

Ide Times




On the 15th February Storm Dennis caused muddy water to come up out of the drain outside the Village Hall causing the bottom of the village to be flooded for a short time.

MARCH 2020

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MARCH 2020



Let us hope that March is a drier month than February!
Thank you to all those who keep the shute (or is it 'shoot') beside the High Street clear of leaves and debris so that the water flows away without causing flooding. The heavy rain on the 15th February (storm Dennis) caused muddy water to come up from the drain outside the village hall. However, it subsided an hour or two later and no damage was done.

Articles for the April issue of the Ide Times should be sent to me by the 20th March - brendaspivey123@btinternet.com

Brenda Spivey (01392 275784)

USEFUL NUMBERS

Community Policeman: 101

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

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

M.P. Mel Stride: 02072 197037 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.

The Mobile Library will be in Fore Street, Ide, from 11.45 am to 12.30 pm on Monday, 9th March..

360 BUS TIMETABLE

Ide	7.51	10.01	12.39	14.34	
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Exeter Bus Station	8.35	11.15	13.15	16.15	17.55
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IDE PARISH COUNCIL

idevillage.org.uk

Sandbags and salt

In the event of flooding or ice, a supply of sandbags and salt 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 Perret, 14 High Street, 07970960789.

Weir Meadow Recreation Ground: Two public meetings were held, on 22 and 26 February, to explain and discuss the current plans for developing the Meadow as a recreation ground and community green space; the reason for including the northern fields in the project; and the possible options for raising the money to buy the land. The Working Group met on Monday 24 February 2020, 7pm, in The Hub. Chair: Stuart Brooking: stuartbrooking@ambios.net

Pynes Community Orchard: We are closer than ever to resolving the issue of disputed land on the dismantled railway track. Next working group meeting is on Tuesday 3 March at 6pm at The Halt, 1 St Ida's Close. Chair Peter Cloke: peter_cloke@btinternet.com.

Climate Emergency Working Group. The parish council has adopted a resolution to make Ide Plastic Free: it will seek to remove single use plastic items from its operations, will encourage plastic free initiatives and promote the plastic free campaign and supporting events. Meetings of the working group are held at 3 Cobbe House [or West Town Farm or Plane Trees] on the first Wednesday of each month: next meeting 4 March 2020, 7.30 pm. Chair: 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. idevillage.org.uk

Pynes Farm Yard: In the next few weeks Deloitte, the agents acting for the Church Commissioners (who own Pynes Farm), intend to submit their planning application for the re-development of Pynes Farm Yard. Originally it was their intention to hold a public meeting at which they would present their final plans. However, they now feel that the information in the Ide Neighbourhood Plan, plus the Parish Council's response to their summer 2019 pre-application submission to TDC (Parish Council minutes 18 Sept 2019) enable them to proceed with a formal full planning application. Once that planning application is submitted, notice will be given on the idevillage.org.uk website, and it will be discussed in public at a full Parish Council Meeting. As with all planning applications, members of the public are invited to make their comments to Teignbridge District Council's Planning Department. This can be done by a variety of methods. See <https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/planning/>

Planning Application 19/20457/8 LBC 42 High Street Ide Replacement of single storey rear extension. The committee discussed the documents regarding this application, and are happy to formally support it

20/00061/LBC 30 High Street Ide Replacement of front roof. The committee have inspected the documents regarding this application, and are happy to formally support it.

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.**

19/01896/ 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 Panels **STILL AWAITING A DECISION**

The next IPC Planning Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 March 2020 at 6.00pm in the Hub.

The next **Parish Council** meeting is in Ide Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 18 March 2020 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 chair 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:

Chair: 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

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



IDE COMMUNITY SHOP AND POST OFFICE

Vegan January certainly happened in your local community shop with the new lines of vegan sausage rolls and vegan snacks selling really well. The shop continues to stock them as it expands its vegan range and they are delicious and well worth a try – even if you are a hardened meat eater – they are tasty and something different, and healthier than traditional fried snacks. The shop is all about the community and the people of Ide and what they need so, if there are lines you would like to see the shop stock and carry, please do let us know. We recently started stocking a new line of instant porridge pots as a result of a request put in the suggestion box in the shop.



In addition to the usual colouring competition this Easter there will also be another competition - suitable for both children and adults alike – pop into the shop if you would like more details on this. It promises to be good fun and anyone in the village can get involved young and old, male and female.

As you know the shop is run by a committee and it was good to welcome Sue Cloke onto the committee recently. Sue will have special responsibility for the Stock Group.

The shop is very much at the heart of the community in many ways. One of the ways it helps the people of Ide is by taking in parcels when people are not at home. Space is at a premium in the Post Office area of the shop and so can we please ask that if you get a note from the Postman saying he has left your parcel at the Post Office you collect it promptly to allow us to free up the space to take parcels in for other people.

As we all try to do our bit for the environment, and cut our car miles and avoid unnecessary journeys. Don't forget you can pay in and take out money at **the Post Office** to save a car trip into town.

On the same note it has been good to see people making good use of the new water tap on the side of the village hall – clearly marked now with a new sign.



IDE PLANT SWAP AND SALE

Sunday April 19th 2020 2-4pm

Ide Primary School



- **How does it work?**

Bring your spare plants and swap them for something else or just come along and buy plants.

- **What sort of plants can I bring?**

Annuals, biennials, perennials, shrubs, fruit, veg, herbs and house plants all welcome.

- **Do they have to be in pots?**

Potted plants, bare root plants, trays of seedlings and packets of seeds all welcome. You can dig up a self-seeded plant or divide a perennial. Just give it some water and put it in anything you can find. Please label plants if you can so people know what they are.

- **Can I still come if I don't have any plants to bring?**

Yes, you are very welcome. Just make a donation. All money raised goes towards funding important village projects.

- **Can I take away more than I came with?**

No problem. Just donate what you can afford.

- **Will there be refreshments?**

You bet! Plenty of delicious home-made cakes, tea, coffee and soft drinks available.



- **What else happens at the Plant Swap?**

A warm welcome for everyone, lots of friendly chat and sharing of advice about plants and gardening, space to sit and for children to play.



'Men In Sheds' will be there again bringing a selection of their handmade rustic bird boxes and trugs for you to buy. They also provide a **tool sharpening and repair service** so bring along any tools you want sharpened or repaired. Their charges are very

reasonable and you'll get them back in a couple of weeks as good as new.



We hope the rain will stay away, but if it doesn't you'll find us in the School Hall.



Ide Growers will also be organising **'Ide Open Gardens'** on Sunday 21st June 2020. We are hoping both events will raise some much-needed funds towards the cost of village projects and amenities. Please support us as much as you can. Thank you!

IDE CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

Thank you to everyone who came to the public meeting on the 12th February and thank you for all your completed questionnaires. If anyone still has one of these, please drop it in to the lovely people in Ide Community Shop who are kindly looking after a folder for these.



So, for those who missed the public meeting, we listened to three inspiring speakers:

Kate Willett from the Met Office managed to make her talk on climate change informative, disturbing and hopeful all at the same time and all in fifteen minutes. Then Richard Cottle and Andy Bragg talked about what we can do to help, from national and local perspectives.

The CEWG doesn't want to lecture anyone but we do want to make it easier for everyone in Ide to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. If we can help by organising projects or attracting funding then we would love to do that. So when we have looked through all the questionnaires from the 12th we will have a better idea of what the village wants to do. We want to turn ideas into action at our next event, which is **on Saturday April 25th in the daytime at Ide School**. More details coming soon - but we're planning to have stalls and workshops to help get some meaningful action started. We'll have a stall on local transport plus many more.

Please save the date and please invite your friends, families and neighbours! More details in the April Ide Times.

Ide Climate Emergency Working Group

6 STEPS TO REDUCE YOUR PLASTIC WASTE

- Buy loose veg free from packaging
- Milk re-fill stations
- Locate your nearest re-fill shop to buy dry loose goods
- Switch to a bamboo toothbrush
- Use loose tea, instead of tea-bags
- Switch to shampoo and conditioner bars

PLASTIC FREE IDE

As of November 2019, Ide became the 557th community in the UK to begin working towards plastic free status under the Surfers Against Sewage guidelines, to reduce plastic use and overall unnecessary waste.

Surfers Against Sewage are a non-profit organisation set up in 1990 by British surfers, whose main aim is to rid our oceans of plastic, and improve the biodiversity and welfare of marine wildlife. In 2018 they set up a program to involve communities in their work and unite people into improving their hometown and in turn, having a knock-on effect in improving the global environment.



There are 51 trillion tonnes of microplastic is present in our oceans, too small to be removed, becoming food for fish and bioaccumulating up in food chains, affecting more or less all species in our oceans as well as ourselves; as 1 in 3 fish caught for human consumption contains plastic. In just 2 years 81 communities have been declared plastic free, ridding their lives of unnecessary plastic. **We wish for Ide to become the 82nd.**

So, what does a Plastic Free Ide entail? It involves working hard individually and as a community to change the way we consume, by taking more careful consideration when purchasing and asking ourselves, 'Do I need it?', 'What will happen to it?' and 'Where will it go once, I'm done?'. It also means supporting local businesses who share similar ethical values, buying produce from local sources and buying vegetables, cheese and meat free from plastic packaging.

However, no one changes overnight, start simply by making small changes at home perhaps, saving old plastic bottles to re-fill or re-cycling correctly, even if it takes a little longer. Ide aims to go a step further and focus on all waste not just plastic, clearing our lives of unnecessary junk and plastic-coated commodities.

We would love to know what you; your family, business, school or social group are doing so that we can celebrate these accomplishments and establish any gaps in which we can improve on as a community, we would also love to hear of any ideas you may have in helping Ide become number 82. Making 2020 plastic free.

To get in contact please email: georginaambrose17@outlook.com

IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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

March	11am	5pm
1 st	Samuel Oliver	All together Praise
8 th	David Bulley	Phil Willer
15 th	Paul Jenner	All together Praise
22 nd	Robert Partridge	Des Gardiner
29 th	Brian Bunce	Michael Trigg

Other activities

Thursday 5th March from 10.30am – Coffee Morning



Coffee or tea and cakes are provided free of charge. Do come and join us for a cuppa and a chat. Everyone welcome.

Thursday 12th March at 7pm – it's time for DDD



Come along and join us for Des's Delightful Discussions. A time for coming together to look at the Bible and discover its relevance for us today. Everyone welcome

Friday 20th March from 6.30pm – 8.30pm its 'Download' time



Gaming night for KS2 aged children

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 26th March at 7pm – it's time for CCC



At Coffee, Chat and Challenge we are currently studying a course that is taking us through the Bible.

Everyone is welcome to join us and there's always food!

Lots of activities going on at the church (as listed above), but if you need someone to talk to or someone to pray with or for you, do come along to any of the above meetings.

SAINT IDA'S CHURCH



1st March	Lent 1	9.30am	Holy Communion
8th March	Lent 2	9.30am	Morning Praise
15th March	Lent 3	9.30am	Holy Communion
22nd March	Mothering Sunday	8am	Holy Communion
		10am	Special Service
29th March	Joint Service at 10am at Shillingford Church		

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.

Mothering Sunday - 22nd March - There will be a special Service at 10am when bunches of flowers will be given out. This will be a simple service aimed at all ages, whether you normally come to church or not. Why not come to church before you take Mum out for lunch? Or maybe it could be a time to remember a Mum who is no longer with you.

Mothers' Union. We are now well into Lent and it's time for our Lent Lunch to raise a little money for MU grassroots charities worldwide. On Wednesday, March 18th we will meet at 12.30pm at Brenda Spivey's home, 1 Cobbe House, for a soup lunch. If anyone would like to join us please let Brenda or me know. Mothering Sunday follows on 22nd March, with flower posies in church at the 10am Service. There are also MU charity gifts available, for or in memory of our Mothers, please see back of church for the brochure. Sue Campbell.

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

SWEATY CHURCH

Organised by St. Ida's Church

Friday, 6th March, 6pm to 7.30pm in Ide Memorial Hall - Cost £2 per family
Suitable for the whole family - all ages and physical abilities.

Come along for fun, physical activities and games, followed by a short time of reflection and refreshments. Wear suitable clothing and footwear.

lucy@alphingtonstmichaels.org

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.

The Hall Committee has decided to accept only FIRM bookings for the hall, rather than 2 or 3 pencilled in 'maybe' dates while people make up their minds. Too many people have been forgetting to confirm bookings and confusion has arisen.

If you are cooking in the hall kitchen do make sure you have turned on the extractor fan - the cooking of the delicious bacon and pancakes at the brunch the other day did set off the fire alarm!

For those with babies, you will be pleased to know that there is now a baby changing station in the back room.

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 the last Friday, 7-9pm

Dance Fit is now on Saturday mornings from 9-10am.

Brenda Spivey

WANTED: Live-in housekeeper/handy person sought to look after a weekend residence near Exeter in Devon

The candidate(s) must be cheerful, reliable and self-motivated with a love of the countryside. The role includes, cooking, shopping, cleaning, laundry and ironing as well as train station drop-off and pick-ups. Help may also be required in the garden which has been opened for the National Garden Scheme. A newly refurbished, detached 3 bedroom property with a garden is available for the successful applicant(s). The role is open to a single person or a couple, although only a single wage will be paid. The applicant will need to be available to work Saturdays when the family are in residence. £15/hour with no less than 20 hours per month, between 20 and 60 hours a month are anticipated. Start date is envisaged to be April 2020.

For more information or to submit CV, please contact:

jenny.stewart@struttandparker.com / 01392 229416

"FRIENDS OF IDE SCHOOL" or FIS for short

Our primary aim is to raise funds for our small local village school, 130 Pupils. Over the past couple of years, we have funded various workshops at school, iPad's and kindles for the children, outdoor learning areas, swimming lessons, even refurbishment of the toilets. The school funding crisis and school budgets are hot topics at the moment and you may be wondering how you can help our school?

We would love to help the school environment and the children's development by improving the look of our school grounds, including 'hiding a new PE storage container'. FIS are asking for any donation of plants, climbing plants, flowers, wild flowers, any items that can help us, make our village school look like a lovely village school, and to help the wildlife too.

We are also currently offering a 'Sponsor the furniture scheme' too to raise funds for new tables and chairs for some of our classes, this is open to parents, businesses, and the local community.

If you would like to show your support by donating any plants, or would like more information on sponsorship, please contact me (email below) I can come and collect any donations – anything will help, no matter how big or small. We will ensure we put your company name on posters and social media posts. A massive thank you to everyone who helps our school, As a PTA and charity we are trying to ensure that we keep building the support we have within the local community.

Thank you in advance for your generosity, any questions please don't hesitate to contact me Jemma Webb, Treasurer, Friends of Ide School, Ide Primary School, High Street, Ide, Exeter, EX2 9RN Email – friendsofideschool@hotmail.com

WANTED:

Hello my name is Chris Bowden and I live in Exminster. I have a very strong connection with IDE on my father's side, whose family lived and worked in IDE during the period from 1890 to 1950 approx. In order to complete my research I am hoping to obtain a copy of the book ' A History of The People and Parish of IDE ' by Donald Burnett.

If anyone has a copy I am happy to pay £20 or they may want to pass this on to a charity. I do so much hope a copy can be obtained for me in which case my research of the Bowden's in IDE can be completed. My email address is chrisbowden412@gmail.com

"Pynes Farm Yard re-development: The planned public meeting, to have been held on **the 26th March 2020**, has now been **cancelled**. Please see the Parish Council notes within this edition of Ide Times for further information."

FOOD WASTE & FOOD INSECURITY



Last month's *Ide Times* highlighted some of the problems with household food waste in our country. Many of you will know me as a member of staff working behind the Post Office counter in the Community Shop. When I am not doing that, I work for an local charity called Exeter Food Action. We rescue food that would otherwise be discarded (by retailers, food producers and wholesalers), and redistribute this food to organisations that feed people in and around the city.

The system of food production and distribution in the UK has a significant amount of surplus built into it. In addition, our stringent food safety guidelines (largely a good thing) result in a lot of food being discarded while it is still safe to eat. Thankfully there is now some public conversation about abolishing 'Best Before' dates and only keeping the 'Use by' dates, which is the date beyond which food cannot be sold legally.

Charities like Exeter Food Action have moved into this gap, trying to rescue as much good quality food as possible and giving it to other charities that have to manage on very tight budgets. Last year we saved over 30 tonnes of edible food from going to waste. That is a lot of meals! Our warehouse on Marsh Barton provides storage for this food before it makes its way to one of the many charities signed up with us. A lot of fresh produce goes to the Exeter homeless network. Places like St Petrocks, Crossline soup kitchen and the Sunday soup kitchen in St Thomas which provide meals for some of the most vulnerable people in the city.

The Exeter Foodbank collects bread, and fresh fruit and vegetables twice a week from our warehouse for their distributions at the Mint. This gives their clients the choice of fresh food alongside the staples and tinned food. We are reaching people as far away as Dawlish, Tiverton and Paignton, through local community cafes and community fridges. Across the summer holidays we provide ingredients to several 'Holiday Hunger' schemes that are run in different locations for families with children on free school meals who may struggle during the long holidays. All our work is funded entirely through grants and donations.

Although some companies deliver directly to the warehouse, the majority of daily collections are done by our lovely band of volunteers. Quite a few of them live in this village! Since I started this job over two years ago, more than 10 volunteers have joined from Ide, including our Chair of Trustees, Nigel Walsh. They collect food from stores like M&S, Sainsbury's, Tesco and Aldi. We also receive a huge amount of seasonal produce from local growers. These seasonal gluts are shared out among organisations that provide daily meals for hundreds of people.

We are currently recruiting new volunteer drivers and driver's assistants to play a vital role in delivering food to the dozens of charities already signed up for this new service. If you would like to know more about the work we do, or any of the volunteer roles available, please speak to me in the village, or send an email to exeterfoodaction@gmail.com. Find us at www.exeterfoodaction.co.uk or follow us on Facebook and Instagram @exeterfoodaction.

JUBILEE CLUB

January 27th was the date for our Christmas Lunch at Fingle Glen. 52 members and helpers sat down amid much chatter for a good meal. It is so good to see all these folk gathered together.

We next met on the 10th February to be entertained by Brenda Loosemoor. Brenda has been a member of Torquay Amateur Dramatics for 60 years. She has two daughters, one of which is familiar to us, Jo Loosemoor, from Radio Devon. Her other daughter Tania finds her Mother embarrassing - well she did take part in Calendar Girls but as the chairlady did not have to undress - then there was The Full Monty! Brenda entertained us with monologues from famous names, Victoria Wood, Joyce Grenfell, Pam Agree, and finishing with Jenny Joseph's Red Hatter, U.K.s most popular post war poem - When I am an old woman I shall wear purple.

There were several birthdays to remember. I will make a special mention of Bill Piller, who for many years was so involved with the club, who celebrated his 93rd birthday.

Diary Dates.

March 9th	Storybook Dad's. Brian Smith.
March 23rd.	Music for Mothering Sunday.
April 6th.	Scotland Coast to Coast via the Great Glen Way.
	Norman Maudsley
April 20th .	Outing details later.

SCHOOL ALARMS

We would like to apologise for any annoyance caused by the recent sounding of the school alarm. Eighteen months ago we invested in an upgrading of our alarm system which included a contract with a security firm who now respond to any tripping of the alarm. They have had to come out twice since the upgrade and on both occasions responded within the hour. We would like to assure you that we will be working with the company to see if there are any further adjustments that could be made, as even two incidents in 18 months is clearly two incidents too many. On both occasions our head teacher has come out to check that the alarm is no longer ringing and has contacted those most affected.

We would also like to clarify that we no longer have a caretaker, We employ a cleaner and being called out to respond to emergencies at school is not part of his responsibilities, so if, as seems to be the case, anyone has his number please do not contact him.

As chair of governors my contact details are required to be on the school website, where details of all governors, many of whom live in the village, can also be found. As volunteers, whose role is to support the school in any way we can, we are all determined that the school should be a valued part of our village community and should of course also be a good neighbour. So if there is anything concerning the school that you would like to discuss please don't hesitate to contact me or talk to one of the other governors.

Ann Boyce (Chair of Ide Governors)

IDE ECO MARKET

**Thursday 26th March, 3 - 4.30pm
at Ide Primary School**

Open to parents, the local community and anyone who has an interest in finding out more ways to help our planet and getting inspiration to reduce waste.

Stall holders will include:

- Devon and Teignbridge Council's recycling teams
- ACT Action Climate Teignbridge
- Nourish plastic free shop
- OrganicARTS
- Sarah Allen– Eco blogger Rhubarb and Runner Beans
- Emma Carnell– founder of Facebook page Saving the World One Tip at a Time
- Georgina Ambrose– Ide climate emergency group

FIS will be providing refreshments

Amazing eco and ethical raffle prizes

Come and join us!

HOLCOMBE BURNELL CHURCH CONCERT

Friday April 17th, 7.30 pm

Lily Ballard

Local folksinger performing traditional songs mostly from Devon particularly invoking myths and tales from Dartmoor and its surroundings..

Also some of her own songs

Tickets; £10 (Including Refreshments) from :

Jane 01392 811246 & Sue 01392 811816

West Country Embroiderers

Mixed media & textile arts - Cheriton Bishop Group

SPRING FAIR

18 & 19 April, 10am - 4pm

Cheriton Bishop Village Hall

14.



TEACUPS AND TIARAS – 2 March William Hanson's History of Etiquette

CIRQUE BERSERK! - 3-8 March Real Circus made for Theatre

MY MOTHER SAID I NEVER SHOULD - 9-11 March

FASCINATING AIDA - 12-13 March

THE MAGIC OF MOTOWN - 14 March

You know them all – sing-a-long with the biggest Motown party of the year!

MADAM BUTTERFLY - 16 March

OperaUpClose in association with the Belgrade Theatre

A LITTLE SPACE - 18 March

A Gecko and Mind the Gap Co-Production

THE PASADENA ROOF ORCHESTRA - 19 March

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Our first Shepherds hut guests start to arrive this month. Let's hope we don't have any more storms and they can enjoy the lovely countryside around the farm. The 'Ide walk' leaflets went down well with guests last year. All commenting on what a nice idea it was.

We had a farm sale in February to reduce the size of our herd. We had so many cows and, looking into next Winter, we wouldn't have had enough silage to keep them fed and bedded up. To prepare for the sale we had to walk groups of cattle between our farm and the fields at Shillingford George. This made for an interesting day out and a lot of walking! Thank you to everyone for closing their gates while we do this. It really helps.

6 new pigs arrived this month. In true West Town Farm style they escaped. One of them just lives in the yard (at the time of going to press)) until we prepare the enclosure in the field and recapture him!

Micky has been running our educational visits and the kids have been engaging really well. This month the kids have been looking into our food miles.

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