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What happened to Spring? This snowy picture taken
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What happened to Spring? March surprised us with two heavy falls of snow - the 'Beast from the East' gave us heavy snow on the 1st/2nd March, and then on Sunday, 18th March, we had another heavy fall of snow. Someone made a snowman goalie on the Green.

However, as I sit at the computer the sun is shining and the snow is melting fast.

It was also a sad month as Nikki Pattison lost her battle with a brain tumour - we shall all miss her cheerful presence amongst us.

Items for the May Ide Times should be sent to Ann Boyce: email annboyce@talk21.com by the 20th April.



Brenda Spivey (01392 275784)

USEFUL NUMBERS

Community Policeman: 101

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

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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.

The Mobile Library will be in the Huntsman car park, Ide, from 11.45am to 12.30pm on **Monday, 16th April.**

IDE PARISH COUNCIL
ldevillage.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.

Parish Councillor Vacancy. The Parish Council co-opted a new councillor, Mark Thomas, at the meeting held on 14 March 2018. We welcome him to the Parish Council and look forward to working with him.

We would like to thank **Dave Black, our snow warden, and his team** for their excellent work clearing the paths during the recent heavy snow fall.

Neighbourhood Plan. The submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan has met the current and legal and procedural requirements to go to the Public Consultation Stage which runs from 26 February to 13 April 2018. An independent examiner will be appointed during this time. This version is displayed 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 Working Group - the minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2018 are available on the website.

Weir Meadow Working Group - the minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2018 are available on the website.

The Ide Walks Leaflet has been reworked and the council has agreed to fund the printing costs. These will be available, free of charge in the Community Shop and pubs, shortly.

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 **ongoing**

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 to oppose the extension as 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 High Street. **Awaiting decision**

18/00086/FUL Sunnybrook Cottage, Ide - demolition of existing single storey conservatory and reconstruction of single storey extension. This application is supported with no conditions. **Permission granted**

To view planning applications, go to 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:

Chairman: Nick Bradley, Smallridge House, The Green, Ide, EX2 9RT 01392 420616 ncabradley@gmail.com

Part-time clerk: Mel Liversage, 20 Little Johns Cross Hill, EX2 9PJ 01392 259024 ideparishclerk@gmail.com

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SAFE ROUTES FOR IDE

It's great that we live surrounded by countryside, with dark skies and yet we are an easy walk or cycle from the city facilities via Little John's Cross Hill or Balls Farm Road.

These beautiful walking and cycling routes are protected for us by traffic restrictions so it is illegal at any time to use these routes as a shortcut to drive to West Exe School or elsewhere in Exeter.

It is fine to drive to the Twisted Oak or other properties on those roads, but not to enter through Doctor's Walk between 7.0am and 9.30am Monday to Friday.

If you would like to help protect these, or other walking and cycling routes around the village from rising levels of illegal traffic, there are a number of things we are doing and we need help.

Please join our facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/safe.routes.for.ide/> or contact Pete Bishop or Andy Swain on saferouteside@stygian.org.uk.

Lin Black, Jane Rotinoff and friends
invite you to a
COFFEE MORNING & SOUP LUNCH
IN AID OF MACMILLAN CANCER CARE
on Friday, 6th April, 10am - 2pm
at 58 High Street, Ide

There will also be a cake stall, greetings cards, spring planters,
bric-a-brac and raffle

All welcome and if you'd like to donate anything for the stalls, items
would be very welcome.





We have wonderful tender, tasty Ball's Farm rhubarb in stock again, always a good sign that the seasons are moving on. The first of the crop is always the best and a lovely change after having very little fresh local fruit through the winter. Have you tried cooking rhubarb with a large segmented orange or two? Or a few pieces of diced preserved ginger also does the trick, or maybe a combination of all three? All available from your local Community Shop. Hopefully the ever popular strawberries won't be far behind, and as they come from just the other side of the Curly Bridge they couldn't be more local or fresh.



Advance notice of our **AGM which will be held in the school hall on Friday 7th May 2018**. We are legally obliged to have an AGM but we like to think of it as more of a village party to which everyone is invited. Come along and tell us what you like about our shop, where we could improve, what you would like to see changed etc. Share a glass of wine or beer and nibbles as well as fish and chips, all subsidised by our shop. There will be a 'business' part at the beginning which will be kept to the minimum, the election of Management Committee members and your chance to ask any questions or make suggestions. Please put the date in your diary, we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Hopefully the snow is behind us for another year. Sales in our shop rose dramatically while we were all confined to home and we hope that you were able to call in and see what we have to offer. There are many older folk in the village as well as the vast majority of us who weren't prepared to risk a drive out of the village and this is when we can see how important it is to have a shop for us all to use. We rely on your support throughout the year so that our shop will be here for all of us when we need it. Our thanks to a hardy band of volunteers who ventured out in the snow to buy milk and bread so that we didn't run out completely. It was interesting that even a couple of days after our milk and bread had come through and we were fully stocked, the local supermarkets still had empty shelves. We are proud to support local businesses, our milk, bread, eggs and most of our vegetables and cheeses come from the West Country and mostly from very close to home

Sadly our dear friend and colleague Nikki Pattison has died. We will miss her very much and we send our deepest condolences to Peter and his family.

IDE MEMORIAL HALL

This may be the last time you see the stage in the Memorial Hall because work starts on 20th March on the next phase of the Hall refurbishment. The target is to bring the main hall up to the standard of the recently completed kitchen and toilets.



The phase about to start will include:

- Removing the stage and the big task of making good the floor walls and ceiling
- Replacing the central heating boiler and bringing the system up to scratch
- Replacing the old fibreboard ceiling with plasterboard adding insulation and renewing the electrics including new lighting.
- Building an entrance vestibule with new front door and inner door to keep out the draughts.
- We would ideally like to continue with a new wooden floor and storage cupboards across the shop end wall.

This summary might sound easy but it involves a lot of complicated work particularly with the electrics. We have been very fortunate in securing funding from Coastal Waste and hope that by the time you read this Viridor will have confirmed a further grant (they have already funded part of the annex work). However, we do still need more money not only for new floor and end cupboards, but we are also planning to replace curtains, chairs and tables not to mention a bit of outside painting.

We have just written to local businesses requesting financial help and we also have a couple of further grant applications submitted. We remain hopeful that we will raise enough money to produce a village hall that we can all be proud of and which will serve us well for a few decades to come. Needless to say, any offers of financial help at this stage would be most gratefully received by the Hall Committee and Development Team.

Ide Memorial Hall Committee

IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

April@The HUB

Preachers:

Sun 1 st Apr	Traditional service TBC	11am	All-Age service- Easter Special	5pm
Sun 8 th April	Traditional Service Mr P Symons	11am	Traditional Service Mr A Willer	5pm
Sun 15 th April	Traditional Service Mr L Vincent	11am	All-Age service	5pm
Sun 22 nd April	Traditional Service Mr Brian Bunce	11am	Traditional Service Mr L Mason	5pm
Sun 29 th April	Traditional Service TBC	11am	Traditional Service Mr M Trigg	5pm

Download is going really well

We regularly get nearly 30 children coming and enjoying their communal gaming sessions (and the tuckshop!) We are so grateful to those adults who help to make it happen, and the parents who bring their children. Thank you.

Thurs 5th April	Coffee Morning	10:30am
Fri 20th April	Download	6:30-8:30pm
Thurs 26th April	Coffee, chat and challenge	7pm
Sun 29th April	Joint church meal and prayer session	6:30 at St.Ida's

HAPPY EASTER!!!! Easter Sunday 1st April.

Ever wondered why it's called 'Good' Friday?

On Good Friday we remember the day Jesus willingly suffered and died by crucifixion as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins ([1 John 1:10](#)).

Why 'good'? Some believe it developed from an older name, "God's Friday." But regardless of the origin, the name Good Friday is entirely appropriate because the suffering and death of Jesus, as terrible as it was, marked the dramatic culmination of God's plan to save his people from their sins. In order for the good news of the gospel to have meaning for us, we first have to understand the bad news of us as sinful people under condemnation. A 'just' God would be fair in acknowledging the good and punishing the bad in our lives, as would any judge. And because God *is* fair, perfect people can spend eternity with Jesus in joy and contentment, and all those who sin require punishment – death and suffering for eternity.

But I can hear you saying: "But isn't God a loving God?"

Yes, he is and He never intended us to live like this. Mankind broke away from the relationship with Him in the Garden of Eden and caused this situation. But God loves us so much that he knew a way that He could save us (reunite with us), without 'breaking' the laws that make him 'just'. He needed to 'justly' pay for our sins. Someone innocent could willingly choose to take our punishment, which works in our legal system still today.

So then Jesus, who loved us so much, was willing to take our punishment upon himself, and we can walk free, if we choose to accept this gift. (John 3:16) T Good Friday marks the day when wrath and mercy met at the cross. That's why Good Friday is so Good.

(adapted from - <https://www.christianity.com/god/jesus-christ/what-s-so-good-about-good-friday.html>)

Why do we celebrate Easter? Good Friday is followed by Easter, the glorious celebration of the day Jesus was raised from the dead, heralding his victory over sin and death and pointing ahead to a future resurrection for all who are united to him by faith ([Romans 6:5](#)). If you study the various resurrection theories, you will find that the evidence (or more, the lack of evidence) is proof that he did come to life again. And in doing so, he shows us that a physical death is not the end for us, but that our souls will be with him (or not) for eternity.

Easter is about celebrating 'New life': A chance of a new life with Jesus: peace, joy, love, patience, gentleness etc (Gal 5) for eternity from now. A chance to live a life free from guilt.

We represent that with things that remind us of new life: eggs, bunnies, spring time etc (hence the chocolate).

Fiona Field

Join the members of St.Ida's church and The HUB for a
Bring and Share meal on Sunday 29th April 6:30pm at St.Ida's church.

We will hold a prayer session afterwards for those who want to, where you can walk or stay and pray, as we pray for our village, for the folk who are ill, for the mending of relationships, for our teachers and politicians, for emergency personel and carers, for the various groups/activities that bring people together and for the church (the people of God, not the 2 buildings).

If you have any prayer requests or questions, please email thehubide@outlook.com
Or contact Rev. Mike Partridge at the church office on 01392 662280

IDE PLANT AND SEED SWAP

Sunday, 29th April
at Ide School from 2 - 4pm

It's your chance to pick up some interesting new plants for your garden, including annuals, perennials, shrubs, fruit and veg.

Tea and cake too!

SAINT IDA'S CHURCH

1st April	EASTER DAY	9.30am	Holy Communion
8th April	Easter 2	9.30am	Morning Praise
15th April	Easter 3	9.30am	Holy Communion
22nd April	Easter 4	8am	Holy Communion
		10am	All Age Service



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.

We extend our great sympathy to Mary Diplock on the death of her husband, John, who was a faithful member of our congregation for many years. He was part of our team of sidesmen and lesson readers and also helped Mary clean and care for the church. We know that he is now at rest with the Lord.

We also extend our sympathy to Peter and family on the death of Nikki, who was a friend to so many of us, we all have such happy memories of her.

Bell Ringing Competition - This will be on **Saturday, 7th April**, in Ide Church from about 2pm and will continue into the early evening.



Bring & Share Meal, Sunday, 29th April, 6.30pm in Church. We will hold a prayer walk afterwards for those who want to, where you can walk or stay and pray for our village. This is a joint venture with the Congregational Church. Let either church know if you have any prayer requests.

Messy Church - There will be no Messy Church this month.

Summer Fete - Will be on Saturday, 9th June, on the Village Green, from 1.30pm. We will have the dog show again and, of course, the maypole dancing, tug-o-war and egg throwing competition.

Brenda Spivey

Mothers Union

We had a most enjoyable Lent lunch in March, with a record number of guests, and raised over £100 for 'grassroots' Mothers' Union projects. Thank you for coming and to Brenda for having us.

On Monday, **9th April, 2.30pm**, MU members from Kenn Deanery will be coming to Ide for a Service to celebrate Lady Day. There will be tea and cake afterwards! Anyone is welcome to come and join us.

Toddlers - meets every Tuesday in term-time from 9.30-11am in Ide School Hall.
Sue Campbell.



IDE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Greetings all.
Heck, snow, and Ide High Street as quiet as if we were living 40+ years ago!

Reminder, and pretty much the final one, that if you're intending joining us on our forthcoming trip to Normandy (1st - 4th June) then you'd better get your skates on - ho ho ho.

We estimate that the cost of the trip will be c. £120, but you won't need a lot in the way of spending money as our French friends will look after us in a most hospitable fashion. If you are looking to come along then get in touch with Twining Secretary Karen 07732307743 or kblundell@yahoo.co.uk asap.



A reminder that on Easter Sunday, 1st April, the Twinning Pub Quiz will be in aid of charity. Ideite Lizzie Black will be running in the London Marathon, bless her running socks, later in April, and is hoping that lots of you will attend the quiz where proceeds will go to The Macmillan Cancer Support Trust. Whilst the quiz is on April Fool's Day the questions, as per usual, will not be designed to make fools of you, we try (though occasionally fail) to devise quizzes that lead no-one to go away feeling stupid.....

There was to have been another quiz on the 22nd April, however this has now been moved to the Sunday of the May Day Bank Holiday weekend, Sunday, 6th May, and will again be in aid of charity or rather charities. Those of you with attention spans greater than an earwig may recall that on a couple of occasions two or three of us connected with twinning have supported our fellow twinnings in Normandy by going along to their 24 hour "Telethon" event over there (Telethon = a bit like Children in Need, lots of local initiatives) where we pedalled round in circles on French lanes, occasionally crashing, for the best part of those 24 hours... 'best part' because they insisted we stopped for 6 hours or so (les regles/the rules, etc)...PAH! Someone (me) felt that having 6 hours off was a bit cushy, so I have elected to go for a full 24 hour solo effort in late May. I shall raise funds for Le Telethon (which funds global research into neuromuscular diseases such as muscular dystrophy) plus for Exeter Mencap. The May Day quiz will be in aid of this, plus I will be looking for sponsorship... it is my firm belief that being sponsored to do something requires that something to be demanding, arduous, gruelling, etc., and pedalling for 24 hours (I've done it before, er um 25+ years ago) will be, zut alors.

Best wishes,

Pete Bishop, Ide Twinning

NIKKI

It is with deepest sadness that I write of the untimely passing of Nikki Pattison, a well-known, warm and wonderful lady, friend to many, and an active, influential member of our village. She has been a hugely important member of our community over many years, for many different people, and in many different ways.

Nikki and Peter moved to Ide with baby Tom in the early 80's. Nikki became a prominent member of NCT, where her enthusiasm and fund-

raising gained her much respect, as well as many firm and loyal friendships, which were to last all of her lifetime. Later as the mother of three lovely boys, she became an active member of the Ide playgroup, with her usual support, inclusiveness and reliability.

She has always done so much for the village, often behind the scenes. As a founder member of the Ide Community Shop, she was unfailingly supportive and hardworking. I remember her laughing and joking as we scrubbed out the portacabin in rubber gloves before taking possession of the new Shop. She was one of the original members of Ide Aloud. Her life outside the village was full and active, filled with friendships and fun, golf and bridge to name but a few, but she loved the village in which she lived and nothing was ever too much trouble.

Nikki's joyful and dedicated influence in our village and community will always be remembered with the greatest affection. We'll miss you Nikki.

Liz Bishop



IDE ALOUD'S 10th BIRTHDAY PARTY

**in aid of Ide Memorial Hall, 11th & 12th May, 7.30pm in the Hall
Come and see the next phase of the hall renovation and support the
choir and the hall. Our usual highly acclaimed, song and supper
combo for £7.50 (bring your own drinks)
Tickets from Ide Community Shop.
Book soon to avoid disappointment**



Sledding fun on the slopes of Ide and other winter delights courtesy of the Beast from the East.

Thank you to everyone for the lovely pictures!
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JUBILEE CLUB

We had a most interesting talk on the 3rd March by Chris Woodward. The subject was The Jurassic Coast, which is a UNESCO Heritage Site covering the distance of 95 miles from Exmouth to Studland. Films were shown to illustrate how over millions of years ago the continents were joined together - the coalfields of Wales were connected to coalfields in North America - the pebbles at Sidmouth and Budleigh Salterton originate from France. There is 17 miles of Chesil Beach, then the limestone of Portland Bill and the chalk of Studland where sometimes bits of black flint may be found, which are the remains of dead sponges going back to the end of the Cretaceous period 66,000,000 years ago.

We have a boat trip planned in July from Exmouth along the coast to Sidmouth and will be able to look out for the the layers of rock in the cliffs and enjoy looking at the coastline from the sea.

A bouquet of flowers was given to Evanne on the event of a special birthday. Sadly we had to make a decision cancel our meeting on March 19th due to the snow.

DIARY DATES

April 2nd Easter Monday

April 16th A talk by Paul Rendell about the making of War Horse.

April 30th A trip to Padstow. We welcome as many people as possible to help pay for the bus. Cost £12. Phone Christine on 01392272471. or Jean on 01647252432.

May 14th Birthday party.

Jean Hoskin

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3rd Ide Frock Swap. Saturday 19th May. Ide Primary School Hall.

So, you have hopefully noticed the advanced announcements for the event in the previous Ide Times, or heard about the event from previous attendees...but what is it? Well, I hope this article explains it all!

Most of us have those items of clothing, or accessories, that we don't use anymore and would love to refresh our wardrobe, but budgets are tight.

The *frock swap* is the answer! It helps pre-loved clothes find new owners, and vice versa! It also has the added bonus of being a lovely social occasion and raises money for charity. The charity this year is Ide Primary School, and they kindly provide the venue for free.



It would be lovely to see all ages there – 13 years to 113 years! The event is open to ladies only, so you can feel relaxed trying on your items.

So what happens? Prior to the event you purchase your ticket. This costs £6, from the Ide Village Shop, Ide Primary School or any of the organisers (see below or look out for posters in windows!). Tickets will also be available from 5pm from the venue on the date of the event. You also need to donate 3 items, again if these can be dropped off to the organisers prior to the event that is really helpful. Suitable items are those that are clean and in a reasonable condition. Any clothing item can be donated – shoes, hats, tops, trousers, jumpers, coats, scarves, gloves, bags etc! We do not want underwear, swimwear, leisure wear or jewellery. You can donate more than 3 items if you wish.

On the day – apologies to those who have to miss the Frock Swap to attend Harry and Meghan's nuptials - come to the school hall from 7.30pm. Please come earlier if you still need to drop off items or buy tickets. When doors open at 7.30 you will be greeted with a complimentary glass of fizz, or fruit juice, and 3 labels. You will then be able to browse the items, try them on and generally relax.

There will be a falafel van to buy hot food from. There will also be a cash bar, selling drinks and cold snacks. Try your luck in the prize raffle. You can also peruse Nikki Rice's Finishing Touches jewellery stall. Gina (from the pamper night) will also be on hand to thread away any unwanted hair.

When you find an item you like, attach one of your labels. You can buy more labels if you wish (price to be confirmed). At approximately 9.30pm items will be available to take home. If no-one else wants your item (i.e. yours is the only label) take it!! Honesty appreciated at this point. If there is more than one label there will be a fun auction (bids will start low, about 10p) between the owners of the labels. Any remaining unwanted items will then be sold off for 50p. If there are still unwanted items I will donate these to charity. We had such fun last time, with over 500 items to choose from. We were exceptionally lucky last time to be donated some hats by Janet Williams from Hats-A-Head. Thank you Janet.

Apart from being simply marvellous by attending, how else can you help?

Ticket seller (perhaps take a batch to sell at work/club/church/hobby?) Setting up on the day from 3pm. Tidying up afterwards, either that night or the next morning. Donate a prize for the raffle. Loan of lights/mirror/screens/hangers

Thank you for your support

Charlotte Ives, Jane Bellamy and the team

Tickets – Ide Shop, Ide School or via facebook (leave a message on the Frock Swap events page <https://www.facebook.com/events/1614511341997244/> or Ide Devon page) or email charlotte.ives@yahoo.co.uk

Photos courtesy of Philly Kersey.

Drop off – A. Nichols 4 Cobbe House (items) or C Marrable-Smith Drake's Farm House (items and prizes)



IDE ROYAL WEDDING PARTY

19th MAY FROM 12.30pm

PLANS ARE AFOOT FOR A GRAND IDE ROYAL WEDDING PARTY!
THE WEDDING WILL BE TELEVISED ON THE BIG SCREEN IN THE POACHERS
BEER GARDEN SO COME AND JOIN US TO CELEBRATE IN TRUE VILLAGE
STYLE!

WEAR RED WHITE AND BLUE AND DON'T FORGET YOUR HATS! THERE WILL
BE A PRIZE FOR THE BEST HAT AND MORE FUN AND GAMES ARE PLANNED
FOR THE DAY. AND OF COURSE THERE WILL BE A GRAND RAFFLE!

THERE WILL BE A BBQ AND FOOD AVAILABLE ALL AFTERNOON
THE WEDDING CELEBRATIONS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE NEXT BIG
EVENT OF THE DAY, THE FA CUP FINAL! THIS WILL ALSO BE SHOWN ON
THE BIG SCREEN.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE WEIR MEADOW PROJECT.
DONATIONS OF RAFFLE PRIZES WOULD BE VERY WELCOME. IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE
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We are waiting for our first calves. The cows are showing signs but nothing yet! The lambs have grown loads and playing out in the fields.

Another busy month on the farm. The return of **'Spring at the Farm' 22nd April 11am-4pm**. Poco Drom performing his wildlife songs, tractor trailer rides, fireside storytelling, BBQ, vegetarian cafe and farm walks. £4 adult £3 child £12 family and under 3's free. Well behaved dogs welcome on leads. Really looking forward to seeing everyone and hopefully some Spring weather.

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