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May 2026



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Cllr. Ron Peart 01626 362260

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Ideford Village Hall**Chairman**

Position Vacant

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e-mail: 10392@dc.police.uk**A message from out Team Rector:**

As you read this article,

The Easter season continues, it is the root of our hope as Christians. Jesus' resurrection after his death is the bedrock of our faith. It is a deep-down sense that new life will come, whatever the situation.



Easter as a season lasts 50 days until Pentecost. In between there is the Ascension, always Thursday week before Pentecost. That is when we believe the 'resurrection' body of Jesus ascended to his Father. He told the disciples that although you won't see me anymore I will send a gift, a comforter, a guide to be with you to the end of time.

Then on the day of Pentecost when Peter and the disciples were gathered, Jesus' gift arrived in a rush of wind and in tongues of fire on the apostles' heads. As a result, all barriers to communication were broken down and Jesus' message of love, justice and peace was preached so convincingly by Peter that 3000 people wanted to be part of this movement. It was then that the church was born. It was born out of the gift that Jesus gave – the gift of the Holy Spirit. This is the legacy and guiding force for the church today.

The Holy Spirit is the living dynamic force of Jesus alive in the world today. It calls us to be peacemakers, truth seekers and to stand up for the rights of the disadvantaged. In a sense it is a 'crusade' to speak truth to power in an informed and Christ inspired way. Jesus' example was one of patience, kindness and humility however difficult that is. A Christian must seek that way of being.

With love in Christ

Carol Green - Team Rector, Haldon Mission Community

Serving the Churches of Teignmouth, Bishopsteignton, Ideford, Luton, Ashcombe, Shaldon and Ringmore.

Devon Air Ambulance CPR and Resuscitation Course

Saturday 11th April saw 20 people from the Parish attending this useful free two hour course. Two volunteer doctors from the DAA gave a presentation followed by practical work.. If attendees would like to offer their personal feedback this would be useful for any future courses. Meanwhile sincere thanks to the Charity for supplying this opportunity.

Angela Fox idefordhallbookings@yahoo.com

May Services

Sunday May 3rd 6.30pm	5th Sunday of Easter Evening Service	Ideford
Sunday May 10th 6.30pm	6th Sunday of Easter Evening Service	Luton
Sunday May 17th 11.15am	Sunday after Ascension 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 and AGM - **Thursday May 14th 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

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Websites and Sat. Nav.

Haldon Team Website **www.haldonteam.org.uk**

Ideford Parish Website **www.idefordparish.org**

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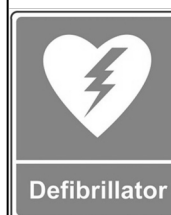
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17th June (7pm)	AGM
20th June	Summer Party
25th July	Ashcombe Village Fete
30th August	Village Olympics
20th September	Horse & Dog Show
10th October	Race Night
24th October	Harvest Supper

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Friday May 29th

Friday June 26th

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St Mary's Church Ideford is holding its Annual Parochial Church Meeting on
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Wednesday May 6th, 6.30pm**

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09/03/25 CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE:
09.01 Balance of accounts The total bank balance was reported as £14,362.36, with £7,001.83 in the reserve account.
09.02 Bank reconciliation for February 2026 was approved
09.03 Approval for payments -Invoices: HMRC, Village Hall, PAYE, Parish News, grant request from the village hall. The village hall insurance has been moved to Allied Westminster, securing a premium of £764.49, separate the overall grant amount to the individual organisations.
09.04 An administrative report was provided
The council agreed on a standardised email format: firstname.surname@idefordparish.org. The old website will be decommissioned. The clerk will investigate the cost of retaining the old domain name to prevent it from being acquired by third parties.

10/03/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 9th April 2026. which will be the Annual Parish Meeting.

11/03/25 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE NEXT AGENDA annual review of the Biodiversity Plan.

12/03/25 MEETING CLOSED AT 20:59 hours.

I don't want to go to the moon by Sheila Manley

I don't want to go to the moon,
so, I'll just stay here, on the planet of my birth,
in other words, the wonderful place that we call Earth.

The far away moon lacks grass and trees,
not to mention, moths and bees,
and don't forget the small birds that fly,
and clouds and rainbows in the sky.

The moon grows no corn or wheat,
that means no lovely bread to eat.
And to top it all, no fruit or veg,
grows in moon garden or on window ledge.
Our earth's full of bounty with good food to eat,
if you ask for my advice, I'd say it's hard to beat.

Even though, out there, there may be wonders to discover,
but mark my words -

some may be useless or even absurd.
So if you've got to leave your home,
and are obliged to travel and to roam,
this is what I should be inclined to do,
I'd first try Madagascar or Peru!

I don't want to go to the moon, and I can't help wondering, why would you?

	06.01 cont. An outstanding report on incomplete drainage work at Longthorne is still awaited. Ongoing concerns remain about pothole repairs, including on Rixafer Road, alongside wider funding and maintenance issues. A new public footpath gate has been installed by the Public Rights of Way team, though installation was difficult due to its size 06.02 Litter Pick The recent litter pick collected 12 bags of rubbish. Larger items, including metal drums and a car wheel, were found near the A380, raising concerns about possible stream contamination. The council will consider installing a bin or signage in the lay-by. Another litter pick will be organised later in the year. 06.03 Pesticides Declaration, on the non-use of pesticides Cllr Gardner presented a Parish Pesticide Policy. It was agreed and will be shared with Millennium Green trustees and the PCC before publication. 06.04 Biodiversity Plan An annual review was proposed. Councillors will review the plan ahead of the next meeting, with time set aside for updates. Recent biodiversity work will be recorded. 06.05 Sustainable Ideford The group has around £140 remaining. Plans include spending £70 on churchyard biodiversity information. Bulb planting may be delayed until next year. Additional county funding may be sought. A proposal was made to use the small noticeboard on the railings to improve communication with residents. This was agreed as a simple and effective addition. 06.06 Accessibility Statement The Accessibility Policy Statement was reviewed and will be published online. 06.07 Boundary Stone Update Forestry England will supply two benches and replace the boundary stone using matching granite. James French will carry out engraving, and a new plaque will be commissioned. Concerns were raised about site damage caused by contractors, and follow-up action will be taken. Millennium Green has up to 250 saplings available, with donations welcomed .
07/03/25	PLANNING: 07.01 No planning applications 7.02 No Planning Decisions: 07.03 No Planning appeals 07.04 Planning Enforcement There is only one enforcement officer currently
08/03/25	CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS - Parishioners raised concerns about dredging at Larkin Stream, where high banks are preventing horses from crossing. The councillor will contact the contractor and Rights of Way officer to address the safety issue. Ongoing problems with escaping dogs in the area were also discussed. Any evidence of unlicensed dog boarding or breeding should be reported to district licensing officers .

Ideford Millennium Green

Ideford is very fortunate to have the Millennium Green and it's important that it is a welcoming and safe space for all who wish to use it. The Parish Council and Millennium Green Committee have therefore agreed to erect signage at the entrances to the Green which say "Please keep dogs under close control".

This decision was taken following an incident on the green last year and several other incidents around the village concerning dogs which were reported to the council and then passed onto the dog warden. The trustees of the Millennium Green have a duty of care to all users of the green including non-dog owners who may have a fear of dogs. Advice was received from various sources. The dog warden suggested using the Teignbridge PSPO notices around the village, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents' (RoSPA) annual report on the Millennium Green recommended that dogs should be banned from the Green, and the Parish Council's / Millenium Green's insurers advised on the use of appropriate signage.

Neither the Council, nor the Green's trustees want to ban dogs, as this would contradict our desire to keep the Green as a welcoming and safe space for all. Hence the signage and the request for dogs to be kept under close control. Hopefully owners will know their animals best, but ultimately you are responsible for your dog and their actions/behaviour. This means that if dogs are in the vicinity of the play area and if children are playing; such as playing football, then the dog should be on a lead.

If there is no one else on the Green, you are welcome to have your dog off the lead, but still remember your other responsibilities as a dog owner. If there are others on the green, please be kind and considerate, and the advice would be to keep dogs under close control, which may mean being on a lead when necessary. Of course this applies to the rest of the village, as well as on the Green.

Both the Council and Millennium Green trustees welcome discussion on this issue and how to keep the Green as a welcoming and safe space for all. Opportunities for parishioners to feedback on this decision will be the Parish Council AGM on Thursday 14 May at 19:30 and the Millennium Green AGM . (date to be confirmed, likely late May/early June - see Facebook for details)

We would also point people in the direction of Devon Loves Dogs and their four paws code www.devonlovesdogs.co.uk/four-paws-code to help encourage responsible ownership.

Ideford Parish Council & Millennium Green Trustees

Village Hall Annual Report

Last year was both challenging and encouraging!

The Trustees and Friends of the Hall have worked extremely hard to maintain and improve this facility which has served us all as a community hub for 50 years, an Anniversary celebrated with much joy and laughter.

However, we had a leaking window in the kitchen and an oil tank that was showing ominous signs of wear!

It is with community support through fund raising events, grants and donations that these challenges were met. A replacement tank was donated very generously by a Parishoner and professionally inspected and installed. We received £500 from the Vale of Haldon Lodge, £600 from our Devon County Councillor and a further £250 from our Teignbridge Councillor. Fund raising was up considerably, by 64%! For example, the May Quiz raised £580, June Open Gardens £768, October Quiz £508 and Winter Fayre £485. Also, £887 was received re Vintage Fayre monies that had been held back. While this is fantastic news, we need to keep improvement in mind, toilet facilities will be improved, security around the oil tank is being discussed as is the stability of the railings at the front of the hall.

We changed banks during the year from Lloyds to the Co-Operative, to avoid newly introduced bank charges. Our present balance is £7083. 05 which includes £129. 03 cash. The hall costs over £4,000 to run each year so a healthy contingency is essential.

We would like to thank the Parish Council for their continuing yearly financial support of £500 towards our insurance costs of over £900. Thank you again everyone for all your help and support, it means a great deal to the Trustees and Friends of the Hall. Our AGM is on May 6th, everyone is welcome to come, ask questions and share ideas. Thank You.

Angie Carter-Woodward
Chair, Ideford Village Hall Trust

IDEFORD VILLAGE HALL

Could all users/hirers of the hall please make sure that chairs are stacked no more than five/six at a time in order to comply with our insurance.

Many thanks,
Ideford Village Hall Trust

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on the 12th March 2026 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr T Hill – Chair Cllr A Carter-Woodward - vice chair
Cllr D Fox Cllr C Hill
Cllr J Gardner Cllr M Batting
TDC Peart WW - Mr. Aaronson
WW - Mr Morby

In Attendance: Mrs Clarke - Clerk 1 members of the public

Item(a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
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01/03/25	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Gearon, Cllr Peart
02/03/25	THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: held on the 12th February 2026 meeting were approved and signed at the conclusion of the meeting.
03/03/25	THERE WERE NO DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.
04/03/25	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Angela provided details on a resuscitation training event organized with Devon Air Ambulance Training, scheduled for April 11th from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. The session is free, though voluntary donations are welcome, and aims to train residents on defibrillator use and recruit volunteers for equipment maintenance.
05/03/25	REPORTS: 05.01 County Councillor Dempster report. Councillors discussed Local Government Reorganisation (LGR), raising concerns about reduced democracy, increased centralisation, and potential negative effects on rural communities. The direct impact locally may be limited due to a lack of parish assets. The wildlife warden raised concerns about lighting. A new rural lighting regime will see lights dimmed and switched off earlier. Residents were encouraged to report intrusive lighting via the online portal, as many lights can now be adjusted remotely. 05.02 District Councillor Gearon -no report 05.03 Neighbourhood Beat Manager PCSO Bunce - no report, an online check revealed no crimes in the area.
06/03/25	PARISH MATTERS: 06.01 Updates on roadworks, highways, parking issues and pot holes. Damage to railings and a kerb in Colleybrook was reviewed. Devon County Council determined it is not a safety risk and will not prioritise repairs. The highways officer is aware. Flooding on Church Road continues due to an underlying aquifer. Drainage gullies were scheduled for clearing. Councillors expressed frustration with poor pothole repairs, calling for drainage issues to be addressed before resurfacing.