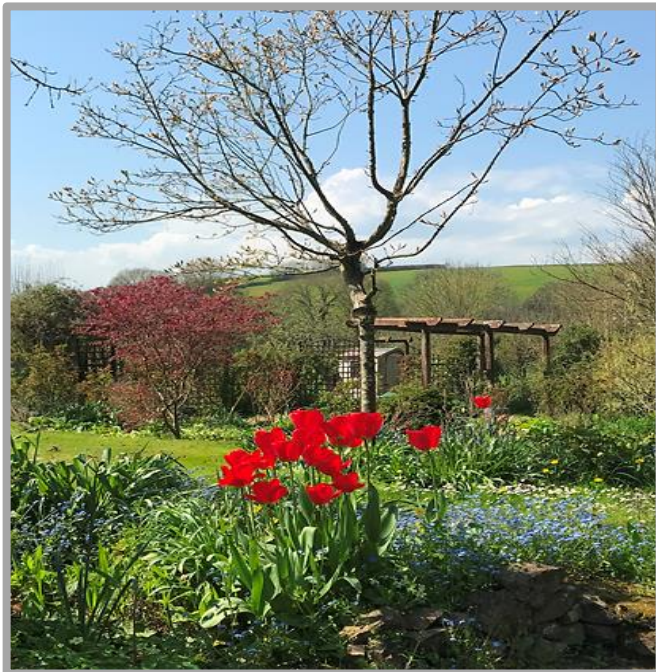


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MAY 2018

The Parish Council has been very busy of late and reports on some exciting news on the next page.

I was amazed to see the range of wonderful things on offer at the Northcott Theatre over the next few months, catering for all ages. I rather fancy the "sing-along Beauty and the Beast". We are very lucky to have such lively and imaginative programming of productions in our local theatre...it certainly deserves our support.

As always there are lots of fun happenings in the village itself on offer this month for us to enjoy.

If, however, you don't feel like being active, you can always just enjoy the sunshine and the flowers....we've waited long enough. Hopefully, this casual remark about the weather doesn't trigger the weeks of rain that a similarly optimistic comment by Brenda did last year!!

Items for the May Ide Times should be sent to me Ann Boyce:

email [annboyce@talk21.com](mailto:annboyce@talk21.com) by the 20th May.

Ann Boyce (01392 213011)



### USEFUL NUMBERS

Community Policeman: 101

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

Congregational Church: Fiona Field 07736449790 mynameisfiona@hotmail.co.uk

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

Saturdays 8am – 1pm

Sundays 9am - 12 noon

### Post Office Opening Hours

Monday – Friday 9am – 11.45am and 3pm – 5pm

Saturdays 9am – 12 noon.

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**IDE MEMORIAL HALL** – to book the hall for your event/party please contact Carol Whitehart on 01392 213608. However, the hall will be closed for the next weeks for refurbishment.  
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**The Mobile Library** will be in the Huntsman car park, Ide, from 11.45am to 12.30pm on **Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> May.**  
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### 360 BUS TIMETABLE

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
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## IDE PARISH COUNCIL

[Idevillage.org.uk](http://Idevillage.org.uk)

**The Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday 16 May 2018 at 7.30pm**, followed by the Annual Meeting of Ide Parish Council and then followed by the next ordinary meeting of Ide Parish Council in the Memorial Hall, Ide. If you have an issue you would like the council to discuss, please contact the chairman or another parish councillor. Requests for items to be considered for inclusion on the agenda should be made at least 14 days before the date of the meeting. The first ten minutes of a Parish Council meeting are open to the public to raise possible items for future meetings; or to comment on items on the agenda for that meeting.

**Neighbourhood Plan.** The submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan has completed the statutory time frame for comments. An independent examiner has been selected and will begin the review process shortly. A copy of the submission version is available on the Ide Village website and hard copies are available in the Community Shop, the Huntsman Inn, The Poachers, St Ida's Church and Ide Congregational Church.

**Pynes Community Orchard:** The Parish Council held an extraordinary meeting on 18 April to authorise the Chairmen of the Working Group and the Parish Council to meet in London on May 10 with the Church Commissioners to take forward the matters relating to sale of the orchard, after the Commissioners accepted the Council's most recent offer to buy the orchard. A prospectus will be published shortly explaining the history of the orchard, the benefits for the village of acquiring it, and how we plan to raise the money. Minutes of the Community Orchard Working Group meeting held on 12 April 2018 are available on the village website.

**Weir Meadow Playing Field.** We have also agreed a price for the purchase of Weir Meadow from the Church Commissioners. Once the issue of agricultural access to the fields to the north of the Meadow has been resolved, the Parish Council, with the help of its Weir Meadow Working Group, will be in a position to start fund raising in earnest for this project as well.

These two projects have become possible because of the Neighbourhood Plan. You wait for a century for land to become available for the village, and then two fields come along at once. Ide has a once in a lifetime opportunity to buy land close to the village for community use – sport, recreation, open public space and the preservation and restoration of an ancient Devon orchard as local green space. The projects complement each other; and will attract funds from different grant giving bodies. The Parish Council is equally committed to and passionate about Weir Meadow and Pines Orchard. Each piece of ground different features, a different characters, and presents different challenges. And each will fulfil different, valuable functions. The fund raisers on each working group are ready to go, and confident of raising the money.

### **Update on Planning Applications**

**17/01941/FUL** – Land adjacent Fordlands and Pentire – Change of use of land and erection of a new workshop/storage building, display and sale of garden furniture – **still awaiting decision** from the case officer – the application will go to full TDC planning committee if planning officer supports application.

**16/03360/MAJ** Springwell Nursery, Old Ide Lane. Variation of condition 2 on Planning permission 11/08844/Maj to alter external appearance of building. **Variations granted subject to conditions**

**17/02835/FUL-** Sculpher Photography, Fore Street – demolition of existing industrial building and erection of a dwelling. **Awaiting decision**

**18/00010/FUL 28** High Street. Ide - two storey side/rear extension. The overall decision was not to support the application because it was felt that it would affect the visual amenity of the neighbouring property. The increase from 3 to 4 bedrooms could also increase car ownership and impact on an already heavily congested **Permission refused**

To view planning applications, go to [www.teignbridge.gov.uk/planning](http://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/planning) and search using the address or reference number. **Next meeting of the Planning Committee**

**Wednesday 16 May 2018 at 6pm at The Hub unless otherwise advised**

Meetings of the Planning Committee are held in public and you are welcome to attend. There is time allocated at the start of the meetings for public participation.

**Parish Council Contact Details:**

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Part-time clerk: Mel Liversage, 20 Little Johns Cross Hill, EX2 9PJ

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Cemetery administrator: Sarah Tiley 01392 217142 [sarah61@btinternet.com](mailto:sarah61@btinternet.com)

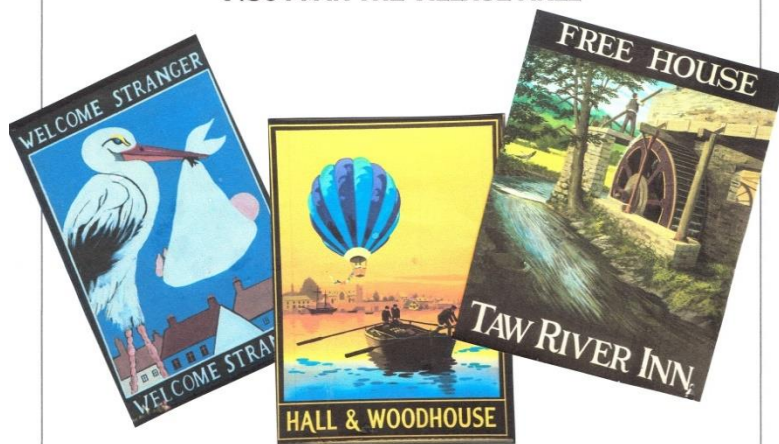




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and raffle at the Twisted Oak Pub  
in the family room on Saturday  
19<sup>th</sup> May from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm  
to raise money towards buying toys  
for the Ward.*

*Any donations towards the raffle &  
coffee morning would be much  
appreciated.*

*Many thanks!*

*Kirstie & Sophie Robshaw.*



## IDE COMMUNITY SHOP AND POST OFFICE



It is here at last! No, not the sun (which is very welcome) but hopefully the new ice cream freezer. There was a bit of a hiccup with the delivery of said item but it has all been re- solved and you should be able to buy lovely cooling lollies and ice creams to keep us going through the scorching months of summer.

You may have noticed that there was also a hiccup with the date of our forthcoming AGM which was supposed to be in May but has had to be postponed to Friday 15th June. Please try to come along and support us, there will be a bar as well as the fish and chip van which proved to be very popular last year.

It is that time of year again and our shop is looking a bit like a market garden with lots of lovely summer flowering plants on sale at very reasonable prices. We have waited so long for the weather to be right for the buying and planting out of our summer plants but no excuse now. We will keep buying different plants as the season progresses, keep an eye out for your favourites and if there is anything you would particularly like to buy then please ask and we will do our best to get it for you.

Smith

Penny



### 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 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018 AT 7PM 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017) – a hard copy is available to view at the shop.
- The election of the Management Committee members (remember any shareholder is invited to stand for the Management Committee).
- The appointment of accountant / auditor, for the year ended 31st December 2018.
- The fixing of the annual subscriptions
- The application of any surpluses for the current year for re-investment in the Shop or community projects.

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.

## IDE COMMUNITY SHOP AND POST OFFICE

### Part time post office assistant required



**Ide Community Shop is seeking a part time Post Office assistant to help run the post office service within the shop.**

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### IDE MEMORIAL HALL

It doesn't seem two minutes since we wrote last month's report but a lot has happened at the Memorial Hall since then. The stage was removed quite quickly and as anticipated the hall space now seems very much larger than the resulting 20% increase in effective floor area. The floor in the stage area has been concreted to bring the level up to the rest of the hall. A ceiling has been created in the stage area and the bare brick walls have been dry-lined and insulated. The ceilings throughout the hall have been replaced and fully insulated. The central heating boiler has been replaced and an impressive length of new electric cabling has been installed to support the new lighting and power arrangements (you might now know that the hall has been operating for years with only two double power sockets). Finally a new porch has been built so that we will have inner doors to keep out the draughts. The porch was also needed to carry the light switches so that hall users will no longer have to find their way across the hall and onto the stage before trying to guess which switch operates which light!!

We are immensely grateful to Viridor, who confirmed a second grant of £18k at the end of March. We are still operating on a very tight budget as the scale of work we have undertaken is quite substantial. Our appeal to local businesses for additional funds has been somewhat disappointing but we live in hope. Any offer of funding, however small, would be very gratefully received at this point in time to help the development team sleep at night!

The plan is to have the hall fully operational, if not totally completed, in time for Ide Aloud's birthday party on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May. We hope everyone will be impressed with the new look hall and will be encouraged to support us to complete the project with a new floor, storage cupboards and new fittings and furnishing to match the standard of the refurbished building.

Ian Campbell for Ide Memorial Hall Management Committee



**IDE MEMORIAL HALL  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Thursday, 24th May, 7.30pm  
In the Village Hall**

All welcome - come and see the improvements  
which have been made to your Village Hall.

**Camel Herders, Polders, and Ide Community Shop.**

Another long cycle trip last summer. Another grateful nod to Ide shop. A ride from the North to the South of France, with a route that was going to be edited live, on a daily basis. St Malo to Avignon via the mountains of the Massif Centrale. From undulating to unspeakable. Clearly a serious energy source was a priority. Was it Brenda, or Barry who outlined to me the possible benefits of a caloric surplus to build muscle? On our departure the only luggage items on my front rack were two one kilo bags of dried dates from Ide shop. A few to be transferred daily to a bum bag strapped to the handlebars. Just as the camel herders of the trans Saharan caravans reckoned 4 or 5 dates a day gave them the energy to trudge on, so a handful helped on the major 5 to 10 kilometre climbs in the Cevennes and the Ardeche. Especially in the 40 degree heat of last June's heat wave. And thanks must be given to Imogen who long ago insisted that such food items were an essential energy source for the people of Ide.

The previous year I had sought advice from an expert on Holland, Elizabeth, of the Post Office counter. We discussed, between parcel post options, spread over several shop visits, the best route to cycle from Amsterdam to Copenhagen. The pros and cons of the North Sea coastal route via Harlingen and Bremerhaven: great beaches and open vistas but head winds and dodgy weather. Against riding a North East diagonal through Holland to Bremen and Hamburg: reclaimed polder lands and exciting long distance off road forest tracks but then the flat farming country of Northern Germany with its identical 'Stepford' towns and villages. The latter was her final choice, resulting in arrival in Hamburg in one week, and Copenhagen just two.

And this summer ? Having spent time with routes and maps trying to decide what constitutes a road trip, I'll discuss it with the shop.

Colin Barrington

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# IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

## May@The HUB

### Preachers:

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Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Traditional Service <b>Mr M Trigg</b>	11am	Traditional Service <b>Mr S Andrews</b>	5pm
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Traditional Service <b>Mr D Bulley</b>	11am	All-Age service	5pm
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Traditional Service <b>Mr P Jenner</b>	11am	Traditional Service <b>tbc</b>	5pm

<b>Tues 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	SW Congregational Churches Area Meeting	10am
<b>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Coffee Morning	10:30am
<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Download	6:30-8:30pm
<b>Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Coffee, chat and challenge	7pm

Our services are open to anyone who is searching for answers, looking for love, needs a friend, or who needs hope. They are great for fellowship and growing in your faith too.

The traditional service has hymns, prayers and a 20-30min sermon. The All-Age service is lively with activities based around a biblical message and music with a band.

But 'going' to church isn't just what it's about. If you just want to talk or be prayed for, please get in touch at [thehubide@outlook.com](mailto:thehubide@outlook.com)

All around me I see marriages breaking down, friendships turning sour, depression and anxiety ruling people's lives. And it breaks my heart to see people accept this as 'normal'. People like to cover up their pain and pretend it isn't there, even if just for a few hours in the pub. People, even friends of mine, even Christian friends of mine, accept brokenness and pain in their own lives. On the outside, all is well, but I see their pain. I see their struggling and I wish there was something I could do.

Maybe in Ide we're not struggling with poverty or homelessness, but perhaps it is with broken relationships and depression? Money hides a lot of pain but even the richest people in the world have admitted that they aren't happy.

But **what can I do** about it? What can the church do about it?

Well, **I can pray**. To a God who created the world, who loves us so much that he gave up his life for me, for my friends and the people I see around me. A God who is so desperate to be with us and fix our problems. So, I do pray for them, each of them, often. Miracles can happen.

And **I can love**. God's kind of love for people, regardless of race, faith, sex, or background. It is unconditional. It is selfless. It is all that 1 Corinthians 13 talks about. It is being available. It is not judgemental. It doesn't expect anything in return.

**I can offer hope**. Hope of restored relationships, hope of forgiveness, hope of a future, of peace, joy and love. It's what Jesus offered when he came to us and died for us and rose from the dead.

**But I mess up**. Yes, and that's exactly why I need a saviour. I'm not perfect. Christians aren't perfect. We are just people who have acknowledged that we need help. Fortunately, God's love for us isn't based on what we do. It is based on who we are! I am his child!

And what I have as his child, is what Jesus promises to everyone who asks: **a peace that is beyond understanding and a joy that isn't based on our circumstances. And I have hope**. That one day I will stand at the gates of heaven and Jesus will say to me: Welcome, good and faithful servant. Come and live with me in your eternal home.

So, can I encourage you to pray, to love and to remember how much you are loved!

## SAINT IDA'S CHURCH



6th May	Easter 6	9.30am	Holy Communion
10th May	Ascension Day	7.30pm	Holy Communion
13th May	Easter 7	9.30am	Morning Praise
20th May	Pentecost	9.30am	Holy Communion
27th May	Triinity Sunday	8 am	Holy Communion
		<b>10am</b>	<b>ALL AGE SERVICE</b>

**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 Bell Ringing Competition** on the 7th April was a great success with 18 teams taking part. It is hoped that this didn't inconvenience those living nearby.

**The Mothers' Union Lady Day Service** took place in Church on the 9th April and it was nice to see so many members from Kenn Deanery attending. We all enjoyed an excellent tea following the Service.

**The Summer Fete will take place on the Village Green on Saturday, 9th June, 1.30pm.** Planning is well under way. We have decided to start at 1.30pm so that you can have your lunch from the BBQ. We will have a dog show again, which everyone seemed to enjoy last year. There will, of course, be the Egg Throwing competition and the Tug-of-war, and plenty of things to buy on the stalls. There will be a bar and a tea tent - something for everyone. We will have a best dressed wheelbarrow competition - with two classes - Adults and Under 12's. We are not sure whether there will be maypole dancing as there doesn't seem to be anyone at Ide School to do this this year - any volunteers? Once again, we shall be glad to borrow any gazebos to keep off the blazing sunshine, or maybe the rain! If you would like to take part or help in any way, do contact me [brendaspivey123@btinternet.com](mailto:brendaspivey123@btinternet.com) or Sue Cloke [sue.cloke51@gmail.com](mailto:sue.cloke51@gmail.com)

Brenda Spivey

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### Mothers Union for May

I do hope some members will have been able to join mid-day prayers at the Cathedral, and the prayer walk and supper, at the end of April.

Spring Council meets in Crediton on Friday 11th May, from 10.30 am. All members are encouraged to attend!

We will meet as a branch on Wednesday May 16th. 2.30pm. There is nothing planned, so we could make it a prayer group afternoon. If you have suggestions for something to discuss do let me know!

Sue Campbell.



## Getting the Message Across

"Then you should say what you mean," the March Hare went on.

"I do," Alice hastily replied; "at least—at least I mean what I say—that's the same thing, you know."

"Not the same thing a bit!" said the Hatter. "Why, you might just as well say that 'I see what I eat' is the same thing as 'I eat what I see'!"

"You might just as well say," added the March Hare, "that 'I like what I get' is the same thing as 'I get what I like'!"

"You might just as well say," added the Dormouse, which seemed to be talking in his sleep, "that 'I breathe when I sleep' is the same thing as 'I sleep when I breathe'!"

As a church, we are in the business of communicating. Of getting the message across. We serve a God whose mission is to make his love known to all people, to touch and change lives, to reshape our existence so that it dances in time to the music of heaven rather than to the rhythms of the lesser gods which surround us. But how difficult it is. Lewis Carroll hit the bull's eye with the zany conversation between Alice and her teatime companions. Good communication is so complex that we describe it as an art more often than as a science.



Wouldn't life be simple if communication wasn't such a mystery! We're told to "Say it with flowers". That "A picture is worth a thousand words". That we need to read people's body language. That the medium is the message. Yet it's an art we are still far from mastering. In the world of politics we hear of "gunboat diplomacy" and "megaphone diplomacy." And it was Aristotle, apparently, 2500 years ago, who came up with the oft-quoted guide for public speakers. (It's good advice for preachers too...)

"Tell 'em what you're going to say.

Tell 'em it.

And tell 'em what you have said".

All these ideas jostled round my mind as I listened to the unfolding drama of Cambridge Analytics, and Mark Zuckerberg testifying before Congress in the USA. Words fly round the world at ever greater speeds, in ever larger numbers. We have the tools to make communication more complete, easier to access and more open... yet Alice's problems are as big as ever. In the hands of the wrong people, words are weapons. They conceal more than they reveal and they are taken prisoner by those who would misuse them.

As Christians, we affirm that the Bible is God's written revelation to us. We speak of it as "The Word of the Lord". In the same breath we call Jesus "The word made flesh". And the writer to the Hebrews puts it this way...

"In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son."

He too is telling us that God's communication is more than just words. He makes himself known in the person of Jesus. Our challenge, as we read our Bibles, is not to settle for understanding the words, but to discern the person who is behind and even within them.

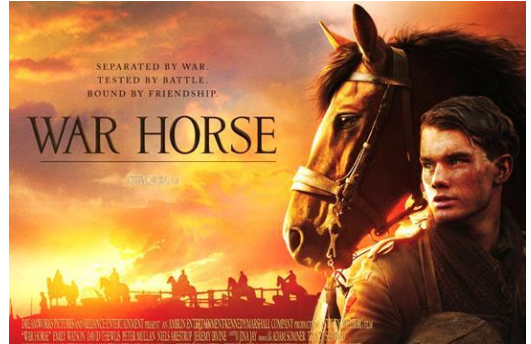
I do encourage people to come along to our "Reading the Bible" session on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May in St Michael's Church Alphington, from 10am to 12noon. We will just scratch the surface of what God is doing with his Bible. We may find we start a journey which leads to greater in depth exploration of God and his word.

Maybe too, we can think carefully about how we use (and misuse) this most precious gift which our Father has given us... the capacity to communicate.

## JUBILEE CLUB

What a joy to feel sun on our backs, I feel certain the animal life are also enjoying the warmth. It was also a pleasure to hear the chatter as the club met after quite a break on Monday April 16th, and an interesting illustrated talk by Paul Rendell about the filming of War Horse.

Much filming has been done over the years on Dartmoor and many years ago Paul came up from Plymouth to be an extra, earning £25 a day, food supplied, mess around all day maybe until 5pm then 10 minutes filming. During the first world war there were estimated 30,000 ponies on the moor. At least 15,000 were rounded up and sent to the war, its estimated that only 3,000 came back.



For the filming of War Horse extras were paid £100 a day plus food. Michael Spielberg saw the stage show and was so impressed he wanted to make a film. Spielberg loved the Dartmoor scenery especially the wonderful sunsets, during filming they were blessed with good weather.

The farmhouse used for filming belonged to the M.O.D. plastic thatch was put on the roof and a plastic stable block built behind, the market scenes were filmed at Sheeps tor and Meavy, the locals complained and two days filming were scrapped. Castle Combe was then used, a popular venue for filming. Spielberg was often on set accompanied by two bodyguards. Eight horses were used to act as Joey requiring make up each day to make them alike. Paul Rendell was told by the bodyguards that he was not allowed to take photographs. However, Spielberg agreed so long as they were not publicized until after the film came out. The star playing the part of Albert had to learn to like horses and ended up loving them. The filming of Joey, ridden by Albert jumping a wall was taken from a helicopter. The Dartmoor National Park would not allow a field to be ploughed as a result much effort was taken covering a field with plastic and putting Bergenias to represent turnips! Rain had to be faked during the ploughing scene which took five hours to film, the actors were getting so wet twenty eight wet suits were sent up from Plymouth to put under their costumes. In order to get the horse to rear up it was tempted with food and the barbed wire was sugar craft.

After filming everything had to be left for a month in case they needed to refilm, before returning to normal. Michael Murpurgo visited the filming.

Tony and Christine kindly donated a new microphone, the old one no longer any use, in memory of Pat Lethbridge.

## DIARY DATES

May 14th Birthday Party

May 28th No club as it is a Bank Holiday

June 11th a talk by Todd Gray.

June 25th Strawberry Tea at Longdown Village Hall.

July 9th we meet at the home of Marge and John at Longdown

June 23rd An outing from Exmouth to view the Jurassic Coast.

## Safe Routes for Ide

Safe Routes for Ide is a group of Ide residents who have become increasingly concerned about access to Exeter, walking cycling, and riding the local lanes especially Doctor's Walk, Balls Farm Lane and Little St John's Cross Hill. The road names alone conjure an image of quieter times when a passing car was a rarity. But now these narrow roads are full of traffic that seems to ignore the statutory access restrictions with impunity. The alternative of the main road access to Alphington via the roundabout, is especially unpleasant and a dangerous option for cyclists and pedestrians.

The group formed from the dormant Ide Wheelers and aims to improve safety for anyone not in a car, near Ide. We have been identifying the issues more closely and discussing the situation with authorities and concerned parties such as West Exe School. We hope to take this information forward to ensure motorists are using these lanes legally and with consideration for other users

**Our next meeting will be at The Poachers Inn, courtesy of Tony, at 7.30 pm. on Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup>. If any of these issues concern you, please join us.**

Mark Armitage  
Safe Routes For Ide

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## THANK YOU

Hopefully by the time you read this, Liz Black will have successfully completed the London Marathon. She needed to raise shed loads of money for MacMillan Cancer Support and once again Ide came up trumps.

We held a quiz and a coffee morning and with the generous donations we managed to raise £850 which is outstanding!

Thanks so much to Pete Bishop and Tony at the Poachers for the quiz and to Jane Rotinoff who hosted the coffee morning and worked her socks off. Special thanks to all who helped, came to the events and donated their hard earned cash, you are all amazing

Lin & Dave Black

The screenshot shows a JustGiving fundraising page for 'Liz's Running the Marathon'. The page features a photo of Liz Black, a woman in a blue long-sleeved shirt and black leggings, standing outdoors. To the right of the photo, a green circular progress indicator shows '144%' completion. Below this, the text reads '£3,609.90 raised of £2,500 target by 84 supporters'. There are buttons for 'Donate' and 'Share on Facebook'. At the bottom, the event is identified as 'Liz's Running the Marathon' for 'Fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support'. A small logo for 'WE ARE MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT' is also visible.

Charity	Target	Amount Raised	Percentage	Number of Supporters
Macmillan Cancer Support	£2,500	£3,609.90	144%	84



**"The 3rd Great Ide Frock Swap" is to be held 19th May at the School Hall.**



Hopefully the Royal Wedding will bring some sunshine and we can enjoy some cocktails as the sun sets - try the MARKLE SPARKLE (Prosecco, Chambord and Sparkle) or a DIRTY HARRY (Vodka, Ginger Beer and Lime).

**Doors open 5pm to drop off clothes, and 7.30pm for browsing.**

Tickets £6+3 items, you get a free drink and 3 items to take away.

Available from Ide Shop, Ide School or message me through FB and I'll deliver tickets and collect clothes!

Some fantastic prizes to be won in our raffle - Orange elephant vouchers, Lacantina voucher, Body shop prizes etc etc

**All profits to Ide School and Preschool.**

*Our threading lady can no longer attend, so if anyone is able to offer the same service please get in touch. We just ask a donation from what you earn on the night.*

**See you all soon I hope!**

Charlotte Ives, on behalf of the Frock Swap Committee  
charlotteives1@yahoo.co.uk"

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**FILM NIGHT      Friday, May 18th, 7-45pm, Dunchideock Village Hall**

## **The Big Sick.**

First, ignore the put-off title of this "funny, heartfelt and intelligent" rom-com, as *Rotten Tomatoes* describes it, giving it a very high 98% appreciation score. The film is autobiographical, telling the story of the cross-cultural romance between the US comedian **Kumail Nanjiani** (who plays himself) and his wife to be (who, in reality, is the scriptwriter) and how it was disrupted by serious illness. "A comedic gem" says *The Independent*, which was nominated for this year's Best Original Screenplay Oscar, won *Rotten Tomatoes'* own Romance Award, and became the most successful independent film of the last year. We thoroughly enjoyed it.





## IDE TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Spring is upon us, after what seems to have been the longest winter.

If you've not booked your place on the Ide Twinning Trip to Normandy, then you're too late, you'll have to wait another two years before you'll get another opportunity to enjoy this yur community activity.

Many thanks to all who came along to the Easter pub quiz at The Poachers, it is my belief that a good time was had by all. there was a lovely atmosphere, and we raised over £200 for Macmillan Cancer Support. By the time the Ide Times is on your doormat Lizzie Black will have completed her London Marathon, and we hope all went well for her.

Next quiz, and the final one until the autumn, is the Sunday eve of the bank holiday early in May, the 6<sup>th</sup> to be precise. This one will also be in aid of charity, being split between Exeter Mencap, and the international 'Telethon' charity that funds research into neuromuscular diseases. It'll be the usual 7.30pm start.

That's all folks.

Pete Bishop

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#### SING-A-LONG BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

**5 May**

More fairy tale fun – this time you dress up too and join in!

#### ENCORE DANCE COMPANY

**6 May**

The vibrant and talented Tring Park School Graduate School return with a full programme of dance, including work by Sir Kenneth MacMillan.

#### A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

**8-12 May**

Shakespeare's summery romp is given a riotous reinterpretation by the Lyric Hammersmith and Filter Theatre, coming to Exeter following an acclaimed London and international run.

## **ROGER McGOUGH + LITTLE MACHINE**

**13 May**

McGough is a poet of many voices – this is poetry but not like you’ve heard or seen before!

## **A SPOONFUL OF SHERMAN**

**15-18 May**

This ‘practically perfect’ family show is in Exeter on its UK premiere tour – with songs you grew up with from Mary Poppins, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, The Jungle Book and others.

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## **Keep your tops on!**

<https://www.recycledevon.org/blog>.

What do you do with lids, tops and caps? If you find yourself asking “Are they recyclable?”, “Which bin do they go in?” and “Am I doing it right?” then read on.

These common questions now have a simple answer – YES! They are all recyclable! Simply give the bottle or jar a rinse, squash plastic bottles, put the top back on and recycle as you normally would – even if it’s a metal lid on a glass jar.

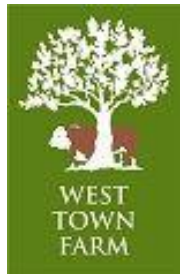
Many people still remember the early days of recycling when plastic lids caused a problem due to being a different kind of plastic or being heavily dyed. Thankfully, technology has improved over the years and we no longer have this problem. Hurrah!

In fact, **the recycling industry preference is now for lids to remain attached to bottles and jars**. Lids and caps are small and light, so attaching them to larger items keeps them contained during the collection and sorting process and prevents them from jamming machinery. It also helps keep plastic bottles squashed, so reduces volume and creates more space in your recycling bin, bag or box and on the recycling collection vehicle. All in all, keeping your top on gets a big thumbs up all round and helps maintain Devon’s 55.7% recycling rate.

(Keeping lids on plastic and glass bottles and jars is applicable to residents in Exeter, Mid Devon, North Devon, Torridge, South Hams, West Devon, Teignbridge and Torbay. East Devon residents can keep lids on plastic bottles and jars but must separate lids from glass jars)



## WEST TOWN FARM NEWS



Can I firstly apologise for cancelling our 'Spring at the Farm' event. The fields are extremely waterlogged. I'm finding mud in places I never thought it could reach.. THANKFULLY those few days of sunshine have dried things up a bit. Although we are still desperate to get the cows out to fresh pasture. If it doesn't happen in May and we get more rain, then I am moving to warmer climates.

We've had 9 calves in total, all popped out with no problems. I even helped milk my first cow. It then stood on my foot, I'll be honest I came off worse. Our greenhouse is full of pumpkins and squash seedlings. Just need to get the tractor into the field to plough it for planting.

Andy saw his first swallow here on April 14th and was adamant that I included that in Ide times this month. Hopefully more exciting info from him in the coming year....



We are so looking forward to the **Scripts for Supper** team taking over the farm each weekend in May. Have you got your tickets yet? Here's a little more about it from one of the people involved.....

*"Scripts for Supper is an immersive, theatrical dining experience with a difference created by - me - MasterChef Semi-Finalist Annie McKenzie. The evenings are pretty darn special. We've never had less than a 5\* review, and have been featured in Sainsbury's Mag, Hello Mag, Devon Life, Exeter Life and all over the blogosphere. The chosen story is told through adapted excerpts; the actors double up as waiters and the food brings you into the world of the play. We have three guest chefs working on The Wind in the Willows, all super successful ex-MasterChef contestants. Juanita Hennessey, Chris Hale and Alex Parker. Essentially, it's an evening you'll not forget in a hurry, and we can't wait to welcome everyone through the door and into a new world.*

*Tickets are £40 for a cocktail, canapés, three courses and the show. It's a real hoot of an evening with great food, music, performance, merriment and a drink or two. The idea is to make grown ups feel like children again! MORE INFO ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE".*

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