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Happy Easter everyone. The days are now longer, the sun is shining and the gardens have sprung into life. Don’t forget you can hire the school’s multi use games area, if you’re feeling energetic.

Thank you to all those who are working hard to raise the money for the new Community Shop. Have you purchased your shares yet? Time is getting short. Details of the share offer are available in the shop.

May I please have material for the May edition of the Ide Times by the 20th April. It should be sent to me at 1 Cobbe House, Station Road, Ide, Exeter, EX2 9RS, email – [brendaspivey123@btinternet.com](mailto:brendaspivey123@btinternet.com)

Brenda Spivey (Tel.01392 275784)

# USEFUL NUMBERS

Community Policeman: 08452 777444 .

The Revd Stephen Bessent: 01392 437662, enquiries@alphingtonstmichaels.org

Doctor: Dr S.Vercoe: 01392 439868

M.P. Mel Stride: 01392 823306

Community Shop Opening Hours: (Tel. 410035)

Monday – Friday 8am – 12 noon and 3pm – 7pm

Saturdays 8am – 1pm

(Please note that the shop is not open on **Saturday afternoons**)

Sundays & Bank Holidays 9am – 12 noon

Post Office Opening Hours

Monday – Friday 9am – 11.45am and 3pm – 5pm

Saturdays 9am – 12 noon.

Sundays and Bank Holidays CLOSED

IDE MEMORIAL HALL – to book the hall for our event/party please contact Carol Whitehart on 01392 213608.

THE MOBILE LIBRARY will be in Ide on Mondays, 2nd, 16th & 30th April. It will be in the Huntsman car park from 11.45 to 12.30pm on those dates.

IDE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21st March are displayed on our Parish notice board. The next meeting (also incorporating the AGM) is due to be held on Wednesday 16th May in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. The AGM will be held first and will be followed by the normal meeting. The agenda will be displayed on the Parish notice board early in May. Why not come along?

**Contact us**

The contact details for the Parish council are shown below. We welcome your comments and look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

**The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee** - The Parish Council will be presenting all children from the age of 0 through to 16, who reside within the Parish of Ide, with a commemorative mug to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

 The Parish Council would like any parent who has a child not attending the Parish Primary school to register their child with Sally Cooke, at [sally.cooke4@btinternet.com](mailto:sally.cooke4@btinternet.com) by Monday 7th May to avoid any disappointment. Extra mugs will be available to purchase from the village shop, full details to follow.

**Devon Oil Collective -** Do you buy domestic heating oil? Have you thought about joining an oil buying consortium? These schemes work on the basis of maximising the buying power and therefore maximising the benefits for you. Interested? Please contact the DOC scheme by calling 01392 248919 ext \*290 or contact [oilscheme@devonrcc.org.uk](mailto:oilscheme@devonrcc.org.uk).

**Domestic violence & abuse service -** As part of the quest to promote awareness of the services provided and the detrimental effects of abuse on adults, children and young people, we would like to provide some contact details for anyone in need of their services. These services include support groups, counselling services, educational programmes and a helpline. You can contact them to access these services by calling 01626 365087 or have a look at their website at www.domesticviolenceandabuseservice.org.uk.

**Village Website:** [**www.idevillage.org.uk**](http://www.idevillage.org.uk/)

Barry Hookins, Chairman, Tel: 215726

Samantha Young, Clerk, Tel: 426454, E-mail [sammyjyoung@sky.com](mailto:sammyjyoung@sky.com)

The Village website is up and running and we would like to update it to show all the events, meetings, clubs, trips etc that are being held. Just a couple of lines from the organisers of the various activities would be great. This would be great publicity for you and could increase interest and membership. Please e-mail [louwatson@hotmail.co](mailto:louwatson@hotmail.co).

The Ide Times has now gone global and is included as a link on the village website.

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             Felicity Harper came to talk to us about Powderham Castle at our meeting on the 19th February. Many will have heard the story that the Countess of Devon built a weir at Countess Weir  for the purpose of stopping large ships being able to sail up to Exeter. This she said was not true, only a small weir was built at Exeter Quay. The Countess was the richest woman in England, and the Courtenays gained properties in Devon by marrying into land owning families. Bishop Courtenay had the North Tower at Exeter Cathedral built. There was a Courtenay Chapel and tomb, but the can no longer be found. They had many connections with royalty back in history, but seeing the many beheadings and other tragedies decided to keep to Devon and local families. In the early 19th century they became seriously in debt and after paying off some of the debt did a bunk to America. Eventually a daughter, Lady Agnes, married a wealthy man called Wood from the north of England. In 1869 he became the 2nd Lord Halifax and Viceroy of India. Powderham was not bombed during the 1942 blitz. A relation of Lady Courtenay, a spy, told the story that Hitler wished it to be spared as he would like to live there. The Castle was opened to the public in the 1950s. Lady Courtenay was the last one to sign warrants of arrest when she was sheriff of Devon.

A bouquet of flowers was given to Jean Rockey for her special birthday

On the 5th March Brian Cox took us down memory lane with lovely pictures taken on outings with the Jubilee club. The weather was not always favourable and Brian filled in some sunny scenes of the places we visited. He also had some tales to tell such as when we went to Princetown, the mad axe-man the last escapee was never found. The prison was built by prisoners from the Napoleonic wars for themselves!

We were sad to report the death of Helen Wilkins a member of the club for many years.

It is always a delight to have the children from Ide School entertaining the club. Sue Wetherall told us the choir consisted of a third of the pupils from the school of varying ages. They sang beautifully some modern songs and we could hear the words so clearly, ending with Mum you are amazing just the way you are, appropriately for Mothering Sunday the previous day. Posies of flowers were then given to everyone, before the children returned to school. Bert then entertained us with a quiz, amid the usual hilarity! He tried to convince me he had spent sleepless nights working out the questions! They were very good anyway.

DIARY DATES

April 2nd  Spencer Kingdon     Boy on the Farm

April 16th  Jill Blackett Are you "Fit as a Fiddle?"

April 30th  Outing details still to be arranged.

                                                                  Jean Hoskin

IDE COMMUNITY SHOP – SHARE SCHEME UPDATE

Thank you to all of you who have responded to the Share Offer, we are so grateful for all the investments that have been made. If however you haven’t yet got around to investing, or have still not decided, we want to remind you that we only have until Easter to raise the majority of funds required to save the shop and Post Office from likely eventual closure.

We need £130,000 in total. This will cover the purchase price of 7a Fore Street, as well as the cost of converting it into a shop and Post Office to replace the Portacabin. Planning permission for the Portacabin was only temporary and expires at the end of May 2012. We are confident that we will be able to obtain some grant funding, but a significant proportion of the capital needs to be raised from local investors before these grants become available. So far we have raised over 50% of what we require to proceed, with more arriving every day – but we only have until Easter to do this, and still need as many people as possible to contribute in any way they can.

Although many people have recognised the benefits of the Share Scheme and the potential tax advantage of investing in this way, others have found this to be over-complicated. We therefore wanted to make it clear that if you prefer to simply make a donation, you can do so by handing it into the shop in an envelope marked for the attention of Simon Cain. (Cheques payable to The Ide Community Shop Association Ltd).

Lots of people investing in the shop have said ‘Failure isn’t an option – keeping a shop in the village is vital’. And this means different things to different people, but means a final push by everyone is essential. It has been amazing to see and hear the buzz in the village this funding campaign has produced and to receive so many cheques both big and small that express people’s support and commitment, including the Parish Council, which has been very much appreciated.

Hope you have enjoyed the poster campaign, with 15 different posters around the village. How many have you seen?

We just need one final push, to reach our goal. Together we can do this and how proud (and relieved) will we all be after Easter once we have achieved this. Please help if you can. If you have any questions or other ideas about raising funds please contact me (01392 439496 or [trevor@trevorgardner.com](mailto:trevor@trevorgardner.com))

Thank you for your support -

Trevor Gardner - Chairman of the Management Committee

IDE ALOUD NEWS  
   
 The choir have been working hard over the long dark January and Febuary nights and are very pleased that we are now not far from**.......... Spring- Our 4th. Birthday and our Spring Concert - 28th. April in Ide Memorial Hall.** We are attempting ever more complex arrangements as well as some easier old favourites.  
 We are also pleased to welcome our new pianist Tim Hingley who has joined us to accompany us and help John our guitarist to keep us in tune! We have a couple of new members since our last concert and we will always welcome anyone who would like to join too.  
 If you have enjoyed our concerts in the past or have never had the pleasure, join us on April 28th. for Music, Games , Food and Fun - all for £4 (tickets from Ide Community Shop).

Jane Rotinoff ([mjrotinoff@hotmail.com](mailto:mjrotinoff@hotmail.com), 01392-276243)

IDE SCHOOL

Fashion Show – 24th April, 7.30pm

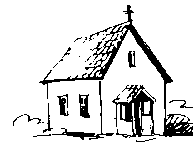
Please come to the fashion show at Ide School on Tuesday, 24th April at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5.50 to include your first drink. All clothes either high street or labels and hugely discounted. Come and shop or just chat over a drink in good company! Bring a friend or two for a fun and sociable Ide night with proceeds to support Ide Childcare Trust. Tickets on sale in Ide Community Shop.

Dawn Chapman

IDE BADMINTON CLUB

Badminton is a great way to get fit and keep fit as well as good fun for all abilities. We meet every Wednesday evening in Ide School Hall between 7.30 and 9.30pm. We are very varied in our abilities and don’t take it too seriously. We do need some new blood though and would welcome anyone over the age of 18 who would like to come and join us. All you need is white soled shoes and a badminton racquet – although we usually have spares if you want to come and try before you buy.

Penny Smith

IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

11am 6.30pm

1st April Mr H.Slocombe Mr J.Partridge

8th April Mr B.Bunce

(Easter Services (see below)

15th April Mr P.Willer Mr P.Balsdon

22nd April Pastor T.Wright Mr S.Andrews

29th April Mr J.Lipscombe Mr D.Chipps

Our COFFEE MORNING will be held on Thursday 5 April 10.30-12 noon. Families welcome and any walkers passing by.

An excellent combined Lent Course was taken by Reverend Stephen Bessent. Each session started with a dvd presentation. We ticked the appropriate boxes on the relevant questionnaire and frankly discussed the results. Concerned with 'how welcome is your church', it resulted in some surprises, smiles, and was thought provoking as well. A representative from each church attended the other church as a 'visitor' and comments encouraged. The Easter Garden completed during a Messy Church morning was really lovely and imaginative and of special note when visiting St Ida's.

As a way of encouraging greater confidence to sing in front of an audience we have invited Miss Vicky Armillotta to take part in our Easter morning service. Details below.

As our Area support worker, Adrian Wyatt continues to encourage us to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and the 2012 Olympics, we are hoping to have an Open Church Day on 2 June to pre-view Ide Primary School children's work celebrating these events. In preparation of this, we are meeting Saturday morning from 10am – 12 noon to make up bunting from remnant or unwanted material. Hand and machine sewing. Tea and coffee provided. Join us if you can, even if it is for a coffee and a chat after you've been to the Community Shop and need a sit down! It's an open door for everyone. An evening session can be arranged if wanted.

Jackie Chadwick

Easter Sunday Service, 8th April, at 11am

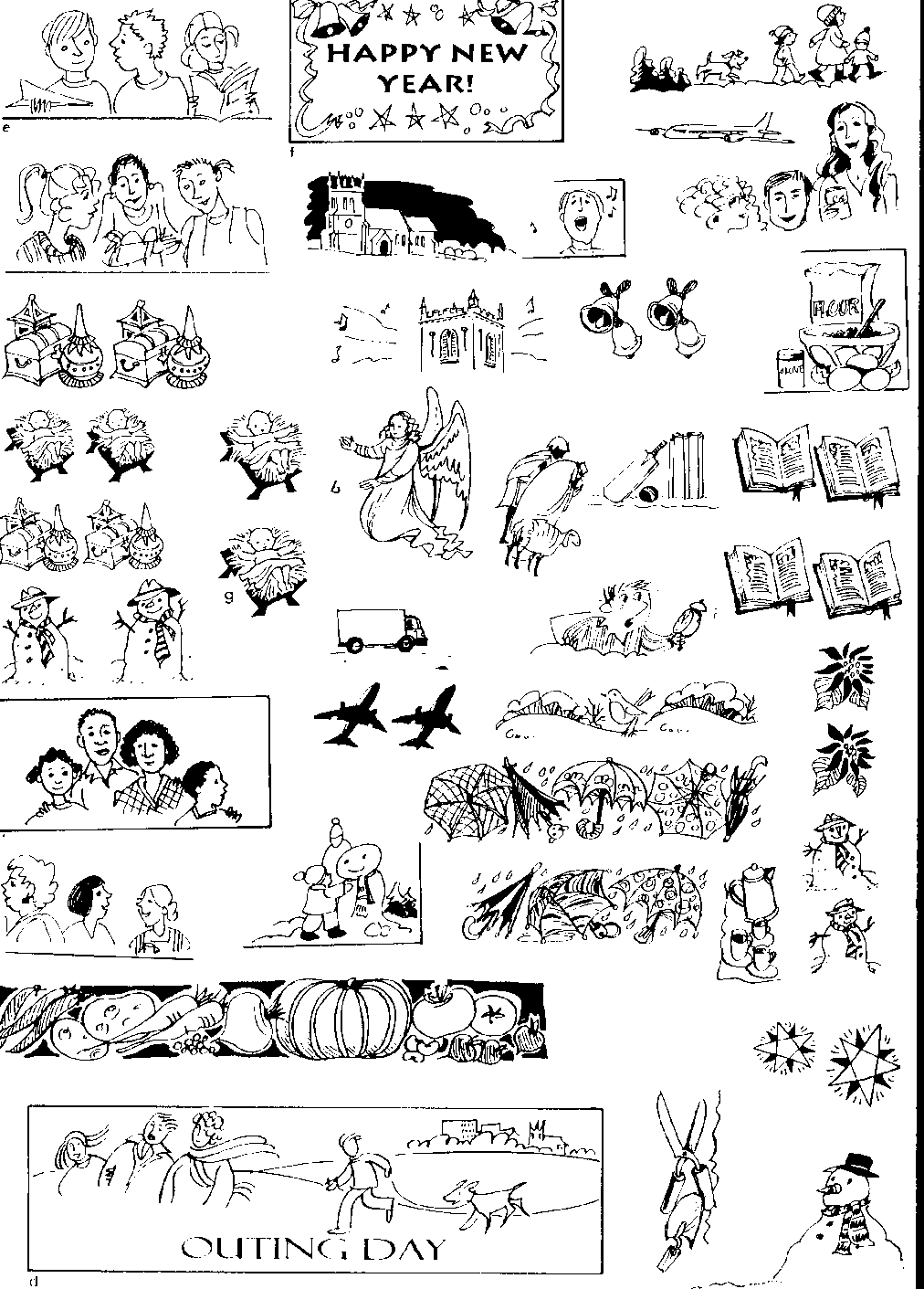
Preacher – Mr Brian Bunce

Guest Soloist Miss Vicky Armillotta

Under 18 class competition winner at this year’s

Exeter Festival of Music

All welcome at this special Service

 PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT IDA

1st April Palm Sunday 9.30am Parish Communion

4th April First Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion

5th April Maundy Thursday **7.30pm** **at Shillingford**

6th April Good Friday 2pm Special Service

8th April EASTER SUNDAY 9.30am Parish Communion

14th April MESSY CHURCH 10am

15th April Easter 2 9.30am Parish Communion

22nd April Easter 3 8.0am Holy Communion

9.30am All Age Service

29th April **Joint Service at Alphington at 10am**

On the 10th March 12 children and 15 adults met together in Ide Church at 10 am for Messy Church. They learnt about Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, Good Friday and Easter, cooked bread and made an Easter garden. The next Messy Church will be on Saturday 14th April, from 10 am to 12 noon in Ide Church, when there will be lots of activities. All welcome.

The 18th was Mothering Sunday when we honour our Mother’s. This was an All Age service for the family, and there were flowers and simnel cake for everyone. The talk was a quiz and five mums with their children came to the front. The children were given cards to hold up in answer to various questions. The first was, when your mum goes shopping which shop does she go in first – W H Smith – Boots – Clothes shop. Without any hesitation the children all held up the card which showed the clothes shop and so the questions went on. An interesting service.

On the 25th we had a shortened Eucharist service as Jane and Brian Inwood came and showed slides and explained about the Link Diocese of Thika which is Kenya. 50% of the population there live below the poverty line. Every where that Jane and Brian went the hospitality was exceptional with cups of tea and food. . Ten years ago the Christian population was about 9,000 now it is over 24,000 and growing. Their services are slightly different to ours as they love to sing and dance and there is a lot of prayer. There are no land lines for your telephone but everyone seems to have a mobile phone. A very interesting and thought provoking talk.

It is Palm Sunday on the 1st April and then Easter Day on the 8th April, when more flowers will be produced for each member of the congregation to hang on the Cross displayed with the purple robe and the crown of thorns. Do come and join us on this Festival Day when we remember that Christ rose from the dead.

Have a lovely Easter break from your chores and relax.  God Bless.

David Garnsworthy

MOTHERS’ UNION

Fourteen of us sat down to a far from frugal Lent lunch at Joyce Stevens’ home on the 14th March – all sorts of home made soups, bread and cheese and fruit. Thank you Joyce for your hospitality. The money raised will go to M.U. overseas work.

Prayer Group will meet following the 10.30am service on Wednesday,

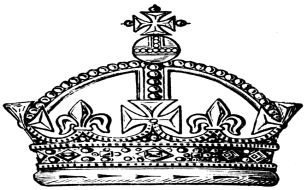
4th April. Our monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, 18th April – venue to be advised.

Sue Campbell

Messy Church

Saturday, 14th April, 10am to 12 noon. in Ide Church

Learn about the people seeing Jesus alive again, after he had died on the cross; make things; play games, and have refreshments! All welcome.



THE QUEEN’S DIAMOND JUBILEE – 4th JUNE

An unmissable event to be enjoyed by all!!

An afternoon tea with friends and neighbours .

Lots of activities throughout the day including Races,

Punch and Judy Show, Music and Dancing!

As with any celebration in Ide ....a well stocked bar!

What else could you possibly ask for from a day out for the whole family!

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Jubilee celebrations.

**Next meeting 5th April, Poachers at 8pm all welcome.**

Angelique

FILM NIGHT -At Dunchideock Village Hall

Friday, 6th April, 7.45pm DunchideockVillage Hall

MY WEEK WITH MARILYN. A story of a young assistant director’s dizzying romance with Mariln during filming in 1957 London is both funny and touching.

Friday, 4th May, 7.45pm Dunchideock Village Hall

j0287563WAR HORSE. This is an additional film for the series. Stephen Spielberg’s epic provides a fitting end to this year’s programme.

Ide Lane Friends

Coffee Morning

Thursday, 12th April, 10.30am – 12.30pm

At Alphington Village Hall – all welcome

YOUR NATIONAL BUS PASS

Many National Bus Passes will expire on the 31st March 2013. If you have changed your address since your original pass was issued you will need to update your details with Devon County Council as soon as possible. Contact them on 01392 383688 or 01271 383688. Also, if you no longer resemble the photo on your bus pass, you will need to have a new one and should contact Devon County Council on one of the above numbers.



PLEA TO ALL DOG OWNERS

I would be very grateful if you could please stop your dogs from urinating on the front door/wall of my home. As I am sure you will appreciate the smell of urine as you approach and enter my property is very unpleasant. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

MC900078761%5b1%5d Louise, Stepps Cottage, 72 High Street, Ide

Ide Aloud

SPRING CONCERT & 4th BIRTHDAY

28th April, 7.30pm in Ide Memorial Hall

Music, games, food and fun

Tickets £4 from the Community Shop

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The League of Friends attached to Ide Lane Surgery. Co-ordinator Jane Greenslade Tel 428902 email jane.greenslade @nhs.net We support patients by providing volunteer transport to medical appointments for elderly and disabled people, befriending isolated people and providing information/support for carers.

**Coffee Morning**

Ide Lane Friend are holding a Coffee Morning on Thursday,12th April, 10.30am-12.30pm at Alphington Village Hall in Ide Lane (next door to the surgery). There will be coffees/teas, cakes, draw, books, etc. (Please bring along any cakes or produce we could sell on the day and raffle prizes would also be appreciated). Home Call Community Alarm Systems (pendant alarms which older people can wear round their necks when alone indoors) will be present to give advice. So please come along and invite your friends. Ring Jane if you want any more details.

**Ide Lane Carers’ Group**

We meet on the third Tuesday of alternate months at the surgery and we either have a speaker or “Tea and Chat”, which it was in February. The next meeting is Tuesday, 17th April, 6.30pm at the surgery. The speaker will be Angela Moxey and the topic is foot care and reflexology.

**R.I.P.**

We were sorry to learn of the death of one of our supporters, Helen Wilkins of Ide, who reached the grand old age of 97. Her funeral was held on the 15th March and we are grateful to Helen and her family for arranging the collection to be for Ide Lane Friends.

**The Surgery**

Next time you go to the surgery you will go in through automatic doors. These have been funded by Ide Lane Friends, making good use of the legacy we were left by the late Joyce Lewis. The new doors will be appreciated by all, but especially older or disabled people and those with pushchairs.

**Bereavement Support**

Ide Lane Friends are pleased to support a new bereavement group which will beheld monthly at Lucerne care home on Chudleigh Road in Alphington. St Michael’s Church have set tis up with Lucerne. The next date for this group is Thursday, 12th April, 2.30 to 4pm. Ring for more details or just come along if you have recently been bereaved and would like to meet with others. Jane Greenslade

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IDE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Greetings fellow Ide-ites. Firstly, some dates for your diaries:

**8th April (Easter Sunday) – Quiz at the Poachers Inn**. This will be in aid of our Community Shop scheme. Places will be limited to 70, and as with Christmas Quiz it will be by booking, with first booked teams getting priority of places (tables will be allocated in advance, ready for your arrival). There will be some food offerings provided, which will be items that our Community Shop stock, in particular local products. Tickets/places £3 per person, ALL proceeds to the shop fund. Contact details: [P.Bishop@ex.ac.uk](mailto:P.Bishop@ex.ac.uk) or 0771 778 5760 – there’ll be no posters as it should sell-out  via you reading this plus via my ‘Quizzers’ email list. Oh and yes as per usual it’s extra points for Easter bonnets/ headgear !  
 **Beetle Drive, Tea and Cakes and Meaty Bingo – April 15th**, 3 til 6pm’ish, to take place in the Memorial Hall. Tickets will be on sale from Easter Friday. What is a Beetle Drive? Nothing to do with Beetle cars; the aim of the game is to be the first player to draw/complete a beetle - but the body parts you can draw are determined by the throw of the dice. Players move from table to table at the start of each new game - which makes for a sociable and chatty occasion. Splendid eh? Meat bingo will be done in association with West Town Farm. Ticket price TBC – look out for the posters.  
 Last quiz was a jolly affair, can’t remember who won, but the balloon modelling round was very entertaining, if a little surreal! Lots of squeaks and bangs and laughter.  
 The Ide Twinners convene/convened for Committee Meeting at the end of March, where items on agenda will include arrangements for the visit of our French friends in August, plus the question of how much money Ide Twinning will invest in the Community Shop Share Scheme. It will be a healthy sum, not simply because Ide Twinners work hard throughout the year fundraising both for Twinning and other causes, but because we all believe in the concept of a Community Shop. I can recall cycling up to Portsmouth the other year, as my chosen mode of transport to ferry terminal for a Twinning Trip, and travelling on minor roads through lots of villages – none of which had village shops or even pubs anymore, which made re-fuelling for all that pedalling rather trying! I found NO village shops between Axminster and Poole. And not only do we believe in safeguarding the existence of Ide’s shop & PO for all and sundry, but we’re also clever (Easter) bunnies - it’s a win-win-win situation – if, heaven forbid, the shop scheme doesn’t succeed and we lose our shop then we’ll get our money back, and if scheme does work then heck,  in X-number of years ahead we’ll almost certainly be reaping dividend of financial nature!   
 Rumours that Ide Twinning is to be floated on the stock market are, however, unfounded.

Pete Bishop



WEST TOWN FARM & ORGANICARTS

Spring, it seems is coming...going...coming...going but despite the foggy days of March work on the farm is starting to kick into warmer weather gear.

With help from some terrific volunteers we made it through the winter job of pruning all 300 of our apple trees and everyone who took part is warmly invited back in the autumn to quite literally enjoy the fruits of their labour.

As spring takes hold so does labour of a different kind as the cows start calving. The first anticipated birth being Lorelai a very pretty cow, particularly her ears, maybe too pretty as Parrot jumped a fence to get to her. No mean feat when you weigh over 600 kilos and the fence is more than 4ft.

 Having spread muck over the fields last month, April is now the time for sowing out this year's crops. Mike and Paul will be sowing potatoes, spring barley and grass in the fields, pumpkin seeds will be going into trays in the glass house. In terms of the natural world, wild garlic is springing up all over the farm and surrounding fields - it makes a great pesto!

To celebrate the beginning of this new season the farm will be throwing open its gates for **Spring at the Farm on the 22nd of April from 11-4**. Come along for wildflower walks, tractor trailer rides, face painting and campfire cooking. You can even take your own bit of spring back with you as there'll be seed planting and pot decorating, or enjoy something a bit more traditional and have a little dance around the maypole. **Tickets are £4 for an adult, £3 for a child** or £10 for a family (2+3).

**April's meat week will be Wednesday 11th to Monday the 16th and the farm shop will be open to from 10am-5pm**.

 Hope to see you there,

Harriet Bell

IDE TIMES DELIVERY

Thank you to Kate and David Withycombe who have been delivering the Ide Times for many years but now feel it’s time to stop. If you could give a little time once a month to deliver some in the High Street, please get in touch with Brenda or myself. Sue Campbell (Tel: 252703)