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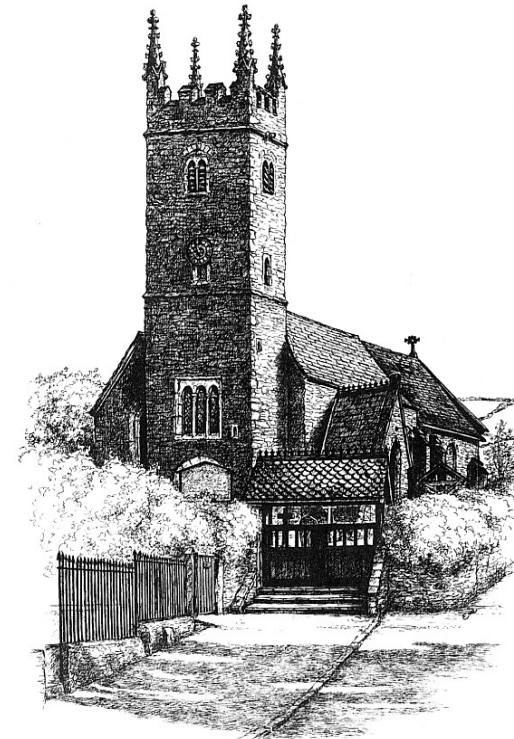
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May 2024



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It has now been a number of weeks since the empty tomb, since we proclaimed "Alleluia. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia." Yet, it doesn't really feel like much has really changed, does it? We are getting used to living in a post Easter world, the weather is getting better, the year is progressing, but have our daily lives changed much? Are we still essentially living the same way that we did before Easter? Isn't the news 'He is risen!' enough to change our lives forever? If I look at my own life critically, I ask myself why I am not living the resurrection more fully, more powerfully, more joyously than I am, after all, "The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia." Yet I still have the same problems, and the same issues I did before Easter.

But there are some very good points that we need to remember here. Christ's resurrection is a big deal; the empty tomb is a life changing event; the resurrection does make a difference in our lives; (and, now here is the point which I think we are all in danger of missing), it also takes time.

It is not a one-time event. It's something that we grow into. We evolve into resurrected people through our relationships and the circumstances of our lives. Every day we are stepping into the resurrected life. Nobody said it would be easy, in fact, it has been pointed out to us, on numerous occasions, that Christianity can be a hard path.

So maybe you are in a place where you are depressed, or lonely, or burdened down by one of the myriad of problems that can affect us all at any time. Instead of that being a bad thing, instead, maybe we should see it as a starting point. This is the point at which Jesus enters your locked upper room. The resurrection isn't just a collection of facts, it is a story, a growing, living story, and how we live our part of that story, with Jesus, that is the resurrection story. The depths of despair, or sadness, of disappointment, that is where Jesus turns up and we share in that story with Him.

So, don't be surprised that nothing really seems to change and the world before or after Easter seems the same. As Christians, we are charged to go out into the world in His name, and live our part of the resurrection story, with Him. The first thing Jesus said to the disciples when he appeared to them in the locked upper room was 'Peace be with you.' Even as I write those words, I can feel the emotions well up inside me. After all that happened to Jesus, the first thing he said was 'Peace be with you.' And as if to emphasise the point, he said it again. 'Peace be with you.' So, when we greet each other with the words 'peace be with you', we should bear in mind what Christ meant when he said it to his friends, but also that in accepting that peace, we have been sent out, and that Jesus is with us, every step of the way.

Rev Peter Burren

May Services

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| Sunday May 5th 6.30pm | 6th Sunday of Easter Evening Worship | Ideford |
| Sunday May 12th 9.30am | 7th Sunday of Easter Holy Communion | Ashcombe |
| Sunday May 19th 11am | Pentecost Holy Communion (followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting) | Ideford |
| 5.00pm | Blessing Service for Luton Village - see page 6 | |

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

Dates for your diary - regular events

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting, **Thursday 9th May 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.

Tuesday 28th May - Annual Meeting of the Parish Council followed at 8.00pm by a full Council Meeting.

BELL RINGING PRACTICE

Practices are normally in Ideford Church on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm until 9.00pm. We would love to have some new ringers join our team, please contact David Aylmore (852259) or Martin Sampson (853391) for more information.

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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Ideford Church Key Rota

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| May | Liz Lucas (Rook Hayes) |
| June | Lesley (Bees Corner) |

Ideford Church Flower Rota

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| May 5th | Vicki Gardner | May 19th | Kath Mortimore |
| June 2nd | Sarah Chatfield | June 16th | Eileen Turner |

Luton Altar Flowers and Brass Cleaning

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| May | Emma Vooght |
| June | M Reddaway |

Chudleigh Library - opening times

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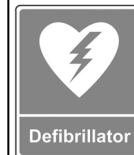
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| 023/24 cont. | 023.2 It was agreed by all to make the following payments: | | |
| | £18.00 | Village Hall | Venue Hire March |
| | £18.00 | Village Hall | Venue Hire April |
| | £27.00 | Village Hall | Venue Hire Sustainable Ideford |
| | Payments made since the last meeting: Monthly DD to Scribe Accounts £12.00 + VAT. DD to CPRE £60.00 | | |
| | 023.3 Legal and administrative update: This year's internal audit will take place on Friday 26 th April 2024. | | |
| 024/24 | TO DISCUSS AND AGREE HOLDING A PART TWO MEETING: The Council are excluding members of the public and the press to progress a matter of a confidential nature. Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960. Local Government Act 1972, ss 100 and 102. It was agreed to hold a Part Two Meeting to discuss the recruitment process for a new Parish Clerk. | | |
| 025/24 | DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 11 th April 2024. Annual Parish Meeting followed by Ideford Parish Council meeting. The Chair closed this part of the meeting at 8:40pm | | |
| 026/24 | PART TWO MEETING (CLOSED TO PUBLIC AND PRESS). | | |
| 027/24 | TO VOTE ON ANY MATTERS RAISED DURING THE PART TWO MEETING. It was agreed to interview applicants for the role of Clerk & RFO. | | |
| 028/24 | CLOSE THE MEETING. The meeting closed at 9:20pm. | | |

Thank you!

A massive thank you to everyone who helped us make this year's cycle for Danielle, mental health and the Samaritans a fantastic success. Around 70 cyclists took up the challenge, with most of them completing many more miles than they first set out to do, with ages of participants ranging from 3 to 70. Well done to you all.

The village hall was again full of delicious donations, thank you if you baked or helped in the kitchen. We also had an Easter themed tombola with chocolate, sweets, gifts and even a bottle of brandy.

Danielle would be so proud that this event has taken place for the 2nd year and especially pleased that all money raised will be going to our local Samaritans in Exeter. These volunteers do an amazing job and are totally nonjudgemental and they are at the end of the phone if you need support.

Thank you, family, friends and neighbours - we are now about to hit an awesome total of £4,000.

See you next April!! (plenty of time to get the training in)

Love Steve, Debbie and Tayde Cornish x

T.L.C. for St. Mary's - Wednesday May 1st

We are hoping to have a monthly church clean at St Mary's on the first Wednesday of each month starting on Wednesday, 1st May, 10am to 12noon.

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

St. Mary's PCC

COMMUNITY POP UP CAFÉ



Friday April 26th

Friday May 31st

Friday June 28th

Ideford Village Hall 11am - 1pm

Everyone is welcome to come along to our dog friendly, Community Pop up Café for tea/coffee and cake and/or a light lunch.

(Voluntary donation only)

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"That's fantastic, what a superb supply of products, thank you again for your continued support.....As always please pass on our sincere thanks to all those involved in raising the money to enable you to donate these goods, they are all items that we need and give out on a daily basis so thank you!"

A big thank you to everyone who supports the café in any way - customers, bakers, servers, washer uppers, furniture movers etc. Offers of help are always welcome, please see Janet or Vanessa at the Pop up Café, or contact them on:

Vanessa - colleybrookness@icloud.com Tel: 853991

Janet - j23aylmore@gmail.com Tel: 852259

Plant Sale and Seed Swap

Saturday May 4th and Sunday May 5th, 10am until 2pm

We are holding a plant sale/seed swap on our driveway at Ty Gwyn, Fore Street, Ideford, in aid of motor neurone disease.

Please come along and support this event by buying, donating, swapping plants and seeds.

Pete and Sonya

Blessing Service for Luton Village. (Beating the Bounds)

Sunday 19th May at 5pm starting the Church

We are having a walking service (like a pilgrimage) around Luton at 5pm on Sunday 19th May starting at the church. We will walk to the businesses, homes, fields, farms of our village to bless them.

We will start at the Church with a prayer and a hymn and walk down the lanes pausing to bless places with holy water and prayer. Everything can be blessed: your home, cattle, plough, your baby, dog, hedgehog or your old granny!

We will finish at the church again and have tea and cake in the schoolroom.

Do come to this very relaxed service for our whole community. If you would like us to stop at your farm or home do let Rev Carol know on 01626 775303 or email: revcarolgreen@gamil.com.

Ideford Village Hall

**Annual General Meeting
on Wednesday 22nd May at 7.00pm**

in the Village Hall.

All welcome to attend.



Millennium Green Update

We recently had our AGM, held in the church due to the inclement weather. Fortunately, due to a recent spell of better weather after the wettest March recorded with only 4 dry days during the month, we have now been able to cut the grass, clean the play equipment and trim the boundaries.

We are hoping to start the new permanent building on the Millennium Green in the next couple months, once the ground is firmer, and we are looking to be able to share more details of this, and AGM minutes and Accounts and history of the Green on the Village website.

Our green was set up by villagers and is overseen by trustees for the whole of the village, as part of the national Millennium Greens project. It is a charitable trust run by the trustees for the benefit of the community to maintain a green open space. It is financed by fundraising, loan of equipment such as Marquees, donations or grants. The parish council have supported the green with grants for the insurance of the play equipment, emptying of the waste and other projects, but the council is not responsible for the management of the green in any way and as such any concerns should be directed to the current trustees, namely Jane Hill Chair, Anthony French, Jenna Bryant, Lyn Edwards, James French, Tom Hill and Sam Kirkwood.

**021/24
cont.**

The access to the site is limited and access is only from the Kingsteignton direction, this is not going to be suitable for a growing successful business that will bring in potentially large horse boxes. Paragraph 3.1.1 of the Appraisal refers to "access to the site via an existing gated entrance".

There has been no planning permission granted for a new access with a driveway banked either side with earth leading on to a 60mph road.

We request that the proposal be referred to the TDC Biodiversity Officer for comment, as this is a retrospective application and there has been no bat or wildlife surveys carried out.

The parish council does want to support new and developing businesses in the area but are concerned in this case, it is perhaps not the most suitable site for this business.

The applicants were attending the meeting and introduced themselves. In response to the comments already submitted by the PC, they explained that the land was not livery or riding stables and the covenant was removed moved when the previous owners sold the land. They had been advised that a biodiversity survey was not needed as their proposal was temporary however, the applicants considered biodiversity at the heart of all that they do. They explained that they had reinstated the existing gateway and that it would only be in occasional use.

The PC felt that it was difficult to support retrospective applications, particularly when ecological surveys were not carried out and would ask that TDC request that these surveys are required, whether submitting retrospective or standard applications.

A summary of the applicants' response to be sent to TDC as an addition to our previous comments.

24/00187/FUL – Higher Colleybrook Farm

The siting of various agricultural buildings (retrospective).

It was noted that wildlife and bat surveys had been completed when the house was built, but clarification that no further or updated surveys were needed for this application, is to be requested.

24/00231/FUL – The Sanctuary, Higher Colleybrook Farm

Change of use of land from agriculture to solar photovoltaics (part retrospective) Cllrs supported this proposal.

24/00104/FUL – Coombe Hill Cross, Ideford Coombe

Erection of a dwelling

Cllrs understood that there were concerns about the stability of the site, even though they have not seen the report on this – a copy of the report to be requested. Cllrs agreed with the objections made by the TDC Biodiversity Officer and the need for bat and wildlife surveys to be undertaken.

021.2 There were no planning enforcement reports or updates.

022/24

CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS:

The blocked drain by Stapley field has been reported.

023/24

CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE:

023.1 The balance of accounts on 29th February 2024 was £12,562.06.

The bank reconciliation for February 2024 was agreed by all and signed by the Chair and Clerk.

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| 019/24 cont. | I have recently attended the Licensing Sub Committee which helps determine if taxi drivers vehicles are fit for purpose. At times, tough decisions are made to ensure the safety of the local community. As ever, I have been helping residents with planning queries and other community issues. |
| 020/24 | <p>PARISH MATTERS:</p> <p>020.1 Instead of setting up a Secret Santa scheme, Cllr's were more in favour of a scheme to acknowledge those who have made a significant contribution to the parish. Further discussion deferred to June/July.</p> <p>020.2 It was agreed to adopt the Ideford Biodiversity Policy and Action Plan – thanks to Cllr J Gardner, Cllr C Hill and R Aaronson. The action plan is a living document and will be reviewed regularly.</p> <p>020.3 To discuss and agree dates for the village litter pick was deferred.</p> <p>020.4 TDC will be installing a litter bin on the corner of Rixafer Road / Fore Street. After monitoring the area, TDC felt that there was no need for a bin in Town Farm Lane.</p> <p>020.5 To receive any updates on roadworks, highways, parking issues and potholes and discuss and agree any action: Rixafer Road is on the DCC list to be resurfaced. The roadworks from Longthorn to Chudleigh have been extended to the end of Easter. It has been confirmed that works by Byways will not affect the current diversion and access route. Cllr R Peart to request that Butts Lane be added to the DCC resurfacing list. Clerk to request car owners park considerately when using the footpath past Longthorn to the A380.</p> <p>020.6 Sustainable Ideford have drawn up a plan of work for the forthcoming year, many of the items feeding into the Biodiversity Action Plan. The next public meeting will be on 10th April.</p> <p>020.7 The Wildlife Wardens have attended courses on hedgerow management, using an app to survey hedges and generate a management plan which can be used by landowners to apply for grants</p> |
| 021/24 | <p>PLANNING:</p> <p>021.1The following planning applications were discussed: 24/00060/FUL – Hillcrest Stables, Hestow Road Temporary rural workers dwelling (retrospective) The following comment had been sent to TDC. When planning application 05/03393/FUL was granted on the site, condition three stated that the land should be used solely for private equine use and no commercial use shall be carried out at any time. There is also a covenant on the land, put on when the land was sold to the previous owners, stating no mobile homes/caravans. The proposal states that "there will be an essential need for a dwelling on the unit to provide the necessary on-site supervision once the business is operational, otherwise the proper functioning of said business will be severely affected". The Parish Council do not consider the keeping of chickens and horses necessitates the need for living on site, otherwise every stable and field could request the need to have a person on site.</p> |


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OLCHARD OPEN GARDENS

Eight Gardens in this lovely hamlet will be open to visit on

Saturday 8th June 2024 12 noon - 5.00pm

£5.00 per person - children free - cash please.

Teas and home-made cakes.
Plant stall.
Cider sampling in the orchard.
Parking available

In aid of Rowcroft Hospice



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Shaldon Festival of Music June 19th - 22nd

Award winning flute and harp duo, Alis Huws and Carys Gittins, award winning trio 'Trio Sora', Kabantu, an exciting world-folk fusion quartet from Manchester and 'Encounters with Gershwin' with James Pearson, Artistic Director of Ronnie Scott's, on piano and Lizzie Ball, violin/vocals. Also introducing a new event on Sunday 16th - a free, afternoon family concert in the Victoria Hall, Bridge Road Shaldon. **'Travelling by Tuba' Round the World in 60 minutes'**.

This is just a taste of the Shaldon Festival of Music, full details can be found at: www.shaldonfestival.co.uk



IDEFORD VINTAGE FAYRE
SATURDAY 10th August 11am - 5pm
ADULTS £5, UNDER 16 FREE
VINTAGE TRACTORS * VINTAGE & CLASSIC CARS * MOTORCYCLES
VINTAGE VEHICLES * MODERN CLASSICS * STATIONARY ENGINES
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If you feel that you could help with the event in any way please contact James French 07789 998948 or email idefordfayre@gmail.com.
Remember - 'Many hands make light work'!!

019/24 cont.

The number of patients waiting more than 78 weeks reduced by 74%
The number waiting more than 65 weeks reduced by 53%
The number waiting over a year reduced by 44%
NHS dental services in Devon
Dental Recovery Plan
On February 7th 2024 a new recovery plan aligning to national priorities, and ensuring the needs of our local communities are being prioritised.
This plan is an important next step in improving patient access to NHS dental care and supporting dental services to return to pre- pandemic levels of activity.

Supported by £200m of new government investment, the plan sets out how we will grow the workforce, including providing targeted funding for dentists to work in areas that have historically struggled to recruit and retain staff, raising the minimum Unit of Dental Activity value to £28 to help make NHS work more attractive to dental teams, and offering dental practices a new patient premium payment to treat patients who have not been seen for over two years.

To attract new NHS dentists and improve access to care in areas with the highest demand, around 240 dentists will be offered one off payment of up to £20,000 for working in under-served areas paid over three years. Across the South West 47 practices now providing 750 additional appointments every week.

Additional children's orthodontic capacity in the South West with 20 orthodontics practices who have treated an additional 650 children during the 2022/23 period.

We are supporting an oral health improvement initiative called First Dental Steps where health visitors and midwives are trained to give oral health care advice to families with children under two and have care packs [toothbrushes and toothpaste] to families in need – this work is being undertaken in partnership with local authorities and supervised tooth brushing programmes are running in schools in areas of deprivation.

Cllr K Gearon (TDC) – read by the Clerk.

I attended the Full Council meeting on Tuesday 27th February. There were two demonstrations outside the Teignbridge offices:

1. Save Queen Street. I have been heavily involved in the campaigning to save Queen Street and have worked closely with business owners and residents to gain an understanding of the impact the planned changes will have to them and the town. I have also spoken with residents of Kingsteignton and Ideford who are concerned about parking, particularly for those with disabilities, as there will be less spaces. There are also concerns around how traffic will be redirected impacting on traffic flow to Kingsteignton. The campaign goes on.

2. Closure of Teignmouth Hospital. The proposed closure of Teignmouth Hospital has staff and residents campaigning against its closure stating its role is vital to the community. In recent years the hospital was used as a Red Zone during the COVID pandemic highlighting the importance of its existence. With increasing demands on neighbouring hospitals, Teignmouth Hospital provides crucial services to the community. The campaign goes on.

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held in the Village Hall on 14th March 2024 at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllr T Hill - Chair
Cllr A Carter-Woodwark
Cllr D Fox
Cllr H Bellamy

Cllr M Batting
Cllr C Hill

In Attendance: Cllr R Peart (DCC)
Mrs J Thompson - Clerk
Nine members of the public

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Discussion and Decisions</u> |
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| | PART ONE (OPEN TO PUBLIC AND PRESS) |
| 015/24 | WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: The Chair opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Cllr J Gardner and TDC Cllr K Gearon. |
| 016/24 | MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: It was proposed by Cllr D Fox, seconded by Cllr A Carter-Woodwark and agreed by all to accept the minutes of the meeting of Thursday 8 th February 2024 as a true and accurate record. |
| 017/24 | DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None. |
| 018/24 | PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None |
| 019/24 | REPORTS: Cllr R Peart (DCC) On Wednesday 14 th February, our councillors agreed a 4.99 per cent increase for our part of the council tax for this coming financial year. It comprises 2.99 per cent for general services with an extra two per cent specifically for adult care. It means an extra £1.56 a week on their bill for an average Band D householder. It allows an increase of 10.4 per cent on climate change, environment and transport. Councillors also agreed an extra £1.5 million to boost regular road drainage since the target budget was set last month to tackle the increase in potholes caused by this winter's heavy rainfall. Agreement was also given to bring the homelessness budget back up to £1.45 million to support the work of district councils and homeless organisations for another year. NHS waiting list falls for third month in a row, with huge improvements at the Royal Devon, Here's how patients have benefitted at the Royal Devon. Between December 2022 and December 2023. Of 166 NHS organisations, we had the eighth largest reduction in overall size of our waiting list. We achieved the milestone of having no patients waiting longer than 104 weeks. Of the 33 NHS organisations which achieved this, we had the most long – waiters to start off with and therefore saw the largest improvement. |

**Save the date -
evening of Saturday December 7th
Ideford Village Festive Meal**

More details later in the year, but put the date
in your diary now.

**SUSTAINABLE IDEFORD A-Z
O is for Organic**



Organic describes things that are natural or related to nature. It can also describe foods grown without artificial pesticides or fertilisers. In other uses the term can mean living things or material that comes from living things.

Organic Food

In a nutshell organic food is made by working with nature, using real ingredients, with animals free to forage and graze on land that's home to more wildlife. It is also a fully traceable system that is governed by legal standards and subject to statutory control. The organic system is not perfect by any means but in general terms it is kinder to the planet and more sustainable. Although the price has dropped in recent years it will always be more expensive than conventional products. On the whole organic food tastes better, is produced less intensively and with less potential for exploitation of land or producers. When one argues that organic food is too expensive, the reality is that non organic food is too cheap. Often there's a hidden cost paid by the environment or by the workers who produced it.

Organic Fashion

The search for organic food products has led to demand for organic clothing, specifically cotton. Synthetic fabrics are by and large made from oil, are plastic based and therefore not biodegradable and can shed plastic microfibres when they are washed. Fortunately more and more brands are starting to offer organic options to their consumers. Sustainable and ethically produced organic cotton is a fantastic alternative to conventional cotton. It is grown without pesticides from seeds that have not been genetically modified and with fewer pesticides. The clothes we wear are safer for us since they don't contain a cocktail of chemicals often found in conventional cotton garments. The dyes used are usually more eco friendly too. They reduce harm to the planet and to people. However beware of fashion brands which claim to be organic but are still not addressing other vital issues.

If you want to have a more positive impact on people and the planet the way to go is to buy less, choose well and make it last.

Living Churchyards

The PCC have begun work on the greening of St Mary's Churchyard in an effort to increase bio-diversity.

We have sought the guidance of an Exeter Diocese Advisor and he has provided us with an in depth report and many suggestions for our Churchyard. As the Churchyard is closed, it is officially managed by Teignbridge Council but the PCC will be working closely with the Council to establish a plan for management. The overall action plan will not be completed in a year, it's a long term plan with goals hoping to be achieved each year, and we'll be learning from what is already working well.

Our aim for this year is to incorporate small islands of longer, uncut swathes of grass, plant more bulbs on the right hand side of the path up to Church and we'd also like to create a raised bed containing biblical herbs. Last year work was started to create the mini-meadows on older graves as well as the wild flower area to the left of the Lychgate and saplings were planted to create a hedge on the roadside. This year we also hope to establish a Bug Hotel to create a safe haven for bugs, small birds and frogs and to plant a few varieties of Devon fruit trees too. To enjoy the nature in this calm and peaceful space, an area for contemplation with a bench has been identified.

The PCC will be working closely with Sustainable Ideford and the Wildlife Wardens on this project and would welcome any offers of help or any financial donations towards bulbs, trees or the bench.

If you've got any spare time and would like to get involved, please contact Vicki on 07766 551067 or Vanessa/Dom on 07713 566377.

Churchyard Bug Hotel

As recommended by our Exeter Diocese Advisor, we're building a Bug Hotel in our Churchyard. Insects are vital in creating a healthy, balanced ecosystem in our green spaces. We can boost insect populations by creating a safe place to shelter and provide nesting opportunities. We have the frame for a Bug Hotel in the Churchyard! It's in the wildflower area to the left of the Lychgate. We now need to pack it full of:

Rolled up cardboard, Leaves, Fir cones, Sticks, Hollow canes, Soft packaging

Can you help by saving materials at home and collecting stuff on your walks please? Just find a space and fill in the gaps!

Happy to collect a bag full if it's tricky to get up to the Churchyard.

The Greening Team (contact details above)



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and Bishopsteignton Preschool**

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Please contact Geoff Jones (Clerk) on 07703 282116

or email: clerk1@bishopschool.co.uk

Wanted - Parish Paths Co-ordinator.

Having been the P3 (Parish Paths Partnership) Co-Ordinator for the last 15 years, it is time for me to pass the baton on to someone else.

The role is, in the main, just being a point of contact for both parishioners and the Devon C.C. Rights of Way Officer in connection with anything related to the footpaths in the Parish. The only fixed job is to complete a simple annual survey for Devon C.C. and this has already been done for 2024.

I would be happy work alongside anyone for the first few months, so if you are interested in learning more, please give me a call.

David Aylmore. 01626 852259



The Wildlife Wardens and Sustainable Ideford - Bat Evening

We are planning to hold a bat evening this May or June, walking round Ideford with bat detectors, which enable the human ear to hear bats' ultrasound broadcasts. This would start half an hour before dusk and go on for an hour or so.

We need to know how many people would be interested in joining in, so we can arrange to obtain the detectors. If you are interested, please let Dom or Robin know by 15 May. We will then fix a date that suits the most participants.