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Our main data comes from the monthly bank statement and this is used to generate a budget statement and a funds statement.

He estimates that the role takes:

- Around half a day once a month altogether to complete the month-end reconciliation. It may be a bit more until you are up to speed with the routine!
- Around one day once a year to prepare the annual accounts statement for the Charity Commission. These are then checked by an independent reviewer before submission.

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If interested, contact Gill Gould in the first instance - gill.gould2@nhs.net or on 07554 667037 for a chat

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2pm-3.30pm 18th August

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Theme 'Musical'



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Secretary Rose Debenham 01803 813458 Or 07549827620

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Please contact the above numbers if you wish to attend.

Date of next meeting 15th September

IPPLEPEN BOWLING CLUB WHIST DRIVE

We welcomed Adrian Daw for the first time, and hope that he enjoyed the afternoon, which as usual brought a lot of fun, laughter and chatter as well as good games of cards.

The results of this months Whist were as follows:

Ladies (or those playing in a ladies role) – 1st Innes Jordan and equal 2nd were Shirley Northwood and John Southcombe, so with a higher card won on the cut of the cards John had the choice of prize. The booby prize was awarded to Barbara Dodds.

Gents – 1st Geoff Mant and equal 2nd were David Northwood and Phil Davey, so with a higher card won on the cut of the cards Phil had the choice of prize. The booby prize was awarded to Viv Smith.

Whist Drives are always held on the second Thursday of every month at the Clubhouse, and so a date for your diary of the next Whist is **Thursday 13th August starting at 1.30pm.** (£3 to play Whist to include half-time refreshments – and an additional raffle is held), everyone is welcome, so come along for a lovely social afternoon.

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- Wed. 5th Aug. any time between 2-4pm – **Grief Café** hosted by Brian & Carole.
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Ipplepen Amateur Dramatic Society

Wow! This summer is certainly delivering – **if** you are a sun-lover, foot-ball fan or a tennis aficionado, our weather and national players are certainly giving us something to enthuse over.

Of course, as copy for this magazine has to be in by the 15th, I can only surmise that the World cup semi-final was a success.

I am happy to say that **IADS** A.G.M. Was also a success with new members and a new-style committee to take us forward into a new year.

It's still a bit hush-hush on our new performance venture, but we are busy planning and assembling what we need to launch. I'm sure it will be worth the wait as we are all very enthusiastic.

Next month I hope to be able to announce the title of our next panto, along with dates for auditions. Remember that we are *always* delighted to welcome anyone who would like to join our merry bunch of creatives to enable this village treat to continue to entertain our community.

You have plenty of time to have a little daydream about how you could contribute while you are sunbathing in the garden.....

Until then, on behalf of **IADS**, I wish you a glorious summer and leave you with the prospect of your local amdram players giving you lots to enthuse over in the coming months – come rain or shine!



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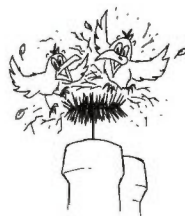
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Richard Horswood Growing Alpines in Containers



Richard lives in Honiton and is a former biology teacher. He used to be Chairman of the Bristol and Somerset Groups but is now secretary of the Somerset Group. He has grown alpines for 50 years.

Raffle and Refreshments

'Grown in your Garden' competition

Everyone welcome!

Members £3 Non members £4

Stewart Henchie came to give us a demonstration on 'Practical Vegetative Plant Propagation'. He concentrated on showing us how to take a variety of cuttings – hardwood, softwood and leaf. He emphasised that when making your choice of cutting material, you should avoid plants with pests and disease, he told us that younger material roots easier and quicker and to ensure that you want to propagate that particular plant as all material propagated will be exactly the same as the parent plant. He gave us a handout explaining all the important facts such as: collecting material early in the morning, use sharp cutting implements and place cuttings in moistened plastic bags or cool boxes. He also warned us not to pull out the cuttings every few days to see if they had rooted!! It was a very informative demonstration from a highly knowledgeable man.



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We were absolutely delighted to host the Teignbridge Trotters 10k recently. This was a fantastic event that saw 203 runners take on the challenge. Feedback from the organisers about the facilities was tremendously positive, which means a great deal to the committee. Best of all, all proceeds raised on the day went to Rowcroft Hospice, a truly worthy cause. A wonderful day all round.

Behind the scenes, work continues regarding the proposed refurbishment and updating of the hall. Plans are currently being drawn up and are under review, and we look forward to sharing more detail with you very shortly. Watch this space.

At the time of writing, we are very much looking forward to being part of the Village Show on 18th July and of course, Carnival Week is fast approaching in the first week of August. Fingers crossed for continued good weather, and a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers and organisers who make these fabulous events possible year after year. The village is lucky to have each and every one of you.

If you have ideas or suggestions you would like the committee to consider in relation to the hall, please do get in touch with any one of us.

Your committee: Rob Vallance, Juliet Glanville, Simon Rees, Kat Christie, Helen Ballard, Kevin Thomas, Peter Parish, Dave Wells, Dave Lamb, June Coombes, June Rattlidge, Liv Fletcher, John Marsh and Barbara Hawksby-Calland.

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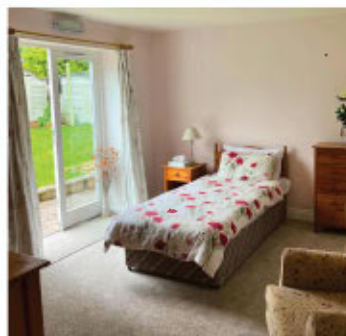
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Rhythms of life

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Over the summer many people have a different rhythm. There may be holidays taken, visitors to welcome and visits to make, children are off school, there is the break from usual activities such as clubs and interest groups as organisers and leaders take a break over the summer. This is both joyous and challenging as it asks us to put down our usual rhythms and asks us to look again at how we air each room of our life (physical, mental, emotional and spiritual). Interestingly and helpfully we often find when September comes around, we pick up the rhythms of life in a slightly different way from before and move about the house of our life in a different way. I wonder what the rhythms of life are like for you? If any rooms need a bit more of an airing? Maybe the summer will offer an opportunity to do this.

Rev'd Andrew Down

St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen

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August 2026 – Services

Sunday 2nd August – 9th Sunday after Trinity

Time	Service	Location
09.00am	Holy Communion	Denbury
11.00am	Holy Communion + Children's Activities	Ipplepen
5.00pm	Encounters Evening Service	Ipplepen Methodist Church

Sunday 9th August – 10th Sunday after Trinity

Time	Service	Location
09.00am	Holy Communion + Children's Craft Table	Broadhempston
11.00am	Holy Communion	Ipplepen
5.00pm	Evening Prayer + Benediction	Denbury

Sunday 16th August – 11th Sunday after Trinity

Time	Service	Location
09.00am	Holy Communion + Children's Activities	Denbury
11.00am	Holy Communion + Children's Activities	Ipplepen

Sunday 23rd August – 12th Sunday after Trinity

Time	Service	Location
09.00am	Holy Communion	Woodland
11.00am	Holy Communion	Ipplepen
5.00pm	Reflective/Taize Evening Worship	Broadhempston

Sunday 30th August – 13th Sunday after Trinity

Time	Service	Location
11.00am	Holy Communion Mission Community Joint Service	Denbury



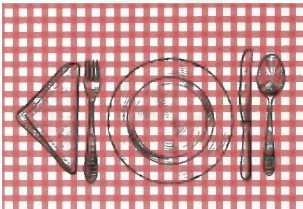
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Not on in August! (1 st Wednesday of each month)	12 noon	Food for Thought Lunch Club	Church Hall, Ipplepen
Thursday 13th August (2 nd Thursday of each month)	10.30am	Coffee Mates	Church Cottage, Denbury
Not on in August! (2 nd Saturday of each month)	10am – 12 noon	Coffee & Chat!	St. Andrew's Church, Ipplepen

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Retrospective

5th – 11th July

Due to an admin error, this dedication was left out of last month's list -

6th July: Pearl Wedding Anniversary - Lucy & Ian Woolley, who married in this Church 30 years ago today. With love from all the family xx

New

9th – 15th August

Linda, Hannah and Katie Simmonds for David's birthday on 10th August

16th – 22nd August

Janice, Julie and Adam remembering Ivor Partridge, dear Dad and Grandad on his birthday on 19th August



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IPPLEPEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE REPORT FOR JULY 2026

Another very hot afternoon although there was a slight breeze to just about keep us sane! We were lucky enough to welcome Tom Morris who many of you will know as he lives in the village and has done several afternoon concerts with Marilyn Ellis in the local church. His talk was entitled 'Voice/Song'.

Tom started with a bit of greek mythology talking about Pan, who had horns, legs and the tail of a goat. He was terrifying, chasing nymphs and had a terrible voice which struck fear into people causing panic, hence the name Pan.

He told us that sound equals energy, which causes vibrations through the air.. The air gets squashed and then released and gets propelled through the air. Sound can travel through solids, liquid or gas and the ears interpret sound through the timpanic membrane.

If there is air flow without obstructions there is no sound, if the membranes vibrate it is that which creates sound. Sound is essential for communication and especially for alarm calls.

50-60,000 years ago in Slovenia people blew down hollow tubes and drilled holes in them. They made the first instruments the Divje Babe Flute. The air is released through holes and the tube was shortened and a notch at the top changes the note by creating turbulence.

Tom's daughter sent him , in the post, the most beautiful Didgeridoo from Australia. The didgeridoo (1,500 years old) is made from a piece of eucalyptus hollowed out by termites. The Aborigines learnt to mimic animals such as dingoes. Circular breathing is used and Tom got us all to blow through a straw into glass of water to try to continuously breath in. You create vibrations with your lips. In the larynx the vocal chords, made of cartilage, vibrate. Sound goes through space before it comes out, the higher notes in the head and the lower in the mouth. The difference in the male and female voice is that hormones change and the boy's Adam's apple becomes bigger.

Sounds are articulated in different areas of the body. The tongue articulates R/D/T/L/LI(welsh) the lips M/B/P/W and the teeth and jaw th/s/v.

Tom then talked about some birds. He said that song birds have three membranes which are like a constricted balloon. The emperor penguin has what looks like a didgeridoo in his chest. He has to be recognised by his mate amongst the thousands of other penguins. The lyre bird copies the songs of other birds. It also copies other forest sounds such as camera shutters, fire alarms and chain saws. The syrinx in birds has similar functions a the larynx in humans which brings us back to PAN . Syrinx ,a nymph,hid in reeds when Pan was in pursuit of her hence the pan pipes he made!

What a brilliant inspiring talk by Tom who rounded off the afternoon by singing to us, ably accompanied by Marilyn Ellis and the we had a further singing of 'Jerusalem' Thank you Tom for a lovely afternoon.

We do not meet in August but enjoy a midsummer lunch at Dainton.

Our next meeting is on September 8th at 2p.m when we will have Bevis Taylor from the Hearing Loss team at Torbay Hospital coming to talk to us. Please join us. We would love to see you.

Barbara Hersey=Secretary

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Nesting box for birds or bats

Edible plants (vegetables or herbs)

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More information about how to apply for the award can be found at

<https://www.devonwildlifetrust.org/wildlife-garden-award>

It's easy to enter and you can receive a free plaque to display in your garden.

You can find hints & tips to help you get your garden buzzing with wildlife at

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IPPLEPEN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP



Arthur French Memorial Trophy

Each year I have the pleasure of visiting Ipplepen School to award the Arthur French Memorial Trophy. All I am required to do is to review the History Project work that had been undertaken by all the classes in the previous week. This work is then put on display, and I have the tricky task of judging the best in each class and then identify an overall winner who can be awarded the trophy.

Some of you may remember Arthur French. He was one of the founders of the Local History Group and we are still indebted to him for all his work on family histories and individual records. Some of this work appears in his book entitled simply 'Ipplepen' and first published by Obelisk publications in 2003.

Arthur was enthusiastic that younger people should share his love of history. When we started awarding this trophy, we put the emphasis on local history because that seemed fitting to commemorate Arthur's work. In more recent years though we have endeavoured to widen the scope of the research and allow for more creativity and imagination.

The focus of the research this year was to answer the question 'How did other civilisations shape the world? It is always good to investigate other countries and to find out how they do things differently. The school chose to make Baghdad the focus of their investigation. For English people Baghdad would seem exotic – lots of smells and colours.

The Saplings found out about spicy foods and the Arabian nights stories featuring Aladdin and his Lamp.

Chestnut Class also took us to the Spice Market, the taste of which was not popular with everyone. I particularly liked Eleri's comment that cinnamon smells like Mummy baking!

Rowan Class compared trade in Baghdad with England during the Industrial Revolution. There were some great train pictures from Ben.

Cherry Class showed us some beautiful silks and pottery. Redwynne produced an outstanding display.

Willow Class told us how knowledge of science and astronomy had progressed quickly in Baghdad. Mila's moon picture was outstanding.

Acacia Class had the best overall display, and they were awarded the trophy. The map and words depicting 'The House of Wisdom' was eye-catching.

Sycamore Class provided the analysis by asking the question 'What was the greatest achievement of the Baghdad civilisation' and here Billee took great credit.

IPPLEPEN BOWLING CLUB

It's been a very challenging month for our bowling with the extreme heat with matches being cancelled and rescheduled but we carried on

We had a lovely evening in a friendly match at home against Dartmouth and won on all three rinks

Our match against Islington was cancelled to be re -arranged

Men's over 55s

Home to Newton Abbot early start due to heat, won one /drew one 2points

Away to Dawlish Marina (on grass) won one /drew one

Away To Bitton Park (on grass) won one /drew one 2points

Away to Kingsteighton won one /lost one 4points (overall score)

Well played guys in the heat . Currently we are in middle of results league

Ladies Triple Challenge cup

We only played one match this month due to 2 teams pulling out

We had a tough match against the Den Teignmouth,lost both rinks but always good to have a challenge.

Rivera Mixed League

Home to Victoria great afternoon won on all 3 rinks 10points

Home to Brixham lovely afternoon playing against our winter members, won one /lost 2. 6 points due to overall score (51-44)

Away to Marldon (Very hot only played 14 ends usually 18) great win, won on all rinks 10 points

We are currently 4th in league ,well done

Peter Langley is now at home recovering after a lengthy stay in hospital after his back operation we wish him well in his recovery

Maurice Theobald is making progress after his hip operation We also wish him well,

We welcome new members so why not try bowling Free coaching ring Mary on 07833 662227.

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IPPLEPEN PARISH COUNCIL

Report on Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th July 2026 for a more detailed report please read the draft minutes (yet to be approved at our next meeting) on our website: www.ipplpenparishcouncil.gov.uk

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) The Mayor of Dawlish Town Council will be holding her Civic Service on Sunay 13th September 2026 and has invited the Chairman to attend.
- b) The Ipplepen 10k was a great success and Teignbridge Trotters have sent their thanks to the Parish Council for allowing them to use the playing field. They are already starting to plan next years event and have asked if they can use the playing field on Sunday 27th June 2027. Action – Clerk to reply that the Parish Council are happy for them to use the playing field.
- c) Ipplepen Football Club have replied with a date to meet for the inspection. The date is 15th August 2026 at 10.30am. Action – Clerk to reply and confirm date and time with the Football Club.
- d) TDC Asset Transfer – Crokers Way Grass Open Space. The Parish Council would like to arrange the transfer of this asset from TDC to the Parish Council. Action – Clerk to contact TDC to arrange the transfer of this asset.
- e) It has been reported about a drone flying over the Recreation Ground and Skate Park. For the reasons of public safety the Parish Council are not permitting drones to fly over the public area at any time.

OUTSIDE BODIES

Coun.Mrs.Calland attended the Village Hall meeting. They have drawn up draft plans for the Village Hall extension for the Parish Council to look at and discuss at the Plans meeting on 22nd July 2026.

The Clerk attended the MCMC meeting and discussed the fence at the front being heightened and the potential extension of the Village Hall.

AMENITIES: - Coun.CarnellThe Minutes of the Amenities meeting held on 9th June 2026, were approved and taken as read.

- a) Allotment gate needs the latching post replacing – in hand.
- b) Meadow Park grass will be cut in due course.
- c) Salt shed – ongoing removal of old shed and erection of new one. Coun. Carnell will look at fencing panels to increase the height of the fence at the back for the Pre-School.
- d) Park toilets are finished with the re-tiling.
- e) Skate park is now complete. Open day is Saturday 25th July 2026.
- f) New allotment rules – will come into effect in the new year.
- g) The fence on the access road down to the Recreation Field needs repair. One quote has been received. Will be discussed at the next PC meeting.
- h) Toilet cleaner will increase to 5 days a week from mid-July.
- i) Grass cutting leading up to the Village Show will be monitored.
- j) The lease for Mill Centre needs to be checked to see who is responsible for the cracks in the ceiling and repainting. Action – Coun.Burnham to check if he has the lease and liaise with the clerk.
- k) Cupboard in Mill Centre needs to be kept as clear as possible.
- l) Overhanging hedge at bottom of Cooke Drive where salt bin is located –

needs to be trimmed back for health & safety reasons..

m) PTZ Camera quotes – Two quotes have been received for the new camera to cover the skate park. **RESOLUTION:** Coun.Smith Proposed to accept tender A for £2,268.00 inc VAT Seconded by Coun.Latter, agreed unanimously. The successful contractor is MAT Electrics. Action: Clerk to notify the successful contractor.

n) Post office update – A temporary mobile Post Office will come to Ipplepen once a week when the post office closes on 5th August 2026. If the post office doesn't get applied for at it's current location, then it will become permanent to the village on a weekly basis. Days and times will be confirmed in due course.

SKATE PARK – Coun.Burnham

Skatepark is now complete and has been signed off by the roSPA Inspector. The official opening day will be on Saturday 25th July 2026.

The Carnival Club have approached the Parish Council to ask about removing 6 metres of hedge behind the skate park for access for vehicles. Councillors agreed unanimously for the Carnival Club to go ahead.

The tarmac needs addressing next to new skate park. Amenities will obtain quote's for this work as well as the patch under the current shed area in the Mill Centre Car park.

KERSWELLA CARE – Coun.Ratlidge

Trailblazers didn't have their villaThe ge hall meet up in June - but instead, we went to The Smugglers Inn for lunch and a quick look around Jacks Patch on the way home. We are so lucky to have some funding which helps subsidise the costs of hiring mini-buses to get us out and about. Good time had by all 20 attendees. The group met on 8th July at the hall for a talk from Dawlish Gardens Trust and we will have a subsequent trip out to visit the Trust grounds in Dawlish for our September meeting on 9th. Our August meeting on 12th, we will be going to Babbacombe Theatre matinee of the summer variety show - we are now sold out.

Our medical transport service continues to thrive - serving patients of Ipplepen and Kingskerswell Health centres and those who live in the catchment area - helping them access their medical appointments. We are always looking for local volunteers in the Ipplepen area to help patients who have no other means to access their medical appointments at Ipplepen HC and local hospitals. There is no commitment time wise – as little or as much to suit. Volunteer driving isn't about providing medical care or managing complex situations – it's about safe transport, a friendly presence and kindness Contact Gill or Richard on 07554 667037 or 07587 973977

HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY

a) Mayfair road will be resurfaced from 14th July 2026 to 24th July 2026..

b) Croft Road has a pit in the road from the previous road repairs.

c) Clerk to arrange a meeting with DCC Highways officer to discuss various issues with some of the road problems around the village.

d) Report overgrown hedge on Totnes Road outside Altoona to DCC Highways.

e) A lot of dog mess has been noted around the Village. Please pick up after your dog.

CASUAL VACANCY

There is one casual vacancy, this will be advertised on the noticeboard, in the village magazine, the Parish Council website and Spotted Ipplepen.

To note the date of the next PC meeting: **Tuesday 4th August 2026 at 7.15pm**

The Parish Clerk

District Report - Cllr David Palethorpe

Ipplepen Post Office Update

Following the recent reported transfer of the SPAR store to Londis, the existing Post Office licence is due to close in August 2026. The new owners have indicated that they would like to retain a Post Office service but intend to reconfigure the premises to accommodate a dedicated Post Office counter. This is expected to require a temporary closure of the Post Office during August while refurbishment works are undertaken.

The longer-term provision of a permanent Post Office will depend upon the Post Office approving a new licence application and the new owners confirming that they wish to continue operating the service following completion of the refurbishment.

To minimise disruption to residents, I have been working with Stuart Rogers, proprietor of the Ashburton Post Office, who also operates a Mobile Post Office serving a number of communities across the local area.

Stuart has approached the Post Office Change Team with an offer to extend his Mobile Post Office route to include Ipplepen on a temporary basis during the refurbishment period while a permanent solution is established.

The proposal is currently being considered by the Post Office. If approved, it will ensure that residents continue to have access to essential postal services throughout the temporary closure. The mobile service may also provide a future option should it be required.

I am grateful to Rob Vallance for agreeing that should it be necessary the mobile post office will be located on the Village Hall Car Park and also to Martin Wrigley MP who has written a letter of support.

I will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide further updates as decisions are made.

Councillor Community Fund

Really pleased to have approved,

£182 to the Ipplepen History Group, and £150 to Kerswella Care

Waste and Recycling Collection Update

Over recent weeks, some waste and recycling collections have unfortunately been delayed caused by unforeseen staff shortages due to illness, which coincided with the revised bank holiday collection schedule and the recent period of exceptionally hot weather.

The crews continue to work in very challenging conditions, and we are extremely grateful for their commitment and hard work.

To help return services to normal as quickly as possible, our waste and recycling teams will continue working over the coming weekends until all collections are back on schedule.

What residents need to do:

- Please continue to present your bins and recycling boxes on your normal scheduled collection day.
- If your collection is missed, please leave your containers out until they have been collected.

Thank you to everyone for their continued patience, understanding and support while we work to restore the service as quickly as possible.

Drowning Prevention Week

As in previous years the Council has this month run swimming lessons that focussed on water safety, helping children to enjoy the summer and stay safe around water.

We live in a brilliant area with water within easy reach whether it be holidays by the sea, visits to friends with ponds or hot tubs, parks, lakes, and open water.

The swim events run by Teignbridge Leisure helps children:
Stay calm and avoid panic Float and breathe if they fall in Turn and find the nearest edge Build real confidence around water
This is not about helping children become strong swimmers — it is giving them life-saving skills that could protect them when it matters most.
Details of swimming lessons can be found on the Teignbridge District Council website.

St Andrew Tower

Thank you to everyone involved in organising the open day and acting as guides to those who climbed the Church Tower. The views across Ipplepen and the surrounding area are amazing and makes you realise just how fortunate we are to live in such a great village.

Finally – My thanks to the Parish Council and Parish Clerk for all of their work that has led to the Skate Park being delivered on schedule. It is already proving to be very popular and is a brilliant new facility for the village.

Cllr David Palethorpe

Teignbridge District Council – Councillor for the Ipplepen Ward
Contact david.palethorpe@teignbridge.gov.uk Mob 07506422686

County Report - Cllr Heather Horner

Two Ipplepen-specific roads issues have been reported recently.

A resident received through the post a Notice that advised that the road outside her house, which is currently restricted to 7.5 tonnes vehicles is to be amended and changed to allow all classes of traffic to pass.

The resident believes that this is to facilitate more quarry traffic from the Stoneycombe Quarry. The land in question is from Bulleigh Elms Cross to Bulleigh Cross including the lane down to Bickley. Part of Gropers Lane. The resident said that problem is that this is a single track lane with few passing places, it is in extremely poor condition with many potholes (the lane from Bickley to Bulleigh Cross) so will become further damaged by more heavy vehicles. The junction at Bulleigh Cross is a "Give Way" junction. The fear is that this would exacerbate issue at this junction with much heavier vehicles increasing road damage and risk. There has been another reported issue locally with Moor Road, although a further report suggests that this is being resolved.

On a more positive note. As a member of the trustee committee of The Devon Education Trust, it has been my privilege to help agree to grants to young people for educational purposes. This could be IT equipment for those with dyslexia or money towards skill trips which low-income can prevent disadvantaged children from attending. In every parish there are those who may benefit from such a grant. Please share this with the residents of Ipplepen.

[Criteria for Application - Devon Educational Trust offers help to Devon's young people](#)

Secondly, I would like to remind you of my locality budget to assist groups with small grants to help community based activities or facilities.

[Locality budgets - Democracy in Devon](#)

For those who may wish to contact me, please share my email address:

Heather.horner@devon.gov.uk.

For physical mail please post to:

Cllr H. Horner, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, Devon, EX2 4QD, England

Cllr Heather Horner Ipplepen & The Kerswells

Caroline Caunter. We're saying goodbye to Caroline after 22 years as Beaver Leader. Twenty-two years! That's long enough for some of the first Beavers she led to have children old enough to join Beavers themselves now! Caroline was always destined for this role. Her maiden name was Beaver. Some people spend their lives looking for their purpose—Caroline's was printed on her birth certificate. Over the years she's planned hundreds of meetings, dozens of camps, thousands of games, and approximately 17 million risk assessments. All so six-year-olds could spend ten minutes seeing who could throw a beanbag the furthest. But behind all the jokes is someone who has given an extraordinary 22 years to helping young people laugh, learn and grow. Hundreds of children have happy memories because Caroline gave up her evenings, weekends and energy—and that's something truly special. So Caroline, thank you for everything you've done. You've been a brilliant leader and the heart of 1st Ipplepen Colony for more than two decades. We wish you a long, happy retirement—although let's be honest, after 22 years of Beavers, sitting quietly with a cup of tea will probably feel far too peaceful. Give it a month and you'll be organising the neighbours into Sixes, handing out badges for gardening, and holding pig races with your family! Thank you Caroline - Beaver by birth, Beaver by nature,

Beavers. In June we had a Beaver day out & 13 of our Beavers went on the adventure. We met at Shaldon & visited the Zoo. There were plenty of small animals to see, plus we had a hands-on experience with children holding African snails, stick insects plus a few other small creatures.

We had a walk around to see the animals & volunteers showed the children a shell & eggs from the tortoise. Everyone was given an Explorers discovery book to find clues about the animals which they filled in along the way - we even got to feed the Meerkats. This was followed by lunch down onto Ness Cove beach. After lunch we all got on the Ferry to Teignmouth for a game of crazy golf followed by a cool lollypop before we met up with parents at the station.

As we finish up at the end of term we have been bell boating in Exeter & games with a BBQ will be the last meeting. We have 7 Beavers moving into Cubs next term.

Cubs. Cubs held their camp in June based on Native American themed activities covering crafts, problem solving and working together. Since then we have been bivvy building, litter picking around the village, a treasure hunt/trail around the village and teamwork.

Scouts. The highlight of the term has been Hurdlestone Challenge where the scouts acquitted themselves extremely well.

Pioneers. Well the last few weeks of term have been amazing weather wise, letting us do lots of outdoor activities. Rich lead a walk on Dartmoor, tents got pitched for Hurdlestone camp just before it rained and the camp was dry all weekend. One of our teams won a base which was amazing. Everyone had a great time. We have also done lots of activities on the common on another beautiful evening and been cycling at Haldon Forrest. On our last night of term we made pita Bread Pizza and S'mores on a BBQ and played silly sports. At the end of the evening we presented the top award a Scout can achieve to Tessa. Much hard work done to achieve this. Congratulations. We also said goodbye to 4 Pioneers who are moving up to Explorers. Thank you to all the leaders and parents who have supported us in the last year.

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What a fantastic sun-soaked summer we are having! After singing in the Exeter sunshine at the County Show in May, our performance at Denbury Country Fayre in early July too was blessed with glorious weather. At the time of writing the forecast for our final summer gig at the Ipplepen Show is also looking very promising.



During Thursday evening rehearsals over the last couple of months we have had the pleasure of having visitors from Rowcroft and Devon Air Ambulance to be presented with cheques for the funds raised through our anniversary concert in March.



After the village show the choir will take a break for the whole of August. Then, as promised, in September we will be offering another four week singing course. Please note the change of dates for the course, which will now be on Thursday 24th September and the following three Thursdays. We start back on 3rd September but will be focussing in the first few weeks on preparations for our next performance, at Abbfest on Sunday 20th.

The singing course will be an opportunity for interested ladies to join the choir to learn an arrangement that will be new to all of us, for the amazing cost of just £10 for the whole course. Details of the song are still to be confirmed, so please keep an eye on our social media platforms Facebook and Instagram to find out more.

As we go into Autumn it won't be long before we start thinking about all things Christmas! So if you know of an event in need of some live music to enhance the festivities please get in touch!

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OUR MONTHLY WEATHER JUNE

Year	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Highest temp. (°C)	32.9	26.6	26.8	28.9	28.2	26.4
Lowest temp. (°C)	5.7	6.5	4.2	7.3	3.2	3.2
Average max. temp. (°C)	21.3	20.8	20.0	22.7	20.2	20.1
Average min. temp. (°C)	12.4	11.6	8.6	11.3	8.9	10.0
Total rainfall (mm)	46.2	73.6	20.6	17.2	43.4	130.8
Number of dry days	16	19	22	23	15	18

General Comments: Months of two distinct parts seem to be coming something of a trait this year and June saw that trait continue. The first part of the month was cool by June standards, wet and windy whilst the latter seventeen days became (very) hot, dry and almost airless.

Our total rainfall for the month was about 27% below our long term expectation. There have only been thirteen drier Junes since 1987. However, the rainfall pattern was partitioned, 44.6 mm falling in the first thirteen days with just 1.6 mm thereafter. Just two of those days produced more than 10 mm of rain. There was a bit of a thunderstorm around the 25th but it deposited no rain on Ippelepen. Surprisingly, this produced a fairly low number of dry days, well into the lower half of the record; there have been sixteen previous Junes in our data with fewer dry days. It is about two days less than the average. Although not nearly as wet as last year, our annual rainfall to date is still above the long term expectation by just over 16%. Although the month began coolly, it certainly hotted up thereafter! The 23rd brought our highest ever Ippelepen temperature at 32.7°C only for this to be beaten the day after with 32.9 °C! This was well above the June average of 25.5°C. There were sixteen occasions when 20°C was exceeded (about what we would expect in June) of which seven were above 25°C and two of those above 30°C. Not surprisingly, we had an impressive heatwave with five successive days above 25°C. The minimum temperature, however, was on the low side – well into the bottom half - there have been seventeen lower minima than this one; our long term average is 6.0°C. Our average

maximum temperature is well into the upper quintile of our record, helped by all of those days where temperatures were at 20°C or more. Only seven times since 1987 has this been exceeded. Similar considerations apply to our average minimum temperature which was also in the warmest septile. It was 1.6C° above the mean; there have only been five higher than this year. Together these gave us an average temperature of 16.85°C, 1.4C° above the long term norm and only the third time we have exceeded 16°C since 2010.

Winds were generally light to moderate with the strongest gust reaching just over 25 mph (Strong Breeze, Force 6) and arriving from the east-north-east. The wind direction was predominantly west to south-west with a little easterly to north-easterly in the mix later on although those winds were very light. A wind run of just 1010 miles was noted which is well below average but not a record.

Barometric pressures fluctuated gently and were never particularly high. There was a maximum pressure of 1027 mb and a minimum of 996 mb.

With the cool beginning and the hot end, it was difficult to plan comfortable times to get out and about, certainly at the end of the month when shade and shelter were necessary!

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At long last my GCSEs are done and I can look forward to the summer holidays, though I still have lots of rehearsals for my school's summer show. I've managed to write a bit about the last Jamboree training camp and the other Scouting things that I have been doing. I also found a few photos!



At the end of May, me and the rest of unit 21 travelled to Plymouth for an exciting day out. Once we arrived, we were put into groups of around 8 so we had plenty of time to get to know each other in smaller groups. Once we were put in groups with our assigned leader we were told the day's activity; a treasure hunt around the city. We were given different landmarks and areas to take our pictures with that took us on an adventure all around Plymouth, not only that but midway through the day we caught the ferry across to Cawsands in Cornwall and trekked to two different ruins to earn bonus points and to give us more time to chat and spend time together. After making the walk back to the beach with only a few wrong turns we caught the ferry back to Plymouth to allow us to finish the trail around the city.



I also helped with the recent Ipplepen scout hut 'glow up' on Saturday 6th June. On arrival I was handed a paintbrush, and we set to work helping to give the walls a fresh coat of paint. Everyone worked really hard and the result is a freshly updated scout hut which looks brilliant.

By the time you read this, it will be about a year till the Jamboree starts on 30 July 2027. I can't believe that I am now nearly half way through this journey since I sent my application in late last summer.

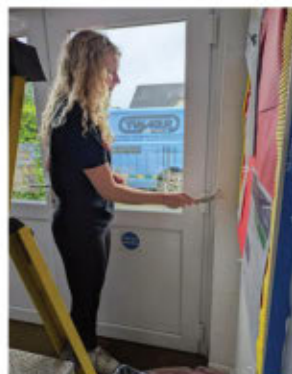
Hope to meet some of you at the Village Show on Saturday!

To contact me please e-mail me on my Jamboree e-mail csaunders.wsi27@gmail.com or via our Scout treasurer at ljsimmonds@talk21.com.

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...hot off the plot: what's happening in **August**

August is truly the month of abundance. The plots should be bulging at the seams with fresh produce, with the harsh winter, endless roots and the dreaded hungry gap just distant memories... did it really snow?

Unprecedented heat and dryness this summer has tested the limits of our crops and our commitment! Watering is a monotonous job and no amount seems to have sated the soil. Some vegetables have thrived, but some have really struggled and left us thinking "let's just try again next year". The brassica damage from hungry pigeons seems to have been worse too, perhaps our leafy greens are quenching their thirst as much as their hunger.

Gluts of courgettes, baskets full of beans and sheds loaded with onions will also mean time well spent in the kitchen making chutneys and pickles, maybe even some fermentation for the adventurous; anything we can do to capture and preserve the output of this sunny month to see us through the darker ones. As cooks, we will revel in our current harvests, but as gardeners, we will already be preparing and planning next years' haul.

What we're sowing & growing

Our last sowing of carrots and turnips, plus spring cabbage for next year. Keeping eye on potatoes and tomatoes for signs of blight.

What we're harvesting

Our last broad beans and the first sweetcorn, also tomatoes, peppers, chillies and aubergines. French beans, runner beans and courgettes. Plums & blackberries, maybe first batch of apples and pears.

Top Tips for Watering

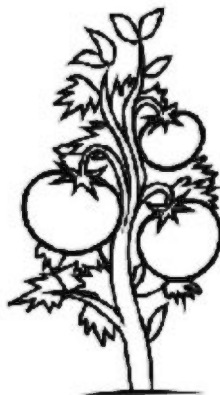
Not watering enough makes plants wilt and starve since they cannot absorb soil nutrients. But overwatering results in plants drowning, the roots can't breathe and will rot; leaves wilt and fruits split. Water regularly to promote normal, healthy growth and prevent plants from bolting prematurely.

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