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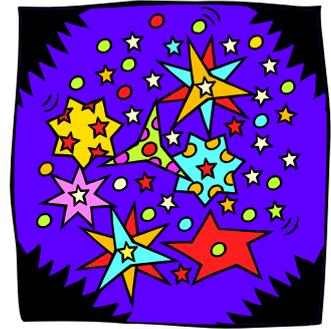
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Bonfire Night will soon be with us and the Ide Community Firework Display will be on Friday, 7th November, in the beer garden at The Poachers Inn, starting at 6pm. Don't forget to donate towards the fireworks - you can do this at the Community Shop and the Poachers (£4 adults, £1 child, £10 per family).

I start with a word of warning - someone else in the village has had their house broken into in daylight hours. Do keep your expensive high tech equipment in as secure a place as possible.

Our advertisers have changed a bit now. You will see we have gained a beautician, a hairdresser, and an ironing lady.

Items for the December/January issue of the Ide Times should be sent me, brendaspivey123@btinternet.com by the 20th November. Remember this issues covers two months so I need January's events as well as those in December.

Brenda Spivey (tel: 275784)

USEFUL NUMBERS

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

Sundays & Bank Holidays 9am – 12 noon



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

The Mobile Library will be in the Huntsman car park, Ide, from 11.45am to 12.30 on Monday, 24th November. Remember the Mobile Library van is coming only once a month now.

IDE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The questionnaire followed by the Exhibition/Forum during the summer proved to be a great success. It has provided the working party with a fund of information about your wishes for the future of the parish. This will be invaluable in helping us with the next stage which is to respond to your thoughts and ideas and begin writing the Neighbourhood Plan. This plan will be a legal document which has to be ratified by Teignbridge District Council and then approved by an Ide Parishioners referendum.

Of the 7 topics discussed, housing will provide the backbone of the plan with related areas like green spaces and transport having an influence. Other issues not included may better be dealt with by the Parish Council in due course.

If you missed the exhibition, what has been achieved so far will appear on the parish website and the parish notice board. We welcome further input and feedback at any time via envelopes entitled NPlan to Ide community shop.

The following is a brief summary of the 7 topics.

1. **TRANSPORT.** There was much concern about how transport has affected our village - car parking, traffic congestion, pedestrian safety, the school run and Ide's use as a thoroughfare to and from other areas. The related issues of parking and congestion will need careful consideration and residents put forward many ideas about car park sites, parking schemes, yellow lines, dedicated footways for pedestrians, one-way systems and warning lights.

2. **GREEN SPACES.** The responses to green spaces were concerned with keeping valuable assets, refreshing existing spaces and expanding sports facilities. The village green is a well-loved facility that could perhaps be used more frequently and should be free of any structures. The coronation gardens are now an attractive area, a restful haven half way up the High Street that some thought could become a herb garden. Footpaths raised emotional concern especially where dog mess was concerned. Householders need to keep their hedges trimmed back to help keep them clear and also the footpath system could be expanded. Allotments needed greater security and although encroachment by neighbouring weeds was a problem affecting commitment, a new site might be preferable. Sports provision inspired strong views with MUGA's control by the school frustrating community use. The children's playground is a neglected area lacking excitement with out-of-date equipment and a need for refreshment. Bigger schemes were also envisaged with a sports pavilion, new football pitch/running track that would go some way to providing adults and children with a venue for evening and weekend activities. The victorian orchard above Station Road was also demonstrated as a suitable project for community use. With the inevitable expansion of the village in the future, many agreed that good open spaces need to be preserved for community use.



3. IDE SCHOOL has seen a great deal of growth in recent years with its change from a First School to Primary status. With this has come the inevitable increase in traffic which attracted the greatest number of concerned comments. People felt that the school was doing a “very good job” and generally involved the community well. There were also requests to develop premises for pre-school.
4. CHURCHES. Although comments were not as numerous as other categories, they were generally positive with constructive criticism. St. Idas reported its refurbishment and that apart from its regular services, it is also used by Messy Church, Ide Aloud and hosts other occasional concerts. It welcomes further community activities, the venue providing huge potential being the largest room in the village. Future ideas included a lending library and use by youth groups. The Church’s geographical location necessitates better road signs, the graveyard needs some TLC perhaps using a village working party and although the bell ringing attracted a few adverse comments, it was thought they added to the “quintessentially English feel of Ide.” It was also felt that the Church Commissioners could be more helpful in making land available to provide more facilities. Thank you Jackie Chadwick on the positive comments on the use of the Chapel.
5. COMMUNITY SHOP. The general feeling was that this was an asset to the village. Ideas put forward for improvement included opening hours being increased with just one hour lunchtime closure, a coffee shop in conjunction with the village hall and regular wine tastings with options to buy.
6. MEMORIAL HALL. Some suggested it should be renamed Ide Community Hall. The consensus was that the existing hall needed a complete refurbishment with an approved kitchen which could provide meals for the elderly and also that it needed a double entrance door, the inner door masking the noise for local residents. It should also encourage more activities - e.g cubs and brownies. The most radical proposal was that it should be sold and rebuilt on Weir Meadow along with a pavilion, sports facilities and parking. Parking for both the shop and hall was deemed to be a problem.
7. HOUSING AND BUSINESSES. Many residents felt that Ide's infrastructure would be unable to cope with much further development. Within the building line there is little scope for development with green spaces providing a valuable asset to the community. Affordable housing, despite not being a problem when the last survey was conducted a few years ago, was now considered to be more serious and would have to be addressed. With building land at a premium, even small sympathetic developments would be a challenge. Understandably, there was no wish for major business development, apart from the increase in home workers benefiting from the recent increase in broadband speeds.

IDE PARISH COUNCIL

Ide Rural Skip Service: This will take place at Old Ide Lane on Saturday 8th November 2013, from 1.00 pm until 3.30 pm. Please make good use of the skip as the service could be stopped under future budget cuts if there is seen to be insufficient demand.

This service is for bulky household waste only. Please do not deposit any waste at the site before the skip arrives.

The following materials **CANNOT** be accepted: Trade waste, plasterboard, asbestos, demolition and construction waste (in excess of 12 rubble sacks), soil, tyres, dead pets or animals, food waste, hazardous or toxic wastes, oils and other liquid wastes, tree branches in excess of 1.5 metres (5ft).

TVs and computer monitors **are** accepted by the Rural Skip Service.

If in doubt, please call the free Recycling Helpline 0800 731 0323 or visit www.teignbridge.gov.uk/ruralskip

Remembrance Sunday: There will be a wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial from 10.45 on 9th November with two minutes silence at 11 o'clock. Please show your respect for this occasion by not driving past at this time. Thank you.

Defibrillator for the village - update: Well done to Lucy Gillett for her fund-raising efforts by taking part in the Great West Run. Thank you to those of you who have shown your support by sponsoring her. All further donations will be gratefully received. The Community Shop have agreed that the defibrillator, once purchased, can be sited under the canopy so that it can be easily accessed, in a dry, well lit and secure environment. More info to follow next month!

Country Bus: There have been concerns recently about the service provided by Country Bus. If you have any complaints to report, please advise Dave Ovenden, Devon County Council Transport Co-ordinator, on 01392 383481

Break-in alert: There has been another break-in, this time in Station Road on a Saturday afternoon. Please take care to keep windows and doors locked and all out-houses secure. Please be on the lookout for anyone acting suspiciously and if you have any information, please contact the Community Police on 101.

Parish Council Meeting: The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 19th November in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. The agenda will be displayed on the Parish Notice Board in early November. There is a ten minute slot at the start of the meeting for public participation.

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.

Village website – www.idevillage.org.uk

Barry Hookins, Chairman, 01392 215726 Mobile 07591 551162 or email

barry.hookins@fsmail.net

Rose Saunders, Clerk, 01392 420461, Mobile 07776 300686 or email

ideparishclerk@gmail.com

JUBILEE CLUB

As I write this it does feel that Autumn is here, but we have had some lovely weather to help the Winter along. On September 29th our old friend George Williams returned with more tales of his adventures walking around Britain accompanied by his dog Jack. George was now aiming for the North Coast of Scotland, you may remember he spoke of three screams, well the first one was when a passing cyclist`s brakes failed, the second scream when he was thrown over the hedge, the third scream when he landed in a ploughed field. His name was Duncan and he joined George for a while. They came across a door in the side of the hill - went in to find it full of supplies for the navy - George, Duncan and Jack had a good meal - slept on the camp beds - next morning left a thank you note and went on their way! As they went down the mountain they started to run and ended in a mire, Jack avoided the mire and laughed at them! On to the seaman's mission at Ullapool where they sat down for a cup of tea and everyone moved away because George and Duncan did not smell too nice. On and over to Skye where they spent two nights, back across and to Inverarey Castle where they slept on the lawn. No doubt we will hear more of George`s travels at another time.

At our next meeting on October 13th Tony Lethbridge had a fascinating selection of slides showing the Saint Thomas area of Exeter over the years. The first bridge over the Exe was a Roman one built of wood, then the arches of the bridge built in 1250 can still be seen below Stepcott Hill, in 1778 a Georgian bridge was built approached at the bottom of New Bridge Street. This had to be altered when trams were introduced in 1904. Then we were shown slides of the floods in 1960 and the old shops in Cowick street, also a false teeth shop complete with a display of their wares! The station then had a station master, six porters and a booking clerk. It certainly takes one back to how things once were.

We plan to fill shoe boxes to be sent to Moldova. Please could they be brought along to the meeting on November 24th. Our thoughts go to any members who are not well.

DIARY DATES

- November 10th An outing to Endsleigh Nurseries Leaving Alphington 10.25.
Cowick street 10.35. Bottom of Dunsford Hill 10.45. Top of the Hill
10.50. and Ide 11.00. All welcome.
- November 24th Christmas Bingo
- December 8th Christmas Party

Jean Hoskin

360 BUS TIMETABLE

Ide	7.51	10.01	12.39	14.34	15.24	19.19
Exeter Bus Station	8.13	10.20	12.58	14.53	15.43	19.33
Exeter Bus Station	8.35	11.15	13.10	15.00	16.15	17.55
Ide	8.53	11.33	13.28	15.18	16.33	18.13



Many of you have commented on the well grown, healthy looking bedding plants we have been selling this month. We buy these from New Leaf's Hillcrest Growers in Exminster. They also provided the lovely Christmas wreaths and Poinsettias we sold last Christmas which will be available to order or buy again in December. Ever since the community shop was established in the portakabin, we have bought plants from Hillcrest, both because of the quality of their plants but also because of the vitally important community service they provide which you may not know about.



New Leaf is part of Devon Partnership NHS Trust's Vocational Rehabilitation Service. This is a modern service developed from many years of providing therapy, training and supported employment to people living with mental health issues.

Established in 1990, Hillcrest Growers is based on a 35 acre site and operates as a commercial plant nursery producing plants for the public and private sectors. People are encouraged to become part of the experienced horticultural team where they will have the opportunity to learn and develop many transferable skills, including general nursery work, propagation, potting and planting, retail skills, using machinery and delivery.



It is great to see that a business that achieves so much more than just growing and selling quality plants is really thriving, and is increasingly widely supported by businesses and public agencies throughout the region.

Post Office News

Yes, I know it's only November but it's time to think about Christmas posting dates if you have friends and family around the world. Don't forget to pick up a leaflet from the post office with all the latest posting dates, and when you go shopping for gifts please remember that some items are restricted or even prohibited in the post. It varies from country to country and can include perfume, nail varnish, aerosols, alcohol and items with batteries. Check on the royal mail website or collect a leaflet from the post office to make sure your gifts will be allowed, and for advice on packaging and labelling.

Royal Mail has increased the size limits for small parcels to 45cm x 35cm x 16cm until 18th January 2015 and reduced the charges for 2nd class 1-2kg band by £1. There is also a new, lower cost, 0 to 60g parcel rate for overseas.

If you are looking for gift ideas then have a look at our one-for- all gift cards, a card that you preload with the amount of your choice from £10 to £400, and can be spent in a wide range of high street shops or online.

Last but not least, Christmas stamps go on sale from 4th November, it's always nice to make your mail look a bit more festive at this time of year.

THE OLD TIN BATH

The Fordlands and Alphin brooks were favourite playtime and exploring haunts when we were children. I longed to own rubber boots and so be able to paddle from West Town to the College exploring the banks - an unfulfilled dream - as we could not afford rubber boots in those war time days.

When I was again in Ide, this time with three young boys, times were better - they had rubber boots and practically lived in them for searching in the brook. The most exciting area was the College, where many coins were found as this, of course, is a watery thoroughfare. My son still has his collection of 'finds'.

As well as rubber boots, we also had a tin bath, saved from the days when we all had a tin bath hanging on the kitchen wall which was used for bathing in. My sister and I, together with our combined families of seven children, used to go down to Floes Meadow to sail using the tin bath. Grassy banks, sloping shores and interesting turns in the brook, made a good prospect for fun, together with deep mysterious pools. Once the craft sailed away to a deep part with a frightened Peter B. on board, and I had to wade in to rescue him by pulling the bath to shore. We must have looked a funny sight trailing home wet and bedraggled, plus tin bath, seven children and one dog.

My son tells me that in later years they still owned the tin bath and used it for fishing, scuttling it when coming home, to raise again on the next visit.

On walking through Floes Meadow now, I see the brook is completely inaccessible, no grassy bank, much more fencing and unfriendly warning notices. No place to play with children now.

Whilst we were chatting on water courses, my son wondered what had happened to the water in Ide High Street after it had flowed over the water wheel. Does anyone have a conjecture on this?

Sylvia Moore



Friends of Ide School CHRISTMAS MARKET

Thursday, 13th November, 7pm
in Ide School Hall

A Christmas shopping evening.

Lots of stalls: craft, cards, jewellery, beauty and lots more.

Demos on the night: sewing, make-up, and free reflexology
sessions.

Tickets: £4 (to include a free drink) available from
Rachel Herbert 01392 425022 or Ide School Office

IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



Congratulations to our SW Area support worker, Adrian Wyatt who received his degree at Winchester on 16 October.

At the October Church meeting it was agreed to proceed with the application for a grant from the Federation to employ a one day a week support worker for three years. The post is to be advertised. The application is only possible because of the success of the HUB's activities over the last year or so and the need to give help to Evanne and Jackie in preparing events and linking with the community and beyond. We will still have the much appreciated support of Adrian who encourages us with much enthusiasm and keeps us on our toes with ideas and provides a diary of possible events over the year for approval. So it is with thanks to all the families and friends who support us.

There will be a joint Remembrance Service with St Ida's at the War Memorial at 10.50am on 9 November followed by a service in the Church taken by Mr Leonard Mason.

A 'Fresh Expressions' workshop is being held at Taunton on 1 November. Report next month.

THE HUB

We hope men folk enjoyed their MEN'S BREAKFAST last month. Some ladies thought they should have a Lady's Breakfast. What do you think?

On Saturday, 8 November the **KFP CLUB** are into a **poppy craft theme** and we hope they can create something which can be presented at the War Memorial. Start at 10.30am. Pizza lunch to follow.

For Remembrance Day the **CLASSIC FILM CLUB** will be showing a **MATTER OF LIFE & DEATH** starring David Niven and other well known stars, at **7pm on Tuesday, 11 November**. Refreshments will be available before the film from 6 pm and a few memorabilia of the 1940's era on display.

Congratulations to Natasha and Rob on the birth of their son, Edward Lewis

Jackie Chadwick



Ide School
CHRISTMAS FAIR
Saturday, 29th November, 2pm
in Ide School Hall
Santa's Grotto, Secret Present Room,
Children's activities and Stalls - Food and Drink

PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT IDA



2nd November	All Age Celebration Service at Alphington Church at 11am for all three parishes.		
5th November	First Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion
9th November	Remembrance Sunday 10.50am at the War Memorial followed by a Service at the Congregational Church		
16th November	2 before Advent	9.30am	Parish Communion
23rd November	Sunday before Advent	8am	Holy Communion
		10am	All Age Service
30th November	Advent 1	9.30am	Parish Communion

Thank you to everyone who organised the Harvest Lunch on the 12th October and provided the excellent lunch. The Service in Church beforehand gave us much food for thought - seeing how the world's food is divided amongst all the different nations. Actually seeing three-quarters of a loaf going to the rich nations, most of the rest to the reasonably well off, and one small slice being divided amongst the poor was a graphic illustration.

We are sorry to report that the gas heaters in Ide Church have been condemned as being unsafe. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause and urge you all to come warmly dressed for Services, etc., until we are able to replace the heating system.

The building work on Alphington Church has now been completed and it will be open for Services on the 2nd November when there will be an All Age Celebration Service to mark the re-opening of Alphington Church.

Remembrance Sunday, 9th November: The Service at the War Memorial will start at 10.50am so that the two minutes silence can take place as near to 11am as possible. This year being 100 years since the commencement of the First World War, several other people, including the Ide RFC, will be laying wreaths on the Memorial at that Service, which is always a very moving occasion. If you are going out (or coming home), be warned that we will be stopping the traffic coming in and out of the village by the war memorial at that time. I am sure you will agree, that we should stop and remember those who died during the wars.

Messy Church was held on the 11th October when we thought about our bodies being Temples for God. This was quite a difficult concept but it included keeping fit and also putting good kind thoughts into our minds. We made jointed people out of stiff paper and gingerbread men were cooked in our new cooker. Gudrun kept us fit with action songs! Our next Messy Church will be on **Saturday, 8th November, 10am in Church.**

Ide RFC just squeezed out by Royal Marine snipers

by Nigel Gooding



The Royal Marines/Royal Navy Vets, assisted by only having one Vet, managed to shoot down Ide in a narrow victory, Ide going down 28-24. Despite Ide having one player at the end who was in his 60s and many others needing CPR.



The visitors were always ahead after Martin Keep scored the first of his two tries and at 28-7 up early in the second half looked

like running away with the game. The "term" running was banned in the 2nd half with the excellent refereeing Mr Davies from Braunton spotting, and not spotting a number of offences frankly any referee keeping up with play would have spotted, but Ide came storming back in the last quarter with two tries to make it a closer-run affair.

Keep (2), Greg Mills and Nick Halse scored tries for the winners. Ryan Wotton landed the conversions.

Ide's try scorers were man of the match, James York (2), Alex Full and a penalty try. Jon Hill kicked the lone conversion and Nigel Gooding kicked the last 2 points with a conversion which Mr Davies was able to confirm from his chair in the lounge bar of the Poachers Inn at 11pm that the ball had crossed the median line of the cross bar which meant that the 2 points were scored.

The match raised £501.06 for the Royal British Legion.

Ide's next home game is against Totnes/Kingsbridge Vets on Remembrance Sunday kick off 1.30pm at Weir Meadow.

This match will be filmed by BT Sport and the team will be travelling up to London the next day to provide a demonstration as there will be a feature on IFC in the **BT Sport Rugby Tonight programme on the 10th November**. This will surely be a once in a lifetime event for the team and there is an opportunity for supporters to join this trip. For further details visit the website

www.iderfc.club

THE IDE CHARITY COOKERY BOOK

Over the years, many of us have great memories of village functions where excellent food has been produced and enjoyed. A few of the village members thought it would be great if we could capture and share the fantastic knowledge and skills with the wider village in combination with raising funds for charity. As a result we hope to develop an **Ide Charity Cookery book** in aid of **Children's Hospice South West**.



We would like the cookery book to reflect all ages and interests in the village and so we are asking for tried and tested recipes from individuals as well as all the different groups within the village, and the local farms and pubs.

To maximise on the fundraising potential we are aiming to have the book completed and available for sale in time for Christmas this year. We are aware that this creates significant time pressure and so we need all recipes submitted to the committee by **Friday 14th Nov**.

If you are interested in contributing a recipe(s) whether its starters, main courses, side dishes, puddings, cakes, sweets, jams or chutneys please send these in by email to Sarah Tiley at Saraht61@btinternet.com **OR** place your recipe(s) in the collection box located within Ide shop. It would be great if you could also add 1 or 2 lines on where the recipe came from or why it is important to you/ the best way to serve it etc. It may be a signature recipe that we all know you for, such as Linnie Black's chocolate Mouse (no pressure Lin!) or a recipe that has been in your family for years such as Granny's raspberry jam.

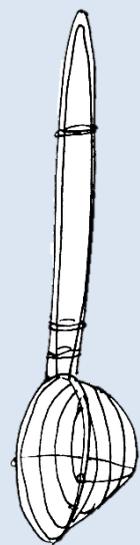
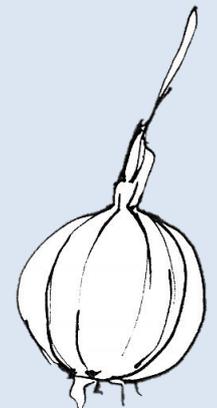
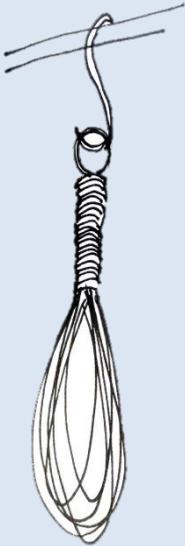
We would also like to include some photos, so if you are willing to have yourself and/or your creation photographed, please indicate this when you submit your recipe and provide a contact number so we can get in touch.

We will try our hardest to publish all the recipes submitted, however, the committee may have to be selective if we get multiple versions of the same dish or a large influx of recipes submitted.

We are also looking for sponsorship, so if you would like to help in this way please contact Philippa Kersey by email Philippakersey@gmail.com or drop a note through her door at 26 High Street.

Many Thanks in advance

Louise and the Ide Charity Cookbook committee



IDE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Hello fellow Ideites,

First of all, fireworks. As you will have seen from flyers and posters, since the last Ide Times we have revised the date of the community fireworks display, moving it from Sunday 2nd to Friday 7th. I won't bore you with the details as to exactly why, suffice to say it there have been a variety of factors that have led to things being as they've been and why they are now as they are.

By the time you get this edition of the Ide Times, we should only be a week or so away from fireworks night, and we're hoping many of you will have donated already, and got your smart 'I've donated stickers'. As said before, it helps enormously to get the money in before the event. For the first time, we've elected to offer a suggested donation rate, being £4 adults, £1 children, and/or £10 per family regardless of how many children (2 adults). We've gone for this because in previous years we seemed to have had two disparate levels of donation – those who gave in advance (almost exclusively villagers), on average contributed 4 times more than those who paid on the night.... Plus lots of people in village saying 'how much should I give?'

We've also opted not to pin ourselves down as to time of main display – if the weather is bad we can thus get the main display underway as soon after the children's display as possible, to save us all getting wet. If it is a nice dry evening then we can hold off in order to give us all more time to socialise and grab something to eat or drink. The children's display kicks off at 6pm, the BBQ will be in full swing by 5.30pm latest.

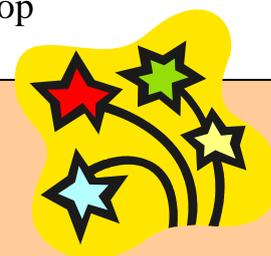
The most recent quiz proved a winning night for team 'San Marino', who added a quiz victory to their one and only football match victory (played 244, won 1...), tho' some of the current team (nice of them to take a break from international football duties) didn't look very fit to me. Quizzes have, like me, slowed down a bit over the last few years, and it's now not the crazy mad frantic experience it once was. Fewer teams coming along are making it a very relaxed and calm evening. As ever, we try to ensure the questions aren't too hard, and that as many people as possible go away with a prize.

Next quiz will be November the 2nd, the usual 7.30pm start at The Poachers, and only a pound entry. Marvellous.

Pete Bishop

IDE COMMUNITY FIREWORK DISPLAY
Friday, 7th November, from 6pm
Poachers Inn Beer Garden

Also BBQ, Mulled cider, homemade soup, freshly made chips, etc.
Suggested donations: £4 adults, £1 child, £10 per family
to be paid in Ide Community Shop or The Poachers Inn





IDE ALOUD
CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND SUPPER
6th December, 7.30pm
Ide School Hall

Come and join us for songs and supper with a festive feel.
Tickets £6 (to include supper) from Ide Community Shop.
Bring your own drinks.
We hope you will join us for an evening of music and fun.
A real community event!

Also on Saturday, 6th December:

Ide Church - Festive Tea
6th December, 2.30pm, Ide Memorial Hall
Tea party, Children's Games, Father Christmas
Stalls: Cakes and Jams.

MOTHERS' UNION

We had a thought provoking talk last month about the continuing disruption to life in Christchurch, New Zealand, where housing and long term stress, in particular, are of great concern, even affecting family pets!

In November, prayer group will meet as usual after the 10.30 service on Wednesday, 5th November.

There will be a fund raising Fair at St. Stevens church, on Friday 21st November, 10am -1pm.

Our monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, 26th November, when Marigold Seager-Berry will give this year's course talk, 2.30pm, at Joyce Stevens' home, 10 The Hams.

Sue Campbell

TODDLERS continues during term-time on Tuesday mornings. We meet in the School Hall from 9.30 to approximately 11am.

A.G.M.

The A.G.M. was attended by over 30 people. Chairman Suzanne Walker reported on the year's events and said thank you to Leigh and Danny Meehan who are retiring from the committee. Leigh was our treasurer for several years and Danny raised a lot of money for ILF by collecting newspapers for recycling. Danny still does driving for us. Thanks were also given to Ray Guppy who has done a great job organising a book stall at the surgery, currently on the first and third Monday mornings of the month. The books need to be fetched from a shed in the surgery garden and taken into the waiting room on the Friday afternoon before each book sale day and returned to the shed at the end of Monday morning. The volunteers find the books quite heavy, so if you are strong(!) and think you could help with this, please let Jane know.

Treasurer Mike Walker ran through the accounts, which are looking healthy, with some good fundraising. Items bought for the surgery include an examination couch, a dermatoscope, new noticeboards, a label printer and some toys for the waiting room. ILF also pay the on-going costs of the water cooler in the waiting room. Under the Gift Aid scheme ILF can reclaim the tax that taxpayers have already paid on all monies they give to ILF including transport donations and membership. So if you are a taxpayer and donate any money please let us know.

Co-ordinator Jane Greenslade thanked all the volunteers and committee for the wonderful work they do and the time they devote to ILF.

We then had very interesting talk by Dr Nick Bradley. He said how much the surgery appreciates the support of Ide Lane Friends and then commented on NHS issues both national and local. There is a need to train many more doctors if all the increasing demands are to be met, for example surgeries being open seven days a week. Unfortunately for GP surgeries, a relatively small proportion of those doing medical training choose to become GPs. We are lucky at Ide Lane that appointments with doctors and practice nurses are 15 minutes long, as at most surgeries it is only 10 minutes. Appointments with GPs and also repeat prescriptions can now be arranged online. Dr Bradley encouraged those who are the right age (this year it is those who were aged 70, 78 or 79 on 1st September) to have a shingles vaccination, as shingles is a nasty illness.

If you could not attend the AGM but would like to join/rejoin ILF please send annual membership of £2(min) for 2014-15 to Jane at the surgery.

Flu vaccination Raffle

The raffle for the lovely painting by Ray Guppy was won by Nila Ross of Alphington. Owing to the time and effort put in by Ray and his team of helpers in selling tickets, the raffle made just over £500! The book sales and donations for coffees at the flu sessions brought in another £200

Carers' News

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday **21st October**, 6.30pm at the Surgery when we will have "Tea and Chat."

(Enter via side door). All carers are welcome to this small, friendly group. Transport and a "sitter" can be provided. Please ring Jane for any more information.

IDE FOLK

Ide Folk Evening Tuesday 11th November

You are welcome to our next Folk evening in the lower dining room of "The Poachers" at 8pm. For those who have never been to Ide Folk, we choose songs that people will be familiar with, and we have folders with the lyrics printed, so you can join in or just enjoy the fun. Last month we had a brilliant crowd who grabbed the opportunity to sing along and really made the evening one to remember. Thanks to all of you who came out on a wet evening.



We do also occasionally perform for an audience in a concert setting. We've been invited to be the support act in a forthcoming charity gig in aid of the Polsloe Community Project.

Charity Concert Tuesday 9th December 2014

Ruth Trimble

7.30 Polsloe Road Baptist Church

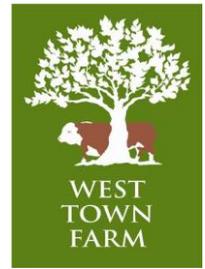
The project is an initiative of Pinhoe Road Baptist Church, Exeter. It needs to raise over £700,000 in order to renovate their buildings so that they can offer Polsloe and neighbouring communities such services as children's and youth groups, parenting courses, 'messy church', fellowship for the elderly, the creative arts and kids' holiday clubs. They also have plans for a regular drop-in café, luncheons for the elderly, special dinners and events and debt counselling.

For more information go to www.polsloecommunity.co.uk.

Ruth Trimble, the well-renowned singer songwriter from Belfast, Northern Ireland, has kindly agreed to headline this gig as part of her Autumn Tour of the UK and Ireland. Ruth has been a regular on the musical scene in her home country since 2010. Working alongside other big names, she has performed across the US, UK and Europe. As a multi-instrumentalist with an appreciation for many musical genres, she has completed several tours with twice Grammy-nominated singer songwriter Beth Nielsen Chapman, opening her shows as well as playing in her band. In 2012, Ruth completed an intense '50 states in 50 days' tour of the US with singer Kevin Montgomery.

You can find out more about Ruth at www.Ruthtrimble.com and there are a number of her performances on www.youtube.com. You can get details of tickets and seating for the concert at www.idefolk.co.uk. This will be a great opportunity to see a brilliant singer and musician and help raise money for a wonderful cause.

NOVEMBER NEWS FROM WEST TOWN FARM



This month we're getting very excited about the future. Harriet and Kate have both sadly left the farm and moved on the exciting new things and we have welcomed Sian. This year, in partnership with splendid tents and tipis, we're very pleased to be hosting office christmas parties on the farm. These parties will take place from the 3rd of December until the 20th and there will be twelve in total. The venue will be beautifully decorated, giant tipis.

If you would like more information about these parties, please contact Georgina at tipichristmasparties.co.uk or Sian on the farm by emailing sian@westtownfarm.co.uk. Most exciting though, is the opportunity this brings for us to host a community event, in the Tipis on the 14th of December. More details to follow on this one, but do put the date in your diaries, as we have some very festive fun planned.

Meat week this month begins on Wednesday the 5th of November and as usual delicious, fresh, organic meat will be available from the farm shop from then until Monday the 10th.

After a bumper crop this year we still have plenty of tasty Crown Prince and Uchiki Kuri squash for sale. The farm shop will be open from 9am to 5pm every day so please do pop down. Alternatively if you would like to place an order for delivery or collection, again, please email sian@westtownfarm.co.uk

IDE MEMORIAL HALL

Our Architect, Simon Murray, is now ready to submit plans for an improved hall to Teignbridge District Council. We had a set-back in that the Conservation Officer felt that our village hall was a classic and should not be changed very much externally, however plans will be submitted with a gable front (similar to the shop front), which will give the hall more light and will improve its design. Once the plans have been approved we can then apply for large grant money.

Brenda Spivey, Hall Secretary



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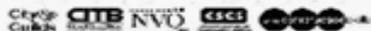
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