

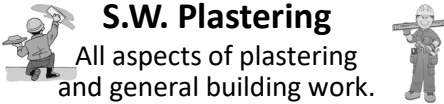


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November
2024



Thanks to Ron and Jan Hunt for this photo.

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Items for inclusion in the December/January issue of the Parish News

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Neighbourhood Beat Manager, PC 10392 Ben Chadwick		07710076780	e-mail: 10392@dc.police.uk

Dear Friends,

What a joy to be able to introduce myself as the new Methodist Minster in Teignmouth, Dawlish, Bishopsteignton and Shaldon. My husband Fred and I moved here about 6 weeks ago, and we are really enjoying our new life by the sea. As someone born in the West Midlands, I have lived most of my life as far from the sea as it is possible to be, and so it is a daily thrill to be living in this lovely town and area and to enjoy the beauty all around us.



I have been a Methodist Minister for 21 years and have served in Churches all over the country from Manchester to Stratford on Avon, Yorkshire and latterly in the Leicester West Methodist Circuit. I have a background in the theatre before I had my two sons and still enjoy stage managing big events and worship services. We have moved into the area in order to be nearer to some of our family members living in Plymouth, Bovey Tracy and Exeter. We have been very touched by the warmth of the welcome we have received, and we are delighted to hear that so much is going on in the communities we serve. My husband is a Methodist Local Preacher and so he will also be leading worship in the area.

I have always loved the Autumn with its changing weather and colours, but there is always, for me, a sense of wistfulness about the passing summer months and a the sense of trepidation about the winter to come. The month of November always, of course, has its focus in Remembrance, whether nationally or for us as individuals. It will be good to mark this time both in my own churches and as part of our Churches Together witness. So much of our worship is centred around remembering all that God has done for us in Christ and the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his friends before he died on the cross. My prayer for us all is that we may truly remember past sacrifices but work hard to do all we can to bring peace to this troubled world.

God bless,

Revd. Helen Bell

Church Key Rota

If you would be prepared to be on the Ideford Church Key Rota for 2 weeks in September, please get in touch. This just involves unlocking the church each morning, preferably before 9.30, and locking it in the evening, ideally after 5pm but before dark.

Janet Aylmore

November Services

Sunday Nov. 3rd 4.30pm	4th Sunday before Advent Evening Worship	Ideford
Sunday Nov. 10th 6.30pm	Remembrance Sunday See below for services of Remembrance Evensong	Luton
Sunday Nov. 17th 11.00am	2nd Sunday before Advent Holy Communion	Ideford

For other services in the team please see the team website:

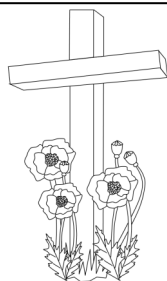
www.haldonteam.org.uk

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

Services of Remembrance

Sunday 10 Nov 2024 - Remembrance Sunday

- 9.30am St John's, Bishopsteignton: Remembrance Service
- 10.40am St Nectan's Church, Ashcombe: Remembrance Service. Address, "War & Religion" by Ranulf Raynor
- 10.45am St James' Church, Teignmouth: Act of Remembrance
- 10.45am Teignmouth War Memorial, Upper Den: Civic Act of Remembrance with wreath laying and march past
- 10.45am Shaldon War Memorial, The Green: Village Remembrance Service
- 10.45am Bishopsteignton War Memorial - Civic Service of Remembrance with wreath laying
- 10.55am St Mary's Church, Ideford: Short community led Service of Remembrance. Coffee and biscuits available after the service.



Monday 11 Nov 2024 - Armistice Day

- 11.00am The Triangle, Teignmouth: Civic Act of Remembrance
- 10.50am Bishopsteignton War Memorial - Civic Act of Remembrance

GENERAL INFORMATION

Ideford Church Key Rota

November Suzanne Hill

Ideford Church Flower Rota

November 3rd Libby Ellison November 17th Suzanne Hill

Luton Altar Flowers and Brass Cleaning

November J Thomas

Chudleigh Library - opening times

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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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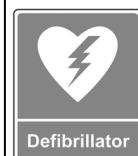
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Vanessa and Janet

DEVON OPEN STUDIOS 2024

Local artists Vicki, Becks, Sonya and Angie would like to thank all parishioners who made time to come and visit us in Luton this year. We enjoyed your company! Although quieter than last year our visitors came from far and wide. Thanks to Vicki's excellent posters and extensive coverage on social media, we reached a wide section of people. Thank you to the Elizabethan Inn for allowing parking through the weekdays, and to people staying locally on holiday (great input from Jan's lovely barns in Luton). It is so important that local artists are recognised and encouraged, we have a wonderful hub of artists and makers in our own community! Thanks must go to Kath Vooght, Luton's churchwarden, she has been tireless in support of artists for over 10 years, supporting, cooking and encouraging all the exhibitors. Our thanks to Tom Reddaway, David Vooght and their 'team' for collecting and storing all the heavy pews for two weeks. Also, thank you to all those who helped Kath in baking cakes and coming over to help manage the schoolroom. The artists were able to raise money for the lovely church of St John's through the refreshments and the draw.

Vicki, Angie, Becks and Sonya

Dates for your diary - regular events

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting, **Thursday 14th November 2024 at 7.00pm** in Ideford Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome.

BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Monday November 18th Planning Committee

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 November 6th 10am - 12noon.

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

BELL RINGING PRACTICE

We are in desperate need of some new ringers. You may have noticed that our weekly practices rarely happen, due to insufficient people being available. We currently rely on ringers from other churches to enable us to ring our church bells. Without some new people coming forward, we risk losing the traditional sound of church bells in our village.

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.



Ideford dog Friendly Community Pop up Café

Friday November 29th 11am until 1pm

Come along and meet up with friends and neighbours for tea/coffee, cake and light lunches.

(Voluntary donation only)

REMINDER!

COME AND JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST!

**IDEFORD VILLAGE HALL,
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3rd**

10am - 12.30pm



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COME AND JOIN IN – GOOD FUN

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SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER,

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97/24 cont.

097.2 cont. One other point we note is that the application does not go into detail on the workings of the new drainage.

097.3 To note the following planning decisions:

24/00861/VAR Rixford Bungalow, Ideford:- Permission Granted. Removal of existing mobile home

24/00060/FUL - Hillcrest Stables, Hestow Road - Permitted

24/00963/CLDP- Homefield, Ideford - Certificate of Lawfulness

23/01297/COND1 - Glendon, Ideford Combe - Discharge of condition 4

20/01018/FUL - Little Haven, Higher Sandygate - REFUSAL Change of use of agricultural land to boat storage, siting of 14 shipping containers, a portable office and garage.

24/01019/HOU - Well Cottage, Olchard. Permission Granted - Replacement of storage shed and outbuilding with garage and store

24/01287/AGR - Rixford Bungalow Ideford - Agricultural storage building, prior approval not required.

24/01361/CLDP - Homefield, Ideford - The proposed new gate, piers and flanking walls are permitted development.

097.4 Enforcement update and issues: No updates at present

98/24

CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS.

Butts lane and the road surface, an elderly person has fallen over. Another couldn't take their walker along there. Discussion was held on the potholes on the lane that need also to be reported.

Dog fouling matter raised on Facebook. The footpath concerned is not in the parish, it is in Chudleigh and is on private land, so Ugbrooke would need to give permission. Our bins have been ordered and we are waiting on Teignbridge. Dog owners are reminded to clear up any mess made by their pets.

99/24

CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE:

99.1 The balance of accounts on 31st August 2024 was £12011.43

99.2 The bank reconciliations for July & August were agreed by all and signed by the Chair and Clerk.

99.3 It was agreed by all to make the following payments:

£372.66	Staff payments	Staff Costs
£45.00	Village Hall	Venue hire. Invoices
£7.80	HMRC	Staff Costs
£93.04	Jim's additional invoice	Sustainable Ideford
£awaiting figure	Rob Gillett invoice	Sustainable Ideford

Payments made since the last meeting: Monthly DD to Scribe Accounts £14.40, this is on a direct debit.

99.4 Legal and administrative update:

Admin report:- budget provided. Clerks correspondence was listed, secure destruction and archive costs were also discussed.

100/24

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 10th October 2024.

101/24

The Chair closed the meeting at 20.17pm

96/24
cont.

Networking with the residence over the councils environment policy. One of the actions proposed for awareness of biodiversity was to hold events, i.e. bat detecting and moth trapping. Use of the wildlife camera, encouragement of the PCC and the church yard where there is a lot happening (see the wildlife wardens report).

Reducing light pollution, this has slowed down. Teignbridge have a policy where they don't do anything with individual parishes. Chudleigh has run into difficulty, they have four street lights which were changed but they were unreliable, so Chudleigh has had to compromise on their set up. Lights and timing:- the contact in TDC has left and indicated that they wouldn't change the timings.

Private gardens and friendly gardening were covered by last night's event. SI is looking at any opportunities to engage with farmers over farmland with regards to biodiversity and exchanging grant information, also hedging projects etc. Mention was made of the environmental land management schemes. Ideford Common SSSI, Rob Gillett will be a local volunteer to survey and report back to the Wildlife trust. Therefore on 75% of the matters, SI is making progress. The next meeting of SI will be on the 23rd October.

96.3 Wildlife Wardens report:

We received a grant from Wild about Devon for £100. The Church yard - Gods green acre, there is a date set for planting bulbs, the saplings are coming on November 5th. There will be herbs planted. The Wildlife camera has stopped working and this will be sent for repair. Devon in wildlife award, we have 49 people in the TQ13 area who have received the plaque. There is an ash die back workshop at the end of the month, this will be a proper discussion on what to do with ash trees rather than just felling them.

96.4 Grant application by Healing with horses, for young people to mix with the horses. There was a discussion about the current donations. Relevance to the parish and its community are the pre requisite. It was recommended that some information should be placed in the parish news and then parishioners could decide if they want to contribute to this.

96.5 Training clerk and councillors: at this stage the clerk had not heard back from Cilca. Training dates from Dalc were provided

97/24

PLANNING:

097.1 Parish Planning Forum meetings on the 18th (2-4pm) and 23rd September (5-7pm) a few councillors are interested in this latter one.

097.2 The following planning application was discussed:

24/01114/HOU & 24/01115/LBC IDEFORD - Longbarn, Ideford:


The Parish Council are inclined to support this planning application which the application states will preserve the fragile cob walls of a listed building from damp by moving the old patio away from the house and distance the damp ground and surface run off. We also note that the application states there are no alterations to the listed building itself & no trees or hedges are removed. We regret that the application is retrospective, which prevented comments in advance of the work. We note the application states that pre-application advice was obtained in 2021, so it is therefore not clear to us why the application is retrospective, or what the 2021 advice was.



Ashcombe Village Hall
Harvest Supper

Ashcombe Village Club

7.30pm for 8pm **Tickets £15**
Saturday 16th November **RSVP Tom Hunt 866209**



Ideford Short Mat Bowling Club
Annual General Meeting
Ideford Village Hall
Tuesday 26th November at 7pm

All welcome,

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Ideford Village Hall
Wednesday 20th November 2024 - 7.00pm for 7.15pm start

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !

We are aiming to be planting saplings in the village churchyard to create a wildlife hedgerow on Saturday November 23rd.

No more than an hour required, from 10-11am. Coffee will be provided. Details will be on the village Facebook page nearer the time. Save the date and if you can spare the time please let me know, thanks.

Dominic Morby, Wildlife Warden - contact details on page 18



Save the date!

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30TH

10 – 2pm

IDEFORD WINTER FAYRE

Ideford Village Hall

Come and spend an enjoyable time, enjoying good company, tea, coffee, festive drinks and other 'yummy' things!

Perhaps a little Christmas shopping for that 'special something' from our artists and makers - and a good natter!

Christmas Wreath demonstration by Liz Hill

Festive Draw, including a lovely hamper of 'goodies'

Tables are available at £10, if you would like a table, please get in touch with Angie (07894482901) or any other Village Hall Trustee, space is limited, so, the sooner the better!

The hall will be open from 6.30 – 8pm on Friday 29th Nov, for stall holders to set up their tables.

All proceeds from hire of tables, refreshments and draw will go towards continued improvements to the Village Hall



TREE HUB

Heads up. We are on the short list to be a sapling tree distribution centre again. We did this two years ago and it's likely that we can offer this facility to the parish again. Details will be on the village Facebook page nearer the time. Let us know if you are interested as last time we seemed to have a lot of Dawlish clients !

Thanks.

Ideford Wildlife Warden & Village Sustainability team.

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the V.H. on 12th September 2024 at 7pm

Present:	Cllr T Hill – Chair	Cllr J Gardner
	Cllr A Carter-Woodwark Vice Chair.	Cllr M Batting
	Cllr D Fox	Cllr C Hill
	Cllr H Bellamy	
In Attendance:	Wildlife Wardens, Robin Aaronson and Dominic Morby	Mrs. Clarke, Clerk 3 members of the public

Item (a)

Discussion and Decisions (b)

91/24

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: The Vice-Chair opened the meeting at 7:00pm and welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Cllr Gearon and Cllr Peart

92/24

THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: of the 12th June 2024 were accepted by all the councillors and duly signed.

93/24

THERE WERE NO DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Updating of the register of interests was discussed.

94/24

THERE WAS NO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

95/24

The vice-chairwoman stepped aside on the arrival of the chairman and the council continued to:

REPORTS: There were no reports from the district and County Councillors. PCSO Bunce reported for the period, 1st June 2024 - 30th of June 2024, 1 recorded offence. From 1st August 2024 - 31st August 2024, there were 1 recorded offence, suspect drunk in charge motor vehicle

96/24

PARISH MATTERS:

96.1 Updates on roadworks, highways, parking issues and potholes and discuss/agree any action. Olchard lane, will be starting again on the 19th Sept to finish the whole of the lane. Yellow lines have been painted by the bus stop corner and vehicles are parking elsewhere, which has improved visibility and safety.

96.2 Sustainable Ideford. A wildlife gardening event was held on the 9th September and was attended by approximately 30 people. Elaine Hughes provided a presentation. All items purchased for the event were taken away. Devon wildlife trust donated the publications. A few projects were established, at the meeting including a gardening / wildlife club in the village. There is potential for an Ideford open garden event next summer. (It was pointed out that the village hall has discussed the open gardens events and would like to combine this with the 50 years of the village hall next year).

A brief update was provided on the biodiversity plan highlighting significant parts: SI has achieved this by assisting with the parish council in scrutinising planning applications. Further supporting residence with biodiversity information, by events holding relevant event. The minimising of carbon footprint, by holding energy events these were held some time ago and we need to do this again as we don't know what impact it has had.

A Devon Hedge

As a small child I passed this way,
Shaded by trees and flowers,
In sunshine bright on a Summer day,
Mid Winter, snow and showers.

An ant's eye view of sticks and stones
I saw, where mosses creep,
And entwined roots like twisted bones
Binding the hedge through which I peep.

Much has changed, it's not the same
Thrushes sing there no more,
Still though, the pheasants rise on wing,
And Devon bank endure.

Not seen today the bended form,
That laboured alone with bill-hook,
From start of day in early morn,
To clear out ditch and brook.

Now machinery is King,
Flail cutting hedges neat,
To promote growth in the Spring,
Above the flowing leat.

Yet again in May the flowers bloom,
In rampant gay profusion,
Dispelling Winter's cold and gloom,
In exuberant confusion.

Long may the ancient bank endure,
Full of beauty as when first seen,
A habitat safe, secure,
Ever changing, evergreen.

Sheila Manley



Pop up Café supporting Macmillan Coffee Morning

When we realised that the September Pop up Café fell on the same day as the national Macmillan Coffee Morning, it was decided that donations from our café on that day would be sent to Macmillan Cancer Support. Thanks to the generosity of those attending the café, we were able to send £126.30 to Macmillan after expenses. Thank you all very much.



DECK THE HALL AND JINGLE THE BELLS



**IDEFORD FESTIVE MEAL
SATURDAY DECEMBER 7TH
IDEFORD VILLAGE HALL**

**6.30pm Arrival - Glass of Prosecco/non alcoholic option
7.00pm Meal served**

MENU

Starter:

Smoked Salmon Pate with Melba Toast & salad garnish.
Vegetarian option available

Main Course:

Nigella's glorious Beef in Guinness with roast potatoes,
yorkshire pudding, selection of vegetables
Vegetarian option available

Puddings:

A trolley full of delights - plus cream!!

Tickets:- £15 per adult and children over 10 years
£5 children under 10 years

Contact Vanessa: e-mail: colleybrookness@icloud.com
phone: 07713 566377

Last orders December 1st 2024

Festive Quiz

Festive Raffle



All funds raised will support our beautiful St. Mary's Church



Christmas Messy Church

Monday 23rd December

10am - 11.30am



All children under 12 with their parents and grandparents are invited to join us on

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

SAVE THE DATE.

For the third year running:

50 mile cycle ride and cake sale for Danielle, Samaritans and Mental health.

Sunday 6th April 2025

More details to follow.

This year raised well over £4,000 but very importantly brought together all ages and abilities to cycle, take part and improve their mental health.

Thank you everyone.

From The Cornish family and friends X



ADVENT WINDOWS!!

This is the 5th year of Ideford's real advent calendar.

The idea is like an Advent calendar, except it is outside, and doesn't involve chocolate or windows!! On each day in December a new scene will be unveiled. This may be in a window, in the garden, in a tree, on a gate, basically anywhere that can be seen from the road!! Ideally it should involve some lighting so can be seen at night, and it needs to show the date number. The scene then stays visible throughout December. To see some of the last years amazing windows have a look on our facebook page 'Ideford Christmas'.

If you would like to be involved this year, please message Jane Hill on tomandjane@live.com or **07871103235**.

SUSTAINABLE IDEFORD A-Z

T is for Transport – YOUR VIEWS INVITED!

One of the areas where we have most control of our carbon emissions is transport. Action Climate Teignbridge estimates that nearly a quarter of Ideford carbon emissions come from this activity.

When we think of transport and CO₂, our first thought is probably that flying is a big source of emissions. It is true that flying is one of the worst ways to travel. It's more surprising to discover that driving a car, when there's only one person in it, can be nearly as bad, or sometimes even worse. The following figures, for an 800-mile journey from London to Glasgow and back, are taken from "How Bad are Bananas?", which is a great book for understanding the carbon footprint of a wide range of common activities (all figures are for CO₂ equivalent).

Coach	40 kg
Train	64 kg
Small electric car	148 kg
Small efficient petrol car	237 kg
Plane	368 kg
Large SUV	1,020 kg

These figures are all per-person and the car examples assume there's only the driver in the car. If there were four people, you could divide these figures by four, for a fair comparison with the coach, train and plane. Then even the gas-guzzling SUV would be preferable to the plane.

It follows that, as well as reducing flying and using coaches and trains where possible, one of the best things we can do is to share our cars more. Even with a small, efficient car, if you drive 12,000 miles a year on petrol, you could save nearly 1.8 tonnes of CO₂e by always taking a passenger with you. This compares to the carbon footprint of *all* activities of an average Ideford household of 18.5 tonnes a year.

We in Sustainable Ideford have discussed the idea of a **simple car-sharing scheme** for the parish. Perhaps a WhatsApp group, on which people could post messages like "I'm going to Newton Abbot shopping tomorrow - does anyone want to join me?" or "I'm going to the Wildlife Gardening talk in Ashburton tomorrow night – is anyone else going?". Alternatively, the message could be more like "I'm going to Tesco's/the Co-op/the Farm Shop – can I pick up a few things for anyone?"

As well as cutting down on car use, a scheme like this could be a boon for the lonely or less mobile and would increase our sense of community. If you think it's worth a try, drop an email to Jim Gardner (jimiglobal@yahoo.com) or message Robin (07792 533310). If there's enough interest, we'll go ahead with it.