Ugborough Parish Newsletter June 2022



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Queens Jubilee Beacon Thursday 2nd June Shelley Hutcheon and Jane Johns

Everyone welcome at Hillhead Cross for a bonfire, bar and BBQ at 7 p.m. and the official lighting of the beacon at 9.45 p.m. All proceeds from this event will go to the church.

Further information from Shelley Hutcheon 07720765014

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

Queens Jubilee Square Party Sunday 5th June

Gather in the village square for a street party from 3 p.m. with live music from Annie.

Village Pots

We managed to secure a biodiversity grant from South Hams DC to replant the pots, herb planter and trough by the church steps. Everything was already tidy and beautifully weeded by the square working group, and we have added lots of new plants that will hopefully cope with the challenging conditions of the square. Please water as often as possible - many thanks.

Ugborough Fair 2022 - Shelley Hutcheon

This year's Fair is coming together after a two-year break!

MONDAY 4th July

Slack Lining Demonstration on the Church green at 6pm and NEW for this year, Chilli con Carne competition! See Hugh Cornford for more information.

TUESDAY 5th July

The PTA are back to test your brain power with the quiz - more details to follow.

WEDNESDAY 6th July

The infamous BINGO!!!! More details from our own Bingo Queen - Sharon Hughes.

THURSDAY 7th July

Fun Run/Walk/Amble around a 5km route starting in the square - more details from Claire Morgan-Hughes

FRIDAY 8th July

The Landrover Rally! See Steve Haywood for more info.

SATURDAY 9th July

FAIR DAY! Starting at 2 p.m. with all the usual fun and entertainment, and the added drama of a wedding at midday complete with 5 tractors......

As usual, any help with stalls, organising, putting up gazebos, making cakes and directing traffic would be massively appreciated.

The Fair Committee - Shelley Hutcheon 07720765014

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays is in the village hall from 10 a.m.-12 noon every other Saturday morning. Our local producers of food and crafts would love to see you. The cafe will welcome you with tempting offers of bacon butties, breakfasts, and coffee. Why not give it a go, and come and support this village initiative? We can't keep going without you! The upcoming dates are 4th and 18th June. Contact: <u>ugboroughss@gmail.com</u>

<u>Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School</u> (incorporating breakfast club and after school club) Charity Number 1043499

Opening times: 8am-6pm Monday – Friday during term time in Ugborough Village Hall. Contact: admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk

Contact: 07763 215 455

A short half-term but a jam-packed one! Forest School for Monday children has continued apace. The children have been encouraged to appreciate the natural world around us including listening and distinguishing natural sounds such as birdsong or wind in the trees and a very exciting mini-beast hunt with magnifying glasses! Getting outside as much as possible has been one of our key priorities in the improving weather.

Our Jubilee Celebration was a lot of fun. The children made sandwiches and scones and cakes in the lead up and then very much enjoyed tucking in at our Tea Party. We used pictures of the Queen and other Royals to explain the occasion to the children. As part of our push towards greater literacy and love of reading, we visited the mobile library bus in Ugborough, and the children were very eager to choose some books to borrow.

Following on from our fantastic trip to Dartmoor Zoo, we have made plans to visit the library in Ivybridge and the Leisure Centre for Bouncy Fun on Wednesday 29th June. The children really gain so much from these outings to other settings. Also, advance notice that Sports Day will be held on the morning of Friday 8th July at which parents will be able to meet with Key Workers and view Celebration Books.

Ugfest was, once again, a fantastic occasion enjoyed by so many in the community. We thank all those who helped and attended as this fundraising opportunity is of huge importance to us as well as Ugborough Primary School of course. The raffle was organised by our committee to great success, and we thank the kind generosity of all those who donated prizes: The Bike Cellar, Banden Farm Poultry and Meats, GR Fine Food, Unit 8 Gym, Hatton Jewellery, Martin Pears, Emma/Michelle Leman – Tropic Voucher, Cool Beans Coffee Shop, Friary Mill Ivybridge, How Now Dairy and Winzer Equine.

The Thursday Coffee Morning

in St Peter's Church is BACK, alongside our continuing weekly Post Office. Pop along for a beverage and cake between 10 and 11.45 a.m. All are welcome!



<u>G-UP - Creating a community where it's easy to live</u> <u>sustainably</u>

Greener Ugborough Parish Steering Group

Are you interested in helping to make Ugborough Parish an easier place to live sustainably? Would you

like to help your community support local wildlife and play your part in reaching the target of net zero?

It's not too late to raise your hand if you would like to join our friendly steering group. All ages and background welcome, no experience needed, just enthusiasm and willingness to help turn ideas into reality. We are particularly keen to recruit someone to do some secretarial jobs like keeping on top of emails from all the wonderful local green groups we are linked with. Contact Faith at greenerugp@gmail.com to arrange a chat.

Moths, Bats and Wildlife after Dark - 18th and 19th June

heavy rain

Meet at Brackenhill Glamping Ugborough ENTER VIA TOP GATE ONLY- SEE SIGNS ON DAY NO CARS

contact Susan for more info 07941247207

Saturday 11th June 9:30 p.m. to set up the light trap and see what it attracts, use a bat detector to find out what's flying and discover what wildlife comes out after dark.

Sunday 12th June 10 a.m. to check what is in the light trap – not just moths!

Himalayan Balsam removal – Saturday 18th June, 3 p.m. Hillhead Cross

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO HELP BIODIVERSITY

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

Families Welcome – children must be supervised by parent/carer. BRING GLOVES

May Wildlife Walk –



Our May walk was enjoyed by nearly 30 people including some newly arrived from Ukraine. It highlighted just how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful parish, rich in wildlife. We identified an incredible number of wildlife species in such a short walk: 79 wildflowers, 6 ferns, 9 trees, 14 birds, 6 bees, 6 butterflies, signs of 4 mammal species, 12 other arthropods and 1 amphibian.

We walked up from Ugborough Square towards Toby Cross studying the Devon bank hedges full of wildflowers and trees. We learnt about plants we can eat like Hogweed and those



that are poisonous like Hemlock. We saw Orange-tip Butterflies and learnt that they lay their eggs on Garlic Mustard. We then went along Northways Green Lane where we saw tracks of Badgers climbing the bank and a giant gall formed by the Truffle Gall Wasp. The bank of the hedge that Ugborough Steepers recently laid was covered in wildflowers such as foxgloves, in stark contrast to the unlaid section. At Hillhead barn wall we saw mason bees, then we were fortunate to be invited onto the Brackenhill Glamping site for tea and cake and more wildlife investigation. Simon and Alex run Brackenhill with sustainability, wildlife, and biodiversity at the heart of their business. It was interesting to hear all that they are doing to encourage wildlife including stories of their very greedy hedgehogs.

Graham G summed up the walk "Excellent morning of observation, learning and friendship. So good to spend time just looking in detail at our lovely hedges and fields."

Greener Ugborough Puddings – Thank you



By now we will have stuffed our faces with green puddings galore at Ugfest! Thank you to everyone who donated a dessert or contributed by eating our offerings. All proceeds will be going to our community nature reserve WildLink project, which we look forward to updating you on soon.



Link Your Garden To The Wild

Do something simple for wildlife and help create a community nature reserve. www.ugborough.com/wildlink

Adding a rotting LOG PILE to your garden is a simple thing to do with big impact. Decaying wood is such a valuable wildlife habitat. The diversity of insects relying on dead wood is immense and many are in decline. These include about 400 species of beetle, many more flies and solitary bees and wasps. Look out for the Spotted Longhorn beetle, the Red-headed Cardinal Beetle or the Giant Wood wasp.

How is your wildlife-friendly garden coming on? Get in touch Bittaford and Moorhaven - Jackie <u>j.andrade@me.com</u> Ugborough and the rest of the Parish - Susan <u>susan@inxite.co.uk</u>

POLLINATOR FOCUS

The 250 UK solitary bee species in the UK have very varied nesting behaviour. They are cavity-nesting, wood excavating, ground-nesting or cuckoos (which don't make their own nests at all).

June is a transition between spring and summer flying bees. The hairy-footed flower bees and red mason bees are fading and will be gone by the end of the month.

Bees to look out for in June are Garden bumblebee, Red-tailed bumblebee, Tree bumblebee, Vestal cuckoo bee, Wool carder bee, Willugby's leafcutter bee, Blue mason bee, Orange-tailed mining bee and Furrow bees.

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

Sighting in the Ugborough Wildlife project last month include Early Purple orchid, Spotted Medick, Eyebright, Thick-legged flower beetle, Marsham's Nomad bee, Common Carpet Moth, Orange-tip Butterfly, Cucumber Spider, Dark Bush Cricket.

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

Ugborough Primary School - Headteacher - Mrs. Lucy French

Monday 30th -Friday 3rd June- Half Term Monday 6th June- Non - pupil Day – School Closed Sports Day and Jubilee Celebrations – 27th May These took place on our last day before the half term break.

<u>Bittaford Methodist Chapel</u> Chris Phillips 07899934743 All services start at 11 a.m. unless otherwise stated.

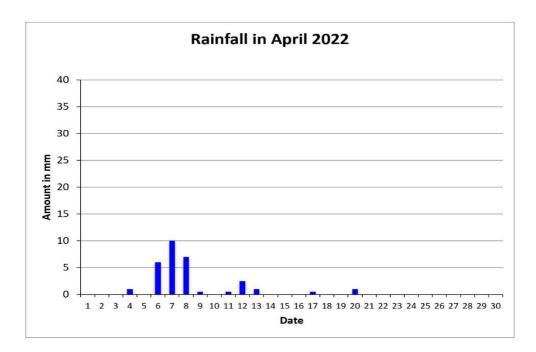
Sunday 5th June- Rev'd D. Youngs Sunday 12th June- Mrs A Cullum Sunday 19th June- Mr B. Gerry Sunday 26th June at 3 p.m. – Songs of Praise with refreshments.

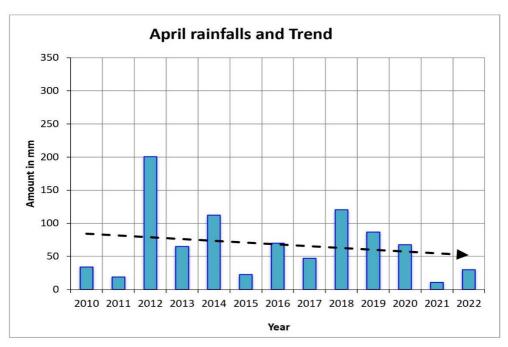
Ladies' Lunch Pat Stephens

The date for the next lunch is Wednesday July 20th at The Ship, Ugborough for 12 noon. Contact Pat Stephens 07704 113837 to book.

Rainfall at Shellwood Hill George Arnison

The dry weather of the second half of March continued through April, when I recorded just 30mm (just over 1") of rain at Shellwood Hill. This total compares to my 13-year average for the month – statistically the driest month of the year during this period - of 68mm. (Last year we only had 11mm during April however.)





Beryl's Bookworms – Sharon Hughes

This month Beryl's Bookworms read Take Nothing With You by Patrick Gale.



The title came from the main character, Eustace, being locked in a lead lined room whilst having radioactive treatment for thyroid cancer and not being able to take anything with him that he couldn't leave behind.

During Eustace's stay in hospital and whilst listening to a disposable MP3 player loaded with cello music, Eustace is transported out of the room and back to his 1970's boyhood in Weston -Super-Mare.

Gale, as always transports the reader to this time and place too and convincingly makes you understand how it was to feel in any way different at this time. Eustace's main early differences to his friends are that he doesn't have the usual responses to porn magazines that his friends do, and he develops a love of learning music but with an unusual instrument, the cello.

Eustace's story of discovering he is gay is told with warmth and splashes of humour, making Eustace and the other main protagonists all the more believable.

The chapter that tells of Eustace being tricked into being incarcerated in a correction centre for being gay, brings home though how relatively recently these 'treatments' were being undertaken and how horrific it must have been for anyone who was made to endure them. Gale provides great detail and insight of the dedication to the learning and playing of the cello, to be successful at it, whilst making you realise that all the hard work in the world can't provide that ultimate talent which leads to playing professionally.

The discussion and feeling about the book by our book group members was as always divided! The majority feeling that Gale had cracked it again by luring you in regardless of whether the main subject matters were of interest to you in the first place, to others who felt that homosexuality in the 1970's and especially the cello playing were far too detailed to make it an enjoyable read, this despite most having enjoyed Patrick Gale's other work.

The overall scores came out at just below 4 out of 5 with 2 members not finishing it due to lack of enjoyment.

We welcomed 2 new members this month, who had completely opposite feelings about the book to each other, so we know they'll fit in, as that of course is what it's all about - being able to oppose another person's view point but then happily eat cake together 5 minutes later!

Our book next month is The King's General by Daphne du Maurier

Desert Island Discs- Gerald Arnold

This wonderful radio programme celebrates its 80th birthday this year. The programme was first aired on 29th January 1942 through the British Forces Broadcasting Service and was the result of an idea by Roy Plomley, who went on to host the show until 1985. After over 3,000 programmes it I till regularly transmitted and the introduction music has always been 'The Sleepy Lagoon' by Eric Coates.

The most chosen piece of music has been Handel's Messiah, and the first cast away was the comedian Vic Oliver.

Over the last two years it has not been easy for us because of Covid. First, we had the lockdowns and we had to stay away from other people. Those of us who managed to cope on our own had to suffer isolation when subject to bouts of Covid, or contact with other sufferers and were 'confined to quarters'.

I just thought it might be a good idea to create an 'Ugborough Parish Newsletter Desert Island Discs' in celebration of the programme and the lifting of Covid restrictions.

Due to space limitations, perhaps a choice of 3 pieces of music, a book and the luxury item, together with a short reason for the respective choices, which would be interesting to read. Just an idle thought- why not give it a try? Submissions to the Editor (see final page for details.)

Gerald's choices.

1. Handel's Organ Concertos. I have always been an admirer of the pipe organ. Handel is not so mathematical as Bach, and a little more structured than, say, Mozart. The depth of sound from the organ brings the music to life and there are many light hearted pieces as well as the more serious. Ideal to accommodate my various moods.

2. The full operetta of Les Misérables. Hope over adversity, interspaced with some of the most beautiful music and solos of modern times.

3. A DVD of Andre Rieu's concerts. I know he is a showman, but the presentation of the shows and the way he includes his audience makes it a real party. I can recall Georgio Zamphir playing the pan pipe to 'The Lonely Shepherd' by James Last at Bucharest- not a dry eye in the audience. Then there are the excellent sopranos, especially Doonij van Dorn in her excerpts from many of the more serious operas. Just the enjoyment of a proms evening with a glass of home-made concoctions.

Book- 'Self Sufficiency' by John Seymour. I bought this book in the 1970s and it has been the resource for many of my attempts at growing and producing my own food. It has some excellent ideas on how to cope with so little and live off the land. It is related to the seasonsplanting, growing and harvesting. It is also a source of ideas to constructs sheds, water supply systems and animal buildings. Even tells you how to build a water wheel and the dynamics required to make it efficient.

Luxury item- Lots of ruled paper in notebooks and pencils/pens to write. One part to be a daily list of things to do, the second would be a diary of my efforts, thoughts, my success and failures. This diary would be left for those who came after me when time for me is no more.



Community Events in June 2022

Sunday, 12th June 2022. This is the eighth year of community cycle events where local sustainability group PL:21 Transition Town Initiative has joined with Sustrans and neighbouring Sustainable South Brent.

PL:21

The next ride will be led by local Sustrans volunteers for a summer bike ride through the beautiful South Hams countryside to discover the old

railway known as the Primrose Line from South Brent towards Kingsbridge. There are two choices of starts from Ivybridge (35 miles) or South Brent (25 miles). This ride is suitable for competent riders aged 15 and over. Under 18s must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and must be confident cyclists. It is suitable for electric bikes but please bring your charger

Start in Ivybridge 9.30am: Watermark Centre, Ivybridge, PL21 OSZ Join in South Brent 10.30am: Station Yard Car Park, TQ10 9BE Rides will return approx. 3.30 p.m. to South Brent, 4.30 p.m. to Ivybridge

Entry to this ride is free. To find out more, please visit http://www.tinyurl.com/PrimroseTrail

Wednesday, 15th June- Come and join us at our open meeting.

Speaker: Amanda Keetley of Devon Environment Foundation Protecting and restoring Devon's natural beauty by funding local nature regeneration projects

Venue: Library, Watermark Centre, Ivybridge, PL21 0SZ

7.30 p.m. Free entry

Ugborough Parish Council

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The Annual Parish Council Meeting preceded the monthly Parish Council Meeting. This is where the working arrangements for the next year are decided. Basically, little has changed – including the Chairman, who continues to be Joan Fletcher.

Questions from the public started the Parish Council Meeting, including objections to planning application <u>1059/22/FUL</u> for an Aldi superstore in lvybridge. Although the Parish Council is not a consultee, it has objected to the proposal on the grounds that the infrastructure could not cope with a superstore in the heart of lvybridge; the net loss of parking spaces and the loss of parking available to access local traders and services, which

affects surrounding villages who need to use their cars to access the town. In addition, it requested that a transport management plan should be provided before a decision was made.

SHDC news: Ukrainian guests have been accommodated in the South Hams. A total of 9,000 payments of £150 Council Tax Energy Rebates has been made so far to households in Council Tax bands A to D.

Staff absences had resulted in a number of missed bin collections. If your bin is not collected on its scheduled day, please leave the brown bin out until 5pm the following day and, if still uncollected, take in the bin and present it on their next collection day. Please report missed collections online.

Planning applications Only one considered at the Meeting (with the Parish Council recommendation in **bold**): <u>1201/22/TPO</u> T1: Macrocarpa - Fell and Remove Tree due to evidence of decaying roots underneath the bole of the tree and to reduce limb failure and T1: Macrocarpa - Fell and Remove Tree to reduce limb failure at Forder Brook Farmhouse, Nr Bittaford **Support**

Also considered was a New Premises License Application at Brackenhill Glamping, Ugborough, for which there was no response.

Bittaford playpark has received yet more attention, as a working group of Councillors replaced fence posts – thank you for helping out! Negotiations are also progressing with Dartmoor National Park over footpath surfacing to and through the playpark. Also in Bittaford, a recycled plastic bench will replace the existing bench by the bus shelter (which is falling apart), and the glazed bus shelter will have a scrub-up. Finally, an application will be submitted to register the field below the playpark as an Asset of Community Value, as it is well used by walkers.

The accounts for the last financial year were approved and will now be submitted to the external auditor. Over the last year, the Parish Council received £37,037 and spent £42,642, leaving a shortfall of £5605. The greatest expenditure was in relation to the purchase of play equipment and a vehicle activated speed sign for Bittaford. Balances at the end of the year amounted to £48,088, which is still healthy and enables the Parish Council to continue providing services to its community.

Environmental grants <u>Wild about Devon</u> is offering a Community Wildlife Grant Scheme to 31.10.22, with a maximum grant of £500. In addition, grants are available to plant trees – have a look at <u>https://www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk/resources-for-parish-councils/trees/</u>

The next Meeting will be held in the main hall at Ugborough Village Hall from 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 1st June. You are welcome to join the meeting and ask questions about local issues.

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Litter picking equipment is available to local volunteers. To borrow, please contact the Parish Clerk Tel 01364 661127 <u>ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk</u>

Farmhouse Lunch- Sue Johns

What a great turnout for the return of our Farmhouse Lunch! We fed around 45 in the end - and it was so good the weather was kind (although chilly).

A huge thank you to all those who donated food, served and washed up, donated draw prizes, plants & flowers.

Thanks too to my long-suffering family for all the prep before, shifting furniture and helpon-the-day.

We had some generous donations from those supporters unable to attend ... which all helped to realise the fantastic sum of £770 for much appreciated church funds. Brilliant!

The Big Breakfast for Ukraine

The final amount raised was £4211.26 . An amazing amount! Many thanks to everyone who helped to organise such a successful event.

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
Friday 3 rd June	Benefice Jubilee service at Diptford at 7 p.m.
Sunday 5 th June	Pentecost and Queen's Platinum Jubilee All Age Worship
Sunday 12 th June	Holy Communion
Sunday 19 th June	Morning Praise
Sunday 26 th June	Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. Messy Church at 4.30 p.m.

Please use the hand gel provided and respect others' space. You may continue to use face covering if you wish.

June Reflection on Acts of the Apostles – David Stafford

It was now some months from those momentous happenings in Jerusalem and as Peter and John and fellow Christians were working out their way of spreading the Good News, it seemed that all was not going to be plain sailing.

The message was indeed life-changing but then why so much opposition to people coming to a loving relationship with God and in seeing people healed? People do react differently to the Christian message. The religious leaders as a group were hostile and they still commanded the allegiance of most of the people. Whilst everyone was at the beginning favourably disposed towards the apostles and the newly converted Christians, the leaders would lose their standing if it was shown that Jesus was murdered and they were part of it; they were now worried what the mass of people now felt about it all.

This stand-off between the apostles and the religious leaders raised an interesting question of who held the truth. Of course inevitably they, (Peter and John), were summoned to court.

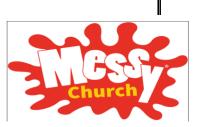
The court had no objection to them helping the sick or crippled nor the occasional miracle or two, but to link the healings to the power of the resurrection and of Jesus of Nazareth that was intolerable. They were the ones who killed him after all. Were the apostles claiming that the leaders were anti-Christ and by implication anti-God?

Peter goes on to insist that to be saved, then only Jesus can do this. The leaders may have thought that they could take the physical healing from Jesus but to get right with God there are other ways.

Not so says Peter. The leaders did agree that there was one God and that the pagans offered no salvation for the soul or a better way of living, but they were being faced with the idea that this Jesus was indeed God incarnate and to reject Jesus was to reject God. These uneducated men were telling the religious hierarchy that they had made a serious spiritual mistake and they too needed to repent and profess faith in the one true God and his servant Jesus. The apostles believed it and were not frightened to say so.

What struck the religious leaders was the boldness of the apostles. Then the accused prayed. What did they pray? That they would be given grace not to crumple under the weight of opposition. And then a message for all of us. They pooled what they had in terms of possessions, and all had equal shares. A message for our times?

Messy Church is back! Sunday 26th June at 4.30- 6 p.m. Stories, crafts, messy activities, songs, food and fun at St Peter's Church, Ugborough, All Ages welcome. Children to be accompanied by an adult



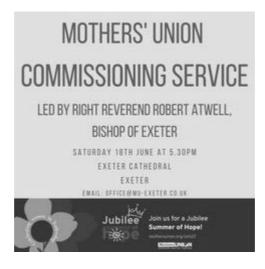
News from Ermington Church

Sunday 5th June at 11 a.m.- Ermington Parish Church All age Jubilee Songs of Praise for Her Majesty The Queen. Adults and Children come along join in with Coronation Music, Patriotic Singing and the National Anthem Celebrate afterwards with a glass of champagne

Additionally, on Saturday 4th Jun there will be an Ermington Church stall at the Ermington Jubilee Fun Day, starting at 2 p.m.

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, <u>www.3rivers.org.uk</u>

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*.



Village services.

A reminder that you can visit the Devon Libraries Mobile Library Service at Ugborough Square, Tuesdays from 9.30 a.m.-10 a.m., normally every 4 weeks. The next date is **June 21st**.

And don't forget to visit your Post Office in Ugborough Church on Thursday morning from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Please note that the Tuesday session is temporarily unavailable due to staff shortages. Look out for announcements of when it is able to recommence.

Contributions

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter and to Ivybridge Community College for printing them so efficiently.

Special thanks to the team – Anne and Tom Holway for organising the delivery to the distributors, and the distributors for making sure that your copy is delivered to you.

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

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