Ugborough Parish Newsletter
December 2026- January 2027







And a happy and healthy New Year!

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St Peter's Church – *Sue Johns*

We have been welcoming visiting Vicars for our Services during November – and this is likely to continue, when possible, for the foreseeable future.

Unfortunately, there are too few Priests to go around – so please watch the Bugle Announcements - particularly for our Services in January. There may well be times when we join another church in the Mission Community for a Joint Service.

Our Afternoon All Age Service with Tea went down a storm in November with fun activities and good old sausages and baked potatoes for all the Congregation afterwards. It's great too that the Ringers have been able to joyfully welcome everyone to this afternoon service!

Next month's All Age will be on December 6th at 4:30 when we will continue to look at Advent themes – and the Activities will include Advent Swag Making – which has been much appreciated by recipients in previous years.

Do hope you can come along!

Throughout Advent we are encouraging the whole community to bring along items suitable for Ivybridge Food Bank. A Suggestion List from the Food Bank of most needed items will be posted at the back of the Church – just leave your Gifts and I will deliver right up to Christmas.

Thank You!

Just to add to Sean's Report (see page 9) on the Singalong Evening; We raised a fantastic £455.

A huge thanks to Sean for master minding the Evening, and to Sylvia for her unfailing support!

The Community Choir are practising hard for our

Candlelit Carol Service on Saturday December 12th at 4:30 p.m.

A Service of Lessons, Carols and Prayers for everyone.

Joining the Community Choir will be UFolk, a Guitar or two

and Children from Ugborough School.

And to get us all in the Christmas Spirit there will be mince pies and mulled wine or fruit cup!

Not to be missed!

We are privileged to welcome Bishop James when he comes to officiate at our Sunday Service on **13TH December at 9:30 a.m.** I hope he won't mind me saying that he is a man of the people and preaches a great Sermon – come and see for yourself!

Christingle and Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 4:30 p.m.

This has become a tradition for so many just before the Christmas Festivities go into free fall! A time to reflect on the age-old story, remember the true meaning of Christmas and for the children to receive a Christingle.

Christmas Day at 9:30 a.m. All Age Holy Communion.
Led by Rev Marisa Cockfield.
Everyone (yes everyone!) Bring along a Santa Gift to show!

The New Year starts with the All-Age Service on Sunday January 3rd at 4:30.
We would like to thank all those who help organise all aspects of Services from the Ringers to the flower arrangers and all those in-between, those who keep an eye on the Fabric, run Fund Raisers and those who Donate funds – all of whom are integral in the continuation of a living, OPEN church in our Community.
Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

USS- Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays - *Juliet Collis*
Christmas is approaching and USS is looking forward to welcoming you to the Village Hall on the 5th and 19th December from 10 a.m. to noon.
On Saturday the 19th we would like to invite you to join us for a free drink and a homemade mince pie to get into the festive spirit.

Our craft producers will have their wonderful items which make unique gifts for Christmas, Secret Santa presents and stocking fillers. Our food producers will have their usual array of good foods and some festive fare, including home produced sweet and savoury foods, bread, pastries, cakes and preserves.

AGM – the USS AGM was held on 7th November, after the USS market. The committee reported that stall takings and café sales were at a similar level to the previous year and donations totalling £450 had been made to the Ugborough Newsletter, the Christmas lights, the Erme Valley RDA and the Big Breakfast in aid of Alzheimer's. The committee thanked all the USS supporters, especially the volunteers who set up the hall and kitchen in the morning and who help clear up at the end and those who run the café. The committee comprising Val Holman (Secretary), Juliet Collis (Treasurer), Graham Gilbert (Communications), Yvonne Angear (Local publicity) and Christine Mathews (Volunteer coordinator) all agreed to stand again and were unanimously re-elected.

USS would like to wish all its supporters a very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2027.
The January dates for USS are 9th and 23rd January.

If anyone is interested in joining the USS team or would like further information, then please email us at ugboroughss@gmail.com

Ceremonial Flying of the Flag



January 9th	*Birthday of Katherine, Princess of Wales*
January 20th	*Birthday of Sophie, Duchess of Edinburgh*

Erme Valley RDA- *Peggy Douglas 07882 286421*

Young Riders and Families Afternoon

Our recent social gathering for younger riders, parents, carers and siblings was a great success. It was lovely to see the children playing and making friends while families had the chance to relax, chat and get to know one another. These occasions are about much more than riding: they build friendships, support families and strengthen our Erme Valley community. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped.

Our Recent Fund Raisers have been amazing! Thank you to all who took part!

Our **Joint Horse & Bike Challenge** with South Devon West Pony Club, saw 29 mechanical horse riders and 35 static bike riders cover more than 250 miles – and a fantastic £750 for our Funds.

The **concert in Ivybridge with the City of Plymouth Band** raised a wonderful £500.

The **Ukulele Fund Raiser in Ugborough Village Hall** was a jolly, convivial afternoon with delicious cakes and great music from the Band. The brilliant £640 raised was a bonus!

With the changing face of Riding – emphasising far more than the 'pony rides' it might have been 50 years ago – to include vital therapy for all manner of physical conditions; an invaluable aid to Wellness and Mental Health; and to Education in its many forms for a huge range of individuals on so many levels – we find a Mechanical Horse as an addition to our warm-blooded friends totally invaluable.

Hence our decision to replace our elderly Jack, whose software is waning with a brand spanking new Ketchup – but at an astonishing cost of £92,000.

But we're not the sort of group to pass on such a tall challenge – and YES already we have raised a stunning £26,000. Donate or share: www.justgiving.com/campaign/ketchup

Thanks to the George Inn Plympton for adopting us as their Charity of the Year 2027 - and thanks to all who voted us in!

RDA Virtual Championships – Fantastic Results!

NOVEMBER 2026; Huge congratulations to everyone who entered this year's Virtual Championships. Thirteen of our riders have finished in the top three in their classes! We are proud of every rider and grateful to all the coaches, volunteers and families who helped

We are just back from our Annual Long Weekend visit to Finlake, when 11Participants enjoyed a great few days. Lots of learning opportunities. Team Building, Friendship AND we had FUN!

Tea with a Pony Tuesday 1st December

Do you know anyone locally who might benefit from this Dementia friendly event? Simply involves an hour visiting The Brook, a slap-up Tea and plenty of horses and dogs. We can arrange transport – Carers welcomed!

Christmas Fair – Saturday 5th December 11 a.m.–3 p.m. at The Brook

Our next big fundraiser is the Erme Valley Christmas Fair, and we need everyone to get behind it! It is a wonderful opportunity to welcome visitors to The Brook and raise vital funds.

Could you run a stall, help set up, donate prizes, invite friends and family, or share the event? Most importantly, please come along and support it.

Please speak to me if you can help in any way. Let's make it a fantastic Christmas event!

Huge congratulations to Sue Johns and Jane Lankester who received the RDA President's Award at the RDA Annual Gathering and Conference in Coventry. A fantastic achievement and so well deserved.

Historical Nugget– *Gareth 'Taff' Jones*

Historical Nugget: 2nd December 1954 – On this day Senator Joseph McCarthy, the Republican representative for the state of Wisconsin, was condemned by the US Senate for conduct unbecoming to a Senator (pity they don't do this in Parliament). All the Democrats and about half the Republicans voted against McCarthy (67 votes to 22), McCarthy continued his witch hunt against communists (perceived and real) in the US federal government, the US military, the universities and even the film industry. At the start of the Cold War, McCarthy alleged that there were numerous communists, communist sympathisers and Soviet spies. Amongst the more famous victims of his demagogic crusade was the leader of scientific team that produced the atomic bomb, Robert J Oppenheimer, Albert Einstein (initially barred from entering the US) and the film stars Orson Welles, Lucille Ball and Charlie Chaplin.

McCarthy was born on 14th November 1908 and received his law degree in 1935 from Marquette University in Milwaukee. Although his work in the judiciary made him exempt from military service he enlisted in the US Marine Corps and worked as an intelligence briefing officer for a dive bomber squadron in the Pacific theatre. McCarthy volunteered to fly 12 combat missions as a gunner-observer although it is reported that these missions were generally safe. After one mission in which he was allowed to use as much ammunition as he wanted (mainly at coconut trees) he earned the nickname "tail-gunner Joe"! He remained the USMC Reserves after the war attaining the rank of Lt. Colonel. He later claimed to have participated in 32 missions which qualified him for the US Distinguished Flying Cross (approved in 1952 under his political influence). McCarthy also claimed a letter of commendation from Admiral Nimitz (Naval leader of the Pacific War), the letter was later revealed to have been written by McCarthy himself. His war wound (a broken leg) was not the result of action but due to raucous behaviour during a "Crossing the Line (Equator) ceremony" aboard ship.

In 1944 Waffen SS soldiers massacred 84 US POWs (this included watching a US medic tend a wounded man before shooting them both) known as the Malmedy massacre, McCarthy lobbied for the death sentences on the Waffen SS soldiers to be commuted to life alleging their confessions were obtained through torture. No evidence was produced to back these claims and McCarthy was widely criticised. Although President Eisenhower

agreed with McCarthy's goals, he did not agree with his chosen methods and actively worked to diminish his power and influence during his time in office. A serial liar and an isolated figure in the senate he died in 1957, the cause of death now widely accepted as alcoholism (cirrhosis of the liver). He was given a state funeral, attended by 70 senators; his replacement as senator, William Proxmire (Dem), stated McCarthy was; 'a disgrace to Wisconsin, to the senate and to America'.

Historical Nugget: 28th January 1986 – The space shuttle, *Challenger*, was flying at 2000 mph and 73 seconds into its flight when it exploded killing all seven of its crew. *Challenger* was named after HMS *Challenger* a Royal Navy vessel that undertook a global marine research expedition between 1872 and 1876 (she was the ship that discovered the deepest part of the ocean during this voyage the Challenger Deep in the Marianas Trench).

Challenger was initially built as a test vehicle that could later be converted to a flight vehicle, completed in February 1978 she was stationed at Palmdale test site for 11 months and subjected to vibration tests designed to simulate an entire shuttle flight from launch to landing. Conversion to operational status began in January 1979 and completed in July 1982. Challenger completed 9 missions totalling 60 days in space. Among the notable firsts achieved by *Challenger* were; the first shuttle spacewalk (STS-6th April 1983), Sally Ride the first US woman in space (STS-7th June 1983) and the first untethered spacewalk using a Manned Manoeuvring Unit (STS-41-B February 1984).

The disaster was caused by the failure of an "O" seal ring, due to the severe cold weather in Florida, in one of the booster rockets. The joint failed and the ensuing flame melted the strut securing the booster to the external fuel tank. Future boosters were modified to have 2 sealing rings on each joint. The *Challenger* shuttle was famous for including Christa McAuliffe, a civilian school teacher who was assigned to carry out live lessons during the mission. On addressing the nation after the disaster President Ronald Reagan noted that; 'they [had] prepared for their journey and waved goodbye and "slipped the surly bonds of earth to touch the face of God"'.

Ladies' Lunch *Pat Stephens*

The date for the next lunch is Wednesday 16th December at The Ship, Ugborough for 12 noon.

Contact Pat Stephens 07704 113837 to book.

The North Huish Community Group invite you to attend Carols by Candlelight at North Huish Church on Sunday 6th December at 4 p.m. There will be carols for all to sing, Christmas readings, music from the Ugborough Festival Orchestra, the North Huish Handbell Ringers and the North Huish Choir.

Seasonal Refreshments will be served afterwards, and a retiring collection will be taken to be shared between the Churches Conservation Trust and the Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled.

All are welcome to join in this atmospheric event to start the Festive season.

Beryl's Bookworms – *Anne-Marie Bulgen*



Our November book was **James** by Percival Everett
Percival Everett is an American novelist, poet, short story writer and Professor of English at the University of Southern California.
He has written over 30 books across different genres having been shortlisted twice for the Booker prize for his book **The Trees** in 2022 and **James** in 2024.

James is a reimagining of Mark Twain's **Adventures of Huckleberry Finn,** told from the perspective of the enslaved man, Jim. It is not necessary to read Twain's novel to understand what is happening or feel the emotion of Jim's story. James stands on its own.

The story is set in 1861 Missouri ,when Jim overhears that he is about to be sold to a new owner in New Orleans which would mean permanent separation from his wife and daughter. On hearing this he flees to nearby Jackson Island to formulate a plan. Here he runs into Huckleberry Finn who has faked his own death to escape the abuse of his violent father who has recently returned to town.

The two of them travel down the Mississippi River facing dangerous encounters with slave hunters, natural disasters and a pair of con men known as the Duke and the King.
Along the way, Jim is separated from Huckleberry and is forced to perform in a blackface minstrel troupe before escaping with a fellow enslaved man called Norman. James is not a passive character but is observant, sharp-witted and even philosophical. He takes control of his destiny with his aim to reunite with his family in a free state.

This book was not liked by all Bookworms , (however, all but one did read it).

Some thought that even though it describes some of the horrors of slavery it is well written, easy to read, fast paced and some felt empathy towards Jim. Others felt that it read too much like a teen read.
As a consequence overall an average of 3.5 out of 5 was given by the Bookworms.

Next month's book is **The Glass Maker**- Tracy Chevalier

The Anchor Inn are hosting a Christmas Market
Saturday 12th December 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
A selection of stalls, mulled wine and mince pies, bar.
Festive activities for everyone.
If you would like to be a Christmas trader, then please get in touch with Claire
anchorinn@mail.uk

Ugborough Wassail Sunday 17th January 2027

Come and join us for our annual Wassail which will again take place in the Brackenhill orchard, courtesy of Alex & Simon Pickstone. The orchard is in the field between the glamping site and Brackenhill, just up the lane from the school going towards Hill Head. Follow the signs!

The festivities start at 5 p.m. From 5.30 onwards food and drink will be available. Soup and focaccia will be provided, as will cider and mulled apple juice. Ugborians are also invited to bring apple cake to share, as well as something to make a noise with (such as an old saucepan and wooden spoon). In order to reduce waste, please bring your own mug for your soup, as well as something to eat apple cake from. Bring a lantern or torch, wrap up warm, and wear wellies or hiking boots.

The music will start at 6 p.m., followed by the procession to the trees. We are most grateful to John Rawlinson of South Brent who, once again, will be the Master of Ceremonies. John has extensive knowledge of wassailing (as well as being a very good musician) and is involved in the Stoke Gabriel wassail, easily the biggest and best-known event in the area. Also, the South Devon Wassail Singers will be entertaining us, as will our very own village band, UFOlk. Song sheets will be provided so everyone can join in. Families are most welcome. There will be some cover, and a loo will also be available.

If you'd like to bake a cake for the evening, recipes can be found online. Look for Somerset Cider Apple cake, Hereford Wassail Cake, Devon Apple cake, etc.

This is a great excuse to dress up in traditional Wassail clothes: hats decorated with ivy and flowers, Green Man and Green Lady masks, multi-coloured jackets or cloaks (think Morris Dancers!).

There will be an opportunity for children to make Wassail crowns on the day. You can bring your favourite foliage with you, preferably something like ivy that can be woven, and flowers as decoration.

Donations towards the cost of this event would be greatly appreciated.

"Wassail" is derived from the Anglo-Saxon words Waes Hael, meaning "Be of good health", which were used as a drinking toast or simply to wish people well. Wassailing as we know it was, in Devon at least, generally celebrated on the eve of the old Twelfth Night, which in today's calendar is the 16th of January.

To get you in the mood, UFOlk will be playing a few Wassail tunes at Ugborough Sustainable Saturday in the village hall on Saturday 9th January.

Waes Hael!

Is the village hall still standing?- *Sean Marcus*

Saturday evening on the 14th November saw what was expected to be a sober ending to the Remembrance Week at Ugborough.

Nick Uttley, from Bristol, was due to sing the requisite songs at the Village Hall, with a mix of Sea Shanties and 1940s songs. But it was far from a sober occasion.

Nick didn't just sing the songs - he also launched a full-scale invasion of the Village Hall floor!

By the end of the evening, the audience didn't know if they had come to a concert, a military parade, or a pirate mutiny.

If his enthusiasm could be bottled, he would be classified as a renewable energy source. He danced, marched, gestured, and kept us all smiling as we sang with him.

The only thing standing still was the chair he should have sat on.

Thanks to everyone who helped put this occasion on - and to those who attended.

It was great fun and a hugely entertaining spectacle, from a man with a superb range of singing voice, and the physical ability to add to the enjoyment as he dashed around the Hall.

More seriously, the Remembrance aspect was symbolised by Ann Povey reading a poem to the audience, the emotive and thought-provoking 'For the Fallen'. No one could have expressed the depths of sorrow in that reading more appropriately than Anne did on the evening, I felt.

So, until the next concert, keep smiling - even if you haven't 'packed up your troubles in your old kitbag!' Sean

Ugborough Chair Exercise Class *-Peter and Ann Povey*

During December, the Exercise Class will meet on Fridays 4th, 11th and 18th at 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall.

In January 2027 we will commence our fourth year on Friday, 8th January so Fridays in January will be 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th .

The Class offers appropriate exercise for people for whom other classes are too strenuous. Our physiotherapists Michelle and Sine (a Hebridean Gaelic forename pronounced “Sheena”) concentrate on getting our joints and muscles stronger and more supple for daily living tasks such as walking, standing and sitting, reaching up and down, balancing for safety, and all the other functions of safe movement.

The Class welcomes adults of all ages, and we charge £6 per Class attended. We welcome participants with carers, and carers are free.

If you are thinking you need to do some more exercise, why not pop along to the Village Hall on a Friday afternoon and try us out. We are a friendly group, and we don’t just exercise, we have fun!

Enquiries to Tel: 01752 691654 or Email: povey.ann@googlemail.com , or povey.peter@googlemail.com.


Ugborough Dramatic Society Presents...
Boeing, Boeing
Ugborough Village Hall
4th, 5th, 6th February 2027

UGBOROUGH DRAMATIC SOCIETY - SAVE THE DATES!

Our 2027 production will be *Boeing Boeing* - a hilarious farce with an aeronautical theme set in the 1960's involving, amongst others, a self-styled lothario and his cabin crew "friends"...

So, *come fly with us* as we perform in the village hall on Thursday 4th February, Friday 5th February and Saturday 6th February - so please put those dates in your diary. Tickets will go on sale shortly - online, at USS and at church post office - look out for announcements in the Bugle, on Ugborough Parish Matters and on posters around the village. Why not buy some tickets for family and friends as a Christmas present?!

We look forward to seeing you in early February. Not only will it be fun, we will of course continue to donate proceeds to local causes as usual.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Roger Fillingham, Chair

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

Ugborough Parish Council News from our November Meeting

No members of the public attended the meeting

Questions from the Public and Matters Arising

1. Residents of Moorland Close have told us that parking on Wrangaton Road near the junction to the Close is restricting visibility for drivers exiting the Close. Clerk will ask Devon County Council Highways to review the situation.
2. We have been told that the hedge on the Ugborough Road alongside the Bittaford Wood Park is obstructing the highway. Clerk will ask Devon County Council Highways to review the situation.
3. Our contractors have told us that the new product being used on weeds in Ugborough Square is not performing well. We have agreed to continue the treatment in the spring before assessing success or otherwise of the product

Update from Devon County Council Councillors

Cllr Dan Thomas had sent apologies and a short update:

- He has requested the white lining works above Ugborough School and asked for them to be prioritised.
- He is having low level discussions with our Highways Officer about a speed reduction in Ludbrook
- He has asked the Assistant Director for Highways (Planning) to look into whether schemes were proposed, or s106 monies collected / earmarked for the road to the south of Kittaford Cross.

Cllr Abbott

- Raised concerns regarding the use of Godwell Lane as a cut-through (a particular problem when there are highways works on St Peters Way) – the matter was discussed and it was agreed that any action to close the road to vehicles would be difficult.

Update from SHDC Councillors Alison DeWynter and Vic Abbott
The full report is available on our website. Summary:
Youth Services Ivybridge Leisure Centre
Animal Licensing Consultation
Addington Fund
Fly-tipping CCTV cameras
Shared ownership property available – Wrangaton
CAB Newsletter
Free Adult Education Opportunities
Crisis and Resilience Fund
Volunteer Drivers needed
Cllr DeWynter gave an update on the noise nuisance situation in Ugborough and the progress with the sale of land for self-build properties in Ugborough Village.

Planning

We considered 2 new planning applications and had received 7 decisions from South Hams District Council and Dartmoor National Park – further details are available in the minutes to the meeting.

Finance

We reviewed the first draft of our budget for 2027-2028, and this will be agreed at our December meeting along with the precept demand for next year. If you have any ideas for things you would like us to do or provide, please let the clerk know as soon as possible so that it can feed into the process.

Climate and Environmental Issues

Modbury Parish Council has approached us for support in raising awareness of recent research that has highlighted the issue of dog faeces in water. This has been identified in the River Erme. A very small amount is a potent pollutant in a watercourse and poses health risks to wildlife and humans. We have agreed to support Modbury Parish Council.

Highways, Parish Paths and Transport

1) We have reported the concerns that have been brought to us regarding the boundary fence on the Ugborough Road at Bittaford opposite Bittaford Woods.

2) It has been brought to our attention that there have been difficulties recently with the 91 bus service in Ugborough - late arrival and / or no shows. Country Bus have reported restricted access to the village on Ware Hill due to parked cars and we would encourage everyone to consider this when parking vehicles as this could also be a potential

problem for emergency vehicles. Meantime we will contact the company to see if there is anything we can do together to improve the situation.

Assets and Maintenance

We are very pleased with the new equipment in Bittaford Play Area and work is now underway to complete the flood prevention work, repair the fence and create rewilding areas. If you haven't been to the Play Area recently do go along and take a look – a lovely, sheltered spot for a winter picnic!

Meetings attended by Councillors

1. Cllr Hosking had attended a meeting regarding the status of public conveniences in the country. 84% of public conveniences have been handed back to the local community and are being retained by the precept. Average annual upkeep cost is £24,000. There are4

2. currently no government funding or community grants available to support the upkeep. We will be receiving an update from Ugborough and Bittaford "AtYourConvenience" at the December meeting.

2. Cllr Beable had attended the Moor To Life open day event at Wrangaton Golf Club providing alternative educational and leisure opportunities for neurodiverse young people.

3. Cllr Beable had attended the Police Crime Commissioners meeting. He shared the Community Messaging Service which we have now signed up to as a Council. If you would like to receive alerts go to the website https://alerts-members.dc.police.uk/Join

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9th December, 7.30 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall

There is no meeting in January.

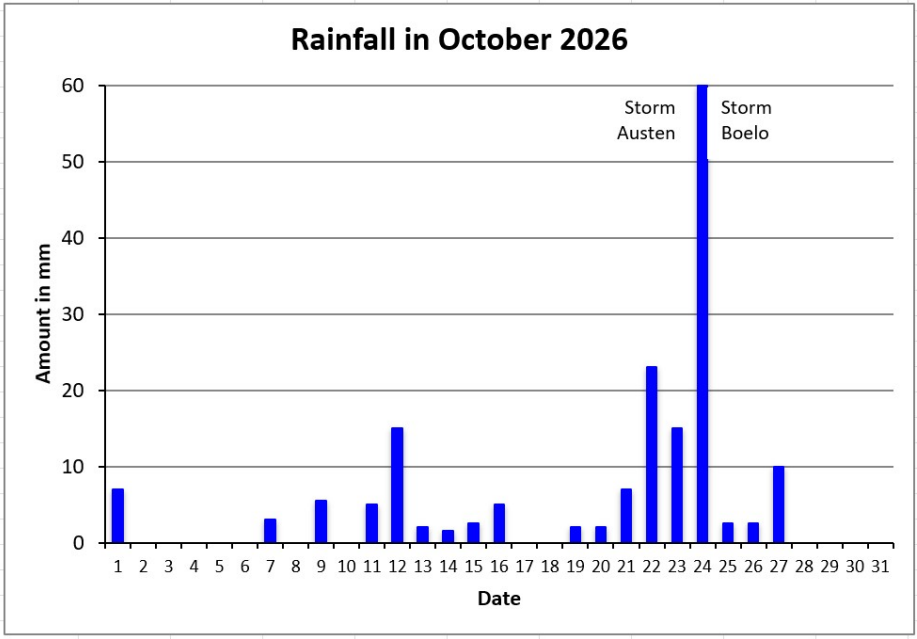
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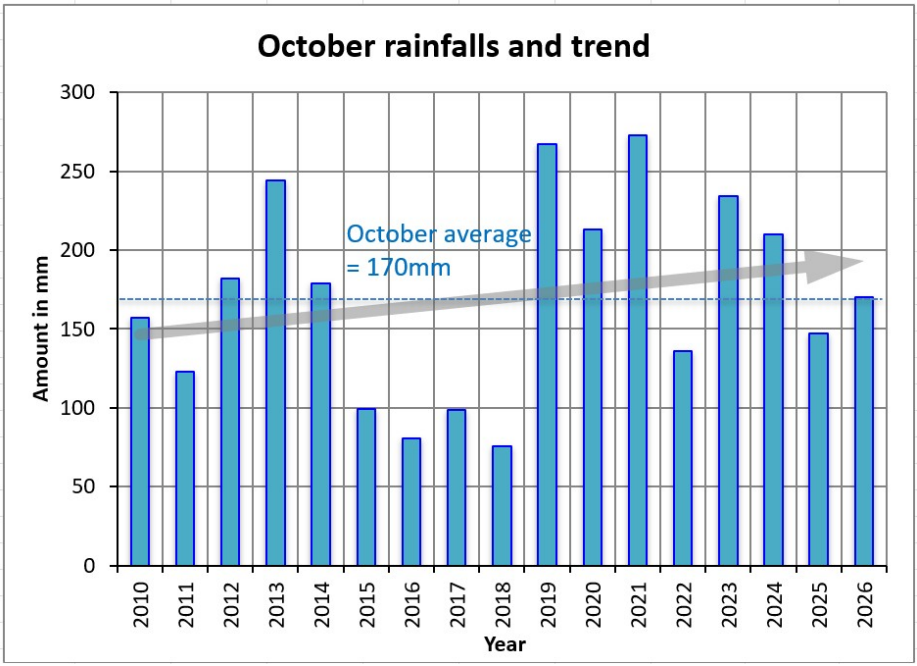
The 2027 Annual Parish Community Meeting will be on Wednesday March 10th at 7pm in Ugborough Village Hall.

Privacy policy – visit ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk Litter picking equipment is available to local volunteers. To borrow, please contact The Parish Clerk Tel 07814849131 parishclerk@ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

Rainfall at Shellwood Hill *George Arnison*

October felt typically autumnal with unsettled weather across most of the month, and in fact the 170.5mm (6 3/4") of rain I recorded at Shellwood Hill was pretty much exactly the October average for the last seventeen years. We had our first two named storms of the year - Storm Austen on the 20th which brought us very strong winds, and Storm Boelo a few days later which brought very heavy rain. The 60mm I recorded on the 24th was easily the wettest day of this year so far, and must be one of the wettest days in my record. Apparently, it was the sixth wettest day in the UK national record.


Rainfall in October 2026
Amount in mm
Date
Storm Austen
Storm Boelo
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20
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40
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60
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October rainfalls and trend
Amount in mm
Year
October average
= 170mm
0
50
100
150
200
250
300
2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026

Bittaford Methodist Chapel *Chris Phillips* 07899934743
All services start at 11 a.m. unless otherwise stated.
Sunday December 6th - Revd D Youngs. Communion.
Sunday December 13th- Mike Cade
Sunday December 20th - Mike Cade
Sunday December 27th - **No service at Bittaford but Ivybridge Connect Church at 10.30am**
CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SERVICE at 6pm. ALL WELCOME

January- Services at 11 a.m.

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 December 6th at 4.30 p.m.	All Age worship with craft activities for children followed by tea for all. (Please note that all children are to be accompanied by a responsible adult.)
Saturday December 12th at 4.30 p.m.	Candlelit carol service
Sunday December 13th	**Holy Communion with Bishop James**
Sunday 20th December	Holy Communion
Thursday 24th December at 4.30 p.m.	**Christmas Eve Christingle and Crib service**
Friday 25th December at 9.30 a.m.	**Christmas Communion**
Sunday 27th December at 11 a.m.	Joint Mission Community Holy Communion at Diptford church
Sunday January 3rd at 4.30 p.m.	All Age worship with craft activities for children followed by tea for all. (Please note that all children are to be accompanied by a responsible adult.)
Sunday January 10th	Please look out for information about these services on the church notice board or in The Bugle.
Sunday January 17th	
Sunday January 24th	
Sunday January 31st	

Hand gel is available and please respect others' space.
The Three Rivers Mission Community covers the parishes of Diptford with North Huish, Ermington, Halwell, Harbertonford, Moreleigh, 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
Sue Johns (Church Warden)- email- *suejohnsdunwellfarm@gmail.com*
Tel. 07889737967

Village services.

The Thursday Coffee Morning in St Peter's Church and Post Office. 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.

Contributions
Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter and to Colourbridge in Ivybridge for printing them so efficiently.

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