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I would like to wish all KERSWELLA TEAM a happy and restful xmas. They have worked so hard over the past year. Sorted out fun afternoons at Trailblazers and organised some good lunches..All done with lots of patience and smiles. Also the cars for hospitals etc which I have used several times. So look forward to 2026 and whats in store for us all. I know all this appreciated by all who have attended these events so many thanks to you all. **Doreen Dale**

ST. ANDREW'S CHRISTMAS FAIR SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER 10-12NOON

We will be setting up in church from 2pm on Friday 5th December so if you have any books, jig-saws, cakes, toys, bric-a-brac, bottles for the bottle stall, preserves/produce please bring them to church on that day.

If you need anything collecting please ring 01803 812812 Thanks, Vanessa Bevan

Alistair and Judy Dewhirst

would like to wish all their friends in Ipplepen every happiness this Christmas and in the future. We didn't manage to say farewell to everyone in person before we finally left but Ipplepen and the happy times we spent there are never far from our minds. Thanks to you all, Ipplepen will be a wonderful place to live for years to come.

IPPLEPEN MEMORY CAFE

16th December 2025

St Andrews Church Hall

2pm until 3.30pm



Christmas Party

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Date of next meeting 20th January 2026



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Gillian Anderson

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Saturday 6th December 2025

10.00 – 12.00

St. Andrew's Church

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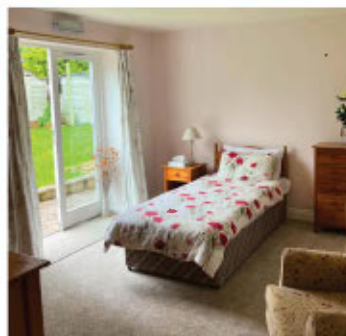
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IPPLEPEN VILLAGE GARDEN SHOW

*As Christmas is approaching,
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reveal for the Village Show
Photography Competition.*



Adults

In the deep midwinter; a photograph depicting a Christmas or deep winter scenery or view.

Children

What I love about Christmas; A photograph showing a special Christmas moment or view.

Always a lovely time of year, we look forward to seeing your entries

Preparation for the Show starts in earnest in the New Year, don't forget to save the date; Saturday 18th July 2026.

Karen Careswell

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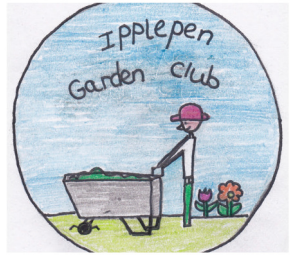
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Ipplepen Garden Club

2026 Programme



28 th January	Heritage Vegetables	Sally Nex
25 th February	Ambrook Italianate Garden	Heather Aplin
25 th March	Camassia, Chris, Chelsea and Chaos!	Stella Exley
22 nd April	Fifty Years Gardening on Dartmoor	Robin Hill
27 th May	Gardening with Jane Austen	Penny Townsend
24 th June	Practical Vegetative Plant Propagation	Stewart Henchie
22 nd July	Garden Photography	Nigel West
26 th August	Growing Alpines in Containers	Richard Horswood
23 rd September	Fabulous Foliage	Mike Stephens
28 th October	Autumn and Winter Colour	Martin Young
25 th November	Plant Peculiarities	Tim Ellis

December No Meeting

All Meetings at 7:30pm in Ipplepen Village Hall

Julie Haylock gave us a demonstration of how to plant a container for colour and interest in the Autumn and Winter. She recommends having a Pillar plant in the centre for height and support. Her choice was a Cordyline. She surrounded this with Thrillers (bright orange Rudbeckias) and Fillers (blue Pansies). She then added Ivy as a Spiller to trail down the sides. One lucky member won the finished container in the raffle.

Julie suggested grouping pots together, rather than dotting them around a patio, especially in dry weather, as it makes watering easier. Holes in the bottom of containers are particularly important in wet weather, to avoid waterlogging and putting the pot onto feet also helps drainage.

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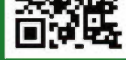


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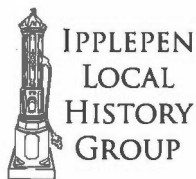
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Coffee Morning and Talk

The Local History Group rounded off the year with several of our regular events. Our coffee morning was successful and provided an opportunity for everyone to see a display of some of our pictures of Ipplepen schools and Churches. Every time we have one of these events, we are struck by the number of people who are interested in their village community and wish to know more.

Dr. Todd Gray presented our October talk. His theme was the role of Exeter in the British empire. For his research Dr. Gray had looked at the lives of 250 Exeter people and over five centuries of Imperialism is explored. He was keen to point out how important it is for us to understand our history. In his capacity as a research fellow at Exeter University he has been noticing for some time a decline in the number of students with knowledge of the extent and range of the British Empire. He is concerned about this. Like most historians he takes the view that it does not matter whether you approve or disapprove of the Empire, but you need to have knowledge before making a judgment.

Next Year's Talks and Events

MONDAY FEBRUARY 16th, Village Hall 7.30pm. Tracey Norman – 'Plants, Poulitices, and Persecutions' – Remedies from the 16th and 17th centuries.

SATURDAY MARCH 21st. Village Hall 10a.m. – 12.30pm. Coffee Morning

MONDAY JULY 20th. AGM and talk, Village Hall 7.30pm. John Risdon – 'A Thousand Year Journey up the Dart Estuary'

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19th. Village Hall 10a.m. – 12.30pm. Coffee Morning

MONDAY OCTOBER 19th. Nick Pannell. Village Hall 7.30pm. Paignton in Old Pictures.

**A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE FROM THE
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We couldn't do any of this without our brilliant volunteers, who bake, cook, serve food, clean, run the library, handle new stock, run the toddler group, and sometimes even walk our customers home. **THANK YOU ALL.**

We'll be closing for the Christmas break after serving Christmas lunch on Thursday 18th December. We will re-open on **Tuesday 6th January 2026.**

Upcoming free events, open to everyone, with no booking required:

- Wed. 10th December from 10.30am – Digital Drop-in – hosted by Mark.
- and then Wed. 14th January 2026
- Wed. 10th December from 2pm – The Grief Café – hosted by Cathy.
- and then Wed. 14th January 2026

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Candles and Bells

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Another important part of our traditions at this time of year it is the English custom to ring bells to ring out the old year and ring in the new over midnight on New Year's Eve. Sometimes the bells are rung half-muffled for the death of the old year, then the muffles are removed to ring without muffling to mark the birth of the new year. I am not sure if this being planned in any of our villages but even if it is not here are some words by Alfred Lord Tennyson inspired by this tradition that for me are a prayer for our world today:

Ring Out Wild Bells

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky, The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night; Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor, Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause, And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life, With sweeter manners, purer laws

Ring out the want, the care, the sin, The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood, The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right, Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease; Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old, Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free, The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land, Ring in the Christ that is to be.

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December – Weekly Morning Prayer

Monday	12 noon (Silent Prayer & Meditation)	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
Tuesday	9.15 am (Book of Common Prayer)	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	9.30 am (Celtic Morning Prayer)	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

December 2025 – Services

Sunday 7th December

9.30 am	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Holy Communion with refreshments from 10.30am
6.00 pm	Carol Service

Second Advent

- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
- Holy Trinity, Torbryan

Sunday 14th December

09.30am	Holy Communion
11.00am	Holy Communion
11.00am	Celtic Morning Prayer
4.00pm	Carol Service
6.00pm	Carol Service

Third Advent

- St John the Baptist, Woodland
- Ss Peter & Paul, Broadhempston
- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
- St. John the Baptist, Woodland
- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Thursday 18th December

5.30pm	Carols at Brambledown, Denbury
7.00pm	Carols in the Square, Broadhempston

Second Sunday before Advent

Friday 19th December

6.00pm	Carols on the Green, Denbury
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Sunday 21st December

09.30am	Holy Communion
11.00am	Holy Communion
4.00pm	Christingles and Carols
6.00pm	Carol Service

Fourth Advent

- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
- Ss Peter & Paul, Broadhempston
- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

Monday 22nd December

7.00pm	Carols in the Square, Ipplepen
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Wednesday 24th December

4.00pm	Crib Service
4.00pm	Crib / Christingle Service
9.00pm	Bethlehem Midnight Communion
11.00pm	Midnight Mass

Christmas Eve

- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Thursday 25th December

9.00am	Christmas Communion
10.30am	Celtic Christmas Service
10.30am	Christmas Communion
10.30am	Family Christmas Service

Christmas Day

- St John the Baptist, Woodland
- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
- Ss Peter & Paul, Broadhempston

Sunday 28th December

11.00am	Mission Community Communion
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Christmas 1 - Holy Family

- St Andrew's, Ipplepen



St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen

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Carols in the Square



Thursday 18th Dec – 7pm
- Broadhempston

Monday 22nd Dec. – 7pm
- Ipplepen

Christingles and Carols

Sunday 21st December
– 4pm -
Broadhempston



Crib and Christingle Service

Wednesday
24th
December
– 4pm -
Ipplepen



Carols at Brambledown

Denbury
Thursday 18th
December -
5.30pm



CHRISTMAS FAIR

St. Andrew's, Ipplepen

Saturday 6th December
10am-12 noon

(Setting up on Friday 5th
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Church Carol Services

Sunday 7th Dec. – 6pm - Torbryan

Sunday 14th Dec. – 4pm - Woodland
6pm - Ipplepen

Sunday 21st Dec. – 6pm - Denbury

Mission Community Communion

Sunday 28th December
11.00am Ipplepen



Carols on the Green



Friday 19th
December –
6pm -
Denbury

Crib Service

Wednesday
24th December
– 4pm
Denbury



Midnight Services

Wednesday 24th December

Bethlehem Midnight Communion
– 9pm - Denbury

Midnight Mass - 11pm - Ipplepen

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Retrospective for last month

28th Oct – 4th Nov "In everlasting memory of our beloved Pete. Forever, Mum, Dad, Su, Johan and Didi". Pete passed away on 28th October 2023

For December

30th Nov – 6th Dec Thursday 30th November- In loving memory of Wendy Osborn, with love the Hooker and Osborn families

7th – 13th Dec Remembering Len Harber on what would have been his 101st birthday, 11th December

14th – 20th Dec In loving memory of Susan Davida Kadow, on 17th December. Sadly missed, love Richard Tossell and Tim and Gemma Barnes and grandchildren.

In loving memory of David Floyd, a much missed Dad and Grandad on the 10th anniversary of his passing on 14th December. From Angela, Rosemary and all the family'

21st – 27th Dec Peter Mason remembering his wife Jan, whose birthday would have been on 23rd December

David, Linda, Hannah and Katie Simmonds In memory of Hope and Faith, on 23rd December

Linda, David, Hannah & Katie Simmonds in memory of Linda's parents, Fred & Doreen Holland, on their wedding anniversary on 27th December.

In memory of my husband David Hatten, at Christmas. From Margaret Hatten

21st Dec – 3rd Jan Remembered with love Iris and Peter Moore, Jeanette and Alan. Sadly missed by all your family. Forever in our hearts xxxx

In memory of Uncle David who would have been 87 in Nov 25. Truly missed by all his family over Christmas. He loved to stay with us and enjoyed his view of the floodlights on the church. The Goding family

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28th	10.30	Mr Edward Goodman	

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IPPLEPEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2025

Our November meeting, on a very dull, grey day, was brightened up by our guest speaker, Purdy Giles who was born in the Punjab. She came to give us a demonstration on Punjabi cuisine. Her colourful clothes and cheery personality cheered us all up immediately.

Purdy was born in the Punjab but came to England when her family moved to Wolverhampton where her father had work. Unfortunately her father was a cruel man so Purdy ran away from home at the age of 16 to escape him and avoid the inevitable arranged marriage.

She told us her life story as she demonstrated her cooking skills. The Punjab is in N.W. India and is a very fertile area. She was used to cooking with everything that grew around her. She told us that she doesn't really recognise food from Indian take aways in this country as it is very different from what she cooks. She, of course, uses a lot of spices which are all health giving.

Purdy trained as a social worker, a job which she loved but eventually wanted to start her own business cooking. With a lot of support and advice she managed to make a career out of it and runs workshops, gives talks and hosts several occasions.

Armed with a few vegetables, some flour, spices, oil, a wok and a hot plate she proceeded to give us demonstration on how to make bharjees. She used chickpea flour, which is gluten free, onions, sweet potato, red pepper, spinach, and garlic and fresh ginger all chopped and added to the bowl. She then added turmeric, chilli flakes, himalayan salt, garam marsala, cumin seeds and the juice of half a lemon. Next came enough water to make a batter, which she stirred in the mixture and then put small piles of it in the hot oil in the wok for a few minutes. How easy was that and out came delicious bharjees which we all had a chance to taste. There were a few members who said they didn't like hot spices and were reluctant to try them but when they did, they were asking for more. What a triumph!

Everyone was delighted and asked if we could invite her again. A very successful afternoon. Thank you Purdy.

Our competition was to find out where the Punjab was which Sheena Lamb researched well and she also won the flower of the month with a lovely passion flower. Well done Sheena!

By our next meeting we will have held our annual coffee morning and will be looking forward to our Christmas meeting when we are being entertained by the choir from Ipplepen Primary school which we are all looking forward to.

As you can see we do manage to have fun and would welcome any new comers who might like to join us. The meeting is on December 9th at 2p.m. in the village hall.

Barbara Hersey-Secretary

Kerswella in Ipplepen and Kingskerswell: Supporting Our Community with Compassion and Care

For those curious about the work of Kerswella and what we aim to achieve, here's a glimpse into who we are and how we've grown.

Kerswella is a voluntary patient support group formed in 2017 to serve patients of the KKIPP GP practices and residents across Ipplepen and the Kerswells. The initiative began with support from KingsCare League of Friends in Kingsteignton and an Awards for All Lottery grant, following consultation with KKIPP Health Centre management and local community groups. From the outset, our mission has been simple: to respond to local needs with compassion, flexibility, and practical help.

Our services have evolved over time, shaped by conversations with residents and the availability of volunteers. We began by offering medical transport for those unable to attend health appointments independently, alongside a befriending service. With funding from our County Councillor, our first major project was the launch of a Memory Café in Kingskerswell—filling a much-needed gap in the village at the time. Five years ago, we were privileged to take on the coffee mornings and lunches previously run by a dedicated group of Kingskerswell ladies. After the pandemic, we absorbed the befriending and transport service in Ipplepen previously run by Sharing Care. More recently, we launched a new afternoon group in Ipplepen—The Trailblazers—after hearing from residents who missed the much-loved Evergreens group, which sadly ended during COVID. A recent grant from our new County Councillor will help support Trailblazers into 2026. We were glad to take on these initiatives rather than see them fade away. We've also introduced regular minibus day trips from both villages to local eateries and attractions—bringing people together and helping combat isolation.

Our core costs have been supported by several Lottery Community Fund grants, including the Building Communities Fund (2019–2022). Since 2024, we've received further funding to expand and embed our services more deeply in Ipplepen and Kingskerswell.

Some may ask: why use funding for core costs such as staff? While volunteers are the heart of any charity, having dedicated employees brings vital stability and consistency. Paid staff can commit time to planning, coordination, and administration—ensuring services run smoothly, records are kept accurately, and funding applications are pursued effectively. They provide a reliable backbone that supports volunteers, responds promptly to community needs, and helps the charity grow sustainably.

We also benefit from donations and small grants from Devon County Council, local parish councils, Teignbridge Council, and commercial organisations. These contributions help us subsidise activities and develop new projects. Thanks to this support, we've been able to maintain initiatives such as medical transport, socials, memory cafés, and day trips—all designed to foster connection and belonging.

As a registered charity, all our income and expenditure is fully accounted for in our annual report to the Charities Commission. If you'd like a copy of our 2024–25 report (due to be published by year-end), please contact our Coordinator on 07554 667037. None of what we do would be possible without our incredible team of over 50 volunteers—each contributing in their own way. We're also deeply grateful to the partners, management, and admin staff at both health centres who provide office space and ongoing support, and to our board of Trustees, who bring a wide range of skills and guidance to the organisation.

Kerswella is, at its heart, a community effort. If you'd like to get involved or learn more, we'd love to welcome you in any capacity.

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IPPLEPEN PARISH COUNCIL

Report on Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th November 2025 for a more detailed report please read the draft minutes (yet to be approved at our next meeting) on our website: www.ipplepenparishcouncil.gov.uk

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Teignbridge District Council have been working with DALC to facilitate the creation of a charter between towns and parishes in Teignbridge. The draft charter will be going to the Executive on 2nd December. If any councils have more feedback that they would like to provide, then they can be sent to DALC who will pass it onto Teignbridge Council.

b) The Race Director for the Ladies 10k road race has emailed asking if the Parish Council would allow them to use the Recreation Ground field for parking on Sunday 28th June 2026. They are happy to hire protective ground mats and also have marshals available for the event. **Action** – Clerk to reply that the Parish Council are happy in principle, weather permitting, and they have their own insurance for the event.

c) Teignbridge District Council have emailed inviting Councillors to an online meeting to present them with all the **Homes in Teignbridge – Our Housing Strategy to 2030**. The dates of the meeting are 5th November : from 10:00 till 11:00, 11:00 till 12:00, 7th November : from 13:00 till 17:00, 10th November: anytime from 10:00 to 12:00, 12th November: from 13:30 till 15:00. Councillor Farrow and Councillor Burnham will attend one of the meetings.

d) Teignbridge District Council have emailed about how they are changing the way the public can comment on planning applications via Public Access on their website. The new process will start from Thursday 30th October 2025.

e) Ipplepen Bowling Club have sent a 'Thank you' letter to the Parish Council for agreeing to contribute £350.00 towards the drainage works. The Parish Council agreed to undertake the works to repair the loose railings, which has been completed.

Coun.Mrs.Calland attended the Village Hall meeting and the Chairman 'thanked' the Parish Council for contacting him with regard to the difficulties the Village Hall is having in recruiting representatives and a secretary and treasurer. If the Village Hall felt they need further help from the Parish Council to contact them with any issues that they wish to have help with and could be discussed with the Parish Council.

Coun.Rattlidge attended the Civic Service at the Avenue Church in Newton Abbot on Sunday 12th October 2025.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Recognition for Overseas-Born and Asylum-Seeking Residents
At the full Teignbridge District Council meeting on 23 October, I tabled and proposed a motion recognising and celebrating the contribution of overseas-born and asylum-seeking residents — particularly those serving in our Armed Forces, health and social care staff working in the NHS across South Devon, and international teachers and educational professionals working in our schools.

This motion was important because of widespread misunderstanding and deliberate misinformation suggesting that Teignbridge is housing large numbers of migrants in hotels. During the debate, it was made clear that Teignbridge District Council does not house migrants in hotels anywhere in the district.

Those who have come to Teignbridge through government-approved schemes are:

- **Ukrainian families** fleeing the war; and
- **Afghan nationals** who supported UK Armed Forces and whom the Government pledged to resettle following the withdrawal from Afghanistan.

I am pleased to report that the motion was carried by the Council. The full text of the motion, together with the list of councillors who supported and those who did not, will be published on the Teignbridge District Council website under the minutes of the meeting.

Thank you to everyone in Ipplepen who contacted me to express support — it was very much appreciated.

Teignbridge to Build New Social Housing

The District Council has officially approved a major new affordable social housing development right in the heart of Newton Abbot.

The Sherborne House car park site, a brownfield site that has been unused for some time, will soon be transformed into 23 high-quality social rented flats — 13 one-bedroom and 10 two-bedroom homes — providing much-needed, genuinely affordable accommodation.

This is the largest council-owned housing project in 40 years, part of the Council's commitment to providing more affordable homes through the Teignbridge 100 programme.

Built to Passivhaus Plus standards, the homes will be super energy-efficient and will generate enough renewable energy to power themselves all year round — a truly sustainable and forward-looking development.

Remembrance Day

By the time you read this, Remembrance Day will have taken place. I would like to thank everyone who makes this such a special day in our village — especially the Scouts, who managed the road closure during the ceremony at the War Memorial, and the WI, whose display around the memorial was once again outstanding.

As in previous years, I was honoured to place a wreath on each of the War Graves and those of other military personnel buried in the cemetery.

New Process for Commenting on Planning Applications

From 30 October, Teignbridge District Council has made it easier for residents to comment on planning applications via the website.

Instead of using the old online form, residents will now log into their Teignbridge My Account to submit comments. If you don't already have an account, it's quick and easy to register and link it to the planning system.

Once logged in, you can:

- Submit your comments directly through My Account
- Receive instant confirmation on screen and by email
- See your comments online within one working day (after a quick content check)
- Track applications, save searches, and get alerts when applications change status or new ones appear that match your interests.

Visit from Our MP

It seems our MP, Martin Wrigley, enjoyed his time at the Village Show so much that he's becoming quite a regular visitor to Ipplepen! He recently accepted my invitation to visit The Hub, where — as you'd expect, this being Ipplepen — he was very impressed by the volunteers, café, library, and the wide range of activities and community support on offer.

And Finally — A Personal Plea from an Old Matelot

I have absolutely no problem with anyone flying the Union Jack — I even have a 20-foot flagpole in my own garden! But please, please make sure you fly it the right way up.

Cllr David Palethorpe Teignbridge District Councillor – Ipplepen Ward

AMENITIES:

The Minutes of the Amenities meeting held on 14th October 2025, were approved and taken as read.

- a) The handrail at the Bowling Club has been repaired.
- b) Hedge cutting will take place shortly.
- c) Allotment gate will be replaced in due course. A new gate has been installed at the rear of the Millennium Centre.
- d) New Cleaner for Parish toilets – The vacancy for a toilet cleaner will be advertised on Spotted Ipplepen and the surrounding areas. The Parish Clerk will also obtain quotes from local companies and bring to the December meeting.
- e) Football Club Inspection – Coun.Carnell to liaise with the Parish Clerk to see if an inspection is due.
- f) Snow Warden - update. Coun.Ranjit advised that he has sufficient grit and sandbags available for winter period. Coun.Latter offered to check grit bins and advise Coun.Ranjit. Coun.Ranjit to check spreaders are serviceable.
- g) The Christmas Tree will be delivered on Friday 21st November 2025.
- h) An email has been received regarding the Grass cutting contractor not clearing the cuttings from the gutter in Bowden Road after strimming the grass and also not wearing Hi-Viz. The concerns have been raised with the Contractor.

SKATE PARK – Coun.Rattlidge

An application will be submitted in due course for the PWLB

.MOVING TO A GOV.UK DOMAIN

All unanimous for the clerk to move to a .Gov.uk email. The Clerk will find out if any costs are involved and will keep the parish council informed on the progress.

KERSWELLA CARE

Trips – will have had 21 trips this year by the end of the year. 50/50 between Ipplepen and Kingskerswell residents.

Ipplepen Drivers – situation has improved since the last report. We have Brian back very soon from a successful heart op although he has announced he will be moving to Teignmouth next year sometime but will be back for a while. Richard has met with him several times over his rehabilitation time and Brian has been very appreciative. A lady from Littlehempston had come forward, a young teacher and another lady from Ipplepen too, and one Ipplepen lady has returned from a few months off.

HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY

- a) The HATOC at Teignbridge District Council discussed at their recent meeting that they will not support a reduction of speed along the A381 from 40mph to 30mph.

To note the date of the next PC meeting: **Tuesday 2nd December 2025 at 7.15pm**
The Parish Clerk



Farewell to 1st Ipplepen Brownies

As we approach Christmas, we sadly say goodbye to the village Brownie unit, which will be closing its doors after many wonderful years.

Over time, the Brownies has been a place of friendship, fun and adventure for so many girls; a space where they have learned new skills, gained confidence and made memories that will last a lifetime.

We would like to extend heartfelt thanks to ALL of the dedicated leaders; past and present, who have given their time, energy and enthusiasm to keep Brownies running over the years. Their kindness and commitment has made a lasting difference to our community.

Though the unit may be closing, the spirit of the Brownies; friendship, curiosity and helping others will live on in the hearts of everyone who has been a part of it. Thank you for the laughter, friendship, songs, pack holidays and sparkle that was and always will be 1st Ipplepen Brownies.

Wishing all our Brownies, past and present a joyful Christmas and every success in the adventures that are still to come.

Brown Owl, Catherine, Emma and Kate.

A message from Brown Owl

Wow – what can I say ? 33+ years of Brownies in my life. My Wednesday nights will never be the same. I have LOVED my role with the Brownies and I am sure I will be known forever more as Brown Owl !

I have had many helpers throughout the years and to them I send HUGE thankyou's. Emma, Catherine and Kate; we have shared some amazing times together and given the girls so many memories. We have laughed and cried. There are no words to express my gratitude for your continuous support and commitment to the Brownies.

Brown Owl

XxX



Girl Guiding opportunities are available in nearby villages and in Newton Abbot, for Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers and for adult leaders. If you would like to know more and to register for a place, please see the Girl Guiding website <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/>





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IPPLEPEN BOWLING CLUB

Since my last report we have sadly learnt of the death of our fellow bowler Joe Greek.

Joe and his wife Ann have been members of our Club for many years, both enjoying their games of bowls, until recent health problems have prevented them from doing this. Both also always enjoyed all our social events, especially the monthly Whist Drives.

Joe's knowledge from his days of working in the Fire service, made him a great asset within his role of "Fire Officer" at the Club, and you would always see him regularly testing all the smoke alarms etc.

He also worked tirelessly on our carpeted green, alongside the late Dennis Langworthy. You would see the two of them sharing the work with the big heavy cleaner, especially as they both got older, and took in turns pushing the equipment or just keeping all the cables out of the way!!!

For all his commitment to the Club Joe was awarded a Life Membership, of which he was very proud.

Members from our Club will be providing a Guard of Honour at Joe's funeral service.

We send condolences to his wife Ann and their family at this sad and difficult time.

The mild October and November weather so far has meant there has been a lot of bowls being played most days each week, and it is good to see our Club and green being used so much. We have many winter members who have now joined our Club (October to end of March), as their grass greens have closed down, but they wanted to continue playing the sport they love. It is great to see everyone joining in and making new friendships along the way.

On Tuesday 11th November at 11am all bowlers stood to observe a two minute silence on Armistice Day in memory of all those who gave their lives during the wars.

We held another Games Night on Friday 7th November, when we played Gruffalo snakes and ladies, Wiggly worm hoopla, Cobra Paw game and had a blindfolded vacuum cleaner trail challenge. Thanks to Brian Wallace for organising the games, and to Joan Preston who together with myself (Shirley Northwood) cooked sausages, baked beans and chips for everyone! And of course the biggest thanks to all those members and guests who came along to support us and help raise funds for the Club. Thanks to Jacob and Theo Lankshear who checked all the scores before the two prizes for the evening were awarded to Graham Bragg and Carol Tuckett.

BOWLING CLUB WHIST DRIVE

Thanks to everyone who attended our November Whist Drive, which again saw an afternoon of good fun meeting up with each other and playing cards. We gave a big welcome to Marion Tuckett and Ken Burrige who came along for the first time. We hope they both enjoyed it and will become regular attendees. You will see from the results below that they were both first time winners. The results were as follows:

Ladies : 1st Joan Preston, equal 2nd were Anne Mason and Marion Tuckett, so on the cut of the cards Anne won the choice of prize. The booby prize was awarded to Margaret Bartlett.

Gents: 1st Ken Burrige, 2nd Keith Dommett and 3rd David Northwood. Cards can prove very unpredictable, and so for the first time for a very long time the booby prize was awarded to Keith White!!

Our December Whist Drive will be a special Christmas one, being held at the Clubhouse on Thursday 11th December starting at 1pm. It would be lovely to see you all there to join in the festive fun.

As we now enter December the Bowling Club would like to thank the Ipplepen magazine for its continuing good work in producing this booklet every month throughout the year and for its delivery to every household in the village, so that Clubs like ours can get our news out to everyone.

And finally, on behalf of everyone at Ipplepen Bowling Club, we wish all parishioners a very Merry Christmas.

Shirley Northwood 07711 016495



OUR MONTHLY WEATHER

OCTOBER

Year	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Highest temp. (°C)	18.9	17.6	23.8	19.8	19.9	16.6
Lowest temp. (°C)	3.4	2.1	1.2	2.1	2.9	1.7
Average max. temp. (°C)	15.2	15.9	16.7	16.9	16.2	14.4
Average min. temp. (°C)	8.7	8.4	9.4	9.4	8.5	7.5
Total rainfall (mm)	87.2	162.8	213.8	123.0	220.6	167.2
Number of dry days	15	13	13	8	14	5

General Comments: Well, Storm Amy passed us by without much of an impact! Other parts of the country weren't so lucky!

October was unseasonably dry as Octobers go. This was the driest October since 2018. There have only been seven Octobers since 1987 which have had less rainfall. Despite that, statistically, it still remains the wettest month on average with an annual expectation of 136.9 mm even though January is pushing hard for the top spot! This month's rainfall was over 36% below the long term mean but brings the annual rainfall to date to 855.6 mm which is just about on target for an average rainfall this year. The pattern of the rainfall was quite unevenly distributed throughout the month with 12 dry days from the 5th to the 17th followed by wet days to the end of the month. Only on four days did the rainfall exceed 10 mm of which just one was above 20 mm. most of those dry days were overcast though with little sunshine throughout the month. Our number of dry days this month exceeded the average by more than two days – only on ten occasions has October had more dry days in the last 39 years. On the first of the month, we had a very dense early morning mist which might even be classed as fog! A few rumbles of thunder were heard in the distance but nothing of significance nearby.

We have about a one in three chance to have at least one day with a temperature of 20°C or more during October but, again, not this year! However, the maximum temperature was only very slightly below the long term mean but the minimum temperature is the eleventh highest we have noted. The average maximum temperature was just into the upper half of our data, though, whilst the average minimum temperature was firmly in the upper half of the data, 0.4C° above the long term average. Taken together, these give an average monthly temperature of 11.95°C, just 0.25C° above the mean, close enough to be called 'average'.

Wind speeds varied from almost nothing to moderate breezes and it was only towards the end of the month that those stronger gusts appeared. The strongest gust, from the west, was just over 31 mph (Strong Breeze, Force 6). Winds came from the west at the beginning of the month, moving then to the east before becoming westerly at the end of the month. With a wind run of only 960 miles, this was the lowest in our, albeit short, record. The month was generally calm despite those breezier patches.

Barometric pressures fluctuated widely. The highest pressure was 1036 mb and the lowest 982mb.

In summary, October was pretty much a 'dull, dank and dreary' month – much as we often expect from the Autumn months in the South West! However, there were pleasant patches, though short-lived, so there were some opportunities to get out and about without too much discomfort as long as you remembered the brolly!

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Well, that's a wrap 2025! It's been a busy and exciting year for the choir, particularly from March onwards, when we entered into our 10th year as Unity in Sound. We set ourselves the challenge of at least one event a month in the lead up to our 10th anniversary in March 2026, starting in April with a return performance outside Austin's in Newton Abbot, where our first ever gig took place in 2016.

May saw us perform at Denbury May Fayre. Our June gig was a fabulous outdoor wedding and July of course was the Village Show and Ipple Tipple. During August the choir were represented in the village carnival parade, and in September we were back at Abbfest for the first time since 2017.

Bringing us right up to date, we performed for the very first time in Broadhempston in October for a fundraiser, and November we enjoyed two festive gigs at Fermoys Christmas shopping evening and Abbotskerswell Christmas market. All this whilst learning a number of new songs and having lots of new and returning members join us over the course of the year. We really are going from strength to strength!

All that remains is to sing the year out in time honoured fashion, with a performance in St Andrew's Church, with refreshments provided by the church committee, immediately after carols around the tree on Tuesday 22nd December. We would love to see lots of you there, but if you can't make it, the choir wish you all a very **Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year!**

We will be having a break from rehearsals over the festive period, returning on Thursday 8th January, when we will be working towards our biggest ever concert in March to mark our 10th anniversary. We are still welcoming new members, so start thinking about whether joining our friendly, supportive, non-audition community choir could be the new year challenge for you! Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more news and updates.

What have we been up to at Ipplepen Primary School and Pre School?

Here is what we have been up to so far this term!

At Ipplepen Pre School we have been enjoying time in forest school. We get to spend some time at the Primary School in the Forest school area. We love putting our wellies on and seeing what we can find and explore outside.

Over the past few weeks, Chestnut Class have been busy learning all about Isaac the Hedgehog from our story Wide Awake Hedgehog. We have explored the season of autumn and discovered why some animals hibernate as the weather gets colder. The children have also enjoyed getting creative with a variety of autumn-inspired crafts and artwork- from colourful firework printing to designing their very own clay sculptures !It's been a fun few weeks.

In Rowan Class, we have been learning all about the 1960s. We have loved finding out about the differences in toys and technology between then and now. We have also been enjoying listening to some 1960s music during our learning and thinking about how it is different to music now.

This term, Cherry Class have been learning all about rocks and pre-history. We will be visiting Kent's Cavern and enjoying a guided tour. Our planet is fascinating and we looked in to the movement of seismic plates using biscuits and orange icing. A really fun activity!

In Willow Class, we have been learning about music and playing the glockenspiels. We have looked at how music is written and using this to find the notes to play. We also enjoyed a fun day in Exeter where we got to go to the cinema and enjoy a movie. We then spent the afternoon in Exeter Museum which we really enjoyed.

In Acacia Class, we are very lucky that we are getting to spend our Friday morning with Nick from Exeter Chiefs. He is teaching us rugby skills and we are really enjoying playing games and learning these new skills. We are also really lucky that we are working on something called Decider Skills where we get to learn about how to deal with different situations and we are being supported by the Mental Health Support Team.

Sycamore Class have been focused on beginning to create our Christmas winter crafts. We have been using hacksaws and mitre blocks to create our crafts. In Science we have been learning all about circuits and finding out how to add different components.

As we are a Rights Respecting School we have been focusing on Article 2. This states that all children have these rights no matter what their differences are. This links in with Anti Bullying week and we kicked off the week with everyone wearing odd socks to celebrate our differences.

Written by the School Council and Miss West



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Season's greetings from IpplePlanet!











IpplePlanet is having our Annual General Meeting on Monday January 5th 7pm at the Welly. Please come along if you'd like to get involved with green action in the village.

Everything we do is via our volunteers, so we want to give a huge thanks to everyone who has helped to make Ipplepen a bit greener! The group is changing, the chair and secretary roles are vacant, so if you're keen on wildlife and the environment, you're very welcome to join our AGM.

After five years, including the planting of two pilot trees as agreed by one of the Councillors, we are disappointed that the Parish Council has decided that the Community Orchard in the Long Field is no longer a priority and cannot go ahead. We will not be able to create a space here for wildlife; community well-being; where you can pick-your-own fruit and create a carbon sink. If you know of an alternative space to fulfil these objectives, please get in touch. The Coop funding will be used by IpplePlanet for other green community projects.

In the past year we have:

-  Been speaking to potential partners to set up community energy schemes, solar panels, in the village
-  Run a Bioblitz wildlife survey at St Andrew's Church, with help from Abbwild, and discussing ways to enhance the wildlife here
-  Ran a green information stall at the Village Fair
-  Scythed a footpath through the lower Long Field to encourage visitor use here
-  Lead a springtime birdsong walk to and around Orley Common
-  Planted trees at Bowden Pillars
-  Attended several events run by others such as Abbwild, Orchard Link and Wildlife Warden events with Action Climate Teignbridge
-  Invited locals to share their wildlife sightings and anecdotes to create an Ipplepen Nature Map

Next steps are to work with the school and others with planting fruit trees; organising a wildlife gardening talk; continue the nature map; and continue with offering advice on wildlife and energy. Looking forwards to 2026! Wishing all a peaceful Christmas and New Year! For more information, please email us at ippleplanet@hotmail.com.

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