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NOVEMBER 2015

Rather surprisingly, the skies actually cleared for the rare supermoon lunar eclipse and those of you who were up at about 3am were rewarded with a good view of the beautiful, blood moon. If you missed it, the next one will be in 2033!

What with last month's Produce Show and the recent Harvest service and Lunch (pages 8-9) we've certainly celebrated the season's bounty in some style.



Next big village event is the Community Firework Display at The Poachers on November 7th. With wonderful fireworks and excellent refreshments on offer, this is always a really great way to celebrate parliament's narrow escape with family and friends!

The FIS Craft Evening and Christmas Fair should also be great fun (p.3)

In November, remembrance ceremonies encourage us to reflect on the tragedy and sacrifice of war. Appropriately, this month's Past Lives (page 14), the story of one young boy's experiences in wartime England, is a moving testament to the quiet heroism of ordinary people in time of war.

Items for the December/January edition of the Ide Times should be sent to Brenda Spivey (brendaspivey123@btinternet.com) by **20th November** please

Ann Boyce

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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 12.30pm on Monday, 23rd November.

IDE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Village website – www.idevillage.org.uk

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE



Please note that the **Ide Rural Skip Service** will take place at **Old Ide Lane** on **Saturday 7th November 2015**, from 1pm until 3:30pm.

This service is for bulky household waste only

Please do not deposit any waste at the site before the skip has arrived.

For more information please contact your Parish Council or call the Free Recycling Helpline 0800 731 0323 or visit www.teignbridge.gov.uk/ruralskip

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Please note that TV's and computer monitors are accepted by the Rural Skip Service.

360 BUS TIMETABLE (Revised)

Ide	7.51	10.01	12.39	14.34	
Exeter Bus Station	8.13	10.20	12.58	14.53	
Exeter Bus Station	8.35	11.15	13.10	16.15	17.55
Ide	8.53	11.33	13.28	16.33	18.13

Note: The 3pm 360 bus from the bus station to Ide has been withdrawn, and also the 19.19 bus from Ide to the bus station.

(The No. 6 bus which leaves the bus station at 20.15 goes to St David's Station (20.25) and then to the bottom of Ide arriving there at 20.34.



It's Panto Season!
 Ide Aloud does **Cinderella**
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together to sprinkle your Saturday with
 Seasonal Scrumptiousness!

Saturday 12th December in Ide School Hall 7.30pm.

Tickets from Ide Community Shop £5

Interval snacks available plus liquid refreshment and a draw!

'Oh no they aren't' 'Oh yes they are'



**Do you love Christmas
 Crafts?**



Friends of Ide School are holding a craft evening on Thursday 19th November to make gifts to sell at our Christmas Fair on Sat 21st November.

We would love you to join us for an informal evening of mulled wine, mince pies and friendly chatter whilst we cut, fill, tie, stick, sew, fold.... Full instructions provided and no expertise required!

If you are an expert, or just a craft enthusiast, do you have an idea for a Christmas craft that you could lead? Please contact Jo Nightingale or Rachel Thomas by leaving a message at school (01392 259964). All materials can be reimbursed. Or if you just like making things at home, we would be very glad to receive any donations of crafts to sell.

All are welcome. We hope this will be an all-age, community event and look forward to welcoming past pupils, parents, grandparents, friends and any other supporters.

Friends of Ide School

Craft evening with mulled wine and mince pies
 Thursday 19th November 7.30pm in the School Hall

Christmas Fair

Saturday 21st November 2-4 pm in the School Hall

JUBILEE CLUB

We had a full bus for our trip on September 21st to Jamaica Inn, the weather was not very kind to us, but as a member remarked to me it is good to be in the company of other people, and out for the day, positive thinking.

On October 5th we had an entertaining talk given by John West from Garden Cottage near Morchard Road, John was born in Scotland and made several references to his thrifty ways during his life`s journey. Brought up in a fishing village, his memories of the week`s routine the fishermen off to sea after midnight on Sunday, bringing in the fish later in the week, the sales on Friday, they gathered and did what men do on Saturday. Sunday was a day of rest and attending the local church. Milk was delivered around the village by the farmers the milk dipped out of churns, there were lots of vegetables grown in their gardens, and of course much fish. The size of a large cod at that time was as long as a 5` 10" man. When he was twelve years old the family moved to central Scotland. John studied Chemistry at University and went on to teach in a boy`s Catholic school, where the boys were very well behaved, John able to maintain order just by the look of an eye! There were many projects keeping the interest of the pupils, a rattle snake was ordered, fortunately a grass snake arrived, which duly escaped to the linen cupboard , the screams of the woman who discovered it could be heard all over the building! Moving on John went to Sandhurst and was posted to Germany where he had a female batman, he thought it wrong to expect her to clean his shoes, having being brought up to clean his own, so hid them away! He gave up in the end when she always managed to find them! It was just like being married everything was done for him! After some years a chance of redundancy was offered, a good package and a pension, remember his Scottish roots, all supplied by the taxpayer thankyou. He moved to London and taught for a while before retiring and moving to Devon, buying a house with a bit of land. He got a job in Exeter prison, then one day saw a sign for cream teas and decided that was what he wanted to do. So now he grows things in his garden, cooks it and serves high teas and lunches at his Garden Cottage. Believe me he is quite a character.

We welcomed two new members Jean Peardon and Trish Revell to the club. Sorry to hear Pam Voysey has broken her arm and send our best wishes.

Members who wish to give shoe boxes to be sent to Moldova ,there will be a list of suggested contents at the next meetings, they will be collected at our meeting on November 30th.

DIARY DATES

November 2nd A talk by a representative of Freewheelers.

November 16th A chance to do Christmas Shopping on a trip to Otter Nurseries

November 30th Christmas Bingo

December 14th Christmas Party

Jean Hoskin



IDE COMMUNITY SHOP & POST OFFICE



Arthur's Butchery & Delicatessen in Topsham is now supplying the shop with fresh meat – deliveries on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, so at last we have a regular supply of locally-sourced beef and lamb. Many of you have now tried this meat and the feedback is excellent, it's delicious and very good value, so why not buy some and let us know what you think? You might like to try one of our new



wines with it, such as "Porta 6", a Portuguese wine that James Martin on Saturday Kitchen Live described as "one of the best he has tasted in the last 10 years" – it goes particularly well with lamb.

With all this talk about fine dining, don't forget that as cold weather returns, regular feeding can have a significant impact on the survival of wild birds. We stock a good range of suitable food - seeds and fat balls at very competitive prices.

Those of you who prefer organic eggs will be aware that on occasions this year, we have not been able to supply these and so, in agreement with Shillingford Organics, we will be using Ladilay organic free range eggs. There will be a delivery every Wednesday. We are assured of their quality as Shillingford use Ladilay when they don't have enough of their own eggs.



POST OFFICE NEWS



Friday 13 November is BBC Children in Need Appeal night. You can now buy a **Be A Hero badge** from the post office, with all profits going to **BBC Children in Need**.

If you still have foreign coins left over from your summer holidays, drop these in to the Post Office and all the proceeds will go to BBC Children in Need.



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New Christmas stamps go on sale on 3 November

Latest Recommended Posting Dates for Christmas	
International Economy (surface mail)	
Tue 3rd Nov	Cyprus, Eastern Europe, Greece, Iceland, Malta, Turkey
Tue 17th Nov	Western Europe
International Standard (Airmail) incl tracked/signed for services	
Fri 27th Nov	Operational HM Forces Mail
Fri 4th Dec	Africa, Middle East
Mon 7th Dec	Asia, Far East, Cyprus, Japan, Eastern Europe
Tue 8th Dec	Caribbean, Central & South America
Thur 10th Dec	Australia, Greece, New Zealand
Fri 11th Dec	static HM Forces Mail
Mon 14th Dec	Czech Republic, Germany, Italy & Poland
Tue 15th Dec	Canada, Finland, Sweden & USA
Wed 16th Dec	Austria, Iceland, Ireland, Portugal & Spain
Thur 17th Dec	France
Fri 18th Dec	Belgium, Denmark, Luxemburg, Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, & Switzerland
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Sat 19th Dec	2nd class & 2nd class signed for
Mon 21st Dec	1st class & 1st class signed for
Tue 22nd Dec	Parcelforce express 48
Wed 23rd	Royal Mail Special Delivery

Longdown's Pantomime for 2016 is 'Aladdin'
Performances will be on 30th and 31st January 2016



MESSY CHURCH
Saturday, 14th November
from 10am to 12 noon
in Church
Craft, Games, Cooking, Bible Story, etc.
All welcome

IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Several years ago a friend and I were having an after work drink when a 'pager' message came through (remember them!) A device that gave you a number to urgently ring. He rang the number. It was wrong.

A second time it came, again he rang it. Again it was wrong. In fact what was wrong was my friend! The number on the pager was not a telephone but a date. The date of his wedding. His wife was reminding him it was his wedding anniversary and he had forgotten.

Dates are important and we find ways to recall them. Rhymes; Remember, remember the 5th of November, gunpowder, treason and plot....(please stay safe this bonfire night.)

In the coming months we have events that help us remember.



On the **7th November**, all are welcome to join in making 'War Horse' out of conkers. This is just another creative way of remembering those in war who have been injured or killed that we might enjoy the freedoms we do today. Please join us in making 'War Horse' and remembering.

From 3rd - 5th December it will be our Christmas Tree Festival where groups and individuals can decorate a tree **how they** want, perhaps something personal. There will also be a tree of remembrance. Just a tree to hang a note that says we remember a lost loved one or someone dear who is far away.

Details of dates are below but we also never forget that the 'Tree Festival' points us to the 25/12 and Christmas Day, and for Christians one of the most important days in history.

Dates are important so we would invite you, put them in your diary, join us and let's not be like my friend, who never really recovered. Let's remember dates together.

Dates for The Hub@Ide.

05/11 - Fairtrade Coffee Morning.

07/11 - 11 - 2pm making our War Horse for 'Remembrance Sunday.'

21/11 - The Flicks@TheHub showing Sleepless in Settle.

03/12 - 05/12 Ide Christmas Tree Festival.

03/12 – Festival opens with Trees, Carols, mulled wine and mince pies.

04/12 – Church open to come and view and perhaps remember someone.

05/12 - Open all day with kids Christmas crafts.

As always further details from Jackie, Adrian on 07976 362615 or our **Facebook Page The Hub Ide**



PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT IDA



1st November	All Saints Day	9.30am	Parish Communion
4th November	First Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion
8th November	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10.50am at the War Memorial followed by a Service at the Congregational Church		
14th November	MESSY CHURCH	10am to 12 noon	
15th November	2 Before Advent	9.30am	Parish Communion
22nd November	Christ the King	8am	Holy Communion
		10am	All Age Service
29th November	Advent Sunday	9.30am	Parish Communion

Harvest Festival - The Harvest lunch on Saturday, 10th October, was a great success with all ages present from babes in high chairs to OAP's. The meal was delicious and the company excellent. Our thanks go to Mary Bradley and Sue Cloke, together with helpers, for all their hard work organising the meal. They catered for all tastes - young and old. Most of us went home having eaten more than we should - the desserts were very tempting.

There was a good congregation at the Harvest Service in Church on the Sunday and it was a great pleasure to have members of the Congregational Church join us. The Church had been beautifully decorated - thank you to all who worked so hard. The Service finished with a stirring piece by Vidor played by Matthew, the young organist who played for us that day, which earned him a round of applause.

Messy Church in November will be on the 14th November from 10am to 12 noon in Church. All are welcome. In October we met just before the Harvest lunch and enjoyed making two apple crumbles, making use of Sue Campbell's windfall cooking apples. Sarah made us all think about harvest using the letters HARVEST to spell out HAVE, EAT, STARVE and SHARE, reminding us of those who do not have enough to eat.

Remembrance Sunday is on the 8th November. There will be a Service at the War Memorial starting promptly at 10.50am followed by a Service at the Congregational Church. As a mark of respect cars will be stopped from driving passed the War Memorial during the service there. If you have to drive into the village or leave it, do avoid that time.

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





Ide Community Firework Display



**Saturday
7th November**

**Poachers Inn
Beer Garden**

6pm Children's display, followed by main display.
Please note that this is not a free event; ensure that you make a contribution at Ide Shop or The Poachers Inn - suggested donation is £4 adults, £1 child, £10 per family regardless of number of children.

All donations are spent on . . . fireworks!
All the usual attractions - top fireworks, BBQ, mulled cider, homemade soup, freshly-made chips etc.

In the event of utterly foul and impossible weather the event will take place on Sunday 8th of November, same times.



...and another date for your diary;

**Grand
Christmas
Quiz**

27 December



After being evacuated to Reading from London at the beginning of the war, we returned to London assured that not much was happening.....just in time for the London Blitz. After sleeping under the stairs or under a table, and then in our brick shelter night after night for months, we were evacuated again, this time to tranquil Topsham. It was good to be sleeping in a proper bed. Topsham was a wonderful place to grow up in. The only sadness felt by us all, was that we hardly ever saw father. He had been called up and allocated to the Royal Artillery, becoming part of the crew of an anti-aircraft gun on the South coast.

When we heard that the roof had been blown off the flats in London where we had lived, my aunt wrote to my mother saying "thank goodness you and the children are out of it" But we weren't!.... the Germans decided to bomb Exeter.

When the air raids started, there was probably not a single air-raid shelter in the whole of the town. So, it was under the kitchen table again for the children, all seven of us, with several woman sitting around hemming us in and urging us to sing as loudly as possible...'Rule Britannia', 'There'll always be and England'...I don't think any of us knew the words, but we made a lot of noise. Some of the women from our street came in to sit with us. Most of the men were away and they got some comfort from being in a group, but the way they put the table in the middle of the room and sat around us so close together makes me think now that they were shielding us children. Flying glass and masonry were big dangers in a raid, even if the bomb fell some way away. The women would certainly have taken the brunt of the blast.

My mother and Mrs Chambers, the lady of the house where we were staying, decided to become air-raid wardens. I was asleep when the siren went off. I was slow to get dressed and an enormous explosion found me dashing around the room trying to find the door. Everything of course was in pitch darkness. I eventually collided with a rifle that stood in the corner of the room, cutting my head open. I think I was the only casualty in Topsham that night. Mother and Mrs Chambers had just opened the door to go and do their duty as wardens, complete with tin helmets and stirrup pumps to put out any fires that might start

in our street. The enormous blast blew them back into the house! They decided there and then that they didn't want to be ARPs anymore and so their first call out was their last. The explosion had been caused by a landmine that blew out the buildings in an area of Paris Street that is now the Bus Station!

The pull of London was again working on my mother. If the Germans were going to bomb Exeter, we would be better off back home she thought. My father had been invalided out of the army and she felt we would be safer with him. Also she felt that London was safer again, which was possibly true but only for a while!

Someone had found a grand house for us to live in. A three storey affair with a basement opening out into a small walled garden, better still someone had converted the basement passageway into an air-raid shelter (which was to prove a life saver). We were to be there for two years or so, and I think this time was the best two years of our war.

This all ended on a lovely sunny afternoon. Two friends and I were standing almost opposite where I lived, with our little binoculars and notebook ready to record any plane that went through our piece of sky. Somewhere close by, I heard an engine getting louder by the second. Without even thinking about it, I started running for home. I remember my friends shouting at me and laughing. I entered our basement. The other kids were already in the shelter and I could see my mother through the open garden door, hanging out the washing. I gave an almighty yell 'MUM' and she ran into the kitchen and through to the shelter. As she arrived there was a huge explosion. The 'flying bomb' had come down with the engine still running, clipped the ridge of the house opposite, where I'd been standing and smashed into the houses just to the right of ours. How any of us ever survived the explosion, God only knows. One would have thought it would have burst our ear drums if nothing else, but luckily we all came through it unscathed.

Everywhere was in chaos. Mum and I went into the kitchen and everything was on the floor, including the ceiling. The rented radio was on the floor, still playing. Some washing that had been on the range drying was on fire.

I had several rabbits in cages just outside the backdoor and Lily, who had been in the top cage, was missing...along with the cage. I found this pretty upsetting, but forgot about it when I looked around outside; there was nothing to see but brown earth. Every fence complete with posts was missing. Every washing line including ours had gone, along with the washing mother had been hanging out. And where, I couldn't help wondering, had all the grass gone? Obviously, it had been covered by a layer of building dust.

They had to break down the door with an axe to let us out. I couldn't believe the mess. Four houses had been completely destroyed, the street was covered in rubble and there was no sign of my two friends (I later discovered they had survived but been injured, one had to have 300 stitches to his face and was badly scarred). I remember the rescue workers shouting 'SILENCE' then seeing their Alsatian dogs walking over to the rubble hoping to find survivors who might be buried. While all this was going on, Dad was weaving up the road on his bike.

When word had got to him that a bomb had fallen on our street, he had rushed home in a panic. I shall never forget the look on his face. Our mother had been absolutely solid throughout the ordeal, giving orders, reassuring us. But when she saw dad, she finally broke down and couldn't stop crying. Dad just held her and didn't seem able to speak.

When we went back to our house the next day....Lily the rabbit was back in place...along with her cage. A miracle must have happened!! I later found out that the top cage had been blown into next door's garden and someone had put it back after we left to go to my grandfather's.

So, it was back to Topsham again; this time we were billeted with the Kinnaird family. Their son, Tom and I soon became the best of friends and we were always up to something....but that's another story!



Mothers Union for November

I hope there will be prayer group on Wed. 4th Nov. after the usual 10.30 am service (though I will be away)

It would be good if one or two members could attend the Autumn Council in Crediton, the day before, Tues 3rd. when the Bishop of Exeter will be speaking. On Wed. 18th Nov. we will have an "Advent themed" meeting, 2.30pm at Joyce Stevens home. (Any ideas welcome!)

Sue Campbell

Raffle

Ide Lane Friends volunteers served coffees at the flu sessions and also sold books and raffle tickets. The first prize, the lovely painting of Mousehole in Cornwall by Ray Guppy, was won by Mrs Anne Bassett of Alphington.

Owing to the time and effort put in by Ray and his team of helpers in selling tickets in the surgery every morning for several weeks, the raffle made £661.

The book sales at the flu sessions and donations for coffees brought in another ££217. We can claim Gift Aid on all money raised for ILF at the surgery so the total, including Gift Aid, is nearly £1,100, which is fantastic.

Thank you to everyone who helped with and/or supported this.

Ide Lane Friends Christmas Tea Sunday 13 December

Please come to our Christmas Tea at Alphington Village Hall at 3pm. For £3 entry you will get a cup of tea (plus re-fills) and some lovely Christmassy food. You can join in singing some Christmas songs and do a Christmas quiz. There will be a super raffle with really good prizes and probably also a book stall and Christmas cards for sale. Everyone welcome.

Once in a Blue Moon

Seeing the moon turn red this month made me realise that I wasn't at all clear about blue moons...how often do they occur and does the moon really look blue?

Beautiful though it looks, this picture of a blue moon is a fake, taken using a filter.

Usually months have only one full moon, but occasionally a second one sneaks in. This year, in July there were two full moons, the second on 31st July. These astronomical blue moons occur on average every two and a half years, hardly the rarity that the saying 'once in a blue moon' suggests and they aren't actually blue!

But, there are very rare occasions when the moon is blue. Volcanic eruptions and forest fires can create ash clouds in the upper atmosphere that filter the moonlight making the moon look blue. In 1883, when the Indonesian volcano, Krakatoa, exploded. People 600 km away, heard the noise as loud as a cannon shot. Plumes of ash rose to the very top of Earth's atmosphere. And the moon turned blue.



Ide Art Group

It's that time of year again, we're busy mulling over our favourite paintings for inclusion in the Ide Art Calendar for 2016 which will be on sale in Ide Community shop sometime soon.

We do a lot of mulling at Ide art group. Sometimes, it's more like a social club, the tea and coffee flow, as does the chat while we search for inspiration and an interesting subject to paint. However, occasionally we do some really good art work. These occasions tend to be when we have a professional artist who comes and spends the day with us to teach us how to broaden our horizons and try something new. As the art group has grown, we've been able to afford more of these 'workshop' days and we've been fortunate enough to benefit from the advice and instruction by some very good local artists.

Our most recent workshop tutor David Norman, is a watercolour artist whose work is found in collections throughout the world. This was his second visit and each time we have been amazed at what he produces in just a few hours and, more surprisingly, what he enables us to produce in that same short time period. Encouraged to minimise drawing and keep the painting wet so that the water can do its work in creating interesting paint effects, we found we were able to work more quickly and freely to good effect.



Another of our professional tutors, Gregory Wellman specialises in acrylics - who would have thought that his painting of an elephant's head would have inspired us to produce our own colourful and sometimes psychedelic versions. ...well outside the comfort zone for most of us.

Some of the professional artists work in a very controlled and refined manner with neat pencils and tiny brushes, some slop paint around to the point where we have to stand back and cover the floor to catch the overflow, but whatever the approach, these workshop days give us inspiration and the courage to try something new.

If you fancy having a go then just come along on any Tuesday morning between 10 and 12, you can just have a coffee and a chat and see if you like the look of us. Or you can phone me on 01392 211696 if you would like any further information or would like to be notified about the workshops (we do have a limited number of places for non-members)

Penny Smith

NEWS FROM WEST TOWN FARM



The farm is bursting with food. Our hedgerows and orchards, planted in accordance with our higher level stewardship agreement, are teeming with blackberries, sloes and apples. According to Andy, the farm, in fact the whole area, at one time would have been full of cider apple orchards. Now we only have three. We grow mostly cider apples but do stock a few dessert varieties: Egremont Russets, Rosemary russets and Pigs nose. If you're eating or pressing come down and have a look! (especially if you're after windfalls) It's been such a wet, mild summer that we've had an absolutely bumper crop. We're only just starting the mammoth task of harvesting them and we've already got more than we can deal with!

Emma and our lovely WWOOFers (World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms) have bought in all of the potatoes and squashes! Giant orange jack-o-lanterns; tiny, red, nutty Uchiki Kuri (onion squash) and beautiful, blue Crown Prince squash (our favourite). We've just had a fresh meat week so as well as the fruits of harvest we're also fully stocked freezers. To accompany our lovely potatoes and gorgeous squashes we're offering 30% off our Beef topside joints. Sounds like a roast dinner to me!

We're considering running a fruit tree pruning course on the farm, so let us know if you're interested by emailing sian@westtownfarm.co.uk



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