

Dear Friends,

Q. How do we know that "Christmas is just around the corner"?

A. Because "...the John Lewis tear-jerker advert has been released." (*Daily Mirror online* - 6th November 2014)

Last year around 13M people watched this "Christmas institution" (*BBC online News Magazine*) on YouTube. Now in its 8th year, the 2014 ad. took 9 months to make, at a total cost of £7M. And there are now no fewer than 41 Monty and Mabel themed items for sale.

The firm's Marketing Director is quoted as saying, "We hope this uplifting tale of Sam's love for his friend Monty will remind people of the magic of Christmas... and inspire them to think how they can make the festive season extra special for their friends and loved ones."

Enabling love to blossom (albeit between two soft-toy penguins) is Sam's Christmas quest... And by now you probably already know where my thoughts are headed!

But just to cross the t's and dot the i's - or rather, in my case, to provide chapter and verse... There was another Christmas story that took 9 months to make, that also advertised love sought and found...

The crucial difference here, is that it isn't just for 'friends and loved ones' but for all, for 'the last, the least and the lost' which is all of us, without an experience of God's Christmas love.

The chapter: 3, the verse: 16, of John's Gospel - "For God loved the world so much, that he gave..."

*With love and prayers this Christmas, from Pippa and me,
Stephen.*

LUTON ALTAR FLOWERS AND BRASS CLEANING

December - K. Vooght

January - J. Thomas

IDEFORD CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Please contact Liz on 854934 if you can help decorate St. Mary's for Christmas.

IDEFORD CHURCH KEY ROTA

Dec. Angela (The Firs)

Jan. David & Janet (Corner Cottage)

Feb. Tony & Julie (Church End)

SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

Sunday Nov. 30th	1st Sunday of Advent	
10.00am	Family Advent Worship	Ideford
6.30pm	Evensong	Luton
Sunday Dec. 7th	2nd Sunday of Advent	
11.15am	Parish Communion	Ideford
Sunday Dec. 14th	3rd Sunday of Advent	
10.00am	Advent Village Worship	Ideford
11.15am	Family Service	Ashcombe
Tuesday Dec. 16th		
6.30pm for 7.00pm	Carol Service	Ideford
<i>(mulled wine and mince pies at 6.30pm)</i>		
Thursday Dec. 18th		
6.30pm for 7.00pm	Carol Service	Ashcombe
<i>(mulled wine and mince pies at 6.30pm)</i>		
Sunday Dec. 21st	4th Sunday of Advent	
10.00am	Christmas Crib & Christingle	Ideford
3.00pm	Carol Service	Luton
<i>(followed by refreshments)</i>		
Christmas Eve		
11.30pm	Midnight Communion	Ideford
Christmas Day		
10.00am	Informal Christmas Service	Ideford
11.15am	Holy Communion	Ashcombe
Sunday Dec. 28th	1st Sunday of Christmas	
6.30pm	Evensong	Ideford

IDEFORD READINGS FOR DECEMBER

	Reading	Readers	Sidesmen
Dec. 7 th	2 Peter 3.8-15a Mark 1.1-8	Alan Wooderson Vanessa Morby	Alan Wooderson Vanessa Morby
Dec. 14 th	John 1.6-8, 19-28	to be arranged	Sara & helpers
Dec. 28 th	Isaiah 61.10-62.3 Luke 2.15-21	Barry Mohan Jill Turner	Barry Mohan Jill Turner

SOME OF OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN MORE DETAIL:

FAMILY ADVENT WORSHIP- *Sunday November 30th*

'Watching and Waiting - journeying together towards Christmas' with Revd Helen Bays.
Words, music and reflection for Advent Sunday.

CHRISTMAS CRIB & CHRISTINGLE - *Sunday December 21st.*

See page 4 for details

LUTON CAROL SERVICE

Luton Carol Service will be held on ***Sunday, 21st December at 3.00pm.***

This will be followed by a Festive drink (mulled wine or tea if you are driving) with mince pies etc. in the schoolroom. **All are welcome!**

Kath Vooght

CHRISTMAS MORNING IN IDEFORD - *10.00am*

A short, informal Christmas Service for all ages. Come along and take a few minutes to remember why we are celebrating Christmas.

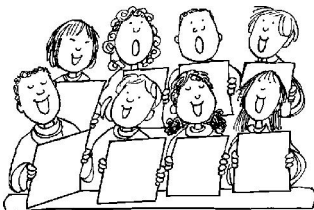
GIFT TO ST MARY'S IDEFORD

Earlier this year an appeal was made for donations towards having an Elizabethan rose professionally embroidered on the Easter pulpit fall, similar to that on the altar frontal, based on a design by the late Barbara de Foubert. This work has now been completed and the frontal will be in place when the church is decorated on Christmas Eve. Thanks for donations are due to the sons of the Revd Charles King (Rector 1936 to 1946), Lee Martin, Rob Ashby (formerly of George House) and Ann Rigby-Jones.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

A seasonal quiz has been compiled and I will have copies with me at the Christmas Supper in Ideford Village Hall on Saturday 6th December; answers to be given the following Saturday at the Christmas Coffee and Crafts. If you would like a copy before then please ask me.

Ann R-J



IDEFORD CAROL SERVICE PRACTICES

If you would like to help to lead the singing at the Ideford Carol Service on Tuesday 16th December, please come along for practices in St Mary's at 6 pm on Mondays December 1st, 8th and 15th.

Please join us for the family ...

Christmas Crib and Christingle Service

at St Mary's Church, Ideford
Sunday 21 December
10.00am



Children welcome to dress up as
'Angels and Shepherds'



Come, listen and celebrate the wonder
of Christmas before the big day,
with Revd Helen Bays



Christmassy refreshments to follow!



HOT NEWS FROM IDEFORD PARISH CHURCH!

With the aid of grant funding from the Landfill Communities Fund, a 10% Third Party Contribution from Ideford Millennium Green Trust, and part of the generous legacy from the late Jean Thompson, a new Grant Vortex condensing boiler has now been installed in Ideford Church. It is a 36/46 kw Utility boiler that promises to provide greater warmth in the church, efficient use of oil and quieter to run. The PCC is so pleased to be able to provide a warmer and more comfortable church building for villagers, neighbours and friends where they may enjoy quiet moments, or in a congregation, to worship, pray, remember and reflect, or celebrate family events and engage in community activities. Please do come along and feel the warmth!

SERVICES FOR JANUARY

Sunday Jan. 4th 11.15am	Epiphany Parish Communion	Ideford
Sunday Jan. 11th 10.00am 11.15am 6.30pm	1st Sunday of Epiphany Village Worship Family Service Evensong	Ideford Ashcombe Luton
Sunday Jan. 18th 10.00am	2nd Sunday of Epiphany Parish Communion	Ideford
Sunday Jan. 25th 11.15am 6.30pm	3rd Sunday of Epiphany Parish Communion Evensong	Ashcombe Ideford

IDEFORD READINGS FOR JANUARY

	Reading	Readers	Sidesmen
Jan.4 th	Ephesians 3.1-12 Matthew 2.1-12	Alan Wooderson Vanessa Morby	Alan Wooderson Vanessa Morby
Jan. 11 th	Mark 1.4-11	to be arranged	Sara & helpers
Jan. 18 th	Revelations 5.1-10 John 1.29-42	Alan Wooderson Nicki Horseman	Alan Wooderson Nicki Horseman
Jan.25 th	Jeremiah 1.4-10 Matthew 4.12-23	Barry Mohan Jill Turner	Barry Mohan Jill Turner

Thanks to Terry Dore for this 'follow up' to the article in last month's Parish News re. Revd Charles King.

I knew the Revd King very well. I was born at Fore Street, Ideford in 1936, and moved to Church Road when I was 2 years old. I was the first baby to be christened by the Revd King. I joined the choir with his 2 boys, Roderick and Patrick. Revd King said that he would not have girls or women in the choir because they would frighten us boys off!

I remember, one day he said he would take me and his boys on a trip to Dartmoor, and we ended up at Widecombe. He drove his Austin Ruby car - we had a good day, but on the way home, his car broke down - luckily he managed to fix it.

The King boys were born at Ideford Rectory. I am pleased to have known him.

Terry Dore

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Regular Events

TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

December 2 Kathleen Mortimore, Oaks Reach, Ideford
December 9 Ann Rigby-Jones, 1 Town Farm Court, Ideford
December 16 David and Angela Fox, Well Barn, Olchard
December 23 Ann Rigby-Jones, 1 Town Farm Court, Ideford
December 30 Kathleen Mortimore, Oaks Reach, Ideford

No rota for January but anyone free is welcome to 1 Town Farm Court on Tuesday mornings.

IDEFORD SHORT MAT BOWLING

Tuesdays and Sundays 7.30pm in Ideford Village hall. New members welcome.

ART GROUP

Thursdays from 6.30 - 8.00pm, Ideford Village Hall.

Adults - £5.00 per session, 16 and under - £3.50 per session.

More information from Angie on 01626 854898.

***ART GROUP WILL 'BREAK UP' FOR CHRISTMAS ON DECEMBER 11TH, AND RESTART ON JANUARY 8TH 2015**.*

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday December 3rd at 6.30pm in Ideford Village Hall.

All Parishioners are invited and welcome to attend. There will not be a Parish Council meeting in January.

BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings are held at 7.30pm

December 1st Parish Council Meeting

December 15th & January 19th Planning Meeting

BELL RINGING PRACTICE

Practices normally in Ideford Church on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm until 9.00pm, Please contact Ann Rigby-Jones (852344) or Martin Sampson (853391) for more information.

IDEFORD SOCIAL GROUP

Tuesday December 9th 2.15pm - Christmas Social

Members' subscription - £16 per year, £2 per meeting as a visitor.

Information: Enid Vooght 775291, Alicia Normand 773908 or Kath Mortimore 853394.

POLICE SURGERY

With Colin Rider, Police Community Support Officer for Ideford

December - no surgery Saturday Jan. 24th Saturday Feb. 21st

Ideford Village Hall, 9.30am -10.30am.

PCSO Colin Rider Email: colin.rider@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

Radio phone: 0845 6566935

General Police enquiries: 101

EMERGENCY: 999

Crimestoppers: 0800 555111 (anonymous)

Other Events

CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND GIFT FAYRE - December 1st,

Ashcombe Village Hall - see page 8 for details.

ST JAMES CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On **Wednesday 10th December**, St. James the Less, Teignmouth will once again welcome Teign Choral Society and Teignmouth Hospital League of Friends for their popular Christmas Concert. will be in the customary format, with readings and well loved Christmas carols for everyone to sing .

Recent years have seen the choir introduce more exotic Christmas music, first from Latin America and then Bohemia (now known as the Czech Republic). This year we will return to more traditional content with Christmas music from Handel's Messiah, including the Hallelujah Chorus.

Last year's concert was very well received and David Bowles will again conduct. The talented and popular Aubrey Maybin will accompany, and the League of Friends will benefit from the collection and raffle.

Tickets are £5, available from choir members, Tourist Information and at the door.

THE LUTON 'BAKE OFF' - December 11th in the School Room.

Full details on page 8.

ST. MARY'S CRAFT AND COFFEE MORNING - December 13th in

Ideford Village Hall. See page 9 for details.

RNLI CAROL SERVICE

The annual RNLI carol service in St Michael's Teignmouth is at 4 pm on **Sunday 14th December**.

CHRISTMAS TOUR of OLD FORDE HOUSE, NEWTON ABBOT

Sunday 14th December, 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Mince pies and spiced apple juice available, along with hot chocolate/tea/coffee. Carols round the Christmas tree. Entrance £4.00, no booking required.

HALDON TEAM MINISTRY

A joint meeting of all the PCCs of the Haldon Team Ministry will take place on **Wednesday 17th December** at St James' Church Teignmouth at 7.30 pm.

CAN YOU HELP?

Do you know how to prune a fruit tree properly? If so, please contact Sue on 770627. Hands on training needed. Time reimbursed in kind!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT & GIFT FAYRE



ASHCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER

6PM - 9PM

Free mince pies

Enjoy a glass of Mulled Wine

Many stalls featuring locally produced art and crafts

All proceeds going to local charities



THE LUTON 'BAKE OFF'

Thursday 11th of December in the School Room.

19.30pm.

You are invited to submit 6 freshly made mince pies to be judged by our own 'Mary Berry' and 'Paul Hollingwood'.

Bring your mince pies to the school room at 19.30 on Thursday night, along with any drinks of your choice. (Glasses and nibbles will be provided). The judges will arrive at 20.00hrs and judging will commence at 20.15hours.

There is a submission fee of £5 for each plate of pies presented to the judges.

We look forward to you being able to join us. All welcomed.

Please expect some ribald comments regarding 'soggy bottoms' and the like!

Luton Bake Off.





**St Mary's Christmas
Craft and Coffee Morning
Saturday 13 December
in Ideford Village Hall**

10am - 2pm

**£2.00 entrance which includes a
mince pie and tea/coffee.**

**Raffle plus Foodie, Craft and
Christmassy stalls -
or just come for a chat!**

IDEFORD SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

Teignbridge League - Results

Ideford 32 Bishopsteignton 51

Ideford 54 Buckfast 41

Fixtures for December/January

6th December Buckfast Away

9th December Exminster Home

15th January Kingsteignton Away

27th January Christow Home



Ideford Parish Council and Ideford Parochial Church Council join in wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

CAN YOU HELP WITH MY PROJECT?

Please take this survey to give me some information that will help with a project to make our play park better.

Link to Survey: <http://svy.mk/1GZYcN3>

Thank you - Rupert Hill



CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS and CAKES FOR SALE

Orders taken now for Christmas puddings made from Great Gran's 100 year-old recipe, 1 lb and 2 lb. Made by Lyn Burgess (daughter of Kath Mortimore). These are not black and heavy but really light and delicious. Also Christmas cakes of various sizes. Phone Lyn on 07929 097890 or Kath on 016216 853394, (the puddings and cakes will also be on sale at the Christmas Craft and Coffee Morning in St Mary's on Saturday 13th December.)

Special Event!

Mrs Diana Forster will be celebrating her 100th birthday on January 5th 2015. To mark this event for our most senior resident, you might like to join Diana for a cream tea in Ideford Village Hall, on Sunday January 4th from 2.30pm. If you could contribute time, scones, cakes etc, that would be great! Everyone will be welcome, so please put this date in your diary! Diana hopes that a contribution can be made to MacMillan Nurses on the day. I know that we can all work together to make this a lovely afternoon for her. A flier will be following, nearer the time. Thank you in advance!



*Angie C.W - Ideford Parish Council
01626 854898*

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone who supported the monthly Cream Teas in the Village Hall this year - those who hosted a tea, baked cakes - and everyone who came along to enjoy the home baking. £546.24 was raised to support St. Mary's Church.

We plan to hold monthly teas again next year - starting in February or March. If you would be willing to go on the rota for serving teas one month, please contact me on 01626 852259 or e-mail janetaylmore@hotmail.com

Thank you - Janet Aylmore

IDEFORD 100 CLUB

November 2014 Winners:

£ 20 Sarah Carlon
£ 10 J. Medlock
£ 5 Rob and Sally Helmore

Raising funds for
St Mary's Church Ideford

FREE SWING and CLIMBING FRAME.

(Donation to the church)

FREE TP SWING,
with swing and rocker and a climbing frame
with a slide.

They might need to be dismantled to get
them past the house!

Please contact Mark at Orchard House
Ideford on 07919154347.



easyfundraising

.org.uk



We've raised **£85.83** so far by using the
easyfundraising.org.uk website to buy items on line.

There is now a free App for your iPad or iPhone and an easy
way to download the toolbar onto your computer.

If you are Christmas shopping online or will be looking to buy
in the January Sales, please register with Ideford Church
on Easyfundraising and the online retailers will give us a
donation.

Travel, food, insurance, entertainment, utilities, home and
garden are just some of the retail categories.

It's a safe, easy and effective way to fundraise for St
Mary's Church and a win-win situation.

There are 2,700 Retailers, 55,000+ Good Causes, 500,000+
Supporters and over £7 Million raised for good causes.

Happy Shopping and many thanks for thinking of St Mary's
Church when you buy online!



LUTON HARVEST FESTIVAL

I would like to thank all who helped to decorate the Church for Harvest; it looked lovely. To everyone who attended the service, Stephen, Nick, our two readers, the Bishopsteignton Choir, and Kath Mortimore for their participation a big "Thank You". It was lovely to have Graham and Marian with us on this special occasion as it was his last service before retiring.

Thanks also go to the Elizabethan for providing the Harvest Supper which was enjoyed by all.

Kath Vooght

HELP NEEDED PLEASE!

During the summer months several members of the community volunteered their time and garden machinery to maintaining Ideford Parish Churchyard. However, the bramble and ivy overgrown northern boundary has presented a challenge and needs serious brush-cutter attention to cut back the bramble/ivy/nettle roots at their base and remove cuttings from site. The PCC has received a small amount of funding towards the cost of this work and invites anyone with the necessary equipment, protective clothing and insurance to apply for this vacancy. Tel: 01626 853991 (Vanessa Morby - Churchwarden).

CHUDLEIGH LIBRARY CHRISTMAS OPENING

Chudleigh Library will close at 1pm on **Wednesday December 24th**, and will open on **Saturday December 27th** from 10am until 1pm. It will then be closed until **Friday January 2nd**.

CHRISTMAS REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Normal Collection Date	Revised Collection Date
Friday December 26th	Monday December 29th
Friday January 2nd	Monday January 5th
Friday January 9th	Saturday January 10th
Normal collections resume on Monday January 12th 2015.	

THANK YOU!

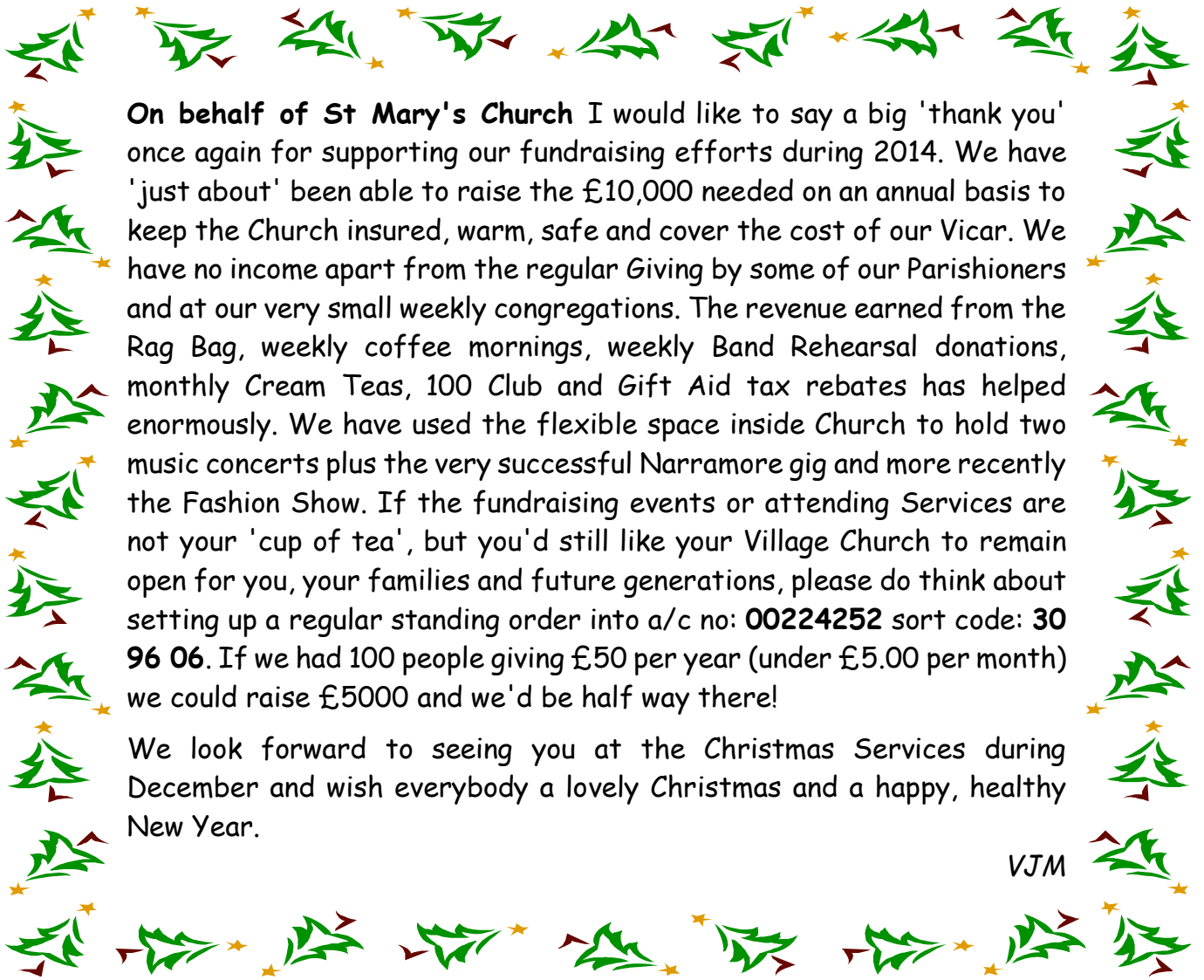
Thank you to those who responded to the request for Christmas pudding recipes - I have passed them on to Sue.

WEBSITES AND SAT. NAV.

Haldon Team Website www.haldonteam.org.uk
Ideford Parish Website www.ideford-parish.co.uk

Church post codes for Sat Nav:

St Mary's, Ideford TQ13 0BA
St John's, Luton TQ13 0BN
St Nectan's, Ashcombe EX7 0QD



On behalf of St Mary's Church I would like to say a big 'thank you' once again for supporting our fundraising efforts during 2014. We have 'just about' been able to raise the £10,000 needed on an annual basis to keep the Church insured, warm, safe and cover the cost of our Vicar. We have no income apart from the regular Giving by some of our Parishioners and at our very small weekly congregations. The revenue earned from the Rag Bag, weekly coffee mornings, weekly Band Rehearsal donations, monthly Cream Teas, 100 Club and Gift Aid tax rebates has helped enormously. We have used the flexible space inside Church to hold two music concerts plus the very successful Narramore gig and more recently the Fashion Show. If the fundraising events or attending Services are not your 'cup of tea', but you'd still like your Village Church to remain open for you, your families and future generations, please do think about setting up a regular standing order into a/c no: **00224252** sort code: **30 96 06**. If we had 100 people giving £50 per year (under £5.00 per month) we could raise £5000 and we'd be half way there!

We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Services during December and wish everybody a lovely Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

VJM



Thank you everyone for your Rag Bag clothes, shoes and textile contributions this year at St Mary's Church.

Another cheque for over £90 has been received during November.

New clothes for Christmas?
Re-cycle your old ones with us!

Merry Christmas everyone!



DON'T MAKE IT A MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR THIEVES!

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year, but there is an increase in crime leading up to the festive period. By taking note of the following advice, you and your family can help reduce that risk.

- Ensure your car is fully locked when you park.
- Don't leave anything of value on view in your car including loose change for parking, sat-navs, coats, CDs etc.
- Try and use a car park rather than on street parking.
- If you return to your car during shopping make sure your purchases are placed in the boot out of sight.
- Keep your wallet and purse secure and keep your coat or handbag in sight when trying on clothes.
- Be wary of being jostled in a crowd. This is when a pick-pocket can operate.
- If you draw out cash try and use a well-lit area or an indoor machine at the bank.
- If you're buying from the internet, always use a credit card rather than a debit card.
- At home don't leave presents on view around the tree if it can be seen from outside.
- Keep your windows and doors locked when out.
- Fit timer switches to standard or table lamps so your house is never in darkness.
- Never reveal your card PIN to anyone especially on the phone. Banks will never ask for it by telephone. Neither will they ever discuss card problems over the 'phone and offer to send a courier or a police officer around to collect your cards.

DRIVING IN WINTER CONDITIONS

Hopefully, we won't have a severe winter, but motorists need to be prepared. Bad weather is often blamed for collisions when the real cause is inappropriate driving. Bad observation, poor anticipation, inappropriate or excessive speed, as well as inadequate braking distances, are all major causes of crashes. Reduced visibility will be caused by fog, mist, heavy rain, snow, sleet and bright sunshine low in the sky. Reduce your speed. Such conditions can make it difficult to judge speed. Be able to stop within the distance you can see to be clear. Remember wet roads increase braking distance dramatically, in particular when going downhill. Make sure your vehicle lights and wipers/washers are working well. If you use Higher Exeter Road running by Teignmouth Golf Club, weather conditions here can change suddenly so adjust your speed accordingly.

BE PREPARED & STAY SAFE

HAVE A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Take care and stay safe

*PCSO Colin Rider
(Contact details on page 6)*

ASHCOMBE VILLAGE CLUB

Opening times: Tuesday, Thursday 7.30pm - 11pm.
Friday 7.30pm - Midnight.
3rd Saturday of the month 7.30pm - 11pm
Sunday 1pm - 5pm.

Skittles Tuesday & Thursday.
Meat Bingo 1st Wednesday of the month.
Early Doors 1st Friday of the month.

Membership: Single £10, Couple £15.

See website for further details: www.ashcombe-villageclub.co.uk



CHUDLEIGH LIBRARY

Monday	10.00am - 1.00pm	Tuesday	3.00pm - 6.00pm
Wednesday	10.00am - 1.00pm	Thursday	Closed
Friday	2.00pm - 5.00pm	Saturday	10.00am - 1.00pm

MOBILE LIBRARY

Wednesday 10th December & Wednesday January 21st

Ideford (Royal Oak)	15.45 - 16.15
Luton (Church Street)	16.25 - 16.45

Tunes for Toddlers

Come and listen to stories, make simple things to tie in with the stories and sing songs. Every Thursday during term time, 10.30am - 11.30am.

No need to book - just turn up!

IDEFORD VILLAGE TRANSPORT TIMETABLE

Ring & Ride	Destination	Fares (return)
Monday	Newton Abbot (will stop at Sainsbury's)	£4.20
Wednesday	Newton Abbot (will stop at Tesco)	£4.20
Thursday	Teignmouth	£4.20

How to make a Ring & Ride Journey

- Choose which day you wish to travel.
- Telephone 01626 888777 between 9am-1pm, Monday to Friday,
- ***NB: Please ring before 8.30am for same day travel.***
- Please be ready by 9.45am.
- Be ready at 1.00pm to be collected at the 'Boarding Point' for your journey home.
- Please cancel booking if you are not able to travel.
- **Please wear seat belts at all times.**

Dawlish Community & Disability Transport Service operates in the area to transport elderly, frail or disabled passengers of any age, on a private hire basis. All our vehicles are adapted to take wheelchair seated passengers, have lowered steps and tail lifts.

For more information please telephone 01626 888777 or 888890