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PARISH NEWS

October 2026



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Items for inclusion in the November 2026 issue of the Parish News

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A Season to Give Thanks

There are some moments when I look around at where we live and think, *we really do have a lot to be thankful for.*

This summer, one of the highlights has been hearing about ospreys being spotted over the estuary, with some amazing photographs capturing these beautiful visitors. At home in Bishopsteignton, I have the pleasure of hearing tawny owls calling in the evenings and watching bats swooping around the house as the light fades. And then there is our beautiful coastline, where I have spent many summer days in the water with my young family or taking a moment to stop and enjoy a coffee (or ice-cream). These are easy things to take for granted and forgotten as the nights draw in, but perhaps they shouldn't be.

Then there is the community around us. Village shows, art studios, village fetes, pub events, pop-up cafés and all the other events that happen across Bishopsteignton, Shaldon, Ideford and Luton. Behind each one are people giving their time, creativity and energy to make our villages places where people can meet, connect and belong. That too is something worth noticing.

The Bible has a simple challenge for us: *"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits."* (Psalm 103:2).

Do not forget.

Perhaps that is part of what harvest is about. Harvest is a time to stop and take stock. To look at what has grown, what has been gathered, and what we have received. In the biblical tradition, the first fruits were brought as an offering to God – a deliberate act of remembering that everything we have ultimately comes as a gift.

We can become very good at noticing what is missing, what needs fixing or what we wish were different. Gratitude invites us to pause and notice what is already here.

So perhaps, as we move into autumn, we could each make our own little harvest list. The people we are thankful for. The beauty we have seen. The moments that have made us smile. The unexpected gifts of ordinary life.

And then, simply, say **thank you**.

Because sometimes we don't need to look further for God's goodness. We just need to slow down enough to notice it, even within the pages of this magazine.

Rev. Dave



October Services

Sunday Oct. 4th 6.30pm	18th Sunday after Trinity Harvest Thanksgiving	Ideford
Sunday Oct. 11th 6.30pm	19th Sunday after Trinity Harvest Thanksgiving	Luton
Sunday Oct. 18th 11.15am	20th Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion	Ideford

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

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

HARVEST THANKSGIVING IN IDEFORD

We will be holding a traditional Harvest Festival service at St Mary's on **Sunday, 4th October at 6.30pm** with refreshments being served from 6pm.

BUT we want to remember that this year has been a very difficult one for our farmers both here in Devon and also abroad. As a village can we reach out in support to our farmers on whom we are so dependent?

The collection on 4th October will be divided equally between Farming Community Network (fcn), a voluntary organisation working across the UK to support individual farmers, and the Oxfam appeal following the landslide in Nepal where their farmers lost everything.

To enable people who are unable to attend the church service, and make this a village wide initiative, any money placed in the wall safe by the door of St Mary's or given via the csum machine in the week October 4th-11th will be added to this collection.

Any dry goods or tins brought to the church will be passed onto the HITS foodbank.

Thank you for your support.

Libby

HARVEST THANKSGIVING IN LUTON

St. John's in Luton will be holding a farming based Harvest Service on **Sunday October 11th at 6.30pm**, followed by refreshments in School Room. Everyone will be welcome.

Kath Vooght

GENERAL INFORMATION

Ideford Church Key Rota

October Roz Brown until October 5th, then Debbie Cornish

Ideford Church Flower Rota

October 4th Harvest October 18th Liz Lucas

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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.idefordparish.org

Church post codes for Sat Nav: St Mary's, Ideford TQ13 0BA
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Dates for your diary - regular events

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting **Thursday October 9th at 7.30pm** in Ideford Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome.

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'.

IDEFORD LUNCH CLUB

Monthly meetings - please contact Kath Mortimore for details – 07775 593551

CHURCH CLEAN AT ST. MARY'S

Wednesday October 7th 10am - 12noon.

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 (07517 231757) for more information.

Harvest Flowers

This year Ideford's Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 4th October at 6.30pm.

Lynn will be in the church Friday and Saturday morning to decorate the church, if anyone would like to join her, please let her know – any help will be much appreciated.

Gifts marrows /beans etc. for the displays will be appreciated. Please see page 4 for details of this year's harvest service.

Please call Lynn on 07751 767107 if you can help on the Friday or Saturday morning.

Lynn Evans

COMMUNITY POP UP CAFÉ



**Ideford Pop - Up Café is supporting the
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Friday September 25th

10am -12 noon

Ideford Village Hall

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Devon Open Studios 2026

On behalf of St. John's Church, Luton and myself, I would like to thank all those who made the time to come and visit the exhibition during Devon Open Studios. Staging an exhibition of this kind requires great effort and support. I would like to thank Kath Vooght, Churchwarden, John Reddaway, Deputy Warden and the rest of Luton PCC for their support. Without this I would not have been able to share my work with the community and visitors from elsewhere. Thanks also, to Michael for transporting my work with such care and for arranging the pews so strategically! The church offers a unique space, together with it's surroundings, thank you to those who made the churchyard look so calm and peaceful. Baking for a nine day event is no mean feat, so thank you Kath for the delicious cakes, shortbread and scones! Everything was much appreciated. To Tina, Liz and Lyn, thank you for giving of your time to help Kath in the schoolroom. Thanks also to Caroline at The Royal Oak for distributing the Open Studio books and for displaying our poster. It is so important to support local artists in their work. I hope to come again next year and share my inspirations with the community.

Thank you all, it's been a real pleasure.

Angie Carter – Woodwark (Landscape Artist)

Ideford Parish Website

Apologies from your editor, I have been publishing the incorrect Parish website address. Please make a note of the correct address:

www.idefordparish.org

It's worth a look, lots of useful and interesting information about our locality.

Parish News Notes

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the Parish News each month. To avoid any possible problems with copyright, please confirm, when sending articles and photos etc, that they are free from any copyright restrictions.

Anyone who doesn't have the Parish News delivered each month can receive it free of charge by email, or a hard copy by post for a small fee. Please contact the editor, details on back cover.

National Emergency Briefing – Summary & Next Meeting etc

A big thank you to everybody from the village and surrounding area, and our Ideford Parish Councillors, for attending the National Emergency Briefing film and discussion on 3rd September in our Village Hall. The event was well attended with over 40 people present. We may plan to do a second showing if there is sufficient interest in the community. If you'd like to attend a second showing, please let Jim G know via email Jimiggglobal@yahoo.com.

The film itself was hard hitting and very sobering, with a lot of strongly evidenced scientific fact demonstrating the various crises that are developing now, at pace, due to increasingly rapid climate change. The impact will be felt right here in the UK too. Attendees generally agreed there was still hope and the film showed that we already have constructive and positive actions available to us – and taking action locally is one positive way forward.

To progress this, we are planning a follow-up meeting on Thursday 22 October 7.00pm, again in the Village Hall. This event is designed to pick up where we left off and start to flesh out some actions and schemes that we could develop/put in place here for our local community. The following list is not complete but gives a good indication of the ideas generated at the film showing:

- Organised groups of volunteers to progress projects
- The need to lobby MPs – there was general agreement we can do this now as individuals, but going in small groups may also be worthwhile
- Community food growing scheme (dependent on any acquisition of land or use of existing council land)
- Community level energy production, storage, sharing schemes (wind, solar, geothermal etc...)
- Community advocates for solar power, heat pumps, EV charges etc, and other areas of action: sharing experience and expertise
- Rainwater harvesting – schemes/advice and guidance etc
- Increased tree planting across the community
- Community EV charging
- Car sharing

Thanks again to everyone who supported the National Emergency Briefing event and we hope many of you can make the 22nd October to get things moving and drive these ideas forward.

Sustainable Ideford, supported by Ideford Parish Council

Village Hall Autumn Quiz

Saturday October 10th

7 for 7.30 start

Teams: up to 6 per team

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Angie (angieideford@gmail.com)

Women's Circle

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What's on at Ashcombe Village Club

10th October

Race Night

24th October

Harvest Supper

For more details please see - www.ashcombe-villageclub.co.uk

Bill Wilkins

Everyone will be welcome at a Thanksgiving/Memorial service for Bill Wilkins, a long standing and well known Ideford resident who recently passed away.

The service will be held at
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on Friday October 16th at 12noon,
and will be followed by refreshments in the Village Hall.



Alpha Course

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We look forward to welcoming you!

Please note the change of day and venue from the September PN.

People's Emergency Briefing Follow Up Meeting

Thursday 22nd October at 7pm in the Village Hall

See page 14 for a summary of the initial meeting together with plans for this meeting.

(08/07/25 cont)

It was also agreed that a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) notice could be displayed on the new signpost, alongside an additional notice reminding owners to take dog waste home if bins are unavailable.

09/07/25

CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE: Financial Status: The ordinary account balance is £8,691.52. The reserve account balance is £7,013.34. Monthly payments were approved. The Clerk provided an update on website hosting and the migration of council email addresses. The first-quarter budget was presented. There was a brief discussion on Martin's Law legislation.

10/07/25

The next meeting will be held on 10th September 2026 at 7.30 pm.

11/07/26

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE NEXT AGENDA - Beating the bounds walk in October, notice in the parish magazine to gauge community interest. Boundary stone project.

12/07/26

The Meeting closed at 20.18 hours

Beating the Bounds

Beating the bounds is a centuries-old tradition, aimed at reminding everyone of boundaries that were important in their lives. During Rogationtide - the fifth week after Easter - villagers, with the rector and other local dignitaries, would walk the parish bounds. The children would carry willow wands to beat the boundary markers with, and in some ceremonies, children had their heads bumped on boundary stones to imprint them firmly in the memory. In England, a Parish Ale, was often held after the perambulation. This was a fund raising occasion for the church and community, a feast where ale was the chief drink, which assured its popularity.

There are all too many interests keen to encroach on the margins of our commons and greens. If no one objects in time, it can mean common land is permanently lost. So, beating the bounds is just as important today. It reminds our local community that they have a common or green with a boundary to be guarded, and in the process also shows us all how much enjoyment and interest the area has to offer. It's a practical and enjoyable way to protect a valuable part of our heritage.

So, who's in?? Just no head bumping please! Expressions of interest please to your parish clerk on email:- clerk@idefordparish.org

If you are interested in this tradition, please contact the clerk as soon as possible, as it is hoped that arrangements will be made at the October PC meeting.

(06.01 cont) Inspection and remedial work will take place on **Longthorne Road** and it will be closed 27th–29th July for utility works. **Church Road** the discovery of a broken pipe beneath the footway, repair work is progressing. Repairs to the damaged **railings at Higher Collybrook** have been ordered. Clearance of accumulated silt beneath the bridge at the Pound is due this month. Butts Lane will be resurfaced starting the following Monday. The road warden scheme was discussed at the County Show and it was raised there may be a problem with insurance, Cllr Dempster and Cllr. Peart will check the situation.

06.02 Boundary Stone: Progress was reported on the restoration and relocation of the parish boundary stone. James French hopes to install it with Trevor Davey once the Forestry Commission has cleared the surrounding area, improved access, repositioned the benches and completed associated works. The installation is expected to take place in September to avoid the bird nesting season. The Forestry Commission will assist with site clearing, a new commemorative plaque has been commissioned from the engravers in Teignmouth.

06.03 Sustainable Ideford and Land Agent: Cllr Batting provided details of a land agent who will attend at the October meeting. The council will host the 'National Emergency Briefing' film at the Village Hall on 3rd September 2026. Rob Gillett from Action Climate Teignbridge will lead the event, providing marketing materials and support. This will be advertised in the Parish News; Also in a leaflet delivered with the Parish News to approximately 265 households; and publically on the parish website, Facebook page and other local channels. Councillors were encouraged to attend and support the event to demonstrate the Parish Council's commitment to hearing residents' ideas and encouraging community involvement.

06.04 Policy Review: The Investment Policy was formally reviewed and approved by the council.

07/07/25 PLANNING:

07.01 planning applications - 26/01058/FUL. The council considered a planning application in Greydawn, Ideford Combe for a garage conversion. The application was supported with the proviso that the annex remains ancillary to the main property and is not sold separately. There were no planning decisions, appeals or enforcements to discuss.

08/07/25 CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS -

Irresponsible management of multiple dogs in public spaces and increased late-night barking. The council will communicate with Chudleigh Parish Council to encourage better signage regarding dog control and waste disposal.



Ideford Village Hall

**Friday October 30th
11am -1pm**

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and/or a light lunch

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Ideford Village Hall – dates for the diary

Sunday November 1st, 10am until 12 noon - Village Breakfast

Sausages, bacon and egg baps – veggie sausage option, brown, white and gluten free rolls. Donations only. Posters to follow.

Saturday November 28th – Ideford Winter Fayre.

Independent stalls, unique Christmas gifts! Full details to follow!



Date for your diary.

Saturday December 5th

Festive Meal in Ideford Village Hall

Details to follow.

Decorating St Mary's for Christmas.

We were delighted with the response to our appeal for wreaths made of recycled materials last Christmas. This year we want to try Nativity scenes in a shoe box (front side removed). Any part of the Christmas story:- kings, sheep and shepherds, angels or the stable BUT we would like it made mainly of ORGANIC materials. e.g. pine cones, wood, vegetation, clay, wool, fabric, pebbles - I'm sure you can think of more.

Libby 01626 852291 or eme.brendon@gmail.com



Advent Windows

I am sure most people are now aware of the real advent calendar, as the village has done it for 6 years, this will now be our 7th year. 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. We have had all sorts from Snowmen to Christmas Labradors to ships and stars. The scene then stays visible throughout December. There are maps around the Village, showing where each date will be unveiled. To see some of the previous 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.



IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on the 9th July 2026

Present: Cllr T Hill – Chair Cllr A Carter-Woodwark - vice chair Cllr D Fox
Cllr H Bellamy Cllr C Hill Cllr J. Gardner
Cllr M. Batting TDC Peart DCC Dempster
WW - Mr. Aaronson Mrs Clarke - Clerk PCSO Bunce
1 member of the public

Item(a) Discussion and Decisions (b)

01/07/25 Welcome and apologies: the chair opened the meeting and apologies for absence were received from the highways officer and WW Mr. Morby. It was noted that district Councillor Gearon had not attended for several months

02/07/25 The minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2026 were reviewed, agreed, and signed by the chair.

03/07/25 There were no declarations of interest, however, Councillors were reminded to update their Register of Interests due to the new legislation

04/07/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION James French attended and presented the boundary stone for the council's review. No other matters were raised by the public.

05/07/25 REPORTS:
05.01 The county Councillor provided an update. In answer to a question it was confirmed that there was no public bus service in the village as no operators were willing to extend routes in the parish. Devon County Council reorganisation to a mayoral county was mentioned.

05.02 District Councillor Peart: Cllr Gardner publicly thanked Councillor Peart for his assistance in fundraising for a local Scout trip to Switzerland.

05.03 Neighbourhood Beat Manager PCSO Bunce reported three crimes in the last month, all related to domestic violence at a single address.

06/07/25 PARISH MATTERS:
06.01 Updates on roadworks, highways, parking issues and potholes. An update had been received from Helen FrankPitt regarding ongoing highways issues: **Rixafer Road** has now been added to the serviceability patching programme. Contractors will mark out the areas requiring repair before patching work begins. At **Luton Cross**, concerns were raised over previous repairs where tarmac had blocked a drain grill. It has been confirmed that proper patching has been scheduled and the blocked drain has been reported for clearance. **Hestow Road** will be inspected with particular attention to Colmansford Bridge.