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This is a reminder that the old £1 coins will cease to be legal tender on the 15th October - so now is the time to empty piggy-banks, go through pockets and handbags - and down the back of the settee to find those old £1 coins and spend them!



The year is fast disappearing and you will find details of an Apple & Pumpkin Day at Westown Farm on the 22nd October and Fireworks on the 4th November organised by the Twinning Association.

Items for the November Ide Times should be sent to me, brendaspivey123@btinternet.com by the 20th Ocober. Brenda Spivey (01392 275784)

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.		
Sundays and Bank Holidays CLOSED			
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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, 23rd October.

IDE PARISH COUNCIL idevillage.org.uk

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 15th November at **7.30pm**, to be held in the Memorial Hall. If you have any issues you wish to be considered for discussion, please bring this to the attention of one of the Councillors or the Parish Clerk at least ten days before the meeting so that it can be included on the agenda.

Latest Planning applications:

17/01250/FUL – The Old Mill, High Street – Two storey rear extension. Application has been amended - approved by TDC

17/01346/FUL – Land off Polehouse Lane, Ide – Erection of a temporary agricultural worker's dwelling – refused by TDC

17/01941/FUL – Land adjacent Fordlands & Pentire – Change of use of land and erection of a new workshop/storage building for construction, display and sale of garden furniture – Ide PC planning committee objected – awaiting decision **17/01829/FUL** – 3 Fore Street – Rear two-storey extension with single storey link to existing outbuilding and new first floor side window – Ide PC planning committee supported – awaiting decision

17/02148/FUL – 5 The Green – New dwelling – discussed at Ide Planning meeting on 20th September – supported with conditions.

17/02178/FUL - 5 Crossview Terrace – Two-storey rear extension – discussed at Ide Planning meeting on 20th September – supported.

To view these planning applications, go to <u>www.teignbridge.gov.uk/planning</u> and search using the address or reference number.

Next meeting of the Planning Committee: Wednesday 15th November at 6pm at The Hub unless otherwise advised.

The meetings of the Parish Council and the Planning Committee are open to the public and you are welcome to attend. There is time allocated at the start of the meetings for public participation.

Neighbourhood Plan – reminder: Any responses on the Neighbourhood Plan representation form are to be handed in or emailed by 4pm on Monday 23rd October 2017.

Work on 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 first 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 please make sure that they are operating within the law, have the correct qualifications and are insured.

Communication:

The village website **idevillage.org.uk** carries news of issues relating to the village, as well as the agendas and minutes of the various meetings. There is a tab on the right-hand side of the home page – "please add me to the mailing list" – this will give you an immediate email alert of new messages.

Change of Parish Clerk:

I am pleased to advise you that on Monday 9th October Mrs Mel Liversage takes over from me as Parish Clerk. I have had an interesting five years as clerk and have learnt a lot about the workings of the Parish. The most rewarding side of the job has been seeing the benefits to the village from the receipt of grants and fundraising projects, e.g. the Play Area and the Defibrillator. Mel has a wide range of experience and organisational skills and I wish her well in

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Rose Saunders

Parish Council Contact Details:

Chairman: Nick Bradley 01392 420616 <u>ncabradley@gmail.com</u> Part-time clerk: Mrs Mel Liversage 01392 259024 <u>ideparishclerk@gmail.com</u> Cemetery administrator: Sarah Tiley 01392 217142 <u>saraht61@btinternet.com</u>

MEMORY WALK FOR ALZHEIMERS

A big thank you to everyone who kindly sponsored our Memory Walk for Alzheimers.

The day dawned very wet – and stayed that way! Ann Boyce and I walked (more like paddled) our way round accompanied by Peter Satterly, We raised £300 in total, with gift aid adding another £55, so it was definitely worth getting a soaking.

Thank you to all of you for your kind donations.

Susanna Morgans



IDE COMMUNITY SHOP AND POST OFFICE



Welcome home to all the Ide-ites who have been away from the village on holiday. It is back to work and school for most of us now with the best of the summer behind us but hopefully some more pleasant weather to enjoy before Autumn properly sets in.

One thing that is always sad about the passing of summer is seeing the last of the strawberries and raspberries supplied to our shop by Balls Farm. Working in the shop is very difficult while there are fresh strawberries on the counter, they have such a delicious aroma and it takes a lot of self control to resist them. They should still be on sale for a while yet, so get them while you can.

You may have noticed that we are now selling our fruit and veg without all the plastic packaging. It was easier for us to order and store that way but many people, including us, didn't like all the packaging that all has to be thrown away so we have gone back to selling it loose. Hopefully you will have noticed the new chiller unit which we have bought to hold the fruit and veg that really doesn't do well without refrigeration. You will find salad leaves, spring onions, cucumbers, cabbages etc. in there and we hope that they will keep better to avoid waste. Don't forget that we have fruit and veg deliveries early every day (except Sunday) so if there is anything you would like for a particular day just place an order and collect the following day.

Tickets for this year's Firework Display in The Poachers garden will be on sale in the shop towards the end of this month. Always very good value for a fantastic display with good grub, drink and company, but you do need a ticket.

It is difficult to ignore the huge growth in delivery vans visiting the village from the larger stores. Who could have foreseen that not only would you be able to have your groceries delivered to your door - nothing new there - but that you would also be able to order them online. This means that you need never leave your home to fill your fridge and larder, but that also means that you miss out on the experience of being part of the community in a little local store like our shop. This is where those of us who no longer meet at the school gate can make sure that people in our community who need help are not forgotten. Despite the huge onslaught of online shopping and delivery as well as the discount stores, our little shop continues to thrive and provide more than just groceries for our community, and long may it continue. Thank you to everyone who continues to support Ide Community shop and if you would like to offer even more support by volunteering then you would be very welcome.

JUBILEE CLUB

The club met at Longdown on September 4th for Bingo. It was good to see members meeting up after our Summer break, with lots of chatter. Bert was our caller, Clive sold the cards and Tony was the runner, with the usual jokes and fun. A committee meeting was held following the meeting, with Brenda was co-opted to replace Mary who has moved into a Care Home. We missed Bill and Enid both of whom have had falls. Good wishes were given to Ken and Sheila on the occasion of their 62nd Wedding Anniversary, the bride was wearing a very pretty blue dress - congratulations to them both.

The 18th September saw a group of members setting off for Dartmoor. We stopped at Princetown for lunch, and some members took advantage of the nice afternoon to go off for a walk, while others enjoyed the Visitors Centre, where there were some strange characters dressed as Sherlock Holmes, prisoners and prison warders. Also I had a scary sensation of hairy hands on my shoulder! There were some interesting films about the moor and lots to be seen. From there we crossed the moor, enjoying the scenery and sheep, ponies and some Highland cattle to Moretonhampstead experiencing tight squeezes as our excellent driver Jimmy Powell negotiated the bus past other vehicles. We stopped at Dunsford for tea at the Walled Garden. The afternoon was warm enough to sit out and enjoy a cream tea.



We nearly had to leave Jean behind with her ball and chain!

DIARY DATES

October 2nd A October 16th S October 30th S November 13th (

A talk by a member of The Freewheelers. Sue Knox with a talk about Haldon Belvedere Sue Martin Life on a Dartmoor Farm Christmas Shopping Outing .

Jean Hoskin

BEWARE OF COLD CALLERS - A 'cold caller' visited an elderly person in Ide and offered to cut their hedge. Having done it, he then charged an exorbitant amount.

IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

OCTOBER PREACHERS

11am	E
Mr J Gooding	5
St.Ida's Harvest Service (followed by	6
Bring and Share lunch)	
Mr L Vincent	5
Mr D Bulley	6
Mr P Willer	6
	Mr J Gooding St.Ida's Harvest Service (followed by Bring and Share lunch) Mr L Vincent Mr D Bulley

Evening

5-6pm All-Age Service **6:30pm** John and Chris tbc

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6:30pm Mr A Butler

6:30pm Mr S Andrews

The HUB@lde

Sun 1 st Oct	All-Age service	5-6pm
Thurs 5 th Oct	Coffee morning	10:30-12noon
Sun 8 th Oct	Harvest service @St.Ida's	11am
Fri 13 th Oct	Download	6:30-8:30pm
Sun 15 th Oct	All-Age Service	5-6pm
Thurs 19 th Oct	Coffee, Chat and	7-9pm
	Challenge	
Sat 21 st Oct	Film club	
Wed 25 th Oct	Half-term KFP	11-2pm
Sun 29 th Oct	Ide Prayer walk	7:30pm
Tues 31 st Oct	The Lights are on	5pm

Paint Job:

We still need a few more volunteers to help paint the inside of the chapel. It is in real need of a fresh coat and is used by so many different people in Ide. If you can help in any way, doing as much or as little as you are able, then please get in touch asap on 07736449790.

Thank you in advance – this will really help us.

Download and Wifi:

Last month we had a wonderful 26 kids come to Download! Children and parents are keen to get Wifi set up at the HUB so we are taking your comments on board and doing so. Our next session is 13th Oct. Any KS2 and KS3 kids are welcome to join us.

All-Age Service:

This month sees the start of our 2nd service a month. We encourage you to come and be part of our family, growing in relationship with each other and God. We meet in the chapel twice a month for the All-Age service (and every Sunday for traditional services), but being family is much more than that – we support, value and encourage each other on a daily basis. We seek to grow spiritually – knowing that Jesus has promised us wisdom, peace, hope and joy as we get to know Him better.

If you are looking for that 'missing piece' in your life, or a purpose, or answers, try Jesus. Come along and chat to us or try <u>Alpha</u>...

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone's welcome. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: food, a talk and good conversation.

The next Alpha course starts on **3rd Oct**, weekly every Tues for 10/11 weeks. We will meet at Fi and Mark's house at 3 The Hams 8-9:30pm. Although the course is progressive, each week is a stand-alone topic and so if you can't make it one week, don't worry.

Please contact Fi Field if you are interested or have any questions: 07736449790. <u>mynameisfiona@hotmail.co.uk</u>

IDE MEMORIAL HALL

Work on the Memorial Hall refurbishment started at the end of August with the renewal of the annex roof covering including a new skylight. This work was

completed speedily and to a high standard by Neil Squires (who advertises on the back page of the Ide Times) and I can strongly recommend him to anyone needing roof repairs or renewals. Teignbridge DC promptly paid for this part of the project so warm thanks to them and Ide PC who helped us get the money for the roof renewal.



Amber Coast, the main contractors, took over on 4th September and completely cleared the annex in a week ready for damp-proofing work the following week. Amber have made speedy progress this week; the toilet partition frames are up and electrical wiring is almost complete. The musty damp smell that has pervaded the Hall for years seems to have disappeared already! The plan is for completion 3 or 4 weeks into October.

We are most grateful to Viridor for their grant of £18,000, to Devon County Council for a grant of £10,500, to our Open Gardens Committee for £500 and to our Parish Council for an advance payment of rent of £500.

Even so we are working on a very tight budget and as you can imagine a few essential extra items have already crept in. It may be necessary to call for volunteers to apply paintwork to finish the job if the available funds run out, so willing helpers be prepared to step forward and watch this space.

Ian Campbell

SAINT IDA'S CHURCH

1st October	Trinity 16	9.30am	Holy Communion
8th October	Trinity 17	11am HAF	RVEST FESTIVAL
14th October	Saturday 10.30am to 12.30 Messy Church		
15th October	Trinity 18	9.30am	Holy Communion
22nd October	Trinity 19	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10am	All Age Service
23rd October	Monday	7.30pm Ir	stitution of our new Rector,
Mike Partridge at St Michael's Church, Alphington			
29th October	Trinity 20	10am Joi i	nt Service at Alphington Church

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.

New Rector - Our new Rector, Mike Partridge, will be installed on Monday, 23rd October, at a Service in Alphington Church at 7.30pm. It is hoped that as many people as possible will be able to attend.

Harvest Thanksgiving - This will be on Sunday, 8th October, 11am, and will be followed by a Bring & Share lunch in Church as the village hall is closed for refurbishment. Please bring a dish to share - hot new potatoes, coffee, tea and squash will be provided - also your own 'tipple'. If you are not able to bring food a small donation would be appreciated. Please pick up a free ticket from the shop or church so that we have an indication of numbers. If you need a lift, please ask Sue Cloke or Mary Bradley, or leave a message in the shop.

All Age Service, 22nd October, 10am - Flo Herbert has kindly agreed to come to show pictures and tell us about her trip to Malawi with a group from St Peter's School. Last month's Ide Times gave us a taster of that and I am sure a number of villagers will want to come and learn more about her experiences.

The Wedding of Felicity Back and James Baker took place in Church on Saturday, 26th August. We wish them both a long and happy married life together.

Mark Nightingale - We said an official goodbye to Mark at our Patronal Festival Service on the 3rd September, but we are pleased that he is able to take Services until Mike Partridge arrives, and will continue to live in Ide for the time being.

Brenda Spivey



MOTHERS' UNION

In September we joined Kenn Deanery members in Teignmouth, to learn more about, and pray for, our link Diocese in S.Africa, Nigeria, and Uganda. We will meet on Wednesday, 18th October, 2.30pm., at 1 Cobbe House, Ide. We need a "topic", any ideas welcome! (In November I have a speaker for you) Sue Campbell.

TODDLERS - meets every Tuesday in term time from 9.30 - 11am in Ide School Hall. Parents/carers and toddlers or babes in arms are welcome. The adults have a chance to chat together over tea and coffee while the children play.

IDE TWINNING ASSOCIATION - QUIZ NIGHTS

Greetings one and all. The summer passes, and the darker nights of the autumn and winter months are now upon us, which means that the institution that is The Ide Pub Quizzes gets under way.

There will be quizzes, at the jolly old Poachers Inn (thank you Tony), on the following Sunday evenings, 7.30pm start:

October 8th October 29th November 19th

And probably the 10th or possibly the 17th of December – this depends on whether anyone steps into my (size 8 and a half) shoes to run a Christmas quiz, as I am not.

The quizzes will continue the tradition of not being terribly serious and the quizmaster being easily swayed in some cases and wilfully stubborn in others. If you can't make them, please get your mum or dad to write a note excusing you. Pete Bishop

DAVID HANSON - Sadly we have to report that David Hanson, who lived in Ide for a number of years, has died. He was a great supporter of the Cricket Club and was a friend to many in Ide and Exeter. He will be greatly missed and we send our sympathy to his wife, Jean, and to Sally and Peter.

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Malawi 2017 by Oliver Jeffery

We went to Malawi for three weeks at the end of June to help the people out there with normal every day things that we in England take for granted. For

the first few days I was helping out in the hospital, and during those few days, I got to see the difference in facilities compared to those in England. We gave them simple resources such as surgical robes and masks, and even bed sheets, so that the beds don't constantly get covered in blood. This was also to try and stop the spread of disease in the hospital.



In the next few days we re-

plastered and painted classrooms for the secondary school so the children had the best opportunities to learn and be comfortable in their class rooms. We also



helped out at the orphanage, giving the unpaid workers there a well deserved rest, as they are there 24/7 to care for the kids who unfortunately have no parents, most probably because of diseases such as malaria, which is very common out there.

While I was there I met an 18 year old boy whose mum had just suffered a heart attack. She needed urgent medical care but that level of care was in another village; the family needed money for travel and medical treatment. I felt strongly that I needed to help, so I gave him 10,000 kwacha the equivalent of £10 for which they were very grateful. During the last week of our trip we left Malawi and went on a safari in Zambia which was amazing. We got up early in the morning to see the sunrise and see all the animals early. We saw a wide range of animals including cheetahs, elephants and giraffes.

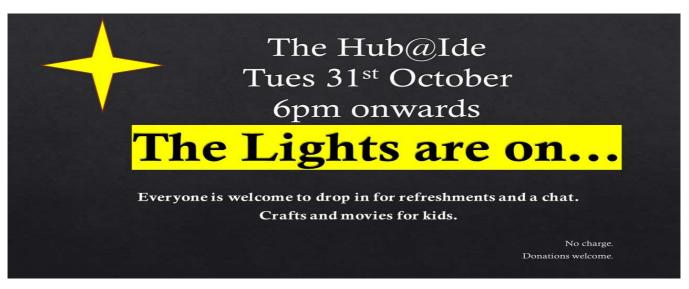
This trip really opened my eyes and made me feel how lucky I am to live in a country that has very good medical facilities, easily accessible schools and colleges, and fresh food and water. I have



found that I used to take a lot of these things for granted, but now am very aware of how lucky I am to have all of these things, unlike the people out in Malawi.

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone in Ide who supported me in my fundraising, it really was a trip of a lifetime.

Oliver Jeffery



DODDISCOMBSLEIGH ART SHOW 2017, Teign Valley Community Hall, Christow, 27th-29th October. 10am-5pm on the Friday and Saturday, 10am to 1pm on the Sunday. In addition to the Art Show there is a shop selling craft items and a cafe serving home-made food.

JOSEPH RICE'S TRIP TO MALAWI - To raise funds for my trip to Malawi next year there will be a shopping evening in Ide Village Hall on Wednesday, 29th November. There will be a variety of stalls, refreshments and a raffle. Without wanting to mention the 'Christmas' word yet, please put it in your diaries as there will be a variety of fantastic gifts to buy. If anyone is interested in having a table please message Nicki on 07545 193537.

THE GREAT WEST RUN

Kai Sahali from the poachers and I are running the Great West Run in October for Force. We are not natural runners but have been training hard most nights, hopefully providing some comedy as we pound along Ide straight and Balls Farm Road. Kai has joined parkrun most Saturday mornings. It is in memory of those we have lost to cancer and those who are currently fighting it. Our link is: <u>http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Charlottelves</u> Thank you.

Charlotte Ives



LIZ AND DORA'S WEDDING

The Black and Bass families would like to thank the people of Ide for all their help with Liz and Dora's wedding over bank holiday weekend. We are very sorry about any noise and parking problems we caused. Having it in ours and the Poachers Garden was high risk but luckily we had lovely weather. We were even luckier and very grateful to have all your help, making yummy bread,



cakes, and puddings, help with putting up marquees, lending tables chairs, growing, picking and arranging beautiful sweet peas. Also providing accommodation for family and friends in your homes. Amazing! The Essex contingency could hardly believe how everyone mucked in with such good spirits. What a fantastic village, we could not have done it without all you help. Thank you so much

Lin & Dave Black

lde Firework Display



BBQ opens for business at 6.30pm Firework display starts at 7.30pm

Entry by donation - suggested donation is £4 adults, £1 child, £10 per family regardless of number of children. Please make your contribution at Ide Shop, The Poachers Inn or at the gate *All donations are spent on . . . fireworks* In the event of utterly foul and impossible weather, the event will take place on Sunday 5th November, same times

Ide Twinning Association

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LAST MAN STANDING

9 October James Wilton Dance - "One of the country's rising young choreography stars" draws from both Orpheus and Eurydice and Terry Pratchett in this 'live for the moment' explosion of energy and soundscapes.

AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS

10-15 October by Jules Verne - Direct from the West End this lovely 4 Star show is "A magnificently preposterous romp" and "a sheer delight!"

FUNHOUSE COMEDY NIGHT

16 October - Stand Up comedy in the Bar with Happy Hour prices!

THE WIER

17-21 October by Conor McPherson - An English Touring Theatre production of 1997's Olivier Award Winner for Best New Play – a chilling modern classic.

SPAMALOT

23-27 October - Eric Idle's glorious rip-off from the film Monty Python and the Holy Grail.

THE NIGHT PIRATES

28-29 October - adapted from the best-selling book by Peter Harris and Deborah Allwright. – perfect for all young families!

DOLLY – A DELICIOUS EVENING MURDER MYSTERY

28 October

A Three Course Meal and an evening of nerve jangling events – perfect for Halloween!

and of course – BOOK NOW for THE Christmas Panto – **DICK WHITTINGTON** 2 December – 7 January - With Exeter's favourite Dame, Steve Bennett, back doing his fabulous slapstick stuff on the Northcott stage, in a new version directed by one of the country's leading panto directors' Tony Lidington.

Book tickets at: www.exeternorthcott.co.uk Box Office: 01392 726363

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WEST TOWN FARM NEWS

I've spent this month trying to learn more about our orchards. It's amazing when you start looking into the history and also the varieties. We explored one of our orchards with an educational visit. The kids loved tasting straight from the tree. In fact I got my Dad in to lead the group and by the end the kids were howling by the



trees...which got us thinking perhaps we should have a wassailing event here in January. An orchard-visiting wassail refers to an ancient custom of visiting orchards in cider-producing regions of England, reciting incantations and singing to the trees to promote a good harvest for the coming year. Sounds like a fun way to spend a day in January. Watch this space.

September time in the farm-yard we become overrun by apples and pumpkins. The whole team have been out harvesting. Our plum tree has made many a crumble. We've had 6 new calves so far this month, plus 4 cows who haven't yet dropped - they're HUGE and 2-3 weeks late. They seemed quite unfazed by it all, apart from when Helen and Andy checked up on them at midnight shining a torch at the rear end, but in fairness I'd get pretty annoyed with that.

Plus we'll find out the results from our two bulls. Have they both done the job? More on this next month. Duh duh duhhhhhh.

We'll have fresh meat week starting on the 18th October. Beef, lamb and bacon. If you'd like to pre-order any cuts let me know by the 13th October.

This month we see the return of our favourite event - 'Apple and Pumpkin Day' 22nd October- 11am-4pm. Poco Drom, tractor trailer rides, apple pressing, storytelling, BBQ, cafe, basket weaving, seeing the animals,straw bale den, pizza oven and more... £3 per child, £4 per adult, £12 per family and under 3's free.

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