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March 2019

I make no excuse for giving so much space to the **Youth Strikes 4 Climate** events. The sight of all those children asking “grown-ups” to take the state of our planet seriously made me feel very ashamed. The world we are passing on is not the one we came into. Its amazing diversity of untouched landscapes and wildlife has been squandered in the pursuit of possessions and a “better” life. We are all guilty and we have to stop sticking our heads in the sand and make changes in our lives so that we can support our children who feel they are fighting for their future. One interview with a young striker brought me to tears,,, 9 years old, he was asked what he thought the world would be like when he is grown up....he replied “burning”.

Ann Boyce

Items for the April Ide Times should be sent to Brenda Spivey (01392 275784) email : brendaspivey123@btinternet.com by the 20th March please.



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

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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, 19th March.**

Apologies: Bus Timetable is on page 12 this month

IDE PARISH COUNCIL

idevillage.org.uk

LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS, including parish council elections, will be held on **Thursday 2nd May 2019**. Ide Parish Council meets in public six times a year, on the third Wednesday in January, March, May, July, September and November, from 7.30 to 9.00pm in the Memorial Hall. Anyone considering standing as a Parish Councillor is very welcome to contact the Chairman, Nick Bradley or the Clerk, Mel Liversage by phone or email, to discuss what is involved.

Pynes Community Orchard

We expect to sign an agreement for a three year option to buy the Orchard quite soon. Once signed, we'll hold an **Open Village Meeting** to share what's happening at Pynes Orchard, the plans for its future, and how you can become involved. Members of the Orchard Working Group will be there to answer questions and discuss your ideas. Look out for further news.

The Orchard Working Group met on Monday 21 January and Wednesday 13 February 2019. A volunteer working party gathered on 9 February 2019 to clear and prune, and will meet again on 2 March and 6 April 2019. If you would like to come along, please contact Peter Cloke at peter_cloke@btinternet.com.

Weir Meadow: The working group met on 15 January 2019, following which an extraordinary Parish Council meeting, held on 6 February 2019, agreed to appoint Peter Leaver from the David Wilson Landscape Architect Partnership to act for it in preparing a planning application for Weir Meadow to become a recreation ground. Minutes of the Orchard and Meadow working groups are available on the website.

The next meeting of the **Planning Committee** is on Wednesday 20 March 2019 at 6pm unless otherwise advised. To view planning applications, go to www.teignbridge.gov.uk/planning and search using the address or reference number.

The village website: www.idevillage.org.uk is being updated. If you would like to advertise on this site for £15 per annum, please contact the clerk.

The next **Parish Council** meeting will be held in Ide Memorial Hall on Wednesday 20 March 2019 at 7.30pm. Meetings of the Parish Council and its 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. 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 Council Contact Details:

Chairman: Nick Bradley, Smallridge House, The Green, Ide, EX2 9RT 01392 420616
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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

Call for Volunteers

Ide Community Emergency Plan

2018 saw Ide's 'snow warden' and his team playing a key role in the March's snowfalls and their aftermath, by ensuring that as much as possible was done to enable life to continue in the village. Roads and paths were cleared, and salt and gravel were put down.

As you may have read in a previous edition of Ide Times, a flood plan, or 'Community Emergency Plan' is being developed for Ide. With climate change a reality, extreme weather is set to become the new norm, and it seems sensible that we as a village do what we can to mitigate against such things as local flooding.

A key aspect will be a team of volunteers who are able to make themselves available, just as they were when snow interrupted daily life, to provide practical help where needed. If you feel you'd like to be involved in such a role, then we'd be very pleased to hear from you.

Email: Pete Bishop p.bishop@exeter.ac.uk or
Barry Hookins barry.hookins@gmail.com

Ide Ringers Ringing Competition Saturday 6th April

For those Ide residents who relish the Sunday sonic treat from St Ida's Church tower, this year's competition will be on Saturday 6th April from 2.00 pm. Ide ringers are pleased to welcome several visiting teams to participate and enjoy the hospitality of Ide. Teas will be available at the church if anyone would like to call by to support us or learn more of what we do and consider learning to ring. Thanks to all who support or tolerate our annual celebration of the ringing art.

Mark Armitage



Help please: we are looking for volunteers willing to give up their time to come along and help give the shop a regular Spring-clean. We have had a couple of kind offers but are asking for more. If you think you could spare an hour or two, once in a while, please hand your name and contact details in at the shop. We will get in touch to arrange a date! Thank you in anticipation.....

Celebrate with us: 2019 is a very special year for the shop. We opened in the Portacabin in the Car Park on 1st April 2009 so we have our 10th Anniversary coming up. The committee has seen a lot of changes, but there are still a few of us who have been there from the beginning – quite an achievement!

So, please make a note in your diaries that our 10th AGM will be held in the Village Hall on the evening of **Friday 10th May**. There will be a bar and the Fish & Chip van will be there as per the last two years! Everyone is welcome, you don't have to be a shareholder to come along, and there won't be any pressure to become one!

Solar Panels: We are working with the Village Hall Committee on installing Solar Panels on their roof with the financial benefits going to the shop. Our energy bills are high due to the chillers and freezers – we very rarely need any heat in the shop but the air-conditioning is absolutely necessary in the warmer months. There would be a large financial outlay from shop funds to start with, but the shop will benefit in the long term. There is the possibility that we may get some grants towards the costs. Watch this space.

POST OFFICE NEWS:

We welcome Zetta King as our new Post Office Assistant. Having a third person will give us much needed cover for holiday and sickness. She will also be helping with general duties and ordering for the shop.

The Post Office continues to be a huge asset to the village especially as more and more banks and Post Office branches have closed down. You can carry out most of your regular banking transactions over the Post Office counter – please ask the Post Office staff for details.

THANK YOU IDE ALOUD

The Ide Aloud Concert on the 15th/16th February was excellent and made for a very enjoyable evening. The singing was good, we all struggled with the quiz and took part in games. There was a lovely supper and, of course, a draw.

Thank you Jane and all the members of Ide Aloud for a most enjoyable evening.

Brenda

JUBILEE CLUB

At the Jubilee Club we celebrate our Christmas Lunch after the rush is over and how good to have fifty five members and friends gathered together at Fingle Glen for a meal, the festive spirit still alive crackers and jokes to share.

February 4th was our next meeting when we enjoyed watching a Pam Ayres video and had a good chuckle at the tales , some quite naughty ! It is with much sadness I report the news of the passing away of Linda Oakley, our sympathy and thoughts to her family.



On February 18th the mysteries of millenary were demonstrated to us by Janet Williams. Janet from Ghana came to London to learn millenary, she wanted to learn more and went to Australia and New York to learn different techniques. The wooden blocks used for shaping the materials for the hats are expensive at around £400 so a standard size of 22" is used. The end product can then be made smaller, however to stretch the hat a special technique is used. An interesting collection of tools required, a hammer, ligament and scissors, well who would have thought you needed a hammer to make a hat! Big designers add decoration to the basic hat and charge big prices! The flat materiel is placed on the wooden block and a steam iron used to shape and remove the creases, we were amazed how Janet moulded the hat. The crown is hand sewn onto the brim. We were then let loose to try on the wonderful creations Janet had displayed, from wide brimmed exotic to head hugging cloches. The men had not been forgotten with hats for them to try.

It was good to have Sheila and Ralph at the club after a difficult time for them both. We send our best wishes to members with health problems.

DIARY DATES

- March 4th** Tony Lethbridge will entertain us with slides Exeter Odds and Ends.
- March 18th** A Talk by Blind Veterans U.K.
- April 1st** The Ide Schoolchildren will entertain us with their singing to celebrate Mothers' Day. 6.
- April 15th** Paul Rendell Isles of Scilly.
- April 29th** Outing to Dartmouth and boat trip to Totnes

Jean Hoskin

A date for your diary
from Ide Growers
Plant & Seed Swap
takes place this year on

Sunday April 28th. It'll be in the afternoon and at Ide School (we hope). More details to follow in the next edition of the Ide Times – but expect the usual combination of plants you never knew you wanted, tea n' cake and general social bonhomie.

Mothers' UNION



Members enjoyed the service in the Cathedral when new officers for the Diocese were commissioned. Bishop Jackie, (Crediton) gave an excellent talk. It was a pleasure to meet friends from around the county over coffee afterwards. We will have our fund raising Lent Lunch on Wednesday, 13th March, at Brenda's home. 12.30 pm. Friends most welcome to join us. Our group of Branches will be taking mid-day prayers in the Cathedral on Friday 29th March. Do support them if you can.

Sue Campbell

MEMORIAL HALL



To book the Memorial Hall, please contact Carol Whitehart on 01392 213608.

The cost of hiring the hall is £8 per hour for day-time bookings and £10 per hour for evening bookings (6pm onwards). The charge for children's parties is £25.

We now have 30 new, more comfortable, chairs in the hall. They are slightly heavier than the ancient plastic ones, but look so much better and are much more comfortable.

The Community Shop have decided to go ahead and have solar panels put on the Hall roof to provide electricity for the shop. The hall will also benefit as the shop will pay rent for using roof for the solar panels.

Brenda Spivey

On Friday 14 February **Ide Primary School**
supported Youth Strike 4 Climate



Ide Primary School supported Youth strike 4 climate today, learning about climate change and talking about the speech they saw made by 16 year old climate activist, Greta Thunberg.

In common with students across the country, Ide pupils shared poems and songs which expressed their perspectives about climate change. Among these was 'Now or Never', a very special song (we think you will agree!) both written and performed by two members of Chestnut class.

**You can listen to the
song on the Ide
Primary School
Facebook Page**

Here are some thoughts from the children:

"It has to change because we might want to have children when we grow up and then they will probably want children and everyone deserves to be able to live in a healthy world"

"I care about the planet and everything that lives on it like all the wildlife and plants. Our planet would be horrible to live on without nature all around."

"Sea levels are already rising and weather like hurricanes and heatwaves are getting stronger. Earth doesn't want to be too hot."

Youth Strike 4 Climate protests in Exeter

In August 2018, a fifteen year old girl sat down with a sign outside the Swedish parliament to protest against climate change. Greta Thunberg was on strike from school and her demands were to reduce carbon emissions through the Paris Agreement. This has grown to form the worldwide “youth strikes for climate”, a growing movement of pupils and students who strike from school to peacefully protest against the lack of action concerning climate change.

We only have 12 years to cut CO2 emissions by 50%, and we constantly hear news of the environment changing, for example, a rubbish truck load of plastic is dumped into our oceans every minute, and 200 species are going extinct every single day.



On Friday the 15th February, there was a “youth for climate” protest in Exeter outside County Hall, which I took part in. There were lots of speakers including a six-year old child who talked about electric cars. The councillors were watching us through the windows of County Hall and waving. Some of them even came down to talk to us. After the speeches we marched through Exeter to Belmont Park, chanting.

As under 18 year olds cannot vote, we need to work together to take more political action in other ways. I met a lot of people who have the same views as me, and it was inspiring to see how many young people really care about the environment and what is happening to the planet that we live on. There was an amazing atmosphere throughout the whole day.

There is another school strike on the 15th of March, which anyone is welcome to take part in.

Callista Smithson Swain

And from elsewhere.....



Safe Routes for Ide.

We hope those who walk, cycle, run or ride on Balls Farm Road or Little John's Cross Hill will appreciate the benefit of the recent police action reminding motorists that it is illegal to use any of Doctors walk, Little John's Cross Hill or Balls Farm Road as a shortcut to Exeter or West Exe School at any time. It is still fine to access the Ide school walking bus, the Twisted Oak and other businesses as long as we don't enter through Doctors Walk between 7:30 and 9:30 am. In the hope of finding a more permanent solution to the problem, Safe route0s for Ide have decided to work towards the creation of a no through road on Balls Farm Road closing it at one end, whilst still allowing pedestrians, cyclists and horses to access it. We will be suggesting this to Ide Parish Council at the next meeting and will also take it up with Devon County Council and Devon Highways, who initially suggested this as a possible solution.

Tim Laws



The HUB@Ide – March

www.thehubidecc.com

RELIGION? NOPE!

Jesus didn't start a 'religion' to meet in buildings and to make rules. He started a movement, of counter-cultural ways of living. He called it 'The Kingdom of God/Heaven'.

It's not about getting a 'ticket' to heaven when we die. It's about a new way of living in eternity from NOW! It's fulfilling! It's full of peace and joy and being satisfied/content. It's family and community!

It doesn't mean everything goes well, because we are living in a broken world. But it does mean that we are able to have peace when dealing with those troubles. And the way we then live reflects that – it's loving, it's joyful, it's content.

When you choose to accept Jesus as the King of your life – you surrender the control – which is relief really – to know that you don't have to have it all figured out, you don't have to fix everything yourself. And then you become more like Him over time. The more you surrender, the better it feels. And there's so much in God's Kingdom that we can access – but I'll save that for another time.

So many people are searching for that one thing that will bring them peace and calmness in a busy world.

We search for it in lots of different places. We look for fulfillment in the success of our jobs, our children or our own achievements.

But what King Jesus offers, delivers more than you can imagine.

Read up about Him – he was radical! He wasn't conformist. He met with the broken, the marginalized, the excluded. He loved, not condemned those he met. His words and his actions conveyed his heart for those around him. He was inclusive.

Not rules, not structured meetings and buildings and services. Not denominations or arguments about which way to do things.

But he did tell his disciples (friends/followers) to meet together, and to go out and make more disciples – to share the good news about His Kingdom that the devil wants to hide from this world.

If you want to meet with us, we'd love you to. We can come to you, walk life with you or we'll be together in the chapel at these times if you'd like to come along? ...

	11am	5pm
3 rd Mar	Traditional Service – Mr M Trigg	All-Age service
10 th Mar	Traditional Service – Mr P.Willer	Traditional Service - Mr D Edmonds
17 th Mar	Sanky Service	All-Age service
24 th Mar	Traditional Service – Mr P Jenner	Traditional Service – Mr D Chipps
31 st Mar	Traditional Service – Mr B Bunce (Communion)	Traditional Service – Mr S Andrews

The HUB events

Thurs 7 th Mar	Coffee morning	10:30-12AM
Fri 15 th Mar	Download PLUS – AN EASTER PREPARATION SPECIAL	6:30-8:30

But we'll also be together over meals, in each other's houses, in the street. And we'll be wanting to share God's love with you – because HE LOVES YOU!

Email: thehubidecc@outlook.com or call 07736449790 for more information...

Did you know...?

We have a website where you can find out information, see what we've been up to and get in touch.

SAINT IDA'S CHURCH



3rd March	1 before Lent	9.30am	Holy Communion
6th March	Ash Wednesday	7.30pm	Joint Service at Ide Church
10th March	Lent 1	9.30am	Morning Praise
17th March	Lent 2	9.30am	Holy Communion
24th March	Lent 3	8am	Holy Communion
		10am	All Age Service
31st March	Mothering Sunday 10am Special Service with flowers for all!		

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.

“Christingle”. It seems a long time since Christmas but we would like to say how much we enjoyed seeing over 250 of you at the Christingle on 24th Dec. It was a joyous occasion led by Mike and Lucy, with lots of nativity-costumed children, nativity-painted rocks placed in the stable, marshmallow-adorned Christingles and plenty of rousing carol singing swelled by Ide Aloud. Special thanks go to Tim Hingley who provided his wonderful keyboard skills in the absence of our long standing musicians Nigel and Imogen Walsh.

A sum of over £200 was collected and sent to the Children’s Society.

“Wreath making” Earlier in December, Mary Bradley and Sue Cloke ran 2 wreath making sessions in the church. There was much creative talent and many beautiful wreaths were made. The afternoon session was a quieter affair with tea and cake but the evening was almost oversubscribed when the offerings on show became more flamboyant maybe due to the mulled wine and mince pies on offer!! Thanks to all of you who supported this and made it such a happy and worthwhile community event. Next Christmas we are thinking of having a Christmas tree festival combined with the Festive Tea perhaps?

Sweaty Church Our Children & Families Worker, Lucy Williams, is starting a children's group which will meet once a month in Ide Village Hall. The first one will be on Friday, 1st March, in Ide Memorial Hall, from 6-7pm. There will be some fun exercises for all the family, a bible discussion and drinks and biscuits.

Family fun, games & learning together

SWEATY CHURCH

Organised by St. Ida's Church

Date: 1st Friday of every month
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Ide Village Hall
Cost: £2 per family

Suitable for the whole family—all ages and physical abilities
Come along for fun, physical activities and games, followed by a short time of reflection and refreshments. Wear suitable clothing & footwear



Contact
Lucy Williams
(Children & Families
Lead Worker):
lucy@alphingtonstmichaels.org

From the Rector

In English we call it Shrove Tuesday. Around the world it's often known as Mardi Gras. It's the last day before Lent: Pancake day.

Lent runs from Ash Wednesday to Easter. It's a season of reflection, repentance, self-denial and fasting. The forty days of Lent match the forty days which Jesus spent in the desert, tempted by Satan, before starting his public life and ministry. If you look in your diaries, you'll find that it's nearer fifty days from Ash Wednesday to Easter. In some circles, Lent ends on Palm Sunday... bringing it down to 40 days. In others, Sundays aren't included at all because Sunday is always a day of celebration, never one of fasting. That also brings the count down to forty.

The day before Lent was often a day when people got rid of the last luxuries in their larders, ready for a season of simple eating and meagre rations. So the name Mardi Gras ("Fat Tuesday") and the tradition of eating pancakes points to the custom of clearing our cupboards of rich foods like fat and milk. Pancake parties are a great opportunity to connect with the rich and ancient customs of our communities. The word "Shrove" points in a different direction: it comes from the ancient word "Shrive" which means to receive absolution for our sins. This connects with the theme of repentance and forgiveness which carries right through the season of Lent.

The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday. Many Christians will attend services, and be marked with a cross of ashes on their forehead. The ashes are often made from last year's Palm Cross. This is a sign of mortality, based on the idea from the book of Genesis that humankind came into the world from dust and will return to it. It is a time to express sorrow over sin, and a reminder that Jesus brings freedom from sin. It's a tradition which goes back to the very earliest days of Christianity.

In last month's magazine, I pointed to all the ways in which we can use the season of Lent positively... not just giving something up, but actually doing something which makes a difference to others. It's a fabulous idea, but... it's never good to throw the baby out with the bath water. All the old disciplines of Lent connect us with our rich heritage. They remind us that there is wisdom in what our parents did, in the customs and practices of previous generations. People are always obsessed with things that are new. We can so easily undervalue the richness of what has gone before us. And words like "discipline" "tradition" "fasting" and "self-denial" don't immediately fill us with excitement. But underneath them is the collected experience of generations... that engaging with God is something which asks everything of us... and rewards us the more we put into it.

Mike Partridge

360 BUS TIMETABLE

Ide	7.51	10.01	12.39	14.34	
Exeter Bus Station	8.13	10.20	12.58	14.53	
Exeter Bus Station	8.35	11.15	13.10	16.15	17.55
Ide	8.53	11.33	13.28	16.33	18.13

**RITA, SUE AND BOB TOO presented by
Out of Joint &
Octagon Theatre Bolton**

5-9 March

By Andrea Dunbar

Adapted into a popular film in the '80s, this new production has had a sell-out run in London. 'Hilarious, angry, and blazing with honesty' (The Scotsman), this is a vivid portrait of girls caught up between childhood and an uncompromising future.

**JEEVES & WOOSTER – PERFECT
NONSENSE**

10 March

Presented by Up Close Theatre

Join Bertie and Gussie Fink-Nottle in a delightful evening of scrapes, misunderstandings, and gentle mayhem!

RICHARD ALSTON DANCE COMPANY

12-13 March

Celebrating a career of 50 years, this programme is full of his trademark lyrical choreography – 'Alston at the top of his game' The Times, March 2018.

**DOLLY ALDERTON – Everything I Know
About Love**

14 March

Sunday Times Style columnist shares funny – and heart-breaking -stories about the trials and triumphs of becoming an award-winning journalist.

**ARDAL O'HANLON – The Showing Off
Must Go On**

14 March

Star of *Death in Paradise* and *Father Ted* brings his acclaimed stand-up show to Exeter.

**DINOSAUR WORLD – LIVE – from the
West End**

16-17 March

A spectacular 'roarsome' interactive show for all the family, with a special opportunity to make a new dinosaur friend on stage after the show.

**THE COMEDY ABOUT A BANK ROBBERY
from the creators of The Play that Goes
Wrong, Mischief Theatre**

19 - 23 March

'This is the funniest show in the West End' (The Daily Telegraph) – and it is coming to Exeter! Another gem from this fabulously talented company guarantees an evening of delight and merriment.

RACHEL PARRIS – It's Fun to Pretend

24 March

Star of the BBC's *Mash Report*, brings her comedy, sketch and song show with her trademark comic anthems and sideswipe at life.

TURN OF THE SCREW by Henry James

28-30 March

Exeter Northcott Theatre and Dermot Mclaughlin Productions

Directed by the Northcott's Artistic and Executive Director Daniel Buckroyd.

This iconic tale is an evocative masterclass of stagecraft and is 'tightly-wound and deliciously atmospheric' The Stage.

THE MAGIC OF MOTOWN

31 March

Glitter, dance and the music of Marvin Gaye, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder, The Supremes, Smokey Robinson and more – a joyous night out.

LOOKING AHEAD...

BALLETBOYZ

1-2 April

Applauded across the globe, this stunning dance company return to the Northcott with two brand new works – and always hypnotically fantastic.

THE MOUSETRAP – Agatha Christie

The National Tour

6-11 May

‘The cleverest murder mystery of British Theatre’ (The Telegraph) comes to the Northcott Suspect everyone and have a truly entertaining evening.

FILM NIGHT at Dunchideock Village Hall Friday March 15th at 7.45pm.



Bohemian Rhapsody.

The reaction to this film, which follows Freddie Mercury's life from 1970, when he joined Queen, to their Live Aid Concert in 1985, has been extraordinary. When released last October, it was widely panned by the critics. It scored a lowly 47% from main critics such as the *Daily Telegraph* – but – a resounding 88% positive response

from the audience, raising all sorts of questions about whether the critics have lost touch with their public. And recently, it has won Best Film at the US Golden Globe Awards and Best British Film at the BAFTAs. **Rami Malek**, who plays Freddie Mercury, also won Best Actor. At the time of writing, it has no less than five nominations for this year's Oscars, and it has been a massive financial success worldwide. Our team thought it was wonderful.

Peter Goodchild

Good News for the Planet

Lost to science for decades and thought to be extinct, Wallace's giant bee (*Megachile pluto*) has been rediscovered in an Indonesian rainforest. The photo shows the giant bee with a honey bee so you can see just how big it is . It has a 6cm wing span and rather fearsome jaws like those of a stag beetle.

The team who found the bee in a termites nest has already started conversations with Indonesian collaborators to look for Wallace's giant bee in other locations -- with the hope of eventually working together to develop a plan to strengthen conservation measures for the bee.



Exeter Drama Company are coming to Ide in April

with a comedy performance of **The King's Mare** by Jean Canolle and Anita Loos.

EDC have been performing in Exeter since 1954 and after becoming (temporarily) homeless at the start of 2018 have been 'treading the boards' in a variety of alternative venues and, for our next show, we'll be at Ide Primary School from 9th-12th April. Curtain up is at 7.30pm and tickets are £7 each.

We perform a mixed programme of Comedy, Drama, Thriller and well known classics as well as doing one off, one night 'travelling' shows that we've taken out to Bramford Speke, Thorverton and Butterleigh. We work hard and we play hard surviving on cake at rehearsals and are almost 70 in number. Check out our website, you may be tempted to join us - even if it's just for the cake!

Never mind the cake. What's the play about?

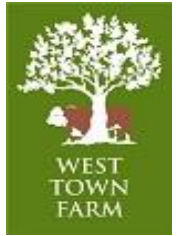
Having endured 3 wives already Henry VIII has sworn off marriage for good whereas his courtiers see the 'vacancy' as an opportunity for a political alliance. Eventually picking the courts choice of Anne of Cleves from paintings provided by Holbein the poor girl turns out to be nothing like Henry expected.

She speaks no English, he speaks no Flemish and on the wedding night the poor interpreter ends up in the marriage bed with them where a hilarious three way conversation takes place!

Grim ladies in waiting, interfering courtiers and a coquettish Katherine Howard all add to the chaos in this Tudor mix of Carry on Henry meets saucy seaside postcards! We look forward to seeing you in our audience and apologise, in advance, for the hundreds of cars from Exeter clogging up the village as our supporters pour out of the city to see our latest play - unless, of course, the good burghers of Ide buy all the tickets before our regulars get a look in.



WEST TOWN FARM NEWS



Daffodils, snowdrops, singing birds and light until after 5pm...Spring is gradually returning and my *goodness* we're happy to see it.

Farmers and conservationists gathered together last week at the farm to search for miniature jewels - 1mm long, brown hairstreak butterfly eggs. This enigmatic butterfly has declined hugely, but land managers in the RSPB's Exe-Teign Facilitation Fund Project are keen to provide a home for them.



The eggs are laid in the forks of young blackthorn shoots, so their survival depends upon farmers leaving scrub/hedges un-flailed for at least two years. Great news...we found eggs on the farm! While everyone was strolling around the farm in search of eggs they also spotted 3 Cirl Buntings. Andy has waited 20 years for them to recolonise the farmland. This is all thanks to the farm making space for wildlife!

Both these sightings confirm the resilience of wildlife if good quality habitat is made available. This is a drop of positive news in the ocean of sad news around wildlife and insects that has been in the headlines recently. We *can* make change happen, we just need to all work together.

The two new Mangalitsa pigs have arrived on the farm. How many times have they escaped? LOADS! Are they easy to get back in? NO!

The **fourth** time they escaped, there were three of us trying to round them up and it ended with me falling backwards into pig and cow poo. The *fifth* time they escaped they ran riot in the fields while the cows watched on. I love the pigs. They provide all the entertainment I need.

Hopefully by the end of this month all the cows will be out in the fields...assuming we don't get any more 'Beasts from the East'

We'll have fresh meat in the farm shop from 28th Feb - 4th March. It'll be in our new smaller fridge. Organic, pasture fed beef. We'll have T-Bone steaks, Ribeye steaks, Shin (make some homemade pasties!) and many more cuts.

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