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What a beautiful Spring we are having with the flowering trees and shrubs looking absolutely wonderful. May sees us with two Bank Holiday Mondays and a chance to get out and about. Ide Community Shop & PO has its AGM on the 8th May, 7.30pm at the School, your village hall has its AGM on the 20th May, in the hall, and it is hoped that people will come along to hear what is happening. It is also the Annual General Meeting for the Parish Council on the 12th May. Thank you to those who kindly give up their time serve as Parish Councillors and on the Hall Committee and on the committees of other village organisations.

Items for the June edition of the Ide Times should be sent to Ann Boyce by the 20th April - annboyce@talk21.com

Brenda Spivey (tel: 275784)

USEFUL NUMBERS

Community Policeman: 101

The Revd Mark Nightingale: 01392 494741, mark.nightingale@me.com

Doctor: Dr S.Vercoe: 01392 439868

M.P. Mel Stride: 02072 197037 melstride.mp@parliament.uk

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 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, 11th May. Remember the Mobile Library van is coming only once a month now.

IDE PARISH COUNCIL

**The Community Heartbeat Trust
Defibrillator Awareness session:
Tuesday 19th May from 7p.m to 9p.m.
In the Village Hall
No medical knowledge required
All are welcome.**

If you haven't noticed it yet, the defibrillator is housed in the "yellow box" attached to the wooden air-conditioning unit at the front of the community shop. To gain access to the equipment you first need to dial 999 - the ambulance service will then provide a code to enable the case to be opened. The machine will talk you through every step of the process and the small screen shows you what to do.

If anyone is interested in helping to raise funds for a second defibrillator for the top end of the village, please contact us (see below).

Ide Village Website: See www.idevillage.org.uk - There is a calendar on the village website for publicizing local events. If you are organizing an event and wish it to be included, please contact Andy Swain at idevillagewebsite@stygian.org.uk

Local businesses wishing to advertise on the website should also contact Andy as above. There is a small annual fee to cover the administration costs.

Parish Council election: As there were only eight candidates for the nine positions on the Parish Council, the election is uncontested. The councillors, who are due to take office in May, are Barry Hookins, Dr Nick Bradley, Peter Pattison, Louise Watson, Sarah Tiley, John Smart, Chris Bishop and Andy Swain.

Parish Council Meeting - The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18th March 2015 are on display on the Parish Notice Board in Coronation Gardens.

On Tuesday 12th May 2015 at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall there will be the Annual Parish Meeting when the chairman gives his annual report. This is followed by the AGM for the appointment of a Chairman and the allocation of sub-committee responsibilities, and then there is the usual bi-monthly meeting, which starts with a ten minutes' slot allocated for public participation.

In larger parishes, these meetings would generally take place on separate evenings but it makes sense in Ide for them all to take place at once.

If you have anything you wish to be discussed please bring it to the attention of one of the Councillors or contact the clerk for it to be included on the agenda.

Contact us: The contact details for the Parish Council are as follows:
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



Registered charity no. 1050108

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 and Book Sale - ILF will be holding a coffee morning and book sale 10.30 -12 on Sat 16th May in Alphington Village Hall. Entry is free. Do come along for coffee and cake and to browse the excellent selection of books, including children's books. There will also be a raffle.

The ILF book stall in the waiting room at the surgery usually takes place on the first and third Monday mornings of the month. However there will be no book stall during May as the first Monday is a bank holiday and the third Monday is so soon after the book sale in the Village Hall.

Tea Afternoons at Aldens Community Centre - Our monthly "tea afternoons" at Aldens Community Centre in Aldens Road Alphington are run by ILF volunteers. They are held on the first Wednesday of the month 2.30-4pm. It is a chance to have a cup of tea and a chat with others and there is a small raffle each time. Everyone is welcome so please come along. If you need a lift or a helping hand to get there, this might be possible if you ring ILF, giving plenty notice. Many thanks to the volunteers who make these afternoons possible.

Carers News - Do you look after someone? Then you are probably a carer. Ide Lane Surgery is trying to identify all our carers. A carer is someone who, without payment, provides help and support to a partner, family member, relative, friend or neighbour, who would find it difficult to manage without their help. This could be due to old age, physical or mental illness, addiction or disability. There is quite a lot of help and support available for carers these days, so don't struggle on alone. Please tell the Surgery or Jane Greenslade if you are a carer.



IDE COMMUNITY SHOP & POST OFFICE



The prolonged spell of summer-like weather unsurprisingly boosted sales of ice cream and more and more customers seem to be appreciating the quality and range of flavours of our Langage Farm ice cream. We also now have their individual tubs if you feel like a personal indulgence. Langage Farm existed when William the Conqueror invaded in 1066. It was mentioned in the Domesday Book and has remained a working farm ever since! Today over 50 staff and 250 Jersey and Guernsey cows at this Plymouth based farm are employed in the production of their range of multiple award winning dairy products. A real Devon success story.



Our plants for baskets and containers are also flying out of the door (or they would be if they weren't outside anyway). They are very good quality plants, lovingly tended by the shop volunteers and very good value! New Leaf out at Exminster are also planting up some hanging baskets for us which should be lovely and available in mid May.

In anticipation of more good weather to come we are now stocking family size Instant BBQs and charcoal packs.

News from the Post Office

With the holiday season getting into full swing, please remember that if you order your foreign currency through our Post Office this earns a significant commission for our shop.



**Ide Community Shop and Post
Office**
AGM and Social
8th May 7.30pm
Ide School Hall
Hog roast baps or Vegetarian option
Licensed Bar

EVERYONE WELCOME

THE JUBILEE CLUB

How quickly the months fly by! May will be here in such a short while, as I report the club`s activities in April. On March 30th Tony and Christine set up a video (is that the correct term?) kindly loaned by Bert, of that old favourite Pam Ayres. She is such an easy going natural entertainer, a pleasure to watch. We welcomed Jean, Sylvia`s sister, as a visitor.

April 13th saw the arrival of Jan Thom, a very warm and entertaining lady. Jan on this occasion was sharing memories of her farewell to China, the last visit to family who were then working there. Her daughter has five children, 'made in Padstow and born in China!' Jan invited Cliff to sit beside her as she gave her talk to help display articles from her travels - I rather think Cliff quite enjoyed the task. Jan`s daughter was training to do a run on the Great Wall of China in aid of Ovarian Cancer. There were 2,000 taking part, and the runners were each given a pair of turquoise knickers - the thin ones wore them, Jan put her`s on her head! The following day there was a pink party in the Embassy Hall - people wore pink, ate pink food, and drank pink vodka (Jan had three) - she claimed she did not know it was vodka! The next adventure was a short flight away, and a visit to see the Terracotta Army. Discovered when a farmer, digging to find water found a head instead. The resulting excavations found this amazing tomb containing many thousand soldiers, everyone different, together with horses and chariots. Jan went on with her travels back to Beijing visiting the Bird`s nest at the Olympic stadium . On their journey back their family upgraded their flight to business class, the chief steward on the plane as they got off said they were a wonderful couple so enthusiastic and gave Jan a bag of cosmetics and David a bottle of champagne.

Christine gave a detailed report of the club`s financial state and transactions over the last year. Thanks to the amazing support of the club members and work of the helpers in so many ways, our club continues to thrive and be a place to meet friends, have interesting talks, and other entertainment, with the added bonus of a delicious tea. I would like to express my personal thanks to everyone involved with the club for their support and friendship.

DIARY DATES

May 11th	The Club`s Birthday Party 38 years.
May 25th	No club Bank holiday
June 8th	Alex Leger of Blue Peter Fame behind the scenes.
June 22nd	Strawberry Tea at Longdown Village Hall

Jean Hoskin

IDE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Picture the scene, the sun is setting and a vast horde of Normans set foot on English soil. Is it a rerun of the 1066 invasion? Well actually no, it is just the largest group of French twinningers ever (possibly) arriving on June 19th 2015 en route to Ide. Forty-nine visitors are coming in total including 14 children.

Whilst obviously delighted at the enthusiasm of our French counterparts, especially as interest in twinning had appeared to be on the wane in Canteloup-Cleville, we were a little daunted by the prospect of accommodating such a large group, but not for long. A chance meeting on a round-the-world walk - between two old-time twinningers (I dare not name them after that description) and a younger ex-twinninger has had the very pleasing consequence of recruiting some younger village folk with children to act as hosts for our French visitors who are bringing children.

We hope that friendships will be formed and who knows, some of our children may derive the same benefit re their application to their French studies as did the son of one of the afore-mentioned old-time twinningers whose GCSE grade improved significantly after the visit of a very attractive French girl!

Pete is away pedalling in France again (his bike, not drugs of course) but will be back for another **Quiz in the Poachers on May 3rd**. Proceeds will help to fund the visit, so we really need your support and it should as usual be good funand you won't even have to get up for work the next day as it is a Bank Holiday!

Ann Boyce (Twinning Secretary)

You are invited to
Ide Aloud's Spring Concert and BBQ
Saturday, 16th May in Ide Primary School Hall
6.30pm for BBQ and 7.30pm for concert
Concert- £5 per ticket -£2.50 for children
BBQ pay-as-you-go
Bring your own drinks and enjoy free 'Sweet treats' in the interval
Tickets from Ide Community Shop

BABY GROUP - in conjunction with Ide Childcare Trust

A new Baby Group will meet each Friday during term time in Ide Memorial Hall, 9.30 to 11.30am. There will be refreshments, activities, sensory play, story sessions and songs. Visiting experts giving real nappy advice, baby wearing and more. www.mybabygroup.co.uk Carly Elliott

IDE RUGBY CLUB

After the winter break we are playing 2 more games this season alas they will be away. We will schedule 2 matches for Weir Meadow in September 2015 and of course Remembrance Sunday.

On Saturday, 9th May, at 3pm, we take the short journey into Exeter to play Wessex RFC at Flowerpot Fields in Okehampton Street for the Presidents Cup. It is a strange event as I am President of both clubs but should be a great Fund raiser for ex Wessex RFC player Martin Lynn's "Fez Band" campaign raising money for FORCE.

I have had confirmation from HMS Somerset that they wish to play us on Wednesday, 27th May at Keyham 4G Royal Navy pitch (kick off time to be arranged) and afterwards in the Senior Ratings Mess. I am hoping to lay on a coach from Ide details to follow.

HMS Somerset wish to play an annual fixture and we have proposed that it is the Alfred Cox Trophy in memory of Chief Petty Officer Alfred Cox of Ide RFC who was killed in 1917. 02221 Chief Petty Officer Alfred John Cox of HMS Toronto, (son of William and Susannah Cox of Ide and husband of Amelia Mary Cox of 15 Churchill Rd., St. Thomas, Exeter) previously worked in the market garden at Deer Park. He was born in Dunsford 18 November 1881 and died 23 December 1917 aged 36.

During WW1 off the North Sea coastline of Holland, an area close to the Maas light buoy was heavily mined by the Germans. On the 23rd December 1917 the British R-Class destroyer Torrent, along with three other destroyers, ran straight into the minefield. Torrent was hit first and started to sink. Surprise went to her rescue and suffered the same fate. Tornado tried in vain to get free from the minefield but tragically detonated two mines and immediately sank with only one survivor. Only a fourth destroyer - Radiant - managed to escape the carnage to return home safely. In all a total of 252 officers and men lost their lives.

Thank you for all your support and we are hopeful to have funds available at the end of the season to be able to help with the 2nd defibrillator appeal.

(Alfred Cox below)





IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The HUB DIARY – MAY 2015

Thursday, 7th COFFEE MORNING 10.30 – 12 noon
followed by - BUFFET LUNCH for the PEDALLING PALS

Wednesday, 27th KFP is back. Run by mums with Paper Mache crafts
from 10.30am
Film; PADDINGTON BEAR and a Pizza lunch.

*Introducing Graham Harry – a wizz with events for kids (and computers)
who is coming to help us on a regular basis.*

AFTERNOON FILM CLUB No film this month

For HUB room bookings, please contact Jackie Chadwick; Tel 01392 211150
or jacky.c@talktalk.net

We welcome Graham Harry as our support and mission worker who has had a chat with us and Adrian Wyatt about the future for the Church and HUB. Graham will be with us usually on a one day a week basis. Graham is looking forward to meeting community folk and is excited about planning events for families and youngsters. Graham has wide experience with children and pastoral work and, much to my joy, has ICT skills (IT to me).

The little community garden has been tidied and enlarged along the base of the wall (north end) and the Passion Flower (*Passiflora caerulea*) planted by some youngsters. All being well the climber will have some lovely blossoms and yellow fruit later and scramble along and over the wall in years to come. We still have some over wintering herbs, parsley, sage, chives and will incorporate flowers and perhaps a few salad crops in the newly weeded section. As we have a '*Duty of Care for Children & Vulnerable Adults*', it has been suggested that the existing pathway be replaced by flower beds and the path to run under the magnolia tree to the community garden. It should be safer for everyone who uses the garden and the flowers will be easily seen.



Jacky Chadwick

PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT IDA

3rd May	Easter 5	9.30am	Parish Communion
9th May	MESSY CHURCH	10am to 12 noon	
10th May	Easter 6	9.30am	Morning Praise
14th May	Ascension Day		
17th May	Easter 7	9.30am	Parish Communion
24th May	PENTECOST	8am	Holy Communion
		10am	All Age Service

Our annual Summer Fete will be on the Village Green on **Saturday, 6th June, starting at 2.30pm**. If you are doing any turning out, we would be grateful for items for the stalls - toys, books, unwanted gifts, etc. The cake stall would also be very grateful for items and Gifts for the draw will be very much appreciated.

To celebrate this year's Rugby World Cup the Church Fete is asking the young people to design a rugby shirt. The design could celebrate the sport of rugby, the people or organisations of Ide or things we love about living here. Bring your design to the Church Fete on the 6th June, where the designs will be judged. The winner will be announced that day. We will then have the shirt printed up for you so that you can wear it with pride! You can find the shirt template at <http://tom.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/T-shirt.jpg>
Good luck.

Everyone enjoyed the Treasure Hunt and activities day on the 31st March which was a combined activity between the Congregational Church and ourselves. The next **Messy Church will be on the 9th May. Do come along it is always good fun.**

Our best wishes go to those who are no longer able to get to church because of ill health. We miss you and hope the better weather will make you feel stronger.

If you want to have further details of Ide Church, do have a look at our web site www.ideparishchurch.com

<p>MESSY CHURCH Saturday, 9th May, in Ide Church, 10am to 12 noon Craft, cooking, games, etc. based round a Bible story. All welcome</p>	
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Ide Childcare Trust Holiday Club is open to children from all areas.

Did you know that you don't have to attend Ide Preschool or Ide Primary School to use our Holiday Club, which runs from 8am to 6pm at Ide Primary School everyday throughout every school holiday, caring for children aged 2-11years. Our friendly staff are busy putting together an exciting programme of activities for half term and the summer holidays, so why not tell your friends and see if they would like to come to Holiday Club in Ide. Bookings taken for whole weeks or odd days or anything in between and our prices are very competitive.

Call our manager Kayleigh on 01392 210984 or email idechildcaretrust@hotmail.co.uk



Our lovely new pictures above have been drawn by Bella Farrar, who was the winner of our logo competition. She will receive some lovely new art materials for her efforts and we look forward to using her drawings on our publicity in future.

Ian's All Around Devon project

I have tried to make the most of the glorious spell of fine spring weather that we have been enjoying and have now completed almost half the journey. So far it has been a most enjoyable, if occasionally exhausting, experience. I have particularly enjoyed watching the range of wildflowers and birds increase rapidly over the two weeks of exceptional weather. I am reporting my journey in a blog and if you would like to read this and keep up with progress the web address is: <http://allarounddevon.blogspot.co.uk/>

Thank you so much to those who have already supported my project to raise funds for **Crohn's and Colitis UK** and **Prostate Cancer UK**. If you would still like to support me there is still plenty of time. The donations website is: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/iancampbell19> which allows gift aid to be collected. For those of you who do not like using the web for this sort of thing an envelope through my door at 15 Fore Street would be fine.

Ian Campbell

DUNCHIDEOCK FILM NIGHT

Friday, 8th May, 7.45pm, Dunchideock Village Hall, "The Imitation Game" starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Keira Knightly. This is the last film of the season.

IDE WHEELERS

We've decided to shelve plans for a mid-May charity event along the lines of last year's 'Ide Iron' challenge, which raised money for Sport Relief. We just don't have the available personnel to organise the event, plus, we feel it works best if such an event links with Sports Relief – which is every other year, so next year it will be.

We've got some things planned however –

Late-May Bank Holiday, Monday 25th of May. – an all-inclusive (i.e. families/children welcome) venture to explore the length of the Taunton-Bridgwater Canal. A delightful waterway with a good path alongside. Our plan is to set off from Taunton Station at 11am. It's only 34 miles or so up the road from Ide, so less than the distance to the Tarka Trail. There are plenty of trains, which take bikes (usually need to be booked on – it's best to check anyway), and fares are as cheap as £4 single although prices can sometimes change according to availability. People can opt to cycle the whole way to Bridgwater (it's not far, just 14 miles), or as far as they feel is comfortable for them. The onus will be on a gentle day out. Tea/coffe/cakes/beer stops included! No need to formal book yourself in for this – just turn up on the day.

There are plenty of nice attractions along the way, details of which can be found at <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/canals-and-rivers/bridgwater-and-taunton-canal>

For the more serious cyclists amongst you we've decided to use the day that would've been the charity event to get out for a 40 mile ride. That's the **16th of May**, meet 10am at the Memorial Hall. Needless to say, it'll be roads not towpaths or cyclepaths, so a road bike is the best bet. We will of course observe our polite rule of 'go at the speed of the slowest rider', and riders can always opt to come part way then find another shorter route home.

We'll also do a 20+ mile road ride on the **13th of June**, another Saturday, same 10am start from the Memorial Hall.

Ide Fete is the 6th of June, and Stuart plus Pete are planning to offer a 'turbo trainer challenge' – that's static bikes, where folk can pit themselves against the clock, or against each other, all light-hearted stuff.

**IDE MEMORIAL HALL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Wednesday, 20th May, 7.30pm
in Ide Memorial Hall

Come along and learn how you village hall
is being run.

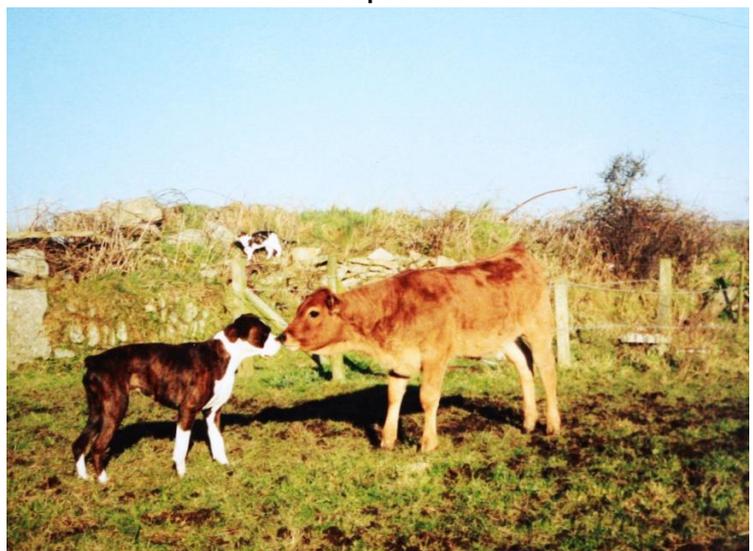
PAST LIVES - Penny Smith

Tales from a Smallholding

Before arriving in Ide I lived in Cornwall for 38 years. Mostly I had lived in a seaside village but for the last of my time in Cornwall I owned a smallholding in the heart of the county, The smallholding was bought to give the land to create a large garden - at 600ft above sea level that wasn't the best idea but it worked, perhaps more of that another time.

It soon became obvious that to keep the land clear some grazing animals would be needed and one way and another we acquired three cows, ducks, chickens, turkeys and various rare breed pigs. My favourite was our lovely Jersey cow, Princess, she of huge eyes and eyelashes with a bony rump but the sweetest temperament you could wish for. When she arrived she gave me the opportunity to show how little I knew about milking cows, the newly purchased second hand milking machine seemed to be blowing rather than sucking but our dear patient Princess allowed me to do the necessary. At the end of it we were both covered with milk and poo and I ended up at our local Spar buying milk that evening.

The most incredible part about keeping what were basically tame farm animals together with our dogs and cats was the interaction between them all. They lived intertwined lives where they all just got along very amicably. One frosty night I went to check that all was well with the cattle. Earlier in the day a calf had been born and I sneaked out in my slippers to check on her and mum at midnight. I shone my torch into the barn, the mother cow was gently chewing on fresh hay and her calf was close by, deeply snuggled into the sweet smelling straw, legs stretched out and fast asleep. In between her front legs was a cat, curled up and also fast asleep, and snuggled into the outside of her leg was a duck. All three opened just one eye each when I shone the torch but gave me a look which told me quite clearly that they wished to be left alone as they were sleeping. I smiled broadly and crept away to leave them to it - a truly magical moment that I felt very privileged to have seen.



Ide Folk Evening Tuesday 12th May The Poachers 8pm

Spring is here and the dawn chorus isn't the only singing going on in Ide. April saw Ide Folk return to to our regular 2nd Tuesday of the month date in the lower dining room of The Poachers. We'd spent our New Year sabbatical working on new material and we were able to roll this out to an enthusiastic group of regulars and some newcomers. On offer were new songs by Johnny Cash, The Everley Bros, The Lovin' Spoonful, The Mamas and Papas, Neil Young, James Taylor and a couple of Jazz Standards – these to add to the other (50 or so..) numbers we have in our repertoire. They were all received very warmly and the audience were in really fine voice - I say audience, but this isn't really the word for the people who come along; we are a five piece community folk group who provide an opportunity for people to join us in singing. We choose songs that people will be familiar with, and we have folders with the lyrics printed, so they can join in or just enjoy the fun.

What 's really pleasing is that people make requests from our “song book” on the night and also suggest new numbers that they'd like to hear next time. We have a busy month ahead learning the latest suggestions.

For anyone who hasn't been before, the atmosphere is very friendly and welcoming. There's chat between songs and quite a lot of laughs. The bar is only a few steps away, so you can expect a fun evening out and a chance to meet other Ide residents and some new people. Plus of course, you get that feeling of well-being that a good sing along brings.

Why not come along early and enjoy Tony's fine food, his exemplary wine cellar and the best kept ales in Devon. To our regulars (you know who you are) we look forward to seeing you again and hope you're once again in fine voice.

Chris G, John, Rachel, Andy and Chris C.

MOTHERS' UNION

I hope prayer group will meet after the Wednesday 10.30 am service, on May 6th. Dawlish branch have invited us to their open meeting, on Tuesday May 5th at 2.00 pm at St Gregory's, they have a speaker from the El Shaddai Trust, Street Child Rescue, Goa. Spring Council is also that week, on Friday 8th. at St. James. 10.30 - 3.00 pm

We have also been invited to a coffee morning with speaker, in the MU centre at St. Sidwell's on Fri. May 22nd at 10.30 am. Katy Drew will be talking about our links with Melanesia. Bring and buy for books and "eatables" please. As it is a busy month I would like to make this last in place of our own meeting, so I hope several of you will be able to attend.

Sue Campbell

IDE PLANT AND SEED SWAP

They came bearing strawberry plants, raspberry canes and small plants with carefully written labels. The first Ide Plant & Seed Swap was your chance to unburden yourself of the things you no longer wanted in your garden and leave with something you did. It's a simple idea and plenty turned out to take advantage of the gardener's version of 'multi-coloured swap shop'.



The event was also a fundraiser for the **Ide Produce Show** which will happen on **Saturday 12th September** in the Memorial Hall. There will be categories for fruit and vegetables, flowers and jams - watch future Ide Times' for more details.

So as the summer gets closer, nurture your colossal carrots and perfect plums - they may yet be 'best in show'.

SPRING TIME AT THE FARM

Sunday, 10th May 11am-4pm
West Town Farm, Ide, EX2 9TG

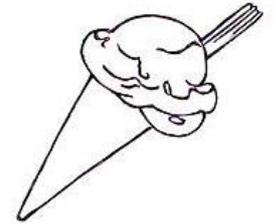
**Tractor Trailer Rides, Straw Bale Den,
Blue Bell Walk, Visit the Animals, Storytelling,
Maypole Dancing, Spring Craft Activities,
Campfire Cooking, BBQ, Cafe and more!**

**Entry £3 per child, £4 per Adult
or £12 for two adults & two children and
£8 for one adult & two children**

www.westtownfarm.co.uk



St Ida's Church
SUMMER FETE
Saturday June 6th
2.30pm on the Green



**Ide Art
Group
Exhibition**

Stalls

Teas

Games

**Ide
Aloud**

**Egg
Throwing**

**& LOTS
More**

MAY NEWS FROM WEST TOWN FARM



We've been very busy on the farm this month. Spring calves are coming thick and fast and our small flock of lawnmowers (sheep) are lambing well with only one group needing to be bottle fed.

Spring is our favourite time of year on the farm. We finally get to dry off and begin to invite people in the appreciate the land in all of its glory. The birds are nesting, the bluebells are coming in and the sun is shining. Spaces for educational visits, birthday parties and stays in the Shepherd hut are filling up so fast that barely a day goes by without a group visiting. Spring at the farm is also just around the corner. Join us on the 10th of May for Bluebell walks, tractor trailer rides, storytelling, BBQ and all the usual farm activities for a lovely (hopefully sunny) celebration of the sun and all the new life on the farm. For full event details please see our website or our facebook.

Meat week

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We hope to see you on the 10th,

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