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PARISH NEWS

September 2026



People's Emergency Briefing, Thursday September 3rd
7pm in Ideford Village Hall -see page 6 for details

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Dear Friends

Whilst, technically speaking, every day is a new one filled with opportunities, each day also has something of a repetition of what came before. This is a good thing since if every day was vastly different from what went before we just wouldn't cope. Routines and cycles are actually helpful to us since a certain predictability allows us to navigate the unpredictability inherent in life. Yet too much of the same-old, same-old, leaves us dissatisfied. In a word, we get bored. When I was a hospital chaplain, besides the obvious struggle of pain and sickness, the most common affliction I noted is how boring it is to be stuck in a bed most of the day staring at ceiling tiles.



Boredom does have its uses. For example, it is a great driver of creativity. As a child, I learned never to say to mum, 'I'm bored', because then it would be guaranteed that she'd find some work for me to do. Instead, I was encouraged to find another opportunity to creatively engage again with the world, whether that meant constructing a fort from whatever was lying around in the garden or getting lost in a book.

But there is a vice, one of the so-called deadly sins, known as sloth. We generally associate it with laziness, but the word used for it in the past was acedia, which means, 'listlessness, or a lack of care.' Basically, it means a kind-of spiritual boredom. It can be expressed by the stereotypical lazy person, but it also exhibited by the workaholic or the person who purposefully fills all their time with activity because they're trying desperately to cover over this feeling of listlessness. At its core, acedia, is to be bored with reality itself, a kind of disappointment with our being.

The cure to acedia, is to engage creatively with our reality, to re-capture that child-like wonder at the mysteries and opportunities of being alive. It doesn't mean trying to satisfy ourselves with new experiences, but to learn to recognise the ever-new goodness of each day, which includes you! Yes, God had not exhausted His goodness in making yesterday; today you are invited to find it anew!

Father Albert Lawes

September Services

Sunday Sept. 6th **14th Sunday after Trinity**
6.30pm Evening Worship Ideford

Sunday Sept. 13th **15th Sunday after Trinity**
No service at Luton this month.

Sunday Sept. 20th **16th Sunday after Trinity**
11.15am 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.*

Dates for your diary - regular events

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting **Thursday September 10th 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 September 2nd, 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Ideford Church Key Rota

September Rachel Blake and Roz Brown

Ideford Church Flower Rota

September 6th Lynn Evans September 20th Sally Elliott

Chudleigh Library - opening times

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Lego Club at Chudleigh Library. Saturdays, 10.30 - 12.30. Suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Both events are free of charge and no booking is required.

Websites and Sat. Nav.

Haldon Team Website	www.haldonteam.org.uk
Ideford Parish Website	www.ideford-parish.co.uk

Church post codes for Sat Nav: St Mary's, Ideford TQ13 0BA
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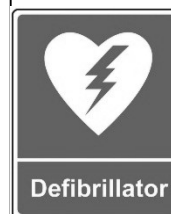
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COMMUNITY POP UP CAFÉ



Ideford Village Hall
Friday August 28th
11am -12noon

Please come along for tea/coffee and cake

Please Note: we will not be serving light lunches in August

Arrange to meet up with friends and neighbours at your dog friendly, Community Café

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People's Emergency Briefing

On the climate and nature crisis

Ideford



Thursday 3rd September, 7pm - 9.30pm

Ideford Village Hall, TQ13 0BA

**Film screening and discussion with
neighbours.**

www.nebriefing.org

Sustainable Ideford

Sustainable Ideford welcomes everyone to this important screening of the People's Briefing film, for Ideford and the surrounding areas.

Parking is limited so please leave enough time to find space around the village and leave room for large vehicles to get through.

Donations are welcome (but not expected).

Please note: recommended viewing age is 16 or above.

You can book a seat using the QR code above or by visiting www.nebriefing.org, then click on 'find a screening', add your postcode, then click on 'select tickets' – tickets are free, but it would help the organisers to know how many people to expect. Dom Morby will be at Pop up Café on August 28th if you need help reserving a seat or his contact details are on page 18 of the Parish News.

Ideford Church Flowers

This is a big thank you to Liz Hill who, after years here, is selling up to settle elsewhere.

She has organised the arrangement of the church flowers through the years, and we who regularly attend have enjoyed and appreciated the beautiful way she incorporates different colours and shapes together to make a beautiful display of Gods creations. Also, I know that those who pop into the church for a quiet reflection from time to time will have come away richer in soul for setting eyes on her floral arrangements.

Thank you, Liz, and may you settle in a village that appreciates your gifts and makes use of them.

Lynn Evans



Lynn Evans of Narramore Orchard, Town Farm Lane has taken over from Liz for the foreseeable future.

If anyone would like to get involved with doing the altar flowers on a Sunday do give her a ring or pop and see her.

01626 852842 or 07751 767107

Harvest Flowers

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

Lynn will be in the church Friday and Saturday morning to do flowers if anyone wants to join her do let her know. If anyone comes they are welcome to do a large or small arrangement, whatever, will be greatly appreciated. Please call Lynn on 07751 767107 to let her know

Gifts marrows /beans etc. for the displays will be appreciated, and, of course, tins and jars etc for the food bank.

Lynn Evans

Pop up Café Annual Report from the April Parishioners' Meeting

The Pop- up Café is held on the last Friday of each month, except for December, when it is held earlier in the month to avoid Christmas and New Year. It continues to be very well supported, and, during the year, we were able to donate £1,158.53 to HITS. As our September Pop up Café fell on the day of the Macmillan Big Coffee Morning, we decided to send our donations for that day to Macmillan. We advertised this beforehand and thanks to people's generosity were able to send £212 to support Macmillan.

It isn't just Ideford residents who support the café, we have visitors from other villages, people who are passing through and see the signs, and we usually see Gladys Stevens' daughters, who take the opportunity to visit their mother's grave, and then meet up for coffee and lunch in the hall.

In June, Vanessa and I were both away – we would like to thank Carol and Karyn for stepping in and running the café for us.

Thanks also to Liz Lucas who came along most months and had a table selling her jams and chutneys in aid of the church. During the winter months, Liz also makes delicious flat breads to accompany Vanessa's homemade soup.

Thanks also to Saul Bunce, our PCSO, who comes along, when he's able, for anyone who wants to raise any issues with him.

We would also like to thank everyone who help in other ways – setting up the hall, clearing away and washing up etc.

It has been a very successful year, and we love to see the hall full of people (and dogs), all enjoying the company and refreshments – it's always a lovely atmosphere.

Vanessa Morby and Janet Aylmore

What's on at Ashcombe Village Club

30th August	Village Olympics
20th September	Horse & Dog Show
10th October	Race Night
24th October	Harvest Supper

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

Good Company Singers

**Saturday 5th September
at 7pm**

*Choral concert
in memory of David Spencer*

St Mary's Church, Ideford

Free Entry

Donations to the RNLI Refreshments available



Parish News Notes

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***CREAM TEAS IN
IDEFORD VILLAGE HALL***

Saturday September 12th, 2pm until 4pm

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 or donate a raffle prize, please contact Janet Aylmore on 01626 852259 or e-mail: j23aylmore@gmail.com.

DEVON OPEN STUDIOS

ANGIE AT ST JOHN'S, LUTON

12th - 20th SEPTEMBER 2026

**11.30 - 4.30pm, every day except Mondays
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There will be a prize draw of artists work, to be drawn on the last day at teatime. Homemade refreshments available in the schoolroom next to the church, just follow the signs!

If you are available to help in the schoolroom, please contact Kath Vooght on 01626 775426 or Angie at: angieideford@gmail.com
We would appreciate your help in baking or manning the schoolroom. Angie looks forward to welcoming you and your families to share in her images of the English countryside. Look for the posters, out soon!

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maintenance costs. The council resolved to wait for formal legal and title developments from Teignbridge.

10/06/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 9th July 2026 at 7.30pm

11/06/25 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA : An update on sourcing a replacement commemorative plaque for the staff/damaged bench on Ideford Common (noting ground preparation and installation are delayed until late August to protect ground-nesting birds). A formal discussion to map out the definitive communication strategy and event planning with local farmers and land agents. A progress report and update from the Sustainable Ideford initiative following their upcoming group meeting in a fortnight.

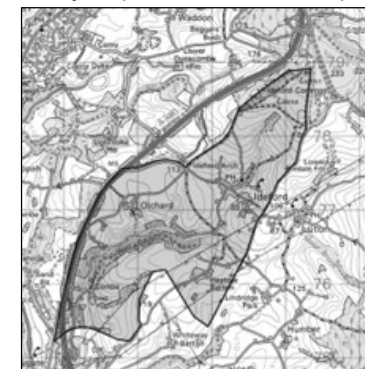
12/06/25 Closure of meeting

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



06.02 cont.

Cllr. Batting will contact a professional land agents to arrange a public information evening for the whole village to explain developing landscape subsidies and tree-planting incentives. Key local and neighbouring farmers were identified to ensure their inclusion in future communications.

06.03 Policy Review - Publication Scheme

The policy review based on feedback from Cllr. C. Hill will be amended. The council reviewed the inventory, to include one bus shelter, the historical village pound, and a public seat located at Larkham. Planning application reviews should be added under the "Functions and Services" section of the document, as it represents a core service the council provides to the community.

07/06/25

PLANNING:

07.01 No new planning applications

07.02 Planning Decisions: 25/00023/COND. The council noted the official planning decision where the appeal concerning Home Field against conditions 10 and 12 was allowed.

07.03 No Planning Enforcement

08/06/25

CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS - Safety concerns were raised - structural deterioration of Butts Lane. The surface travelling up the hill toward the final property has decayed to the point where jagged tarmac is separated from the hedge lines by deep gaps. Residents are concerned that the track will be impassable in winter and emergency vehicles, will not be able this location or Rixafer Road. Markings on the road suggest highways will patch small sections whilst the rest of the lane disintegrates. The council resolved to formally invite the new highways representative to an urgent daytime site visit to inspect the structural damage on both locations to push for a full resurfacing commitment.

09/06/25

CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE:

09.01 Balance of accounts was provided and the council approved the bank reconciliation for May 2026

09.02 The council reviewed outstanding invoices and gave approval for PAYE, HMRC, village hall fees, dog bin maintenance fees, and the annual independent auditor's fees. The insurance policy, was reviewed, pricing was deemed favourable.

09.03 The clerk reported that Highline contacted Cllr T Hill regarding urgent tree pruning around active power lines. Documentation has been received regarding the updated Local Plan for 2020 to 2040, which officially supersedes the 2013 to 2033 planning framework.

The council held a preliminary discussion regarding a piece of Ideford woodland that Teignbridge Council may gift to the parish as part of its ongoing asset offloading. Cllr. Batting raised a point of caution, noting the land was subject to a 1947 Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO). The plot is roughly half to three-quarters of an acre. If transferred without restrictive covenants, options for the site include: a community orchard, wildlife areas, or allotments, which could generate rental income to offset future



Join us at **Ashcombe Village Hall, EX7 0QD** on **Sunday 13th September, 2pm – 4pm** for a special afternoon, organised by Ashcombe Village Club, supporting the **Addington Fund**.

Enjoy a delicious **sparkling cream tea** before joining a guided tour of **Ashcombe Estate**. Estate owner **Ralph Rayner** will share an insight into the Estate, its history and its diverse businesses.

Matthew Cotton, who has farmed on the Estate for the past 17 years, will also join the tour. He will share his experience of farming at Ashcombe and explain more about modern farming on the Estate.



Friday September 25th

10am -12 noon

Ideford Village Hall



Ideford Pop - Up Café is supporting Macmillan

All donations will go to MacMillan Cancer Support

Everyone welcome to come along for tea/coffee & cake (no lunches this month)

Meet up with friends and neighbours at your dog friendly, community Café.

Voluntary donation only

Please note the slightly earlier time of 10am -12noon.

If you would like to make a cake or help at any of our café dates, please contact: Janet on 01626 852259, e-mail: j23aylmore@gmail.com or Vanessa on 07713 566377, e-mail: colleybrookness@icloud.com

Alpha Course

We are running an Alpha course starting 6.45pm on Thursday 15th October through to 26th November (excluding 29th for half term) and restarting after Christmas. This will feature a desert and hot drink, a film from Alpha exploring faith and a chance for discussion in small led groups. Aiming to finish no later than 9pm. Venue to be decided, more details next month. Please contact Tricia if you'd like to help or come on 07563 634900 or patriciajoanna@btinternet.com

Village Hall Autumn Quiz

Saturday October 10th – 7 for 7.30 start

Raffle · Pasties available at half time · Teams of up to 6 people.

We love welcoming you to this, it's always a great night with a fantastic atmosphere! You help us raise a great deal of money to maintain our hall facilities. It has become really popular, so if, nearer the time, you want to book a table, you can contact any of the Trustees or Friends of the Hall and we will make sure you have a place! Watch out for the posters! See you there!

Angie (angieideford@gmail.com)

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on the 11th June 2026

Present: Cllr A Carter-Woodwark - vice chair Cllr J. Gardner Cllr C Hill
Cllr M. Batting DCC Dempster TDC Peart
WW - Mr. Aaronson WW Mr. Morby
Mrs Clarke - Clerk No members of the public

Item (a) Discussion and Decisions (b)

01/06/25 Welcome and Apologies for absence were received from Helen Frank-Pitt, Cllr. Bellamy, Cllr. Fox, Cllr. T. Hill and Cllr Gearon

02/06/26 The minutes of the previous meetings held in April (Annual Parish Meeting) and May (Annual General Meeting) 2026 were approved and signed.

03/06/26 There were no declarations of interest

04/06/26 There was no Public Participation

05/06/26 REPORTS:

05.01 County Councillor Dempster provided an update on the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR), with widespread delays are anticipated. If delayed the councils will remain in situ longer, as elections would be postponed by a full year. Under the LGR, parish councils will face increased operational responsibilities.

05.02 District Councillor no report from TDC Peart, no report from Cllr. Gearon

05.03 Neighbourhood Beat Officer PCSO Bunce One offence was recorded and reported during May. Four deer carcasses were on the side of A380.

06/06/25 PARISH MATTERS:

06.01 Updates on roadworks, highways, parking issues and potholes. The council discussed the necessity of arranging for the new highways representative, Helen Frank-Pitt, to attend a meeting and/or site visit. The highways department have painted new white lines at the end of Butts Lane, which was criticised as the potholes should be mended first.

06.02 Biodiversity Policy update/amend

The wildlife wardens adding a new progress column. Outstanding items include a best practice information leaflet for the built landscape and direct engagement initiatives with local farmers. Cllr. Gardner requested other members of the council take shared ownership of these actions to spread the workload.

Cllr Batting indicated that landowners face significant uncertainty due to upcoming government updates, with the Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) scheme. The scheme rolls out for small farms in July and larger farms in October, it has a limited budget and no guarantee of funding. Cllr. Batting will provide a summary of this legislation from a landowner's perspective with a view to incorporate it into the policy.