

PARISH NEWS

February 2021



IDEFORD with LUTON, ASHCOMBE, OLCARD, HESTOW,
IDEFORD COMBE AND HIGHER SANDYGATE

Thank you to Vanessa Morby for this lovely photo of St. Mary's in the snow - January 2021

A message from Sue Astbury

The 'RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch takes place 29-31 Jan. The birds are indeed getting more active. The past few mornings we have been having breakfast serenaded by a robin in one of the trees in our garden.

I've been fortunate enough to enjoy daily walks along the river and when the tide is low, we've seen the shelducks who have returned for the spring. They are one of the largest of UK ducks, white with a wide chestnut collar, black head and deep red beak. I have watched them on the river since childhood.

Over the next few weeks they will be feeding in the mud, lying on the banks and forming pairs. Then they will disappear for a few weeks nesting in burrows – old rabbit burrows are a favourite. Then pairs will be seen with up to 12 tiny ducklings, balls of black and white fluff huddled together on the banks or scurrying along the surface of the water.

And then, the scene changes in what I've always found a most surprising way. Most of the adults disappear leaving a couple with a large gathering of youngsters – I've seen up to 30. What's happened? All the breeding adults have flown for the moulting season leaving their young in a crèche overseen by a couple of adolescents yet to reach breeding age themselves. Parenting, caring and nurturing take many forms!

In these uncertain times I pray you may find comfort and joy in the natural world, be it through the window, out on a walk or on the television. And perhaps at times of anxiety may find some comfort in these words from the bible.

"do not be anxious... Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly father feeds them. Matthew 6.

Each one of us is infinitely precious to God.

God Bless

Sue

THANK YOU

Way back when, in the Autumn, when all things Christmas 2020 began to materialise out of the mist of lockdowns and restriction, the strapline 'The Art of the Possible' came to mind. It was truly remarkable to see how different Haldon Team parish and church communities responded.

For example, within that framework, Ideford hosted heart-lifting Advent Calendar windows... against the odds, there were Christmas community banners in St John's, Bishop...there were walk through nativities of different kinds on offer in Bishop and Teignmouth communities... and at St Michael's, the church by the sea, incoming Team church and community groups birthed a Christmas Tree festival between them.

Hurrah for the possible and many, many thanks, whoever you are, once again, for all the Team work. Fellow-travelling is so appreciated.

Revd Jane Frost

News from the Haldon Team

In this time of increased uncertainty, the clergy and churchwardens are reviewing our physical church services on a week-by-week basis. We would strongly advise that you look at our website to check which churches are open for public worship and any services which are taking place. The most up to date information will always be available at www.haldonteam.org.uk.

Some of our churches remain open for personal prayer - again, the details are on our website.

As a way of increasing our sense of community and coming together as Church at this time, we are now offering **Evening Prayer at 5pm every Thursday** via Zoom. This will last around 30 minutes and provide time to pray about matters international, national and local (and not least about the impact of the pandemic). You are very welcome to join us by either video link or through your phone. Alternatively, why not set aside half an hour at 5pm on a Thursday at home to pray by yourself? Please contact Revd Jane for the Zoom link and phone numbers. Please also let Jane know if you would like specific people or issues to be prayed about.

The post of Team Rector was advertised throughout January and interviews are scheduled for later in February.

Richard Frost

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ST. MARY'S IDEFORD

It is hoped that the following services will be held at St Mary's, Ideford but please check on the team website (www.haldonteam.org.uk) for up to date information. In these times of uncertainty, it is possible that the church may also have to close for private prayer, so again, please check the website.

Sunday February 7th	4.30pm	Evensong
Sunday February 21st	10.30am	Holy Communion

IDEFORD CHURCH ROTA

Volunteers to unlock, clean and lock the Church for services and private prayer.

February 3rd, 7th, 10th, 14th	Libby Ellison
February 17th, 21st, 24th, 28th	Nicky Horseman

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 0BB
St John's, Luton	TQ13 0BN	St Nectan's, Ashcombe
		EX7 0QD

Ideford Parish Council 2020

What have we done for our community?

We have held 8 meetings, to consider a range of issues, including:

- A Parish Emergency Plan
- The boundary stone
- Affordable housing
- A new grit bin
- The village oak



Your Parish Councillors are:

Cllr David Fox—Chairman

Cllr Helen Bellamy

Cllr Paul Jervis

Cllr Angie Carter-Woodwark—Vice

Cllr Sarah Oxenham

Cllr Maureen Crispin

All Parish Councillors are available to help and support parishioners with any issues, particularly during these difficult times

Has the parish council helped you this year? Do you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can make our services better? Or what do you think we are doing well? Email idefordclerk@hotmail.co.uk.

We are currently in uncertain times due to the Coronavirus, which we are all facing as a strong community. We hope to be able to hold our Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 8th April 2021, but please keep an eye on our notice board, website and Facebook page for further information.



We have considered 16 planning applications this year, giving each application our most careful attention.

We have reported various enforcement issues in and around the parish, and have supported residents with their concerns.

We have set our precept at £8865 for the 2021/22 financial year, an increase of just 1.75% on last year.



IDEFORD'S OAK TREE

Your decision on its future



Tree report

The tree has a relatively large fungal bracket of *Ganoderma resinaceum* at the base, this fresh fungal fruiting body is growing above last season's fruiting body.

Although the tree is suffering from a fungal infection, it poses a broadly acceptable risk and work is not required from a health and safety point of view.

Ganoderma resinaceum on oaks affects the roots and root plate, almost only ever below ground. This is a white rot which selectively removes lignin from the wood. At advanced stages of decay, the infected wood becomes increasingly softer and loses its stiffness but not toughness. Finally, the decayed wood breaks right down, giving a soft spongy consistency.

The presence of last year's bracket and the relatively large size indicate that the oak tree has had the infection for a number of years. The tree is small in stature not exposed to high winds, being protected by adjacent buildings and the bus shelter.

The wounds on the exposed roots all round the tree, caused by lawnmower blades, are the most likely entry point for the fungi. Healthy trees with no wounds are very rarely infected with parasitic fungi.

The whole root plate is raised, giving presence to the exposed roots, exposed roots being unusual in the species. This suggests there may be some object or obstruction under the tree preventing the normal colonisation of the rooting area available.

Perhaps the previous trees stump / root plate is still in place or the soil below the planted tree is compacted prohibiting root ingress. Whatever the reason for the defective footplate growth habit, the actual infection would appear to be a cause of strimmer/mower damage to surface roots and then fungal infection.

The tree may compartmentalise the fungi, using its own defence mechanisms and grow into a mature oak. However, there will always be the issue and concern of the reduced rooting zone and the weakness caused by the infection until the tree is able to fully compartmentalise the fungi and produce stabilising reaction wood. To give the tree the best chance of surviving for the longest possible time, kill the grass and mulch around the tree, at least the whole area under the crown. This will remove the competition from grass for nutrients and water. Apply a granular fertiliser onto the roots to feed the tree (ask at the garden centre for the best one, NPK slow release).

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Thinking of the future, consider planting a replacement tree now, I suggest the area to the west of the bench may be appropriate dependant on underground services. Plant the tree and ensure soil amelioration is undertaken, use of mycorrhizal fungi to help establishment. Ensure that the nursery planting and aftercare guide is adhered to. When or if the oak begins to struggle, the new tree can then become the successor.

Ideford Parish Council would like to get the views of all residents as to the future of the oak tree. Please submit comments before Thursday 11th February 2021.

Please email your comments to Mrs Juliette Thompson – the Parish Clerk on idefordclerk@hotmail.co.uk or call on 07731 145077 / 07427 145320

Post your comments at the mailbox of Stapley Cottage

Or speak to any of the Parish Councillors

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Ideford Parish Council meeting, due to be held on **Thursday 11th February 2021**, has been **cancelled**

The next Ideford PACT is due to be held on **Wednesday 10th March 2021** at 2pm

Welcome to the new Parish Councillor

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that it has a new Councillor and we wish her a very warm welcome:

Cllr Maureen Crispin

There is still one vacancy left on the Parish Council - if you are interested in joining please contact the Clerk or any of the Councillors.

BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Full Council is to be held at 7.00pm on **Monday February 1st**. This meeting will be held remotely using Zoom. See the BPC website for more details - www.bishopsteignton-pc.gov.uk

REQUEST FROM A REGULAR LOCAL WALKER

If you put a poster on a village lamp post or telegraph pole, could you please remember to remove it once it is out of date. Posters soon become very tatty and torn and our villages would look a lot more cared for if they were removed.

Perhaps local walkers could help by removing out of date posters when they see them.

Thank you!

Can you help?

Is there anyone in the area who has a garage I could rent to put my lovely old classic car in? I would really like to move it from where it is to a drier place.

Please contact Kath Mortimore on 01626 853394.

Thank you



Not Kath's actual car!

PARISH NEWS - MARCH ISSUE

With no events to publicise and no Christmas photos or 'thank you' to print, the March issue of the PN could look rather sparse - unless you can help! Any photos or snippets that you think might be of interest to other parishioners will be gratefully received.

Please send to me at j23aylmore@gmail.com by February 17th.

Thank you in advance!

THANKS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall committee would like to thank James and Terri French for adhering to the very strict covid 19 guidelines imposed by the hall committee and their very generous donation of £180 following the very successful 2 day Christmas market in December.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the paper festive quiz in November. The winning team from Ideford received a fantastic Christmas hamper. A total of £163 was raised for the village hall.

The Millennium Green, St Mary's Church and Village Hall would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets and donated prizes for Ideford Christmas raffle. An amazing £635 was shared equally between the 3 committees.

Rachel Blake



A CHRISTMAS 'THANK YOU'.

A huge 'thank you' to everyone who took part in the 'Ideford Real Advent Calendar', those who were involved in making the windows and particularly those involved in making and setting the church star in place. The village looked lovely and showed real community spirit. (Perhaps it could be repeated this December!)

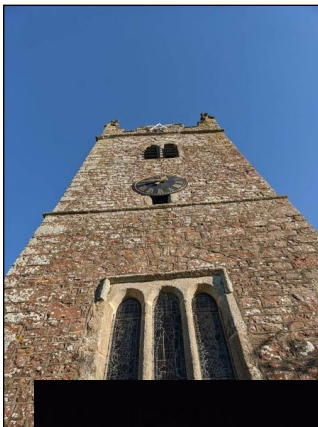
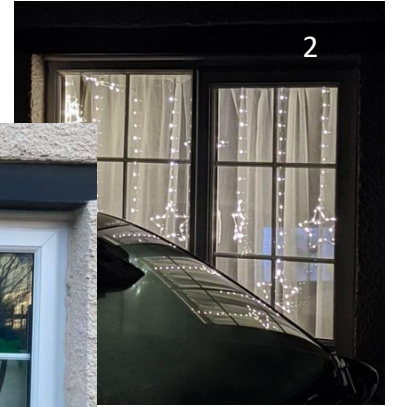
I would also like to thank everyone for buying raffle tickets for the Christmas Village Raffle, and to those who donated prizes. £635 to share between the Village Hall, Millennium Green and the Church is amazing.

Thank you!

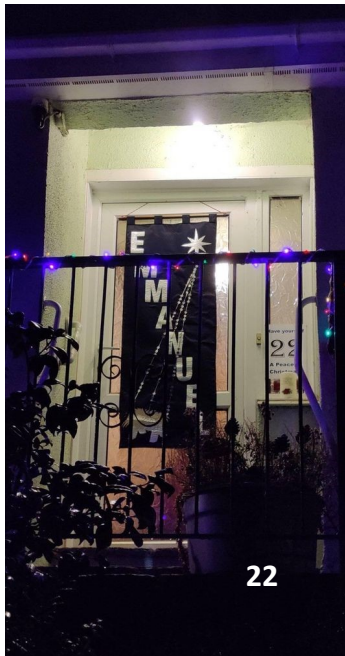
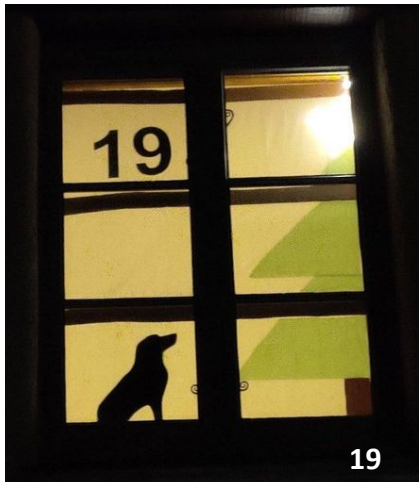
Jane Hill

In case you missed any of the Advent windows, you can see them all on the following pages.

Ideford's Real Advent Calendar 2020







MARMALADE AND MORE...

Marmalades, jams (blackcurrant, plum and ginger, gooseberry or gooseberry and strawberry mix), redcurrant or mint jelly and tomato relish and beetroot chutney and more for sale in aid of St Mary's.



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Devon Libraries, Covid – 19 update

During the current 'lockdown', the following temporary arrangements have been put in place:

- Existing loans have been extended to March 29th 2021
- Reservation charges are suspended until March 29th 2021.
- The digital library remains open, you can download and stream free eBooks, eAudio-books, eMagazines and e-newspapers from our extensive collection. You can use our online resources from home and access to Ancestry Library Edition has been extended to March 2021.
- To use our new free of charge 'Choose and Collect' service telephone or email your local library, we will select your books or DVDs and you can collect them from the library entrance at a pre-arranged time.
- All our library buildings are closed. All services in libraries are therefore suspended.
- Mobile libraries will not be on the road

Devon Libraries website: www.devonlibraries.org.uk

Chudleigh Library contact details -

Tel: 01626 852469

e-mail: chudleigh.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk

Missing

Dear Phil,

I'm missing your perfect coffee
at the round table in your coffee bar,
I'm missing you too
as you arrive with the tray
and your warm friendly smile.

My glass of water,
my warm plain croissant,
my single espresso-
that rich roasted smell,
that crema,
that just right temperature,
even the little white cup it comes in.

That slow drawing up of coffee into my mouth,
feeling it around the inside of my mouth,
that swallowing,
that final scraping with a teaspoon
of any last crema stuck to the cup.

Jan Nichols

Another poem taken from 'Isolation Diaries' released by 'Moor Poets', a community of poets based in and around the Dartmoor area. Thank you to Jan, and to Veronica for sending them in for us to enjoy.

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