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Many people in the village contributed to the educational resources Dawn Chapman took out to the school in Zambia she visited in June and so, will I know, enjoy reading about her experiences on page 13.

Another of our items, 'GP in a Teepee', takes us to the much chillier climes of subarctic Labrador (page 10)

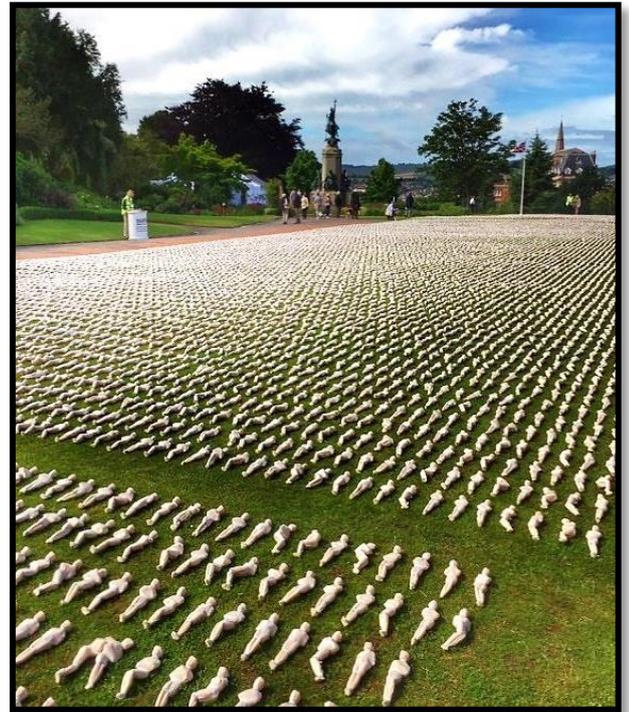
Back home, June was a rather sombre month with memories of the Somme, movingly evoked by the installation in Rougemont Gardens, reminding us of the tragedy of war, the courage and fear of the men involved and the unimaginable scale of the losses inflicted on families and communities throughout Europe and beyond.

The referendum result was another source of real sadness and incredulity for many. It will be interesting to see how history judges this event...the start of a new freer, more egalitarian future, a temporary blip in the status quo or the start of a long term decline in our fortunes. Being a low key optimist, I of course think everything will be OK, or at least as OK as it has ever been. More great photos sent in this month, please keep them coming in.

Thank you Colin Chapman for the photo above. Would also be really good if more of you delved through your memories to come up with a Past Life Story – they are much enjoyed.

Ann Boyce

Items for the September Ide Times should be sent to Brenda Spivey by 20 August please (brendaspivey123@btinternet.com, tel: 27578)



USEFUL NUMBERS

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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, 1st August.

IDE PARISH COUNCIL

idevillage.org.uk

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 for the next meeting.

Next Parish Council Meeting:

Wednesday 28th September 2016 at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall. This will start with a ten minutes' slot allocated for public participation.

The agenda and minutes of meetings are posted on the notice board and the website.

Cycle Tour of Britain:

The Tour of Britain is due to come through Ide on Saturday 9th September – with an estimated arrival time of 14.29 hrs. for information about the route, see www.devontourofbritain.co.uk/route/

Play Area:

The Play Area is open – at last! The money raised at the Casino Night has paid for the safety surfacing work so thank you again to everyone involved. We have applied again to the Coastal Recycling Community Fund for a grant – a lower amount this time – which we hope will be successful. Ideally we would like to install more pieces of equipment, and put a picket fence around the swings.

Village benches:

Some of the benches around the village are in poor condition so will either be repaired or removed. There is also a damaged “Millennium” bench on the road to Dunchideock which is to be replaced.

Vandalism:

There have been several recent acts of petty vandalism in the village so please be on the lookout for anyone acting suspiciously.

To report non emergencies to the police, please dial 101.

Our Neighbourhood Officer, PC Jonathan Croft, can be contacted at jonathan.croft@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk or on 07525 233372

Ide Development Plan

As part of the information gathering stage for Ide's Neighbourhood Plan, The Church Commissioners have declared that they may, at some future date, develop Pynes Farm by putting houses on the farmyard area. In order to gauge local opinion on this, the Parish Council has arranged a meetingThe preliminary site drawings will be put up on the village website well before the meeting".

Communication:

The village website idevillage.org.uk carries news of issues relating to the village. The village calendar details local events and helps the numerous social groups to prevent clashes. There is a new tab on the right hand side of the home page - "please add me to the mailing list" – which will give you an immediate email alert of new postings.

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

Dr Nick Bradley (Chairman) 01392 420616 or email ncabradley@gmail.com

Rose Saunders (Part-time clerk) 01392 420461 or email ideparishclerk@gmail.com

PARISH MEETING about PYNES FARM

Thursday 8th September 2016

6.00 pm in Ide Memorial Hall

The Parish Council has invited representatives of the Church Commissioners to present and discuss their preliminary plans for the development of Pynes Farm, High Street, Ide (above the Car Park).

This is an open meeting for all residents of Ide.

Please come along, view the plans, and make your opinions known.

(Formal notice will be posted nearer the time)



Barn Owl at Whitestone

Mark Dyer

Public Access to School Grounds

As a villager I can speak for many and say we are so proud of our village school. It maintains an outstanding OFSTED status, with pupils willing to come from across the city to attend it. As Chair of the Governing Board I can also say that the school always has and always will be a community centred school that seeks to be a resource to the wider village through the continual hire of the hall and MUGA.

However, the code on the school gate seems to be widely known, allowing many people to access the field and equipment after hours. As a result we constantly have to check for and remove dog mess and replace broken equipment. Someone has even cut two holes in the fence to allow easier access. There is the widely held view that the school grounds are public recreational amenities, but sadly this is incorrect. Like any school it remains private property, and our insurers and solicitors have strongly suggested we should immediately make sure the playing fields are kept in good working order so that they carry out their main purpose of educating children. And so sadly we need to remind the village that the school playing fields cannot be used by the public.

The MUGA and hall are still for hire and access to allotments will carry on throughout the year. Our insurance policy allows the playing field to be open each term time weekday from 3.30 to 5.30pm, but children must be accompanied by an adult, and the school cannot be held responsible for behaviour, conduct or welfare. After this time, at weekends and during the holidays the school grounds must be closed and are therefore out of bounds. Please encourage your children to use the Green or other open spaces around Ide during these times. And we also ask allotment users to lock the gate each time they enter or leave.

We have considered this for a long time and our decision comes from having consulted the police, our insurers and a solicitor. The school simply cannot afford the insurance, time and money to maintain the grounds as public areas, and so we hope you understand why we have had to clarify the school as private property. We are sorry that the school has previously allowed people to think anyone can use the fields, but in order to comply with the law and so validate our insurance we must keep them closed over the summer. However, we shall soon begin to discuss with relevant parties a possible way forward. We'll keep you posted.

Mark Nightingale
Chair of Governors
Ide Primary School

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.

We had a good Volunteers' Evening in July held at Aldens Road Community Room, which about twenty volunteers attended. Ray Guppy had devised a quiz with photos of everyday objects taken from unusual angles, which proved very tricky and volunteers had also brought photos of themselves as a child so we had fun guessing who was who. It was a good opportunity for the volunteers to meet and get to know one another.

Ide Lane Friends recently purchased new stethoscopes for the practice nurses at the surgery as the ones they had were not of sufficient quality. The picture shows Dr Steve Vercoe being checked over by nurses Jackie F, Emma, Ruth and Gilly. The purchase was possible thanks to a donation earlier this year from the Alphington Players.



Our volunteers are manning the car park at Barnfield Crescent, Exeter on **Saturday 13th August**. This means **relatively cheap parking** for the whole day and helps raise funds for ILF, so if you are going into town that day please park there.

Ide Lane Carers Group will meet on **Tuesday 16th August 6.30 pm** at the surgery. Please ring Jane for more details.

JUBILEE CLUB

Bennetts Water Gardens near Weymouth are a place to visit relax and enjoy the walks around the ponds, with beautiful water lilies and a bridge in the style of Monet. A heron was spotted on an island caught by Ralph on his camera. We enjoyed the delicious food on offer in the restaurant. The journey up provided us with good views of Chesil beach but the weather closed in for the return journey to arrive back to find Ide bathed in glorious sunshine!

The sun certainly shone for us on July 18th when we visited the garden at John and Marge Addicott's home in Longdown. John, Marg and their daughter Lorraine had been busy putting up gazebos and setting chairs and tables out in readiness for our arrival. Not to mention the platefuls of lovely food! Burt gave us some mental stimulation with a brain teasing quiz. The answers to one section were all trees. Well it is easy when you are told the answer to the question "Is smart"? Spruce of course. How about, "Is an old joke"? Well, chestnut is that answer and so we go on! As for the celebrity section we all know the name of the Swedish film actress alleged to have said " I want to be alone" Greta Garbo. We parted from this happy gathering planning to meet up with old and new friends in September.

DIARY DATES

September 5th	Bingo
September 19th	Outing. We plan to visit Exmoor the route still on the drawing board.
October 3rd	The Subs are now due please £4. We have the Guildhall Strummers Ukelele Band to entertain us.
October 17th	Susie Healey to tell us about the work of Hospice Care Jean Hoskin

Plea from One Dog Owner to Others

Help, please.....

Like the majority of villagers, I work very hard to try and make my cottage and subsequently the village look pretty with a small display of flowers outside my house. It really saddens me that some irresponsible dog owners would therefore allow their dogs to both urinate on my door step, up my front door and the beautiful flowers I have outside. Not only does this leave a very unpleasant smell both outside and inside the house, it also encourages other dogs to follow suit and the flowers then die.

As a dog owner myself I know that I am able to control where I allow my dog to urinate and that it is clearly avoidable, if those concerned would only be a little more considerate.

Thank you in advance of your co-operation

Louise Watson

Stepps Cottage

PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT IDA



3rd August	First Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion
7th August	Trinity 11	9.30am	Holy Communion
14th August	Trinity 12	9.30am	Morning Praise
21st August	Trinity 13	9.30am	Holy Communion
28th August			11am Holy Communion at Alphington Church

You will see from the above that there is no Service in Ide Church on Sunday, 28th August, but we will be joining the congregation at Alphington Church at 11am.

Our Rector, The Reverend Stephen Bessent, informed us recently that he will be retiring at the end of January 2017. He has been a good friend to many of us and will be greatly missed. He has looked after the parishes of Alphington, Ide and Shillingford St George for a number of years and has worked tirelessly for us all. We still have a few months to enjoy his company but take this opportunity to wish him a happy retirement.

David and Dee Howe's daughter, Emily, was married to Jonny Lawson in Ide Church on Saturday, 16th July. It was a lovely Service, taken by Mark Nightingale. We wish Emily and Jonny a long and happy life together - may God bless them both. The Church was full of flowers and looked wonderful with the sun



streaming in. In fact it was so warm we had to keep guests supplied with glasses of cold water during the ceremony!

Our thanks go to Ide Aloud for their evening of Music when friends and relations were invited to their rehearsal on Monday, 11th July. It was an entertaining evening, with the added pleasure of drinks and cake... and it was all free!

We would also like to thank Ide Community Shop for their very generous donation of £250 towards the organ fund. We need to raise £4,000 to £5,000m for essential maintenance and appreciate their help in starting our appeal fund.

MESSY CHURCH - We all enjoyed the picnic on the Green on the 9th July, when we were able to make use of the gazebos, tables and chairs which had been put there ready for their evening BBQ. The sun shone and we all had a good time. There will be no Messy Church in August but we look forward to seeing everyone again in September. Enjoy the holiday

Brenda Spivey

IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Preachers	11am	6:30pm
7 th Aug	Mr L Vincent	John, Chris and Andy
14 th Aug	Supply	Mr P Jenner
21 st Aug	Mr J Gooding	Mr M Trigg
28 th Aug	Supply	Mr D Chipps

SUNDAY CLUB 7 August with Roy and Ruth. 10.30-11.30. Kids of all ages welcome. Join in the choruses and actions displayed on the screen. Nibbles and squash available.

Those of us who had never experienced a PRAYER WALK, wondered what it was like and maybe would have been reluctant to do such a thing. But on Sunday evening (10 July) a group led by Fiona Field and Adrian Butland walked around the village following a planned route with specific prayers at various points, as well as praying for people along the way. At the Curly Bridge, for instance, a prayer for the safety of drivers was said. It was a lovely evening to be out walking, and it is very exciting to see how God is working in Ide. Back at the Congregational Church, some people had stayed to pray, and at the end we waited to hear from God and His plans. We were most encouraged to hear about churches 'rocking' and love spreading. Most empowering, is how the two churches shared this Prayer Walk, recognising how we are all one body, under Christ. We hope to do more together to grow God's Kingdom in Ide...

Our first Vinyl Record Club was held on 14 July from 7.30pm. Vinyl enthusiasts David and Wayne joined Craig bringing their choice of records to listen to. Non-stop discussions covered the value of 'first editions', how not to be 'ripped off' by shops or Ebay sellers, the early vinyls and the later 180g ones, storage and cleaning records that had been long in storage. It was a great evening and the variety of music played was much enjoyed. The Club will continue on the second Thursday of each month from 7.30pm. It is thought the Club could offer a rescue service to clean vinyls and are on the lookout for a 78rpm record player for Club use.

*******KIDS CLUB...** The theme during August is all about your senses...:
'I am AMAZING!'*****

No charge but donations welcome for all events. Lunch is provided for all.

Wed 3 Aug ~ 11am to 2pm. Theme: 'Sight'.
2pm. Theme: 'Sound'.

Wed 10 Aug ~ 11am to

**Outing* Wed, 17th Aug – The Hub@Ide is going to East Nymph Farm, Spreyton (Near Whiddon Down).*

Courtesy of Roy & Ruth Endacott. There will be a Bar-B-Q and fun activities for all. A 52 seater coach will pick up 10.30 am at the War Memorial and leave the farm at 2 pm.

All families and any special friends (adults or children) are welcome.

If you would like to come, please leave a message for Jackie

Chadwick at the Congregational Church or Email Jackie so we have an idea of numbers coming. If wet, bring wet weather gear but there will be a barn available for use or perhaps even a tent! (Email jacky.c@talktalk.net)

Wed 24 Aug ~ 11am to 2pm. Theme: 'Taste and Smell'.

Other HUB@Ide Events

Thursday, 11 August. ~ VINYL CLUB. 7.30pm to approximately 9pm. Coffee & Tea available.

Thursday, 25 August ~ COFFEE, CHAT & CHALLENGE from 7.30pm. Joint church's fellowship discussion time led by Adrian Butland.

NO COFFEE MORNING this month.



IDE COMMUNITY SHOP & POST OFFICE



We hope you've noticed how smart the shop is looking. Many thanks to Adrian Butland for making such a good job of repainting the shop front



The "contactless" use of the credit card machine seems to be causing a few queries re the charges. So, just to clarify, there is a charge to us for ANY card, no matter how it is presented, and we are charged on ALL transactions not just the ones on a spend of less than £10. Also, as the cost is based on "turnover" as well as the type of card used, and our turnover is ever so slightly less than

Sainsburys/Tesco/Starbucks etc - we have to pay a lot more for each transaction! In light of all this, we hope you will agree with us that our 50p charge on transactions under £10 is fair.

We're glad that yet again our deliciously cool air-conditioning has been appreciated by so many during the recent hot spell, together with the 'eat now' small cartons of Langage farm ice cream. The announcement on the board outside the shop saying that we had cold drinks and air conditioning, resulted in a row of people standing under the air con pretending to select veg but making appreciative noises while cooling off.

Much is now being claimed about the health giving properties of cherries, but that aside, they are just delicious and our large punnets are really good value...too good to miss. Buy soon, the season is short.



Ann Boyce



Past Lives

GP in a TEEPEE

Ian Goodrick

The real Happy Valley is in the subarctic wilderness of Labrador. The folk are Indians, Eskimos and “ livi’eres “, descendants of settlers from Western England and Ireland. There are also recent incomers working in forestry and mining. It’s cold in winter and full of midges in the summer. No roads or rail contacts means transport is by water or small aircraft with floats or skis according to the season. Medical services are provided by the Grenfell Hospital which began as a medical mission in the early 20th century. “Don't go on home visits - they told me - “ because you may never get back to base.” Of course there is an exception to every rule, -isn't there?

The Mounties rang at 2 am, (no horses or red coats this time) A pregnant woman living in an Indian encampment down river was bleeding. The life of the mother and the baby could be at risk so the team was gathered at the dock. Canadian midwife, Scottish medical student, English doctor were put into a small motor boat helmed by a grumpy local “livi'ere”. “ Ain't been to Mud Lake for forty years .” he told us “ Can get you near but not right there .” as he reluctantly nudged us through the mists and between the sandy shoals.

We made landfall on a spit of land covered by fir trees and waded ashore holding the equipment and instruments up high. Single file through the pine forest we came to the Indian encampment of four or five teepees. The patient's sister, a large Indian woman in check shirt and jeans was waiting for us and took us into one of the teepees.

Inside it was warm and surprisingly full of people. Granny was sitting by the central wood burning stove sucking on her pipe. The floor was a thick carpet of turpentine rich pine fronds. She sent two young children off to bed by pulling down an awning from the wall. Then she lit her pipe using a spill from the fire and to our horror extinguished it by plunging the glowing spill deep into the pine fronds . No ignition. No explosion. No fire storm.

Our patient, who was lying on a mattress holding her tummy, was settled and examined. Her pregnancy measured about 34 weeks. The recent bleeding had stopped and the baby's heart rate was regular and strong. An intravenous line was put into her arm and we made the decision to take her back to our small hospital. But how? The grumpy skipper of our motorboat had gone home to bed.

“ How can we get her back ?” we asked.

“ By canoe !” her Big Sister told us.

“ Will her husband drive it? “

“ Aw no way! He's drunk!”

“Then who?”

“ Shucks-I'll do it.”

The long Canadian canoe took us all in a line like a row of beans. The student held the spare equipment, the midwife was monitoring the foetal heart rate from behind the patient and the doctor was working out what to do if the labour started whilst we were afloat. Big Sister went behind a teepee and returned hauling a large Mercury outboard motor which she expertly clamped on the stern post. Pulling the engine into life, Big Sister gently edged us out into the midstream then, as she opened the throttle, the prow of the canoe reared out of the water and we roared back to our little hospital.

Back at base, the patient was settled and observed just as the new day was starting. Fearing a possible premature labour, the ambulance float plane was booked to take our patient and midwife over the Straights of Belle Isle to the main obstetrics hospital in Newfoundland.

Over the next few weeks regular enquiries told us that the pregnancy was persisting, there was no more bleeding and the baby was growing. Then one morning several weeks later, the obstetrics specialist called in the middle of morning surgery. “That Indian lady you sent over with has delivered safely. Mother and baby are doing well. Soon they'll both be back in Happy Valley.”

College Makeover

Thanks to Paul Hornsey-Pennell for the photos



Before

Giant masking tape?

After



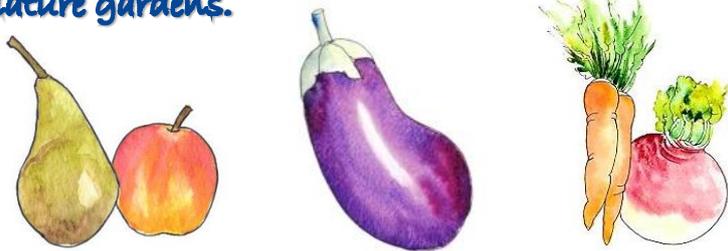
Ide Village Show

2.30 pm Sunday 11 September
Ide School

There's plenty of time to give a bit of extra TLC to your garden or allotment, cook up your preserves and start planning your entries for the show. You can enter as many classes as you like. The categories are as follows (you'll receive a fully detailed schedule of classes and arrangements closer to the event).

FRUIT and VEGETABLES

There are classes for all different types of fruit and vegetables ..this is the really serious bit of the show, but not too serious we hope, no nobbling your competitors marrows please! There are also classes for the funniest, heaviest, longest and for children - fruit/vegetable athletes, pizza queens, piece of Art painted on a stone and miniature gardens.



FLOWERS:

3 matching flowers of any kind

Arrangements:

In a teacup, Hat decorated with flowers & foliage



PRESERVES:

Marmalade, Chutney, Jam and Jelly



OTHER PRODUCE:

3 Eggs
Homebrew
Thermos of Homemade Soup



BAKING:

Victoria sponge, any other cake, 4 decorated cupcakes, any old Ide Tart and an Ide ShowStopper!



Please bring your Entries to the SCHOOL HALL between 9.30 and 11.00am on 11 September.



Thanks to the generosity of the village, friends and family, I was able to travel to Zambia with 9 other ladies, most of whom were teachers, to a charity school called Nayamba School. This was set up by a farming family concerned that the people who worked on their farm had no access

to education as they live too far from any state primary school. They built the initial building and now the charity works to pay teachers' salaries and extend the school buildings so that more children can access a full education. They have also built houses for the teachers who were having to travel too far to and from the school each day.

Our group took twenty large suitcases with us filled with resources for the school such as library books, pre-school equipment, pencils, paints, staplers, hole punches, glue, sports equipment and much more – even a skeleton for teaching biology! We also gave each child in the school a linen bag to carry their things in and each bag contained some essentials such as paper pads, pencils etc as well as some fun things such as bouncy balls and stickers. Thank you to those people who gave resources to support this. The money you helped us raise enabled us to set up so much in this amazing school. Extra money raised was donated to the charity and will help to fund the new classrooms.

We travelled to the school on the back of a pick-up truck each morning – the roads were unlike any I have seen before and the dust was incredible. It was exciting to see monkeys scampering up trees instead of squirrels! Over the course of the week, we established a preschool, which has meant that 40 more very young children now attend the school and access free food - all the children are given a hot, nutritious meal, each and every day. Preschool staff were interviewed and trained and the preschool children introduced to the exciting toys and puzzles which had been crammed in our cases. At first the

children stood in the room and had no idea what to do with the toys. We had to show the children how to play and it was wonderful to see quickly they learned in the week we were there.

The children were very caring towards each other. Watching the older children bring their younger siblings to school in the morning and making sure that they ate up their food was heart-warming.

Across the whole of Zambia and apparently in most African countries, the curriculum is delivered in English although the children speak their own language at home. My week consisted of teaching Grades 4 & 5 in the mornings, and Grade 3 in the afternoon. The morning group was usually around 60 children aged between 10 to 15. Many of the children had little or no education until the school was set up and many have had interruptions in their education due to illness or the need to work. The farm doesn't employ children, but some of them have had to work elsewhere in order to feed themselves when their parents became ill or have died. One child called Jefata told me his 14-year-old sister worked so that he could go to school.

With the morning group, I taught mainly English, art, drama and some maths, often team teaching with a colleague from Alphington. We gave lessons that were observed by the Zambian teachers as their teacher training is limited. I had been concerned that the teachers might feel we were coming into their school and 'taking over' or telling them what to do. However, they were very welcoming and definitely appreciated the opportunity to learn and discuss strategies and techniques. For me, the experience of teaching with no electricity and very few resources was challenging but also very liberating. We had to be creative and use things around us, such as stones to model multiplication when teaching maths.

The classrooms were quite dark in the mornings and the group very large, so we often took the children outside. We taught them songs and also did art around the stories, which they loved, although at first they needed a lot of reassurance and guidance as their experience with art materials had been very limited. Another boy in this class, Frexive, will always have a special place in my heart. Over the course of the



week, we showed the children how to use the library. Frexive would become totally absorbed by the stories he read, coming over to me regularly to check and ask about a word. At food time he took a lot of persuading to put the book down and eat, coming out with me only when persuaded we could read while he ate! He was around 12 (many of the children don't know their ages) but got so much pleasure from Biff and Chip books and picture books such as the Hungry Caterpillar. Life with no books at home, and no TV meant that the library was the most exciting place.

We ate lunch on site and spent time informally with the children who loved looking at photos of themselves on our phones! On the first day, the teachers cooked for us and we ate a typical Zambian meal with nshima, which I first tasted courtesy of Janet Williams here in Ide! We ate with our fingers and had our hands washed outside by the head teacher.

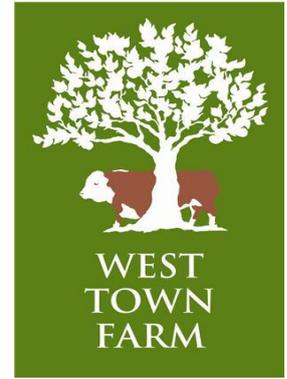


Another aspect of the visit was to discuss child protection with the teachers and other important members of the community. Some of the village chiefs came in to discuss issues such as child marriage and child rape with team members and decide ways in which this could be prevented. Action plans were drawn up and hopefully some children will have happier and safer childhoods as a result.

All of the classes performed their stories to their families and the chiefs of the villages on the last day and it was a great celebration of the children and the achievements of the school. We were presented with traditional wrap skirts by the teachers and we had some emotional goodbyes with everyone.

Thank you to everyone for your support. It was only a short visit but it was so productive. I am now hoping to be involved with the charity's new projects ; helping to set up a secondary school on the site and a trade school where older children and adults can learn crafts and skills so they can support themselves beyond Nagwaza Farm. There is a secondary school in Lusaka, but it is a two hour walk for the children along very dusty roads with no pavements. The charity funds bikes for some children and supports five children with the costs of secondary education. However a few weeks ago, three of the Nayamban children were knocked over and killed travelling from the secondary school along this road. The charity has now decided that a secondary school on site is essential for the safety of the children. If you would like to get involved, please contact me dawn@blueflamerecruitment.com or look on the charity website <http://nayambaschool.org/about-us>.

THE WEST TOWN FARM COMMUNITY TRUST NEWS



Phew! Thank goodness for August. July is one of our busiest months of the year. It's the last month of the school year we've had back to back school visits, residential educational visits, WWOOFers and work experience students! Our best guess is that we've had over 400 people on the farm this month getting out in nature and learning about food, farming and the environment (and that's not counting either of this month's weddings)

Andy, Mike and the farm team have been busy too. We've bought in a mammoth amount of hay, silage and whole crop barley to keep the cows and pigs going over winter. The fine weather has done us some real favours with the harvest but less favours with the loading and unloading of bales.

Now the school holidays are upon us we all get to breath a small sigh of relief even if it is fleeting. And hope the sun continues to shine. We're currently well stocked with charcoal, burgers, sausages and other BBQ favourites so remember us when you're planning your next summer BBQ. The shop is open as usual 9-5 daily, despite the door being shut to keep our little swallow friends out!

We have a very busy month ahead full of weddings, corporate bookings and birthday parties galore. We're looking for a little occasional help with our events bar, so if you or anyone you know is interested please email sian@westtownfarm.co.uk or give us a call on 01392 811257

Thanks,

Sian Ewer - Events and Meat Sales

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