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FEBRUARY 2017

2017 is now well underway with various changes in the village. You will see that Ide School has become part of a Multi Academy Trust.

Some houses have changed hands and we extend a warm welcome to anyone who has recently moved into Ide.

We hope you will join in local activities and enjoy living here. The Community Shop is always pleased to add new volunteers to its list of helpers. We wait to see what will happen about the Pynes Farm development. We have said a sad goodbye to our Rector, The Revd Stephen Bessent and look forward to a new person being appointed.



Items for the March Ide Times should be sent to me, Brenda Spivey: email brendaspivey123@btinternet.com by the 20th February.

Brenda Spivey (01392 275784)

USEFUL NUMBERS

Community Policeman: 101

The Parish Church - Church Office 01392 662280 and leave a message.

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

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

Community Shop Opening Hours: (Tel. 410035)

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

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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, 13th February.**

IDE PARISH COUNCIL
idevillage.org.uk

Meetings: The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Wednesday 15th March 2017** at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. This will start with a ten minutes' slot allocated for public participation. The agenda will be posted on the website and notice board by 9th March.

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.

Keeping in touch: We publish the agenda and minutes of the bi-monthly meetings on the notice board in Coronation Gardens and on the website idevillage.org.uk

If you wish to be informed of new posts on the website, please sign up to receive an automated email - just add your name and email details to the section on the main page and hit "subscribe".

New Parish Councillor: I am pleased to announce that Rachel Herbert was co-opted onto the council on 14th December.

Community Orchard for Ide? A public meeting was held prior to the Parish Council meeting on 18th January – please see separate report.

Play Area: The new play equipment and fencing has been installed- there are just a few finishing touches to be made. Thanks again to everyone involved.

Neighbourhood Plan: The Neighbourhood Plan for Ide Parish has almost reached the stage of a draft document for consultation in the village and with neighbouring parishes. This document will be ready by early February. There is to be a public exhibition with posters carrying the important proposals of the draft plan on **Saturday 11 Feb 2017**, in the Village Hall, from 9am to 12 midday. Copies of the draft plan will be available there, and on the website. Village residents will be able to comment on the proposals (termed policies) in the plan by returning a questionnaire available on Feb 11, and again on the website. We hope very much that you will come to the exhibition; and even if you can't, then to read the draft plan and comment on it by completing the questionnaire.

Trees: A reminder that if you are planning to carry out or have carried out any work on trees on your property (topping, lopping, felling, uprooting) then contact Teignbridge District Council as Tree Preservation Orders,

Conservation Areas, Planning Conditions, Felling Licences or Restrictive Covenants legally protect many trees in the UK. The 'Tree Team' at Teignbridge can be contacted on 01626 215747 (office hours) or google *tree team Teignbridge* and follow the links. If you are intending to employ someone to carry out the work on your behalf then it is important to make sure that they are operating within the law, have the correct qualifications and are insured.

New PCSO: We have been advised that there is a new Police Community Support Officer for our patch – Carl Thomas. He has taken over from PCSO Paul Tucker.

Planning applications received this month include Teignbridge planning ref: 16/03222/FUL - creation of a new driveway to connect existing drive to road at 5 The Green.

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 School is now part of a Multi-Academy Trust

We are pleased to announce that as of the 1st January 2017, we have successfully converted to a Multi-Academy Trust. Governors, staff and members of the community have worked hard to make this happen and to develop a culture and ethos that reflects the four schools.

Over the past year, the schools have been working more closely together to support each other and we will continue to strengthen the links further over the coming months and years. The decision to convert to academy status was in the belief that through working together as a group of schools we can increase the opportunities for children and ensure that every child achieves their full potential.

The four schools are now in a strong position to manage new education policies and financial pressures, and we look forward to a successful future together.

Justin Stone: St Thomas Primary School

Caren Brooks: Bowhill Primary School

Debbie Buckingham: Alphington Primary School

Sharon Tarr: Ide Primary School

A COMMUNITY ORCHARD FOR IDE?

The short public meeting regarding the possibility of obtaining a 'Community Orchard' for Ide was well attended, with 37 people venturing out on what was a very chilly January evening.

The Chairman of 'Orchard Link', Mr Charles Staniland gave a brief presentation on the work of Orchard Link, and the rise of community orchards in the south-west, with some advice and



pointers should it prove that the village is able to obtain tenure of the 'Victorian Orchard' (which, should you not know, lies on the other side of the road from Pynes Farm, just up the road from the car park at the top of the village).

We found out that there are around 25 community orchards throughout South Devon, of varied size and set-up, all of which provide a great amenity for the communities they serve/the communities that serve them. Some of the benefits of a community orchard include them being great venues for community events, a place for some physical engagement with the natural world, welcome green space for a quiet stroll, an opportunity to develop some bio-diversity in this busy & wildlife-unfriendly world, a place for school wildlife study to name a few, plus, of course, the source of a supply of apples (or indeed other tree fruit).

Charles did point out that there is an amount of work involved, as trees need to be planted, and looked after, as do to a certain extent surrounding hedges, but such work can provide the focus for community events (his tip – provide plenty of tasty food for those that come along to such events!). There would be other factors to be considered in addition to planting and maintenance, but all-in-all, the feeling was that whilst a degree of planning, financial commitment and labour would be involved to begin and to maintain a community orchard, there would be nothing beyond the wit, wisdom and physical endeavour of the common folk of a village. Those present at the meeting were very positive about the possibility of a community orchard for Ide, and expressed overwhelming support.

Our possible orchard is on a hillside, with good views over parts of the village and countryside to the west – a great place to watch the sun go down. It has many established but old trees, but sadly with each passing year more trees fall. It would benefit from us, but not as much as we'd benefit from it, via some TLC ! The Parish Council will now start discussions with the Church Commissioners about acquiring the orchard.



IDE COMMUNITY SHOP & POST OFFICE

If you are missing the wonderful aromas that we associate with Christmas, why not have a go at making marmalade. Nothing beats a jar, or several, of marmalade, freshly made, sticky and delicious - it will fill your kitchen with the smell of citrus and for the adventurous maybe whisky and spices. The very best oranges for marmalade are from Seville and the season is very short so don't leave it too long!

Sadly the good people of Seville do not appreciate their oranges as we do and when I was staying in Seville the only marmalade on the breakfast table was in dinky little jars from Mr Robertson!

We are selling Seville oranges in Ide Shop at this time but if you want to make industrial quantities you could always order them before midday closing for delivery the following day.



Ordering is always a good way of making sure that if you want something in particular for a certain day it can be in the shop ready for you to collect. Many of our customers already order a newspaper to be put by for them each day but did you know that you can also order meat, fish, bread and vegetables and much more too. If you need something for a certain day just ask in the shop and we will see what we can do for you.

Now that we are in to the New Year we have to make special mention of our fantastic volunteers. Just before Christmas we all met in the Poachers for a 'thank you' do and Lynn Hucker won a hamper of shop goodies in the free draw. It is always good to get together. We do this every year and now, approaching our eighth birthday, it is amazing to look around the room and note that the vast majority of our volunteers have been with us from the very beginning. This is quite exceptional in the world of Community run shops as it can be notoriously difficult to hang on to volunteers.

We are so lucky to have our loyal band, they obviously enjoy it and perhaps you would too. It is a great way of meeting the villagers of Ide so if you would like to join our happy team please ask in the shop and they will put you in touch with someone to talk to.

Penny Smith

JUBILEE CLUB

I am writing this on a cold sunny January day, with the evenings drawing out, looking forward to spring. However there are meetings to report on from before Christmas. We had Bingo on the 28th November, and members brought shoe boxes which were collected to go on their way to add cheer to less fortunate people in Moldova.

It was Party time on the 12th December, when a good number of members were entertained by children from Ide school. The children had only that term been learning to play bell plates and they did really well playing a selection of carols for us. We wish you a merry Christmas was a tricky one being rather fast - it proved to be so popular an encore was requested, and of course we all sang along with the



words. Much interest was shown in the bell plates and the children brought them around to let us handle them before returning to school. Now it was time for some entertainment supplied by the helpers at the club. Christina soon had everyone busy designing pictures, while costumes were donned for an adaptation of Jack And the Beanstalk written by Christina. The table judged to have made the best picture was Pam Voysey`s. As all pantomimes do, Jack played by Christine, having climbed the beanstalk sorted out the giant, played by Diane, lived happily ever after. The costumes were kindly loaned by the Longdown pantomime wardrobe. After all this hilarity, time for tea, the cake was cut by Enid and a toast was given by Margery. Our thanks for the kind donation of the cake and sherry. Also a big thank you to Betty and her whist group for the generous donation to the club.

There was not such a big group for bingo on the 17th January, but we had a good afternoon, with Tony standing in as caller (Cliff was not able to come as he was unwell). On the 14th January a party of members attended Dunsford Pantomime, which was , I think greatly enjoyed.

DIARY DATES

February 6th	Brenda Spivey is going to share with us her Past Life.
February 20th	Alison Cross - Exercise with Music
March 6th	Across the World and at Home - Susan Tribble from the Red Cross.



Calling all Keen Gardeners

After the success of the hugely enjoyable Open Gardens event in 2014, the organisers have recovered sufficiently to contemplate doing it again...if there is sufficient interest. Several people have already very kindly offered to open their gardens on a Saturday or Sunday at the end of June

In case you are wondering what it involves: gardeners prepare a short description of their garden to go in a leaflet. Your garden does not need to be perfect or large, just well loved, interesting and in Ide! Many gardeners see it as good motivation to get out and make the most of their garden.

On the day, visitors buy a leaflet with a map and make their way round the open gardens at their own pace between the hours of about 10am and 4pm. You can choose to have your garden open for a shorter time within these hours if you wish. Each open garden is marked with a sign and a few arrows if necessary for any that are a bit tucked away. Refreshments can also be enjoyed in some of the gardens. If you think you might be persuaded to open your garden, or would like to be involved in organising the event, please contact the editors of the Ide Times who will pass your details on to the organisers - Ide Growers. They will then contact you and keep you informed as plans progress.

IDE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
Saturday, 11th February, 9am - 12 noon
Ide Memorial Hall
EXHIBITION OF THE PLAN'S 1st CONSULTATION DRAFT
CONTAINING ITS 6 POLICIES

Come and talk, make your views known to the Steering Group Members. Look at photographs, maps and information about the Plan. Complete the questionnaire.

IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

	11am	6.30pm
5th February	Mr K.Harris	TBC
12th February	Mr L.Vincent	Mr K.Frobisher
19th February	Mr B.Bunce	Mr M.Trigg
26th February	Mr L.Mason	Mr D.Chipps

The Hub@Ide

HUB DIARY

2 February	Coffee Morning from 10.30 - 12 noon
9 February	Vinyl Club from 7.30pm - 9 pm with Craig
23 February	Coffee, Chat & Challenge 7.30 – 9.30 with Adrian Butland
24 February	from 5pm HUB's 3rd open house BIRTHDAY PARTY with a Valentine theme.

See what goes on at the Hub. Check out The HUB@Ide on facebook.

VINYL CLUB

Interest in vinyl records seems to be on the increase. Some people have records collected over many years and played at home; others never manage to get around playing them. Such was the case when Alphington Walkers member, Christine Bright, thought of her friend, Joan Hutton, who lives in Maidstone, Kent. Joan kindly donated a selection of records and a portable record player. A much appreciated gesture and we have enjoyed playing some of these.

Records are brought in to play and discuss – anything from bands, groups, classics, vocalists, including rarities from past eras. Comparisons between a CD and a vinyl track was made at the last session. If necessary, vinyls are cleaned before being played. Do join us for coffee some nibbles and to listen to a great variety of tracks and put the stress of the day behind you.

*Please feel free to contact us regarding events/groups at the Hub, prayer needs or for any other reason via the **Red Post Box** on the wall or via **email** Fiona Field on mynameisfiona@hotmail.co.uk or if you bump into any of the Congregational Church members – eg Jackie or Evanne.*

CONGRATULATIONS....

Congratulations to Fred and Marian Ames who have recently celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary.



SAINT IDA'S CHURCH



5th February		9.30am	Holy Communion
12th February		9.30am	Morning Praise
19th February	2 before Lent	9.30am	Holy Communion
26th February	1 before Lent	8am	Holy Communion
		10am	All Age Service

By the time you read this we will have sadly said goodbye to Stephen Bessent our Rector. But we wish him every happiness in his retirement and look forward to his replacement being appointed. In the meantime, there will be no 10.30am Service on the first Wednesday of each month, but the Prayer Group will meet at that time, 10.30am on Wednesday, 1st February, at 10 The Hams, Ide, Joyce Stevens' home. All are welcome.

Baptisms (Christenings), Weddings & Banns of Marriage - If you wish to make any enquiries about these please ring 07562 144439. This line is open from 1pm-4pm on Mondays and on Thursdays from 10am-1pm. For any other matters please call the church office on 01392 662280 and leave a message.



The Christingle Service on Christmas Eve was, as usual, very well attended and a highlight of the Christmas period. It was very kind of the children from David Williams' family to join in the Nativity. All the children taking part were wonderful and we couldn't have asked for better narrators. Thank you everyone. A substantial cheque has been sent to the Children's Society.

MOTHERS' UNION

We have already enjoyed an Epiphany Service and tea at Teignmouth and a sociable new year lunch here in the village. As you can see from above there is no 10.30am Communion on Wednesday, 1st February, but we will meet at that time at 10 The Hams for Prayer Group. All welcome. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 22nd February, 2.30pm at Brenda's, 1 Cobbe House - topic to be arranged. Sue Campbell

IDE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

In July 2014, at the village hall, there was an exhibition outlining the intention to produce Ide's Neighbourhood Plan. As parishioners, you were asked to respond to a questionnaire **seeking** your opinions on a number of topics. Since then, the Steering Group have been formulating the Neighbourhood Plan, taking note of your wishes and concerns. Although the previous consultation proved to be very useful, as we approach the end of the process, we now need to ask you further questions relating to the 6 policies that have been developed, to see if they reflect your wishes and are fit for purpose.

There will be an exhibition at the village hall on Saturday 11th February 2017 between 9 and 12 midday where you will see photographs and information relating to Ide's Neighbourhood Plan. In particular, the 6 proposed policies, which are so important to the future of our Parish, are presented for your comment and endorsement.

Policy IDE01 Residential Development In Ide
Policy IDE02 Pynes Farm
Policy IDE03 New Car Parking Areas
Policy IDE04 Sports & Recreational Facilities
Policy IDE05 Weir Meadow
Policy IDE06 Local Green Spaces

You will be asked to respond to a short questionnaire. Some of you may not be able to attend the exhibition.

Your views are important to us. There will be information available on the Parish Notice Board and the Parish Website .Questionnaires will be left at the pubs and the community shop and can be seen and downloaded from the website. idevillage.org.uk

Please hand in completed questionnaires by 1st March to either to a Steering Group member: Chris Bishop, 1 Pynes Cottages. Sue Cloke, 1 St Ida's Close. Roger Luscombe, 6 St Ida's Close. Peter Pattison, 3 Vicarage Close. Chairman of the Parish Council, Nick Bradley, Smallridge House, The Green. Or hand in to the Community Shop.

Many thanks.

Chris Bishop, Chairman, Ide Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.



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.

Ide Lane Carers Group - The next group will be on Tuesday 21st February, 6.30pm at the surgery. Please ring me for more details or if you need a lift.

ILF Tea Afternoons at Aldens - The first tea of 2017 will be on Wednesday 1st February at 2.30pm. Everyone welcome; come along for a cuppa and a friendly chat.

Thank you to Ide Whist Group - Once again Ide Lane Friends has received a donation (£50) from the proceeds of the Whist Group. Many thanks to Betty and the other whist players.

Surgery News - Cindy, one of the secretaries, has left to work at a surgery nearer her home and we welcome Sharon as her replacement. We are looking forward to Dr Claire Homeyard returning from maternity leave during February.

Jane Greenslade



OUR FRONT COVER PICTURE
Waxwing - photo by Mark Dyer

During years when there is a shortage of berries, flocks of waxwings arrive from Scandinavia between October and March. Usually seen on the east coast from Scotland to East Anglia, they have been known to venture inland in the search of food. *So they must have been really hungry to make it as far west as*

Sainsburys in Exeter! Actually, they are often seen in supermarket car-parks because the berries of the hawthorn and rowan commonly planted around these areas are the birds' particular favourites. Waxwings sometimes eat berries that have started to ferment and produce alcohol. If enough are eaten they can get drunk, leaving them temporarily unable to fly! As a result of this, waxwings have evolved to have a highly efficient liver so they can recover quickly. *How very useful, I hear you say!*

Ann Boyce

IDE VILLAGE HALL - AN UPDATE

Those of you who use Ide Village Hall may be aware that refurbishment work was due to start on the back part of the hall - the kitchen, toilets and store rooms - in the middle of February. We have been granted some money which had to be spent by the beginning of March and were keen not to lose this grant so were pushing ahead with this part, Phase One of the refurbishment. We have now been informed that we have a further year before this money has to be spent so at a meeting of the Hall Management Committee on Monday 16th January we discussed which way we should proceed. We decided that the most sensible course of action would be to do the whole of the refurbishment as one project rather than in phases. We will now be obtaining quotes for work on the whole of the hall and annex and then applying for funding from various grant providers. It is impossible to put a time frame on this but we are anxious not to lose the momentum that we have built up. Please be assured that there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes and we are determined to bring this project to a successful end.

We are very sorry if you are involved with a group that has had to make alternative arrangements for somewhere to meet, **but the hall is now available for hire** and we hope that you will consider coming back to us until the refurbishment work starts sometime later this year. We will give updates as things become clearer, sorry we can't be more specific at this time but we are sure that we will end up with a hall that we can all be proud of.

HALL MANAGER - Is there anyone in the village who would be able to take on the post of Hall Manager? There are always small jobs needing to be done and we wouldn't expect a Hall Manager to do them himself but to be able to arrange for such things to be done. We are indebted to Carol Whitehart who looks after the bookings, keeping the place clean and tidy and now has to get minor jobs sorted out. Can anyone take on the job of Hall Manager so that Carol has got someone to turn to for help?

Penny Smith (Tel: 211696)

Film Night - Dunchideock Village Hall Friday, 10th February, 7.45pm - Hell or High Water

This is a compelling Western and stars the excellent Jeff Bridges. It tells the story of two brothers, who plan a series of heists on the bank which is foreclosing on their family ranch.



**The Hub@Ide
3rd Birthday party
Fri 24th Feb**

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- **Open House from 5pm-8pm** (at Ide Congregational Church, High Street)
- **Food, drinks, various activities for all ages**
- **Celebrating all that the Hub offers**
 - Coffee morning
 - Vinyl Club
 - Coffee, Chat and Challenge
 - Film club
 - KFP and holiday club
 - Download
 - Mother's Bible study
 - Fairtrade

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Holcombe Burnell Church, Longdown
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Sue 01392 811816
(A Villages in Action Event)

SYRIA RELIEF

I received some information from Syria Relief over Christmas about the children so many of you have helped sponsor, so I thought I'd pass it on. The children have lost either one or both of their parents and are being looked after by their extended families. They are Mohammad Abbas, Ayat Batool, Mohammad al Mammad and Yahia (surname unknown). The details are vague to protect them and their families from reprisals from Assad, ISIS, etc. - who might object to families getting western support.

Many thanks to everyone who helped make this possible - the many individuals who sponsored myself and Jack O'Connell, Pete Bishop for donating the proceeds of the Halloween Quiz and everyone there who chipped in.

Mark Thomas

MESSY CHURCH
 Saturday, 11th February, 10.30 - 12.30
 in Ide Church
 Craft, games, cooking, linked to a Bible Story
 finishing with a light lunch. All welcome

At the last Messy Church we heard about the Wise Men bringing their gifts to Jesus. We made crowns and star shaped biscuits and finished with a pizza lunch.



MOBILE PROSECCO BAR

My name is Josh Rew and my wife and I have just embarked on a new venture together. We have bought an old horsebox and restored it into a modern prosecco bar. Our aim is to get involved in as many different events as possible. We have great connections with Ide and hope that we can offer an exciting way to serve drinks. The name of our new venture is Fine Filly.
 Josh Rew joshrew10@gmail.com



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Tuesday, 28th February 2017 at 7.30pm in St Ida's Church

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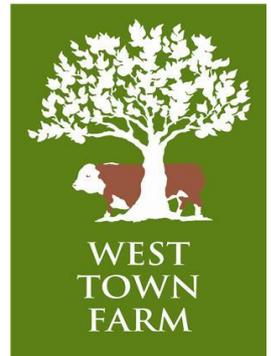
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THE WEST TOWN FARM NEWS



Many of the cattle are indoors now for the next couple of months, to protect the fields while it's wet and muddy. In winter they still eat a diet of 100% West Town grass (as hay and silage made last summer) so we qualify as members of the Pasture-fed Livestock Association, which promotes this kind of farming and its benefits for health and the environment. We're proud to be one of the growing number of suppliers listed on their website www.pastureforlife.org.

As we write this on 18th January we are all hoping the cattle have passed their annual TB test. The vet came on Monday to carry out the skin reaction test, and will return on Friday to check the results. This is a very stressful time for livestock farmers and Andy is no exception. If any animals react to the TB test this will lead to a programme of re-testing and the possibility of the herd being destroyed.

In less stressful news, on 5th February Nigel Hewitt will be leading a bird-watching walk at the farm – no need to book but please arrive a little before 9am when the walk starts. More details on the poster on the previous page.

Hoping to see you then ...

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360 BUS TIMETABLE (Revised)

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

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

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