

Ugborough Parish Newsletter

April 2021 What's on

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Support Ugborough – Sue Johns

On March 23rd we commemorated the anniversary of the first lockdown- and remembered all those who have died - and those whose lives have been affected in any way... It is also a year since the inception of Support Ugborough, and it has proved invaluable in keeping our community together and functioning. A huge thank you to all who have volunteered... nothing has been too much trouble - and all tasks undertaken with cheerful optimism. Particular thanks to the Steering Group for their commitment and innovation.

What a Team!

(I would like to add my personal thanks to the Team- you have been amazing! Ed.)

Erme Valley RDA – Peggy Douglas

Although 2020 was tough, we always look to the positives. We have spent this time learning new skills, educating and caring for our horses, and giving our facilities a good tidy. Our new facility, the Life Skills Centre opened in March 2020 and swiftly closed again following the first national lockdown!

However, we have plenty of plans for the facility once we are able to re-open. We plan to host courses, fundraising events, social events and open a pre-school for children with

additional needs. This will include a sensory playgroup, a parent support group and art and music therapy. We also run a horse-care course on the national curriculum in conjunction with Ivybridge Community College which has sadly been put on hold during this time.

In 2020, between the first and second lockdown, we were able to get to one dressage competition at Bicton Arena in October. We were invited to the British Dressage Inter-County Festival to compete in the para and ID classes that were kindly offered. The trip was a huge success for the Erme Valley team. All seven riders saw success in their classes, particularly Ysabel Winzer who won her class riding experienced dressage pony, Simple Logic (Teddy). The team are trained by dressage coach Karen Lisk and RDA coach Peggy Douglas.

Helping with the care of the horses has been difficult during this time, but we have worked hard, and the horses are looking great. They are fit and ready to go as soon as we can open our doors to a few more riders. We really miss our participants and volunteers who we haven't been able to see now for nearly 10 months. We always try to keep in contact via social media, our Erme Valley RDA Facebook page and via phone calls and texting. We have been able to continue supporting a few participants during this time who partake in our work-experience programme; according to Covid-19 regulations, we have been allowed up to 15 participants in a support group. We are still very much supporting those who rely on us for their exercise, therapy and companionship and we are desperate to be able to offer our services to many more once again.

We were one of the first RDA Centres in the Country to get everything in place so that we could open in some way, all within Covid-19 regulations. It took a lot of effort, including piles of paperwork, new risk assessments, and buying sanitisation equipment for all over the venue to allow us to open, but despite the hard work, it was worthwhile. As with all charities, financially we have taken a huge hit in our income and fundraising efforts, but sadly, our expenses have remained the same; we lost a considerable amount of money in 2020. Luckily, having accounted well over the last few years, we are fortunate enough to be financially stable for the time being, but this will not last much longer. We have had some very generous donations during this time, but we will need to do well this year in order not to have to cut back.

After such a difficult year for so many, we are thrilled to announce that the chairperson, founder and managing director of Erme Valley RDA, Peggy Douglas MBE has been awarded the President's Award for RDA. This is such fantastic news and is a testament to the hard work that Peggy has put in this last year in offering support to many people through a very difficult time.

If anybody is interesting in volunteering please contact Peggy Douglas on peggydouglasrda@gmail.com. There is no need to be horsey, any help is very much appreciated.

Ceremonial flying of the Flag.

April 21st Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II

April 23rd St. George's Day



<u>Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School</u>-(incorporating breakfast club and after school club) Charity Number 1043499- *Contributor-Danielle*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 staff and committee are still very much keeping abreast any changes and restrictions imposed by the government, the pre-school follows a very strict Hands, Face and Space system to limit the spread of infection. They are always very happy to answer any questions or worries you have via email, and ask that drop off and collection is prompt.

As it's halfway through the spring term, that only means one thing! We are fast approaching the Easter Holidays and the Easter egg trail through the village as a fundraiser.

Over the last few weeks, we have welcomed new faces and they have made a wonderful addition to the pre-school.

The children are still very much enjoying lots of cooking lessons and eating of pancakes which they made on Shrove Tuesday. They also celebrated St David's Day by making Welsh cakes and watching them cook on the stoves.

With spring in full swing, the children have loved watching the buds open, developing an understanding of growth, decay and changes following different seasons. The children also made bird feeders and have enjoyed watching different types of birds visiting at the village hall.

The children have enjoyed their first session back at forest school this month and look forward to their weekly sessions exploring the great outdoors.

The Preschool are still open to new faces, so if your child likes a diverse range of playing inside and exploring the great outdoors, then come and see us at Ugborough and Bittaford pre-school. You can contact Tania for further information. The children have welcomed a few new faces to the pre-school and have loved showing them around, but there is space for more.



Three Rivers Mission Community

We look forward to welcoming you to the online service on Easter Day, Sunday 4th April at 4.30 p.m. Please contact the Rector, Rev'd David Sayle on 01548 821199 or at parish sayle@me.com for log in details.

The Beacon Federation - Executive Headteacher - Mrs. Karen Dixon

Ugborough Primary School.

After the lockdown, we had a very positive return to school and gradual resumption of normal routines. Now it is time for the Easter Holidays from 2nd April, and we return to school for the Summer Term on Monday 19th April.

Red Nose Day - Friday 19th March

Thank you to everyone who supported this fantastic charity- thank you all for your generous donations.



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

Susan Williams and Faith Matthews

<u>Wildlife and Biodiversity Working Group</u> - New members welcome.

Join Our New Wildlife Identification WhatsApp group Chat.

This is for anyone who is interested in understanding more about the wildlife within the parish. The aim of the group is to share knowledge about the animals, plants, fungi, to help each other out with identifications and share any interesting or notable findings. To join just go to the following link https://chat.whatsapp.com/FPeSpQvDJpcLfsWCWXJcE3 or email us your smartphone number.

Wildflower planting ~ Plans are continuing for wildflower planting around the parish. Any suggestions for suitable sites welcome to Susan@inxite.co.uk

Wildlife surveys ~ Watch this space for information about the next wildlife survey that G-UP will be getting involved with.

Wildlife Sightings Notice Board ~ Keep an eye out in the Ugborough Bus Shelter for parish wildlife news. Feel free to add your own sightings or things of interest here too.

If you haven't already you might like to read Jackie Andrade's blog about her meadow flower ambition for Moorhaven:

https://devonhedgerow.wordpress.com/2021/02/07/moorhaven-meadows/.

STOP PRESS: on 15th March, the Moorhaven management board approved a proposal for managing the historic Moorhaven Cemetery to encourage wildflowers!

Litter picking equipment will be available from the end of March for anyone in Ugborough, Bittaford or Moorhaven to borrow. Please get in touch if you would like to borrow any bag hoops, high vis vests and pincers...

If you are interested in joining G-UP and receiving our full newsletter you can sign up here: https://www.ugborough.com/g-up

Or email us at: greenerugp@gmail.com

Information from More Meadows.

An online forum for meadow makers launched in January to encourage the creation and spread of new More Meadows groups It aims to support landowners and gardeners keen to restore or create wildflower meadows.

Details can be found at http://forum.moremeadows.org.uk/

Net Zero Heroes -South Dartmoor Community Energy

Net Zero Heroes is an exciting project that **South Dartmoor Community Energy** has been working on in schools across the South Hams since last Spring. Now we invite the **whole community** to step up to the challenge...

Climate change is one of the greatest challenges the world has ever faced, but we can do something about it! We are supporting families across the South Hams to learn about small lifestyle changes that collectively, will make the planet a cleaner, greener and healthier place.

Our introductory video can now be viewed on YouTube here: www.bit.ly/NetZeroHeroes. At participating primary schools an activity pack has been provided for each child, and together with the video, introduces some ideas for positive lifestyle habits that *will* help reduce our impact on climate change and may also increase quality of life too!

What can you do?

You can now show your support and commitment to both your local primary school and our children's futures by getting involved in our competition. Here's how it works:

- 1) Calculate your carbon footprint! The process takes less than 10 minutes and will give you a breakdown of your carbon footprint www.carbonsavvy.uk/net-zero-heroes/
- 2) Aim to start reducing your carbon footprint by making small changes at home. Both our website and the Carbon Savvy website can help you with ideas.
- 3) In three months re-calculate your footprint to see how much carbon you have saved!
- 4) Using postcodes we will calculate which parish has made the greatest carbon reduction per capita. The parish with the greatest carbon saving will win **outdoor learning resources** for their **local primary school**.

We really hope you join us on this journey. If you would like more information about this project, please check out **our website**: www.sdce.org.uk/net-zero-heroes-hq

If you'd like to contact us, you can email us here: NZH@sdce.org.uk

You can also Join our **Facebook group** to share tips and ideas: www.bit.ly/nzh-group

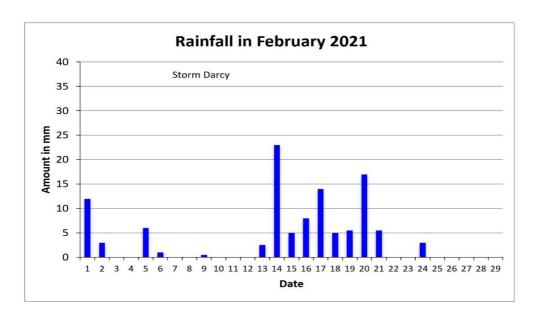
We can all make a difference in helping to beat climate change.

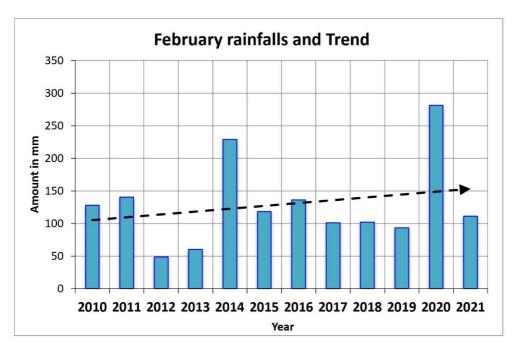
Be a Net Zero Hero!

We're all in this together!

Rainfall at Shellwood Hill George Arnison

During February I recorded 111mm (4.4") of rain at Shellwood Hill, which was exactly half of January's rainfall and below my February average of 129mm. The first part of the month was refreshingly cold, when Storm Darcy blew freezing temperatures and snow across the country from Russia. We did have a (very) light dusting.







<u>Your Stars Tonight</u>. I have been exploring the limits of my Covid defined universe over the last few months. I needed to find a "Living with Lockdown" project and decided to walk from Ugborough to all the high points that are visible from ridge road between Hill Head and the allotments at Hookmoor Cross. I started off with the easy ones – Venn Cross at 164 metre, the trig point on the Green Lane to Spriddlescombe at 181 metre, and on another excursion

discovered the wonderful Green Lane from Shilstone down to Ludbrook. Then the walks became more challenging. To the top of Ugborough Beacon in the unwelcome company the "Beast from the East" and a winter ascent of the south face of Western Beacon via Moorhaven. So, what else was there waiting to be conquered from Base Camp Ugborough?

Only the distant shark fin profile of Brent Hill was left to ascend and there and back in a day is a fair old plod. At first it is a pleasant walk up the hill to the Sign of the Owl, then down the lane to where the old Woodpecker Inn once stood, before it was vandalised by a "developer" who has notably failed to develop anything in the last ten years that could match its excellent beer, superior pub grub and general ambiance. From there is an unpleasant 10 minutes of messy walking along the verge, or in the busy road, underneath the A38 and to the edge of South Brent. Of course, there's strange folk about in faraway South Brent, all into arts, organics and windmills but friendly enough. Emerging on the other side of the village into the Avon valley was a revelation - what a beautiful place we have been condemned to live in for the last twelve months!

After a tough hill up to Lutton, Brent Hill begins to loom, and the steep green lane comes out onto the Open Access land on its northern side. From this viewpoint the summit looks rather daunting as it capped with house size boulders which are made up of hard basalt layers squeezed out from undersea volcanic eruptions perhaps 400 million years ago — a hundred million years before the granite of Dartmoor was born.

The top of Brent Hill is worth the climb – the remnants of an iron age hill fort, slightly less impressive ruins of a medieval chapel and handsome basalt outcrops. And what a view! The small, but comforting, confines of the Ugborough skyline zoom out to a 30-mile radius which encompasses the whole of the South Hams curving around on two sides fusing into a huge panorama of Dartmoor to the north with glimpses of Dorset and the Dodmans Head in distant Kernow. A whole new universe is revealed.

And back home in Ugborough what are our celestial near neighbours doing? On the evening of 12th and 13th April a thin crescent Moon will hold Venus in its arms in the dusk light. At the end of the month Venus is joined by a fainter Mercury and they will be doing a complicated dance just after sunset. And if there are some clear nights I hope to be transported far, far away into the realm of galaxies that can just be glimpsed through binoculars in the Constellation of Leo which is currently prowling above the southern horizon. In particular I want to capture the "Leo Triplet" of three enormous galaxies, each the size of our own Milky Way, that are bound together by gravity in an endless slow-motion ballet 35 million light years away. (Convert into kilometre by multiplying by 60x60 x24 x365 and then the speed of light at 300,000 km per second – don't lose any zeros on the way!) But that photograph will show many other fainter galaxies even further away – the furthest measured to date is thought to be 12.3 billion light years away. A vertigo inducing thought which places the view from Brent Hill in a human perspective against the cosmic.

Beryl's Bookworms - Juliet Collis

Our book for March was The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri.

The book follows the journey of Nuri, a beekeeper, and his wife, Afra, an artist. They live a simple life, rich in family and friends, in the beautiful



Syrian city of Aleppo - until the unthinkable happens. When all they care for is destroyed by war, they are forced to escape and leave Syria and to make their way to Europe and apply for asylum.

The author herself is the daughter of Cypriot refugees, who escaped from Cyprus after the Turkish invasion in 1974 and fled to Britain. She spent the two summers of 2016 and 2017 volunteering in a refugee centre in Athens as thousands of families flooded into Greece and heard the harrowing stories of the refugee families who she met at the centre. At that time, we all saw the pictures on the news bulletins of refugees arriving on the Greek islands in flimsy rubber boats, but the talk was more of the numbers and the issues in dealing with all these people, rather than the individual stories behind their plight. By telling the story of Nuri and Afra, she sought to take us into the heart and mind of someone else and to make us walk in their shoes and see the world through their eyes. One of the characters, a cousin of Nuri, was an expert in bees and was loosely based on Dr Ryad Alsous, who was himself a refugee and now lives in Huddersfield and is teaching local people and other refugees about beekeeping. He has appeared on Countryfile and leads the Buzz Project which is aiming to secure the future of British Black Bees.

Overall the group gave it an average score of 4.5 with a total of eleven people reading it. The book gave us an understanding of the grief and trauma experienced by Syrian refugees, escaping from the civil war and of their previous lives in Aleppo, a designated UNESCO Heritage Site. We would recommend the book and also discussed that it would be suitable for teenagers to read.

Our book next month is Signs for Lost Children by Sarah Moss.

Ugborough and Rotherfield Links.- Alan Yates

After eight years living in the parish of Ugborough, at Wrangaton, Cynthia & I moved back to the South-East in 2011 to be nearer our family, especially the two grandchildren that had been born since we left Kent.

Early on, I was quite surprised to learn of a previous connection between St. Peter's Church, Ugborough and our new church of St. Denys' Church, Rotherfield, which dated back 616 years to 1405 - a job swap between the two incumbents, John Cheyne and John Shillingford. PMB Lake writes in his history of Ugborough:-

"It was in 1405, when he [John Cheyne] exchanged with John Schillynford, the Rector of Rotherfield in the Diocese of Chichester. John Schillyngford was instituted on 13th May 1405, but only survived his institution for 19 months. He died in December 1406".

In her 1928 book on the history of Rotherfield, Catherine Pullein writes :-

"John de Shyllyngford, LLD. who was Chancellor of the diocese of Chichester between 1385 and 1388, became rector in 1390. On Oct: 9, 1402, he had episcopal licence for five years' non-residence in Rotherfield, but before the term expired he exchanged livings with the Vicar of Uggeburgh [Ugborough] in the diocese of Exeter".

"Mr. John Chayne, who came from Uggeburgh was instituted on April 10, 1404, the patronage having been in the hands of the Archbishop of Canterbury since 1390. The new Rector does not seem to have wished to stay here, for on July 8, the same year he was granted episcopal licence of non-residence for one year, and to put out the Rectory to farm during that period. Possibly the cause was ill-health, for he died in 1406".

The co-incidences continue in that St. Denys' is sometimes referred to as the Cathedral of the Weald and St. Peter's as the Cathedral of the South Hams. Furthermore, after their institution in 1405, both men died the in following year, 1406.

(Thanks for this interesting information, Alan, and really good to hear from you again. Ed.)

Ugborough Parish Council

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exemption. Or, if you are on a low income, a Council Tax reduction.

Apart from the announcement that Ivybridge Leisure Centre would be reopening from April (with online bookings), there was little news from our District & County Councillors – perhaps things are settling down again after our year of Covid. District Councillor Holway quoted the new Council Tax figures – remember that you may be eligible for a discount or

Litter picking was under discussion, and Councillors were appalled by the amount of litter along our lanes. The Parish Council will be providing litter picking equipment, thanks to a SHDC Locality grant, which will be available from Councillors in Ugborough, Bittaford & Wrangaton. More details to follow.

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

- <u>0038/21</u> Erection of first floor extension over existing balcony to the front at Ash Grove, Bittaford **Neutral**
- 0075/21/HHO Householder application for first floor side extension (amended plans) at 1 Churchill Cottages Seldons Close, Ugborough Support
- 0307/21/FUL Erection of timber stables at Land at SX 659 553, Earlscombe Farm, Quarry Cross, Bittaford Neutral
- 3896/20/PAU READVERTISEMENT (Revised plan received) Application to determine is prior approval is required for proposed change of use of agricultural buildings to B8 storage use at East Cannamore, Avonwick Noted
- 2399/20/FUL READVERTISEMENT (Revised Plans Received) Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian use, erection of single storey barn for use as stables for horses and hay storage, new access track, and retention of storage shed and manure stockpile area on concrete base at Lot A Earlscombe Farm Ugborough Neutral
- 0055/21 Installation of 3No electrical vehicle chargers to existing petrol filling station forecourt together with associated plant compound and DNO on-site substation at Carew Service Station, South Brent Support

- <u>0074/21</u> Erection of single-story extension with balcony above to the rear at 4 Bittaford Terrace, Bittaford Neutral, provided the development does not intrusively overlook adjacent properties and there are no objections from neighbours.
- <u>0404/21/FUL</u> Provision of agricultural workers dwelling after outline approval <u>1380/20/OPA</u> at Higher Coarsewell Ugborough **Support**

Benches have now been installed at Lucerne Fields (to the far west of the Parish) and at Hillhead. Thank you, Cllr Edd Johns, for sorting that out.

Parish Council business discussed at the meeting included a review of burial fees, the Clerk's salary, a grant towards the Ugborough village website, and a review of the Open Space & Recreation Plan. Also discussed was the problem of parking in order to access the moor — we came up with no practical solution.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held remotely on Wednesday 7th April starting at 7.30 p.m. Agenda and minutes will be displayed on the website and noticeboards.

Privacy policy – visit ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

<u>Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child 2020 Shoebox Appeal Destination Update - Kate Brampton</u>

Thank you to everyone who supported the Appeal last year by providing filled Gift Shoeboxes and/or monetary donations – it has all helped. The Shoeboxes eventually started their journey in December due to Covid-19 restrictions.

We understand the 31 Gift Shoeboxes went to children & young people in **Georgia, Serbia** and Nigeria.

Thank you for your generous support.

Bittaford Methodist Chapel Chris Phillips 07899934743

We are opening from 11th April.

Sunday 11th April at 11 a.m. Revd A, Chislett-McDonald

Sunday 18th April at 6 p.m. Revd M Lawrence Sunday 25th April at 11 a.m. Mrs G. Higgins

We do have a WhatsApp prayer group and a support group for those who live alone where we all keep in contact; anyone interested can give me, (Chris Phillips), a call.

'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.' Psalm 46:1

St. Peter's Church, Ugborough

Services for Holy Week and Sundays in April

We are delighted to be able to invite you back into our church for regular services but please note that numbers are limited due to Covid restrictions – so please book your place by e mailing or ringing Sue Johns at suejohnsdunwellfarm@gmail.com 07889737967.

All Sunday services now start at 9.30 p.m. unless otherwise stated.

Date	Service
Thursday 1 st April at 7.30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday communion
Friday 2 nd April at 2 p.m.	Good Friday service at Diptford church
Sunday 4 th April	Easter Day- no service at Ugborough but see
	below for services in the Mission Community.
Sunday 11 th April	Holy Communion
Sunday 18 th April	Holy Communion
Sunday 25 th April	Holy Communion

It will be necessary to wear face coverings at all services and strict hygiene measures will be in place.

Easter Day services-

There are services at Halwell and Harberton churches at 9.30 a.m. and Ermington church at 11 a.m.

There is also a Mission Community Easter Communion at 11 a.m. via zoom and an Easter Messy Church via zoom at 4.30 p.m.- see page 3.

Mission Community Services online via Zoom or telephone.

Please contact Rev'd David Sayle on 01548 821199 or at parish_sayle@me.com for further information, and by 6 p.m. the day before for login details.

Every Sunday at 11 a.m.- Sunday Service

Harberton and Harbertonford churches are open mid-week for private prayer- see the Three Rivers Mission Community website for details.

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

You can find out about everything that's going on across all the parishes at its website, www.3rivers.org.uk

For all church business and parish matters, please contact

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

Village services.

At the time of publication, according to its website, the Devon Mobile Library service is not on the road and all existing loans are extended. No doubt our librarian, Heidi will keep us up to date as more information is available. There are no charges for late returns.

And don't forget to visit your Post Office in Ugborough Church on Thursday morning from 10 a.m. – 12 noon.

Time to join a bike club?

Bought a new bike or been out riding more during lockdown? Now is the time to join a local friendly, social bike club for group rides. Make new friends, discover the lanes (and cafes) of the South Hams.



The Yealm Rouleurs ride every Saturday morning from Yealmpton and Ermington, throughout the year and welcome new members. Our kit is pretty snazzy too. Check us out on Facebook or email yealmrouleurs@gmail.com for more...

The Business & Intellectual Property Centre (BIPC) Devon will be hosting a programme of events from May to July to celebrate Women in Business.

Our intention is to create a space to share women's knowledge, expertise and experience of the business world. We have planned a varied programme of talks, workshops, yoga, panel events, networking and much more. All the events are free and can be booked via our website: https://bipc.librariesunlimited.org.uk/

Contributions

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this 'new normal' Newsletter.

A few hard copies have been produced for those without internet availability and many thanks to Ivybridge Community College for printing and to those safely distributing them. I am very much looking forward to when we can go back to our usual paper format, (who would have thought it would be so long?) but we must keep our volunteer distributors and all who receive the Newsletter safe.

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.

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