

# Ugborough Parish Newsletter

## June 2025



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**St Peter's Church Ugborough, Annual Gift Day  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

This magnificent Grade 1 listed building dominates the south side of the Village Square and has been at the heart of the parish community since 1121.

Today, as well as Sunday services, the church is used for weekday services, Weddings, Funerals, Messy Church, Carol services - including a Christingle & Crib Service, Remembrance Day, concerts, talks and the weekly Post Office and coffee morning

Last year the running costs of the building were around £90 a day just to keep the church building open. This year we are facing major building repairs, which inevitably will be very costly in addition to our everyday costs.

If you are able to donate to help maintain this 'Parish Treasure,' your gift will be very gratefully received!

Cash or Cheque made payable to the PCC of Ugborough: given to anyone connected to the church, or via the Offertory Box to the left of the Main Door, or by post to Sue Johns, Dunwell Farm, Ugborough, PL210HL.

By Bacs: Lloyds Bank, Parochial Church Council of Ugborough  
Sort Code 30-94-58 Account Number 00096503 Ref Gift Day.

By QR Code with a Smartphone – Code available in Church.

If you are able to Gift Aid and we don't have your details already, forms are available just inside the church, on the Book Cupboard. Thank you. Sue Johns Treasurer.

**St Peter's Church – Sue Johns**

A Huge Thanks to all those who contributed in any way to the Farmhouse Lunch at Dunwell Farm in May! We had a glorious day and many enjoyed the garden, company and exemplary lunch. We raised a fantastic £835 for building repairs. Sue & Cliff Johns

### **Fair Concert:**

Don't forget to let me know if you'd like a slot in the Fair Concert on Sunday July 6th at 7 p.m.

Anyone with a qualifying connection to Ugborough is welcome to contribute.

The Community Choir are rehearsing on a Friday at 5:30 - come and join us!

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### **Ceilidh in St Peter's Church, Ugborough.** - *Graham Gilbert*

We're very pleased to announce the first ever ceilidh to be held in St. Peter's Church, Ugborough, on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 3 p.m. Music will be provided by our own village band, UFOlk, with Rod Denly-Jones, our professional caller

The event is to raise money for church funds, and if it's a success we hope the ceilidh will be held annually. Tickets (limited to 50) are priced at £8 for adults and £3 for children and will be available on the door and at Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays.

Refreshments, including cream teas, will be available for a donation, and we're very grateful to the wonderful village cooks for providing what is sure to be delicious food. And there will also be a bar!

So even if you can't dance (but in the words of the song "If you can walk you can dance...") come and watch the fun and enjoy afternoon tea in great company for a couple of hours.

### **UGBOROUGH OPEN GARDENS** **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 2 – 5 p.m.**

Back by popular demand! Our biennial Open Gardens event gives us a little insight in to some interesting and 'in progress' village gardens with the community.

Bring friends, family and visitors to enjoy a relaxing afternoon exploring a range of local village gardens, partaking in some light refreshment along the way and good company guaranteed. Cream teas will be served all afternoon at the Vicarage on Lutterburn Street, courtesy of Sylvia and Sean Marcus.

Entry is by programme which will be available from the church steps from 1.45pm on the day - £6 each, £2 children to include entry to a children's competition.

Thank to everyone who has already offered to open their gardens for this event. We are gathering a good selection but there is still room for a few more should you want to participate. Please contact Helen at [hmart@sky.com](mailto:hmart@sky.com).

All proceeds will go towards St Peters Church building funds.

### **Ugborough Square and Roads Spring Clean**

If you are able to help tidy up our village in readiness for welcoming visitors to all the local summer events, please come and join our working party for a couple of hours on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June, meeting at 10:30am in The Square. The more the merrier. (*Sustenance will be provided by way of Tea/Coffee and a bacon/Vegetarian baps*)

Please bring your weeding tools & equipment with you.  
Thank you and hope to see you there.

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

USS dates for June are: **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June**, from 10:00 to 12:00 noon in the village hall.

July USS – as Ugborough Fair will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July, USS will fall back to the following **Saturday – 19<sup>th</sup> July**, which will be a three-week gap. The USS team will then take a summer break and be back again in September.

Our producers continue to work hard to make lovely things for you to see and buy at our regular Saturday markets. Come and see what's new, have a coffee and catch up with the village news.

If anyone would like further information, then please email us at [ugboroughss@gmail.com](mailto:ugboroughss@gmail.com)

The Thursday Coffee Morning in St Peter's Church All are welcome! Pop along for a beverage and cake between 10 and 11.45 a.m. and support our continuing weekly Post Office.  
Hand gel is available and respect others' space.

### **Ceremonial Flying of the Flag**

**14<sup>th</sup> June**      *King's Official Birthday*  
**June 21<sup>st</sup>**      *Birthday of William, Prince of Wales*  
**28<sup>th</sup> June**      *Armed Forces Day*





**Ugborough Fair - Saturday 12 July 2025**

Save the date!! Look out for full details of this year's Fair Week activities in next month's newsletter.

We are looking for new fair committee members and/or volunteers to help on the day. This is a great way to get to know people and get involved in village events. Please email [nickcole@engineer.com](mailto:nickcole@engineer.com) for more info.

**Erme Valley RDA- Peggy Douglas 07882 286421**

It's been a busy few weeks of competitions and riders—well done to everyone who has taken part so far! We already have 10 riders qualified for Hartpury, and as I write we wish the very best of luck to those competing at Lakefield at the end of May.

Special congratulations to Amy, Sophie, and Leah, who are now officially registered as trainee coaches—well done to you all!

As usual, we'll be conducting our regular rider and volunteer surveys during this term, and our Helper Week is scheduled for the week beginning 9th June. All RDA sessions during this week will be focused on volunteer training.

Looking ahead ... our Activities Week has now become Activities Month for July! To make sure everyone gets the chance to take part. We'll be running virtual competitions, including the Countryside Challenge, so there's something for everyone to get involved with.

Our **COFFEE MORNING WEEK** will be held on 28th, 30th, June and 1st, 2nd, 3rd July; between 10 and 2. Here's a chance to view our purpose-built facilities, see some Groups in action- and show your support by sampling our huge array of home-made cakes and taking a chance on the Draw. This is our annual in-house Fund Raiser - now in its Golden decade! Do come along!

**Ladies' Lunch** *Pat Stephens*

The date for the next lunch is Wednesday July 9<sup>th</sup> at The Ship, Ugborough for 12 noon.

Contact Pat Stephens 07704 113837 to book.

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

Historical Nugget: 3rd June 1947 – Christian Dior introduced his “new look” for women to Britain. The Hour-Glass shape and the use of yards of material (a definite no, no in austerity post-war Britain) was the centre of controversy from its launch in Paris that spring. Critics included the junior trade minister, Harold Wilson (later Prime Minister in the sixties and seventies). Wilson condemned the look as frivolous, irresponsible and wasteful – what does he know about fashion, he wore a mac' all the time!

However, the women of Britain were tired of austerity, shortages and years of drab utility clothing and adored the look. The figure of eight shape with round shoulders, handspan waists and full billowing skirts below the calf was to liberate women from the poverty stricken, parsimonious years of the Second World War and is still considered an iconic look today. (I have copied this part as I am not a fashion critic like Anna Wintour, so don't complain)

Clothing was still rationed in 1947 (it ended in 1949) to restrict the amount of new clothes one could buy. A typical woman's skirt cost 7 coupons, and there were government limits on the production of non-utility clothing. However, manufacturers plunged into maximum production to meet demand, a typical Dior suit would have required 14 coupons. Even the Queen bought her wedding dress using coupons from World War II.

### Ivybridge u3a - Graham Meaden

The next General Meeting of Ivybridge u3a is on 16<sup>th</sup> June at the Watermark at 2 p.m. The speaker will be Adam Hart-Davies

The talk will be "Taking the piss out of London". Adam will explain why urine was collected in London for a major industrial operation on the North Yorkshire coast. He will also mention some songs and promoting the straw bale urinal

### Beryl's Bookworms –

#### **A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles**

*A Gentleman in Moscow* opens in June of 1922 as a committee of Russia's Bolshevik government sentences Count Alexander Rostov to lifelong house arrest in the Hotel Metropol in central Moscow. As an aristocrat, Rostov might have been sentenced to death, but the committee takes into account the pro-revolutionary sentiments contained in a poem he published nine years earlier called "Where Is It Now," when the Tsar still ruled. The Count is moved into tiny quarters, on a floor once reserved for servants, but after that he is left largely alone. For the next thirty-two years, the luxury of the Metropol will remain largely preserved, as a place for the new regime's elite to enjoy the privileges once reserved for the old elite, and also as a place where foreign journalists and dignitaries can be entertained and simultaneously spied on.



We follow the life of the Count within the confines of the Metropol Hotel, which is situated just across from the Kremlin and close to the Bolshoi and the Lubyanka. Early on, he meets a nine-year-old girl who is staying at the hotel with her parents and who shows her all around the hotel, both front of house and behind the scenes, as for some reason she has a passkey, which she gifts to the Count when she leaves the hotel to go to school. The Count becomes a waiter at the hotel's prestigious restaurant and after four years becomes head waiter, joining forces with the head chef and the Maitre d', calling themselves the Triumvirate. The book covers the period from 1922 up to the early 1950s, so touches on some of the events happening in Russia as well as the wider world during that time.

The book has received excellent reviews for the way that it is written and as a piece of historical fiction, with well-drawn characters. It has also been adapted as a TV mini-series starring Ewan McGregor, which two of our group had seen and both thoroughly enjoyed. Overall the group scored the book 4.17 out of 5, however one member did not finish the book as they had not enjoyed it, so this would have brought the overall score down.

Next month's book is Gabriel's Moon by William Boyd.

### **Information from the Parish Council**

We have received comments about the state of the **bus shelter in Ugborough Square** and in particular concern at the suitability and quality of some of the books left and the dumping of other non-book items.

We agree that this is creating an eye-sore in the village and so have agreed for it to revert to sole use as a bus shelter. If anyone would like to take anything currently in the shelter, please do so before **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**. We will then clear the bookstore and other items abandoned there.

We will also remove the dilapidated community noticeboard in the shelter and invite you all to use the glass fronted board alongside the shelter going forward. Our clerk will monitor this board for out-of-date material.

### **Ugfest 2025 on 21st June 2025 from 6.30 pm. (I'm sure this has sold out by publication date but just in case you wonder what you are hearing!**

This annual fundraising festival held at Hillhead Farm, has supported local village charities over the last 10 years. Local bands The Longfaces, Groundrush and DJ TYPO are booked in along with 3 acoustic acts.

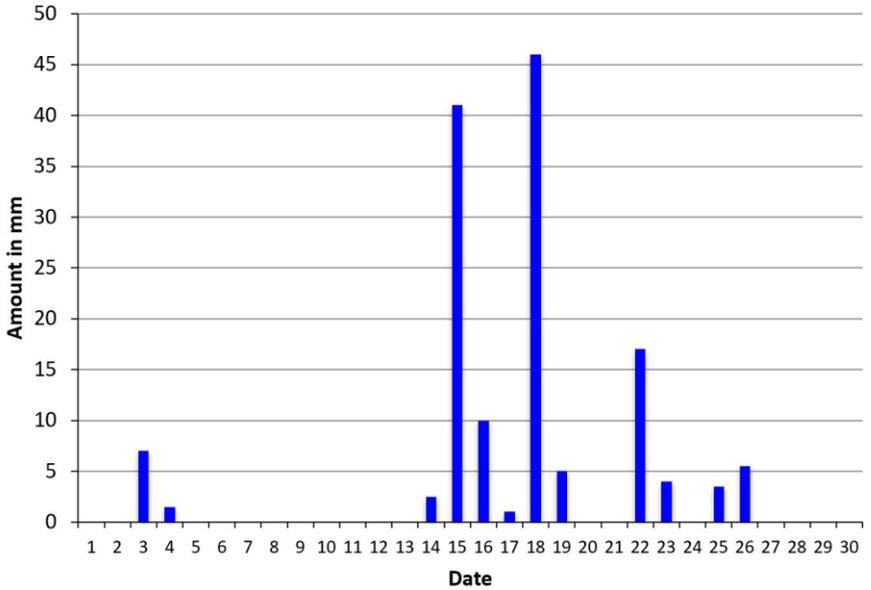
Over 18s only. [www.ticketsource.co.uk/ugfest](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ugfest)

**The North Huish Community Group** will hold a **Midsummer Quiz Night** on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7 p.m. in North Huish Church. The cost per person is £7.50 to include a pasty and cake supper. Bring your own drink (and glass). Book your team of up to 5 people by Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Contact: [dianehunt073@gmail.com](mailto:dianehunt073@gmail.com) or WhatsApp: 07725 915577. Proceeds are to be shared between the Churches Conservation Trust and South Brent Caring.- *Peter Stradling*

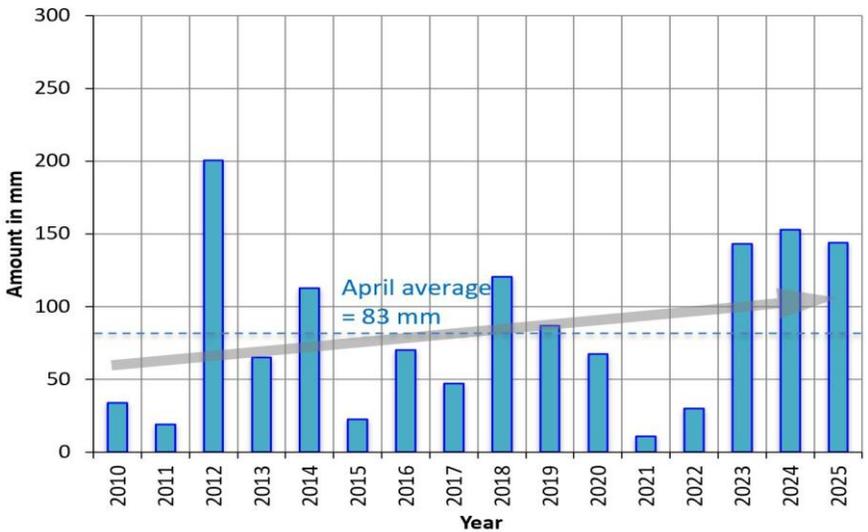
### **Rainfall at Shellwood Hill- *George Arnison***

The fine dry weather of March continued for the first couple of weeks of April, until a very wet few days brought us all back to earth, and the second half of the month was more typically unsettled. At Shellwood Hill I recorded 144mm (5  $\frac{3}{4}$  ") of rain, which was very similar to the last couple of years and well over the months 83mm average. Nevertheless, nationally this was the sunniest April on record.

### Rainfall in April 2025



### April rainfalls and Trend



## **Ugborough Parish Council**

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

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

### **Ugborough Parish Council News from our May Meetings.**

#### **Annual Parish Community Meeting.**

On 7<sup>th</sup> May we hosted the Ugborough Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. Five members of the public attended the meeting. Full notes and the reports submitted from local organisations are available on our website. A summary: Cllr Slater delivered the Council's Annual Report and Cllrs Dan Thomas and Alison DeWynter and Vic Abbott the County Council and District Council's annual reports. Ella Briens (Dartmoor National Park Ranger) reported on Dartmoor National Park activities for the year. Ella is keen to hear from anyone who would be interested in volunteering for DNP. Check out their website for details:

<https://www.dartmoor.gov.uk/about-us/volunteering>. She thanked everyone for their help and support through the recent fire in the Cut Hill area.

Reports were also delivered from The Village Hall committee and the Police Commissioner's Advocate.

Reverend D Sayle had sent apologies and appreciation of the work and support received from the Parish Council. He hopes to continue to develop our working relationship for the community of Ugborough.

A member of the public thanked us for our work over the year and raised the issue of reporting pot-holes and seeking compensation for damage caused by pot-holes.

#### **To report a pot-hole go to the Devon County Council online portal:**

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/report-a-pothole/>

**If you need to make a claim for damage to your vehicle**, go to this section of the DCC website:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/maintaining-roads/safety/highways-insurance-claims/how-to-make-a-claim/>

Two members of the public raised the numerous and significant concerns of the neighbouring residents to the proposed Aldi store in Filham. It is appreciated that our response of support for the application (with various conditions) reflects the majority support in the parish for the development, but they have requested that further issues be considered by the Council in future consultation opportunities. The consultation period is now closed but we have agreed to hold further discussions with the residents to feed future consultation opportunities.

## **The Annual Meeting of the Council – 7<sup>th</sup> May following the Annual Parish Meeting**

One member of the public attended this meeting

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

- The problem of the **overgrown vegetation on the approach to the Ivybridge Train Station** is getting worse and Cllr Abbott will speak to DCC officers to try and push forward the work we have requested them to do.
- We have received comments about the state of the **bus shelter in Ugborough Square** and in particular concern at the suitability and quality of some of the books left and the dumping of other non-book items. We agree that this is creating an eyesore in the village and so have agreed for it to revert to sole use as a bus shelter. If anyone would like to take anything currently in the shelter, please do so before Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. We will then clear the bookstore and other items abandoned there. We will also remove the dilapidated community noticeboard in the shelter and invite you all to use the glass fronted board alongside the shelter going forward. Our clerk will monitor this board for out-of-date material.

**The report from South Hams District Councillor Alison DeWynter is available on our [website](#). Summary:**

DCC election roundup

Plymouth and South Devon Community Forest Plan consultation

Water quality monitoring pilot for South Hams

Be tic aware

### **Councillor Roles and Responsibilities**

We elected Cllr Tim Slater as Chair and Cllr Jon May as Vice-Chair for the coming year. Each Councillor takes a lead on different matters and to see a full list please see the minutes to the meeting on our website or the details of Councillors on the parish noticeboards.

### **Planning**

There was only 1 application to consider this month - [1126/25/FUL](#) Erection of silage building Haye Farm Ludbrook which we supported and requested confirmation of the means of disposal of the effluent.

**We had received 5 planning decisions made by SHDC and DNP since our last meeting:**

- Turtley Corn Mill, South Brent. Tree work - **Conditional Approval**
- Cooper Farm Partnership. Windy Ridge, Ugborough. Erection of covered yard. - **Conditional Approval**
- Meade House, Moorhaven, Removal of log shed and replacement with local needs self-build dwelling, The Pottery, Moorhaven, - **Conditional approval**

- Land At Sx 653 560, Davids Lane, Filham Application for approval of details reserved by conditions of planning consent 1414/23/FUL - **Discharge of Conditions - Split**
- Earlscombe Barns. Bittaford Application for the variation of condition 2 (approved drawings) for planning consent 0228/20/FUL - **Conditional Approval**

## **Finance**

We had been asked to consider releasing the £2000 funding held in our reserves (pending progress with the AtYourConvenience” project) to put towards legal fees for advice prior to purchase of the buildings from SHDC. We were pleased to be updated at the meeting that there are now sufficient funds available to fund this legal advice and we will continue to hold the £2000 ring-fenced for the project pending further progress with the initiative.

We have received the very welcome news that Devon County Council will contribute £2250 in addition to their regular yearly grant to do work on re-surfacing Donkey Lane and at Ennaton Farm.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall**

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*Litter picking equipment is available to local volunteers. To borrow, please contact the Parish Clerk Tel 07814849131 [parishclerk@ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk)*

## **Ugborough Parish At Your Convenience**

We are nearly there with the Stage I of reopening the public toilets in Bittaford and Ugborough with the negotiations progressing with SHDC and have instructed Solicitors to help with the legalities.

We now need financial support with the finalising of Drawings and Surveys to move our plans forward and would welcome any donations either directly to:

Lloyds Bank:

Ugborough Parish at your Convenience

Account: 62617063

Sort Code: 30-99-550

or our Just Giving page at

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/atyourconvenience-cic>

We are also planning some fun events over the Summer and hope you will be able to support these

Bingo 14<sup>th</sup> June Bittaford Village Hall from 7:15 to 8:50 p.m.

Pizza Night as part of Fair week- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Pong Pong at the Fair Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Quiz Night 7<sup>th</sup> August at the Horse and Groom from 8 pm

And watch out for the toilet fairies at Ugfest!!

If there are any Builders, Surveyors, Architects around who can help with plans please get in touch

atyourconveniencecec@gmail.com

Bittaford Methodist Chapel *Chris Phillips* 07899934743

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

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June- Revd D Youngs;

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June- Mr Mike Cade;

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June- Mr Mike Cade;

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June- D Greet;

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June- Local arrangement.

## Services at St Peter's Church, Ugborough

Services start at 9.30 a.m. unless otherwise shown.

We have a variety of services, traditional and informal, so please check below to see what is available.

Date	Service
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	All Age Worship led by LWLs
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> June Pentecost	Holy Communion
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Morning Praise led by LWLs
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Holy Communion Messy Church at 4.30 p.m.
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Mission Community Service at Diptford at 11 a.m. <b>No service at Ugborough church</b>

Hand gel is available and please respect others' space.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June from 4.30- 6 p.m.  
Stories, craft activities, songs, food and fun  
at  
St Peter's Church, Ugborough,  
All Ages welcome.  
Children to be accompanied by an adult



The Three Rivers Mission Community covers the parishes of Diptford with North Huish, Ermington, Halwell, 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](http://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](mailto:parish_sayle@me.com).

### **Christian Aid Concert for Myanmar Relief**

Congratulations to Sean for the amazing fundraising effort. As always, thank you for your support for this annual fundraising event. Hope you all enjoyed the music, the food, the drinks and the company. And thanks to everyone who helped with this very successful evening. The total amount raised will be announced in the next Newsletter. Meanwhile we hope that Sean makes a speedy recovery from his illness and thank him for his hard work.

**The Friends of Ivybridge Library (FOIL)** will be holding another Jigsaw Competition on Thursday 26th June in the Library - start time will be 7pm. Teams of up to four will each attempt to complete an identical puzzle in the quickest time. Cost will be £5 per person to include coffee and cake. All proceeds go towards FOIL's work in supporting the Library,

The first Jigsaw Competition was enthusiastically received with the winning team completing the puzzle in just over forty minutes.

Tickets will be on sale in the Library in the near future.

### **Village services.**

The Post Office continues its service at Ugborough Church on Thursday mornings and coffee and cake will be available from 10 – 11.45 a.m. Do pop in for a chat. Look out for notices in the church porch and in The Bugle for news of the Post Office service.

### **Contributions**

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter and to Colourbridge in Ivybridge 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 [normaroe9@gmail.com](mailto:normaroe9@gmail.com)

The deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> of the month please. Thank you for keeping to this. Your Newsletter is available online at the Parish Council website- <https://ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk> and at the village website <https://ugborough.com>

*Our dear friend, and Bookworms' founder, the much-missed Beryl Wills is being interred on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Here is a reminder of her wit and talents from a past Newsletter (February 2009).*

**Ugborough Life** Lily Brews (Her incognito pen name)

I read in a local newspaper that village life is dying.  
Well that's not true of Ugborough, for years they have kept trying.

The well established garden club is into its thirtysixth year.  
Third Thursday every month for talk, slides and cheer.

Then there are the reading groups, one completing its tenth year.  
A new book every month, for discussion, laughter, and perhaps a tear.

The first Sunday in the month walkers gather in the Square.  
Dogs and children welcome, whether the weather is foul or fair.

The last Friday in the month it's Bridge in the village hall.  
Wine for prizes, gin for the booby, if you never get that "six spade" call.

The last Wednesday in the month the local history group meets,  
It started fairly small, now has fifty plus bums on seats.

I know I will have missed some, the football for a start,  
And several smaller groups for walking, scrabble, and art.

There are Whist drives, Bingo, Badminton, Quizzes, youth group, and after school club.  
If none of this is what you want, you can always go to the pub.

Village life is thriving here. We must not forget the Fair.  
Take a look at the newsletter, with dates for your diary there.

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