

Ide Times



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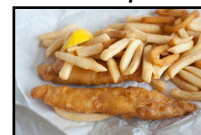
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There are a lot of events for you to enjoy this month: On Friday, 7th November, there is a Concert by the Exeter Police & Community Choir in Ide Church; the 9th November sees the Ide Twinning Firework Display in the Poachers garden; there is a Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall on the 22nd November; and to finish the month Ide Aloud's Winter Wonderland Concert will be in the Village Hall on the 29th & 30th November. Also you might like to take advantage of the Bulk Refuse Collection on the 2nd November!

Items for the December/January Ide Times should be sent to Ann Boyce by the 20th November - email annboyce@talk21.com

Brenda Spivey (01392 275784)

USEFUL NUMBERS

Community Policeman: 101

The Parish Church - Rev Mike Partridge 01392 491476 and leave a message.

Congregational Church: Jackie Chadwick jacky.c@talktalk.net

M.P. Mel Stride: 02072 197037 melstride.mp@parliament.uk

Community Shop Opening Hours: (Tel. 410035)

Monday – Friday 8am – 12 noon and 3pm – 6.30pm

Saturdays 8am – 1pm

Sundays 9am - 12 noon

Post Office Opening Hours

Monday - Friday 9am - 11.45 noon & 3pm - 5pm

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, 4th November.

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	13.15	16.15	17.55
Ide	8.53	11.33	13.28	16.33	18.13

IDE PARISH COUNCIL

ldevillage.org.uk

Planning Applications:

At its meeting on 24 October, the Planning Committee discussed the following new applications:

1. **19/1947/FUL Land at NGR 290972 090078 Polehouse Lane** – Erection of a Grain Store.
2. **19/01896/FUL IDE Blacksmith Cottage 1, Fore Street – single Storey Extension** – Refurbishment of existing rear extension including new doors and windows, and re-arrangement of existing PV panel on roof

Updates on current 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. **STILL AWAITING A DECISION:**

Appeal against refusal of planning permission 19/00039/FUL Springwell

View – use of land as domestic curtilage, construction of a detached garage and retention of hard standing. This will involve a visit by the Planning Inspectorate.

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

Pynes Community Orchard:

Planting of new apple and pear trees will begin in January 2020 with the help of volunteers. We will protect the young saplings against animal damage by surrounding each one with a triangular post and wire surround. The cost of the trees and their protection has already been covered by donations to the Pynes Orchard fund. The Working Group is preparing a layout plan to provide space for a picnic area in the south west corner of the orchard, and a social gathering area near the middle, neither of which will be planted with trees. We await resolution of the disputed ownership of the strip of dismantled railway adjacent to the north east corner of Pynes Orchard. Once settled, the way will be open to sign an option agreement to purchase the orchard. Next working group meeting is on 7 November 2019 at 6pm at The Halt, 1 St Ida's Close. Chairman Peter Cloke: peter_cloke@btinternet.com.

Weir Meadow:

The Church Commissioners have accepted, subject to conditions, the Parish Council's offer to buy Weir Meadow and the two Northern Fields as a single, combined transaction. We hope to agree terms for an option agreement to purchase the land soon. Once the agreement is signed, we will hold a public meeting to explain our plans for raising the money and using the ground. Latest Working Group meeting: 28 October 2019, 7pm, The Hub. Chairman Stuart Brooking: stufoot28@talktalk.net

Climate Emergency:

Working Group meetings are held at 3 Cobbe House on the first Wednesday of the month: next meeting 6 November 2019, 7.30 pm. Chairman: Andy Swain
andy.swain.council@gmail.com

Minutes of the Pynes Orchard, Weir Meadow and Climate Emergency Working Groups are published on the Ide Village website.

The next **Parish Council** meeting is in Ide Memorial Hall on Wednesday 20 November 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

Clerk: Mel Liversage, 20 Little Johns Cross Hill, EX2 9PJ 01392 259024
ideparishclerk@gmail.com

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

BULK REFUSE COLLECTION

Rural Skip Service - Ide

Saturday, 2nd November, 1pm - 3.30pm

The skip will be located in Old Ide Lane



Ide Twinning Association

FIREWORK DISPLAY







Saturday, 9th November
'Doors' open at 6pm

BBQ - Soup - etc - as well as a wonderful Firework Display
Tickets: £4 (adult), £2 (child), £10 (family ticket)
available from the Community Shop & The Poachers
or on the gate



IDE COMMUNITY SHOP AND POST OFFICE

This month we wanted to let you know how we, at your local community shop, are trying to reduce our impact on the environment. We have made some steps to help, and will continue to do so as much as is possible. Unfortunately, due to the size of the shop we are unable to accommodate all the initiatives we would like, but are doing our hardest where we can. If you have any ideas or suggestion on how we might still improve do get in touch.

-  We use handmade reusable bags
-  Recycle all our cardboard, food and plastic waste
-  Foxcombe biscuits now in non-plastic wrapping
-  From January, Whistlefish cards will no longer come wrapped in cellophane
-  We will be reducing the amount of sweets we buy in plastic containers
-  We are, along with the Village hall, planning on installing a drinking water tap, outside the shop for all to refill your bottles

Do you have any of our lovingly made reusable bags at home? If you find you have a collection, we would be grateful if you could return them to the shop, so that others may use them. Many thanks

Unfortunately, two of our long standing and dedicated volunteers have found they are unable to help in the shop at the moment. The two hard working volunteers between them did a huge amount for the shop. As you can appreciate this has had an impact on being able to cover their shifts and roles. However, as always you have stepped up to the mark - we have had help from new people in the village and existing volunteers have done extra shifts. We wanted to say a BIG THANK YOU TO YOU ALL and hope that our two members will be back with us when they can.

Do you have a spare hour once a month? We are looking to put together a cleaning rota. This will involve general cleaning of the shop when it is closed for an hour or so on a monthly basis. If you would like to join the team please get in touch. Thank you to those who have already expressed an interest... we will be in touch.

Next month , look out for details on our Children's Christmas colouring competition and new for this year a Raffle for a luxury hamper with wonderful locally sourced products.



Christmas latest recommended posting dates

Sending in the UK?

2nd Class & 2nd Class signed for Wednesday, 18th December
1st Class & 1st Class signed for Friday, 20th December
Special Delivery Guaranteed Monday, 23rd December



Sending items overseas?

If you're sending mail abroad, post early to avoid disappointment. Here are the latest recommended posting dates to different destinations for each international service. Royal Mail International Standard and International Tracking and Signature services:

Africa, Middle East	Monday, 9th December
Asia, Far East	Monday, 9th December
Caribbean, Central and South America	Monday, 9th December
Cyprus, Malta	Tuesday, 10th December
Eastern Europe (except Poland, Czech Republic & Slovakia)	Wednesday, 11th December
Greece, Turkey	Thursday, 12th December
Australia, New Zealand	Thursday, 12th December
Canada, USA	Saturday, 14th December
Finland, Sweden, Czech Republic, Poland, Italy	Saturday, 14th December
Austria, Germany, Denmark, Iceland, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland	Monday, 16th December
Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxembourg	Wednesday, 18th December

NEWS - Did you hear recently that Barclays bank have withdrawn some services for its customers using the Post office facility? Barclays will let its customers deposit money, but not withdraw cash from a Post Office counter using a debit card. But don't worry the Post Office has unveiled a new agreement with **28** banks and building societies. Barclays is the only one to exclude cash withdrawals from its part of the agreement.

FILM NIGHT

Friday November 22nd at 7.45pm. Dunchideock Village Hall.

Green Book - This film, which won this year's Best Film Oscar, is based on a true story. Dr Don Shirley (**Maharshala Ali**) is a world-class African-American pianist who, in 1962, embarked on a concert tour in the Deep South. His only guide to "safe" locations was the Green Book and he needed both a driver and protection. Shirley recruited Tony Lip (**Viggo Mortensen**), a tough talking Italian-American bouncer from the Bronx, and this road film follows their journey.

JUBILEE CLUB

September 23rd , well it rained ! We do our best to arrange interesting outings but some communication must have gone astray on this occasion. However our adventurous spirit took over and we gathered for a boat trip from Exeter Quay to Exmouth by the canal, the first to be built in the country. A most interesting journey with a commentary and,



speaking personally, I enjoyed the experience and would love to go again in sunshine. The swing bridge at Countess Weir had to be opened - I can only imagine the frustration it caused to the queue of traffic! The picture is the swing bridge beginning to close after we had been through.

On October 7th The speaker booked was unable to come so our very own Tony stepped into the breach. With his deep knowledge of the history of Exeter Tony has a record of pictures taken over many years. On this occasion the theme was Exe Bridge to Saint Sidwells. In 1905 there was a new bridge built to make way for modern transport the tram. Then in 1931 the tram lines were removed. Many of you will remember a store in Fore street Walter Ottens, that sold nearly everything in the hardware line It might have taken two hours to be served but in those days there just wasn't the competition we have today. Do you remember the first ice-creams after the war? I certainly do. In the 1950s Forte's opened in Exeter. Woolworths were at 25 and 26 High street, Moons, where we could go and listen to music on the old 78s, happy days. Colsons was opened in the 1780s by Mrs Colson - there still remain indentations in the kerb outside where the sun awnings were supported. Then there was the library at Boots you could exchange your book at any branch in the country. A must at Christmas a visit to Father Christmas at Waltons, and remember their system of overhead wires to send your payment for goods to a central cashier. I must mention the delights of the Pram and Toy shop in Sidwell Street . Finally there is a grave in Saint Sidwell Church of Dr. Hennis the last man to die as a result of a duel in England in 1833 , aged 31 years the duel took place on Haldon.

We thank the helpers for standing in in the kitchen, while Marge was on a much deserved holiday. Two new members welcomed Maidie and Veronica. It was good to see Joyce Hann come with her helper. We sent our good wishes to Diane recovering from a Hip replacement.

Diary Dates.

- November 4th Maureen Hunter Fun With Scarves.
- November 18th. Christmas Shopping Outing to Tamar Nurseries
 Leaving Ide at 10am.
- December 2nd Christmas Bingo.
- December 16th Christmas Party



Come on a musical journey with Ide
Aloud in search of a

Winter Wonderland

Nov 29/30 at 7.30 in Ide Memorial Hall
Tickets £7.50 (Children £5) to include a home made
pasty supper—bring your own drinks

Draw with profits for children's charities to warm
some hearts as the winter chill sets in

IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

What's happening this month
Sunday Services are held at 11am and 5pm each week.
Our speakers this month are:

November	11am	5pm
3 rd	Brian Bunce	All together Praise
10 th	Paul Jenner	Adam Willer
17 th	Des Gardiner	All together Praise
24 th	Adam Willer	Michael Trigg with Holy Communion

Other activities

Thursday 7th November from 10.30am – Coffee Morning



On Thursday 7th November we will be holding our monthly Coffee Morning starting at 10.30am. Coffee or tea and cakes are provided free of charge. Do come and join us for a cuppa and a chat. Everyone welcome.

Thursday 14th November at 7pm – it's time for DDD



On Thursday 14th November at 7pm we will be meeting together at the Church for Des's Delightful Discussions. A time for coming together to look at the Bible. Everyone welcome

Friday 22nd November from 6.30pm – 8.30pm its 'Download' time



On Friday 22nd November from 6.30pm – 8.30pm its gaming night for KS2

Bring your iPad, laptop, Kindle, etc, along (no age-restricted games allowed).

Tuckshop available. Games console will be provided. Entry with permission slip only (available on the door).

Thursday 28th November at 7pm – it's time for CCC



On Thursday 28th November at 7pm we will come together for Coffee, Chat and Challenge

Adrian leads a time of discussion relating to the Christian faith. Everyone welcome and there's always food!

Feedback from the Wildflower Meadow talk held in the Village Hall

On 11 September, 30 people came to listen to Audrey Compton talk about Wildflower meadows.



She explained how she has worked on the land all her working life, firstly as a dairy farmer and then as a ranger for Teignbridge, and now again as a farmer in the Teign valley growing and promoting wildflower meadows through visits and talks at her farm. She also explained that wildflower meadows can be grown almost anywhere - in corners of farmer's fields, your gardens or even in a church graveyard or even in orchards. They can be small or large.

They provide a diversity of flowers and plants, which in turn provide a diversity of insects and predators such as bees, wasps and spiders, that are in themselves essential for providing food to other animals higher up the food chain.

Since WW2 we have lost 96% of these meadows and Audrey hopes that we can start putting a few back in our local communities.

Andy Bragg, Climate Emergency Working Group.

IDE MEMORIAL HALL

The hall continues to be well used by a great variety of people activities. The cost of hiring the hall is £8 per hour during the day and £10 an hour during evenings, from 6pm. There is a flat rate of £25 for children's parties.



To book the hall please contact Carol Whitehart on 01392 213608.

Regular Hall bookings include:

The Jubilee Club (for over 60's) meets every 2 weeks on Mondays 2-4pm
Ide Aloud (community choir) meets Monday evenings 7.30-9pm
The Art Group meets on Tuesday mornings from 10am-12noon
Bellacappella (ladies singing group) meets Tuesday evenings 7.30-9.30pm
Pilates is on Wednesday evenings 6.30-7.30pm
Keep Fit is on Thursday mornings 10-11am
The Morris Men meet on Thursday evenings 8-10pm
Pilates is also on Fridays, 9.30-10.30am
Sweaty Church meets once a month on first Friday, 6-7.30pm
Youth Club meets once a month on a Friday, 7-9pm
Dance Fit is now on Saturday mornings from 9-10am.

Brenda Spivey

SAINT IDA'S CHURCH

3rd November	4 before Advent	9.30am	Holy Communion
10th November	Remembrance Sunday	10.45am at the War Memorial	
17th November	2 before Advent	9.30am	Holy Communion
24th November	1 before Advent	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.

Remembrance Sunday. The Service will be held at the War Memorial starting at 10.45am. This will be followed by tea/coffee in the village hall. There will be no Service in Church that day.

Harvest Festival. On the 13th October we had our Harvest Thanksgiving Service when we thanked God for our food and the seeds for next year. Our thanks go to Sarah Tiley for the beautiful loaf in the shape of a sheaf of corn with a mouse on it. The bread was eaten at our lunch which followed the Service, when over 40 of us sat down to an excellent meal. Thank you to all who helped to organise this.



Sweaty Church will take place on **Friday, 1st November**, from 6pm to 7.30pm in Ide Memorial Hall. If you haven't been yet, do come and join us.

Exeter Police & Community Choir will be giving a Concert of a variety of traditional and popular songs on Thursday, 7th November, 7.30pm, in Ide Church.. Tickets will be available from the Community Shop - £7.50 each.

Festive Tea. This will take place this year in Church on Saturday, 7th December, to coincide with the Christmas Tree Festival. Father Christmas will be in attendance and there will be the usual stalls to get your Christmas gifts from. More details in the December issue.

Christmas Tree Festival. Letters will go out to local organisations soon to invite them to contribute to the Christmas tree festival but do let us know if individuals and families would also be keen to add to the display. Trees should be delivered to church between 4th and 6th December, and it would be nice if they can remain in church for about 10 days. Please contact Mary Bradley (01392 420616) or Sue Cloke (01392 433204) if you are interested in taking part or have any queries.

Wreath making will also take place again this year on 8th Dec in the church at 2pm and 5pm. Tickets will be on sale in the shop at the end of November.

Mothers Union - This month we have the Autumn Council meeting on Tuesday, 5th November, and I will be representing you there. Once again we will meet informally later in the month, Wednesday, 20th November, 2.30pm. Offers of a home, and ideas for a discussion welcome?

Toddlers (and babes in arms) - meets on Tuesday mornings, 9.30 to 11am, in the school hall during term time. It is an opportunity for the adults to have a chat over a cup of tea or coffee while the children play together. Sue Campbell

EXETER POLICE & COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT IN IDE CHURCH



Thursday, 7th November, 7.30pm

The programme will consist of popular music including "The birth of the blues", "Widcombe Fair", "God be with you till we meet again", etc.

Tickets available at Ide Community Shop
and on the door - £7.50 each

IDE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Greetings fellow Ide-ites,

You should have seen some posters up around the village by the time you receive your Ide Times, advertising the Ide **Community Firework Display**, which will take place on Saturday, 9th November, in the Poachers Garden.



Doors will be open for 6pm, by which time we'll be all set up to provide you with excellent BBQ food, freshly-cooked chips etc etc.

Ticket prices remain the same as the last few years, being £4 for an adult, £2 for a child or you can get a family ticket at £10 which will do you for up to two adults and any number of children (within reason, of course!). They (tickets, not children) can be bought from Ide Shop or behind the bar at The Poachers. If you get them in advance you'll get in quicker, plus it makes it all easier to manage things on the night, plus of course there is always the chance that we'll sell out! Otherwise you can choose to take a slight risk and pay on the night.

We're very lucky to have secured once again the services of Jack the fireman and his team, to manage the running of the firework display. Churrs bauchs.

If the weather is really really foul on the Saturday night, we have the option to postpone until the Sunday night.

Just one further thing, and very important this – last year, after the display had finished, there were a number of children playing where the fireworks had been lit. If you do have children with you, please make sure they stay behind the barrier tapes (off the firework lighting zone) at all times, as not only is it of course dangerous when there are fireworks in place or being lit, but after the event there are various safety hazards still cluttering up the area as we leave it until Sunday morning, when it's light, before we clear up. Thanks.

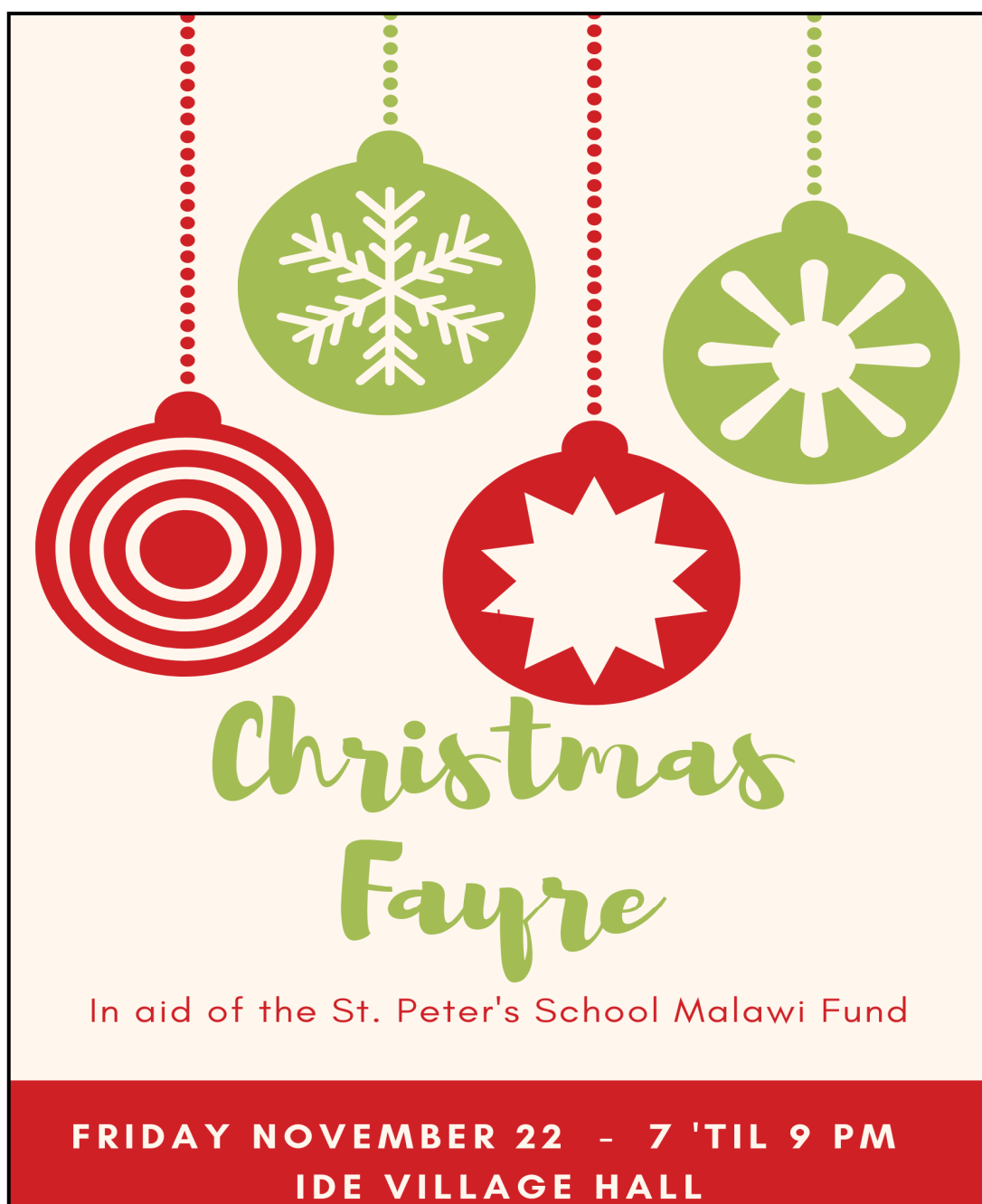
With autumn here, it's once again time for the niceness that is our unserious pub quizzes to restart. Those clever old Legal Beagles won the most recent quiz, at the Poachers last month, where we had rounds on General Knowledge, The Ashes, Radio, British Fungi, Transport and Late Pop Stars. **Next quiz, Huntsman on the 27th October.**

Christmas Quiz – following the success of last year's double-hander, when we ran the same quiz in The Poachers and in The Huntsman at the same time, I can confirm that myself and Huntsman landlord Colin will do the same again this year, it's what the village expects, Horatio Lord Nelson and all that. It'll take place sometime between Boxing Day and New Year's Eve, exact date and further information to follow. All proceeds as usual will go to charity.

Some admin - in adherence to our written constitution we hereby give statutory notice that our **AGM takes place on Friday, 10th January 2020** at The Poachers Inn, in the dining room. All are welcome. 7pm start.

It was with great sadness last month that we learnt of the death of the President of the Canteloup-Cleville Twinning Association, over there in Normandy. Martine was a lovely woman, and a major force in organising Twinning visits and activities. She battled her illness until the last. Always with a smile on her face, always with an intelligent and humorous take on things, she will be much missed by those whose lives she was amongst. A representative from Ide Twinning attended the funeral, and I know that our French friends were very pleased that we had a presence there for the ceremony . Our thoughts go out to her husband Alain. Also in our thoughts, following the sad loss of her partner John this month, is Ide twinner Maggie Parkes.

Pete Bishop



EXETER NORTHCOTT THEATRE

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28 October – 2 November

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LIVING SPIT'S ODYSSEY 4-5 November

THE CHILDREN'S BOOKSHOW 6 November A schools' only treat.

ISLANDS IN THE STREAM 8 November. The music of Dolly Parton & Kenny Rogers

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COUNT ARTHUR STRONG, 17 November **Is There Anybody Out There?**

JAMES WILTON DANCE: THE STORM 19 November.

THE HORNE SECTION 20-21 November

THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC - The Ultimate Tribute to Abba 22 November

JOSH WIDDICOMBE: BIT MUCH... 24 November - at the **GREAT HALL**

And the Christmas Treat for all the family is finally **HERE!!**

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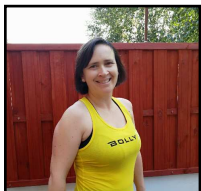
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NEW TIME for DANCE FIT at Ide Memorial Hall

SATURDAYS from 09.00-10.00am

(was on Wednesdays at 09.30am)

£5.50 for 6 session blocks or £6.50 PAYG

Please wear trainers, clothing suitable for exercising and bring water and a towel.

Classes are weekly starting on SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER (please note there won't be a class on Saturday 23rd November due to a prior booking at the hall).

For further information:

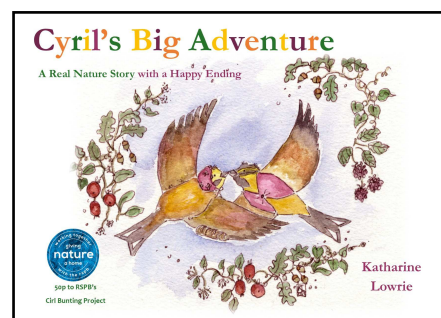


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CYRIL'S BIG ADVENTURE: A REAL NATURE STORY WITH A HAPPY ENDING

A new children's picture book about a very special bird, has just been published by Teign Valley ecologist/author/illustrator, Katharine Lowrie.

Cyril is a cirl bunting who decides to go on a BIG adventure. But his adventure quickly turns into a perilous quest when he discovers The Nothing...



“Cirl buntings once lived in the UK from Yorkshire to Cornwall. Changes in farming methods, especially with the push to intensify production after World War II, caused their numbers to tumble, with only 118 pairs recorded clinging on in Devon in 1989,” says Katharine. “Then something fantastic happened: farmers and conservationists started working together to bring cirl buntings back from the brink.



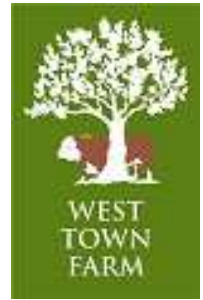
Today their numbers have soared to over 1,070 birds. Cirl buntings are back in Ide, Dunchideock, Doddiscombsleigh and beyond. It's such an amazing story of hope.

“I work for the RSPB with farmers and foresters from the Exe estuary to Fingle woods. One of the most exciting aspects of my work has been seeing the recovery of this iconic bird. Some farmers have been managing their land for cirl buntings for over twenty years, and now, finally, cirl buntings are returning.

Cirl buntings may be little, but they represent a lot! Because where cirl buntings prosper so does other farmland wildlife, including: brown hares, barn owls, arable plants, butterflies, bumblebees, lizards and bats; many of which are declining in our wider countryside.”

Katharine will be visiting primary schools and local events to tell Cyril's story and that of the farm wildlife he lives. To book a visit: kathjlowrie@gmail.com or FB@ nature running & adventure. Cyril's Big Adventure is £6.99 (50p from each book sold goes to the RSPB's Cirl Bunting Project). Signed & dedicated copies are available at <http://www.5000mileproject.org/shop/www.5000mileproject.org/shop/>.

WEST TOWN FARM NEWS



Apple and Pumpkin was a huge success. Having it ticketed this year definitely took a lot of strain off the farm and the village as we had less cars driving through. Thank you to those who walked up. We were so lucky with the weather, every time it rained in the lead up I panicked. The atmosphere was joyful and we saw lots of familiar faces. Pasture for life talked to people about the benefits of grass fed animals. Extinction rebellion and Ide Climate emergency working group talked to people about climate change. Great to have so many like minded people on the farm.

We've got another 3 manglistas pigs on the farm. They look like three little ghosts. Fluffy white coat and dark black eyes. They produce a slightly fattier meat that makes for delicious sausages. (We have some in the shop at the moment...easily the best sausages I've ever had).

The huge amount of rain has brought some of the cows into the barns. The fields are so waterlogged and the grass will be trashed if the cows stay out. Over half the cattle are indoors already for the Winter months. It's return of the darks mornings and cold hands/feet season.

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