

Ide Times



Thanks to Claire Bewshea for spotting this beautiful young dipper and alerting the rest of the 'Wild Ide' Facebook group More on Ide Wildlife on pages 11-13
Thanks also to Clare Wills for this magical photo

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September 2020

Hopefully, schools will be welcoming all their children back soon after this edition drops through your doors. A lot of time and thought and extra work has gone into trying to provide a really safe environment and I know that we would all wish Ide School and all other schools a happy return to the enjoyment of learning, the satisfaction of achievement and pleasure in the company of friends.

Articles for the October issue of the Ide Times should be sent to Ann Boyce by the 20th September - annboyce@talk21.com



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

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The Mobile Library See next page

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Exeter Bus Station	8.35	11.15	13.15	16.15	17.55
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The bus is still running but you must wear a mask and only a limited number of passengers can travel.

Devon Mobile Libraries are back on the road bringing books to you.



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Time: 11.50 – 12.30. **Dates:** Sept 21, Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 14

IDE PARISH COUNCIL

idevillage.org.uk

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications

20/00615/FUL Land opposite Chillies, College Lane, Ide – Five dwellings with garages and the creation of a new access. Because of the size of this proposed development, it is to be the subject of an extraordinary meeting of the full Parish Council called for Wednesday 9 September 2020 at 7.30pm, held remotely in public on Skype. We have secured an extension to the usual consultation deadline with Teignbridge DC to allow for this. Please contact us at least 24 hours before the meeting if, as a member of the public, you would like to attend using Skype. The public has until 11 Sep 2020 to post comments on the Teignbridge DC portal.

New applications discussed by Ide PC Planning Committee on 27 July 2020. 20/01094/HOU, 13 The Hams, Ide – Two storey side and single storey rear extension with balcony to rear. **New version of application previously approved by TDC in 2018 with addition of a balcony.** Supported.

20/01178/HOU, Blacksmith Cottage, 1 Fore Street, Ide. Single storey rear extension with skylight, refurbishment of existing rear kitchen extension including new doors and windows and re arrangement of existing PV panels on roof. **Supported.**

Updates on current applications

20/01033/CLDE, Rollsbridge Farm EX2 9SU. Certificate of Lawfulness for the siting of three mobile homes for residential use. **Awaiting decision.**

20/00668/MAJ, Land at Station Road, Ide. Weir Meadow - Change of use to recreational ground

20/00669/FUL, Land at Station Road Ide. Weir Meadow - Single storey sports pavilion and associated Car Parking. Awaiting decision.

20/00623/FUL, Stevens Farm, Ide, EX2 9FB. Change of Use to Skip and Plant Park with associated hardstanding. Awaiting decision.

20/00621/MAJ, Pynes Farm, Ide. Conversion of four existing agricultural buildings to two dwellings; demolition of remaining barn buildings and replacement with eight dwellings including associated landscaping, parking and associated access works. Awaiting decision.

18/01024/MAJ, Springwell Nursery, Ide. Erection of a new Garden Sales Area Building including Café and Restaurant, Storage Warehouse, New Public Car Park Area. **Awaiting decision.**

Decided Applications

20/01020/HOU, Maple House, Old Ide Lane, Ide. Conversion and extension of existing garage to form a granny annex. **Permission granted.**

On the Ide Village website <http://idevillage.org.uk/planning>, there is an information sheet about planning guidelines, which describes the Parish Council's powers and responsibilities in planning matters.

CLOSURE OF DOCTORS WALK TO THROUGH TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR BICYCLES

The Parish Council applied to Devon County under Covid-19 Emergency Transport measures to enforce the longstanding traffic restrictions along Doctors Walk and Balls Farm Road with bollards. The result is that the County Council has undertaken to close Doctors Walk to all through traffic except bicycles with a physical barrier. The closure will remain in place for an initial period of 18 months. It will be monitored regularly, and adjusted accordingly. The closure point will be 15 metres east of the junction of Ide Village Road and Doctors Walk.

The purpose of the closure is to reduce traffic on Balls Farm Road, support safe pedestrian distancing and additional facilities for cyclists, and provide a more attractive and safe route for travel on foot and bicycle, to and from work and education in Exeter.

PARKING ON FORE STREET

We are seeking views on a proposal to reformat some of the parking spaces in Fore Street. Whilst of particular interest to residents in the vicinity of Fore Street, a change would affect almost everyone in the village. The section of Fore Street where cars park on both sides of the road creates a bottleneck, especially at the western end by the entrance to Drakes Farm where it is narrowest.

A local farmer and an agricultural contractor have had trouble getting their machinery through; and have asked Devon County Council Highways to consider moving between two and four of the spaces nearest Drakes Farm entrance on the south side, across to the north side of Fore Street. They have also asked the Parish Council to support their request. Devon County Highways are agreeable in principle. Ide Parish Council would support a re-arrangement that preserved the overall number of parking spaces; did not make the corner by The Huntsman more dangerous; didn't encourage faster speeds along Fore Street; and did not obstruct the visual splay at the Drakes Farm exit. Watching a tractor and combine go through recently, they needed just a few extra critical centimetres. We reckon that moving the two most western slots on the south side across to the north side would do it. Both Councils want to know what residents think about it before going any further.

If you would like to comment, please email the clerk or chair of Ide Parish Council. We will collate your comments and pass them on to Devon Highways, who are the responsible authority for making a decision and any changes.

ABANDONED CARAVAN

If you've stopped by under the A30 overbridge along Ide Village Road lately, you'll have seen that on 5 August Teignbridge DC served a Refuse Disposal order on the caravan abandoned there, with an undertaking to remove it within 7 days. At the time of writing, 20 August, it was still there. Teignbridge have now said that it has to be emptied of contents by their staff before outside contractors will tow it away; and that they hope to do this as soon as possible.

HOW TO ATTEND a Parish Council or Planning Committee meeting remotely using Skype.

Covid-19 restrictions mean that we continue to meet remotely, in public, using Skype. You can speak at or attend a meeting by installing Skype on a smartphone or a computer with audio and microphone. Please contact us at least 24 hours ahead, using the details below, and we will add you to the Skype meeting guest list.

For a Parish Council meeting, contact Andy Swain at andy.swain.council@gmail.com or 0774 628 9121.

For a Parish Council Planning Committee meeting, contact Pete Bishop at pete.idepc@gmail.com or 0771 778 5760.

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY. There is a vacancy for a new Parish Councillor on Ide Parish Council. This is your opportunity to represent the local community and improve the quality of life in your parish. It is an unpaid, voluntary position and you would be required to attend six bi-monthly meetings a year. Training will be provided. If you would like to be considered, please contact Mel Liversage or Nick Bradley by writing, phone or email.

The next two Parish Council meetings are on 9 and 16 September, 2020 at 7.30pm.

The next Parish Council Planning Committee meeting is on 16 Sept, 2020 at 6.30pm.

CONTACT DETAILS

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

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Roads affected – **HIGH STREET, IDE (from junction with Fore Street to junction with Station Rd)**

The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via – FORE STREET, IDE VILLAGE ROAD, ALPHINGTON ROAD, COWICK LANE, CHURCH ROAD, CHUDLEIGH ROAD, SHILLINGFORD ROAD, MARKHAM LANE, ROAD PAST WESTBURY, HIGH STREET

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For additional information contact: KN NETWORK SERVICES Telephone: 07976 886254
Dated: THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2020 Meg Booth Chief Officer of Highways,
Infrastructure Development & Waste Devon Highways Devon County Council Lucombe
House County Hall Exeter EX2 4QD Ref: TTRO2035844



September, Susanna & Sunflowers

Can it be September already – this year has just flown by it seems – even though we have not been able to do much or see family and friends as we would like – and let's not even mention going on holiday.

It has been a busy summer in the shop and post office especially the post office as people continue to post a large volume of cards and presents to people as they cannot still see them easily.

We hope you follow Facebook to keep informed of the day to day happenings in the shop and especially our bargains and promotions and new lines as we bring them in. We hope you have a chuckle and smile at our more creative posts and judging our comments and what you have told us – you love the guest appearances from various creatures. Brilliant that even Gus Honeybun appeared one day – a real lovely memory and blast from the past – thank you Judi for allowing him to post on our page.

We would like to take this opportunity to again thank Ivor and Ros for the regular supply of delicious cakes which we really appreciate and are touched by the kindness behind them. Likewise, a big thank you for the kind customers who have dropped in boxes of sweets for the volunteers – again we appreciate you appreciating us. Thanks also to Karen Blundell, Jackie Chadwick, and Sue Campbell for the regular supply of fresh flowers – they brighten up the post office counter both in looks and smells and again kindness that we appreciate.

You will have noticed if you have been in the shop recently we have a lovely new bespoke wooden storage/display unit – another craftsmanship item from the hand of the talented Pete Bishop and thanks to him for creating another superb piece for us.

Over the last few months we have changed the stock room around and put in more storage units and shelves in various places – so we have much more space now and things are stacked much tidier and safer and can be seen much easier. Less planning though goes into a NATO manoeuvre than went into planning on which shelf the baked beans went on. Thanks again to the Village Hall Committee for letting us use the hall for storage the last few months – it has been so handy to have had this resource.

The coffee machine and microwave are currently in hibernation as a safety precaution until the covid issue settles when they will be brought back into service. In this vein we have bought a new pedal bin so that no one needs to touch the lid to dispose of rubbish. We are thinking all the times of ways to make the shop safe and keep customers and volunteers protected.

Over the next few months, we are redoing the notice boards and will removing all the notices and tidying them up, so if you have one there, we might need fresh one, but this a work in progress.

Good to have Susanna back on board after her enforced break due to her

broken arm (unintended pun!). It is brilliant to have some long-standing volunteers back behind the till as they stop self-isolating. Great to have Stephen Mosedale joining his wife Brenda in volunteering, a very welcome addition to the team. It is sad that we are losing Zoe as she returns to school after the holidays – such a bright and breezy addition to the shop of a morning.

As you know we focus very much on local products and local suppliers in the shop and we have been working with Tim of Teign **Greens** from Lower Ashton and have had some lovely locally grown rainbow chard, bunch beetroot and bunch carrots, potatoes, garlic, very colourful mixed herb and salad bags and the most beautiful bunches of bright sunflower for sale in the shop in the last few weeks. Alongside some wonderful produce with nearly zero food miles as it comes from Ide's own allotments and gardens – thank you for bringing your surplus produce in – we love having these lines available ...it puts the community into community shop.

Zetta King





KEEP IDE TIDY

Join us for a short and leisurely, socially-distanced stroll and litter pick around Ide and the locality on the second Sunday of the month, that will be 13 September 2020, meeting at 10am outside the Memorial Hall. Some litter pickers and Hi-Viz jackets will be provided but please bring your own if you have them, as well as gloves and some kind of bag (preferably not plastic but we know that's not always possible).

Cassa Tysoe <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/home>



IDE MEMORIAL HALL

The Village Hall is now in use again. Keep Fit classes have started on Wednesday and Thursday mornings and we expect Pilates and possibly the Art Group to be starting up again soon.

There is now a hand sanitiser in the hall porch and everyone is asked to sanitise their hands before entering the main part of the hall. Obviously all activities need to be socially distanced and for the hall to be well ventilated. The kitchen can be used but hands need to be washed or sanitised on entry. You will now need to bring your own tea towels and take them away with you.

We now have WiFi in the hall which should overcome the difficulty with bad mobile reception. The WiFi code and password are displayed in the hall.

We hope that more people will be using the hall shortly. If you are working from home in cramped or noisy conditions, perhaps you would like to try working in the hall, maybe sharing the cost with a friend, one afternoon a week?

If you would like to book the Hall please contact Carol Whitehart on 01392 213608. The cost is £8 per hour during the daytime and £10 per hour from 6pm.

B.Spivey

Ide Congregational Church



After four months of lockdown Ide Congregational Church is now open again.

Our Sunday service is at 11am each Sunday and lasts for 30 minutes.

Social distancing is required by all attending, as is wearing a face mask and applying hand sanitizer on entry and exit.

A screen has been fitted at the front of the church and a deep clean of the building undertaken to make attending church as safe as possible.

You will be required to give your name and contact details on entry to ensure we have a track and trace system in place should any problems arise.

Safe Routes for Ide

After years of campaigning by locals, Ide Parish Council, West Exe School, County Councillor Alan Connett and District Councillor Andy Swain, there is good news. Devon Highways have agreed to a trial closure to protect Balls Farm Road making it once again an ideal walking and cycling route between Ide and Exeter.



The closure will be on Doctors Walk, rather than Balls Farm Road as previously suggested by highways. This will give less protection to Balls Farm Road than closure at the twisted oak tree, but has the advantage it will stop the separate problem of fast traffic up Little John's Cross Hill, and also I hope, will be less disruption to the residents who will still be able to use Doctors Walk or Balls Farm Road. It could halve the traffic on Balls Farm Road which will be a huge improvement. We will do surveys to establish if it does.

It will still be illegal to shortcut down Little John's Cross Hill and up Balls Farm Road, as it always has been. Devon County Council will be monitoring the closure, and I hope residents of the roads as well as those in Ide and wanting to visit it, will enjoy the benefit of finally stopping the rat running traffic and having a safe protecting walking and cycling route between Exeter and Ide.

Thank you again to all who came on the community walks, did surveys in the rain and otherwise supported this process.

Andy Swain.

SAINT IDA'S CHURCH



Services

30th August	Trinity 12	9.30am	Holy Communion
6th September	Trinity 13	9.30am	Holy Communion
13th September	Trinity 14	9.30am	Morning Praise
20th September	Trinity 15	9.30am	Holy Communion
27th September	Trinity 16	8am	Holy Communion

We continue to have regular Services in St Ida's Church and are getting used to the fact that there is no singing of hymns but are able to listen to some music at the beginning and end of Services. Communion wafers are brought to us and we are careful to maintain social distancing. It is now a requirement that face masks should be worn in Church. We are very grateful to Vron and lay leaders who take and assist at our Services. We look forward to the time when singing is allowed and life gets back to 'normal' but this may not be for some time.

It is still possible to join with Alphington for the 11am Service via Zoom or the St Michael's Alphington Facebook page. There is also a Wednesday evening Service at 7pm and daily prayers at 9am again via Zoom. If you would like the ID and password so that you can join any of these, please contact Mike Partridge on rev.mike.partridge@gmail.com or ring him on 01392 491476.

The Church is open for private prayer on Thursdays from 10am to 4pm.

Parts of the Church have been cordoned off but there are chairs at the front where people can sit for a time of prayer or reflection. There is hand sanitiser on the table at the entrance.

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.

Mothers' Union Caroline Luff is still sending thoughts for the day to Sue Campbell, who is kindly forwarding them to Ide MU members. If you would like to receive them, please contact Sue on 01392 252703.

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



That moment when you see something incredible

Thanks to Martin Wills who spotted this mummy squirrel moving her babies, all 4 of them. I managed to get some photos and in between babies 3 and 4 set up the trail cam to catch her on the move! One of the best moments ever!

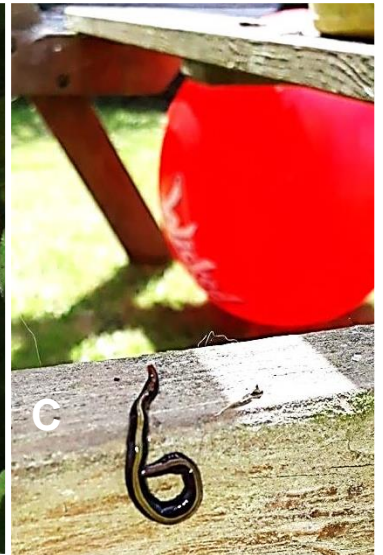
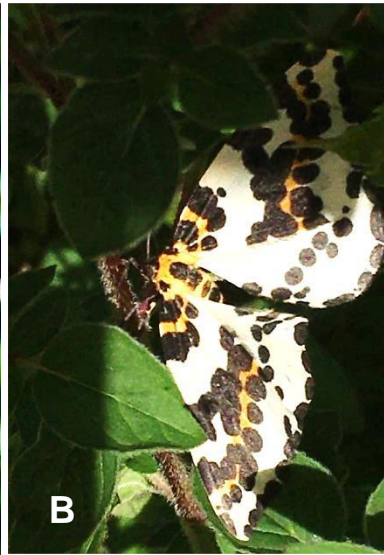
Clare Wills



Young fox meets up with hedgehog by the food bowl - courtesy of Mark Thomas



CLIMATE and ENVIRONMENT EMERGENCY



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| A Grasshopper taking the sun | Jason Purvis |
| B Magpie Moth | Alex Goodman |
| C Large predatory flatworm (eats slugs and snails) | Charlotte Louise |
| D Pied Hoverfly | Clare Wills |

You might have noticed that there are more pages than usual on climate and environment this month. One reason for this is that with so many non-happenings in the village I had some spare space.

These pages are devoted to climate and environment news and, most importantly, what we are doing or could be doing to reduce our adverse impact.

I know that a lot of you are well informed and interested in these issues and it would be great if you would think about producing an article for these pages.

To fill this space this month I have borrowed from the 'Wild Ide' Facebook pages. Anyone interested in finding out more about local wildlife will find lots to enjoy on these pages including audio and video recordings. I especially recommend the recording of some blood-curdling tawny owl exchanges.

CLIMATE and ENVIRONMENT EMERGENCY

Do You Suffer from ETD?

Lockdown has given those fortunate enough to have gardens, ample time to mow and prune and weed so that they resemble show gardens, with not a leaf out of place. Sadly this has also allowed us to display increasing levels of ETD, Ecological Tidiness Disorder! I read about this in and recognised the tendency in myself in an inspirational book, "Rebirding: Restoring Britain's Wildlife" by Benedict Macdonald.

"Given that almost all our insectivorous birds thrive in 'scruffy' margins, then expanding areas of natural profusion around our towns is now more important than ever. The future of the cuckoo will be decided by scruffy places rich in moths, the future of the house sparrow by how many untidy corners are left around our homes. Is that ivy an indicator that you're not in control or is it the home of a spotted flycatcher?....

But in many modern gardens, there is one supreme victim of ETD. It is an animal that at current rates of decline, our grandchildren will never see - and may even struggle to imagine, Snuffling out of our lives, hedgehogs, of which around 30 million existed in the fifties, numbered less than a million in the 90s. Losing about a fifth of their population every four years, hedgehogs are now set for extinction by 2025.

For a long time, our garden networks, rich in native flora, messy areas and old log piles, became their refuge (from an increasingly inhospitable and toxic agricultural landscape)

Sadly ETD has changed much of this Many of our gardens, disconnected by impenetrable fences with a high chemical input and the poison of slug pellets filtering upwards in the food chain no longer harbour hedgehogs"

I know that many who live in Ide are well ahead of me in working to be part of the solution rather than part of the problem. But I also know that many, like me, struggle with the desire to have our gardens looking 'beautiful' and not tackling that mass of ivy or brambles that is threatening to take over the garage/shed/house. There is of course a middle way that just requires a relatively manageable mind reset. It has been suggested that if we all assign **just 20%** of our gardens to wildlife friendly 'scruffiness' it would make a huge difference to our 'fellow travellers' through life.

Ann Boyce



An Ide resident

Photo: Clare Wills



Another Ideite Photo: Tony

FRIENDS OF IDE SCHOOL -FIS

AGM

Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome.

Stay informed and get involved.

1st Social distancing AGM
Join us for a drink

The Huntsman, Ide

beer garden weather permitting

Friday 25th September 7:30pm



Parenikind
Member Association

Ide Open Gardens 2020 Magazine

It's taken a while, but the Ide Open Gardens 2020 magazine is now available.

It features photos of more than forty gardens from around the village - as well as photos from walks and views.

It was inspired by lockdown forcing the cancellation of Ide Open Gardens back in June. And while it was disappointing, it did mean many of us spent more time walking around the village or being in our gardens. We had a huge response and the magazine captures a little of that strange time.

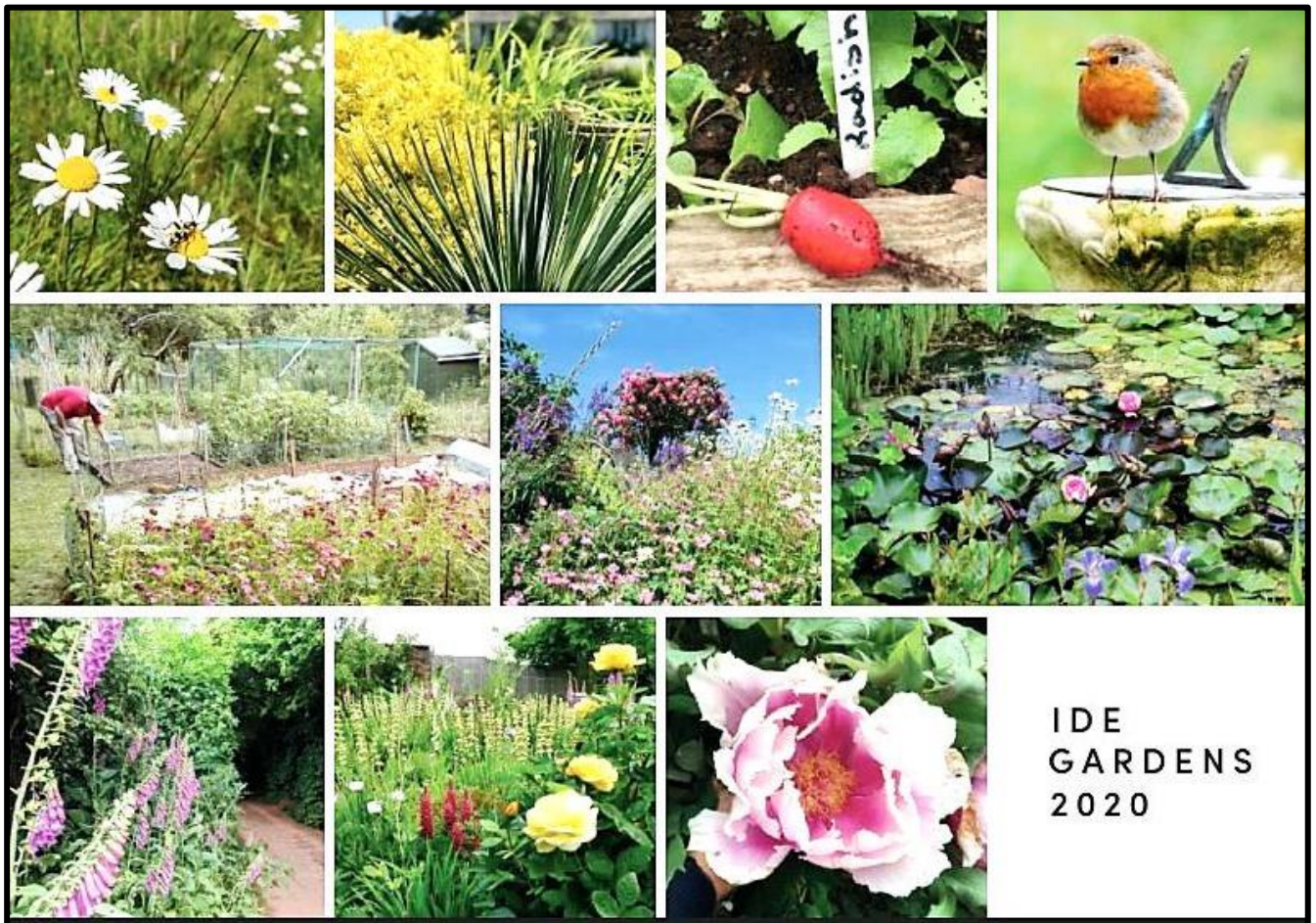
You can get a copy from the Community Shop or from Karen Blundell. You can contact Karen at klblundell@yahoo.co.uk at The Nook 33 High St Ide.

We're asking for a minimum donation of £6.00 per copy - with all proceeds going to village projects (Weir Meadow and the Community Orchard).

It's a great magazine which we hope you like!

Many thanks,

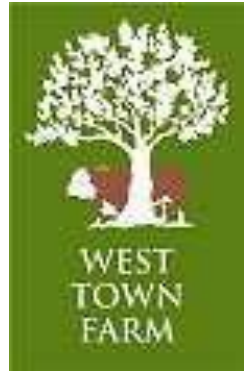
Ide Growers



WEST TOWN FARM NEWS

It's been a tough old month on the farm with the animals. It is fly season and they are out in force. We spray the cows down with cider vinegar to act as a deterrent. The flies are relentless and you really need to keep a close eye on the cows in case they lay eggs on the skin. Gruesome!

Also we've had a bad month for mastitis. Mastitis is an infection which affects the udders, it can develop from bacteria entering the teat canal or when weaning. In our case it's been when weaning. It's a stinky old process and best to just breathe through the mouth when stripping/milking the infection out the udder.



This month we say goodbye to Helen who has been the stockperson on the farm for the last 4 years. Helen has been an amazing team member and someone I will miss laughing with. We wish you lots of luck in the future.

Coming into September we need to start thinking about harvesting our apples and pumpkins. Please keep an eye on our Facebook if you think you'd be interested in coming along and helping volunteer for a day in exchange for lunch and cake!

The freezer is full again. We've got mince, braising steak, BACON (!!!), steaks and much more. Thank you to everyone from the village for your continuous support of our small shop.



Good luck to all the kids heading back to school. I imagine it's mixed feeling's all round.

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