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Huge congratulations to Mark Thomas and Jack O'Connell who completed The Great West Run on 16 October, and in so doing raised enough money from their many supporters to enable the charity, Syria Relief to sponsor not just one, but 4 Syrian orphans! The Halloween Quiz in The Huntsman on 30th October should raise even more money for this charity, so book your table with Pete Bishop if you would like to add your support to this very deserving cause. Congratulations also to Organic Arts (you can read all about this on page 15). Loads of other exciting things going on in and around the village over the next couple of months are flagged up in this issue, not least our very own Community Firework display on 5th November in the Poachers garden. The cover picture evoked childhood memories for me of the magic provided by chestnuts, so I hoped it might do the same for you! There were chestnut trees on my way home from school and I can still recall the intensity of my pleasure at finding a particularly beautiful or large conker, but undoubtedly the greatest pleasure came from the search itself. It would be nice to think that children still enjoy this activity as much, even though conker fights are now banned in many school playgrounds in the interests of health and safety! Items for the December/January Ide Times should be sent to Ann Boyce, email annboyce@talk21.com by the 20th November please. Ann Boyce



USEFUL NUMBERS

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Community Shop Opening Hours: (Tel. 410035)

Monday – Friday 8am – 12 noon and 3pm – 6.30 pm

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Post Office Opening Hours

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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, 21st November.

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.

The next Parish Council Meeting:

Wednesday 16th November 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 will be posted on the notice board and the website.

Saturday 5th November 2016 – **The Ide Rural Skip Service** will take place in Old Ide Lane from 1pm until 3.30pm

This service is for bulky household waste only. NO TRADE WASTE! Please do not deposit any waste at the site before the skip has arrived. For more information, please call the free Recycling Helpline on 0800 731 0323 or visit www.teignbridge.gov.uk/ruralskip

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

Please note that TVs, fridges & computer monitors are accepted.

The Contractor's decision is final in deciding the volumes and types of material acceptable.

There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor:

This is an opportunity to represent your local community and improve the quality of life in the parish. It is an unpaid, voluntary position and you would be required to attend six bi-monthly meetings. Training will be provided and expenses are payable.

If you would like to be considered, please contact Nick Bradley in writing by 1st November 2016.

Neighbourhood Plan/Church Commissioners update:

"On 19 October the Ide Neighbourhood Planning working group held a lunchtime meeting in Smallridge House, Ide to consider the village's response to the Church Commissioners' indicative plans for development at Pynes Farm Yard. Matthew Naylor from the Church Commissioners and Jonathan Hoban of Deloitte joined the group, at the Parish Council's invitation, to discuss the feedback from the village meeting on 8 September. The overall message from the village was that the community is likely to support in principle some residential development of Pynes Farm, given its proximity to the village and its current poor state of repair. However, the community would wish to see fewer than 13 units built, more generous parking provision, a mix

of different sized houses, built as far as possible in a barn style to match the existing stone buildings; and a positive response from the Church Commissioners to approaches from the community in its search for more public open space and recreational facilities.

To start with, we heard from some people who are involved with sport, gardening and child care in the village about the current lack of long term assured facilities for public open space for recreation, children's playground, sports pitches and courts, safe cycling paths, and garden allotments; The Church Commissioners were told about the village's ambitions for the use of Weir Meadow for recreation, play and sport, and the Victorian Orchard opposite Pynes Farm for a public access community orchard. In the second part of the meeting, the working group discussed with the Church Commissioners' team the possible ways (and the pros, cons and likely implications of each) for us to treat Pynes Farm Yard, Weir Meadow and the Orchard in the Neighbourhood Plan. We went on to discuss how the church might respond to an approach from the community to acquire control or ownership of Weir Meadow, and to gain public access to the Orchard. We plan to meet again after further work."

Nick Bradley

ncabradley@gmail.com

BT Phone box:

The Parish Council have received notification via Teignbridge DC that BT have initiated a consultation on the removal of 52 phone boxes across the Teignbridge District. This includes the phone box in the Hams which, according to BT data, has only been used once within the past year. We have been invited to respond within the framework of the consultation with our comments regarding the proposed removal of the phone box, and would be pleased to hear any views from residents of Ide. The consultation period runs until the end of the year.

Dog Fouling: Here we go again! High Street & Fore Street! Message to the irresponsible owner: - please pick up after your dog and use the bins provided or take the waste home! Thank you.

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



IDE COMMUNITY SHOP & POST OFFICE



We have two lots of good and bad news this month....

The first good news is that our new milk supplier has been delivering regularly to us. Underdown Dairy of Exbourne are now providing us with double, single and clotted cream, butter, large natural yoghurt and the usual milks. We are assured that they will be producing fruit yoghurts in the future so watch out for those. Sadly, Ashclyst Dairy no longer exists so we had no choice but to change suppliers but we hope you won't even notice the difference.

The first bad news is that Stevie B's bakery has stopped all deliveries in Devon and now only supplies the Crediton area. They have supplied us with lovely breads, pastries, pasties etc. for a long time so we will be sad to see them go. However our buying team (mainly Barry) have sprung into action and we will be trialling bakery products from Endacotts bakery in Okehampton. We will be taking deliveries from them on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We hope that you will enjoy their products, please let us know what you think, we are always happy to receive feedback from our customers about everything that we sell.

Arthur's meat from Topsham will be delivering their excellent products to the shop on the first Friday of each month. If you wish to order any meat please make sure that you let Susanna or Elizabeth know by early on the Thursday morning before Friday delivery, watch out on our Facebook page for more information. We aim to always have a selection of meats in the freezer, do try them as all the Arthur's products are delicious - the diced beef is the only one I have ever tried that needs no trimming and can be used straight from the pack, it melts in the mouth too.

The second lot of bad news is that if you were planning to use surface mail to send your Christmas goodies to loved ones in the Middle and Far East, South Africa, Canada or USA you are already too late as the last posting dates have passed for these destinations. However there is always airmail, pop into the



Post Office as we have information leaflets about last posting dates as well the full set of Christmas stamps. The good news is that the Post Office will be open right up to Christmas for all your postal requirements, whether you want cheery Christmas stamps or to send an aspidistra to your Great Aunt in



Norway, they are here to help and advise.

Lastly a big personal thank you from me to David Williams for the sterling work he is doing on the shop rota. He has taken it on, even from a great distance, and is doing a great job. Thanks also to our great volunteers who have taken the change in their stride and come up trumps as they always do. If you would like to be part of our happy team of volunteers, don't be shy, just leave your details in the shop and someone will be in touch. Penny Smith

IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH/The HUB@Ide

I watched a documentary the other day called 'The boy with no brain'. In it, the medical profession had to re-evaluate what they thought they knew about the human brain. When this little boy, Noah, was born with most of his brain missing, his parents were told that he would not survive because his brain could not grow. But Noah's did! There is currently no medical explanation for what happened but apparently no one considered that it could be God who had done this- even though they used the word 'miracle'.

So frequently God performs miracles around us, but we are so set on trying to find a 'scientific reason' for these miracles, instead of appreciating His grace and love. We miss it. We miss God working in our lives, we miss His messages to us, we miss Him calling us, loving us and protecting us. If we could grasp even a little bit, the awesomeness and power of God, we would ask for His help more often.

God didn't send Jesus just for a few 'good' people, He calls everyone into his arms, to be loved and comforted. You could have done all sorts of 'bad' things, things you're ashamed of or feeling guilty about, but Jesus still loves you.

Have you asked God for anything recently? Have you thanked God for anything recently? Connect with God and see how He works in your life.

There is a **bright red Letterbox** outside the chapel (The HUB), which anyone can use to ask for prayer, if you want to.

There are lots of really good things happening in the next few months at The HUB, so check out the adverts and please feel free to join us. There is something for everyone.

| November 2016 Preachers | 11am | 6:30pm |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 6th | Mr A Wyatt | Mr S Andrews |
| 13th 'Remembrance service with St Ida's' | Mr G Gotzen | Mr L Mason |
| 20th | Mr N Taylor | Mr M Trigg |
| 27th | Mr B Bunce | Mr D Chipps |

Events for all...

| The Hub | Event | Time |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Thurs 3rd | Coffee Morning | 10:30am-12 |
| Thurs 10th | Vinyl Club | 7:30pm-9pm |
| Fri 11th | 'Download' – Gaming evening for 7-15 yr olds | 6:30-8:30pm |
| Sat 19th | Flicks@The Hub My Fair Lady | 2pm |
| Thurs 24th | Coffee, Chat and Challenge | 7:30pm-9pm |
| Sat 26th | KFP Christmas decs | 11am -2pm |

Coming up in Dec:

A reflection of Ide this Christmas...

Bring a decoration for the Christmas trees in The Congregational Church (The Hub) for a suggested 50p donation. It could be in memory of a loved one (with a message?), or a specially made one, your favourite one or anything you like. Be part of the community by hanging *your* decoration on or after 1st Dec.

All money raised will go to supporting the events that The Hub offers the community of Ide free of charge.

- Thurs 1st Dec - **Christmas Coffee morning** with performance from children from Ide Primary School, mulled wine, mince pies and decorating Christmas Trees...
- Sun 11th Dec 4:30-5:30pm - **Ide Rocks** – Christmas Sing-a-long and games for all (see posters) Remember to request your favourite hymn, chorus or carol **BEFORE** the event. (email mynameisfiona@hotmail.co.uk)



The Hub@Ide

Fri 11th Nov
6:30-8:30pm

Super Awesome gaming
for 7-15 year olds.

- Bring your ipad, laptop, kindle etc (NO Age-restricted games allowed!)
- A games console will be available for multi-player games
- Tuckshop
- Entry with permission slip only!

Contact Fiona Field 07736449790

If anyone could lend us an Xbox or playstation for the evening, please get in touch asap...



*Christmas Sing-a-long
and games (with chocolate prizes)
Everyone invited!
@ The Hub (Ide Congregational Church)*

**Sunday 11th Dec
4:30-5:30pm**

- Prior to event, please request your favourite hymn, chorus or carol (email mynameisfiona@hotmail.co.uk or drop a note into the red post box at The Hub as soon as possible)
- Live band
- Hot drinks and mince pies afterwards
- Usual Sunday service starts at 6:30pm

Rockin' around the Christmas tree...

SAINT IDA'S CHURCH



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| 2nd November | First Wednesday | 10.30am | Holy Communion |
| 6th November | 3 before Advent | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| 12th November | | 10.30am to 12.30pm | MESSY CHURCH |
| 13th November | REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10.45am at the War Memorial followed by a Service at the Congregational Church | | |
| 20th November | Christ the King | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| 27th November | Advent Sunday | 8 am | Holy Communion |
| | | 10 am | All Age Service |

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - On the 13th November we will gather at the War Memorial at 10.45am which will enable us to have the 2 minute silence at 11am. It would be appreciated if those who are not attending could avoid driving past the War Memorial at that time. This would be much appreciated.

HARVEST FESTIVAL on the 9th October was a great success. The Church had been beautifully decorated and a number of people brought harvest gifts to the Service. These were donated to the Food Bank for those struggling to make ends meet. Fifty of us thoroughly enjoyed the excellent harvest lunch down at the hall after the Service and our thanks go to all who worked so hard to provide the lunch, wash up, clear up, etc. We were sorry that Evanne was not able to be with us as she had had a fall. Hope you will soon be better Evanne.



MESSY CHURCH on the 8th October was well attended and needless to say had a harvest theme. The children had to work out why we were like some vegetables - potatoes have eyes, corn has ears, lettuce has a heart, and you have a hand of bananas!

Our **next Messy Church will be on Saturday, 12th November, 10.30am to 12.30pm.** We will be making up shoe boxes for needy children in Eastern Europe as well as having a Bible story. The morning will finish with lunch. All welcome.



St Ida's Church FESTIVE TEA

Saturday, 3rd December, 2.30pm
in Ide Memorial Hall

Tea/coffee and cakes, Stalls,
Games and Activities for children

Father Christmas hopes to find time to attend!



MOTHER'S UNION

Prayer Group, will meet as usual after the 10.30am service on Wed. Nov. 2nd. All welcome to join this small relaxed group.

Autumn Council is on Friday Nov. 4th, in St James church hall. Starting at 10.30am after coffee. All members are welcome to attend.

Our own monthly meeting is on Wed. 23rd, at 2.30pm here at my home.

Ann Leigh is coming to give us this year's course talk.

Sue Campbell

THE JUBILEE CLUB

It was a lively gathering when the club met on October 3rd to be entertained by the Guildhall Strummers Ukulele Band. They are a group of people who like to get together to make music and the pleasure they achieve in so doing was very evident. The tunes they played were well known, including I Never Felt More Like Singing The Blues, Blue Suede Shoes, a soloist I'll See You In My Dreams and to finish a request from Daphne, Eyes Of Blue.

It was a pleasure to welcome three new members, Judith and Gordon Long and Mary Goodrick. A bouquet of flowers was given to Janet Colgate for a special birthday.

At our meeting on October 17th we had a talk by Sarah telling us about the amazing work done by the Hospice. Sarah proved to be an excellent speaker, you could truly hear a pin drop the attention of the club members was so intent on her every word. Hospiscare is not a national charity but a local one centred around Exeter, Mid and East Devon and is not under the NHS but does receive a grant of £1.2 million. This does mean they are able to maintain control over the way the Hospice is run. It is not just about Cancer but about symptom care and control over many complex needs. There are no McMillian Nurses in this area because it is covered by Hospice. The Hospice has a twelve bed in patient facility and 50% of patients go home again. There are also Day Centres in the area. It is a place with much laughter in lovely surroundings with many complementary therapies to enjoy. Twenty six community nurses care for 750 patients in their own homes at one time and 1,150 volunteers carry out a variety of jobs without whom the Hospice could not operate. Care Navigators are a new group of volunteers who go into patients homes to help in many ways, for example taking a patient out to the pub or for a cream tea, to helping set up skype in order for the patient to keep in touch with distant family and friends. The Hospice has recently received a CQC outstanding accolade. Funds are raised from shops, events, legacies and other ways. The talk was inspiring. Sadly, Enid was unable to come having suffered a fall and Bill was missing after his cataract operation, the draw was not the same without them. Best wishes to Evanne who was also unable to

be with us.

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DIARY DATES

November 14th

Christmas shopping trip to Kings Garden Centre,
Exmouth leaving Ide at 11am.

A Red Carpet Affair!



November 28th
December 12th
January 9th 2017

Christmas Bingo
Christmas Party
Bingo

Jean Hoskin

Ide Aloud Presents

**A NIGHT
AT THE MOVIES**

Dec 3rd. 7.30pm

**Walk along the Red Carpet to
Ide School Hall
Includes Quiz, Supper and Draw**

**Oscars for best dressed on the Red Carpet!
Songs and surprises
from Movies old and new**



Charity Pre-Loved Sale

Saturday 26th November

10.30am – 1pm

Ide School Hall, EX2 9RN

Pre-loved
children's
clothes and
toys

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clothing

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home
accessorie



Please join us for what will be an
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experience.

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Balloons
Bereavement And Loss Looking ONwards
Working with pre- and post-bereaved children, young people
and their families in Exeter, Ais and East Devon.

Tickets £5 From the Community Shop

Ellie Morgan, aged 9 from Ide Primary school is organising her 3rd charity fundraiser. A pre-loved sale.

Ellie is raising money for the charity **Balloons**, which works with pre and post bereaved children, young people and their families.

Please come along on the **26th November** to show your support if you can.

FILM NIGHT

7pm, Dunchideock Village Hall.

... a flying start with a large and touching love story, *Brooklyn*, and a Charity Champagne Supper showing of *Strindberg* featuring Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant. This is a completely new Jane Austen.

... used two of Austin's early novellas to ... and "it shows just how funny Jane Austin can be" awarding it five stars.

... newly widowed Lady Susan, cunningly ... way to a new husband and back into ... "much of a Jane-ite," says David Sexton in ... converted now, though," reflecting the ... s it an exceptional 100% Rotten Tomatoes ... reatly. Peter Goodchild

10.

ALLEU'S SURPRISE

I have been fortunate to count among my friends a young woman from the Gambia and her son, Alleu. They lived with me for two years whilst waiting for leave to remain in the UK.

During that time I would read him stories and poems that my children, 50 years ago!, had enjoyed. Amongst them were poems from "When we were very young" by AA Milne. and one of Alleu's favourites was "They're changing guard at Buckingham Palace". So when he, at 4 years old, started school he knew this poem off by heart.

Earlier this year during all the celebrations of the Queen's birthday, Alleu expressed a wish to send a card to the Queen in Buckingham Palace. He drew a picture of her and wrote "Happy Birthday Mrs Queen" on it. We duly posted it to The Queen, Buckingham Palace, London W1.

Alleu's mum was incredulous that this was possible and that we might get a reply.

The months went by and I had forgotten all about it. Then, in the first week of October a letter arrived addressed to Alleu with unusual franking that, at first, I did not recognise. A large E R surrounded a coat of arms and the same symbol was on the back of the envelope.

By this time Alleu and his mum were living in their own home, so I called them and urged them to come and visit me because I had a surprise for Alleu.

The next morning they came round with Alleu barely holding back his eagerness to know what the "surprise" was. I added to his excitement exclaiming that it was something amazing. He hopped about the room exclaiming "Amazing, amazing amazing!" His mum sat down and I sat Alleu on my knee and showed him the envelope with its inscriptions. We opened the envelope to reveal a beautifully gold embossed card inside which was a photograph of the Queen looking like a sweet grandmother and words expressing her thanks for Alleu's birthday wishes. At this, Alleu stood up, through himself full length on the floor, shouting "Amazing"!

Not only Alleu was thrilled and excited, his mum was equally so and vowed to keep this precious artefact safe "forever".

I too was touched to think that this little family who had seen some hard times had been acknowledged by our sovereign and were so happy and appreciative.



Maggie Skeet

St Thomas Library is getting ready for its annual

Active Life Active Mind Month.

In November, libraries across Devon will be putting on a tonne of events that aim to promote health and well being. Some will be directly aimed at improving physical health while others will be promoting creative thinking and some will be just for fun!

At St Thomas Library there is a varied programme of events on. Some are free, others are ticketed. Please contact the library for more information and to reserve your place.

Author Talk – Elizabeth Ducie (Award winning self-published writer)

Thursday 3rd Nov – 7pm - £2

‘Leaf’ - Young Adult book group

Friday 4th Nov – 6pm -7.15pm – Free

Anxiety – A simple guide with practical management

Tues 8th Nov – 7pm – Free

Film Club – A monthly club that watches and discusses film

Wed 16th Nov – 7pm - £20 a year subscription

Creative Writing and the Journey to Self-Publication – With Author Dominic Cauty (come and see the SharkVan!)

Sat 19th Nov - 2pm – Free

Author Talk - Chrissy Parker (Thriller/Historical)

Thurs 24th Nov – 7pm - £2

Author Talk – Linda Finlay (Penguin author/ Local family saga/historical)

Wed 30th Nov – 2pm - £2

If you would like to come to both **Chrissy Parker** and **Elizabeth Ducie’s** talks you can save money with a combo ticket - two events for just £3!

Don't forget St Thomas Library runs **weekly story time sessions for the under fives on Mondays 2.30pm** and **Bounce and Rhyme sessions on Thursdays at 10am and 11.30am.**

Do spread the word about St Thomas Library as it is here just for you, your friends and family. Everything from free computer usage and wifi to DVD hire, digital book downloads and of course books of all kinds. Come and say hello, we are all incredibly friendly!

St Thomas Library is located on the corner of Church Road/Cecil Road , which is off of Cowick street opposite the Buller Public house, call us on 01392 252783 or email stthomas.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk for more information about our services. We are on Facebook and twitter (@sthomas.lib) and will help as much as we can with any problem you care to throw at us!

IDE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Greetings all and sundry,

How good it is to have regularly occurring events within the village, or maybe that's just me getting ancient & liking routine



Fireworks in the Poachers Beer Garden: this will take place on the evening of day itself, 5th of November. There will be the usual quieter display for children kicking things off, and then later the main noisy and more spectacular display. Timings are on posters around the village.

For those who may be newcomers to the village (welcome!) The Twinning Association some years ago took it upon themselves to be the ones organising the display. We balance income from donations/entry money with amount spent on fireworks i.e. the display is not-for-profit. However, it is not a free event! If you are intending attending then please make sure you contribute - the 'I've donated' entry labels are, even as I type this, already available in the community shop and The Poachers. You pays yer money, you wears yer sticky label!

Twinners will also be offering the usual full range of hot and tasty foods for you on the night – excellent BBQ burgers etc, freshly-made hot chips, possibly soup, possibly other things, so don't bother having tea before you turn up, instead get something when you arrive and in this way support the event. Cheers. Appreciated.

Halloween Quiz – Sunday October the 30th, so I'm not sure if you'll get notice of this in time (it'll depend my lovely ex-colleagues at Exeter University Print & Copy Services (hello Nige, Becky & Patrick!) getting The Ide Times printed as soon as they are able) but this year's Halloween Quiz will be a charity event in aid of Syria Relief (www.syriarelief.org.uk). All profits to this organisation, which does its best in the face of the appalling situation for our fellow human beings in war-torn Syria. As usual, extra points & prizes for Halloween get-ups.

Christmas Quiz – a bit early to say, but there will probably be a Christmas Quiz, else I suspect there may be Civil Unrest within the village. Not sure of a date, need to discuss with pub, but somewhere between Boxing Day and New Year's Eve. Again it will be in aid of charity.

Twinning AGM – yes, of course, the highlight of the whole village social calendar. 17th of January next year, Poachers pool room I mean dining room. & to make it even more attractive as a great night out we've booked The Andrew Sisters. Clodagh Rodgers is catching up with her ironing that

night so unavailable. It'll kick off at 7.30pm and is an opportunity to come along and meet us all and hear tell of what has gone down in the world of Ide Twinning over the past year. Then we will select various victims to fulfil roles such as 'Chair', 'Vice-Chair', 'Secretary', 'Treasurer' and 'Sheep Dip Rescue Team Leader'. The process will involve people stepping back, hence the need for the sheep dip.



The last quiz was at The Huntsman, made a change, and we'll continue alternating venues between there and The Poachers. Winners were Dave, Dee, Kevin, Robyn and Andy, who won not only the wonderful first prize but also free entry next time they come along. It's all about loyalty, see we might start giving green shield stamps out too. The 'practical round' was 'make a known cartoon/animation character out of pipe cleaner and drinking straws'. Local newly-weds (I think) Dean and Jo marked the entities in best objective fashion and winners of said round were some of them there Voyseys (& able assistants) with a representation of a fishy fish from Finding Nemo

That'll do, over and out and best wishes from the Ide Twinning Public Relations & Media Presence Team.

P.S. does anyone else remember the sheep dip in Ide?

**Longdown's Pantomime for 2017 is
'The Sound of Longdown'
and is being held on 27th and 28th January 2017
Evening Performances at 7.30pm, Saturday Matinee at 2.00pm
Tickets £5
Box office: 01392 811315
Tickets go on sale at the end of November, so make sure you
book early to avoid disappointment.**



A big thumbs up for local charity that is awarded a grant from the Big Lottery Fund

Organic Arts is celebrating today after being awarded a grant of £158,385 from the Big Lottery Fund. The fund will support Organic Arts' community garden for the next five years which gives people to opportunity to engage in a variety of garden based practical activities on the outskirts of Exeter in Ide. It offers volunteering opportunities for anyone who wants to get involved but is particularly targeted at people with mental health issues, physical disabilities, learning disabilities and people recovering from addiction. Volunteer days are offered on Wednesday and Fridays from 10.30am - 4pm with a minibus pickup from Exeter.

Christine Duff from Organic Arts said: "We are absolutely delighted to receive this support from The Big Lottery Fund, this gives us our project security for the next five years. Enabling us to continue to offer an environment where people have the opportunity take part in meaningful volunteering opportunities, build their confidence and skills and to socialise with others in their local community".

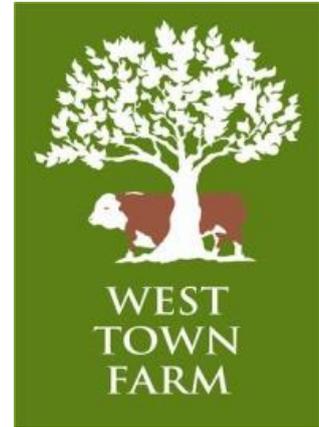
Launched in 2004 Organic Arts promotes learning with the land, involving people in creative farm based activities for a healthy future. We work with over 7,000 people a year through educational visits, workshops, community projects, exhibitions and walks. We are based at West Town Farm in Ide on the outskirts of Exeter

For further information about Organic Arts, including details on how to join the community garden, please visit www.organicarts.org.uk, call 01392 811080 or pop into Exeter CVS



THE WEST TOWN FARM COMMUNITY TRUST

We want to thank everyone who attended Apple and Pumpkin Day, it was a huge success and our busiest yet. So nice to see many faces from the village. We were so lucky with the weather! We still have many pumpkins left, and apples galore....crumble, anyone?.



We just had a fresh meat week, so our freezers are now full with our delicious organic meat. The farm shop is open between 9am-5pm.

Helen and the farm team have been busy with the beef cattle. The vet has been to carry out castrations, this has many significant advantages both to the animal and the meat. I've been happy to sit this out and plan weddings and other events for next year in the WARM office.

We are, of course, thrilled that organicARTS, the charity based at West Town Farm, has received a BIG lottery grant to continue the work they do in their community garden for another five years. (details in the previous article).

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