

Ugborough Parish Newsletter

February 2019



What's on

Fri 1 st -Sat. 2 nd February	Last 2 performances of Robinson Crusoe- tickets only- to be seated by 7.15 p.m.	
Wednesday 6 th February	a)Visiting tower bell ringing from 7-8 p.m. b)Ugborough Parish Council meets at 7.30 p.m. at Ugborough Village Hall.	Page 2 Pages 12/13
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Garden Club *Anne Holway*



Our January meeting was very convivial with good company and delicious food. February will bring us back down to earth; I'm working on the 2019 calendar of guests and visits as I write! Our February meeting will be at our house, Sou West, Park Cottages on

Thursday 21st February, at 7.30 p.m.

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 Church Bellringers- *Anthony Lugger (anthonylugger@me.com)*

Firstly I would like to sincerely apologise for the annoyance / distress caused by the non-publicised ringing performance by Exeter Cathedral Ringers in January and would like to reassure parishioners that this event was a one off and will not be repeated. The only extended period of ringing that will take place at Ugborough in future will be an annual competition for fellow Totnes Deanery Ringers (see below).

Our regular ringing sessions are before the Sunday service 9 to 9.30 a.m. and Thursday practice 7 to 8.30 p.m.

Variations to this schedule in February, at present known, are:

Wednesday 6th February 7 to 8.30 p.m. (visiting tower);

Thursday 7th February no ringing;

Saturday 16th February 3.30 to no later than 7 p.m. (Totnes Deanery Competition).

These dates and times may be subject to change, if you would like to be informed of changes please let me know your preferred contact method.

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 children started the Spring term with enthusiasm, settling back in to pre-school life beautifully after the holidays, keen to catch up with staff and friends and welcoming new faces as numbers continue to soar. We have been developing fine motor skills through cooking sessions, making our own snacks. The children enjoyed following Rachel, our music teacher, around the hall pretending to be elephants as she led them with her trombone.

The annual village pantomime saw the pre-school decamp to the school. Thanks to everyone who helped with the logistics of the move. The children embraced the experience which leads to valuable close integration with the school and exposure to their future learning environment. Now back in our normal setting we look forward to celebrating Valentine's day and tossing pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.

Finally thank you the fair committee for awarding funds to the pre-school, this is greatly appreciated and used to add value to the children's education.

Ugborough Local History Group- *Merryl Docker*

Come and join us on Wednesday 27th February at 8 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall for a presentation by Lt Col Tony Clark OBE on "Dartmoor's Contribution to National Defence". Dartmoor has many facets, from industry to mining and leisure. See how our beloved ancient wilderness has played a vital role in the defence of this country.

New members are always welcome, or just come along on the night – £4 on the door. We look forward to seeing you.

Tuesday Luncheon Club –*Sarah Scanlon*

The next Tuesday Luncheon club (TLC) will be on

Tuesday February 19th

This luncheon is open to anybody who would like to come and will be running every school holiday when the hall is not being used by the play group.

The dates for the rest of this year are:

April 9th

May 28th

July 30th

We will be serving a 2-course hot meal with soft drinks and tea/coffee included for the amazing price of £5 per head.

The meal will be in Ugborough Village Hall at 12 noon for a 12.30 p.m. serving.

A wonderful team will be cooking, serving and even washing up for you so do not hesitate to come along and enjoy a delicious lunch with your neighbours and friends. You are welcome to bring your own drinks. Please contact us no later than the Friday before the event to allow us to shop.

Let us know if you have any specific dietary requirements.

If you are interested in coming then please contact Val on 01752894973 or Sarah on ***sjascanlon@btinternet.com***

Ceremonial flying of the Flag

The flag will be flown on the following occasions-

February 6th- Accession Day of Queen Elizabeth II

February 19th- Birthday of the Duke of York



The Beacon Federation - *Executive Headteacher - Mrs. Jane Byrne*
Ugborough Primary School.

As you are all aware, the NSPCC visited school recently to deliver their Speak Out Stay Safe message. Specially trained staff held an assembly for all children and workshop (for year 5/6) with the help of their mascot, Buddy, to cover topics like bullying and abuse, but without using any scary words or adult language.

Pupils learned about the different types of abuse, in a child-friendly and age appropriate way, how to get help for when they need it and identify a trusted adult they can talk to if they're ever worried about themselves or a friend. They also learned about Childline, and how it can support them. Please visit their website

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/> for more information.

Dates for your diary

Friday 15th February- Non Pupil Day

18th -22nd February- Half Term

Ivybridge U3A - *Jean Sherrell*

The February General Meeting of Ivybridge U3A will be held on Monday 18th February at 2 p.m. in the Watermark. The subject of the talk by our Speaker Ian McClure will be “Ukrainian Update”.

This talk is an update of the one he gave two years ago. So much has happened in the region over the past months that he thought an update would be in order. The talk will briefly cover the history and geography of Ukraine and then move on to recent events, from the annexation of Crimea by Russia in 2014 to the ‘Kerch Incident’ last month.

Ian served in Ukraine as a military attaché in 1998, travelling extensively in the country in the course of his duties. He has been back many times since, as a military interpreter, election observer and even as a tourist. A few years ago he visited the nuclear power plant at Chernobyl with a delegation from the charity Chernobyl Children’s Lifeline. His talk will mention the work of the charity.

**See our website for full details www.ivybridge-u3a.org.uk
or email ivybridge.u3a@gmail.com or phone 07866 077030**

Oldies’ Christmas Thanks- *Philomena Jones*

A big thank you to Santa's little helpers who gave their time and skills in getting what I must say a lovely afternoon of good food and true community spirit.

Ugborough Sustainable kindly donated £150.00 and The Anchor provided the most delicious roasted gammon which judging by the feedback was greatly enjoyed. Massive thank you Sarah and Daz and of course not forgetting the naughty elf.

Beryl's Bookworms -

Jeanette Walls was working as a journalist in New York when she published her memoir, *The Glass Castle*, in 2005. The book has won a number of awards and was made into a film in 2017. The book recounts the poverty-stricken upbringing Jeanette and her siblings experienced at the hands of their unconventional and dysfunctional parents during the 1960s and 70s. Her parents, artistic but unconcerned Rose Mary and highly intelligent but alcoholic Rex, neglect their children and Jeanette learns how to care for herself at a young age. The family live like nomads moving around south-western desert towns before ending up living in abject poverty in a West Virginia mining town.



We found the book to be an unsentimental and non-judgemental description of the author's early life. There was a lot to talk about and we could probably be accused of being judgemental about some of the approaches to child rearing! We did wonder how far Jeanette and her siblings' upbringing had helped make them into strong and successful adults but did not think that could, in any way, justify the chaotic and dysfunctional upbringing they were subjected to.

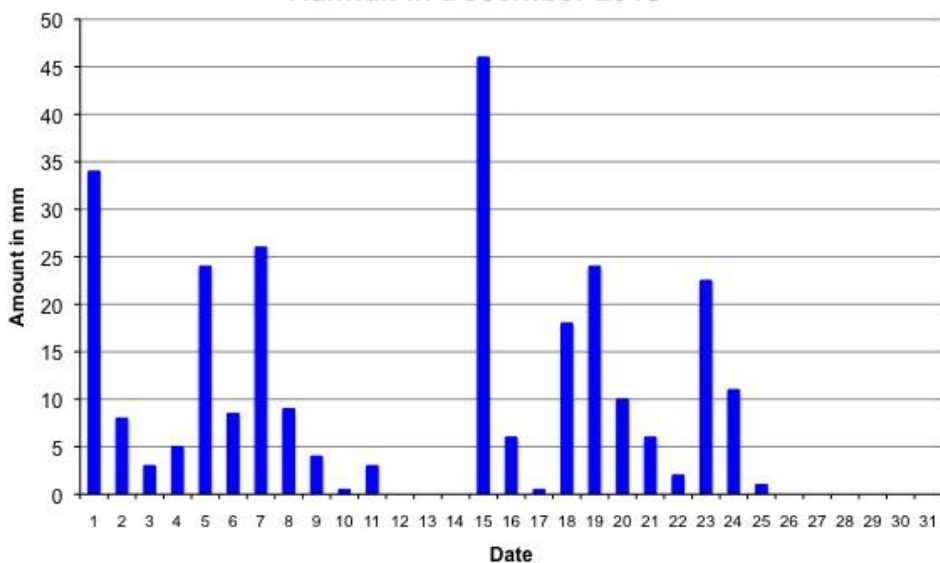
We found the book difficult to score as it was, at times, a troubling read but we gave it an average score of 4 out of 5.

Next month's book is 'This is Going to Hurt' by Adam Kay.

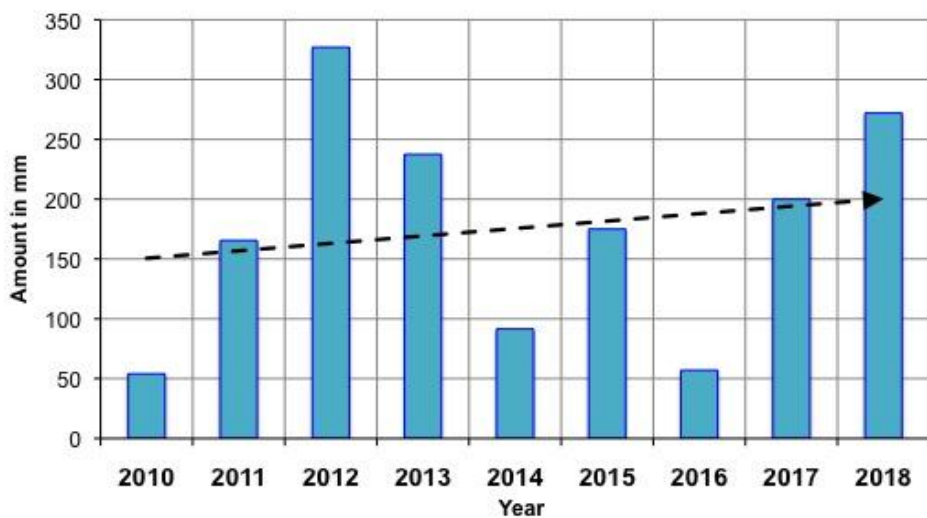
Rainfall at Shellwood Hill -*George Arnison*

December turned out to be even wetter than November, and I recorded 272mm (almost 11") of rain at Shellwood Hill. As such it was the wettest month of the year, well above my average for December of 175.5mm, and in fact the second wettest December of the last 9 years, beaten only by the ridiculously wet December of 2012, when there was widespread flooding just before Christmas. Thankfully this year the rain stopped at Christmas and we ended the year with a dry week....and no flooding.

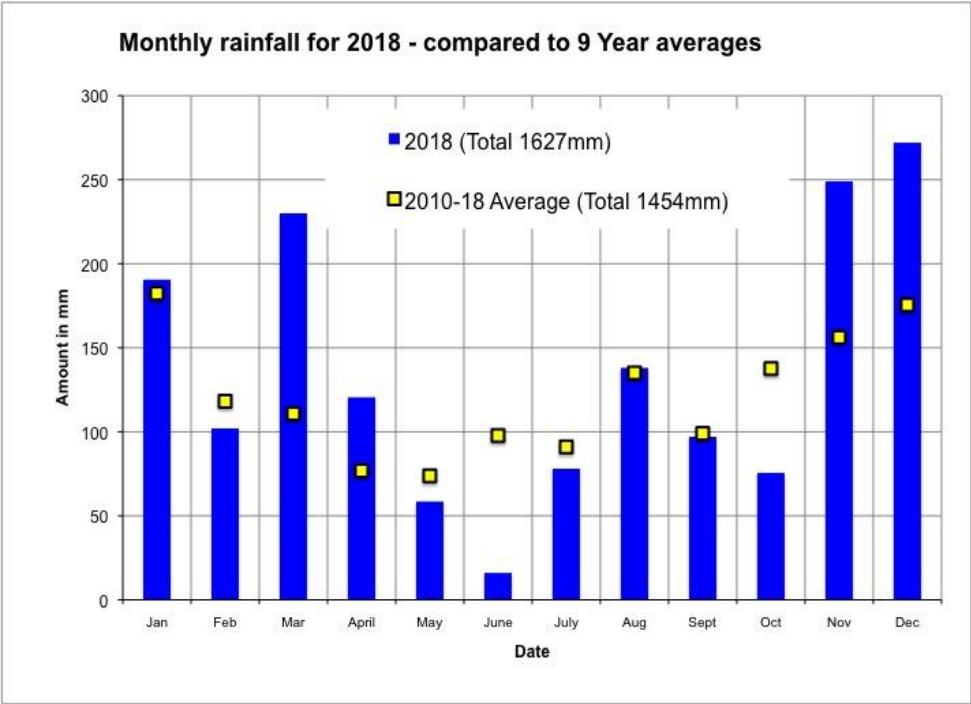
Rainfall in December 2018

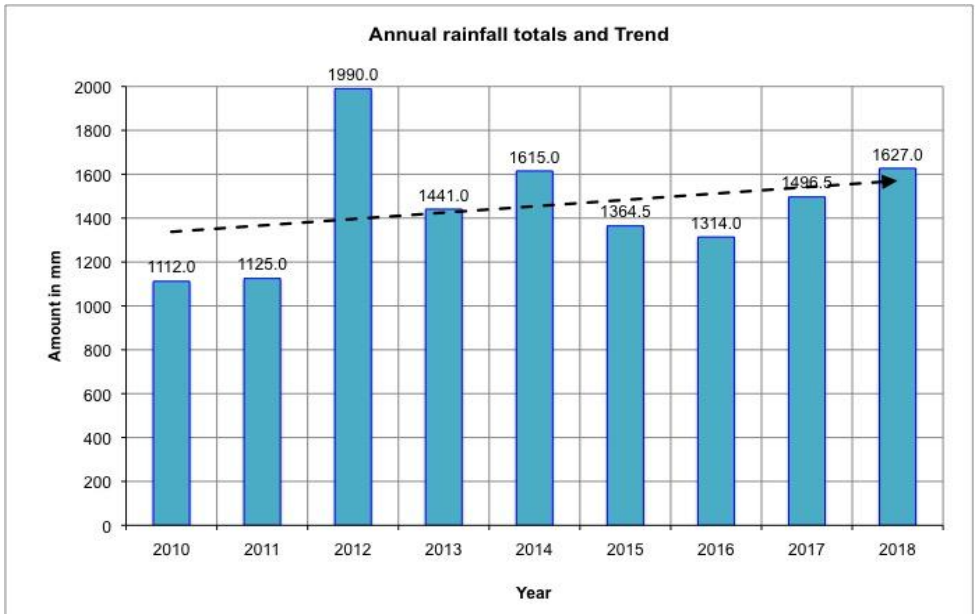


December rainfalls and Trend



Looking back on 2018 overall, it's been a funny old year. No real weather dramas and we will probably remember it for rare snow in February/March, and for what felt like a notably dry summer. Actually only June and October were unusually dry months, whilst March, November and December were unusually wet. Overall it has actually been rather a wet year - with a total of 1627mm (64") recorded - well above the nine year annual average of 1454mm, and the second wettest of the last 9 years, after 2012. We had three spells of 10 days without a drop of rain in May, June and September; and a 15 day period of uninterrupted rain across November/December. If you are planning outdoor activity it might be worth noting that days seem to get wetter as you go through the week, with the driest day being Mondays (total of 112mm rainfall over the year) and the wettest being Saturdays (317.5mm) and Sundays (341.5mm). I can't explain that!





Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays –Sarah Scanlon

This month I would like to take an opportunity to say thank you to the unsung heroes of USS, without whom there would be no café and nowhere to sit and chat to friends over a coffee or two.

Kate, Jenny and Anne have worked tirelessly behind the scenes in the village hall kitchen providing hot drinks, clearing tables, washing up and clearing up at the end of each USS.

Nona and Heather also help out when needed and between them, they make USS what it is, a place to gather socially and spend quality time with friends.

We do appreciate all of your hard work and a very big thank you from all of us at USS.

Next time you see them, show your gratitude with a smile!

Towards the end of February, early March we are planning to have another potluck supper evening.

This will be held in the village hall early on a Saturday evening and people are asked to bring along a savoury or sweet dish to share. Bring along your

own drinks as well and take time to eat, drink and chat to friends. If I ask someone nicely there may also be a quiz for those who wish to join in. Final date and details to be circulated at USS on February 16th and on the village website.

Remember there is no USS February 2nd due to the Village Pantomime but dates for the forthcoming months are: February 16th, March 2nd, 16th and 27th.



Come and share breakfast and a relaxed cafe style service with us at Ugborough Church on Sunday 17th February. All are very welcome.

Sunday 24th February

4.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Stories, crafts, messy activities,
songs, food and fun
at St Peter's Church, Ugborough,
PL21 0NS



All Ages welcome

Children to be accompanied by an adult



Your Stars Tonight I was consumed with jealousy when I saw the front page photo of comet 46P/Wirtanen in the sky over Durdle Door in the Western Morning News of Friday 18th January. It had been my December ambition to get a starry sky photograph of this comet, albeit from the back garden of Lutterburn Street. Ollie Taylor's effort (you can see his stunning night time photographs from around the South West and more exotic locations on ollietaylorphotography.com) made me hang my head in shame. For me, there was always an excuse; too cold, too wet, too cloudy, too flued up. In the last couple of months I only managed to snatch a few glimpses of the comet with binoculars as a faint green tinged haze that drifted across the heavens. It is now in the constellation of the Plough and should be visible with a good steady binoculars and a clear moonless night until the end of February – but don't expect a Halle Bopp or Halley's comet experience – it is getting very faint.

The moon is a problem as its glare can overwhelm everything else – but moon gazing with binoculars can provide some wonderful sights – especially on a night when it is only partially lit. A full moon is too bright and the shadows of mountains and crater edges plus the subtle greys of the surface are washed out in the glare. But it can be magic when it slips into focus revealing the deathly grey lunar face pock marked with the evidence of billions of years of battering by meteorites plus the oozing of oceans of lava which cover so much of the surface.

On 19th February we will have a big fat full moon rising at just after 5 p.m. which hopefully will give some interesting visual and photographic opportunities – and no doubt the media will get exceedingly excited about a “super” moon and the “Winter Wolf Moon” and various other epithets.

When the moon looks so big I am always perplexed that in its monthly transition across the sky how rarely it goes in front of stars or planets. In fact moon occultation of bright stars probably only happens around half a dozen times a year. We had a couple of interesting opportunities in 2018 but I missed them both - usual excuses; too cold, too wet, too cloudy They are always fascinating to watch as the star approaches the shadowed side of the moon and then instantly blinks out of sight as its light is cut off by the edge of the moon undistorted by atmospheric intervention, only to reappear a couple of hours later on the other side. For those of you who are early birds there is the only opportunity in the next 20 years to see Saturn occulted by the moon at 6.20 a.m. on 2nd February. And throughout the month Saturn, Jupiter and Venus all line up just before dawn low in the eastern sky – always a splendid sight.

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Highway complaints were raised during the public session at the start of January Parish Council Meeting. Inconsiderate parking opposite Ugborough village hall was blocking driveways, and a white line across the entranceways would be requested – although it is a moot point whether DCC has funding for white lines, or whether inconsiderate drivers would take any notice of the parking restriction. Also requested was a 40mph speed limit along the A3121 through Ludbrook, as speeding was a hazard to traffic turning onto the road.

District Cllr Holway reminded the Meeting that Locality Funds were still available for local projects, but only for the next couple of months – please apply to him or the Clerk.

Planning applications considered at the Meeting – only one, for the Change of use to allow storage (Use Class B8), laying of compacted hard surface and erection of 2.4 metre perimeter fence at Land at SX633555 Ermington Road, Ivybridge (revised plans) Ref **1050/18/FUL** **Recommendation:**

Neutral, subject to the applicant providing a drainage scheme to the satisfaction of the SHDC Special Assets Engineers

Approval of the budget and precept for 2019/20 was the major item for discussion at the Meeting. A precept (Parish Council income from Council Tax) of £22,500 has been agreed, which amounts to £30.21 Council Tax for Band D properties. Even with this additional funding, the Parish Council is expected to make a loss of £327 in the next financial year. Full details of the budget and precept calculations are available in the **Minutes** of the Meeting.

Parish Council elections are due to be held on the 2nd May. Although most of the Parish Councillors are happy to stand again, it is likely that there will be one or two vacancies. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, you must submit your nomination paper by the 3rd April – I am

sure SHDC will publish information soon, but you can read up on eligibility and procedure by going to <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-and-community-council-elections-in-england-and-wales>. Training is available to all new Parish Councillors.

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

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Website: <https://ugboroughparishcouncil.org>

Bittaford Methodist Chapel - Chris Phillips 07899934743

Services at Bittaford Chapel for February

Sunday 3 rd February	at 10.30 a.m.	Mr M Cade
Sunday 10 th February	at 6 p.m.	Revd Mark Lawrence (Communion Service)
Sunday 17 th February	at 10.30 a.m.	Mrs G Higgins
Sunday 24 th February	at 1030 a.m.	Mrs D Smart.

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, Ugborough

A letter from our Rector- Rev'd David Sayle

You may be aware that on 1st December 2018, the seven Churches within the Mission Community legally became one Benefice. This is a legal term which does not really change a great amount but it does encourage us to ask the question how as a group of Churches we work together to fulfil our common goal of sharing the love of Jesus with all who live, work or visit our communities.

To begin answering this question and building on the joint meeting of all the Church Councils that we held in October we are holding a 'Vision Day' which is open to all.

It will be an opportunity to set aside a period of time to seek 'God's Vision' for the Benefice of Diptford with North Huish, Ermington, Halwell, Harberton, Harbertonford, Moreleigh and Ugborough. We will spend a little time recapping from October as we ask ourselves the question, Where are we now? But the main emphasis of our time together will be focused around the questions -Where do we want to be and



how will we get there?

In preparation and to help our time together be fruitful, I invite you to consider your response to these two questions-

What is most precious to you about your church today?

What are those things that we feel passionate about for the next five years?

So please put this date and time in your diaries and try and make every effort to attend this important meeting for the future of our churches.

Saturday 16th February 2019

Diptford Parish Hall

9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

There will be some refreshments being served from 9.30 a.m. and our time to think, plan and act will begin at 10 a.m. and our day will finish at 1 p.m. If you would like any further information or are unable to attend but have a particular response to the above questions, which you would like to be fed into the discussion then please do get in contact: ***parish_sayle@me.com*** or tel: 01548 821199.

Finally, please pray for this day and for the future life of our Churches within The Three Rivers Mission Community.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit”

(Romans 15.13).

St Peter's Church Services in February
All services now start at 9.30 a.m. unless otherwise stated.

Date	Service
Sunday 3 rd February	All Age Worship
Sunday 10 th February	Holy Communion
Sunday 17 th February	Breakfast Church
Sunday 24 th February 4.30- 6 p.m.	Holy Communion Messy Church
Thursdays at 9.30 a.m.	Mid week communion

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**.

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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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 February is 19th

And don't forget to visit your Post Office in Ugborough Church on Tuesday afternoon (1.30- 3.30 p.m.) and Thursday morning – (10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.)

Other local outreach Post Offices

MONDAY – Cornwood -1 - 4.30 p.m.

TUESDAY – Rattery Village Hall - 10 - 11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY – Cornwood - 9.30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

South Brent, The Old School - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

THURSDAY – Cornwood - 1 - 4.30 p.m.

FRIDAY – South Brent - 9 a.m. to 12 noon

SATURDAY – South Brent - 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Modbury PO is open 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. every day except Wednesdays and Saturdays (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and closed Sundays.

KINGSBRIDGE JAZZ CLUB at THE JAZZ CELLAR AVETON GIFFORD

Where: The Fisherman's Rest, Aveton Gifford, TQ7 4JL.

A379 between Modbury & Kingsbridge

When: First Tuesday of each month

Times: Doors open 6.30pm ~~~~~ Live Music 7.30 – 10.00pm

Entry: Pay at the door: Members~£10.00 Visitors~£12.00

Membership~£10.00pa

What: Local, National & International bands; New Orleans, Dixieland, Trad, Swing & Gypsy Jazz

Who: All Welcome

Food: Early Bird Dine from 6 – 6.30 p.m. on Jazz Club nights

www.aveton-gifford.co.uk/facilities/kingsbridge-jazz-club

www.facebook.com/kingsbridgejazzclub

Next Jazz Club- Tuesday 5th February ---- HOTSY TOTSY