

Dear Friends,

Calling all golfers/ friends of golfers in the Haldon Team!

Neither the OED nor Wikipedia can provide an origin for the little word 'stymie', only that it refers to "An archaic rule in golf: when one player's ball blocks their opponent's ball's path on the green, but they are not within six inches, the obstructing ball is not lifted."

My curiosity is sparked! Can anyone enlighten me further?

It's all because I heard myself use the word in relation to the current vacancy in the Team. Is God's mission stymied/ frustrated/ obstructed because we've not got a Team Rector?

There have been times recently when I have been tempted to think that. But then, I'm not in a singles competition, but a team game. And St Paul affirms that within the church, "... there are varieties of gifts... and varieties of service... which God activates in every member - to each person is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."
(1 Corinthians 12.4-7)

My challenge to us all is to pray specifically about this as we head into the time of the Annual Parochial Church Meetings now. And to act on God's answers to us.

With love,
Stephen.

P.S. As well as looking forward your emailing me on your responses to this, I'd also enjoy reading your particular favourite God and golf jokes.

LUTON ALTAR FLOWERS AND BRASS CLEANING

February

S Harvey

IDEFORD CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Feb. 1st

Liz Spencer

Feb. 8th & 15th

Angie Carter-Woodwark

February 22nd

Lent

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the Church for Christmas, it looked very festive - Liz Hill

IDEFORD CHURCH KEY ROTA

Feb.

Tony & Julie (Church End)

SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday Feb 1st	Presentation of Christ in the Temple	
11.15am, Revd Stephen West	Parish Communion	Ideford
Sunday Feb 8th	2nd Sunday before lent	
10.00am, Mrs Tricia Stuckey	Village Worship	Ideford
11.15am, Revd Stephen West	Family Service	Ashcombe
6.30pm, Revd Stephen West	Evensong	Luton
Sunday Feb 15th	Sunday before Lent	
10.00am, Revd Helen Bays	Parish Communion	Ideford
Sunday Feb 22nd	1st Sunday in Lent	
6.30pm, Revd Stephen West	Evensong	Ideford

Please Note: Service leaders are subject to change

IDEFORD READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

	Reading	Readers	Sidesmen
Feb 1 st	Hebrews 2.14-end Luke 2.22-40	Alan Wooderson Vanessa Morby	Alan Wooderson Vanessa Morby
Feb 8 th	John 1.1-14	to be arranged	Sara & helpers
Feb 15 th	2. Corinthians 4.3-6 Mark 9.2-9	Alan Wooderson Nicki Horseman	Alan Wooderson Nicki Horseman
Feb 22 nd	Genesis 9.8-17 Mark 1.9-15	Barry Mohan Jill Turner	Barry Mohan Jill Turner

CHRISTMAS AT ST. MARY'S, IDEFORD

It seems a long time ago now, but a huge 'thank you' to everyone who helped make the Carol Service in Ideford such a success. It's impossible to mention everyone by name, but thank you to the bell ringers, the choir, those who decorated the Church, the readers, those who provided and served the mulled wine and mince pies, and everyone who came along to the service - a real community effort.

Thank you also to everyone who supported the Crib and Christingle service, and a special thanks to the children who dressed up and/or took part in the service - it was brilliant to see so many families in church. As a result of the collection we were able to send £90.63 to The Children's Society to help with their work.

Last but not least, thanks to Christine and Libby for organising the Christmas morning service again this year - a short, informal reminder of what Christmas is all about.

**NOTICE OF REVISION OF THE CHURCH
ELECTORAL ROLL**

Every year we check that the Church Electoral Roll is complete and up to date, and wonder if you would like your name to be included on this roll for 2015?

As a member of the church and on the electoral roll, you are entitled to attend the annual parochial church meeting (APCM), and to take part in its proceedings. The annual meeting will take place on Sunday the 29th of March in Ideford Church at 12 midday, after the Palm Sunday morning worship.

Under the Church Representation Rules you are entitled to have your name entered on the roll, if you -

(i) are baptised and aged 16 or over;

(ii) have signed a form of application for enrolment;

and either

(iii) are members of the Church of England or of any Church in communion with the Church of England being resident in the parish or (not being resident in the parish) having habitually attended public worship in the parish during the six months prior to the application for enrolment;

or:

(iv) are members in good standing of a Church (not in communion with the Church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity declaring themselves to be also members of the Church of England and having habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

Please contact Sue Harvey if you would like more information, or pick up an Application for Enrolment form from the porch of the church in either Ideford or Luton.

Thank you. Sue Harvey. 01626 770627. Church Electoral Roll Officer

LUTON CAROL SERVICE

I would like to thank all who helped decorate the church, the readers and the ladies who provided the mulled wine and mince pies for after the service. Thank you all and I hope 2015 will be a successful year.

Kath Vooght

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Regular Events

TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

February 3rd	Ann Rigby-Jones, 1 Town Farm Court, Ideford
February 10th	Kath Mortimore, Oaks Reach, Ideford
February 17th	Janet Aylmore, Corner Cottage, Ideford
February 24th	Eileen Marsh, 50 Maudlin Drive, Teignmouth

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.

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday February 4th at 6.30pm in Ideford Village Hall.

All Parishioners are invited and welcome to attend.

BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings are held at 7.30pm at The Community Centre, Shute Hill

February 2nd Parish Council Meeting

February 16th 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 February 10th - Quiz and Games. Thursday March 5th - Lunch Club

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

More information from:

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

POLICE SURGERY

With Colin Rider, Police Community Support Officer for Ideford

Saturday Feb. 21st Saturday March 21st Saturday April 18th

Ideford Village Hall, 9.30am -10.30am.

Come along to discuss any problems or issues in your neighbourhood.

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

LENT BIBLE STUDIES IN IDEFORD



Libby, Christine and Frances will be holding an informal series of Lent bible studies again this year.

We will be meeting on Friday evenings from **7.30 to 9.00pm**, starting on **Friday, 27th February** at the Old Post Office, 5 Fore Street.

For more information call Libby or Christine on 01626 852291 or Frances on 01626 854019.

FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

TEAS

We plan to hold monthly teas in the Village Hall again this year - starting on **Sunday March 1st**. Spring should be almost with us by then, so come along to Ideford Village Hall between **3pm and 5pm** and enjoy some home baking in the company of your friends and neighbours.



We are looking for volunteers to serve teas in the Village Hall during the spring and summer. Everything is provided for you, except the cakes and scones, and there are always people willing to bake for you if this isn't your forte. If you would be prepared to go on the rota please contact me on 01626 852259 or e-mail janetaylmore@hotmail.com.

Thank you - Janet Aylmore

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday March 14th in Ideford Village Hall. *See page 6 for full details.*

IDEFORD PARISH OPEN GARDENS

In aid of Rowcroft Hospice and Ideford Village Hall

Ideford Open Gardens	June 13/14th,	2pm - 6pm
Olchard Open Gardens	June 20/21st,	2pm - 6pm

If you are interested in opening your gardens for the above charities please contact:

Angie Carter-Woodwark 854898

or Rosemary Comerford 01626 853227.

Look forward to hearing from you. Thank you

IDEFORD CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

June 27th and 28th - more details to follow, but put the date in your diary.

DEVON OPEN STUDIOS

Open Studios will be held in St. John's, Luton from **September 5th - 20th** inclusive. We look forward to seeing you later in the year!

Quiz Night!



Ideford Village Hall

7.00 p.m. Saturday 14th March 2015

Bring along your teams of 'Quizzers' and compete for **prizes**, test your brainpower and knowledge on a range of questions about a wide variety of subjects.

Teams of 3 or 4 preferred or just come along and join in.

Entry only £2.00 per person

Hot Pasties, Licensed Bar and soft drinks available.



A fun quiz night with prizes for the best teams, come along and challenge your friends and neighbours!



LAND/WOODLAND WANTED FOR RENT

Ideally for dog training and/or tracking. We are responsible dog owner's and any waste will be removed immediately.
Any ground considered.

Contact Sheila, 07738908039, Lower Colleybrook Farm, Ideford.

An advertising item.

IDEFORD 100 CLUB

*The lucky winners of December 2014 *bonus* draw:*



- £ 50 Holly and Jo
- £ 20 Derrick and Karen White
- £ 10 Mr & Mrs Rusden
- £ 5 Roz Brown

A big thank you to all members for raising funds for St Mary's Church, Ideford.

A beautiful building for everyone in the community

CHARITY AUCTION

For the third year running a charity auction was held at the Royal Oak where un-wanted items were auctioned. The total raised was £245 which will be divided between the R.N.L.I. and the Devon Air Ambulance. We would like to thank all who participated, in particular Steve Cornish and Gordon Grylls .

Many thanks, Caroline

Celebrate with Flowers!



Do you have a special event on your calendar that you would like to remember with Flowers?

A special anniversary, birthday or remembering a loved one?

Please contact Liz Hill on 854934 to join the St Mary's Flower Rota.

Just 2 vases to fill on the altar - you don't have to be an expert flower arranger.

Alternatively, you can make a donation towards the cost of flowers used to decorate the Church at Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

Hope to hear from you! Many thanks



VILLAGE EVENT

It was a great pleasure for us to be able to host an event that celebrated the 100th birthday of Mrs Diana Forster of Sundial Cottage. All in the Parish were invited, and thanks to the generosity of the community, by baking and donations, there was very little financial impact on the Parish. A special thanks to everyone who worked so hard in the kitchen, continually serving food and washing up, making sure that everything ran so smoothly! Thank you so much for all the wonderful cakes, scones and jams.



The afternoon got off to a fine start - Diana arrived in David Aylmore's Austin 7 after a drive around the village, during which we believe much of the conversation involved 'double de-clutching'! Diana really enjoyed the afternoon, relishing in the company of her grandson and granddaughter, with three great grandsons and many friends from all over the country and abroad. Beryl Austin, our District Councillor was in attendance, and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

Through this party, £325 was raised for MacMillan Nurses at Diana's request. There were also personal donations and, as a result, a Tesco card was purchased, to enable Mrs Forster to buy herself some 'little luxuries of her choice' when on her weekly shop! She was delighted with this surprise gift. Tesco also surprised her by presenting a hamper, while on a visit to the shop she has patronised most weeks since it opened.

Last, but not least, a huge thank you to Kath Vooght for baking and decorating a magnificent cake, with exquisite sugar craft spring flowers, butterflies and a portrait of a poodle - thank you Kath.

Diana now has a sturdy hand rail from her gate to the road, made by Paul Rice and funded by our Devon County Councillor, Tony Dempster.

We wish you, Diana, a very Happy New Year, and many more birthdays to come! I'm sure you're looking forward to the Spring, to continue your daily walks and to enjoy the flowers in your garden.

*Angie Carter-Woodwark
Ideford Parish Council*

IDEFORD SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

Teignbridge League

Kingsteignton 58 Ideford 32

February Fixtures

Sunday 1 st	Bishopsteignton	Away
Friday 13 th	Exminster	Away
Tuesday 17 th	Abbotskerswell	Home
Tuesday 24 th	Kingsteignton	Home



Sundial Cottage
Ideford

My thanks to Ideford Parish Council

- and my warmest thanks to Angie Carter-Woodwark who worked tirelessly to arrange my Centenary Birthday Party, and to all those Ideford friends in giving of their time, baking delicious cakes, scones and jam tarts, and, especially, thanks to Kath Vooght for the truly superb 100th birthday cake!

My thanks too, to David Aylmore for the privilege of a super drive in his 1934 Austin (**that** brought memories!) I am grateful too, to the very kind, thoughtful persons who gave me two Tesco cards! Lastly, my thanks to all of you who sent me such beautiful birthday cards, which I will keep and treasure.

It has been a wonderful Birthday Celebration which has brought me much happiness.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Blessings

Diana

COMMUNITY LED PLAN - UPDATE.

The Steering Group have, over the last few months, continued to work toward publishing a Parish Plan later in 2015, and remain on target to achieve this.

To enable us to produce a Parish Plan addressing the local issues which are most important to the community, it is essential that we consult with parishioners as widely as possible.

The next phase of this process is a full and detailed questionnaire that will be delivered to every household in the Parish later this month (February). The questionnaire has been designed to find out what, in your opinion, makes our community a place where you want to live and how you think it might be improved in the future.

Everyone over the age of 11 will be able to have their say by completing the questionnaire, and all answers and comments will be anonymous. Assistance with the completion and return of the questionnaire will be available if required and I would encourage everyone to take part in this quite unique survey of parish life.

As a final comment, if anyone would like to join the steering group to help collate the information from these questionnaires and to produce the final plan, I would be very pleased to hear from you.

David Aylmore. Chairman - CLP Steering Group

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



The Village of Ideford has been selected as one of only 100 UK Villages for the Vodafone Rural Open Sure Signal programme designed to bring reliable Vodafone 3G coverage to our community. Vodafone Technical Teams have been working with the Parish Council to carry out assessments to check that broadband speed will ensure Open Sure Signal technology will perform optimally in our community and they have been surveying the Village for proposed sites for the Open Sure Signal units to ensure their locations are most effective in providing widespread coverage.

Would you be interested in hosting a unit to help benefit your Village?



Each Open Sure Signal unit is 38cm tall, 26cm wide, 6cm deep and weighs about 2kg. They can be mounted up high onto a chimney breast, pole or wall in a vertical position and there's a choice of coloured covers to ensure they blend in to the surroundings.

The host property would incur no costs to site or run the unit and it would not impact on private broadband, telephone or television reception.

Please note that these units will only enable the receipt of email if using a hand held mobile device (iPad, iPhone, Blackberry, Smartphone, Tablet or similar) that is connected to the Vodafone network. They will not provide domestic broadband capability to your home PC.

For more information or to register an interest please contact:

Project Champion	Cllr Barry Smith	on	07768 523819
Parish Clerk	Ashley Lamb	on	07860 157687

or email your comments or questions to: idefordclerk@hotmail.co.uk

Could you be a Parish Councillor?

With the local elections taking place in early May, do you think that you might have what it takes to become a Parish Councillor?

If you care about the area in which you live and the issues facing local people, you could be a Parish Councillor. Perhaps you enjoy reading the local newspaper and often have a strong opinion on the issues you read about. You may enjoy talking to friends and neighbours about what's going on in the area. You may feel that certain sections of the community are getting a raw deal and need stronger representation. Many people are concerned about issues such as crime, schools, transport and the environment. Your local council can make a difference on all these issues and many more, and so can you as a local councillor.

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I don't think I have the time...

How much time you spend on your duties as a Parish Councillor is largely up to you. You will be expected to attend Parish Council meetings on the first Wednesday of each month (except during January & August when there are no meetings) and there may also be the occasional ad hoc Planning Meeting if applications fall outside the usual meeting schedule. As with most things in life, what you get back will depend on how much you put in. But remember, the amount of time you give to it is almost entirely up to you.

Why should I become a councillor?

There are many reasons why people decide to become a local councillor. They include:

- wanting to make a difference and be involved in shaping the future of the local community
- being concerned about the local area and wanting to ensure that the community gets the right services
- wanting to represent the views of local people and ensure that community interests are taken into account
- concerns about one particular issue
- as an extension of what you are already doing through a political party, trade union, charity, voluntary group or school governing body - becoming a councillor can be the next step

Read more next month on what is expected of a Councillor and what Councillors do.

For more information please contact one of your current Parish Councillors:

Councillor Angie Carter-Woodwark

Councillor Tom Hill

Councillor Dominic Morby

Councillor Derrick White

Councillor Anthony French

Councillor Julian Hull

Councillor Barry Smith

Or contact the Parish Clerk, Ashley Lamb at idefordclerk@hotmail.co.uk or on 07860 157687

OUR LOCAL EXPERT

You should have received the latest edition of this free guide of businesses that have been used and recommended by local people - an A5 blue gingham magazine, dated 2014/15. If not, please contact Amanda Maynard on 01626 249979 or e-mail amanda@ourlocalexpert.co.uk for a free copy, or there are a few at the back of St. Mary's Church. Amanda would also welcome feedback and suggestions of businesses that should or shouldn't be featured.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

On Christmas Eve, 4 properties in Bishopsteignton suffered attempted break-ins and one successful break-in with the thief stealing the householder's car and a large quantity of money. I'm pleased to be able to inform you that the thief was apprehended, is currently in custody and all property was recovered.

However, the method of break-in is a cause for some reflection on household security. All property locks, be they sliding or hinged UPVC doors, were attacked using the method called lock snapping. The lock surround or escutcheon is levered away from the door exposing the lock barrel end which is snapped off. This allows the thief to manipulate the lock mechanism and unlock the door. Even multi-lever doors are prone to this attack, because, however effective the mechanism is, it still relies on the lock being up to the job and frequently they are not. Make sure that your existing lock hasn't been upgraded before changing it. The BS kite mark on the key entry point is usually indicative of a quality lock.

The Yale AS Platinum Series cylinders have been developed with a number of advanced features to protect against the most determined attackers. This product and similar can be ordered online, through DIY stores or you can have it fitted by a locksmith. It is a viable DIY prospect to change the lock. With the door open, your existing lock is held in place by a single screw once the surround is removed. When removed, it should be then measured either side of the central screw line to ensure you buy the correct upgraded lock.

Wooden doors should be in good condition with strong frames and have a 5 lever mortise lock fitted. Never leave keys in a door. I can carry out a Home Security Survey if required.

Prevention check list

- I've checked that all the doors and windows are locked - even if I'm only popping out for a minute.
- I've made sure that neither my house keys nor my car keys are in sight or easy reach of my windows or doors, and that I don't keep them in an obvious place in the house.
- I've fitted key-operated locks to all the windows.
- I've installed and use a visible burglar alarm.
- I haven't hidden my spare keys outside, or in the garage or shed.
- I leave the lights and the radio on a timer for the evening when I'm out, so that it looks like I'm in. If it's dark outside I also draw the curtains.
- I've made sure thieves can't get into the garden - there's a good fence surrounding the house and the side gate is sturdy and padlocked.

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Prevention check list cont'd

- I haven't left any ladders or tools outside, which someone could use to get into the house.
- I've made sure that valuables like laptops, handbags, jewellery can't be seen from the window.
- I haven't left any cash lying around or any documents with my name, address or other personal details (such as a bank statement or bill) that fraudsters could use.
- If I'm going on holiday, I've arranged for a friend or neighbour to collect the post and put the bins out.

Mark your property

Mark important and expensive possessions (such as your computer or DVD player) with your postcode and house number using special security marker pens. Keep a record of the make, model and serial numbers of all your electrical equipment for reference too. If the police recover them after a burglary, this record will be proof that they are stolen goods - and that they are yours. You can register your property on the National database Immobilise. Log on to www.immobilise.co.uk

PCSO Colin Rider

Email: colin.rider@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

Radio phone: 0845 6566935

General Police enquiries: 101 EMERGENCY: 999

Crimestoppers: 0800 555111 (anonymous information)

The **COMMUNITY COUNCIL** of **DEVON** have announced the Board's decision to change their name. It was felt that the charity was often mistaken for Devon County Council, and there was a feeling that the name no longer represents who they are or what they do. The charity, whose vision is of 'dynamic communities shaping their own futures' will now be known as **DEVON COMMUNITIES TOGETHER** - the trading name for the Community Council of Devon, and is part of a national network of Rural Community Councils.



Devon Communities Together supports communities in many ways, including technical support for local councils, community halls and social enterprises. It helps communities develop new and imaginative ways of meeting needs, working in partnership with statutory bodies and voluntary organisations. Visit their website at www.devoncommunities.org.uk, follow them on Twitter: @communitiestogether or find them on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/devoncommunitiestogether>



Rather than just collect food once a year at Harvest, there is a need for more regular food collections, so there is now an

**Ideford
Food and Toiletry
Collection Point
in St Mary's Church, Ideford.**

Please support:

‘HITS’ (*Homeless in Teignbridge Support*) and
‘THAT’ (*Teignbridge Homeless Action Today*) charity
collections for families in the Teignbridge area with
donations of
tins, boxes, packets and jars.

Many thanks

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

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 February 18th

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