

Ide Times



Sophie and family enjoying the Pancake Breakfast in the village hall on the 16th March in aid of McMillan - details inside.

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Summer time begins on the 31st March and we will be putting the clocks forward an hour. Easter is late this year and Easter Sunday isn't until the 21st April, by which time I think all the daffodils will be over. There is an Easter Egg hunt on Good Friday, 19th April, starting at 5pm (details on page 9).



Solar panels will be put on the rear of the hall roof this month to help with the cost of the electricity for the community shop. Please try and support our Community Shop - don't let the big supermarkets put everyone else out of business. The Kenniford Farm burgers and sausages are excellent and are produced locally as are plenty of other items which are sold in the shop. The children have been demonstrating about climate change, and we can help in a small way by buying **local** produce in our **local** shop

Items for the May Ide Times should be sent to me Brenda Spivey at brendaspivey123@btinternet.com by the 20th April.

Brenda Spivey (01392 275784)

USEFUL NUMBERS

Community Policeman: 101

The Parish Church - Rev Mike Partridge 01392 491476 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

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Sundays 9am - 12 noon

Post Office Opening Hours

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Saturdays 9am - 12 noon



IDE MEMORIAL HALL - to book the hall for your event/party please contact Carol Whitehart on 01392 213608.

The Mobile Library will be in Fore Street, Ide, from 11.45 am to 12.30 pm on Monday, 16th April.

IDE PARISH COUNCIL

ldevillage.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 and get an application pack.

Applications need to be submitted by 3 April 2019.

Pynes Community Orchard: We are expecting to sign the option to purchase agreement very soon. This will allow us to start fundraising. A prospectus is ready to go out as soon as this happens. The Orchard Working Group met on Wednesday 13 March 2019. The volunteer working party on 2 March 2019 was cancelled due to inclement weather, and the planned day on 6 April 2019 has been brought forward to **30 March 2019**. **If you would like to come along, please contact Peter Cloke at peter_cloke@btinternet.com.**

Weir Meadow: The parish council, with landscape architect Pete Leaver, met with a Teignbridge DC planning officer to discuss the submission of a planning application for a cricket ground, football pitch, lit MUGA, playground, pavilion with changing rooms, and car parking on Weir Meadow. The land has been surveyed. We have also met on site with the Devon branch of the English Cricket Board for advice about lay out and funding.

Minutes of the Orchard and Weir Meadow working groups are available on the website.

Planning Applications

19/00039/FUL Springwell View, Old ide Lane, Use Of land as a domestic curtilage, construction of a detached garage and retention of hardstanding. The planning committee discussed the application, but were unable to support for the following reasons:-

1. It is on agricultural land, and contrary to TDC planning policy EN2a is on land defined as AGLV
2. It is outside the curtilage defined in the original planning application 17/0661/NPA
3. It is out of scale, being very extensive in size
4. The proposed development adjoins the "Ide Gateway Enhancement Area" and as such does not comply with Policy Ide07 of the now made Neighbourhood Plan for Ide. "Proposals for development within

the Ide Gateway Enhancement area (as identified on Map 6 in the Ide Neighbourhood Plan) will only be supported if they do not have an adverse impact on the rural character of the Village entrance or its approaches along the C50/Ide Village Road.

In the committee's view the alteration of AGLV land, which is currently in agricultural usage and as such is distinctly rural in character, would have an adverse impact on this character.

Update on previous applications

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. A decision was expected 21 December 2018 but the applicants have asked for an extension to allow for further reports.

17/02835/FUL Sculpher Photography, Fore Street - still awaiting flood report
The next meeting of the **Planning Committee** is on Wednesday 15 May 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.

Climate Change Proposal. Ide Parish Council has joined in support of other councils around the country and voted unanimously to declare a Climate Emergency. We will discuss specific proposals for actions that the council and the community might take at the next PC meeting in May.

The next **Parish Council** meeting will be held in Ide Memorial Hall on Wednesday 15 May 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 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



IDE COMMUNITY SHOP AND POST OFFICE

Well it looks as if spring is on its way, the sun is feeling warmer, flowers are popping up everywhere and the birds seem to be singing more. With springtime here, at the shop we are looking to help with ideas and treats for Easter. We have some beautiful cards and lots of yummy chocolates. For our younger customers we will again be running our Easter colouring competition. Pop into the shop and collect your colouring in sheet. Fingers crossed you may win an Easter Egg. Let's have lots of entries to cover the front of the shop window and make it as colourful as possible.



As the sunny days get longer and you may feel like stepping outside more, why not think about picking up some 'Walk around Ide' cards. They have some great short walks and information of our lovely local countryside.

We also have a selection of wild bird food to help encourage more feathery friends into your garden.

CARD PAYMENTS AND CASHBACK -

We all appreciate how easy it is to pay by card or with a phone app like Applepay but have you thought how much it is costing your shop? In 2018 we paid a whopping £865 in card fees. This is made up of the monthly rental for the card machine, a fee for every transaction and a percentage of the actual spend. We get charged every time! It is particularly expensive if you take cashback, e.g. if you spend £5 and take cashback of £30, we are charged a percentage of the £35. So, please use the Post Office counter to withdraw cash. If the Post Office is closed we will try to help out, but cashback from the shop till is now limited to £30. We will, of course, continue to accept payment by card but would appreciate your help to cut costs and give extra business to your Post Office! Thank you.



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THANK YOU.....

Freya and Selena Morgan would like to thank everyone who helped us on our volunteering journey. We recently visited Cambodia to work in a dental clinic and a junior school. Thank you for buying raffle tickets, coming to our pop up cafe, and for your many kind donations.

The idea to travel to Cambodia came to us over a year and a half ago. Both having reached “significant birthdays” we wanted to do something to remember but also to do some good, so we started to put together plans and it blossomed into a trip of a lifetime.

Thanks to a contact in the world of dentistry, we were able to make connections with a charity in Cambodia. The charity treats 2000 children a month, free of charge, and also supports children with their English lessons.

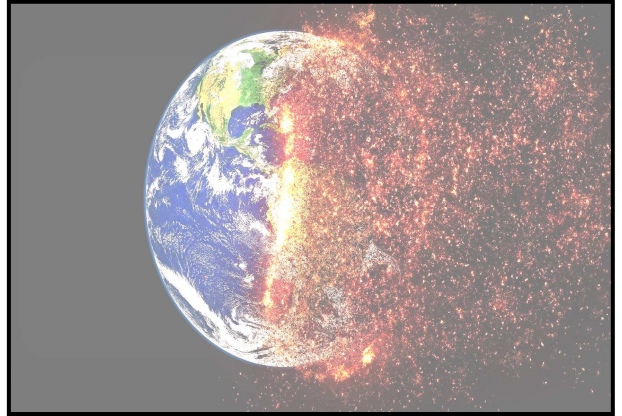
We spent 2 weeks volunteering in a dental clinic for children from 4 to 11 years old, most of whom had never seen a toothbrush before and also helping children in English classes - we sang, played games and generally had a lot of fun. Both roles were very rewarding and we were made to feel so welcome. Cambodia is an amazingly beautiful country, not without its difficulties, but we had a truly incredible trip and will remember it for a very long time. We hope that we managed in some small way to do some good during our visit .

Thank you everyone. Selena and Freya



CLIMATE EMERGENCY

The recent United Nations IPCC report on climate change has found that the difference between the impacts of global warming of 2°C and 1.5°C is much greater than previously thought, and with current policies in place we are heading for a catastrophic 3°C rise. The need to commit to ambitious reduction targets eg carbon neutral by 2030 is so clear even a school child can see it. In fact they do. The recent protests by school children are an inspiration and are putting national governments to shame.



Ide Parish Council have now joined the swelling ranks of councils that have declared a Climate Emergency. This is a non binding but genuine commitment to work towards a specific measurable target. It might seem that a Parish Council can't really do much, but we can start by acknowledging the problem, and accepting that action is needed. Climate change is relevant to many of the council's activities, securing and developing green space in the village, working to improve public transport, providing feedback on wider council strategies eg Exeter's 10 year transport plan. It allows councils to treat climate change as a factor in future decision making. It could also be a route for getting funding and support with projects that work towards a carbon neutral community.

The urgency now is such that all levels of government, national, regional and local, have a duty to secure our community from climate breakdown. Local government such as Ide Parish Council cannot wait for national government to take the lead.

For the next parish council meeting in May, we want to identify actions the Council and community can take to achieve a measurable target. If you have ideas for things we can do locally, or if you would like to get involved or just tell us about things you are already doing, please contact us.

Pete Bishop, Mark Thomas and Andy Swain, Ide Parish Council
email: idepc@stygian.org.uk

We were very sorry to learn of the death of Pam Voysey, and offer Jack and the family our deepest condolences. Some of us have lived in the village long enough to remember the pleasure of going down to Odhams cottages to buy their locally grown fruit and vegetables and being served by either Pam or Evanne.

THE IDE BIG PANCAKE BREAKFAST

A big thank you to everyone who came to the Pancake Breakfast held in the village hall on the 16th March. We raised a fantastic £311 for Macmillan.

We were overwhelmed by the support from everyone, and had a bit of a queue and backlog of orders to start with, but we soon got into the swing of flipping and sprinkling those pancakes! Ali and Lucy produced some delicious pancakes and there were some amazing toppings!

Everyone enjoyed the morning and it was lovely to see so many people having a good chat together.

We are planning another big breakfast on **18th May** from 10am to 12pm so look out for that and please come along.



MIGHTY HIKERS

Angelique, Laura, Rachel, Lucy, Ali C and Ali W are taking part in the Jurassic Coast Mighty hike on 15th June where we will be hiking a marathon – yes 26 miles! - from Weymouth to Wareham along the challenging Jurassic coastline. You may see us out and about stomping around the village while we are training so do say hello!

We are fundraising for Macmillan and our target is £1500. We have made a great start towards our target after the brilliant support received at the pancake breakfast.

We are cooking up some more fundraising events for the village as follows:

Sunday, 5th May, Quiz night at the Huntsman

Saturday, 18th May, Big Pancake Breakfast Village Hall

Saturday, 13th July, Murder Mystery evening Village Hall – more details of this to follow in next months Ide times along with how to get your tickets. Numbers will be limited so look out for the posters as well and don't miss out.

Thank you once again from all of us for your support.

Rachel Herbert

IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
The HUB@Ide – December



The REAL EASTER STORY (The Bible summarized)-

After being tempted by Satan in the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve 'broke' their perfect world. As a consequence for turning away from God, our world was no longer 'perfect'. Death became possible because we were separated from God, our sustainer.

We became aware of the option to be Lord of our own lives, our attempt to live separate from God. But this causes pain and suffering when we do things without the guidance and support of our creator.

But God loves us and wants to be close to us (that's why He created us in the first place), so He gave us chance after chance to choose him and his ways. We kept messing up. So, he gave us laws to follow (Moses), to help us see that we can't do life without him – it's too hard. By measuring ourselves against the '10 commandments', we fail.

But he also gave us ways that we could be made right and restore our relationship with him. Long before Jesus, all we had to do, was to show how important God was in our lives and how sorry we were, by sacrificing our best lamb as worship to him. That lamb made things 'right' because it had taken our 'death'.

So after thousands of years of sacrifices, with people being not much better at living without God, Jesus came. Jesus is the visible image of the Father God (God with skin on). He was perfect, just like the lambs, and his intention was to be the sacrifice for all of mankind.

While he was here though, he showed us how to live in relationship with the Father. He showed us that it is possible to have complete peace and joy and to see God's power at work. He healed the sick, made the blind see, made the lame walk and showed God's love (unconditional love) to everyone he met.

He was revolutionary. His life is documented in many places as well as proof that he met all the prophecies that had been given by God hundreds of years before. He claimed to be the Son of God. He told people that if they saw him, that they had seen God. The religious leaders didn't like what he was doing. They were losing their power. They liked the rules and control, but Jesus talked about love being more important. So they plotted to kill him. But this is what Jesus intended. By Jesus dying, he was taking away the barrier that stopped mankind from being in relationship with God the Father. He was taking our death, just like the lambs used to do. There would be no more need to make sacrifices of innocent animals. Jesus did it because He loved us. So instead of us facing death for eternity, we have the chance of grasping hold of that eternity now – living with our creator and allowing him to be Lord of our lives. We don't have to get it right all the time, we can let God take control and he'll sort things out better than we ever could. But the best bit about Easter, is that Jesus rose from the dead. This is proof that death belongs to the enemy and has no power over us.

If we accept what Jesus has done, and choose to live in relationship with Him, death has no power. We can live in the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. So, we celebrate Easter – because Jesus dying on the cross took away our mistakes, our failures, our guilt and shame. And because Jesus rising from the dead, shows that God is so much more powerful than death, that there is hope for us – death is not the end. We can live with His love and guidance in freedom forever.

	11am	5pm
7 th Apr	Traditional Service – Mr D Gardiner	All-Age service
14 th Apr	Traditional Service – Mr D.Bulley	Traditional Service - Mr M Trigg
21 st Apr	EASTER SERVICE – Mr M.Field	All-Age service
28 th Apr	Traditional Service – Mr B.Bunce	Traditional Service – Mr A.Willer

The HUB events

Thurs 4 th Apr	No coffee morning - Pam's Funeral at 2pm	
Thurs 11 th Apr	Bible Study with Des	7pm
Fri 19 th Apr	Joint church Family Easter Egg hunt with Bring and share meal.	5pm
Thurs 25 th Apr	Coffee, Chat and Challenge	7pm

PS. No Download this month due to Easter holidays

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THE JOINT HUB and St.Ida's
Easter Egg Hunt
and Meal
Good Friday
19th April
5pm

Drop a plate of eats to the HUB from 4:30pm.
Meet at St.Ida's to start the hunt at 5pm.
 Finish at The HUB to share food together 5:30/6pm.
 Everyone welcome!

If you know you're coming, please let Fi or Lucy know to give us an idea of numbers... (07736449790)

SAINT IDA'S CHURCH

7th April	Lent 5	9.30am	Holy Communion
14th April	Palm Sunday	9.30am	Morning Praise
18th April	Maundy Thursday	7.30pm at Shillingford St George	
19th April	Good Friday	1pm	Devotional Service
21st April	Easter Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion
28th April	Easter 2	8am	Holy Communion
		10am	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 491476.

Church Annual Meeting - This will take place on **Sunday, 7th April, at 11am** in Church. This is the occasion when the election of churchwardens and members of the parochial church council takes place; the different church groups give their reports and the accounts for the year are presented. It is your opportunity to find out what is going on and to have your say. Do attend if you possibly can.

Bell Ringing Competition - This will take place on **Saturday, 6th April**, from 2pm to approximately 7pm.

Sweaty Church will take place on **Friday, 5th April**, from 6pm to 7pm in Ide Memorial Hall. Last month there was a variety of energetic games, with family groups competing against each other. There was a much needed half-time break for a drink and some fruit. It was great fun.

Easter Egg Hunt - This will be on Good Friday from 5pm. Food towards a bring and share tea should be taken to the Congregational Chapel and then the Easter Egg Hunt will start from the St Ida's at 5pm. (See advert on page 8)

Easter Sunday - Our Service will be at 9.30am and we have a tradition of putting small bunches of flowers on the large wooden cross which is erected in Church for Good Friday. The bare cross is turned into a cross of flowers symbolising the joy of Easter, when we remember that, although Jesus died on the cross, he rose from the dead, and that we need not fear death - we leave this life and are welcomed into another place we call heaven.

Summer Fete - This will take place on Saturday, 8th June, on the Village Green. If you would like to have a stall at the Fete, please contact either Sue Cloke or Mary Bradley. The cost of a stall is £10. We plan to have the school children doing maypole dancing and a dog show. There will also be a tug-o-war and egg throwing, a bar, BBQ and a tea tent. A percentage of the Fete profit will go to McMillan.

BETRAYAL

As Jesus and his disciples moved around Jerusalem in the febrile atmosphere of Passover celebrations under enemy occupation, Judas lost faith in what they were doing. Jesus had made sure they were either surrounded by lots of supporters... or well hidden. The disciples were afraid that the death squad might descend on them at any moment. Each was giving utmost attention to their safety. None wanted to be the one whose casual conversation gave opening for the soldiers to move. One had given up. He'd had enough. So he brought the soldiers to a quiet place, out of public view, where they could arrest him and bundle him off before any of the rest of Jerusalem's public were any the wiser.

Judas didn't realise the significance of what he was doing, or how the consequences would eat away at him. Just hours later... seeing Jesus paraded like an animal, he threw down the money he had received and took his own life. Guilt, shame and regret.

The resurrection of Jesus teaches us that nothing is so dark that there is no way out. Guilt is swallowed up in the love and forgiveness of Jesus. Betrayal has shocking consequences... often taking us by surprise... but the one who was betrayed took our shame on the cross so that we might know the joy of forgiveness and the freedom of life with the Risen One.

I was struck, in the middle of March, by the young people who assembled across the world to protest about global warming and its consequences. Their voice tells us that the actions of one generation are a betrayal of the next. The placards waved by young people call their parents to bow their heads in shame. Their character and actions gives one a real sense of pride and hope. These are the ones who will soon be leaders in church and state.

Maybe too, they will lead a generation which takes things a little more seriously than their parents did! Being serious isn't a bad thing. The opposite of "serious" isn't "happy" or "joyful". The opposite of "serious" is "careless" or "casual". Maybe it's a sign that people's hearts will start being more open to recognising the reality of God's love and our deep deep need for his forgiveness.

As we celebrate Easter at the end of this month. We celebrate a living God who fills us with joy and forgives every sin we set before him. Completely. Unreservedly. Seriously!

Mike Partridge

Family Fun, games and learning together

SWEATY CHURCH

organised by St Ida's Church

Friday, 5th April, 6pm - 7pm

in Ide Memorial Hall

Cost - £2 per family



Suitable for the whole family - Come along for fun, physical activities, followed by a short time of reflection and refreshments.

THE JUBILEE CLUB

On March 4th Tony Lethbridge Showed slides from his comprehensive collection of Local History. On this occasion the theme was buildings mainly in the city centre, how they have changed and in some cases been replaced. A new member was welcomed Sheila Derbyshire.



Saint Dunstons was a well known charity and it was a pleasure to welcome Blind Veterans U.K which the title under which it now operates to talk to us on the 18th March. Di Blackman, one of our helpers, is a director of the charity and arranged to have a presentation. John who was diagnosed with an eye condition in 1999 now has only 2% vision. He has been working for B.V U.K. for 7years and was there with Johnny his guide dog, a beautiful black Labrador. Anneka who is the representative for the South West and South Wales introduced the Charity. Originally only the war blinded qualified but now the rules have changed and any ex-Service men and women can benefit . The average age of beneficiaries is 87 and support is given to over 5,000 across the U.K.

It all started at the time of the first world war when Arthur Rearson returning from the war went round a ward giving Braille watches to servicemen - life can be very hard when you lose the sense of time. Of course new technology has taken over from Braille. Help is provided in many ways. Lifetime support is given tailored to individual needs: holidays, social activities, emotional support, respite care, and special equipment. John told us how he loved to read and a special reading light has made this possible. Spectacles which makes you experience what his condition is like were handed around for us to try, a frightening experience. If you think that you know someone who may benefit from help please get in touch.

Christine who is in control of the financial affairs of the club, reported on a successful year. We are grateful to her for her work. It is sadness we heard of the death of Pam Voysey. Our thoughts and sympathy go to her family.

DIARY DATES

- 1st April Music for Mothering Sunday by the Ide School children.
- 15th April A talk by Paul Rendell on The Isles of Scilly
- 29th April A trip to Dartmouth and in the afternoon a boat trip up the river to Totnes. We leave Ide at 10am. Visitors welcome.

Jean Hoskin



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IDE MEMORIAL HALL

During March the rear of the hall roof was painted in preparation for solar panels to be fitted. This will happen during April. The community shop is purchasing the solar panels and will benefit from the electricity produced as the shop uses a considerable amount of electricity to power its chillers and freezers, etc. In return the shop will pay the hall for the use of the roof.

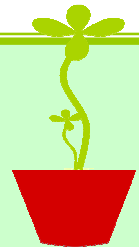
The hall is now getting more bookings and was delighted to be able to provide a venue for the recent Pancake Breakfast as well as all the other activities which take place there on a regular basis.

The cost of hiring the hall is £8 an hour for daytime use and £10 an hour from 6pm onwards. The charge for children's parties is £25. To make a booking please contact Carol Whitehart on 01392 213608.

Ide Growers
PLANT AND SEED SWAP
Sunday, 28th April, from 2pm - 4pm
at Ide School

Plus tea and cakes!

Come and buy plants and seeds if you are unable to bring anything to swap



Our Lent Lunch raised an amazing £110 for MU Charities. Thank you so much to all who came and were so generous, and to Brenda for hosting it. The Spring flowers are just lovely at present and members will have shared posies and Simnal cake at the Mothering Sunday service. We have been invited to join other branches at St Gregory's Church, Dawlish, on Tuesday, 2nd April, 2pm for a workshop on M.U. Listens, Observes & Acts (MULOA). Let me know if you are able to attend. I wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter.

Sue Campbell

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FILM NIGHT

Friday April 12th at 7.45pm. Dunchideock Village Hall.

The Children Act.

Fiona Haye (**Emma Thompson**) is an eminent judge in the Family Division of the High Court, making daily decisions about complex family issues. But her workload is heavy, and her marriage to American professor, Jack, (**Stanley Tucci**) is at breaking point. At this moment of personal crisis, Fiona is asked to rule on the case of Adam, a brilliant and beautiful teenager who is refusing on religious grounds the blood transfusion which will save his life. Their meeting releases strong emotions with momentous consequences for both of them. "The finest performance of Emma Thompson's career" says *The Radio Times*. "Emma Thompson is sublime" says *The Sun*. We thought it very strong – excellent.

Peter Goodchild

EVENTS AT LONGDOWN VILLAGE HALL

Saturday, 13th April, 10.30am - 12.30pm Hospiscare Coffee Morning
Cakes and books wanted. Please come and support this charity event.

Saturday, 27th April, 10am - 12 noon. Big Breakfast

EXETER NORTHCOTT THEATRE

BALLETBOYZ - 1-2 April.

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LEE NELSON - SERIOUS JOKER: 6 April

PAUL MARTIN - An audience with: 10 April. The Flog It showman.

ROOM ON A BROOM. 11-13 April. A family show of the children's story.

RESPECT TO ARETHA. 12 April. Letitia George's dedication to the Queen of soul.

GREASE - Exeter Musical Society. 15-20 April. Fabulous familiar fun, song and high octane dance!

JV2 - JASMIN VARDIMAN. 24 April. New triple bill from this talented award-winning dance company.

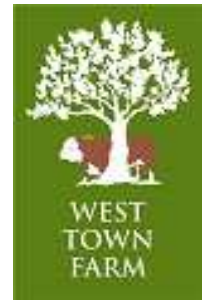
BUDDY HOLLY - A LEGEND REBORN. 28 April. A Rockin' show celebrating a powerhouse of a musician.

Looking ahead:

The Three Musketeers. 1-5 April Le Navet Bete and Exeter Northcott Theatre.

The Mousetrap - Agatha Christie. The National Tour. 6-11 May.

WEST TOWN FARM NEWS



Grace has gone off on holiday and left us to write the West Town Farm news for the Ide Times... we're both a bit rusty at this but here goes!

Some of the cattle are out in the fields now so it's beginning to feel more like spring around here. The vet has just been out, carrying out pregnancy tests on some of the cows. Good news – most of them are in calf and so Kudos, our bigger bull, has been performing well after all.

We had some new lambs a couple of days ago – twins – one white and one black.

Kate has had her baby as well – we had the good news yesterday that baby Arthur had arrived and both are doing well. It's been a while since we've had a farm baby and it's lovely. Congratulations to Kate and Simon.

What else has been happening on the farm? We have a new member of staff starting next month; she's called Joey and will be assisting Grace in her events and marketing role.

A date for your diary: Sunday May 12th is our Spring open day. More details to follow next month.

And finally, West Town Farm is proud to support the pupils of Ide School and all those thousands of other students who have been protesting about inaction over climate change. Many of us at the farm are concerned about our changing climate. This year we'll be investing heavily to make our soil and fields more resilient to extreme weather events. For more on this and other news please see our website www.westtownfarm.co.uk

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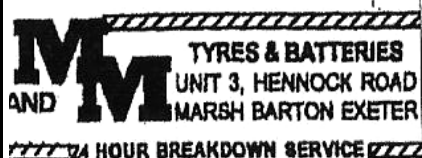
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