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The beech trees beside the village green show the colours of autumn.

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Sadly Guy Fawkes will not be celebrated in Ide this year - there will be no Firework Display in the Poachers garden.

Another of the non events of 2020! However, we will have a Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial on Sunday, 8th November, starting at 10.50am. You will need to wear a mask and be socially distanced. The days are getting shorter and a bit colder, but there are still plenty of jobs to do outside, including sweeping up the leaves to keep them from blocking drains, and planting some bulbs. I am sure fresh air is good for us!

Articles for the December/January issue of the Ide Times should be sent to me by the 20th November - remember this issue covers two months -
brendaspivey123@btinternet.com Brenda Spivey (01392 275784)

USEFUL NUMBERS

Community Policeman: 101

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Community Shop Opening Hours: (Tel. 410035)

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Sundays 9am - 12 noon

Post Office Opening Hours

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

Saturdays 9am - 12 noon



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

The Mobile Library will be in Ide from 11.50 to 12.30pm on the 16th November. It is now possible to enter the van, one at a time, to choose your books but you need to wear a mask and borrow up to 3 books only.

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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
Ide	8.53	11.33	13.28	16.33	18.13

The bus is still running but you must wear a mask and only a limited number of passengers can travel.

IDE PARISH COUNCIL

idevillage.org.uk

WEIR MEADOW

Planning permission was granted on 16 October 2020 on both the applications made by the Parish Council in May: one for change of use to a recreation ground; the other for a single storey sports pavilion and associated car parking. We are very pleased to have cleared this hurdle; and are rather close now to finalising the text of the option to purchase agreement with the Church Commissioners. Once both these hurdles are cleared, we can start out to raise the funds.

PYNES ORCHARD

The whips planted in January have done well. We lost another large old apple tree in the October equinoctial gales. Andy Bragg, who holds the licence for the orchard on the Parish Council's behalf until we buy it, decided not to market the crop this year: prices have been low as less cider has been sold during Covid. Peter Cloke made the orchard available over two week ends in October for people to gather apples for their own consumption. Stuart Brooking has kindly cut the grass in the field with his tractor and gang mower. The only outstanding issue in the way of a final agreement on our three year option to purchase is exactly where the water supply to the orchard comes from, and where it is metered!

IDE VILLAGE WEBSITE

Have you visited the parish council's new website? We hope you can find what you need more easily. If you previously subscribed to receiving email alerts to Latest News posts, you'll probably be wondering where they are. Something happened during the switchover and it's not been possible to pull the old mailing list over to the new site. So, if you'd like to go on getting Latest News alert emails, please sign up afresh to Ide Village Mailing List on the website home page, bottom right, and click subscribe.

PLANNING MATTERS

Revised Application

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. Amended plans were submitted to Ide Parish Council for comment. Our full response can be viewed on the website idevillage.org.uk in the Planning Committee minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2020.

New Applications

20/01674/HOU - 2 Fore Street, Ide. Single storey extension. The Planning Committee discussed this application during an online meeting on 8 October 2020. It was decided that whilst there were certain concerns over the proposed

development which prevented us from voting to support the application, these concerns did not lead us to formally object to the proposed development. We therefore only offer comments for consideration by the planning officer.

Updates on current Applications

20/00013/FUL - 49 High Street, Ide. Removal of chimney stack, insertion of roof lights and first floor side window, installation of external wall insulation and enlargement of patio doors. The committee voted unanimously to support this application.

20/00615/FUL - Land opposite Chillies, College Lane, Ide. Five dwellings with garages and creation of new access. This application was discussed at an extraordinary meeting of Ide PC held on Wednesday 9 September 2020. The Council has unanimously voted to object.

20/00623/FUL – Stevens Farm, Ide. Change of Use to Skip and Plant Park with associated hard standing. Ide Parish Council has objected to a change of the site's use to a skip and plant park. **AWAITING A 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 A DECISION.**

Decided Applications

20/01033/CLDE - Rollsbridge Farm, Ide, EX2 9SU. Certificate of Lawfulness for the siting of 3 mobile homes for residential use. A re-submission of an earlier application. **APPROVED**

20/00668/MAJ - Land at NGR 289535 90312, Station Road, Ide (Weir Meadow).

Change of use to recreational ground. PERMISSION GRANTED

20/00669/FUL - Land at NGR 289535 90312, Station Road, Ide (Weir Meadow).

Single storey sports pavilion and associated Car Parking. PERMISSION GRANTED

The next meeting of the **Planning Committee** is on **Wednesday 18 November 2020** at **6pm**, in public, using Skype. To view planning applications, go to www.teignbridge.gov.uk/planning and search using the address or reference number.

RURAL SKIP BULKY COLLECTION SERVICE

As publicised, the rural skip collection planned for 31 October was cancelled due to Covid. We had hoped that it would resume, post-pandemic. But we have now received confirmation from Teignbridge District Council that the service has been permanently withdrawn across the District on grounds of cost.

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 Ide Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 November 2020 at 7.30pm by Zoom unless otherwise advised.

Public Participation at a Parish Council meeting (on Zoom) or a Planning Committee meeting (on Skype). There is always a period set aside for public participation, using Zoom or Skype depending on the meeting, prior to the start of a meeting, along the same lines as when the Council or Committee meets in person. Residents are invited to give their views and question the Council or Committee on issues on the agenda, or raise issues for future consideration, at the discretion of the Chair.

How to speak at or attend a Parish Council or Planning Committee meeting remotely during Covid as a member of the public using Zoom or Skype platforms on your chosen device. Please contact Andy or Pete at least 24 hours ahead, using the details below, and they will add you to the Zoom or Skype meeting guest list.

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

For a Planning Committee meeting (Skype), contact Pete Bishop at pete.idepc@gmail.com or on 0771 778 5760.

GENERAL CONTACT DETAILS

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Chair - Nick Bradley 01392 420616 ncabradley@gmail.com

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BEST WISHES FRED -

As most villagers probably know, Fred Ames has moved to Lucerne House in Alphington. His son and daughter have let us know that he has settled in well, that his walking has greatly improved, and he no longer needs extra oxygen. He has made friends with a gentlemen of 101 who is also living at Lucerne. We miss seeing you and your mobility scooter here in Ide Fred, but hope you will be very happy in your new home.

IDE SCHOOL NEWS

Apple Day



The school have been delighted to continue their link with West Town Farm, despite Covid 19 restrictions. Kevin and Jo from Organic Arts visited the school to lead apple pressing workshops in the school field. The children loved being part of the process of turning apples into a delicious drink which they could enjoy. These workshops were arranged as part of 'Apple Day', with funding organised by Maresa, a parent who lives in the village. Maresa has also organised printing workshops for the older children through Double Elephant printing company, which again is fully funded through the 'Apple Day' project. The children in school are learning so much from the visits that are taking place.

Puppy in School

A lovely new addition to the school community is our school dog, Indie. She is a five months old cavachon. Children and staff have really enjoyed meeting Indie over the last couple of weeks- she has quickly become part of the School. Our school council (made up of children representing different year groups) are busy making plans for how we can all enjoy Indie's company. Indie even has her own school uniform!



*Alice Purcel
Headteacher!*



IDE COMMUNITY SHOP AND POST OFFICE

A Local Shop for Local People Stocking Local Produce

We start with a thank you to everyone who has bought Janet's wonderful facemasks – over £1,500 has been raised so far for Hospiscare. Well done and thank you to Janet for all her hard work.

As Christmas is fast approaching and we cannot get out and about as we would normally do, we are offering an extra service at the Post Office this year. We will have on the table outside for a 'Letters to Santa' post box for all the children to post their letters to Father Christmas. Sorry, Father Christmas does not have a freepost address at the North Pole, so you will have to put a stamp on your letter for it to reach him. He has assured us that he will try to reply to all letters posted to the address below and put in our special post box. We even have a special stamper that you can stamp your letter with before you post it. As Father Christmas gets so busy the closer it gets to Christmas, you will need to post your letter to him by December 11th. He asked us to remind you to put your name and address on the letter.

Santa/Father Christmas
Santa's Grotto
Reindeerland
XM4 5HQ

We do not want the children to have all the fun and November is a bit of a nothing month so for the adults to have some fun also we are running for the month of November a special competition. Create a recipe using all ingredients from the shop – beans on toast will not count! Think of your recipe – list the ingredients used – we will feature them on Facebook and pull all the entries out of the hat for a winner – who will win a shop related prize. There is no limit to the amount of times you can enter. We do not need to taste the recipes but photos of them would be good. All entries must be back to the shop by 30 November to enter the competition.

On the theme of competitions many months ago we ran a Children's competition to design some posters for our blackboards featuring a local product from the shop. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions we could not get the pictures enlarged until the wonderful Iris and fantastic Ide School kindly did them for us – thank you again for your help on this. The posters are being displayed at different times on the blackboard outside of the shop. Unfortunately, some children forgot to put their names on their fantastic artwork, so we have not been able to get their well-deserved prizes to them. If you see your artwork on display at the shop, please do call in and claim your prize. Thank you for entering we had some brilliant pictures really showing off the great local produce that we stock.

Just a reminder in doing our bit for recycling and reusing we can take your old egg boxes at the shop for them to be reused.

Back on the theme of Christmas we have some of Sue Podbury's beautifully painted Christmas and all occasion cards. Some of the designs are very funny and some very scenic and make a change from the run of the mill Christmas cards. We also have some great Christmas cards from Whistlefish, alongside cards for all sorts of occasions. For that person who is so hard to buy for or to avoid the cost of posting a large parcel we have the multisite gift cards which make a very valued and appreciated present.



We will put more details in next month's Ide times but just a reminder that you can order meat and fruit and vegetables for Christmas from the shop as you can at other times of the year. Creedy Carver are operating slightly differently this year due to the perceived number of restrictions that might be in place at Christmas. Please ask us for more details. We are always happy to take special orders for anything that we might not carry as standard. We are your local shop catering for local people and their needs to please do let us know if we can do anything to help or you would like to see us stock a line etc – we value your input and feedback.

Lastly a reminder that you do need to wear a mask to come to the post office or shop at the moment in line with government guidelines but we are happy to serve you outside at the table if you do not have a mask. We thank you for your patience if you have a short wait when we are busy. Again we highlight that we are busiest in the post office from 4pm onwards and you can avoid the wait and being around others for any length of time if you visit us earlier in the day.

Posting Dates for Christmas – leaflets available at the P.O.



THANK YOU ELIZABETH



Colin and Dawn hosted a lovely lunch at the Huntsman for Elizabeth Butland as she has finished being one of the post office assistants at Ide Post Office and Community Shop. However, she is very kindly staying on as a shop volunteer which we are really pleased about. Elizabeth has worked in the post office for the last seven years but is leaving in order to expand the work she does for Fareshare in this area, which is a very much needed service in these challenging times.

Zetta King

Ide Congregational Church

Ide Congregational Church continues to be open for worship unless the rules change. Our Sunday service is at 11am each Sunday morning 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.

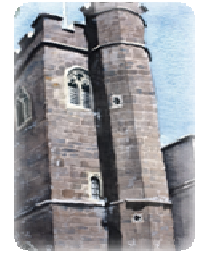


KEEP IDE TIDY

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 which will be 15th November 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>

SAINT IDA'S CHURCH



Services

1st November	All Saints Day	9.30am	Holy Communion
8th November	Remembrance Sunday 10.50am Service at the War Memorial		
15th November		9.30am	Holy Communion
22nd November		8am	Holy Communion
29th November	Advent Sunday	11am Join Alphington's Zoom Service	

Remembrance Sunday - There will be a short Service at the War Memorial on the 8th November, starting at 10.50am. Those attending should wear face masks and keep to the social distancing rules. The names on the war memorial will be read out, the 2 minute silence kept and wreaths will be laid. There will, of course, be no singing.

When attending Services you will need to wear a face mask and to sanitise your hands when entering the church. Members of the congregation will, of course, need to social distance from one another. At the Communion Service you will only receive the bread.

You may, however, prefer to join with Alphington for the 11am Service via Zoom or the St Michael's Alphington Facebook page. There are daily prayers at 9am on the Alphington Facebook page. If you would like the ID and password so that you can join the Sunday, 11am Service, please contact Mike Partridge on rev.mike.partridge@gmail.com or ring him on 01392 491476.

The Church is now 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 - It was really good for our little group to finally meet up last month, for an hour in Church. After a short quiet time, we each had a chance to say what had been most important to us during the last months, and how we had "managed". We will meet again on Thursday 19th Nov again at 10.30 am. Perhaps you could come with ideas as to how we might make up some of the lost fundraising for the year, or maybe how to make Christmas a little more festive?
Sue Campbell

Seasonal recipe - November

Fruit and vegetables in season this month include: Apples, Beetroot, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Celeriac, Celery, Chestnuts, Chicory, Jerusalem Artichokes, Kale, Leeks, Onions, Parsnips, Pears, Potatoes, Pumpkin, Squash, Swede, Swiss Chard, Turnips, Watercress, Wild Mushrooms.

My recipe for this month is a risotto but made with barley instead of rice – although you can still use rice if you prefer (you can make with Arborio rice or short-grain brown rice). I like to eat a variety of different grains and barley usually has a lower carbon footprint than rice, as it can be grown domestically. My six year old also loves this dish and it's one of the few ways I can get her to eat squash, as she likes it when it goes all mushy and blends in with the barley. I also love this recipe as squash can be stored all Winter (just keep on your shelves), so I can keep eating this until next Spring.

Barley, squash and sage risotto

I usually use Uchiki Kuri squash (the small orange onion shaped ones) available from Shillingford Organics, West Town Farm or other local growers.

Ingredients

Serves 4

- 1 tblsp olive oil
- 1 small onion, or 2 shallots, finely chopped
- ½ small squash, peeled, seeds removed, and cut into small cubes
- 1 litre/1¾ pint vegetable stock
- 250g/9oz barley, rinsed
- 6 sages leaves, sliced
- Salt and black pepper

Method

1. Heat a large saucepan over a medium heat with olive oil. Then add the onion or shallots, squash and sage.
2. Gently fry for a few minutes, or until the onion is translucent and the squash is softening.
3. Add the pearl barley and cook for 2-3 minutes.
4. Then add a ladleful of warm stock (you can make stock with a veg stock cube – or I use leftover water from boiling vegetables and add some yeast flakes).
5. Stir well to mix and, once absorbed, add another ladleful, stirring now and again.
6. Repeat this process until the stock is used up and barley is tender (about 30 minutes).
7. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve with some dark green vegetables e.g. kale or broccoli.



Maresa Bosano

IDE APPLE DAY

The Ide apple juicing project was a great success and in total we produced 740 bottles of juice, picked apples from 10 households and involved about 35 volunteers, including 10 children. West Town farm also very kindly let us pick apples from one of their orchards, which would have gone to waste. The apples were all pressed and bottled by Devon Orchard Ltd in Shillingford Abbot. We have already sold over 600 bottles of juice, but there may be a few left by the time the Ide Times reaches you. The apple juice costs £3 a bottle or £30 for a case of 12, if you would like to buy some please email maresabossano@gmail.com or text 07975 829706. So far we have raised £360 to support more community food activities.



As part of the Apple Day activities, which were funded by the National Lottery, we also organised a juicing workshop in the school with Organic Arts and an apple themed printing workshop with Double Elephant Print Workshop. Children from Nursery to Year 3 loved the apple pressing workshops and storytelling and enjoyed seeing the journey from an apple to lovely apple juice.

Maresa Bosano

CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT EMERGENCY

Green Homes Grant - Supporting Energy Saving measures

The Government have launched a scheme which is now available until the **31st March 2021**, this is aimed to encourage households to reduce their energy use and support renewable technologies.

- The scheme enables homeowners to apply for a voucher up to £5000 to cover up to two thirds of the cost.
- Low income and those on benefits can get up to £10,000 towards improvements.

The qualifying benefits to obtain the higher £10,000 are:

- Attendance allowance, Carer's allowance, Child tax credit
- Disability living allowance, Housing benefit
- Income-based/contribution-based employment and support allowance
- Income-based/contribution-based jobseeker's allowance
- Income support, Industrial injuries disablement benefit
- Pension 'guarantee' credit, Personal independence payment
- Severe disablement allowance, Universal credit, Working tax credit

If you do fall into this category it is great opportunity to benefit from the scheme and would advise to visit the Government website

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-the-green-homes-grant-scheme>

Installing energy efficient home improvements also cuts emissions, which is better for the environment.

What improvements are available ?

Vouchers must be used to install at least one **primary improvement** measure including home insulation or low carbon heating measure.

Insulation measures:

- solid wall Insulation
- floor insulation
- cavity wall Insulation
- loft insulation
- flat or pitched roof insulation
- room in roof insulation

Low carbon heat measures:

- air source, ground source or hybrid heat pump
- solar thermal (NOT solar panels/photovoltaics)
- biomass boilers



Solar thermal panels for hot water water

Air and Ground source heat pumps



If you are installing **at least one primary improvement**, you can also use some of the money leftover in your voucher to install “**secondary**” improvements too:

Secondary improvements:

- **Draught proofing**
- **Windows and doors:** replacing single glazing with double or triple glazing, installing secondary glazing in addition to single glazing, upgrading to energy efficient doors.
- **Heating controls and insulation:** installing appliance thermostats, hot water tank thermostats, hot water tank insulation, smart heating controls, zone controls, delayed start thermostats or thermostatic radiator valves.

Bear in mind that the subsidy you receive for the secondary measure can only be equal to the subsidy for the primary measure. So, if you receive £1,000 to help pay for your primary measure, you could only receive up to £1,000 for the secondary measure too – even if it ends up being more expensive.

How do I apply?

1. Check if you're eligible for a voucher
2. Check what improvements may be suitable for your home
3. Choose which improvements you would like and see an estimate of how much they may cost
4. Find registered Trust Mark installers to get quotes to carry out the work
5. Apply for your voucher
6. The voucher will be issued and used by the installer to pay for the works or contribute towards the measures

Visit site: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-green-homes-grant>

Please note the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) is still available over 7 years to support a renewable installation, so in some instances it is better to use the voucher for measures that aren't supported by the RHI.

For more information see the Ide Climate and Environment Working Group page on the Ide Village website <http://idevillage.org.uk/parish-council/climate-emergency/>

THRILLS AND SPILLS REMEMBERED by the late Frank Moore

First printed in the *Ide Times* in February 1992

At Christmas my memories go back to Christmas Day 1940 when I was serving with the RAF on the aerodrome at Montrose on the northeast coast of Scotland. On that particular morning I endured my first flight in an aeroplane. I was friendly with a flying instructor at the 'drome and he invited me to accompany him on a 'flip' in one of the twin open cockpit Magister type training planes. Thoughts of a live coward being better than a dead hero did cross my mind, but of course I was thrilled at the chance to have a look at Montrose and the surrounding district from the air. Fitted out with a parachute, flying helmet and goggles, and connected by intercom with my pilot friend we took off into an overcast sky with a really cold wind blowing. When we climbed through the snow cloud layer it was really freezing, but once above it the scene was unbelievable. The sun was shining brilliantly in a marvellous blue sky, and the cloud tops below us looked just like a carpet of cotton wool - a really unforgettable sight.



The intercom crackled in my ear to disturb my reverie and there was my pilot suggesting we do a few aerobatics. I know I didn't feel all that keen on the idea, but I made a something like "You are the pilot" sort of remark, and soon we were heading nose down to earth and then with a steady heave on the joystick going up and over in a 'loop-the-loop'. I felt as if my feet were being forced through the floor of the fuselage, plus my stomach as well as the earth felt and looked a bit peculiar suspended over my head. We later followed with a 'slow-roll' and a 'falling leaf' before slipping down to make a good landing. Terra firma once again and the more firmer the less terror were probably my thoughts at that time. That was my introduction to the flying game.

A couple of hours after landing all personnel on the aerodrome were congregating in the main dining room to partake of Christmas Dinner, when suddenly the air-raid sirens began their noisy warning of enemy intrusion. Immediately there was frenzied activity for everyone to get quickly out of the wooden building to the comparative safety of the air-raid shelters. Luckily for us on this occasion the enemy aircraft merely flew over us and headed out across the North Sea to their base in Norway, so we were soon able to go and enjoy our Christmas Dinner.

It has often crossed my mind what could have happened if those German planes had visited us during my maiden flight a few hours earlier!

By the time New Year's Day arrived we were more or less isolated by heavy snow. Any flying was out of the question, but it was ideal for a game of snowballs. There must have been a couple of hundred of us engaged in a real battle when, as far as I was concerned, tragedy struck. I was leading a charge armed with

snowballs over the side of an air-raid shelter when I caught my foot in a snow buried ventilation pipe, and staggered several yards before crashing heavily into the concrete perimeter road which encircled the airfield. I had dislocated my left shoulder and also suffered badly torn ligaments.

I spent about a week in a lovely old country house in the warm, until the Medical Officer either felt sorry for me, or perhaps got fed up with the sight of me, because in the end he sent me home on ten days sick leave. Nearly three of those days were taken up in travel time. The northeast coast of Scotland and Exeter seemed a world apart in 1940.

Home on leave my damaged shoulder created much speculation as to what had happened. It seemed a bit unwarlike to say I had suffered it playing snowballs, so when rumour got around that I had fallen from a plane, without a parachute, who was I to argue?

Frank Moore

FLOOD PRECAUTIONS

With autumn now here it is more likely that we'll see heavy rain and stormy weather conditions over the next couple of months. We know that this combined with leaf fall can lead to blocked drains and localised surface water flooding.

In order that surface water run-off can exit the village quickly it is very important that waterways, roadside gutters and gullies, etc. are kept clear of weeds, vegetation, fallen leaves etc. So please do take a look around the edges of your property, especially if you have a gully running past it, to ensure nothing might impede the free flow of rain water.

A reminder that a store of sandbags is kept at the top of the village, at the back of the public car park, on the right in a lockable container.

Ide Parish councillors who have keys for the container are Mark Thomas – 07748 148 017, Paula Burton-Perrett - 07970 960 789 and Pete Bishop - 0771 778 5760. If heavy rains are forecast it is likely that the container will already be unlocked.



IDE MEMORIAL HALL

During the last month we have improved the sound in the hall by having acoustic panels fitted to the ceiling. 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

WEST TOWN FARM NEWS



We welcomed Rob onto the farm this month. He has been farming for many years and someone we are very excited to have as part of the team.

Our educational visits are back in full swing. It has been eerily quiet on the farm all Summer so this is a welcomed change. The children have been exploring the pumpkin patch, pressing apples and visiting the pigs.

A team of people from the village came and collected LOADS of apples from our orchards, They've been made into juice and sold through Ide shop, the profits will go towards funding Apple day activities next year.



Autumn is here, the ground is getting wetter and the days shorter but the grass is still growing and the animals are all outside enjoying themselves. Plus the farm does look amazing at this time of year. I took Winston for a walk to see the sunrise the other day and it was truly magnificent. I Love seeing the morning mist rise over Exeter.

30 chickens arrived at West Town this week, so we will have a steady supply of free range eggs once they settle in. Another steer was sent off to be processed, so fresh meat will be available on the 11th of November.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for info on our Christmas meat boxes. We'll have gammon, sausage meat and cocktail sausages.

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