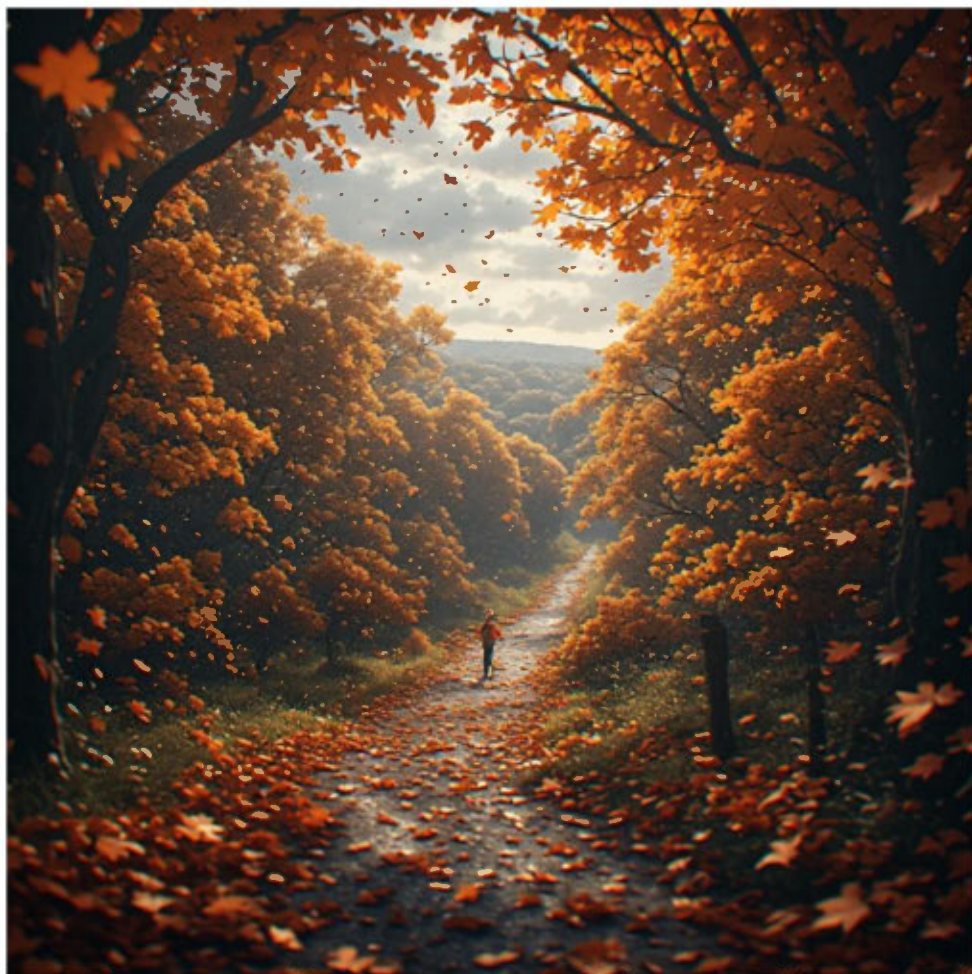


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## PEGGY DEEN

Eight years now my darling, still with me all the time. Malcolm



### 1<sup>st</sup> Ipplepen Scout Group

1st Ipplepen Scout group will be holding Its Celebration Evening and Annual Meeting on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2026 at the Scout HQ in Edgelands Lane, Ipplepen commencing at 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Please come along and if you think that you could help us we would welcome your input and support.

## IPPLEPEN BOWLING CLUB WHIST DRIVE

The Whist Drive held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August saw a few of our regular players missing, either through holidays, grandchildren school holiday duties or illness. For those on holiday we hope they were enjoying their break away, those looking after grandchildren we hope they had lots of fun, and for those who were poorly we wish them a speedy recovery. We will look forward to seeing you all again before too long.

The results of this months Whist were as follows:

Ladies (or those playing in a ladies role) – 1<sup>st</sup> Sally Guppy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Jones and 3<sup>rd</sup> John Southcombe. The booby prize was awarded to Jenny Nixon.

Gents – 1<sup>st</sup> Derek Hext, and equal 2<sup>nd</sup> were Alan White and Jim Brown, so with a higher card won on the cut of the cards Jim had the choice of prize. The booby prize was awarded to John Foster.

Whist Drives are always held on the second Thursday of every month at the Clubhouse, so we look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September starting at 1.30pm. (£3 to play Whist to include half-time refreshments – and an additional raffle is held).

Any one new to the village who would like to come along and join us, or anyone wanting to try a game of Whist, please come along, you would be made very welcome.

**Shirley Northwood 07711 016495**

## **SKATEBOARD COMPETITION**

The results will be in October's Magazine

### ***Village Show Maypole Dancers***

The Maypole ladies would like to thank the dancers who danced at the annual Ipplepen Village show/Ippletipple on Saturday 18 th July. The sun certainly did shine this year for us and you all danced very well in the heat.

This year the Mayqueen was Ella-Mae Scott , her attendants were Harriet Wood, Lily Warren and Mabel Robinson , the pageboys were Josh Rolin and Jesse Kelly.

We send our best wishes to all the year 6 dancers moving on to their senior schools and hope to see all the dancers in year 4 and 5 again next year.

Finally thank you to Ipplepen Primary School who allow us to practise on the school field,

to Jack Wood, David Palethorpe and team of Marshall's who help us safely process up through the village to the field and to the Saltash Town Band who played for the procession and dancing throughout the afternoon.

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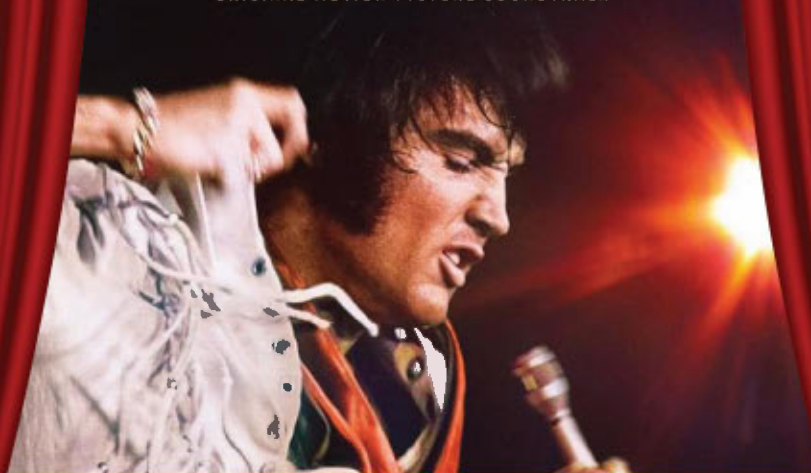
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**September is here at last and I have some V.I.D.s for you.**

(That's **Very Important Dates** for those of you unfamiliar with office-speak abbreviations.)

But first you must know why these dates are important. **We have our Panto title!!**

After much deliberation our director **Hayley** has chosen her favourite from many possibles;

**Alex Jackson's** pantomime adaptation of the much-loved *traditional* Hans Christian Andersen's story,

## **"The Little Mermaid"**

As you can imagine, we are all super-thrilled and, I expect, many of you will be too. Now this is the time to make a note of the V.I.D.s

On **14<sup>th</sup> of September** in the **Village Hall** at **7:00 p.m.**

director **Hayley** will hold an **INTEREST MEETING** where she will explain her vision of the panto and who all the characters will be. If you would like to be considered for one of the **character parts**, this is your opportunity to register your interest by putting your name forward.

We welcome children over the age of **7** who would like to be part of the **junior chorus**. If you have the enthusiasm and patience and understand that sometimes it can be a little tedious, (but you are part of a "grown-up" musical theatre production after all), so we would appreciate that you be on your *"best behaviour"* at all times, then everyone can enjoy the experience and have fun!

Now, if you are interested in being part of the **production team**, this is also the time to come forward and let us know how you would like to help. We would welcome anyone who is handy and has time to spare to be part of the team making and creating props, costumes and sets. Even if you just want a little dabble – I'm sure we'll find something for you to do.

After the interest meeting Hayley and her close helpers will hold auditions for main parts. These are our **next two V.I.D.s**, so it would be a good idea to **keep these free** if you are keen to have a stage part.

**Auditions** will be held on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup>** and **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of September** in the Village Hall, but listen closely for times and age-groups as Hayley will let you know at the interest meeting.

**See all of you interested people on 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00p.m. in the Village Hall!!!**



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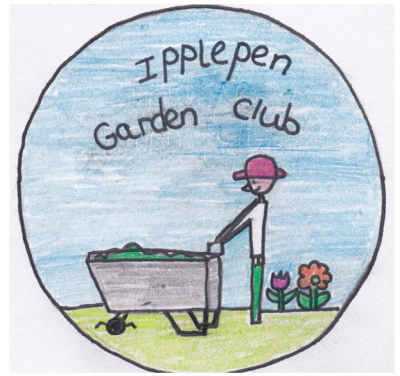
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## Your Summer Update



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With holidays and the excitement of Carnival Week, it has been a quieter period for committee business, and quite rightly so. But we are now all back, refreshed, and energised to push forward with the exciting projects that are already underway. There is plenty to look forward to, and we will be sharing updates with you as things progress.

In the meantime, a reminder that we are building a **preferred supplier list** for works at the hall. If you know a local contractor, or are one yourself, and would be interested in being considered, please drop Simon Rees an email at [simon@tdtyres.com](mailto:simon@tdtyres.com). Every recommendation is welcome.

As ever, the hall is here for the whole community, and the committee is always keen to hear your thoughts. If you have ideas or suggestions you would like us to consider, 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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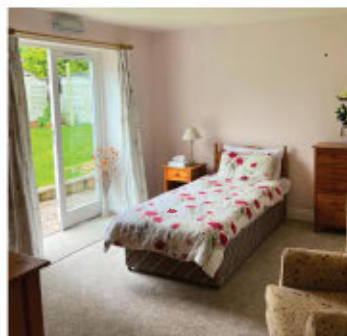
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# *The Church In Ipplepen*



George Eliot said "If I were a bird, I would fly about the Earth seeking the successive autumns."

Indeed autumn is a beautiful season full of colourful leaves, crispy mornings and deep brown shiny conkers, and I can see why George would chase this season across the world to keep on experiencing it perpetually.

It is important for us to embrace the things we love in this world, and give thanks for the goodness, generosity and abundance of nature, of our family and friends, and of our Creator God.

However, the inescapable fact of this world, of our environment and of our lives is for it to change.

When we become too preoccupied with something, however good it is or seems to be, we can get stuck.

If George Eliot only lived in the autumns of his life, how much would he miss from the springs, summers and winters?

Similarly, if I only ever stayed in my favourite seat in my house knitting the same blanket or cross-stitching the same picture, however beautiful they may be, I will miss out on the chance to live my life fully to my full potential. I will fail to learn new things, I will miss out on seeing the wonderful scenery around me, I will lose friends and be unable to make new relationships with others.

As safe and desirable as it seems to stay in the 'good times' all the time, we need change, challenge and endings in our lives in order to grow and blossom, and to live our lives to the fullest through the new experiences that come as a result.

Recognising this means that we can learn to 'end well' with those things that we must move on from, or let go of as our lives change, and be open to the growing and flourishing that these things can bring.

Is there something in your own life that is nearing completion, that you need to give thanks for, but then end well with and embrace the new season that is to come?

Sara

## St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen

### Contact us

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### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September – 14<sup>th</sup> 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 |

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 🐾

| Time    | Service                                | Location                   |
|---------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 10.00am | Mission Community Pet Blessing Service | Ipplepen Church Hall Field |

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September – 15<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> September – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

| Time          | Service                                            | Location                     |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 09.00am       | Holy Communion + Children's Activities             | Denbury                      |
| 11.00am       | Holy Communion + Children's Activities             | Ipplepen                     |
| 3.00 – 4.30pm | St. Andrew's Outside – Jonah and The Enormous Fish | Ipplepen Church Field + Hall |

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

| Time    | Service                                | Location      |
|---------|----------------------------------------|---------------|
| 09.00am | Harvest Festival & Holy Communion      | Broadhempston |
| 11.00am | Harvest Festival & Holy Communion      | Ipplepen      |
| 5.00pm  | Harvest Festival                       | Woodland      |
| 6.00pm  | Harvest Celebration with Hymns + Poems | Denbury       |



# St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen

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## September additional events

| Date                                                                                   | Time           | Event                                     | Location                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b><br>(1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month)   | 10am – 12 noon | <b>Coffee Morning</b>                     | The Parish Rooms, Woodland    |
| <b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b><br>(1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month) | 12 noon        | <b>Food for Thought Lunch Club</b>        | Church Hall, Ipplepen         |
| <b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b><br>(2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month)  | 10.30am        | <b>Coffee Mates</b>                       | Church Cottage, Denbury       |
| <b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b><br>(2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month)  | 10am – 12 noon | <b>Coffee &amp; Chat! – Harvest Fayre</b> | St. Andrew's Church, Ipplepen |

## Special Occasions Marked with Floodlighting of the Church Tower

**Month of September** Peggy Deen. Still always with me. Love from Malcolm.

**30<sup>th</sup> Aug – 5<sup>th</sup> Sept.** David, Linda, Hannah & Katie Simmonds in memory of David's mother, Kay Simmonds, on her birthday 30<sup>th</sup> August

**6<sup>th</sup> Sept. – 12<sup>th</sup> Sept.** In memory of Ralph and Doreen Lewis who were married at St. Andrew's 12<sup>th</sup> September 1942.

**20<sup>th</sup> Sept. – 26<sup>th</sup> Sept.** Pam and Robin Thomas remembering Mum on her birthday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

**27<sup>th</sup> Sept. – 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct.** In memory of a much loved and missed Mum, Cynthia Floyd, on the anniversary of her birth on 28<sup>th</sup> September. Love from Angela, Rosemary and families

In memory of my husband Ray Wright whose anniversary of his birth is on 29<sup>th</sup> September, from Linda Wright



**Sponsor forms** are available in **St. Andrew's** and at [www.missioncommunity.org.uk/floodlighting](http://www.missioncommunity.org.uk/floodlighting) or email: [ippleflood@beaconparishes.co.uk](mailto:ippleflood@beaconparishes.co.uk)

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# **Ipplepen Methodist Church**



## **Preachers for September**

6<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Rev P Wagstaff Communion Service

13<sup>th</sup> **9.15 for 9.30 Breakfast Church**

Informal Family Worship with Miss Sara Crouch

20<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Mr John Harrison

27<sup>th</sup> 10.30 **Harvest Worship** Miss Sara Crouch

**All are welcome to any of these services**

**Local Lay Pastor : Miss Sara Crouch 07845 278253**

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## **IPPLEPEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE REPORT FOR AUGUST 2026**

We ended July by holding our stall at Ipplepen Village Show on the 18th. It was yet another lovely sunny day but fortunately there was a slight breeze to cool us down a little. Our biggest challenge, as we all get older, is to erect and take down the tent loaned to us by Peter Parish. Fortunately the Teignbridge Scouts helped us a little and we were heartened by the villagers who saw our struggle and came to our aid both in erecting and disassembling the tent. We are so lucky to live in such a caring community. Our thanks go to the members of the public who helped us and obviously to the members of the W.I. who helped on the day. The stall was a success and offered a good selection of home made cakes, savouries, preserves and other goodies. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

We do not hold a meeting in August but do enjoy a midsummer's lunch at Dainton for members and partners. It is always delicious and gives us a chance to talk to each other with little else to do but enjoy ourselves.

I can't believe that our next meeting will take us into September. Where does the year go? Our guest speaker will be Bevis Taylor from the Torbay Sensory Team talking about hearing loss, a topic relevant to many of us as ,although we don't like to admit it, age creeps up on us! I am sure it will be very informative.

That meeting will be on September 8th in the village hall at 2p.m. We always welcome new members so if you would like to join us then and find out what we do please come along.

Barbara Hersey-Secretary



A huge thank you to everyone who supported my World Scout Jamboree fundraising at the Village Show in July.

I had a stall with lots of fun games for everyone to have a go at, including welly throwing, which proved to be particularly popular. There were some very impressive throws — and plenty of laughs along the way!



I was also selling homemade apple juice, made with apples from the our farm, which was a great success and completely sold out.

One of the nicest parts of the afternoon was chatting to everyone who came over to the stall. It was lovely to answer questions about the World Scout Jamboree in Poland next year, explain a little more about the trip and hear people's encouragement and support.



It was a fantastic afternoon and, most importantly, a successful fundraiser, helping me raise some much-needed funds towards the cost of my Jamboree adventure. Which is now less than a year away!

**Thank you so much to everyone who came along, had a go at the games, bought some apple juice, donated or simply stopped for a chat. Your support means a lot and brings me one step closer to Poland.**

To contact me please e-mail me on my Jamboree e-mail [csaunders.wsj27@gmail.com](mailto:csaunders.wsj27@gmail.com) or via our Scout treasurer at [lsimmonds@talk21.com](mailto:lsimmonds@talk21.com) .

Thank you!

Charlotte

<https://gofund.me/e90eaec8c>

# Welcome to Unity in Sound Community Choir's news page for September



We certainly have lots to sing about!

This last year was our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and our challenge to celebrate that was to perform a gig a month. This we achieved – and more.

Under the musical direction of our fabulous father and daughter team, Andy Marshal and Leah Saunders, we not only **smashed** the challenge, but we also learned totally new arrangements, created in-house by our **super-talented** M.D.s, put on a sell-out charity concert at KEVICCs Ariel Theatre which raised thousands and we boosted our ranks of lovely, lady songbirds with new fledglings! We **always** have room for more though!

We took August off to rest-up and revive, ready for the next year of learning, rehearsing and performing – which is all done in an atmosphere of joy, fun and encouragement.

So why not come along and join us? We meet every Thursday evening, bar school holidays, in St. Andrew's Church hall, Paternoster Lane, Ipplepen, at 7:30 p.m. 'till 9:30 p.m.

We are a non-audition choir so you can just roll up and give us a try.

But, in fact, the best time to do that would be on September 24<sup>th</sup>. **Why?** Because this is when we are offering a four week *learn-a-song-with-us* introduction to the choir. Four rehearsals for a *new-to-all-of-us* song arranged just for our voices by Andy, for the princely sum of £10. Too good to miss I say!

For the existing members, we start back Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> when we'll be rehearsing our set for the first gig of our new decade – **ABBFEST**, around noon on Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup>.

A good chance to come along to see and meet us if you're think about taking the plunge and joining us!

You can check out what we have been up to by accessing our social media pages, follow **Unity in Sound Community Choir** on **Facebook** and **Instagram**. Our contact number, if you have questions, is 07754 4949 301.



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## IPPLEPEN PARISH COUNCIL

Report on Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2026 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](http://www.ipplepenparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

An email has been received from a teacher at Ipplepen Primary School thanking the Parish Council for all their hard work that has gone into the fantastic improvements at the Recreation Grounds, particularly the new skate park. They have asked if the Parish Council would be happy for the Primary School to hold a whole-school assembly at the skate park during the first couple of weeks back after the summer holidays. They would aim to teach the children about scooter and skate safety, how to use the skate park respectfully and the importance of looking after the facilities and some simple scooter maintenance. The Parish Council agreed this was a great idea. Action – Clerk to reply that the Parish Council are very happy for the assembly to go ahead.

An email has been received from IpplePlanet about getting clarity about proceeding with the planned Community Orchard in the field behind the skate park. The Parish Council support this in principle, however they feel this is not the right location as the field is used for the Flower Garden show, which is getting bigger every year. The Parish Council have come up with an alternative area and will contact IpplePlanet to arrange a meeting to visit the area. Action – Clerk to arrange site visit with IpplePlanet and Councillors.

An email has been received from IpplePlanet about the locally and nationally important Emergency Briefing film that is being screened and discussed across the UK. They are looking to screen this at the Village Hall and are inviting Councillors and local parishioners to join in the discussion about what we can all do to make a difference. Action – Clerk to reply that at least four Councillors would be interested in attending.

Several emails have been received regarding concerns about speeding and parking on Biltor Road. The Clerk has reported this to the County Councillor and will forward the response to the Parishioners who have emailed. The Parish Council are looking at putting a VASS (Vehicle Activated Speed Sign) on Biltor Road as this is one of the hotspot areas picked up by the speed watch team.

**AMENITIES:** - Coun.Carnell The Minutes of the Amenities meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026, were approved and taken as read.

A) Salt Shed - Heras fencing - In Hand.

B) Millenium Centre Lease - regarding crack in ceilings. – The Parish Council are responsible for getting this work done. Action – Coun.Carnell to obtain quotes.

C) CCTV - Contractor confirmed - contact regarding start date required.

D) Tarmac repair. - Skate Park resurfacing and Mill Centre carpark after erection of new shed.

E) Play Equipment Reports - Review In hand.

F) Cooke Dr salt bin hedge trimming. – In hand.

G) Cricket Club tree - Responsibility for this work lies with Tenant (However suggest a £200 contribution from the PC).

H) Allotment gate latching post work complete

I) Mill Centre Alarm testing 9.00am 31<sup>st</sup> July. – Complete. J) Double gates into the toddler area are often left open. Coun.Carnell put a chain and padlock around, so the gate is now locked.

K) No fireworks will take place at the Carnival this year due to the ground being so dry.

L) Fence repair on Park access road quotes – Three quotes have been received for the fence repair along the access road at the Recreation Ground. **RESOLUTION:** Coun.Palethorpe Proposed to accept tender C for £1,655.58.00 + VAT Seconded by Coun.Ranjit, agreed unanimously. The successful contractor is DK Digger & Countryside Management. Action: Clerk to notify the successful contractor.

### **SKATE PARK** – Coun.Rattlidge

The skate park launch was held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2026 hosted by Maverick. It was a successful event. Teignbridge Trotters put on a BBQ and unfortunately didn't sell as much as was hoped. The Parish Council agreed to contribute £50.00 to Teignbridge Trotters.

### **KERSWELLA CARE** – Coun.Rattlidge

A quieter month in July with 61 requests – 15 for Ipplepen and the surrounding villages.

Destinations for Ipplepen and the surrounding villages included Newton Abbot Hospital, Mount Stuart, KKHC, IPHC, Opticians in Totnes, Bovey Tracey and Torbay Hospital.

Trailblazers had a great talk by Fiona from Dawlish Gardens Trust <https://dgtdevon.org/> and they will be visiting the site for a tour with coffee and cake! In September.

There is also a trip in August to Babbacombe Theatre.

We have just added a new booking system to the Kerswella website for Transport Requests. This can be used by clients or their friends or relatives to request transport for medical appointments. Just click on the Book Transport on the main menu.

They had a stand at the Village Show last month to raise awareness of Kerswella Cares profile.

### **HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY**

a) Please keep your dogs on the lead when walking around the village on the Highway.

b) Totnes Road Bus Shelter - All Completed

c) Public Rights of Way - Footpath 2 - A lot of upgrading work has recently been carried out by Devon County Council. Premier hard surfaces have been laid and hand rails fitted. DCC have also carried out work on Bridleway 11.

d) If your hedge is overgrown onto a footpath, can you please cut it back so people using the footpaths are not forced into the road.

e) Flood Reduction - Will monitor

f) Urban Speed Limiters quotes – Three quotes have been received for two VASS.

RESOLUTION: Coun.Smith Proposed to accept tender C for £5,615.98 inc VAT Seconded by Coun.Ranjit, agreed unanimously. The successful contractor is ElanCity. Action: Clerk to notify the successful contractor.

Coun.Mrs.Calland would like the Parish Council to officially thank the Cottage Garden Show and IppleTipple for a great event last month. also to thank the Carnival Club on their fantastic float

To note the date of the next PC meeting: **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026 at 7.15pm**

**The Parish Clerk**

### **District Report** - Cllr David Palethorpe

#### **Local government changes in Devon**

On 16 July 2026, the Government announced its decision on the reorganisation of local government in Devon.

From April 2028, the existing District Councils and Devon County Council will be replaced by four new unitary councils:

- Plymouth City Council : Exeter Council : Torbay Council : Devon Coast and Countryside Council

The proposal places Ipplepen in the new Torbay and South Devon council area, together with 15 other towns and parishes, including Newton Abbot and Teignmouth.

This will be the biggest change to local government in Devon for more than 50 years.

However, Teignbridge District Council will continue to provide services as normal during the transition.

### **Green Flag awards for local parks**

Four Teignbridge parks have retained their Green Flag Award status:

*Decoy Countryside Park : Courtenay Park, Newton Abbot :Homeyards Botanical Garden, Shaldon : The Den, Teignmouth*

The Green Flag Award recognises some of the country's best-managed parks and green spaces. Thanks are due to all the staff and volunteers who help to keep these parks clean, safe, welcoming and well maintained.

### **£3 million investment in play parks**

I was pleased as the Executive Member responsible to have led on the programme which was supported at the Council meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> to approve a £3 million programme of improvements to local Teignbridge owned play parks.

Around £2 million will come from Section 106 developer contributions, with a further £1 million coming from the Community Infrastructure Levy.

Thirty-seven council-owned play parks will be assessed. Decisions about funding will consider:

*the condition of the equipment : safety : accessibility : local need : where the investment would provide the greatest benefit*

The aim is to provide safer and more inclusive play areas for children and families.

Where a play park is transferred to a town or parish council, funding will continue to be available to help the local council maintain it.

### **Wildlife improvements funded by the A382 scheme**

Eight nature reserves will benefit from biodiversity work funded through the A382 road-widening and active-travel scheme.

The four-year programme will include:

*wildlife and species surveys : reedbed cutting : improved scrub management : the removal of invasive species : new information boards : educational events for visitors*

A new boardwalk will also be installed at Decoy to help protect marsh and wetland habitats.

The sites that will benefit are:

*Aller Brook Local Nature Reserve and County Wildlife Site*

*Churchills Local Nature Reserve*

*Decoy Country Park*

*Hackney Marshes Local Nature Reserve*

*Jetty Marsh Local Nature Reserve*

*Little Haldon Heaths County Wildlife Site*

*Orley Common County Wildlife Site*

*Wharf Road Sidings Local Nature Reserve*

### **Debate Not Hate campaign**

Teignbridge District Council has signed up to the Local Government Association's Debate Not Hate campaign. The council has adopted a zero-tolerance approach.

### **Citizens Advice reception volunteer**

Citizens Advice Teignbridge is looking for a friendly volunteer to help on reception at its Newton Abbot office.

No formal qualifications are required. Full training will be provided. Further details are available from the Citizens Advice Teignbridge website.

### **Warning about rogue traders**

There have recently been reports of cold callers offering household and garden work in Ipplepen.

Rogue traders may offer services such as gardening, driveway cleaning or roofing repairs. They often target older or vulnerable residents and may charge large amounts for work that is unnecessary, poorly completed or not carried out at all.

Residents are advised to be cautious. Rogue traders may:

*refuse to provide a proper written contract*

*charge far more than the work is worth*

*carry out poor-quality work*

*pressure people into making quick decision*

*offer to drive a resident to the bank to withdraw cash*

*disappear after receiving payment*

Anyone who agrees to work following a doorstep visit should normally be given written information about a 14-day cooling-off period.

Residents looking for a trader can use the Devon Trading Standards Buy With Confidence scheme:

<https://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk/business>

Suspected scams or concerns about doorstep traders should be reported to the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133 or through:

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk>

Do not confront a suspected rogue trader. Where possible, make a note of:

*the vehicle description and registration number*

*the person's appearance*

*the business name*

*what was offered*

*the date and time of the visit*

*any leaflets or paperwork provided*

Anyone who feels threatened or intimidated should call the police immediately on 999.

## **Cllr David Palethorpe**

Teignbridge District Council – Councillor for the Ipplepen Ward

Contact [david.palethorpe@teignbridge.gov.uk](mailto:david.palethorpe@teignbridge.gov.uk) Mob 07506422686

## **Cllr Heather Horner, Devon County Council**

### **Personal Note**

July was a particularly difficult month. On Sunday 12 July, Reform leaders, councillors, members and friends gathered near the home of Ann Widdecombe to lay flowers, share memories and support one another following her death. Many of us considered Ann a friend, mentor and one of the most recognisable voices in public life. Her loss has been felt deeply by colleagues across Devon and beyond

### **Torbay Hospital Cardiac Services**

Residents may be aware of the ongoing Heart Campaign, which was established in response to concerns that NHS service reviews could result in some cardiac services being transferred from Torbay Hospital to Exeter. Campaigners point to the cardiology unit's strong

important for the population served across South Devon. Campaigners remain involved in discussions about the future organisation of health services.

### **Ipplepen Issues**

I am continuing to follow up a number of local highways issues. Road maintenance remains a significant issue across the division, and I have recently been advised that the highways service has received additional resources for patching and surfacing works. For quite some time road works have largely been reactive to deal with the worse cases. We are now entering a phase where we can be proactive and address road maintenance before they become emergency works. Additional funding has become available and the following Ipplepen roads have been added to the priority list: Moor Road and North Street.

### **LGR**

By now you will have heard the announcement as to the model of LGR that the government has decided on, with Labour run Exeter and Plymouth Councils getting exactly what they want. This entails taking areas surrounding Exeter, Plymouth and Torbay away from a Devon rural and coastal authority and assigning them to the three largest urban areas. The area from Torbay up to Teignmouth, and including Newton Abbot—which includes Ipplepen will now find itself in the Torbay Unitary Authority. It is also being discussed that Forde House (with some adjustment of the Chamber area) could become the enlarged Torbay HQ since the existing Torbay arrangements are described as inadequate.

Significantly, the Leader of Devon County Council Julian Brazil has announced that DCC have begun the process of legally challenging the decision through the Judicial Review process. This is supported by Teignbridge District Council, although not in terms of financially contributing to the legal costs.

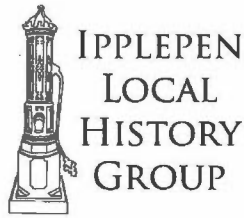
### **Community Funding**

My locality budget remains available to support projects that provide a clear benefit to the local community. Community groups and organisations in Kingskerswell are encouraged to contact me if they wish to discuss potential applications. As previously advised, funding will be considered fairly across all seven parishes within the division and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis where projects meet the relevant criteria.

**Cllr Heather Horner**

**County Councillor for Ipplepen & The Kerswells Division**

**Devon County Council**



## AGM

Our AGM in July was well attended. The existing committee all agreed to remain in their current posts. We were able to present the members with our programme of activities for the coming year.

On yet another brilliant summer's evening we were delighted to be able to call upon our guest speaker, John Risdon. For his talk John was able to match the mood with his comprehensive selection of photos of the Dart estuary. It is clearly a labour of love for him to take us on a journey of one thousand years of the Dart estuary. His talk reminded us of Dartmouth's part in our national history from its medieval port trading with France and Spain, through the Tudor years of Raleigh and Gilbert and to its crucial role as a strategically important hub in the two world wars. In more recent times we have the royal connection with the setting up of the Britannia Naval College and the continuing attraction of Agatha Christie and her holiday home of Greenway set above the banks of the Dart. Alongside our national history there are personal stories of fishermen and tradesmen trying to make a living along its shores. From the estuary at Dartmouth and Kingswear you move up the river past Dittisham, Galmpton and Stoke Gabriel before arriving at Totnes which was for many years a nationally thriving river port.



## Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning will be held at the Village Hall on **Saturday September 19th between 10am and 12.30pm**. There will be a variety of stalls, refreshments, and a raffle. As usual there will be an opportunity to see some of the wonderful pictures from our Ipplepen Archive. The theme this time will be Ipplepen Village Scenes

If you have any old pictures of Ipplepen that you are happy to share, then bring them along and we can scan them for you and return the original.

# IPPLEPEN BOWLING CLUB

The DennisSquires memorial match was played on July 26th, a lovely afternoon with 3,rinks playing. The top score on all 3 rinks was 57 points, but the winners were the one with most point difference57-25

Congratulations go to Mo Stanley and Phil Hughes.

We had a lovely cream tea at half time served by Joanne Preston

The hot weather has been a factor effecting the bowling again this month.

Well done to all for bowling in the heat .

## **Men's Over 55s**

Home against Starcross. Won both rinks 8 points

Home to League leaders Chudleigh. Won one lost one, but with overall score 6 points gained

Away to Abbrook on grass lost both rinks

## **Ladies Triple Challenge cup**

Home to Totnes. Won one lost one both rinks. Played 14 ends instead of 18 due to hot weather 6 points

Home to Ilsington. Won one lost one. Always a good friendly game against them 2points

Away to Bovey Tracey on grass, again 14 ends played lost both rinks

## **Rivera league**

Away to Babbacombe on grass won one lost 2, 2 points

Away Torquay on grass very bumpy green won one lost 2 points

Away Victoria on grass very challenging green again, won one lost 2, 2points

Home to Brixham St Mary's. Great win, won all 3 rinks and overall score 10points

At the moment we are in middle of League. Well done everyone .

## **Thelma Porch**

It is with sadness that one of our life members Thelma has passed away. In her day she was a wonderful bowler winning many trophies .

Thelma was a great poet and wrote many funny poems about lady bowlers, at the age of 100 she had a book of poems printed which included some of the bowling ones .Donations for these went to the Hub, I think there are some still there.

We send our condolences to Thelma's family and friends.

We welcome new members so why not try bowling

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*June Coombe*



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# OUR MONTHLY WEATHER

## JULY

| Year                    | 2026 | 2025 | 2024 | 2023  | 2022 | 2021 |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|
| Highest temp. (°C)      | 32.4 | 28.8 | 29.2 | 23.6  | 30.0 | 29.8 |
| Lowest temp. (°C)       | 8.5  | 6.9  | 5.8  | 6.3   | 6.1  | 9.1  |
| Average max. temp. (°C) | 27.1 | 23.6 | 20.9 | 20.3  | 23.9 | 22.3 |
| Average min. temp. (°C) | 12.8 | 12.5 | 11.2 | 11.8  | 11.3 | 12.6 |
| Total rainfall (mm)     | 0.8  | 24   | 95.2 | 121.2 | 4.6  | 91.4 |
| Number of dry days      | 29   | 22   | 18   | 5     | 28   | 16   |

General Comments: Well, that was a fairly extreme lpplepen July; very hot, very dry, light balmy breezes. Most of the data veered towards the upper values and records were broken (more than one)! We also 'enjoyed' some of those heat waves though they were less onerous than those in the South East of the country.

On average, we expect July to be our driest month; it almost certainly will be this year! Our July rainfall was the lowest ever since before 1987 and, indeed, the driest of any month in that time; May 1989 was the closest with just 1 mm. This month we had less than 1.5% of the rainfall in a typical July. Also, we did have some distant thunder once or twice through the month but nothing approached too closely. Despite five of the first seven months of this year having below average rainfall, our annual rainfall for the year to date is still just above the long term mean by about 5% with just over 600 mm recorded so far (how wet January and February were!). Not surprisingly, we had the highest number of dry days for July since before our records began but August, 1995 still holds the record at 30. Our expectation for July would be 18 or 19.

There were three heatwaves this month, from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>, from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> and from the 27<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> but none quite of the severity of those which enveloped many parts of the south-east! On average, we have about a 1 in 9 chance of at least one July temperature reaching or exceeding 30°C: this year was exceptional with three days matching those criteria. The maximum temperature was the highest July temperature we have recorded and the third highest of any month in the past 40 years. Our minimum temperature, however, was just above average and into the upper third of our data. However, we had 31 days with temperatures at or above 20°C, 26 of which exceeded 25°C and three exceeded 30°C. This is the highest total in our record, 31 has never been reached before! Together this produced an average maximum for the month which is the highest we have noted. Our average minimum temperature was only slightly elevated, just into the upper half of our data, only 0.1°C above expectation. The net result was an average temperature of 19.95°C, 2.65°C above the mean. There has been only one warmer July since 1987 that being 1995. On the three days with temperatures in the 30's, the relative humidities were fairly low (for South Devon), reaching just the low 30%'s.

Generally, the winds were light to moderate throughout the month but with a couple of more blustery interludes. The wind direction was variable throughout the month. The strongest gust of wind came from the west and was just a little over 20 mph (Fresh Breeze, Force 5). A wind run of 575 miles was very low for July but not a record even in our very short record of this parameter.

Barometric pressures ranged quite widely throughout the month with the barometer touching 1030 mb and falling to 1006 mb during the later parts of the month.

Overall, this was a glorious July with plenty of opportunities to get out and about but preferably with plenty of SPF 50 and a sunhat and the ability to withstand the heat!

*Martin Stentiford*

## **We Need Help!**

### **Could you help Scouting continue in Ipplepen?**

1<sup>st</sup> Ipplepen Scout Group is looking for some new adult volunteers to join our existing team and help keep Scouting alive and thriving in the village. We have a brilliant bunch of young people who love getting stuck into all the things Scouting has to offer — camping, cooking, fires, crafts, games, adventures, challenges, badges you name it we do it! But there is one small problem...

### **We need more adults!**

Some of our current leaders have been volunteering for many years and are now ready to hand over the reins to some fresh faces. Without enough adult volunteers, we simply can't keep offering the Scouting opportunities our young people deserve.

### **"But I know absolutely nothing about Scouting..."**

You don't need to have been a Scout. You don't need to be an expert camper, mountaineer or outdoor survival specialist. You just need to enjoy working with young people, be willing to have a go and bring a little enthusiasm.

You won't be expected to know everything from day one. Training and support are provided, and you'll be joining an existing team who can show you the ropes. You can start by helping out, see what you enjoy and get involved at a level that works for you. We are particularly keen to hear from people who can give some regular time to help at our weekly meetings, but there are also plenty of other ways to get involved if a weekly commitment isn't possible. Our leaders come from all sorts of backgrounds and bring different skills, interests and personalities to the group. You might be brilliant at organising, enjoy being outdoors, love cooking, have a creative streak, or simply enjoy having fun. Whatever your skills, there is a place for you.

### **What's in it for you?**

You'll meet new people, learn new skills, have some fantastic experiences and get the enormous satisfaction of watching young people grow in confidence and discover what they're capable of. But most importantly, you'll be helping to give local children and young people opportunities they might otherwise miss out on.

### **Could you help?**

If you've ever thought *"I'd love to help, but I wouldn't know where to start"*, please get in touch. We'd be delighted to have an informal chat and tell you more about what's involved.

**Help us make sure the next generation can keep Scouting, adventuring and having fun. Please message the Group Lead Volunteer for further info.**

[Clair.tucker@teignbridgescouts.co.uk](mailto:Clair.tucker@teignbridgescouts.co.uk) or call 07894 834451

### **Message from Caroline Caunter**

I'd like to thank Leaders past and present and the committee for the lovely surprise afternoon tea that was held in my honour. It was a lovely afternoon. Also I would like to thank the Leaders and parents for the lovely pictures and cards plus all the flowers and gifts I have received on my retirement as the Beaver Leader. It has been a privilege and honour to be able to see so many children learn and explore life through Beavers and move onto the other sections in their Scouting life. Thank you all so much, Caroline Caunter.

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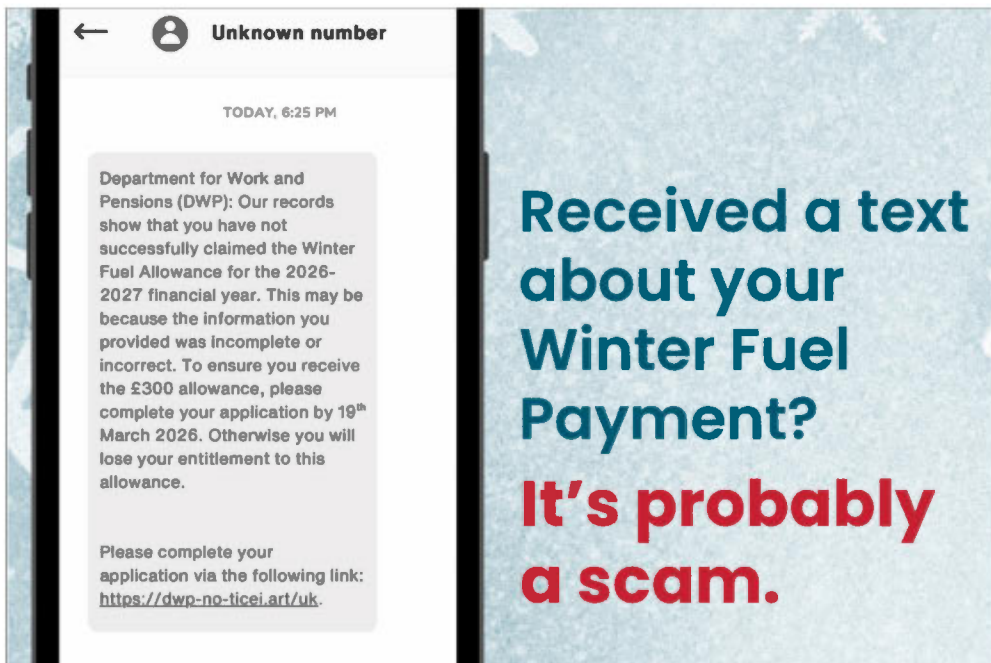
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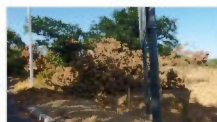
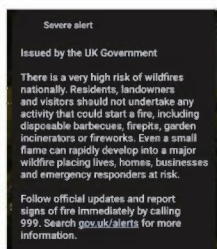
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The screening is followed by discussions, your input is welcome. **Martin Wrigley MP and Ipplepen Parish Councillors will be present.** Optional questionnaire.

**FREE EVENT!** Optional donation to the National Emergency Briefing organisers. Refreshments available.

**Limited seating, please book in advance.** To book your place, please use the QR code above and navigate to find Ipplepen on the map. The film and event are for ages 16yrs and up. Email [ippleplanet@hotmail.com](mailto:ippleplanet@hotmail.com) to find out more.



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

And so, it feels like the season is beginning to slow and our plots are winding-down. It's true, September could be considered the end of the growing season, but in actual fact it is the start of the new one.

This is the month to take stock, reflect on our successes and failures and begin planning how to make this new year the best one ever. If you were thinking about taking on an allotment from scratch, or creating a vegetable patch in the garden then September is the perfect month to begin. You'll have plenty of time to prepare the soil, plan your crops and dream about the bountiful harvests to come. Not that there's nothing to do, there's plenty to be getting on with... like clearing dead foliage and plants away as crops finish, tending to our apples, pears and plums whilst checking for brown rot, plus sowing cooler loving leaves and planting our spring cabbages.

As far as seasonal eating goes, if the Ippepen badgers have left them alone, there will be an abundance of sweetcorn to enjoy and if you've had a sweetcorn cob picked, cooked and eaten that same day then you'll understand why we grow our own. Some plots may even have respectfully sized parsnips in the ground, but we know that they will taste so much sweeter after a hard frost, so for now in the ground is where they will stay.

September reminds us that the seasons are rolling and as one ends we are already busy laying the foundations for the next one.

### **What we're sowing & growing**

Winter Lettuces, Oriental Leaves, Mustards and further batches of Rocket. Planting out Spring Cabbages and new Strawberry plants. Also overwintering autumn Onions this month or next.

### **What we're harvesting**

Beans, Tomatoes, Sweetcorn, and the first of the autumn crops, Leeks, Pumpkins, Main Crop Potatoes and Sweet Potatoes.

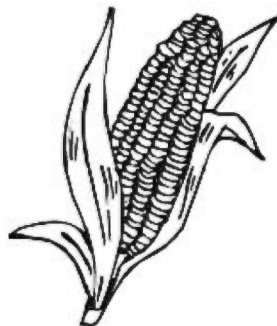
## **Get Composting**

Allotment holders often make new compost bins at this time of year. Wooden crates, packing cases, old doors, sheets of corrugated iron and even straw bales can be used. Such creations get the job done; they are solid enough to contain growing piles of decomposing material and can be disassembled when the compost is ready.

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