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The cool weather has meant that the primroses have lasted a long time. The Devon roadsides are now a picture of primroses and celandines. The Community Shop and the Village Hall both have their annual meetings this month - do attend if you



can. Our thanks go to all those who work so hard to keep the shelves of the shop well stocked and all the back room work that is done - ordering, cleaning, keeping the accounts, etc. Our thanks go to the Twinning Association for the wonderful lunch on Sunday, 10th April - the food and the company were both excellent.

Don't forget the Great Ide Frock Swap on Friday the 6th May, 7.30pm in the School Hall, in aid of the School and Pre-School.

Items for the June edition of the Ide Times should be sent to me, Brenda Spivey email: brendaspivey123@btinternet.com by the **20th May** please.

Brenda Spivey (01392 275784)

USEFUL NUMBERS

Community Policeman: 101

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

Congregational Church: Adrian Wyatt 07976 362615 sheren.wyatt@sky.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

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 12.30pm on Monday, 9th May.

IDE PARISH COUNCIL
idevillage.org.uk

Parish Council Chairmanship: At the extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council on 5th April 2016, Cllr. Barry Hookins announced that he was standing down as Chairman with immediate effect after six years at the helm. His hard work and commitment to Ide during this time was very much appreciated and he received widespread thanks from those present. He will continue as a Parish Councillor.

Vice-chairman Dr Nick Bradley agreed to take over as Acting Chairman and chaired the meeting.

The minutes of this meeting are on the notice board and the website.

Park & Ride:

The result of the Parish Poll, when electors were asked “Are you in favour of the proposed Park & Ride at Round Field near Ide?” was 172 No, 41 Yes. 213 votes were cast, 49.07% of the electorate. So residents of Ide have voted strongly against a Park & Ride Scheme.

At the meeting on 5th April, Councillors voted 7 to 1 against the proposal, after a detailed, wide-ranging and reflective debate. Our objection was submitted to Devon County Council on 14th April 2016. Please go to the DCC website to read it, using the reference below, in the section about Consultation and Correspondence, under Statutory Consultees.

Our key issues of concern are:

- Increased traffic congestion on the C50 and the approaches to Alphington Junction
- Increased danger to cyclists at the junction and the A377 into Exeter
- Inadequate new provision of cycle routes
- P&R too near to the city and to an already congested junction to work as intended
- Poor use of public money
- Effects on wildlife need wider and independent assessments

The PC will work alongside the Save Ide Gap group as the campaign continues, and we encourage everyone to send their view [formally known as a representation] to DCC. Many more people voted than have yet to make a representation. The result of the Poll is in no way binding on the County Council. **Large numbers of individual submissions from village residents carry influence with the County Council.**

There is still time for you to submit your own comments to Devon County Council, directly onto the website [Planning and Development], or by email to planning@devon.gov.uk, or by writing to the Planning,

Transportation and Environment Department, Devon County Council, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter EX2 4QD. The reference to quote is 3846/2016 Round Field. The current consultation expiry date is 31st May 2016.

Next Parish Council Meeting:

On **Wednesday 18th May 2016** at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall there will be the Annual Parish Meeting called by the Acting Chairman who will deliver his annual report. This is followed by the Annual Meeting of the Council 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 on the same date.

The agenda will be posted on the notice board in Coronation Gardens and the website by 11th May.

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.

Communication:

Currently we publish an agenda and minutes for each bi monthly meeting. These are posted in Coronation Gardens and on line as we are required to do.

The village website <http://idevillage.org.uk/> also carries news of issues relating to the village. The village calendar details events in the village and helps the numerous social groups to prevent clashes.

In response to a suggestion from the community that we should do more, we have added a feature to the village website. On the right hand side of the main page, you can enter your email address to get notification by email of new publications on the site. This is a fairly new feature, and we welcome positive and constructive feedback about how it is working. You can unsubscribe by clicking a link in the email."

Road closure:

Devon Highways has advised that work to replace the sewer in Fore Street and Old Ide Lane is due to take place from 4th July onwards, resulting in the closure of the road. Further information will follow.

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

Dr Nick Bradley (Acting chairman) 01392 420616 or email

ncabradley@gmail.com

Rose Saunders (Part-time clerk) 01392 420461 or email

ideparishclerk@gmail.com

Ide Neighbourhood Plan

Call for Sites

Background

Our Neighbourhood Plan is a mechanism for helping our community, including local residents and businesses influence the planning of the area in which we live and work. It can be used to:

Develop a shared vision for the neighbourhood.

Propose where new homes, businesses and other development should be built.

Identify and protect important local green spaces.

Influence what new buildings should look like.

Ide Parish Council is preparing a Neighbourhood Plan, under the provisions of the Localism Act 2012. As part of its work in assessing future development needs, the Ide Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee is calling upon landowners and agents of land within the village for expressions of interest in applying for future development permission.

Why are we calling for sites?

This is an informal opportunity for landowners and developers to propose sites within the Parish of Ide for development. This exercise will not in itself decide whether a site would be allocated for development by the Neighbourhood Plan nor will it commit the proposer(s) to applying for planning consent, but it will simply enable the committee to better understand the needs and wishes of the parishioners within our Parish.

The site suggestions received by us will be used to guide and inform the preparation of the Allocations of Land and Site Development section of the Neighbourhood Plan.

If you want a site(s) to be considered for development by the Neighbourhood Plan, we should like to hear from you. The sites need not be in your ownership, as long as you have a responsibility for managing them, and they can be proposals for a wide range of development uses. At this stage, we simply need to know 1.Location. 2.Type of development - residential/business/recreational. 3.Any other appropriate details - e.g. affordable housing, community use, parking provision.

Please reply to me, Chris Bishop at thegreatbear@btinternet.com, or hand in details to the Community Shop, or telephone me on 07971 918623 for advice.

Please let us hear from you no later than 1st June 2016. Thank you.

Chris Bishop, Chairman of Ide NP Steering Committee

IDE MEMORIAL HALL AGM

The Annual General Meeting for the Ide Memorial Hall is taking place on **Wednesday 25th May at 7.30pm** and everyone is welcome. Whether you are a committee member or not, you are very welcome to attend. This is an exciting time, as we will be discussing plans for the new hall. We look forward to hopefully seeing many of you there. The meeting will take place in the hall.

Maeve Kay, Secretary

THE SECOND GREAT IDE FROCK SWAP

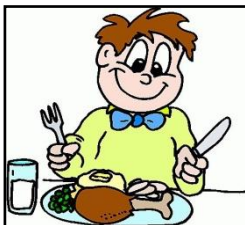
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FRIDAY, 6TH MAY, Ide Primary School, 7.30pm start

Stalls, Bar, Raffle

All proceeds for Ide Primary School and Ide Preschool
Tickets available in advance from Ide Community Shop,
School and from Organisers

Items to bring include all sizes of good quality ladies clothes,
bags coats, hats, belts, braces, shoes, boots, trousers, etc.
(No underwear, swimwear, sportswear or jewellery, please)



MESSY CHURCH

**Saturday, 14th May, from 10am to 12 noon
in Ide Church**

There is craft work, games, a Bible Story and food!
Young and old welcome.

THE IDE COMMUNITY SHOP ASSOCIATION LIMITED

Please take this as formal notice that the annual general meeting of the Ide Community Shop Association Limited will be held on:

**FRIDAY 20th MAY 2016 at 7:30pm at:
IDE PRIMARY SCHOOL,
HIGH STREET, IDE, EXETER, DEVON EX2 9RN**

All the members are invited to attend in order to agree and approve the following:

- The financial statements of the Association (for the year to 31st December 2015) – a hard copy is available to view at the shop or they are on-line at:
<http://www.ideshop.co.uk/about-us/management-team/accounts/>
- The election of the Management Committee members.
Remember, any member is invited to stand for election to the Management Committee. We are keen for the membership of the Management Committee to reflect the community that it serves and for the committee members to have a diverse range of skill sets. If you would like to be considered for election to the committee please contact our Chairman, David Howe, on 01392 253016 or via email at david53howe@gmail.com before Monday 9th May 2016.
- The appointment of accountant / auditor, for the year ended 31st December 2016.
- The fixing of the annual subscriptions
- The application of any surpluses for the current year for re-investment in the Shop or community projects.

There will also be a brief report on the membership of the Association and the membership strategy.

As well as the formalities set out above, we will update you on the progress of the Shop and it will also be an opportunity for you to voice any opinions or suggestions you may have.

We want to take this opportunity to continue to celebrate OUR shop so the event will be open to all villagers and the formalities will be kept to a minimum.

BUT REALLY.....



Please join us at the thinly disguised party that is the
Ide Community Shop and Post Office AGM
(short meeting, long social!)
Friday 20th May 2016 at 7.30pm
Ide School Hall
Subsidised Hog Roast



Including vegetarian option
And, more importantly for some, a Bar!
Free Draw Ticket
Everyone Welcome

FILM NIGHT

Friday, May 6th, 7-45pm, Dunchideock Village Hall - The Choir

Following on two very successful showings in March and April – *The Lady in the Van* and the excellent *Bridge of Spies*, we took a poll on what should be the last show of the series. The winner was: **The Choir**. Dustin Hoffman is the tough loving conductor of the boys' singing Academy. It's a triumph over adversity film, the adversity being a difficult but gifted 11-year-old whose single mother has been killed in a car crash. "Much less cuddly and ingratiating than it sounds," says the *Telegraph*. "Hoffman gives a wonderful subtle performance".

Peter Goodchild

IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

	11am	6.30pm
1st May	Mr I. Vincent	Mr S.Andrews
8th May	Mr P.Willer	Mr P.Symmons
15th May	Mr B.Bunce	Mr M.Trigg
22nd May	Mr L.Mason	Mr D.Edmonds
29th May	Mr P.Willer	Mr D.Chipps

The Hub@Ide.

Travel, travel, travel.

I love to travel, perhaps because until I married, I had done very little, but now its got to me. I love to discover new ideas, new cultures, new anything. It is one of the reasons this year I will be working in Kenya, in South Korea with the Council for World Mission and exploring Cuba before it changes.

At the Hub@Ide we can be much the same, travelling to wherever God leads us, trying new things, but always enjoying coming back to what we know best. We have tried some really different ideas over the last two years, many that needed a lot of clearing up after, but we have always enjoyed it.

And the rest of this year will be no different. Soon we hope to have a time with vinyl records playing great music, I am sure something from the aforementioned travels and our Sunday Club was launched last month. Our 'Flicks' club has also had makeover with new projector equipment and our quiet room, formerly just for storage, will soon be available. And of course, the scones, tea and coffee remain available for all.

All in all, we are still on a journey, one where the destination is not known, and that is both the challenge and the thrill. We would love you to be part of the journey. Perhaps like an airport stopover, just a drop in visit, perhaps just as a tourist, or part time visitor, and of course those up for the long haul flights are always welcome. Whatever your holiday of choice or means of travel, like good tourist guides, we are just waiting to welcome you to anything you would like to visit, so please watch out for what comes next or follow us on Facebook, The Hub Ide.

Every blessing,

Adrian Wyatt (07976 362615) - Church Mission Enabler.

Sunday 1st May 1030 – 1130am – Our new Sunday Club. (Nibbles, music, bible stories, craft and fun

Thursday 5th May – Coffee Morning

Thursday 26th May @7.30pm – Coffee, Chat and Challenge, joint venture with our friends from St Ida's.

Saturday 28th May – Flicks film Club, "The Lady in a Van" with Maggie Smith followed by a strawberry tea!



PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT IDA



1st May	Easter 6	9.30am	Holy Communion
4th May	First Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion
5th May	Ascension Day 7.30pm at Shillingford		
8th May	Easter 7	9.30am	Morning Praise
14th May	MESSY CHURCH	10am to 12 noon	
15th May	Pentecost	9.30am	Holy Communion
22nd May	Trinity Sunday	8am	Holy Communion
		10am	All Age Service
29th May	Trinity 1	10am	Holy Communion

(Joint Service in Ide for all three parishes)

Advance warning. IDE FETE. Saturday June 11th.

We are busy planning the Ide Fete which is to be held on Saturday June 11th at 2pm on the Green. As it coincides with the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations we are hoping to give it a right royal theme and involve as many village people as possible.

There will be the usual stalls and we would appreciate any books, toys, cakes, plants etc., if you have any to spare, and there will be games and entertainments to suit all ages and of course plenty of refreshments. We hope to have a royal guest! Among the activities the Twinners will be organising the making of scarecrow-type Queens, which will be displayed around the village afterwards in prominent positions.(see twinning section for further details).

We are also hoping to combine the Art Show in the church with a Flower show and we would like to invite village groups and individuals to produce flower displays of any size and interpretation of the royal theme.

We will be raising funds for the church, participating organisations, and for our local Force Cancer charity. We would welcome any further ideas for the celebration or offers of help so that it can be a truly Village Affair.

MESSY CHURCH - In April the Bible story was about Jesus telling the disciples to fish on the opposite side of the boat and they caught an enormous number of fish, even though they had been fishing all night and caught nothing. At first, they hadn't recognised Jesus on the shore - this was one of the occasions when they saw him after he had come alive again after being crucified. Jesus spoke to the disciple Peter and asked him three times to feed my sheep (the sheep being people who needed to know about Jesus being God's Son). We made sheep and coloured in fish and ended with a lunch of fish and chips.

Our next Messy Church will be on **Saturday, 14th May, 10am to 12 noon in Church**. Why not come along.

MOTHERS' UNION

We enjoyed a talk by a Canon from the Cathedral on her new job and her "journey" here. She talked about the role the MU had played in that journey.

We have been invited to Dawlish Branch on Tuesday, 3rd May, at 2pm in the Church. Someone from Teignbridge will be talking on "where your rubbish goes". (You may need to arrange your own transport!)

We will meet as usual for prayer group on Wednesday, 4th May, after the 10.30am Service. We will also meet on Wednesday, 25th May at 2.30pm, venue and subject to be arranged.

Sue Campbell

STEVE JOLLIFFE CONCERT

Saturday, 25th June, at 7pm
at Shillingford St George Church
(Tickets at Door £5)

Steve will be performing on keyboards and wind instruments introducing excerpts from current compositions shortly before a tour of Poland.

For more information please visit www.stevejolliffe.net
steve jolliffe on Facebook

WHIST DRIVES

As we reported last month, Whist Drives will only take place on certain Mondays and Fridays in Ide Village Hall and not every Monday and Friday. During May there will be Whist Drives on:

Friday, 6th May

Monday, 9th May

Friday, 13th May

Monday, 23rd May

Friday, 27th May

Do come and join us - new members are always welcome.



Betty Addicott (tel 01392 421763)

IDE MEMORIAL HALL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, 25th May, 7.30pm
in the Memorial Hall
All welcome!

IDE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

First up, a date for your diary - **Saturday, 9th July**, the annual (well for the 2nd year in a row anyway) BBQ on the Village Green. This went very well last year, so fingers crossed for a sunny evening. More details nearer the time.

Ide Twinners will also be active at the Ide Fete on the **11th June**, as we have a unique event planned.... this year of course sees the Queen celebrating her 90th Birthday. We'll soon be able to say... "*ooo doesn't she do well for her age... takes after her mum of course*".... Anyway, whilst some villages in the land are 'cleaning for the Queen' we're promoting something much more fun - Build a Queen! Lifesize or thereabouts... we'll be having a tent at the Fete that you can come along to, where materials can be provided, plus there will be twinning folk present to help you in your constructions should you require help. We are hoping that forthcoming will be some creations that we can exhibit around the village, for all to admire. That'll scare the postman. By all means start your creations before fete day if you like. Anyone who has any spare 'bijouterie' i.e. jewellery (preferably real diamonds and gold and pearls but fake stuff is okay) or unwanted lipsticks, wigs, wool for hair, or anything that might fit the bill, then we'd be pleased to have them - drop them into Lin Black, our own personal Twinning Queen (President) at 30 High Street or tel. 278472 to arrange collection.

We did ask the palace if the Queen could come along and judge the Queenly creations at the Fete, but apparently she'll be ironing her poodles that day. Yeah, I bet, as if there isn't a royally appointed 'presser of pooches' somewhere in the land.

Looking backwards, the Sunday Lunch/Village Feast in the Memorial Hall saw a hall full of lovely people, and we feel we did all proud with our cooking, so hats off to cooks and to all the lovely people who came along. We tend to do the lunch-in-the-hall every other year, so make sure you put a note in your diary... early April 2018, cheap meal deal!!



Oh and the last quiz was nicely attended too, with 11 teams taking part, and Legal Beagles winning (again). There may be a quiz in late May, at the bank holiday, or possibly an outdoor one around midsummer's day ... vagueness vagueness etc etc.

Over and out from Ide Twinning Mission Control Pete Bishop



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

A date for your diary. On Thursday 9 June Ide Lane Friends will be holding a Coffee Morning and Book Sale in Alphington Village Hall from 10.30a.m. Do come along for coffee and cakes, to browse the books and to have a go on the tombola (in lieu of a raffle). Also we have invited Age UK Exeter to have an information stall.

Carers News

Do you look after someone? Then you are probably a carer. At Ide Lane Surgery we are 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, including non-means tested financial help for those who do a lot of caring, so don't struggle on alone. Please tell the Surgery or Jane Greenslade if you are a carer.



Fundraising
Coffee Morning
At The Twisted Oak Pub
Saturday 21st May - 10am – 12noon
In Aid Of
Avascular Necrosis
www.avncharity.org.uk

THE JUBILEE CLUB

With Easter behind us I do feel we are due some warmer weather, hopefully soon.

At our meeting on April 11th we had Ian and Marilyn come to tell us about the work of the Mercy Ships, with slides to illustrate his talk. This is a Christian Charity started in America, now drawing volunteers from many parts of the world. Ian is a marine engineer who has worked on many ships from the Q.E.2 to Cremell Ferry. The crew and medical team working on the ship all pay their own expenses, only the Captain has to be paid by law, he gets vouchers to the value of 10 dollars. Due to the Ebola outbreak the hospital ship was not allowed to go to the Congo, so went to Madagascar. All the treatment and education given is free. When the Stagecoach bus company was sold, £4 million was donated by the people selling to the charity. There are 450 people on the ship, 250 to 270 medical staff. When they visit a port long queues gather of people seeking treatment for many different problems, the ship may remain there for as long as 10 months.

We saw pictures of children with hare lips who would be shunned by other children and looking so sad - then the same child following corrective surgery - a happy smiling person. The locals are also given education in nutrition and horticulture, which all makes a huge impact on the people. Ian is going to Durban in July to replace the propellers on a ship.

I think we were all touched and impressed by the wonderful work done by these people. Ian asked me to mention his telephone number so if anyone was interested in having a talk they could contact him: 01752952195 or 07913065147. Members were most generous in making donations, in addition to a cheque from the club, for which the volunteers were most grateful.

Christine gave the treasurer's report, another successful year for the Jubilee Club, many thanks to all the helpers, and club members. It was good to see Amy back at the club. A bouquet of flowers was given to Clive and Marguarite on the occasion of their Diamond wedding anniversary.

DIARY DATES

May 9th Birthday Party We will be entertained with a short play.
May 23rd Mr Cripps Trumpeter to the Queen.
June 6th Mr Whitton will talk about antiques and value small items.
June 20th Strawberry tea at Longdown.

Jean Hoskin

Maundy Money, my honour.

A letter arrived on December 1st stating that the Bishop of Exeter had put my name forward as a suitable candidate to receive the Maundy Money from the Queen. The Bishops of all the Dioceses of England and Scotland had been invited to put names forward. This is to honour those who have given Christian service to church and community. The necessary form was filled and returned with my Daughter Verity, as my companion.

Maundy Thursday. Thursday March 24th, My Daughter and I arrived at Henry VIII's gate, Windsor, at 9-40 am and were met by the Lord High Almoner's deputy, Miss Melissa Morris. After Police security checks, we walked up to the St George's Chapel where we were conducted to our seats. The service books were on the seat ready for us.

The Chapel is like a small edition of Exeter Cathedral with the pillars and the organ in the loft in front. We were in the Nave, three rows from the front and watched all the processions as they entered by the north door which was about 20 feet from us. The chairs were spaced 2 then an aisle, 4 then an aisle, 4 then an aisle and 2 making ten in a complete row. There were 18 rows.

There were two processions. The first was the College of St George and Chapel Royal headed by the Governor of the Military Knights, followed by the Knights (in their full regalia) and the two choirs and the Clergy. The second was the Queen's Procession led by a Virger and the Dean of Windsor - The Queen, was resplendent in a green outfit with the Duke of Edinburgh by her side. The Royal Almonry Procession followed with the Yeoman of the Guard carrying the lances, and others including six Yeoman carrying very large Gold Plates with the pouches of Maundy money on them.

This year 90 men and 90 women were to receive the honour of receiving the pouches, the red containing a £5 coin to commemorate the Queen's 90 years and a 50p piece to commemorate the Battle of Hastings in 1066. The white pouch contained a sachet of coins face value 4p, 3p, 2p & 1p totalling 10p and there were 9 of these to make 90p.

The organ played for over 30 minutes. The music was brilliant as was the service itself. We had been instructed that she would place the two pouches, one red and one white, in our cupped hands and we should give a slight bow and say, Thank you your Majesty. It was over in about 10 seconds. The service lasted 1 hour.

At the end of the Service we were taken by bus to the main entrance of Windsor Castle and asked for the lift to the State Rooms. My knees do not like stairs. From the lift we were escorted to the Stateroom, where we were served with canapés, white wine and fruit juice. We left about 2.15pm.

What a day and what an experience. Something that we shall never forget as long as we live.

David Garnsworthy.

PAST LIVES - Kat Jenkins, born Katalin Judit Kolos

The Story of one family fleeing from the Hungarian Revolution



I am moved to share this story because I see the fear-based response of some of the world to the 'refugee crises' of today. I would like to share with you the amazing amount of blessings and kindness that my own family experienced when we were refugees at the time of the Hungarian revolution in 1956.

To cut a long story short, the Russians were occupying Hungary after ousting the Nazis. The repressiveness of this regime included imprisoning anyone who disagreed with their philosophy. As a family, we were under the watchful eye of the Avo (secret police) after they discovered, a few days before the revolution broke out, that an aunt of mine was visiting from the UK (she left Hungary much earlier, and married a UK citizen).

On October 23rd 1956, disgruntled students met in a square. By that evening, the demonstration had reached 200,000 in number. Martial law was imposed, and what had begun as a peaceful demonstration turned very quickly into a full scale revolution. Hundreds of tanks went into Budapest and probably 30,000 people were killed.

My mother saw this as an opportunity to start a new life. Her marriage to my father was unhappy, my brother who is 10 years older than I, hated my father, and there were many other factors. The British council removed my aunt to Austria for safety very quickly.

After a failed attempt to leave Hungary, and having all the possessions she'd taken with her stolen, my mother and brother were left stranded. As they travelled home on the tram my mother overheard a group of people talking about an escape route being offered by a farmer living on the Austro Hungarian border. That night they made their way to the farm and taking their chances, walked quietly across the border. On their arrival in Austria they were welcomed. My father followed shortly after with me drugged to sleep in a rucksack. I was 2 yrs 7 months old.

In Austria, after several days of queuing for a country's citizenship, my mother met the Reverend Douglas Stewart from Pennsylvania, a missionary who spoke our language. He was helping the refugees and offered us a home in his town in the US. She accepted, though not before asking my father to return to Hungary without us. He agreed reluctantly. I never saw him again. We started life in the US in a military camp, camp Kilmer, New Jersey. We were made comfortable. Both my mother and brother were very excited to see so much food and luxury of various kinds. When it was prepared we were taken to a small semi detached farmhouse in Souderton PA. Friends of the church queued with boxes of clothes, food, equipment and toys for my family. None of us spoke any English. We soon learnt though! We were safe.

THE WEST TOWN FARM COMMUNITY TRUST NEWS



The sun is shining and all is well at West Town Farm - or at least it should be well. We've discovered that our beautiful Shropshire sheep have a dark secret. Our fluffy, tree averse, lawn mowing sheep, are not quite as wonderful as we thought! Our sheep have quietly, efficiently and unquestionably kept the grass down in our orchards, keeping the trees and the delicate natural ecosystem, which the orchard supports, in perfect balance. Our sheep effortlessly provided us with seven new healthy lambs last month (with a few more still to come). Our sheep that in studies conducted by the Innovative Farmers' Group have been shown to improve soil health, while leaving apple trees unharmed and undamaged have, we are ashamed to say, been caught nibbling on the apple trees.

Theories about what could have driven the sheep to betray us are coming in thick and fast - did they learn it from the Suffolks which we had last year - or maybe the rabbits? Perhaps they are not the pedigree Shropshires we thought they were.

Needless to say, the culprits have been removed from the orchard areas and relegated to sharing pasture with the cattle whilst we decide what to do with them. Luckily another farm are taking the boys and the rest of our store lambs for meat.

Open Farm Sunday - We are looking forward to our Open Farm Sunday on the **5th June** this year and can't wait to see you all. Don't forget it is free entry and as usual we'll have fresh beef in the shop. Call 01392 811257 with any questions or for advanced meat orders.

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