

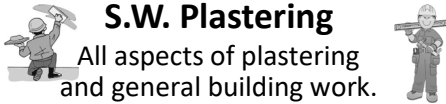


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If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.' (Matthew 16:24)

Happy Lent, everyone! A time of denial and crosses! Now, you might understandably read those words and feel discouraged, for we do not instinctively find pleasure in denial and the cross. Yet this is simply the other side of the coin to the Great Commandments:



'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind... You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' (Matthew 22:37-39)

None of us is born already able to play the piano, or speak multiple languages, or run a marathon, but we require training to accomplish these wonderful things, so no of us is born already expert in the ways of love. Jesus Himself is the Way in which we become experts in love. *'Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing'.* (John 15:5). So, if we want to be people who can truly love God and each other, then we must deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Jesus. Easy, no?

If we're honest we find it difficult. Love is super inconvenient; it asks things of me which I'm not necessarily inclined to give, and to let go of things I don't want to let go of. But that's why Lent is such a wonderful gift! Here is a relatively short-term goal of just over six weeks we can set ourselves to become better at loving. And we have been given also the equipment we need: Prayer, Fasting, & Almsgiving! Deepening our relationship with God in prayer, means drawing more love from the fountain of Love Itself. By fasting (not dieting!), we worship God by offering up something we desire, saying, 'I love you more than this thing.' By almsgiving, we express our love for God by serving our Lord Jesus in those around us, and we open our hearts to reciprocate His love by revealing it to others.

Now, we may not be perfect by Easter, but we will definitely be closer to God and to each other, and we will have tasted the deeper joy of what it means to love, what it means to be alive, what it means to be human! And all because we denied ourselves, took up our cross and followed Jesus. So, have a Happy Lent!

*Fr Albert Lawes
All Saints Catholic Parish*

March Services

Sunday March 2nd 4.30pm	Sunday before Lent Evening Worship	Ideford
Sunday March 9th 6.30pm	1st Sunday of Lent Evening Service	Luton
Sunday March 16th 11am	2nd Sunday of Lent Holy Communion	Ideford
Sunday March 30th 10.30am	4th Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday Informal Family Service	Ideford

*For other services in the team please see the team website:
www.haldonteam.org.uk*

Details of services at Ashcombe will also be found on the Ashcombe Facebook page.

Lent Studies



Lent Studies will be held each Monday, starting on Monday March 10th

The subject this year is "Hope in Hard Places"
We meet at The Old Post Office, Fore Street at 7.30pm.
We hope you can join us.

Mothering Sunday - March 30th **St. Mary's Church, Ideford** **10.30am**



There will be an informal, community led Mothering Sunday service at St. Mary's, Ideford at 10.30am. The service will last for no more than half an hour, and coffee and biscuits will be available after the service for those not rushing off for celebratory lunches.

We will be distributing small posies of flowers to all the ladies in Church, but if you know of someone who won't be in Church but would appreciate a small gift of flowers, please let me know. I will be making the posies on the Saturday afternoon, and any donations of flowers - primroses, daffodils, grape hyacinths etc for the posies would be most welcome - thank you.
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Ideford Church Key Rota

March Lesley (Bees Corner)

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Lego Club at Chudleigh Library. Saturdays, 10.30 - 12.30. Suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Both events are free of charge and no booking is required.

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
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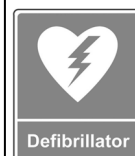
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140/25 cont.	<p>2. Is there a conflict of interest between the Parish Council and the Millennium green? Cllr T Hill, indicated this is only the insurance policy and not affecting liability. The Parish Council is paying the insurance policy but not taking on liability as the Millenium Green has trustees as part of it's deeds.</p> <p>3. Who would pay the lawyers? Various councillors indicated that it is the insurance.</p> <p>4. Who would submit a claim? The Parish Council.</p> <p>5. Who has scrutinised the policy, Cllr C. Hill indicated he has read it.</p> <p>Cllr T. Hill indicated If anyone is worried about what's happening on the Green, please become a trustee. The trustees are written within the deed and as this is all for the sake of the community to make sure that the Millenium Green remains as an asset to the village.</p> <p>Cllr C. Hill explained the basics of insurance provision and responsibilities. The positives from this is the MG will come to the Parish Council on a quarterly basis to keep us informed. This means more people will be involved in keeping the MG as an asset to the village. No individual trustee would ever be held liable, however they have trustee liability insurance.</p> <p>The result of this discussion shows there is Improved governance and a saving to the community of £580. Public liability insurance is a pre-requisite to an asset of this nature. If anyone has any concerns, please come to our next meeting to discuss this.</p> <p>The Pound is an area that's has seen an incident but this was appropriately covered.</p> <p>140.6 Policy reviews and updates: Filming and Recording, Risk Assessment, Training, were discussed and the council approved the amendments.</p>
141/25	<p>PLANNING: 108.1/2/3 There has been no planning applications/decisions/enforcements to report.</p>
142/25	<p>CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS -covered in roads 140/25</p>
143/25	<p>143/25 CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE: A Balance of accounts and the monthly bank reconciliation for December 2024 were approved, along with approval for payments made since last meeting and payments due namely the Hall invoices 266, 271, 285. Along with signing bank statements etc.</p> <p>An administrative update was provided by the clerk, a full rundown will be provided on cyber security by email. The clerk raised concerns on both the costs of Scribe and the website, namely the money that could be saved and will provide full details on the website on an ongoing basis. The scribe contract will end at the end of the financial year. The clerk requested a change of internal auditor to save further costs in travelling, time and mileage, this was approved by the council.</p> <p>The clerk proposed a refund of the cilca grant, as the additional training has not been required. The council approved this.</p>
144/25	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Thursday 13th February 2025.</p>
145/25	<p>The Chair closed the meeting at 20.20pm</p>

Dates for your diary - regular events

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting, **Thursday 13th March 2025 at 7.00pm** in Ideford Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome.

BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings are held at the Community Centre, Shute Hill, at 7.30pm.

Monday March 3rd Full Council Meeting

IDEFORD SHORT MAT BOWLS

Small friendly group meeting every Tuesday in the village hall from 7pm till 9pm with a break for tea.

We encourage new members of any age to join us, no experience necessary, just turn up and 'have a go'.

IDEFORD SOCIAL CLUB

Monthly meetings - please contact Kath Mortimore for details - 853394.

CHURCH CLEAN AT ST. MARY'S

Wednesday March 5th 10am - 12noon.

Refreshments provided, come when you can, leave when you must. All equipment will be provided.

BELL RINGING PRACTICE

Practices are normally in Ideford Church on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm until 9.00pm. Why not come along and have a chat over coffee and biscuits - we're a friendly bunch and would love to meet you. Please contact David Aylmore (852259) or Martin Sampson (853391) for more information.

Local History Corner

We have become aware that there are documents, photographs etc. of historical interest regarding Ideford that are held by numerous people in the village. It would be good to collate these and if possible find a central storage point (we are happy to take photocopies so families can retain the originals if required)

I shall be at the February Popup cafe around 11.30 and would love to meet up with anyone interested in the village history or with historical material.

Thank you - Libby



Friday February 28th
Friday March 28th

Ideford Village Hall 11am - 1pm

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EXPERIMENT WITH PENCILS, RUBBERS, INKS ETC.....ART IS FUN!



Hello Everybody,

Following an enjoyable morning last month, I would like to invite you to a fun drawing session on **Saturday March 1st**, you don't have to be 'good at art!' - just enthusiastic.

If you would like to experiment with pencils, inks, rubbers or watercolours, then come along. I will provide paper and some pencils. You might like to work from a favourite image, bring anything along you may have! I'm aiming for a maximum of 6 people.

Fee£25 to include refreshments and some materials.


Angie C-W (tel: 07894 482901)

Sunday March 9th

Hedge planting on the Millennium Green.


Full details on page 9



Lent Studies

Strating on Monday March 10th

Details on page 4



140/25 cont. Gritting on the roads was raised. Will Vought had worked on it through Luton to Ideford. The council suggested a possible contact with Bishopsteignton Council to discuss snow and gritting for the future. Ideford Parish Council would be prepared to contribute to the costs

140.2 Sustainable Ideford. No report

140.3 Wildlife Wardens report: No report

140.4 Budget/ Precept a discussion was held and there was mention of a potential short fall, as we would be reducing the reserves. Band D properties are the benchmark that is used in precept calculations. A discussion was held on the amounts required. The Council approved a precept figure of £9725

140.5 Insurance - Cllr T. Hill provided a background to what has already been covered, in essence joining the Parish Council and MG would save money. The MG is run for the benefit of the village, it has no income so it fund raises to cover all it's costs and obviously the largest cost was the insurance.

The insurance policy, doesn't change the legal responsibility, the trustees still exist and the trustees would still be liable for what happens on the green. The Parish Council will still want to know what is happening and this will be shared regularly as Cllr T. Hill is a trustee. It was pointed out that if all the trustees left, the council would have to assume full responsibility.

Questions that arose previously:- Cllr T. Hill spoke to the insurance broker.

1. Specific queries including not mentioning the green specifically in the policy - that is standard practice.
2. The builders carrying out the work have their own insurance, the insurer can provide a Works in Progress insurance, however its the same cover as the builders, therefore no need for duplicate policies.
3. Question about safety measures. There is Harris fencing around the site and signs around the green. Risk assessments have been carried out.
4. Are we expecting the Millennium Green to contribute anything towards the insurance? Using this joint insurance has saved the council some £600 pounds. The Millennium Green, is in trust for the village.
5. Will the costs of the insurance rise upon completion? There will be a minimal impact, as the building is a single skin building of £30k.
6. Would anyone from the insurers come out? No need for them to, it's a standard policy.

What sort of dialogue or collaboration will be necessary between Green and ourselves needs to be discussed at another meeting. Be it maintenance or how the building is progressing and time scales etc. Without grants, the builders and others are volunteering their time for nothing. Cllr Carter-Woodwork wanted to know if there were any other grants, Cllr T. Hill explained that they went through 12+ and the competition for grants is huge.

The parishioner questions:-

1. Who is responsible should litigation arise the trustees? Cllr T Hill explained regardless of this new insurance policy, the trustees remain liable for the Green, this is only the insurance policy.

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the V.H.
on 16th January 2025 at 7pm

Present: Cllr T Hill – Chair
 Cllr A Carter-Woodwork - vice chair
 Cllr D Fox
 Cllr H Bellamy

Cllr M Batting
 Cllr C Hill
 Cllr J Gardner

In Attendance: Mrs Clarke - Clerk
 2 members of the public

Item(a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
135/25	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: The Chair opened the meeting at 7:00pm and welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Cllr Peart DCC, Cllr Gearon, Dominic Morby, Robin Aaronson
136/25	THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: held on Thursday 12 th December 2024 and the minutes from November 2024 were agreed and signed.
137/25	THERE WAS ONE DECLARATION OF INTEREST: As a trustee of the Millennium Green, the chair mentioned his interests in the insurance matter
138/25	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: One Parishioner was very concerned at the surface in the play park, which she indicated was very slippery and she considered this to be dangerous. It needs a wash. The Chair indicated that two days ago it was fine, but understood it might be slimy due to the weather. Mention was made of it being a soft porous surface design to prevent injury if a fall occurs. Another parishioner raised the item on insurance, namely the Parish Council and the Millennium Green, it was agreed to bring this up later then when the matter arises on the agenda
139/25	REPORTS: There were no reports from District or County Councillors and PCSO Bunce reported for the period, 1 st to the 31 st December, one recorded offence to the police in the Ideford area.
140/25	PARISH MATTERS: 140.1 Updates A pothole was repaired within a week of it being reported near Butts Lane. The far end of the lane is rapidly deteriorating, but we are waiting on a response from the council as it's turning to gravel. New legislation about pot holes, the government will be giving 500 million to councils for pot hole work. The street lights are on again some during the morning and/or during the day. Cllr Gardner will follow this up. A parishioner has raised concerns about a the byway, Halden Lane, Hambolcombe Lane and then the lane going further up Tower Hill which goes up to the Common, all of which are in a poor state. Cllr T. Hill has emailed the rights of way (generic email), which has a 28 days response time, however their system indicates this is not a public right of way, so Cllr Hill has report them as roads, in highways. Hedges have been a problem on Haldon Lane due to the size of tractors and the state of the lane.


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Sunday March 16th

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Ideford Village Hall

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Messy Church

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Wednesday April 16th, 10am - 11.30am

Ideford Village Hall



Please let Liz Rice know if you plan on coming, this will help us prepare - lizrice890@icloud.com

**50 Mile cycle for Danielle,
The Samaritans and Mental health awareness.
Sunday 6th April 2025**



For the third year running, and in memory of our precious daughter, please help us to raise money for this amazing charity. Every penny raised will help them answer a call from someone in need and will go straight to our local Samaritans in Exeter.

This day has been very uplifting for all our family and friends, and it's given others who have struggles with their poor mental health, a reason to get out, exercise and take part to help themselves and raise much needed funds. Danielle raised money for The Samaritans as they were a valuable support and totally non-judgmental.

We welcome anyone who would like to cycle either 50, 20 or the 12 mile route to come along and join in.

The 50 and 20 mile cyclists will leave, from The Haven, Ideford at 9am on Sunday 6th April with the 12 mile route leaving B&Q Newton Abbot around 10am. Please contact Steve for further information on 07970984729.

If cycling isn't your thing then we would love to see you for a cuppa, cake and more at the village hall between 11 and 4. Danielle was an amazing baker and created some awesome cakes that not only looked good but tasted great. There will also be an Easter egg & bottle tombola. Come and say hello and help us cheer the cyclists return.

If you'd like to donate an Easter egg or bottle of any sort then we can collect or they can be left in our conservatory at The Haven.

If you would like to donate a cake, scones or sausage rolls etc. or can help for an hour in the kitchen on the day then please contact Debbie on 07815482652. Cakes and savouries can be dropped off at the village hall from 10am on the day.

Thank you all so much in advance, please come along to support us, all we ask is a donation big or small.

With thanks from Steve, Debbie, Tayde and family.

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There is lots of advice on the internet of course so have a go and report back.

Some of our Sustainability Group are keen to form a gardening sub-group to share ideas, seedlings and other plant based resources. If you are interested in joining us, please come to our next open meeting (to be advertised in PN or Facebook) or approach one of the Sustainable Ideford Group members so we can get an idea of the level of interest.

Happy veg growing!

Liz (with Jim, Dom, Jill, Robin and Steve)



Seasonal Musing.

Why do we call it spring?
When birdies start to sing.
I guess somebody knows.
Whatever, the grass still grows.

One thing, the weather's better.
Though, you never can be sure.
Today it may be settled.
Tomorrow, gales galore!

So what, the snowdrops show up.
And bulbs sprout through the lawn.
Before you know, crocuses grow.
And when do froggies spawn?

But wait, it's started snowing.
Surely that's not great.
I'd thought to start spring sowing.
Now that will have to wait.

I'll get around to it later.
Do things not out, but in.
Or be a procrastinator.
And watch the birdies sing.

I simply don't know, the time just goes.
And still I'm not sure why.
We call it Spring, a lovely thing.
And that will satisfy.

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Sustainable Ideford: V is for vegetable growing

Throughout my married life I have been trying to grow vegetables of some sort in a variety of locations with varied success. There are an increasing number of people giving veg growing a try for a host of different reasons. These might include:-

- Financial benefits
- Becoming part of a community with a shared interest
- Mental wellbeing
- Ready availability of fresher (healthier) produce (vitamin content decreases during storage)
- Environmental benefits such a zero (plastic) packaging, less food waste, fewer 'food miles' and having the choice to minimise use of chemical pesticides



No one is suggesting veg growing is easy but with an enthusiasm and willingness to experiment, things sometimes turn out better than expected and it is fun having a go.

Veg growers in the village have shared some of their useful experiences below for the benefit of others who may be finding the challenges outweighing the drive to get started.

Start easy J.G. Use a container for salad leaves or herbs or red kale in a veg bed.	Thinning S.H. Especially root crops like carrots and parsnips.	Long cropping period F.C. Leeks, kale, spinach beet and parsnips go on all winter.
Choose veg slugs avoid L.L. Salad bowl lettuce and leeks work for me.	Light P.W. Lettuces are one of the few veg that can tolerate some shade	Protect I.W. From pigeons and rabbits using netting.
Protect from Frost F.B. Don't plant out courgettes too early. Make cloches with plastic bottles with the bottom cut off.	Use tubs for strawberries C.A. On staging. This avoids slug damage and keeps fruit pristine without the need for straw.	Slug Barrier S.A. & R.A. Coffee grounds round veg seedlings Ring WD40 on outside of pots L.L.
Rotation (3 year) L.H. Pests build up if you always grow the same crop in the same place.	Grow pricey veg. L.E. Broad beans and broccoli cost a lot in shops but are easy to grow.	Manure K.M. Crop yield is much improved in prepared soil with added muck.
Keep some stones T.C. Improve drainage in Winter. Keep soil damp in summer.	Weeds R.A. Keep some in patches for bugs and birds.	Mistakes V.G. Don't be discouraged. Change tactics to suit your soil etc.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

Update on building and hedge planting

A huge thank you to everyone involved so far. We now have foundations and walls. This has only been achieved by people kindly donating their time, and an awful lot of resources, saving the village 1000's of pounds.

The next step is a roof and cladding. This involves timber being sourced and cut (Thank you to James French) and metal work (thank you to Paul Rice) and coordination by Simon Pitt, MRP contractors. We are hoping the roof and the cladding should be in place (weather allowing) by mid March.

We are now ready **for hedge planting**. CAN YOU HELP???? We are hoping people can join us on **Sunday March 9th** for community hedge Planting, 10 am on the Village Green. Please bring gloves, spades, trowels and a smile. Tea and coffee and refreshment will be available.

A date for the diaries

The Millenium Green by definition is 25 years old this year. So we are hoping to celebrate with a Birthday Party on the Green on **Saturday 21st June**, details still to be decided but save the date.

*Thankyou
Jane*

Ideford Church Key Rota - Can you help?



Thanks to a small band of volunteers we are able to have our beautiful village church open every day. This is appreciated by visitors and locals alike, who wish to spend some quiet time of reflection, so thank you all.

We are now looking for volunteers to cover a couple of slots on the rota. It is not an onerous task, we ask that the church is unlocked every morning sometime before 10am and locked in the evening anytime after 4pm. Some people link this in with going to and from work, others with walking the dog, meeting the school bus or merely to enjoy a walk through the village twice a day.

We are looking for someone to share the month of September with Rachel Blake, and also someone (or a couple of friends/neighbours) to take on the month of October

If you would like to help, please get in touch with Janet Aylmore on 01626 852259, email: j23aylmore@gmail.com - thank you.

IDEFORD VILLAGE HALL.....DATES FOR THE DIARY!!

Please think about supporting these events during the year, unfortunately we have to replace our wall mounted water heater, our Velux window in the kitchen and fit an oil gauge on the oil tank. They say things happen in 3's!!! So your support will be much appreciated.

Sat March 16th Community Breakfast, by donation. Families and well behaved dogs welcome!

Sat May 17th Spring/Summer quiz, lots fun, Licensed Bar, prizes and Draw

Sat June 14th Ideford Open Gardens - to be confirmed

We hope people will share their gardens and combine this with the establishment of the Hall, 50 years ago. There will be a celebration during teas in the hall. More details soon.

Sat October 18th Autumn Quiz Night - New questions, Licensed Bar, Draw and Fun Prizes

Sat November 22nd Winter Fayre, mulled drinks, lots of ideas for presents! Refreshments. Warm, welcoming atmosphere.

We hope you will come and join us and a thank for all your support so far.

Ideford Village Hall Trust

Proposed Trial by Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust

As a resident of Olchard and an Intensive Care Medicine Consultant at Torbay Hospital, I would like to make you aware of a proposed trial by Torbay and South Devon NHS foundation Trust, to move out of hours Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PPCI) services to the RD & E in Exeter. If the proposal goes ahead, residents in the Torbay area who are having a heart attack, would have to travel to Exeter for the procedure urgently needed - delaying their treatment by over an hour. This really could mean the difference between life and death.

For more details of the proposal visit [Save our out-of-hours coronary services - Torbay Liberal Democrats](#), where you will also be able to sign a petition to retain this service at Torbay, should you wish to do so.

Dr Nikki Freeman

Important Notice on Avian Influenza,

(This subject was brought up in the recent PC meeting.)

It seems many poultry owners in our community are not aware of the current requirements for looking after their birds. This applies to not only owners of chickens, ducks, pea fowl or others and whether it is one bird or five hundred!

Since 25th January 2025 the whole of England, including Devon, became part of an Avian Influenza Protection Zone (again). Some areas are covered with mandatory housing requirements (not Devon yet). But there are strict biosecurity requirements that must be followed by all in the zone, including protecting your birds from exposure to wild birds, so not running free, unless exemption has been issued, this can mean netting them and not strict housing indoors. Their feed and water must be covered, to avoid exposure to wild birds as well. Strict hygiene and disinfection, such as foot baths, must be in place. Every bird owner should be registered with DEFRA/APHA and be fully aware of these measures and their need to be compliant, otherwise risking a fine.

This is not just to protect the birds, it is also to protect humans due to high potential of transmission, if it is not controlled effectively.

There is plenty of extra information and detail online explaining everything.

So, we ask everyone with poultry or birds to act and be responsible for all of us and our health.

Thank you.

Update on Avian Influenza, since I received this article there has been an outbreak on February 19th, just outside Teignmouth, so we now sit in a 10KM surveillance zone, meaning enforcement of any restrictions is much tighter and records of any movement including people must be kept! - Editor

For more information visit www.gov.uk and search for Avian Influenza

Wanted - photos of our beautiful locality

Thanks to Ron Hunt who has sent me a selection of photos of our village and surrounding countryside. If you have taken photos and would like them to appear on the front cover of the Parish News, please send them to me at j23aylmore@gmail.com. Thank you!