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We were all sorry to learn of the fire at Holmbush and our sympathy goes to the two families left homeless. We hope they will soon be settled in new accommodation.

Many apologies for my typing mistake last month – no it wasn’t ‘gods urinating on Louise’s front door’ – I should have typed ‘dogs’ not ‘gods’!!

May I please have material for the June edition of the Ide Times by the 20th May. 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, 14th and 28th May. 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:** Our contact details are: **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). 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 Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. As we only have details of those children attending the Primary School we 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.

**Thank You:** The Parish Council would like to say thank you to councillors Alan Connett, Kevin Lake and John Goodley for their donations towards the village’s Queen’s Jubilee party.

**Bus Shelter:** The Planning application has been submitted and we are waiting for a decision from Teignbridge District Council, watch this space!

**Garden Party:** The Parish Council were asked if we would like to volunteer 2 Ide residents to attend a special garden party at The Bishop Palace for the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. We approached Brenda Spivey and Joyce Stevens, a good choice I hope you will agree, who have accepted the invitations. We hope they have a lovely day and look forward to hearing all about their outing in a future Ide Times issue.

**Website:** 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.

JUBILEE CLUB

We were well entertained on April 2nd by Spence Kingdon`s memories of his childhood living on a farm in North Devon. He started with the comment the government says things are going to get tight, well we have seen it all before, no electric no running water. Spence`s Grandfather was in business in South Molton, and bought his Father a farm, with no mod cons, the family moved in. One of the duties of his elder sister was to take Spence to the outside toilet when needed at night, carrying a candle which inevitably promptly blew out! Now the journey to the toilet went past the gooseberry bushes, this in itself caused anxiety for Spence, being the youngest of the family and rather spoiled. He had no wish to have any further additions to the family, and wasn’t that where they came from? The journey to school entailed a three mile walk, Spence would have much preferred to stay at home on the farm. His Father was not a farmer and times were hard his Mother died young and one day his Father walked out. Spence went to live with Godparents who lived near Lynton, after a time they decided to adopt him, a visit from the social worker, preceded by a quick tidy and whisk around with the duster all went well. A few weeks later dressed in best clothes a visit to South Molton for the adoption ceremony this all cost 18/6. He was brought up to do as he was told, and was fourteen before he learnt that girls were different to boys! Of course it was important to be regular and Friday night was syrup of figs night a satisfactory result was important otherwise a double dose may curtail activities the next day.He went on to get married and move away and his wife duly became pregnant, anxious to know which colour wool was needed to start knitting, a pregnancy test involving a ring on a piece of cotton revolving over the appropriate area, it`s a girl, folk at home duly started knitting. They went on to have three children going through the same routine each time, and lo and behold there were three boys all running around dressed in pink!

A new member Janet was welcomed and a bouquet of flowers given to Joyce Hann for the occasion of her 90th birthday.

     The planned speaker did not arrive on April 16th so ever resourcefull we managed to provide our own entertainment, Christina took us through a routine of exercises sat comfortably in our seats. We then had Bert exercising our brains with a Quiz and we soon rose to the heights of level three!. Christine went through the annual accounts which happily are in much the same position as last year.

DIARY DATES

   May 14th  Birthday Party

        May 28th Basil Parks - The work of the Street Pastor

        June 11th Wakefield Whitton - Antiques and Collectables.

                                                                  Jean Hoskin



IDE COMMUNITY SHOP & POST OFFICE

**INCREDIBLE IDE -** What an amazing village, in just 5 weeks around £110,000 has been invested, donated and identified. Words can’t really express the generosity, support and commitment of so many people that has made this possible. Over 140 households have invested in the shop, as well as many more who have generosity donated. That’s well over 50% of the village. Incredible.

This leaves just £20,000 to raise, which although a lot of money, now seems very doable. Indeed the Community Shop’s Management Committee when they met recently agreed to:

* Commit to purchasing 7a Fore Street – this process has now begun – how exciting!
* Extend the Community Share Scheme until the target funding has been raised
* Submit a number of targeted funding applications to Charitable Trusts
* Explore other local fund raising opportunities (concerts, socials, etc.)

Funding has continued to be received since the initial Share Scheme Offer closed at Easter and this is really encouraging – some from people who were waiting to see if the scheme would be successful and some from those that made an initial investment/donation and have now decided to commit additional funds. People are continuing to pick up the Prospectus from the shop, which is great.

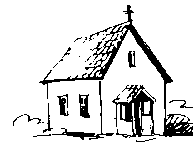
The Management Committee and the Development Sub Group are continuing to work hard to deliver the new shop as soon as possible. In particular plans are being developed to:

* Obtain temporary planning permission to extend the current shop occupation of the car park site over the coming months, while the new shop is being developed
* Work with the architect, to finalise the plans, designs, specification and sequencing for the new shop
* Draw up a list of potential contractors/tradesman to undertake the refurbishment required
* Identify ‘Sweat Labour’ available within the village and beyond, that is tradesmen willing to donate their time and skills
* Submit funding applications
* Explore options for raising additional money locally, through fund raising events

If you can help further in any way, either by investing/donating or by thinking of fund raising methods that can be considered, please do let us know.

Thank you to everyone who has been part of this brilliant fund raising campaign to date, that has energised the village and put a smile on so many people’s faces.

Trevor Gardner - Chairman of the Management Committee

IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

11am 6.30pm

6th May Mr B.Bunce Mr B.Yabsley

13th May Mr J.Lipscombe Mr D.Bulley

20th May Mrs A.Adams Mr L.Mason (C)

27th May Mr D.Chipps Mr P.Coneybeare

Our COFFEE MORNING will be held on Thursday, 3 May 10.30-12 noon.

Families welcome and any walkers passing by.

On 18 April the SW Area Congregational Churches held their Committee Meeting at Ide. Our Area Secretary warned us that it was a very full Agenda which meant the meeting extended over a short lunch break. For those who needed refreshments, a ploughman’s lunch was offered; lovely French sticks, cheese and tomatoes came from the Community Shop and Karen (of Ide) baked 30 biscuits iced with the 'fish' logo on each, which were much admired and greatly enjoyed. Our grateful thanks to Evanne for helping to arrange tables, etc and serving teas and coffee and playing for the opening hymn.

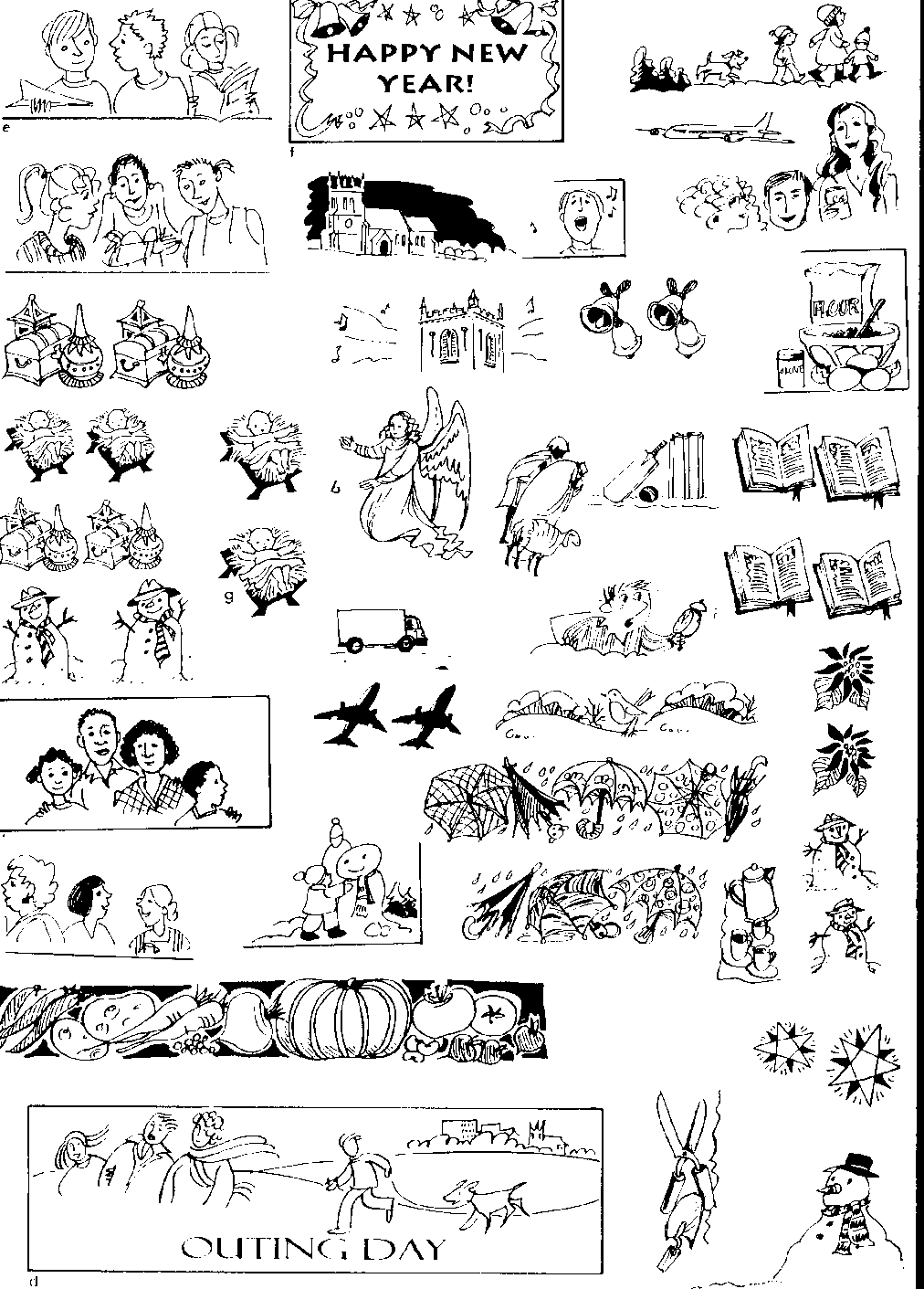
To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Coffee Break has purchased an eating apple called ‘Winston' for Ide Primary School. A tree was required to replace the one removed when the new play area was built. It is a mid/late season recommended apple which we hope children and adults will enjoy. A Jubilee commemorative plaque will be available to be put in place on 4 June during the School and village's celebrations. For all who leave newspapers, it is a good way to show what the recycling credits enable us to provide for the community. So THANK YOU ALL and especially to Jack for the newspaper transport.

We remember the families from Holbush following the thatch fire and hope suitable accommodation can be found for all their needs until Holmbush is habitable again.

Jackie Chadwick

IDE ART GROUP

The Group has been reminded of the request to paint some large, colourful, soothing, encouraging pictures to loan to the 'mums to be' wards at the RD&E Hospital. For some of us, a somewhat daunting prospect. Small, yes, but large …? But think of the mums' feelings and pain. How nice to look at a picture of say, colourful garden flowers, a sunny beach or palm trees, and not bare walls. Come on Group. Penny is there to give advice, others to encourage. Get the brushes going. Ideas for pictures welcome.

 PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT IDA

2nd May First Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion

6th May Easter 5 9.30am Parish Communion

12th May MESSY CHURCH 10am

13th May Easter 6 9.30am Parish Communion

17th May ASCENSION DAY **7.30pm** **At Alphington**

20th May **Joint Service at Alphington at 10am – farewell to**

**The Revd Chantal Mason**

27th May PENTECOST 8.0am Holy Communion

9.30am All Age Service

Over the last few months there have been three funerals in church, Margery Peckham, Helen Wilkins and Michael Rowberry. All at one time or another have lived in the village. Our thoughts and prayers have been with the families during this period.

The Easter period started with the solemnity of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday when Jesus died upon the Cross. He died that we might be forgiven when it comes to our turn to pass into heaven. The Easter Day service was excellent and the Congregation were given posies of flowers to hang upon the Cross. This has been the custom for several years now and is appreciated by all.

Messy Church took place on Saturday, 14th April. The theme was about the disciples' enormous surprise at Jesus being with them again after they had seen him die on the cross. There were lots of activities and ‘stained glass window’ biscuits were made. The next Messy Church will be on Saturday, 12th May, from 10am to 12 noon, in Ide Church, when we will learn about the Ten Commandments and the need for rules.

By the time you read this the Mission Community service will have taken place at Alphington with Bishop Bob presiding. This service is to Celebrate the Mission Community as a legal acceptable group to worship and pray together. To share each other’s benefits and work together for the glory of God.  Also at this service Stephen Bessent will be inducted as Rector of the parishes of Alphington, Ide and Shillingford St George. For the last ten years he has been Priest in Charge, now this is more permanent.

  Looking into May we have a service on the 20th May at 10am at Alphington Church to say farewell to Chantal Mason, who has come to the end of her curacy and is moving on to be Chaplain to the Bishop of Chelmsford. We wish her all the best in her new position.

In June we have the Annual **Church Fete** on the Green. This will take place **on Saturday June 16th**. A later date because of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

David Garnsworthy

MOTHERS’ UNION

Wednesday, 2nd May, Prayer group will meet as usual after the 10.30 am service. Do come and join us.

Members are invited to join Dawlish branch for a meeting on Tuesday,

1st May, at 2.00 pm. The Rev. Patrick Parkes is talking about his work with the Tear Fund. Please get together to arrange transport, as I will be away.

We are also invited by Christianity Deanery to coffee and a talk by the new Chaplain, entitled "A Journey to Exeter". It's on Friday 25th May at 10.30 am. There will also be a Bring and Buy with cakes, books etc. Please let me know if you can come.

I will also be attending Spring Council on your behalf on Wednesday,

9th May.

j0232126 Sue Campbell

Messy Church

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

Learn about the Ten Commandments and how we all need rules; make things; play games, and have refreshments! All welcome.

HOSPISCARE

Jubilee Jazz & Blues Picnic, Saturday, 9th June 2012

Brockhill House, Station Road, Broadclyst. In aid of Hospiscare Devon.

Relax by the lake in the wonderful grounds of Brockhill House and enjoy an evening of jazz and blues from some of Devon’s leading bands.

Gates open at 4.30pm Music 5.30 to 10.30pm

Tickets: £10: contact 01392 688020 or 01392 87431

CHRISTIAN AID

“Speaking of Hope” an inspiring evening of special guest speakers, including Prof Tim Gorringe of Exeter University, sharing their vision for the future through words, film and live music.

2nd May, 7.30pm, Barnfield Theatre. Free admission, please reserve tickets.

Tel:01395 222304 or [southwest@christian-aid.org](mailto:southwest@christian-aid.org)

TWINNING:

We have just heard from France that there is a possibility of a party of approximately 10

children wishing to come to Ide in July. More details next month.



Cycle for Children’s Hospice South West.

I’m intending to cycle over 200 miles in  three days in June  from St Austell, Cornwall, via Bideford and Taunton to the Downs above Bristol.It all looks up hill on the map!

The aim is to raise loads of money for Children's Hospice South West. I'm hoping  the synergistic combination of  Dawes Super Galaxy and me, can finish with no long term damage or  side effects. I will of course, pay special attention to red lights and taxis.

You can sponsor me on line at [www.virginmoneygiving.com/MarkArmitageCycleMiles](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/MarkArmitageCycleMiles)

I also have a hard copy sponsorship form if this is preferable and can be approached at any time in the Poachers Thank you for any support you are able to offer..Mark Armitage

BE A BELL RINGER

St Ida’s church has a bell ringing team but we are becoming an endangered species. We would like to recruit new ringers to learn this ancient art through the skilled tuition of our experienced captain Simon Tucker. We practise most Tuesday evenings from about 7.30 until 9.00. Simon will be at Messy church soon if you would like to speak to him or ring Mark Armitage  01392 420316. We look forward to meeting you.

Ide Memorial Hall

Annual General Meeting

Friday, 25th May, 7.30pm

In the hall

Come and learn more about your village hall.

WHITESTONE OPEN GARDENS, Sunday, 24th June, 2012

Spend the day exploring 10 of Whitestone’s gardens, enjoy a light lunch, cream tea, plant and produce stalls and other attractions. £4 per individual Programmes available in advance via 01392 811979 or from the Parish Hall 10am-4pm.

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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.

**R.I.P.**

One of the founder members Ide Lane Friends, Hilary Webb, died unexpectedly in April. Hilary was our secretary for many years and she was also very helpful with fundraising events, doing coffees at surgery flu sessions etc. She will be sadly missed. Our thoughts are with her sister Enid.

**Coffee Morning**

Our coffee morning went very well and about £230 was raised. Many thanks to all who helped, all the “customers” and to everyone who donated raffle prizes.

**Tea Afternoons at Aldens Community Centre**.

We are planning to hold monthly “tea afternoons” at Aldens Community Centre in Aldens Road, Alphington, run by ILF volunteers. They will be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month 2.30-4pm with the first one on May 23rd. It will be a chance to have a cup of tea and a chat with others and there will be a small raffle. Everyone is welcome so please come along. If you need a lift or a helping hand to get there, this might be possible, so give Jane a ring, preferably during the previous week.

Jane Greenslade

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DUNCHIDEOCK FILM NIGHT

This year’s season ends with:

**Friday, May 4th at 7.45pm; Dunchideock Village Hall.**

**War Horse -** Stephen Spielberg's epic, much of it shot in Devon, based on Michael Morpurgo’s novel, provides a fitting end to this year's programme.

Next season starts in September. Look out for *The Artist, Iron Lady, The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* and a host of other excellent pieces.

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IDE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Hail fellow Ideites. I hope that as we move into May we will see an end to the chilly April showers of late.  
 Many thanks to all who supported the Easter Quiz, where we raised over £300 pounds for the Community Shop fundraising appeal. Ide Twinners have decided to top up this sum to a round £1,000 bless us - can we have a medal please Mr Trevor or maybe a DibDab each. The quiz itself proved good fun, with some highly original hats/Easter Bonnets. Winners in the hat competition were ‘Grumpy but Sexy etc’, ably led by Ide Green Rovers’ centre-forward Jack.  Grumpy but Sexy etc’s  headgear, consisted of 5 hats in sequence, showing the complete Easter story, from carrying the cross to JC floating up to heaven (I’m sure this isn’t quite the biblical term for the latter, but you get the drift). A close second were ‘Pete’s Bishops’, and heck did they look like real popes. A bit. They were certainly keen on the communion wine. Quiz winners on the night were Charlie & Lola, but it was a close run thing (probably, I can’t really remember – my throat gets very dry shouting out questions leading to terrible need for lubrication via the bar).  
Many thanks to Rose, Alan, Barry, Penny, Imogen and all the other Ide Shop committee members who helped put together a grand selection of shop consumables for the event.  
 The next quiz, and the final one before the quizmaster takes a break, is May 6th – a Bank Holiday weekend, so no work on the Monday morning hurrah. But be warned, the winners of this quiz will be required to put on the first quiz of the 2012-2013 season . . . .  
 We also held a beetle drive with meaty bingo, and all who attended had a splendid time with much laughter, plus delicious cakes and savouries. Ringo didn’t make it, nor did Paul.  
 Jubilee Day. Twinners have taken on a couple of things – first up, manning the bar in the evening, but more importantly we’re in charge of the appointment of a Jubilee Day King & Queen. We’ve settled upon a form of raffle for this. You can nominate yourself or anyone else (over 18’s only), by filling in a card or by contacting me. Blank nomination cards will be located, along with receptacle to place completed ones in, in the shop plus The Poachers.  50p for one nomination card completed, or £1 for three. A week before Jubilee Day we will draw out, randomly, one male and one female to be King & Queen. You can nominate anyone in village, as long as they are happy (or not too unhappy!) to be nominated. The King & Queen will get a nice crown/headgear to wear, a robe to don (need someone to run these up – any offers) plus get to sit in throne. They will also be able to claim free drinks for themselves at the bar in the evening! As long as we get the funds in via raffle – so get nominating! They will also start the fun runs, and perform other official duties. Pompous oafs most welcome. Elsewhere in the Ide Times there is sure to be more info on the whole shenanigans that is the Ide Jubilee celebrations from event co-ordinator/project leader Angelique – I know she’s looking for volunteers . . . Pete Bishop



WEST TOWN FARM & ORGANICARTS

Every month it seems life on the farm gets busier now. We have new calves appearing left right and centre. Sadly Lorelai’s calf (of last month’s newsletter) didn’t make it as his legs didn’t position properly and we were unable to pull him free in time despite Andy and Paul’s best efforts. All the others are doing well though and you can see a video of new calf Bunny getting a good licking from her Mum on [westtownfarm.co.uk](http://www.westtownfarm.co.uk/)’s educational pages, or walk by on the public access route and take a look.

You might also like to stroll through Chillies Copse where the bluebells are coming out, as are the wild orchids that grow there. Please do stick to the path though and remember to close gates behind you! We don’t want any little calves gambling off.

Fabulously many of the beautiful and scenic aspects of the farm have now been captured as part of a photography project run by OrganicARTS for their volunteers. Every Wednesday the group have been receiving training from a professional photographer and yesterday we were treated to a viewing of the results. The photos are terrific, some amazing shots of frogspawn, farm flowers, Winston! What’s particularly moving is that some of the photos have been put to words, with the volunteers explaining how much coming to the farm means to them – it’s beautiful, restorative, peaceful, friendly, it feels like home.

The other artistic endeavour the farm is undertaking this month is a performance of **Roald Dahl’s “The Twits” on May 12th**. We’ve been fortunate enough that a specialist out door theatre company, Illyria, are making the farm the first stop on their tour so it will be a debut performance of this children’s classic! **Adult tickets £12, Child/Concession ticket £7 and Family tickets (2 adults and 2 children) £35 please call 01392 811 257 to book.** Doors will open at 6pm and please dress weather appropriately.

**May's meat week will be Thursday the 17th to Monday the 21st and the farm shop will be open to from 9am-5pm**. We are also now selling charcoal at the shop from the Bulworthy Project which has been awarded a gold by the Devon Wildlife Trust for working to benefit Devon’s wildlife and natural environment.

We hope to see you on the farm soon.

Harriet Bell

PS: Open Farm Sunday will be on June 17th so why not bring your Dad to the farm as a special Father’s Day treat? More information next month or on the website.

