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should be sent to: Janet Aylmore at **j23aylmore@gmail.com**
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Items for the Parish website should be sent to Mrs Clarke at
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PARISH NEWS

March 2026



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Ideford	Nicki Horseman	idefordpccsec@gmail.com
Luton	Angie Carter-Woodwark	854898

Ashcombe	Eleanor Rayner	ninirayner@yahoo.co.uk
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Devon County Councillor

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Cllr. K. Gearon	
Cllr. Ron Peart	362260

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Clerk	Mrs Clarke	07886 004919 clerk@idefordparish.org

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Ideford Millennium Green

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Booking Clerk	Jane Hill	07871 103235

Ideford Social Group Secretary	Kath Mortimore	853394
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Ideford Bell Ringers	David Aylmore	852259
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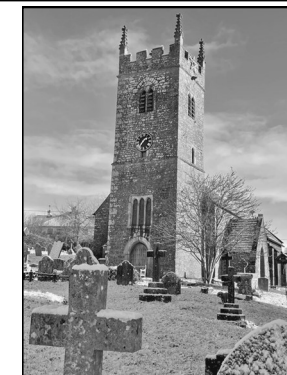
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CAD Community Worker	Bob Bigland	203050
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Neighbourhood Beat Manager, PC 10392 Ben Chadwick	07710076780
	e-mail: 10392@dc.police.uk

A message for Lent from Fr Albert Lawes



For most Christians around the world the season before Easter goes by a name denoting either 'Fortieth' such as *Quaresima* in Italy, or *Carême* in France; or 'Fast' such as *Fastenzeit* in Germany, or *Postní Doba* in the Czech Republic. In English, uniquely, we call it *Lent* which doesn't mean either Forty or Fast! It comes from the Old English *lencten* which means Spring, in reference to the lengthening of days. Whilst it can be seen as a quirk of our already quirky language, it actually helps us remember something important about the relationship between Lent and Spring.

More often we associate Easter with Spring, all the eggs and flowers being references to new life which is, of course, expressed fully by the Resurrection of Jesus. But the penitential nature of Lent also expresses the new life of Christ, reflecting the transformation from Winter into Spring. '*Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.*' (John 12:24). The Lenten Season, is a time to focus on dying to ourselves, being buried in the good earth of God's love, so that we may rise with joy at Easter and bear the fruit of love.

Just as the varied and colourful beauty of Spring is dependent on the life-giving burial of seeds and bulbs, so the experience of resurrection is dependent on our life-giving death-of-self. It may seem a surprise but Lent with its fasting, prayer, and almsgiving is not about cravings endured but love being awakened and budding forth! Fasting, by self-denial, turns us away from ourselves and buries us in God. Prayer, by seeking God, puts down roots in that soil and prepares us to bear fruit. Almsgiving, by an outward movement of love, rises out of the earth and brings the varied colours of love to our world. All three work together to transform us and make the Resurrection of Jesus real in our lives and our world! God bless you all.

Fr Albert Lawes
All Saints Catholic Parish

March Services

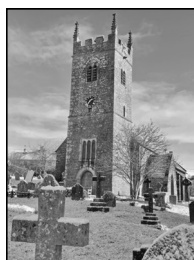
Sunday March 1st 4.30pm	2nd Sunday of Lent Evening Worship	Ideford
Sunday March 8th 6.30pm	3rd Sunday of Lent Evening Service	Luton
Sunday March 15th 11.15am	4th Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday Family friendly Communion	Ideford
<i>Preceded by coffee and cake - see page 8 for details.</i>		
Friday April 3rd 12 noon	Good Friday Lay led Good Friday Meditation	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
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The church electoral roll will be open for amendments from 1st to 15th April. This is not the full revision which was undertaken last year, but just for removing folk who have left or adding those who wish to join. Membership confers voting rights at the Annual Meeting. If you are already on the roll you do not need to do anything but if you would wish to join, forms will be placed at the back of the church.



Lent Studies



Lent Studies will be held each Monday, starting on
Monday February 23rd

The subject this year is **"Acts of Hope"**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Ideford Parish Website www.ideford-parish.co.uk

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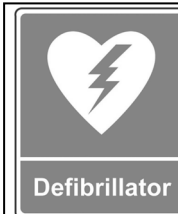
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Dates for your diary - regular events

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting, **Thursday March 12th 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.

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IDEFORD SOCIAL CLUB

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

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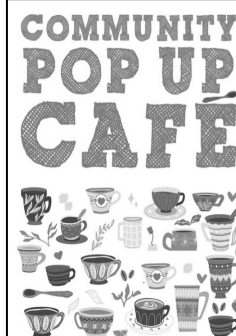
Wednesday March 4th, 10am - 12noon.

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.

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Ideford Village Hall

11am - 1pm

Friday February 27th

Friday March 27th

Friday April 24th

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

Voluntary donation only to support our local foodbank

Litter Pick
Sunday March 1st

10.30am - meet at the Village Hall



Following the success of the November 'Litter Pick', this will be another opportunity to tidy up our environment ready for Spring.

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New Parish Website Now Live – www.idefordparish.org

Ideford Parish Council has launched a new website to provide easier access to parish information and community updates. On our site you will find:

- Highway updates and road closure notices
- Parish Council meeting dates, agendas and minutes
- News and announcements
- Key parish documents
- Information about Sustainable Ideford initiatives
- Updates and guidance from the Parish Wildlife Wardens

The **Highways & Road Closures** section includes details of temporary closures and local works affecting the parish and surrounding lanes. It also provides a direct link to the most up-to-date highway closures and roadworks information, so residents can check current and forthcoming disruption at any time.

The website also highlights local environmental work, including Sustainable Ideford projects and activities, along with information from the Wildlife Wardens on conservation, biodiversity and practical steps to support local habitats. It includes a Wildlife Spotted form for parishioners interested in recording sightings and contributing to local wildlife monitoring.

Please bookmark the site and check it regularly to stay informed.

Clicking on the highways link takes you to the map below. Clicking on any of the icons will reveal what is happening at that location



06.05 Budget Further discussions were held on the budget from staff costs through to grants, as the grants amount is to cover all grants considered in the next year. The precept has been set as £10,000

06.06 Updates Dog related matters, PSPO's have been placed around the village, we are waiting to hear from the council licencing department and a recent discussion with Rob Harvey, who has indicated he really needs to hear from any complainants himself. Mention of barking dogs was raised again. Boundary stone and update has been received from Bishopsteignton Parish Council, three quotes are being requested. The bench was also raised again. The Council is waiting to hear from Lord Clifford Estate

07/12/25 PLANNING:

07.01 As there were no planning applications/Decisions/Appeals:

A discussion took place on planning compliance. Concerns were raised about applicants failing to comply with ecological and structural conditions, particularly bat mitigation measures. As a result of the discussion the Clerk will contact the planning authority and relevant case officers requesting confirmation of follow-up inspections and enforcement of ecological conditions.

08/12/25 CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS -Concerns regarding rubbish at the bottom of Rixford Road were discussed. It was agreed not to pursue monitoring or installation of a new bin at this time to avoid unnecessary costs.

09/12/25 CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE: The Clerk reported a balance of £15,880.84 at the end of November. The monthly bank reconciliation was noted. Invoices for the Village Hall and Clerk were approved, with SI invoice already paid and recorded. Administrative updates included website planning updates, content migration from the old website, attendance records, and parish newsletter items and the waste bin email received from TDC.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: The pesticide-free declaration will be a substantive item for decision at the next meeting.

10/12/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Thursday 12th February 2026 at 7.30pm.

11/12/25 The Chair closed the meeting.



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Good Friday

Friday April 3rd at 12 noon

Lay led Good Friday Meditation

St. Mary's Church, Ideford

All welcome.



Easter Messy Church

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Wednesday April 8th

10.30am - 12 noon

Ideford Village Hall



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



Advance Notice -

Ideford Parish Council

Parishioners Meeting

This will be held on Thursday April 9th at 7.30pm in Ideford Village Hall.

More information will be on the new parish council website nearer the time: www.idefordparish.org

06/12/25 PARISH MATTERS cont.

06.01 cont. A streetlight near Hayes Farm is not working and has since been reported to TDC. The council agreed it would be helpful to remind residents, via the parish magazine, how to report such issues directly to Devon County Council using the online reporting system, to reduce delays

06.02 Sustainability update: Budget has been agreed for planting a couple of trees in the churchyard. PCC to discuss timing and location, and liaise with the diocese. An additional free tree from another scheme is expected.

Meetings and membership: we plan to move to quarterly meetings as the group is keen to recruit a few more members. Community engagement and publication which is inspired by Chudleigh Wild's printed publication, which acts as a local wildlife tour we are considering producing a similar local publication to encourage interest in our village wildlife and projects.

Village planting projects: A proposal for a village-wide project encouraging residents to do something small with their own space (e.g. hanging baskets, hedge vegetables) was suggested. SI will carry out further work on the existing planting around the oak tree and will plant some interesting bulbs on a currently bare patch of grass at that end of the village.

Wildlife activities and exhibition: Moth trapping was carried out last year at the mill to record species present, with some public visitors attending. We plan to hold a local exhibition to showcase fauna and flora of the community.

Recording and data - Ongoing work to build a database of local fauna and flora. Storage of the data was discussed.

06.03 Pesticide-free council proposal: A proposal was discussed for the parish council to make a public declaration of being pesticide-free, inspired by Bishopsteignton Parish Council and a growing national movement (around 39–40% of councils in England). The declaration would apply only to council-managed and community public spaces (e.g. the hall, Ponds, Millennium Green, oak tree area), not to private landowners or farmers. The aim is to raise awareness, support biodiversity, and align with national and local nature recovery efforts, rather than imposing rules on residents. In practice, the main implication would be ensuring that any contractors working on behalf of the council do not use pesticides, as the council itself does not typically use them. The discussion highlighted the complexity of defining pesticides. Reference was made to organisations such as Pesticide Action Network.

The declaration will act as an invitation for residents to consider reducing their pesticide use, and will be supported by signposting to information and advice rather than acting as an 'enforcement'. Cllr Gardner agreed to produce a draft declaration and information pack, which will be prepared for consideration at the next meeting in February, with a timeline for publication also to be agreed at that meeting. The Parish Council is keen for this initiative to be non-divisive, educational, and voluntary.

06.04 Grant Policy A discussion was held on the aspect of giving to National organisations as these would include the CAB, subsequently it has been agreed to remove this aspect from the policy.

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on the 11th December 2025 at 7.30pm	
Present: Cllr T Hill – Chair	Cllr J Gardner
Cllr A Carter-Woodwark - vice chair	DCC Dempster
Cllr D Fox	WW - Mr. Aaronson
Cllr H Bellamy	WW - Mr. Morby
Cllr C Hill	
In Attendance: Mrs Clarke - Clerk	0 members of the public
Item(a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
01/12/25	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: TDC Cllr Gearon TDC Cllr Peart
02/12/25	THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meetings held on 13th November 2025 and 9th October 2025 were approved and signed.
03/12/25	THERE WERE NO DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.
04/12/25	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No public participation.
05/12/25	REPORTS: 05.01 County Councillor Peart: No report 05.02 District Councillor Gearon: No report 05.03 Neighbourhood Beat Manager PCSO Bunce: No crimes reported in November
06/12/25	PARISH MATTERS: 06.01 The Council received updates on several highways and access issues. Concerns were raised regarding the recent patching works on Longthorne Road into the village. The chair contacted Rhys Andrews as the repairs appeared ineffective, particularly near Longthorne Cottage which continues to deteriorate. It appears the patching may have failed. A further inspection will take place. No further update has been received to date. Previous repair works under the arch remain in good condition. No response from the DCC public footpath officer for an update. Follow up was made with the Clifford Estate regarding the offer of installing a kissing gate on the path near Ideford Arch. Towards Nemaste Barn, Hestow Road was highlighted as a serious concern, sections are in very poor condition and risk becoming impassable in prolonged wet weather. Hestow Hill will need resurfacing. Drainage-only solutions and repeated patching are proving ineffective. A permanent solution, i.e. proper resurfacing and installation of concrete drainage channels, for funnelling the water. This will be raised directly with Mr. Andrews when possible. It was noted that a section at Luton, (reported by Bishopsteignton Parish Council) remains unresolved and is deteriorating.



Devon Air Ambulance

Resuscitation and Defibrillator Training

Saturday 11th April
2.00pm - 3.30pm



Defibrillator

The Devon Air Ambulance Trainer is available for us on the above date. The afternoon is free to all participants but a small donation would always be welcome from everyone taking part.

This is a rare opportunity to learn how to save a life should the need occur. Its always re-assuring to learn these skills and promotes confidence at a difficult time.

Still open for bookings, just contact Angela Fox
on idefordhallbookings@yahoo.com
or leave a message on 01626 859599

CHARITY BIKE RIDE - 4TH YEAR RUNNING

SUNDAY 19TH APRIL 2026

50 MILE BIKE RIDE, TOMBOLA, CAKE SALE & MORE

CYCLISTS LEAVE IDEFORD AT 9.00AM
CONTACT STEVE ON 07970984729

RAFFLE
AT
3pm



**JOIN US FOR
SOME YUMMY
CAKES & A
CUPPA
11.00 - 4.00
AT IDEFORD
VILLAGE
HALL**





**IN LOVING MEMORY OF DANIELLE CORNISH
ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE SAMARITANS
RAISING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS**



David Spencer

A very big thank you to all my Ideford friends for the cards, hugs and support since David died in December.

David and I moved to Ideford in 1980 and it wasn't long before he was persuaded to join the Parish Council. David was very invested in improving life for the local community and was instrumental in making the application for Millennium Green status. Ideford was the smallest green to be awarded funding by the Environment Agency.

The RNLI was David's passion and he was involved for over 50 years. In 1989 he saved the old boat house from re-development to enable the RNLI to station a lifeboat in Teignmouth again for the first time since 1939.

David's other passion was archaeology. He loved working in the desert. He also excavated the floor of St Mary's Ideford in 2008.

It is fitting that David's last journey will be on the Teignmouth lifeboat on Saturday 25th April at 2pm. We hope that some of you will be able to join us at The Point car park as we remember him.

Liz Spencer



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Can you help?

WANTED

I am looking for a small house to buy in Ideford village. I am keen to move here as I already have family in the village and would really like my two children to be close to their cousins. I have no chain, already sold and am ready to purchase as soon as possible.



If anyone is thinking of moving in the near future please contact me or my brother in law Vince Aggett.

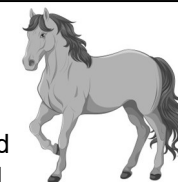
Jenna: 07890 565899 or e-mail: jennaheasman99@gmail.com

Vince: 07967 404324

Thank you - Jenna Heasman

GRAZING OR YARD REQUIRED

We're desperately seeking grazing, a small yard, or suitable livery in/near Ideford for one horse and one pony.



Both are friendly, well mannered, unshod geldings, and we're equine professionals with experience managing land, having rented and run our current yard for 14 years.

Although we've been back in the village for four years, we're still travelling several hours each day to our horses and would very much like to bring them home.

We're open to all and any suggestions ranging from bare land to livery or yard shares. Ideally we're looking for a long term arrangement, but something shorter term would also be a great help while we continue our search.

Many thanks,

Mike & Tori Aylmore

07525 796447 / 07763 022161

Thank you!

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