

# *Ide Times*



The children of Ide school have just had their last day (obviously earlier than expected). This is a picture of year 5 and years 6s as they walked out of school for (probably) the last time this school year. It was an emotional time for all of them as the year 6s are now moving on to secondary school!

Picture taken on Friday, 20th March

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## APRIL 2020



Last month our worries were about flooding, but this month we are rightly concerned about the coronavirus and this may continue to be the case for future months. Plans are being put in hand to make sure that those self-isolating in the village get supplies delivered to them via our Community Shop. Do ring the shop (tel. 410035) if you need items delivered to you. By the time you read this, you should have received a leaflet giving more details. (See page 13)

We are fortunate being a small community where there is a real desire to look after each other. You are not alone - there is always someone here to give a helping hand - please do ask if you are in need.

Articles for the May issue of the Ide Times should be sent to Ann Boyce by the 20th April - [annboyce@talk21.com](mailto:annboyce@talk21.com)

Brenda Spivey (01392 275784)

### USEFUL NUMBERS

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The Parish Church - Rev Mike Partridge 01392 491476 and leave a message or 07751 725306, or email: [rev.mike.partridge@gmail.com](mailto:rev.mike.partridge@gmail.com)

Congregational Church: Jackie Chadwick [jacky.c@talktalk.net](mailto:jacky.c@talktalk.net)

M.P. Mel Stride: 02072 197037 [melstride.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:melstride.mp@parliament.uk)

### Community Shop Opening Hours: (Tel. 410035)

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**IDE MEMORIAL HALL** - to book the hall for your event/party please contact Carol Whitehart on 01392 213608.  
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**The Mobile Library** will be in Fore Street, Ide, from 11.45 am to 12.30 pm on Monday, 6th April (if it is still in operation).  
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### 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
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## IDE PARISH COUNCIL

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Suddenly, everything has changed. Schools closed, cinemas, restaurants, clubs, pubs and gyms shut. The over 70s batten down at home for a 12 week haul. And many of us now have friends or family who have experienced coronavirus infection. We are writing this on the evening of 20 March. Things may have ramped up further by the time you read it.

Stuff like planning applications, parking and flood screens; or working groups for the climate, a recreation ground, an orchard or reducing plastic, don't seem quite so important when our and our family's health is threatened, freedoms restricted and money tight.

So first, what the Parish Council is doing in response to the Covid-19 crisis; and then a brief account of how we are continuing with other Council business.

### **Emergency Planning Working Group – Covid-19**

A small working group drawn from different sections of the community has formed to offer help and support for residents who request it, in particular people who are elderly, infirm, vulnerable, confined to their home or self isolating due to Covid-19. The group, led by Paula Burton Perrett (Parish Council), includes Imogen Walsh (Community Shop), Sophie Caunter (Ide Volunteers), Adrian Butland (St Ida's) and Rachel Herbert (Parish Council).

The group launched **Ide Angels** last week, a team of volunteers led by Sophie Caunter, which recruited volunteers via social media and village networks. There's been a big response of offers to help, and the team of over 40 has started providing support to local residents.

To begin with, the team will offer help with shopping and errands, and will expand its scope of activities to support residents as the pandemic develops. Flyers were distributed throughout the village on 20 March with details of the service and how to access it, particularly to reach people who may not be online.

If you need groceries delivered you can phone Ide Community shop directly on 01392 410035 to place an order. A delivery time can be arranged and payment made over the phone. Alternatively you can send a request via the Shop's dedicated email account [idevolunteers@hotmail.com](mailto:idevolunteers@hotmail.com). An Ide Angel will pick up your request and respond. The Shop team has been working flat out with suppliers to ensure they are well stocked. For more information or if you wish join as a volunteer please contact [idevolunteers@hotmail.com](mailto:idevolunteers@hotmail.com)

The Emergency Planning Working Group will meet weekly (taking account of the need for social distancing, or by conference call) to review the local impact of the crisis; the services Ide Angels, the Shop and other groups can offer; new issues for residents which will inevitably crop up; health, safety and welfare issues for volunteers; and to report on its activities to the chair of the Parish Council.

They have also asked Teignbridge District Council (TDC) to provide guidance on other issues such as reduced public services, changes to waste and recycling, or temporary closures. Here is the link to Teignbridge's coronavirus advice and information website: <https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-help-and-advice/coronavirus-updates/>

## Meetings

At the time of writing, Parish Councils are still not permitted to meet, vote or make decisions other than in person and in public. So the meeting set for 18 March was pulled rather than hold a 90 minute meeting in public in the village hall, given government Covid-19 advice. Instead we Skyped an online briefing conference for parish councilors on 18 March to keep in contact, and to inform each other about progress on the Council's activities and working groups, especially the emergency plans for coronavirus. Notes of this online briefing will be on the website.

An Extraordinary Parish Council meeting has been called for 25 March, in St Ida's Church at 7.30pm, to consider only those matters on the agenda for 18 March which required resolutions. The government plans to legislate soon to permit virtual Parish Council meetings during this period of emergency, suspending the requirement for a council to gather in physical person. Arrangements for the set of Annual Meetings and the May Parish Council meeting, due to be held on 13 May 2020, will be posted when we know more.

## Other News

Two public meetings were held in February to explain and discuss ambitions for **Weir Meadow and Northern Fields**. An article later in this edition carries details. The enthusiastic support from residents has encouraged the Council to press ahead with an outline planning application for change of use to a recreation ground.

The Church Commissioners are now happy to proceed with arrangements for an option agreement for the purchase of **Pynes Orchard**, having at last reached a satisfactory conclusion over the disputed railway strip.

The **Climate Emergency Working Group** held a successful meeting on 12 February attended by over 60 people, addressed by Kate Willett of the Met Office, with Ide group members Richard Cottle and Andy Bragg.

Andy Swain will represent Ide on the Exeter **Plastic Free** Community Steering Group.

Minutes of Parish Council working groups are published on **idevillage.org.uk**

**Pynes Farm Yard** planned development. The Church Commissioners' agent, Deloitte, have indicated that they hope to submit their planning application soon. Members of the public are invited to make their comments to Teignbridge District Council's Planning Department. Pete Bishop's resident's guide to commenting on planning applications appears later in this edition.

**Sandbags and salt**, for flood and ice respectively, are stored in the portacabin in the village car park. The keyholders are Pete Bishop, 78 High Street, 07717785760; Mark Thomas, 1 Station Road, 01392 459594; Paula Burton Perrett, 14 High Street, 07970960789.

## **Planning Applications**

### **New:**

**20/00203/FUL Cobbe House, Station Road** – Replacement of Porch – supported with comments re the roof light.

**20/00390/AGR HOLCOMBE BURNELL Springfield Bakers Hill** Agricultural Storage Shed

Committee did not support this in its current form – too large a building to be next to a narrow lane used as a public amenity.

### **Decided:**

**19/20457/8 LBC 42 High Street Ide** Replacement of single storey rear extension.  
APPROVED

### **Ongoing:**

**Lower Hare Farm**, Lane from Higher Hare towards Alderbed Copse, Whitestone, EX4 2HW, DCC/4101/2018. Ide Parish Council raised concern about heavy vehicle use of Ide Village Road: rather than using the NW-bound A30 to reach the site, lorries carrying ballast, up to 10 an hour at peak, would use Ide Village Road and then the Tedburn Road, to avoid risks associated with turning right to Tedburn off the A30.

### **Parish Council contact details:**

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**Clerk:** Mel Liversage, 20 Little Johns Cross Hill, EX2 9PJ 01392 259024  
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**Cemetery administrator:** Sarah Tiley 01392 217142 [saraht61@btinternet.com](mailto:saraht61@btinternet.com)

ADVANCE NOTICE - The Bulk Refuse Collection, Rural Skip Service, will be in Ide on Saturday, 31st October.



## IDE COMMUNITY SHOP AND POST OFFICE

Easter will soon be upon us & that means more fun than ever in your village shop. As well as the usual Easter Colouring Competition for children, this year there is also going to be a writing competition open to all ages. For the colouring competition all you need to do is pop into the shop and pick up a colouring sheet, colour it in or decorate it - colouring pencils, crayons and felt tips for sale in the shop. Put your name, age and contact details on the back and return it to the shop for judging. All entries will get a Cadburys Cream egg for taking part and the winners in each age category will get an Easter Egg. All entries will be displayed on the shop windows to brighten up the shop over Easter. Colouring sheets are available now and all completed entries need to be returned by close of business on Wednesday, 8 April, for judging. The winners will be announced on Easter Saturday.

The other competition does not need any forms from the shop. You just have to make up a story, poem or rhyme carrying on from the following line: 'Hop the Easter Bunny and Cheep the Easter Chick love shopping in their local Community

Shop.....',  
Drop your entry back to the shop with your name and contact details by close of business on Wednesday, 8 April. Winners will be announced on Easter Saturday.



Would you like to help in the village shop but are scared of the till? There are lots of roles that need doing in the shop that do not involve the till. We would love someone to come and sweep the forecourt once a week so the approach to the shop always looks nice and clean for customers. We would value help with checking dates on shop produce and Janice is always glad for extra helpers on her 'Clean Dream Team'.

At the Post Office you can draw out cash from all the banks in denominations you require free of charge.



### **Easter Shop & Post Office Opening Times**

	<b><u>Shop</u></b>	<b><u>Post Office</u></b>
Good Friday	9am-12.00noon	Closed
Easter Saturday	8am-1pm	9am-12.00noon
Easter Sunday	9am-12noon	Closed
Easter Monday	9am-12.00noon	Closed

Advance Notice – The Shop AGM will be not be until June depending on the developing situation in the country

## **Commenting on Planning Applications.**

The planning process allows for members of the public to comment upon planning applications, and these comments, or 'representations', provided they are valid, are taken into account by the Local Planning Authority (Teignbridge Council). Ide Parish Council is a 'Statutory Consultee' in the planning process, meaning that it is formally requested by the Local Planning Authority to comment on planning applications within the boundaries of the parish. The Parish Council does not have the power to grant or refuse planning permission, but Teignbridge DC is required to consider its comments.

To comment on a planning application as an individual you can either write to Teignbridge District Council (Forde House, Brunel Road, Newton Abbot. TQ12 4XX), or email them at [planning@teignbridge.gov.uk](mailto:planning@teignbridge.gov.uk). You will need to quote the planning application reference number. Alternatively, you can make comments via the Teignbridge 'Planning Portal' via [www.teignbridge.gov.uk/planning](http://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/planning)

Your comments can support or oppose an application, or they can merely be comments.

Material and/or planning-related grounds for objecting to an application include:

- Adverse effects on the residential amenity of neighbours; overlooking, loss of privacy, loss of light, loss of views
- Noise and disturbance (excluding that taking place during the period of the execution of works)
- Over-development of the site, especially if it involves undue loss of garden land or the open aspect of the neighbourhood.
- Adverse visual impact (design, being out-of-scale or out of character with its surroundings)
- Adverse effect of the development on the character of the neighbourhood.
- Adverse effect on local infrastructure (traffic, parking, services)
- Flooding issues
- Negative impact on biodiversity
- If in a Conservation Area, adverse effect of the development on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area, and if near a Listed Building, adverse effect of the development on the setting of the Listed Building.

Also, given that Teignbridge DC, and above it Devon County Council, have declared a 'climate emergency', impact on carbon emissions of any planned development are also valid considerations.

Planning procedure is 'policy-led'. This means that Local Planning Authorities make decisions based on the planning policies in place at any given time. These policies are largely contained within the 'Teignbridge District Council Local Plan 2013-2033', and also within the "Ide Neighbourhood Plan". Both of these documents are easy to find on the internet via any search engine/googling.



## **SPRING IS HERE**

The daffodils are in flower at Steps Bridge. Thank you to Janice Heath and Peter Cloke for these pictures.



## CLIMATE CHANGE QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

A big 'thank you!' to all of you who took the time to respond to the questionnaire that was circulated at the CEWG event on 12<sup>th</sup> February because the team needs to know what is important to the residents of Ide and the information gathered will form the basis of village activities going forward.



We are hoping to hold a number of events in the future and asked which of them would be of interest. Following on from the recent success of Treefest, the biggest appetite was for **tree planting** so if you, your friends or neighbours have room to plant some trees and would like help then please contact CEWG and we can put you in touch with some willing volunteers!

There was also significant interest in a household goods' repair clinic and clothes swap. Sadly, Plastic Free Ide had already identified that we need to do litter picking to look after the verges of our highways and respondents agreed, so a regular litter picking walk will now be taking place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month (see advert in this month's Ide Times and keep up to date on Ide Village Facebook group).

Other ideas for a bike service clinic, healthy homes drop-in, heat pump tour, clothes repair clinic, Ide CEWG quiz and bike support ride into Exeter were all supported and respondents made some suggestions of their own including car sharing, reducing use of plastic and setting up a library of things to borrow. Please do get in touch with CEWG if you want to get involved at any level in making any of these things happen more quickly as we can't do them all ourselves.

We asked if Ide residents had started to make any changes since the Climate Emergency had become publicised. It was heartening to read that every respondent has made at least one change already, with most saying that they had moved toward a more **plant-based diet**, buying their food locally and choosing products without plastic packaging. **Transportation** was the second biggest area of change with people doing more cycling, buying electric bikes, using the bus more often and getting together to do car sharing on regular trips into Exeter and beyond.

This was reflected in the responses when we asked what Ide residents thought were the most important issues that they could look at in order to help with reducing their impact on the environment – transportation was the top of the list by far including car sharing, cycling and reducing or finding alternatives to air transport, followed by changing to a more plant-based diet and reducing energy use or sourcing renewable energy.

Lastly, we asked what residents would like to see happen in our village to reduce our impact on the environment, and transportation again proved to be the area most people wanted to change, with calls for a more frequent bus service (with hybrid or electric buses), car-sharing (including an electric car-share), and safer cycle routes into Exeter. The latter is currently being actively tackled by the 'Safe Routes for Ide' group who are working closely with West Exe school in fighting to protect Balls Farm Road from increasing car use by having regular walks along it which are advertised on the 'Safe Routes for Ide' and 'Ide Village' Facebook pages so please do come along!

Everyone who responded said that the talks at this event had inspired them to think differently about Climate Change and their part in helping to create a more sustainable way of life, and we hope that this information will help everyone who lives in Ide to be able to make at least one change (however small) towards reducing their impact on the environment.

Carolyn Tysoe

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## **IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

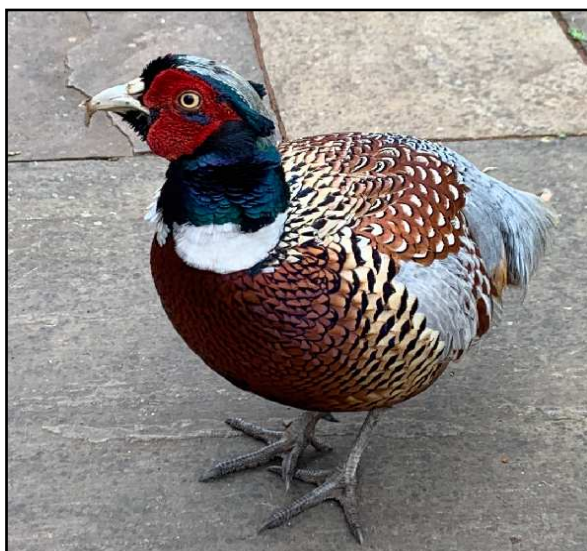
**Ide Congregational Church – April 2020**

**Following the latest governments advice for us all to avoid social gathering/contact we have decided to cancel all our meetings for April  
We will review the latest advice going forward**

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## **THE VICIOUS PHEASANT**

You will be pleased to know that this rather aggressive pheasant is no longer attacking people and chasing them in the churchyard area of Ide. There are other pheasants around but they are much better tempered!





## SAINT IDA'S CHURCH

**Easter** - Easter Sunday is the 12th April. In the midst of churches being closed and children having extended 'holidays', we may find ourselves almost overlooking Easter. So **HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE.**



### Coronavirus

Sadly, for the time being, there will be no Sunday Services taking place in Saint Ida's Church. We are complying with government advice that people should not gather together to avoid the transmission of the coronavirus. We hope and pray that these emergency measures will soon be at an end.

It now seems as if it is necessary to keep the church locked to avoid people meeting together. The reason for this is the danger of the coronavirus infecting vast numbers of people and the NHS being unable to cope with a large epidemic. We hope that you all stay well and keep in good spirits. We are in a good place here in Ide, where we can get out of doors, even if it just a walk round the Green each day, or a walk 'round the world' for the more energetic, for some exercise.

**Marriage** - We are delighted to announce the marriage of the Revd Michael Partirdge and Lucy Williams which took place at St Michael's Church, Alphington, on Friday, 20th March. We wish them a long and happy life together.

**Baptisms (Christenings), Weddings & Banns of Marriage** - If you wish to make any enquiries about these please email [weddings@alphingtonstmichaels.org](mailto:weddings@alphingtonstmichaels.org) for weddings and banns of marriage at Ide; and [christenings@alphingtonstmichaels.org](mailto:christenings@alphingtonstmichaels.org) for baptisms at Ide; or you can ring 01392 491476.

**Toddlers (and babes in arms)** - Like most other groups, Toddlers will not be meeting until the coronavirus problem has ended. Sue Campbell

### LETTER FROM THE RECTOR:

Love your neighbour! The Greatest Command.

Jesus was asked "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" In the discussion which followed he, and the questioner agreed: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind" and, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Elsewhere in the New Testament, Jesus tells us that these two commands are the greatest ones of all.

However, the story continues with the question: "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus responds by telling the story of the Good Samaritan. In a lovely twist, Jesus



doesn't actually answer the man's question. Instead, he says "Go and be a neighbour... to everyone". He challenges not just to think about the question, but to go and do something.

In these unprecedented days, being a good neighbour is our highest priority. Jesus' parable drives home that it's not good enough to know "Who is my neighbour?" What's important is to find every possible way to show care to all people. To be a good neighbour to everyone.

I suspect that the biggest and easiest thing we can do for our neighbour is to wash our hands regularly with warm soapy water! After that, it's not just a case of helping the fallen who are lying by the side of the road, visible for every passer-by to see, as in Jesus' parable, it's about going out of our way to keep in contact with every single person who lives near us. The telephone lines should be buzzing in a way they never have before, as we make daily calls to people who otherwise might see no-one. We should be waving across the road from our windows, assuring one another that we're alright, helping each other provide for our basic daily needs. The list could go on.

We find ourselves stepping into a completely unknown future. It may be very different as you read this article from what I envisage now, here in the middle of March. Regardless of how much we struggle, I do think it's an opportunity to show what real strong passionate love genuinely looks like.

### **Churches closed for public worship**

This doesn't mean that the Church has closed down. It does mean that regulars will miss out on some of the things we value most. We'll be finding different ways of worshipping, praying and expressing our fellowship. There are a huge number of resources to help: daily services on the radio. Songs of Praise and similar things on TV. And of course, the internet. Do look out for video and live events which we'll be posting for St Ida's. You'll find everything we do on our St Ida's web page here: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/8771/>

Rev Mike Partridge



## THE JUBILEE CLUB

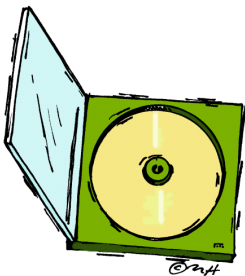
The talk on February 24th was met with much interest - very topical - Recycling.

Annette Dentith gave us lots of information and answered our questions. Teignbridge has a good record with its recycling, coming second to East Devon. There is no kerbside rubbish to landfill, all going to the incinerator at Exeter and used to make electricity.



Recycling is a problem in Exeter due to blocks of flats and narrow paths, meaning all rubbish has to go in together. Efforts are being made to get all areas to do the same thing in the next two years in Devon. The old Corona bottle system may be coming back, where you get money back when bottles are returned, and refill centres for water are becoming available. Clothes can be taken by The Salvation Army who pay D.C.C. and deal with them in a good way.

There was another interesting talk on March 3rd when Brian Smith told us about Storybook Dad's.



When the Father is in prison many children are told he has gone away and often contact is lost. Sharon Berry (a prison education officer), working in a prison cell in Dartmoor Prison, started the idea of getting the prisoner to record a story for their child. She continued this way for four years and the idea took off. Prisoners were employed to help and other prisons took on the idea.

The scheme developed and in 2007 they moved to better accommodation with Princess Anne coming to open it. Dartmoor became a vulnerable unit with sex offenders so they moved to Channing's Wood, where five prisoners are employed. The children of prisoners are the innocent victims. 25% of prisoners had a difficult childhood, suffering abuse and bullying, sadly violence breeds violence. Many of the men cannot read or write having been banned from school so their recordings are done by them repeating the story after a narrator

Sadly we have had to cancel Club meetings until further notice, the importance of a caring community at times like this are vital, and I do feel Ide is one of those places. The need to stay in touch a smile and wave of the hand can mean so much. We look forward to getting back together when these problems are behind us. My phone number is 07447622479 should you want a chat.

Jean Hoskin.



**IDE ANGELS**  
**in partnership with Ide Parish Council &**  
**Ide Community Shop**

Do you need help while you are self-isolating?

This is a difficult time for everyone and, as a community, we want to make sure that no one is left alone or in need of anything. If you are self-isolating we are here to help you. For now we are offering a delivery service from Ide Community Shop but we are looking at offering other services soon so please let us know how we can help you.

Call Ide Community Shop on 01392 410035 to place your order. One of our volunteers in the shop will take your order and discuss payment options and delivery times with you. An Ide Angel will then deliver your shopping to your front door.

If you need anything else please let us know. Alternatively, you can email [idevolunteers@hotmail.com](mailto:idevolunteers@hotmail.com)

If you would like to volunteer with us please contact us at [idevolunteers@hotmail.com](mailto:idevolunteers@hotmail.com)



Last day of school at Ide Primary.....sadly more than a term earlier than the children and their teachers were expecting. However, the school is continuing to provide daily lessons for the children at home, so they should be very well prepared to move on to their secondary schools in September.



## THE FORDLAND BROOK

We have exciting prospects in Ide, which will alter the landscape at West Town, when the plans for the sports field in Weir Meadow are completed. The meadow is encompassed on three sides by the Fordland Brook.

Near the source of the brook at Perridge there used to be the pleasure gardens, with a lily pond, woodland walks and lawns. Todd Gray's book "The Art of the Devon Garden" has delightful water colours of the gardens, showing the quaint summer house. People from Exeter used to walk out to Perridge to enjoy the scenery in the 18th and early 19th centuries. (The gardens are now private but on occasions are open to the public, when they are well worth a visit.)

When the brook flowed on to Westtown it had a job to do, which was to power the village mill, so the course of the brook was altered. It used to flow straight on after passing Westtown cottages running along the northern edge Weir Meadow, whereas now there is a right-angle in the brook as it runs alongside the lane.



A weir was built at the bottom of the hill from Ide in order to give a depth of water and allow for a leat to flow to the mill. This leat ran through the gaps at the bottom of The Green, through where the Hams now is, to the mill pond, which was where we now have the Coronation Gardens.

Establishing the mill would have been a costly and laborious exercise - diverting the brook, building the weir and digging out the leat and channel and making the large pond. It would be interesting to know how it was financed and when it began functioning. I read that Otterton mill dates from 1099 and I would not be surprised to know that Ide mill dated from that time.

The water from the mill wheel must have had to go back to the brook and I



assume that it ran along the back of the cottages below the Old Mill, although there is no trace of this or where it re-joined the brook.

Finally, the stream, with the unusually long ford and the cottages, makes for the favourite view of Ide. Altogether the Fordland Brook is a great asset to Ide - plus the pleasure it has given to countless local children playing in the water and seeing the wildlife.

Sylvia Moore



## SEASONAL EATING FOR APRIL

It can be difficult to remember what fruit and vegetables are in season when we live with access to a global supermarket, so here's a reminder of what is currently being grown locally here in the UK to inspire you to try something different while cutting down deliciously on the air miles (courtesy of the Vegetarian Society [www.vegsoc.org](http://www.vegsoc.org)).



Artichoke, Beetroot, Cabbage, Carrots, Chicory, New Potatoes, Kale, Morel Mushrooms, Parsnips, Radishes, Rhubarb, Rocket, Sorrel, Spinach, Spring Greens, Spring Onions, Watercress.

And it's wild garlic season too!

Carolyn Tysoe

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## PLANT SWAP AND OPEN GARDENS

It will come as no surprise that Ide Growers are cancelling both Seed Swap and Open Gardens. Although Open Gardens is still a few months away, we would much rather hold it in 2021 when we feel comfortable about sharing our gardens with visitors.

In the meantime, enjoy your garden as much as you can.

Thanks,

Ide Growers

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## IDE MEMORIAL HALL

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.

However, during the present coronavirus pandemic we have been requested not to gather in groups in an attempt to stop the spread of the virus. In consequence all organisations have decided not to meet for the time being.



To book the hall for an event later in the year, please contact Carol Whitehart on 01392 213608.

Brenda Spivey

## WEST TOWN FARM NEWS

Where do we begin? What unprecedented times we are currently living in. I can't quite believe how quickly things changed. In times like this we have to look for the positives...air quality improving in countries under quarantine, river water clearing up in Venice and people offering up help to those in need, whether that is walking an elderly neighbour's dog or dropping food round.



Farming still has to continue and we are being very careful with washing our hands, cleaning the tractors handles etc. The worry is if we all come down with it at once and no one can look after the animals.

All of our events for the foreseeable future have been cancelled/postponed. Difficult times certainly lay ahead. I've been amazed by the support from everyone towards the business and understanding that the situation is out of our hands.

We are still stocking Taw River Dairy milk which is delivered early evening on Mondays and Thursdays. Our freezer still has various cuts of meat in it but we will have fresh meat (pasture fed beef) on the 15th April. If you would like to order a meat box we can deliver to the Ide area. Please check our Facebook for more details.

This picture was taken when we walked the cattle through the village.



Now is a time for community cooperation and strength. Following advice from the government and respecting the practices put in place for our health. It's not going to be easy but we will come out of this the other side stronger.

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