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The sun has shone for virtually all of July and the grass in many places has stopped growing through lack of rain. The children have now broken up from school and the holiday season is in full swing. The Jubilee Club members shown on the front cover enjoyed a beautiful trip to Exmouth and the boat ride along the coast almost as far as Sidmouth, in glorious sunshine. The picture is of Budleigh beach.



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

1.com by the 20th August.
Brenda Spivey (01392 275784)

USEFUL NUMBERS

Community Policeman: 101

The Parish Church - Rev Mike Partridge 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)

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Saturdays 8am – 1pm Sundays 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.

The Mobile Library will be in the Huntsman car park, Ide, from 11.45am to 12.30pm on **Monday, 6th August.**

IDE PARISH COUNCIL Idevillage.org.uk

The next <u>Parish Council meeting</u> will be held in Ide Memorial Hall on Wednesday 19 September 2018 at 7.30pm.

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.

The next meeting of the <u>Planning Committee</u> is <u>Wednesday 19 September</u> 2018 at 6pm at The <u>Hub unless otherwise advised</u>. To view planning applications, go to <u>www.teignbridge.gov.uk/planning</u> and search using the address or reference number.

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.

New application 18/01024/MAJ Springwell Nursery IDE Erection of a new Garden Sales Area Building including Café/Restaurant, Storage/Warehouse. New Public Car Park Area and Turning Area.

Application 18/0009/REF Land off Polehouse Lane – erection of a temporary worker's caravan – Appeal lodged and informal hearing on 7 August 2018 at Teignbridge District Council Offices Forde House Brunel Road Newton Abbot TQ12 4XX on 7 August 2018

All documentation is available on the website at www.teignbridge.gov.uk/planningonline

18/010082/FUL 28 High Street, Ide – Replacement shed and change of use to Dog Grooming. The planning committee measured the application against the planning criteria, and feel it is right to support this application, taking particular note of Teignbridge Local Plan policy EC4 'working from home'. **Planning permission granted.**

Pynes Community Orchard and Weir Meadow Working Groups – minutes of both of these groups can be found on the website.

Multi Use Games Area – bookings can now be accessed through the Ide Village website at www.ldevillage.org.uk

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

Cemetery administrator: Sarah Tiley 01392 217142 saraht61@btinternet.com

SAFE ROUTES FOR IDE

A lot has been happening on the issue of traffic using Balls farm Road and Little John's Cross Hill illegally making it difficult and unsafe for Ide residents to walk and cycle towards Exeter.

On an early morning in June at the twisted oak tree there was a meeting of a sergeant and officers from Exeter neighbourhood Police team, two of our parish councillors (Pete Bishop and Andy Swain), Alan Connett and Yvonne Atkinson of Devon County Council and officers from Devon Highways.

Our visitors were surprised by the amount of traffic, and also the steady stream of vulnerable users on foot or cycle, mainly children.

We also looked at the concerns from residents in the recent survey by Safe Routes for Ide.

This concern and the high number of reported incidents was sufficient to cause the police to make a firm commitment to carry out enforcement on a regular basis.

Some drivers are confused by the traffic restrictions in place, particularly on Doctors Walk, so Ide Parish Council have published a page on the village website with clarifying information, checked by the police, detailing the restrictions. We hope this information will be helpful to all users of the road. http://idevillage.org.uk/balls-farm-road/

The school and the walking bus are aware that enforcement is expected in order to keep the road safe for legitimate use.

Accessing the Twisted Oak car park for the Ide School Walking Bus is fine as long as we do not enter through Doctors Walk between 7:00 and 9:30 a.m.

	Andy Swain, Safe Routes for Ide
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A THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE CONSIDERATE CAR DRIVERS......

Amidst the challenges presented by trying to ensure that Ball's Farm Road rightfully becomes a safe route for cyclists, walkers and those on horses, whether those travelling are children or adults, it occurs to me that it is important to remind ourselves that the vast majority of road users of all kinds are good, considerate and law-abiding people.

In particular, I thought I'd say how wonderfully patient car drivers are when finding themselves behind such cyclists as I struggling up the High Street, when I'm putting in as much effort as a Tour de France rider but going a fraction of the speed!

I like to think that the difference is that those driving up the High Street are Ide drivers, whereas those illegally using Ball's Farm Road aren't!

Anyway, hats off to you for your patience and forbearance in this respect!

Pete Bishop

Community Use of the Multi Use Games Area [MUGA] at Ide School

Following meetings between the school (Sharon Tarr, Headteacher and Ann Boyce, Chair of Governors) and two Parish Councillors (Rachel Herbert and Barry Hookins) new arrangements for providing community access outside of school hours (except for times when the school is using it for after school activities) were agreed.

Please note that access will also not be possible when major grounds maintenance work and repairs to the school equipment are taking place during the first two weeks of the holiday. These restrictions will be posted on the booking site.

The Parish Council is overseeing arrangements for booking this facility by:

- setting up an online booking system on the village website. This will
 include the conditions of booking that will need to be accepted (tick box) in
 order to book, names of keyholders and how to collect and return the keys.
- organising key holders; a minimum of 4 to be agreed by the school. Key holders will be provided with a book which must be signed by the person booking to confirm that they are responsible for the behaviour and well being of any minors who will be using the site and the condition of any equipment used.

Conditions of booking:

- Bookings can only be made on the website and by persons over 18 years of age. Children will need to be supervised (to comply with the requirements of our insurance policy). For the same reason, if staff working on the site see unsupervised children they will have to ask them to leave.
- On collecting the key, the person who made the booking must sign the book provided to confirm that they agree to be responsible for the behaviour and wellbeing of any minors who will be using the site.
- Any damage to the MUGA or its equipment must be reported when the key is returned.

Hiring Fee:

The governors have agreed that **no charging fee** will be imposed for family and occasional use of the MUGA.

Regular Bookings by Groups:

As in the past, if groups would like to book the MUGA for regular practices they should contact the school administrator in term time. The charge for such bookings is £10 per hour.

Ann Boyce



IDE COMMUNITY SHOP AND POST OFFICE



Did you know that your Ide Community shop is run and staffed entirely by volunteers?

Your shop is open **seven** days a week. Each day, every week, many of our neighbours give up just a few hours of their time to keep your shop running. Some help in stocking shelves, ordering supplies, manning the till, trips to suppliers, and so much more. There is also a core group of committee members that oversee the smooth running of the shop by organising the volunteer rota, paying our bills, stock control as well of all the 'necessary' legal bits and pieces. Do you have a few hours you can spare to help in your shop? You might like a regular shift, or perhaps a more ad hoc arrangement. Either way we would love you to join our merry band of volunteers. PLEASE, if you would like to find out more, pop in and see what it's all about.

The summer is well and truly here now and many of you will be thinking of garden parties and BBQs. We have a wide range of local food and drink to make sure your event is a success and all from local suppliers. Delicious local sausages and burgers can be ordered in especially for you, if you require large quantities. Locally produced charcoal from sustainably managed Devon woodlands and some fabulous local beers are available, as well as a very wide selection of wine.

If you are off on your travels over the school holidays don't forget to pop in and pick up some activities for your kiddies, colouring and activity books, colouring pencils and playing cards to name a few. If they're happy in the car, so will you be!

Lastly, a quick reminder that you can find our suggestions box on the counter by the till. Do let us know what you think about Ide Community shop and Post office.

Selena Morgan



On Monday mornings there is the great Bookers run - when a couple of the volunteers head to the cash and carry to restock the shelves. This picture shows Alan, Rose and Barry sorting out their purchases, pricing them and putting them on the shelves.

And it was Alan's birthday!

IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH The HUB@lde - August

	11am	5pm
5 th Aug	Traditional Service –	All-Age service
	Mr D. Chipps	
12 th Aug	Traditional Service –	Traditional Service -
	Mr B Yabsley	Mr M. Trigg
19 th Aug	Traditional Service –	All-Age service
_	Mr B. Bunce	
26 th Aug	Traditional Service –	Traditional Service –
	Mr P. Willer	Mr L. Mason
		(Communion)

We love because Christ first loved us. As Christians, we are all the family of God – he calls us His sons and daughters, his heirs. And we share the joy with those around us. That's what The HUB is all about!



Creation Fest!

We'll be heading down to Wadebridge during the week of 4-10 Aug to sample some of the best Christian music and speakers. There is a kid's club offering morning and afternoon sessions. All without charge.

If you are interested in taking a day trip down there with us (whether you need a lift or not), please get in touch. We're probably going down on the <u>Wed (8th)</u> but tbc once we know the programme.



War Room!

In September we'll be starting a <u>6 week</u> study on prayer, based on the movie 'War Room'. It's a brilliant movie!

Anyone is welcome whether you have ever wondered about prayer, tried praying, or is an experienced prayer warrior. We'll watch the movie and the weeks that follow are based on clips from the movie.

Starts Thurs 13th Sep 7pm

Word for today:

There is no denying it... <u>Death</u> is an inevitable part of life. We will all die one day, and we don't know when. We don't know how much time we have on this earth.

If Christianity is false, then some of us are wasting our time believing, attending church, reading the Bible, and even praying has no point. Christians are deluded.

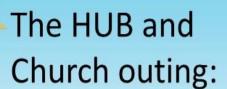
But if it is true – that God created us for a purpose, that He loves us and wants us to be in a relationship with him that is fulfilling; that He brings love, joy, peace and most importantly, meaning to our lives; that we are part of a big plan, which God is in control of; If the teachings of the Bible, the words Jesus spoke and what was promised about judgement and the after-life are true; If heaven or hell are our choice of destination after we die, then surely it is something that everyone should take the time to investigate properly for themselves?

Can you afford not to?

The decisions we make in this life, affect the next. If our eternal destiny depends on it, shouldn't we all at least give it some consideration before we die? If you decide it's false, you can die in peace, knowing you've researched it properly.

If you decide it is true, then shouldn't it be everything you live for, not half-heartedly. It's all or nothing, as the Bible says, you are either 'all for' Jesus, or you're on the other side.

Email: i or call 07736449790 for more information



15th August 10am -3pm



All families and friends welcome.

Join us for an activity followed by lunch at Ruth and Roy Endacott's farm (East Nymph farm, Spreyton)

Travelling by coach meeting at the War Memorial at 10am and returning around 3pm. Children can bring swimming gear. Wear walking shoes for activity. If wet, bring wet weather gear but there will be a barn available for use!

Please contact us if you intend coming so we can cater for all.

Email thehubidecc@outlook.com for more info

SAINT IDA'S CHURCH

5th August	Trinity 10	9.30am	Holy Communion		
12th August	Trinity 11	9.30am	Morning Praise		
19th August	Trinity 12	9.30am	Holy Communion		
26th August	Trinity 13	8am	Holy Communion		
•	-	No All Age Service			



Baptisms (Christenings), Weddings & Banns of Marriage - If you wish to make any enquiries about these please email weddings@alphingtonstmichaels.org for weddings and banns of marriage at Ide; and christenings@alphingtonstmichaels.org for baptisms at Ide; or you can ring 01392 662280.

From our new Children's and Families' Worker

My name is Lucy Williams and I'm looking forward to two amazing things...

- I'm going to be the Children's and Families' worker in the mission community.
- Getting married to your Rector Mike Partridge.

I will be moving up from Plymouth over the Summer, where I have lived all my life. Having taught Key Stage 1 children for nearly 20 years, I feel that I have experience with



children and their families but I am also conscious that this job will be a new challenge for me. When you see me out and about or in church please do come and say hello. I'm really looking forward to meeting you all. I really hope that I can help develop some of the Families' and Children's work that has been taking place in Ide over the past few years.

I've been worshiping in Alphington for about six months, sometimes in the morning service and sometimes at ReFresh with my two daughters, Grace 10 and Hope 8. When I saw the job advertised I was so excited and really felt that it would be perfect for me. I am a Christian who is passionate about Children's work.

And secondly, I'll be marrying your local Rector! We have both been through tough times and feel totally blessed that God has brought us together. We are really looking forward to sharing a future together. I'm especially excited that I'm marrying someone who can cook, as I find boiling an egg challenging at times!

Some reflections on the World Cup

"The pale kid from Sunderland in Goal. Three big lads from South Yorkshire in defence. A striker born in Jamaica, raised in the scruffy part of West London. Another midfielder schooled in Lisbon. A superstar striker who learned his craft on loan at orient and Milwall". These were some of the words of a BBC reporter, waxing lyrical about diversity and inclusivity before our bubble was burst by the Croatian minnow.

On the day of the world cup final, one of our Bible Readings in Church came from Ephesians where the writer talks about the amazing power of Jesus to break down the barriers which divide people. To give us a purpose as believers, to share in the work of God to build peace and bring unity.

There is no doubt that the world cup was a fantastic spectacle. For a brief moment, the nations were brought together in a celebration of sport which captured our imagination. But sadly, as the celebrations fade into the background, the age-old rivalries between countries and peoples, genders and age-groups, within families and between them... all these return just as they were before to spoil so much that is good.

I do like to compare the team of 2018 with the team of 1966. The make-up of the squads shows just how much our country has changed in 50 years. And sad though it is, we are reminded that the level of conflict and tension in this world is just as high as it ever has been.

One of God's purposes for the Church, as we find in Paul's letter to the Ephesians, is to be a place where unity is real, diversity doesn't lead to conflict, and working together we can share in God's good purposes for all people.

What a challenge and responsibility we have!!

Mike Partridge

We have all been greatly saddened by the sudden death of Luke Taborn and offer the family our deepest sympathy. There will be a Memorial Service for Luke in Ide Church on Friday, 24th August, at 2pm.

MOTHERS' UNION

Just one important date for this month. On Thursday, 9th August at 11.0 am, there will be a service in the Cathedral, to celebrate Mary Summer Day. Mary Summer was the clergyman's wife who began the Mother's Union, to serve the young families in her community, well over 100 years ago. Our branch in Ide is also over 100 years old! There are now over 1 million members worldwide. What a thing to celebrate! We hope to have a fundraising coffee morning soon - watch out for posters so you can join us in this work.

Enjoy your summer, despite all that watering!

Sue Campbell



IDE MEMORIAL HALL

The curtain material and curtain track for the hall have been purchased and within the next few weeks a working party will be making up the curtains which will give the hall a more homely feel.

We hope to have a new wooden floor in the near future. We are also working hard on funding for new furniture including a demountable stage and are in the process of shopping around for the most suitable furniture and equipment for our needs.

If you are interested in booking the hall for an event, please contact Carol Whitehart on 01392 213608.

The hall is now an excellent venue for parties, meetings, exercise classes, music practice, meals, etc. You can hire the hall for a children's party for as little as £25 and there is room for a bouncy castle!

Brenda Spivey

NETBALL

Kenn Valley Netball team started life as an Ide back to netball team training on the school's MUGA. Most of us hadn't played netball since we left school some many, many years ago! We have now grown to include members from further afield – hence our 'rebrand' as Kenn Valley.

We are a friendly bunch of ladies who enjoy meeting up once a week to play some fun netball training games. Some of us have been aspiring to the giddy heights of joining a league – a recent foray into the Crediton league for our team last season! And we are looking at joining the Exmouth or Teignmouth league this season, having narrowly (by one goal) missed out on a place in the Exeter netball league. We also arrange friendly games with other local teams.

We always welcome new players, whether they wish to play matches or just want to join in the fun netball trainings sessions (or even just the socials!). So if you would enjoy a bit of exercise and a lot of laughs once a week, or if you would like to play more seriously (not that we are very serious!) then we would love to hear from you.

Contact Rachel Herbert 07826249665 or Cheryl Haddy 07736678989

JUBILEE CLUB

Strawberry Tea time comes but once a year and we met on June 25th at Longdown Village Hall for this event. A group of helpers gathered in the morning preparing the strawberries, laying the tables, arranging flowers and catching up with the latest news. The afternoon was a relaxing one listening to the music and singing provided by Colin and Ian from Sounds Easy, and we joined in with some of the well known tunes. Jill and Daphne took to the floor for a dance. There was an abundance of food supplied by the Walled Garden. We welcomed a new member Brenda Smith. After many years of preparing the draw tickets and selling them at meetings Enid has felt the time has come to finish. We gave her a plant and a big thank you for her work. Brenda has now stepped into Enid`s shoes with Doreen helping at the moment.

The plan for July 9th was to meet at the home of Marge and John in their lovely garden, however with wall to wall sunshine forecast the decision was made to meet in the cooler venue of the hall. Bert tested our brainpower with a quiz. Lorraine, Marge and John's daughter, had been very busy baking a luscious assortment of cakes for our enjoyment. We welcomed Doreen Loosley to the club and a bouquet of flowers were sent to Margaret Cox for a special birthday.

Diary Dates
No meetings in August
September 3rd Bingo
September17th Outing Possibly The Donkey
Sanctuary at Sidmouth.
October1st A talk by Frank Letch and
the subs are due £5.

Tony Lethbridge

Passing one of the stacks at Ladram Bay on the Exmouth trip on the 23rd July.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS.....

Kevin and Alison, Liam and Sam would like to thank everyone for the kindness and support shown after losing Luke. There will be a Memorial Service in Ide Church on Friday, 24th August, at 2pm. No flowers, but donations to Hospiscare.

Kevin and Alison Taborn

It's bigger than ever!



Ide Village Show

Ide Primary School Hall Sunday 16th September 2018 Doors open at 2:30pm (Presentation of prizes at 4:00pm)

Free Admission

Tea and cakes served all afternoon.

Everyone welcome to take part or just come along to view the exhibits.

Programme of classes:

Preserves:

- 1. Any marmalade
- 2. Strawberry jam
- 3. Raspberry jam
- 4. Blackcurrant jam
- 5. Any other jam
- 6. Any jelly
- 7. Any chutney

Flowers:

- 8. Three matching flowers of any kind
- 9. Tallest sunflower (Photographic evidence accepted)
- 10. Flower arrangement in a teacup
- 11. Any other flower arrangement
- 12. Plant(s) growing in a pot.

Vegetables:

- 13. Funniest fruit or vegetable
- 14. Three potatoes
- 15. Three carrots
- 16. Three beans
- 17. Three onions
- 18. Three tomatoes to be judged on appearance and taste
- 19. Three the same of any other vegetable
- 20. Heaviest vegetable
- 21. Longest vegetable
- 22. Bouquet of herbs
- 23. Basket of home grown produce (fruit/veg)
- 24. Single prize specimen any vegetable

Fruit:

- 25. Three cooking apples
- 26. Three dessert apples
- 27. Three pears
- 28. Three the same of any other fruit
- 29. A saucer of soft fruit to be judged on appearance and taste
- 30. Single prize specimen any fruit

Baking:

- 31. Victoria Sponge Sandwich
- 32. Any other cake
- 33. A savoury pastry bake eg: quiche, pasty, sausage roll
- 34. Bread or rolls.
- 35. The Ide Showstopper (Great British Bake Off style)

Other Produce:

- 36. A thermos of homemade vegetable soup
- 37. A bottle of homebrewed cider, wine or beer*
- 38. A flavoured spirit eg: sloe gin, raspberry vodka**
- 39. Three eggs 1 will be cracked for judging
 - *No homebrew kits please ** Spirit may be purchased

Children's categories: (Under 12s)

- 40. A miniature garden
- 41. A monster made from fruit and veg
- 42. 'Pizza face' tell us who you've made!
- 43. Four decorated cupcakes
- 44. A painted stone
- 45. 'Summer scene' a picture in any media (max size A3)

46. A lego model (max dimension 30cm)

<u>Certificates awarded for 'Best in Category'</u> <u>Trophies awarded for 'Best in Section' and 'Best in Show'</u>

Exhibition of Arts, Crafts and Photography

There will a display of arts, crafts and photography celebrating the talents of the people of Ide and surrounding area. (No judging in this category this year – possibly in the future!)

Please label your art, craft and photography exhibits

with your name. You are welcome to display a price if your exhibit is for sale.



COLOUR WHEEL ART CLASSES

When did you last draw or pick up a paintbrush? Are you interested in learning some new skills? Do you want to spend 3 hours a week doing something creative? Just for yourself? Do you want to make new friends and be part of an art group? If you have answered Yes to these questions, why not join our ColourWheel Art Classes held at our new venues - West Town Farm, Ide and The Salutation Inn, Topsham. For more information ring Joanne Gomer 01392 793628 or book at www.colourwheelartclass.co.uk

EXETER FOOD ACTION are looking for volunteers to collect food one evening every couple of weeks from a local supermarket and take it to the warehouse where local groups for disadvantaged/homeless people collect it to support food banks, breakfast clubs, homeless shelter kitchens, etc. Sainsbury's on the Alphington Road and one of the big Tesco's have just started to offer Exeter Food Action spare food, which would otherwise go to waste, so more volunteers would be welcome.

For further information contact Elizabeth Butland in Ide Post Office.

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DOING OUR OWN THING

How did we village children of the 1920-30's period spend our Summer Holiday from school? There were no Theme Parks, Wild Life Parks, or Leisure Centres and the like, and even if there were, few could have afforded to visit them.

The majority made their own amusement, in many different ways. Corn

harvesting on the farms would usually be in full swing and that was a much longer drawn out procedure than it is today, using combine harvesters, bailers and tractors, etc. It is all done so quickly and almost discretely now-a-days - the ordinary lay person is hardly aware that it is happening. In those early days, when using horse-drawn implements, extra pairs of hands were always welcome, standing up the sheaves of corn in the stooks to dry and loading the wagons with them to make a rick in the farmyard for eventual threshing out the grain at some later time. Lots of children we spend days helping out in various ways.

The local streams were regular places to play in at that time. Most youngsters enjoyed catching minnows in a jam jar, a net, or even with a made up fishing rod and line., using a garden cane, strong thin tine, a cork for a float, and a bent pin for a hook. The odd trout was also caught that way. A few of the older children, usually wearing a pair of plimsolls, would spend days wading through the water, usually the stretch of the Alphin Brook between Pocombe Bridge and Crab Lane, "tickling" trout. This was the art of catching the fish by using one hands.

Rambles far into the countryside, or a walk to Exeter Canal and the Quay were very popular. Walking along Ide Lane to Alphington - there was no A30 then of course - going down the old Clapperbrook Lane to the canal banks. This was all green fields at that time - Marsh Barton Trading Estate probably hadn't even been thought about. The canal used to be quite busy with ships from many countries bringing cargoes of timber, petrol, oil, cement, etc., and even wine upt to the City basin, which was always a hive of activity and provided plenty of interest for inquisitive youngsters.

We used to walk miles in those days and enjoyed it. There was very little traffic and everywhere was green fields and open countryside. There were plenty of tramps, or 'gentlemen of the road' as they were called, in the area, but they usually kept themselves to themselves.

Today's children have plenty of man-made entertainment, but sadly the feeling of freedom to roam is something the majority aren't able to enjoy as we did in our day.

Frank Moore (Taken from an Ide Times of August 1997)

WEST TOWN FARM NEWS

The farm is dry and dusty. We're in need of a good soaking. I don't think I've ever seen Devon look so brown. We're feeding the cows the recently cut silage as we have no grass left in the fields. We certainly made hay while the sun shone but unfortunately the sun didn't stop shining. Fingers crossed for a bit of rain soon!



Our first wedding was a huge success. The weather was perfect and the yard looked amazing. We tried out new salads to accompany our hog roast and some new ciders from Sandford Orchards.

D'Arts were luck with the weather again and Judi Spiers was kind enough to come down and show support by officially opening the festival. This year on top of all the amazing music and activities there was lot's of new food to try.

We've got a busy August ahead of us, still have a group of cows to calf - plus a group to wean off. Our main concern at the moment though is making sure all the animals have enough water.

The shop will have fresh organic beef the first weekend of August. Lot's of different cuts. The fillet steak on the BBQ is out of this world.

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