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July & August  
2025



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Cllr. K. Gearon  
Cllr. Ron Peart 362260

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### Parish Wildlife Wardens

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e-mail: admin@bishopschool.co.uk

CAD Community Worker Bob Bigland 203050

PCSO Saul Bunce, e-mail: saul.bunce@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

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

Dear Friends,

I write my letter the day after our Pentecost Celebrations at Shaldon Methodist Church, when we not only marked the outpouring of the Holy Spirit leading to the building of the church, but the chapel's 158-year anniversary. It was a lovely day of celebration, culminating with a Churches Together Pentecost Praise event on the village green. For the first seven years of my ministry, I was in Mossley, Lancashire, high up on the Moors behind Manchester in the Ashton-under-Lyne area. It was the tradition there to hold Whit Walks when the town turned out to process with banners and brass bands, with activities for children in the afternoon and wonderful brass band competitions in the evening. These contests feature in the moving film "Brassed Off" if you get the chance to watch it – it is lovely film. To this day I love the sound of a good brass band, especially playing hymn tunes. It was always a very special time of year.



As my husband and I only moved to Devon last August we are yet to experience a whole summer season living by the sea. There are lots of events planned in the area which will be fun to witness and be a part of. But, we are also learning of some useful shortcuts to avoid the summer traffic jams!! After such a warm spring we look forward to welcoming visitors and hope they enjoy holiday time and a sunny summer. Living at the seaside still feels like such a privilege but we acknowledge that things will definitely get more challenging as we move towards the summer rush.

Last week we took our two young grandsons to see "Horrible Histories" at the Northcott Theatre in Exeter. "Awful Egyptians" was a great production, but our visit coincided with the University's Open day. It was very inspiring to see so many young people with their parents deciding if this was the place to continue their education. I have been thinking since about all the children and young people this summer who will move on from Junior school to Senior school or onto further education. It can be difficult to manage change of this kind.

So, however you are spending this summer I pray that you will know God's blessing. The words of the traditional Irish Blessing seem appropriate as parting words.

*God bless,*

*Helen*

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face.

May the rains fall soft upon your fields, and, until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand.

### July Services

<b>Sunday July 6th</b> 6.30pm	<b>3rd Sunday after Trinity</b> Evening Worship	Ideford
<b>Sunday July 13th</b> 6.30pm	<b>4th Sunday after Trinity</b> Evening Service	Luton
<b>Sunday July 20th</b> 11.00am	<b>5th Sunday after Trinity</b> Holy Communion	Ideford

### August Services

<b>Sunday August 3rd</b> 6.30pm	<b>7th Sunday after Trinity</b> Evening Worship	Ideford
<b>Sunday August 10th</b> 6.30pm	<b>8th Sunday after Trinity</b> Evening Service	Luton
<b>Sunday August 17th</b> 11.00am	<b>9th Sunday after Trinity</b> Holy Communion	Ideford

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

**[www.haldonteam.org.uk](http://www.haldonteam.org.uk)**

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#### Luton Church Flower Rota

July Kath Vooght August Emma Vooght

#### Ideford Church Flower Rota

July 6th Eileen Turner July 20th Sally Elliot  
August 3rd Karyn Osborne August 17th Vanessa Morby

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#### Websites and Sat. Nav.

**Haldon Team Website** [www.haldonteam.org.uk](http://www.haldonteam.org.uk)

**Ideford Parish Website** [www.ideford-parish.co.uk](http://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

#### Useful Contact Numbers

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### A THANK YOU IN ADVANCE

Many of you were kind enough to move your vehicles onto drives and into garages for the Open Gardens.

This time of year becomes very busy for our farmers, so it would be appreciated if, those of you who have parking space would continue to use it during this very busy time. Farmers will often be working late into the night and need clear roads to bring their tractors etc through the lanes. This is vital work, so please continue to help them.

Thank You!

*Ideford Parish Council*



### Dates for your diary - regular events

#### IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting, **Thursday 10th July 2025 at 7.30pm** in Ideford Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome. There will be no Parish Council Meeting in August.

#### BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings are held at the Community Centre, Shute Hill, at 7.30pm. The next meeting will be on **Monday 7th July**.

#### 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, from 11 years upwards, to join us, no experience necessary, just turn up and 'have a go'.

It is hoped to run a "taster" session in the summer - watch this space!

#### IDEFORD SOCIAL CLUB

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

#### CHURCH CLEAN AT ST. MARY'S

**Wednesday July 2nd and August 6th, 10am - 12noon.**

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#### 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.

### Thank you!

A huge 'thank you' to everyone who supported the recent plant sale at 'Ty Gwyn'.

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*Pete and Sonya*



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<b>12/05/25 cont.</b>	<b>12.02</b> The following BACS payments were approved: Regular payments approved including invoices for the Clerk, hall, antivirus software, and professional services. Council agreed to return £410 from the CILCA grant (unused training and book costs). Millennium Green grant payment was confirmed (processed in May). <b>12.03</b> Receipts and current balance as at 30 April 2025 were noted. <b>12.04</b> Legal and administrative updates <b>12.05</b> Correspondence received: Late item of correspondence related to road issues was received.
<b>13/05/25</b>	<b>PART TWO – CONFIDENTIAL SESSION</b> - Members of the public and press were excluded.
<b>14/05/25</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> Thursday 12th June 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.
<b>15/05/25</b>	<b>PART TWO MEETING</b>
<b>16/05/25</b>	<b>RE-OPEN THE MEETING TO VOTE ON ANY PART TWO DECISIONS</b> The council resolved to increase the Clerk’s salary adjustment due to CILCA qualification. Unanimous agreement to move Clerk from pay scale 14 to 15, effective from the next pay cycle.
<b>17/05/25</b>	<b>CLOSE THE MEETING</b> - The meeting was closed at 21.23

**BEATING THE BOUNDS**

The Parish Council is considering reviving the ancient tradition of *Beating the Bounds*, a historic practice where members of the community walk the boundaries of the parish, reaffirming the geographical limits through a mix of ceremony, local knowledge, and community spirit. Traditionally held on or around Rogationtide, the event offers an opportunity to connect with our shared heritage, enjoy the countryside, and pass on local history to younger generations.

Before any arrangements are made, we would like to gauge interest from parishioners who may wish to take part. This would likely involve a half-day walk, with stops at significant boundary markers, and may include light refreshments. If you would be interested in participating – or have stories or knowledge of past boundary walks – please contact the Parish Clerk by email or phone:  
[idefordclerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:idefordclerk@hotmail.co.uk)  
 07886 004919

08/05/25 cont.	<b>08.07 CIL matters were discussed:</b> income has been modest (approx. £300 a year). Suggestions for spending included: improvements to the Hall and Green, blue light filters for lighting, and future tree/hedge planting. The form that has to be submitted will encompass these elements.
09/05/25	<p><b>PLANNING</b></p> <p><b>09.01 New applications:</b> None</p> <p><b>09.02 The following decision was noted:</b> <b>25/00595/HOU</b> – Corner Cottage, Ideford – Timber ridge roof structure – Conditional Permission granted.</p> <p><b>09.03 Planning enforcement cases:</b> none</p> <p><b>09.05 Appeal noted:25/00018/REF</b> – Higher Colleybrook Farm, Fore Street – The parish council is frustrated by Teignbridge District Council's failure to notify them of a planning application refusal, preventing their comment. This follows a history of delays and poor communication. The council will write to Teignbridge seeking clarification and to ensure future involvement. The appeal response deadline for Teignbridge was 21st May 2025. Options for parish input, like an extraordinary meeting or individual submissions, were discussed.</p>
10/05/25	<p><b>CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS</b></p> <p><b>10.01</b> A resident raised concerns regarding revised plans for a development at Coombe Cross, suggesting the buildings appeared larger. The applicant confirmed that the building sizes have not changed; only their position has been adjusted slightly to satisfy Highways' concerns. A biodiversity report was submitted months ago and includes an extensive tree planting offset plan involving around 1,800 trees.</p> <p><b>10.02</b> Local residents report dog attacks and loose dogs, prompting a need for action. Options discussed include a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for mandatory leads and anonymous reporting to the dog warden. The Council will contact the Teignbridge District Council Dog Warden and prepare a newsletter article to promote responsible dog ownership.</p> <p><b>10.03</b> Concern was raised by a resident regarding silt accumulation in Colleybrook. The Council agreed to approach the relevant authority to request dredging.</p> <p><b>10.04</b> Ongoing problems with large vehicles accessing narrow lanes, often due to sat-nav misdirection. Damage to property and lane infrastructure has been reported. The responsibility lies with residents who arrange large deliveries without assessing access suitability.</p>
11/05/25	<p><b>AUDIT 2024/25 – UPDATE</b></p> <p>Audit update acknowledged via email. The council agreed on using 'idefordparish.co.uk' as the preferred domain name, dropping 'council' for broader community use.</p>
12/05/25	<p><b>CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE</b></p> <p><b>12.01</b> Balance of accounts as of the end of April, the account balance was £18,069.45, with precept and CIL received.</p>

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The usual 2 hour café will resume in September, when light lunches  
will once again be available.

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### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, LUTON

Saturday, 6th September - Sunday, 21st September

11am - 4.30pm

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Hello Everyone, it's that time of year again!

Owing to other commitments by our local artists, I will be the sole exhibitor this year, hence the limited days. I am working hard to produce new drawings, using inks and pens, with some new works in oil. I will also be offering photographs, originals, prints and cards for sale.

There will be a warm welcome as ever, with refreshments next door in the Old Schoolroom. There will be a draw featuring my work.

The guides will be out in July, so please look out for them. Hopefully there will be some in Ideford Church, The Royal Oak and the Elizabethan Inn, as well as public places in Teignmouth and Newton Abbot as well as surrounding communities.

All proceeds from the draw will go towards the upkeep of this lovely church, schoolroom and school house. All of which are the responsibility of Luton PCC. As with all buildings of this type, maintenance is expensive and Luton have projects that will need attention in the coming months. If you can give any time to helping with the refreshments please let Kath Vooght know on 775426 or e-mail: [kath.vooght@gmail.com](mailto:kath.vooght@gmail.com)

I hope to welcome many of you to this event and to share with you my inspirations and experiences. The venue is wheelchair friendly; families and well behaved dogs on leads will be welcome. If you cannot make these days, I will try and accommodate you if I know well in advance.

For more details, do contact me on 01626 854898 (after 5pm) or leave a message on 07894482901 and email: [angieideford@gmail.com](mailto:angieideford@gmail.com) .

I look forward to seeing you in September,

Best wishes, Angie

Angie Carter- Woodwark, Landscape Artist



08/05/25  
cont.

Significant discussion was held around the pothole repair quality and longevity issue, with concerns raised about short-term fixes leading to repeated repairs. The council also noted the ongoing byways situation; the original quote for repair was rejected by the Devon County council due to procedural issues. The parish council has decided not to risk funding the work, as there's no guarantee that the funds will be reimbursed. The A380 was due to be resurfaced on Sunday however this has been postponed to the changes in the weather. Footpaths number 20 in particular was discussed, it was stated that we only need maintenance to be carried out in a measured manner.

**08.03 Sustainable Ideford/Wildlife Wardens update:** The Sustainable Ideford/Wildlife Wardens update highlighted progress in enhancing local biodiversity. Key developments include the commendation of Robin's biodiversity database and discussions around updating the village website, with potential student project collaborations with the University of Exeter. Plans for the Open Gardens event are underway, set to feature a Devon Wildlife Trust presence and the distribution of educational leaflets. Several initiatives aim to improve village aesthetics through planting. These include focusing on the oak tree by the pub and the grassy area by the bus stop. Cllr Gardner proposed further planting schemes, suggesting the council fund planters and bulbs for the pub, which the owner supports. Bulbs are also planned for the area in front of the bus stop, and raised planters are being considered for Colleybrook. Water management for these new planted areas was also discussed. Ongoing efforts to increase biodiversity net gain continue in the churchyard and Millennium Green. A review of the parish biodiversity plan is scheduled for a later date.

**08.04** The date for the parish Litter Pick was agreed, 26th October at 11am. The discussion highlighted the difficulty of litter picking when vegetation is at its peak. As a solution, the council encouraged community members to undertake their own litter picking initiatives before the Open Gardens event. It was also decided to hold an autumn litter pick on the last weekend in October, prior to the clocks changing. A key challenge discussed was the disposal of collected waste, given limitations with council refuse services. Rhys Andrews shared insights from a successful litter initiative in Dartmouth, advising persistence in collaborating with the District Council.

**08.05 Grant applications** - none currently some are expected in October each year.

**08.06 The Council reviewed insurance arrangements;** The insurance renewal is due by 12th June 2025. A review confirmed that coverage includes major assets like playground equipment, the green, benches, the bus shelter, and "the pound." While the current figures seem largely accurate, a more detailed review is planned, especially considering the ongoing green building project. Importantly, the insurance provides liability coverage even for partially completed works. A future discussion will also address a risk assessment concerning dogs on the green and associated liability. Millennium Green Building: Progress on the Millennium Green Building has stalled. This is due to the original roofer withdrawing from the project. The council is now actively seeking a cost-effective alternative roofer.

**IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall  
on Thursday 8th May at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr T Hill - Chair  
Cllr. A Carter-Woodwark - Vice Chair  
Cllr. D Fox  
Cllr. H Bellamy  
Cllr. M Batting

Cllr. C Hill  
Cllr. J Gardner  
Cllr. Peart  
WW - Mr. Aaronson Mr. D Morby

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

**Discussion and Decisions (b)**

**PART ONE (OPEN TO PUBLIC AND PRESS)**

**01/05/25 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE** - The meeting opened at 7.30pm. Cllr Hill was elected as Chairman. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed. This was proposed by Cllr Batting and seconded by Cllr Carter-Woodwark.

**02/05/25 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN AND DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:** Cllr Carter-Woodwark was elected as Vice Chairman. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed. Cllr Fox proposed and this was seconded by Cllr Gardner.

**03/05/25 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received from Cllr Gearon.

**04/05/25 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th April 2025 were agreed by all and signed by the Chair.

**05/05/25 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** - There were no declarations of interest.

**06/05/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - The chair welcomed our new neighbourhood highways officer, Rhys Andrews. The new resident from Apple Cottage came to see us, partially as the council had discussed their application last month.

**07/05/25 REPORTS**

**07.01 County Councillor:** No report. The council had been unable to contact the new Councillor.

**07.02 District Councillor:** No report.

**07.03 Neighbourhood Beat Manager:** For the period 1st of April to the 30th of April, there was just one recorded offence in the area made to the police and that was for a dog bite

**08/05/25 PARISH MATTERS**

**8.01 Register of Interests** Members were reminded to update their Register of Interests and provide them to the clerk before next month's meeting. The vice chair mentioned updating details and photographs on the website, however this will all be changed in August.

**8.02 Updates were received on highways, roadworks and parking:** Rhys Andrews, the new highways officer, introduced himself and provided some details of how he plans to address various road issues. He outlined several priorities such as Butts Lane, Hestow Road drainage, and Rixford Road.

**CREAM TEAS IN  
IDEFORD VILLAGE HALL**



**Saturday September 13th**

**3pm until 5pm**

**Donations only**

Meet up with friends and neighbours, and enjoy some delicious home made cakes and scones.

Dairy and Gluten free cakes available

Supporting St. Mary's Church, Ideford and Devon Historic Churches Trust. The Devon Historic Churches Trust funds repairs and maintenance to places of worship throughout Devon, and St Mary's has benefitted in the past.

If you would be prepared to make a cake for the event please contact Janet Aylmore on 01626 852259 or e-mail [j23aylmore@gmail.com](mailto:j23aylmore@gmail.com).

Thank you

*Janet*

**ADVANCE NOTICE**

**CPR/AED TRAINING AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Wednesday September 17th at 6.30pm**

A rare opportunity has presented to train in resuscitation techniques and to learn how to use a defibrillator – we have one at the Village Hall. The training is entirely free from the Charity "Jay's Aim Helping Young Hearts". In exchange a donation would be welcome to help their work of reducing sudden cardiac death among young people.

If you would like to book a place, please could you let me know.

*Angela Fox*

e-mail: [idefordhallbookings@yahoo.com](mailto:idefordhallbookings@yahoo.com)

### Bat News from the Wildlife Wardens

For the third year running, we have taken part in the Devon Bat Survey. A recorder was placed in a garden in Town Farm Lane for three nights and twelve species were recorded as passing, including the rare Greater Horseshoe bats and the even rarer Grey Long-Eared.

The results are similar to the previous two years and it's good to know that the Ideford bats are holding their own. We've had the recorder in three different positions now, so it seems that the bats are covering all parts of the village during their nightly forays.

We can all do a lot to help these creatures flourish. At our recent Open Gardens event, the Devon Wildlife Trust stand had a great guide to bats' needs. If you didn't pick one up, enter:

[Wild About Gardens - Stars of the Night guide](#) in your search bar and you'll find it there.

The main things to remember are to shade all outside lights from above, so that the light shines down and to avoid using pesticides which might kill the moths that the bats feed on. Night-scented flowers and a pond are also good to ensure the bats' food supply.

Many thanks to Lynn and Roger for the use of their back garden.



### A Quick Reminder

The Parish News will be taking its regular summer break and there will not be an August edition. The September issue should be with you at the end of August/early September.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support, especially those who send me copy each month and for the delivery team - without you, there wouldn't be a Parish News.

I hope everyone has a great summer.

*Janet (editor)*

### IDEFORD OPEN GARDENS 2025 CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF OUR VILLAGE HALL

What a glorious day weatherwise for visiting gardens. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to present their gardens for visitors on Saturday, June 14th. People who came were impressed by everything they saw and the warm welcome they received from garden owners. This event was a real team effort between the Village Hall Trust, Sustainable Ideford and our Wildlife Wardens. After the Trust's next meeting a donation will be made to Devon Wildlife Trust. We were pleased to have a representative from Devon Wildlife Trust with us to explain the valuable work they do. We will publish donation details in the next edition of the Parish News. The plant stall was very popular, so thank you all for the donation of plants and to Sonya and Pete for 'manning' it. Lovely gardening books were also donated, all very tempting!

A huge 'thank you' must go to everyone who baked cakes, cookies etc, they looked and were delicious, that was a real community effort, so thank to you all. Our celebration cake, made by Karyn Osborne disappeared very quickly! Thank you Karyn it was delicious! We had really lovely prizes in our Grand Draw and thanks must go to Otter Nurseries, Tesco, Morrisons, The Royal Oak and all those individuals who donated great prizes! Thanks also to Maureen for allowing us to use her field for parking, and to David, Mike and Derek for being 'on duty' at the field all afternoon to help with parking.

Our guest of honour, Lord Clifford thoroughly enjoyed his time with us, enjoying meeting new members of the community and reuniting with people who had worked with him over many years. He spoke of his family's connection with Ideford and his father's support in securing the old school for the village. The cake and flowers he took home were very much appreciated, with the cake being devoured shortly after he arrived back home!

The atmosphere in the hall was warm and full of laughter and the Trust looks forward to the next 50 years! Thank you everyone for supporting us, we welcome the support and, if you feel you can offer some time to work with us as a Trustee (we need 2 more on board!) or as a Friend there will be a warm welcome! Saturday really reflected what the hall is all about - COMMUNITY! So thanks to you in helping the Trust to keep this community hub in good order for all of us to enjoy.



*Ideford Village Hall Trust*