follows:

Sarah Scanlon; Chair (until a replacement is found)

Val Mulcrone; Secretary

Juliet Collis; Treasurer

Vici Hemming; Marketing and volunteer co-ordinator

In October our Bring and Buy table was fund raising for the shoe box appeal and November sees us raising money for the Ugborough Senior Citizens Christmas party, so please, keep bringing in your wonderful unwanted goods and help build the funds. We always appreciate your ideas concerning local good causes and charities and are asking for suggestions for December onwards.

Dates for your diary: November 9th, 23rd, December 7th, 21st.

Contact details ***ugboroughss@gmail.com*** or ***www.ugborough.com /USS***

'Sustainable Ugborough' - *Faith Matthews* ***msfaithmatthews@yahoo.co.uk***

Our expanding group has worked up a list of initiatives that could benefit environment and community alike. We have already got stuck into removing Himalayan Balsam (an invasive weed species that smothers native plants) from local hedgerows in Ugborough and Bittaford (thank you 'Team Balsam' for all your efforts!).

Soon we'll be tree planting – initially working in partnership with the school and Key Stage 1 children. We are keen to plant more (and now is the time to do so) – do please get in touch if you know of suitable land for this much-needed initiative.

Workshops, ranging from how to reduce your carbon footprint, through to local foraging, are on the horizon. Our next meeting is on 7th Nov (7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall) – all are welcome or come and speak to us at USS (we'll be at the first market of every month starting on 9th Nov).

Advance notice- full details available in next month's Newsletter.

Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir

Christmas Candlelight Concert at St.Peter's Church

Friday 13th December at 7.30 p.m.

Ticket price - £10 adults / £5 for under twelve-year olds.

Available from Jeremy Wells

Refreshments - mince pie and mulled wine / cider to be included

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child 2019 Shoebox Appeal - Kate Brampton

It's not too late! Any last-minute boxes or donations welcome!

Each year Ugborough and its surrounding area have supported this Appeal – if you, or a group of you feel able to support this appeal this year for needy children and young people overseas by filling a shoebox (or part of a shoebox, or a donation of some shoebox items or money) for Christmas it would be much appreciated.

Last year, 48 Gift Boxes went to Bulgaria.

A shoebox can be for a boy or girl for age groups 2 to 4, 5 to 9 and/or 10 to 14 years old. Details of items to be provided are in the leaflets and this year, changes include no toothpaste, liquids or sweets. There is also opportunity to donate towards the suggested £5 donation required for each box including shipping.

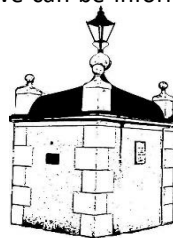
Leaflets and shoeboxes are available at the back of the Church.

Filled shoeboxes including the £5 donation can be expensive to do on an individual basis, so if you want to support by donating just one or two items or a monetary donation, there will also be a collection box at the above locations.

Shoeboxes should be filled and returned to Kate Brampton at Hill House, Ugborough (opposite Village Hall). They will be blessed during the All Age Church Service on 3rd November, to which all are welcome, before they start their journey.

If the shoeboxes are registered online, they will be tracked again so we can be informed which country(ies) they go to after they are delivered.

Thank you for your support.



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Fourteen members of the public attended the start of the October Parish Council Meeting, down from the September attendance, but still pretty impressive. Concerns included the A3121 Safer Roads Project, and the need to consider Ludbrook as a priority – engineers will be visiting the site, so watch this space! Also, of concern was planning application 2988/19/ARM for 7 self-build/custom build dwellings at Lutterburn Street, Ugborough – local residents were concerned that the proposals relied on the assumption that DCC would carry out drainage works – which was not the case.

Community Projects Advisor Martin Rich explained the purpose and content of Emergency Plans, and these requirements will be fed into the Parish Council's Emergency Plan, which is currently being reviewed – Cllr Matt Fairclough-Kay is leading the review, which will be discussed at our December meeting.

Planning applications considered at the Meeting (with recommendations in **bold** & weblinks available on the e-newsletter):

1. Erection of three agricultural buildings at Fowlescombe Farm, Ugborough Ref [2524/19/FUL](#) **Support**
2. Readvertisement (Revised plans received) Outline application for some matters reserved for 7 self-build/custom-build dwellings (five open market & 2 affordable self-build plots) at Lutterburn Street, Ugborough Ref [3460/17/OPA](#) **Object. No development should take place until flood alleviation measures are completed under Lutterburn Street and all sites downstream**
3. Householder application for two storey extension over existing dwelling and conversion of garage at Wynric, Ware Hill, Ugborough Ref [2468/19/HHO](#) **Support**
4. Application for approval of reserved matters (landscaping) following outline approval 0786/16/OPA (Outline application with some matters reserved for 2no. new dwellings) at Kosy Cottage, 1 Filham Cottages, Filham Ref [2988/19/ARM](#) **Neutral**
5. Hedgerow removal notice to widen existing access from 4.5m to 9m to provide safe and suitable access for agricultural machinery at Land at Coarsewell, Ugborough Ref [3010/19/HRN](#) **Support**

Dartmoor Nation Park's recent correspondence to us had proved very disappointing:

- Its delegation scheme had been revised to remove the automatic trigger whereby an objection from a Parish Council would mean the application would be considered by the Development Management Committee. Apparently, 85% of cases referred to the DM Committee were determined in line with the officer recommendation and *not* in support of the Parish Council View, and the change would save £11k pa. The Parish Council objected to the revised scheme as it would result in a reduction in community involvement from local elected representatives.
- The Dartmoor Local Plan [First Draft Consultation \(Regulation 18\)](#), which had overlooked the settlement of Wrangaton - the Parish Council had responded that Wrangaton should be included in the Plan, particularly in the light of the 36 new homes and public amenities to be built within the community.

The Parish Council Meeting venue had received a complaint about poor accessibility to the first floor meeting room for those with poor mobility. Councillors noted that, on each Parish Council Agenda, those with special requirements (mobility or sensory impairment) were asked to contact the Clerk – please phone or email me (details above) at least three days before the meeting so that I may make alternative arrangements.

The Burial Ground has a new gate, this time of stainless steel, so hopefully maintenance will no longer be an issue. Sean Marcus has painted the benches in the Square and repaired the bench next to the bus shelter – thank you, Sean, for volunteering as it makes such a difference to the heart of the village.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th November, starting at 7.30 p.m. Agenda and minutes will be displayed on the noticeboards and website.

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Village services.

A reminder that you can visit the Devon Libraries Mobile Library Service at Ugborough Square, Tuesdays from 9.30 a.m.-10 a.m. every 4 weeks. The date for November is 26th. Please note that there will be no visit for Christmas week.

And don't forget to visit your Post Office in Ugborough Church on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning, from 10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

Bittaford Methodist Chapel *Chris Phillips* 07899934743
 Services at Bittaford Chapel for November
 November 3rd at 11am Rev'd Young Communion
 November 10th at 6pm Rev'd Lawrence Communion
 November 17th at 11am Miss S Bolt
 November 24th at 11am Marshall
 Our hall is available for hire. We have a small tea/ coffee kitchen. All enquiries to Liz Cade on lizcade50@gmail.com or the above number.

St Peter's Church Services in November

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

Date	Service
Sunday November 3 rd	All Age Worship (during this service the shoeboxes will be received before they start their long journeys)
Sunday November 10 th	Holy Communion Act of Remembrance at 10.50 a.m.
Monday 11 th November	Armistice Day service at North Huish at 10.50 a.m.
Sunday November 17 th	Breakfast church
Sunday November 24 th	Holy Communion Messy Church from 4.30- 6 p.m.
Thursdays at 9.30 a.m.	Mid- week communion



This month's Breakfast Church is on Sunday 17th November at Ugborough Church at 9.30 a.m. You are very welcome to this informal service.

Come along and join our Messy Church Community

Sunday 24th November from 4.30-6 p.m.

at St Peter's Church, Ugborough, PL21 0NS

Children to be accompanied by an adult.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/9153



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.threeriversmissioncommunity.org.uk

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**.

Yealm Rouleurs

Taster sessions

Look out for our taster sessions once a month on the 2nd Tuesday night of the month and the 2nd Saturday of the month. Open to all but aimed specifically at those who are unsure about group riding and want to try it out and perhaps join the club. We don't leave anyone behind, we re-group at every junction.

November rides

Every Saturday group rides leaving Yealmpton post office 8.30 a.m.

Saturday 9th November- taster group ride to Ashburton 8.30 a.m.

Thursday 12th November- social taster ride on 'coastal loop' then Rose & Crown 7 p.m.

Routes and information

We aim to let people know exact details of the Saturday route on our Facebook page a few days in advance **fb.me/yealmrouleurs**.

Contributions

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter.

Contributions should be sent to - Mrs. Norma Roe, The Editor, Ugborough Parish Newsletter, 20 Lutterburn St, Ugborough, Ivybridge, PL21 0NG.

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

E mail is welcome to norma-davidroe@tiscali.co.uk (I use Microsoft word, font Calibri. Any articles as attachments in this format would be particularly welcome.)

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