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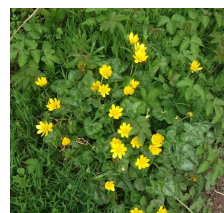
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We hope you are enjoying the Spring flowers in your gardens and along the lanes. The leaves of wild garlic are now along Fordlands Bottom (the lane below West Town Farm) and celandines are in flower along with the primroses. It looks as if we shall have to be content with our local scenery for a bit longer and keep our plans for holidays abroad on hold for a while.



We hope you are keeping well and enjoying life. If you are feeling depressed, do talk it over with someone – a problem shared really is a problem halved!

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

Brenda Spivey (01392 275784)

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



IDE PARISH COUNCIL

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Ide Parish Council met on Wednesday 17 March 2021 using Zoom. You can attend any Parish Council meeting - they are held in public - by joining us on Zoom; and soon, perhaps, in person when we get back into the hall. We would love you to come. And you are welcome to speak or ask questions about matters on the agenda; or suggest items for future discussion. If you don't fancy coming to a meeting, we would like to hear your views anyway on topics we discuss, or the projects we are working on. You can find out what we do on the village website. All the papers for meetings are there too. And you can contact Mel Liversage (parish clerk) or Nick Bradley (chair) by phone or email: see details at the end. The next meeting is on Wednesday 5 May 2021 at 7.30pm. Email one of us for the Zoom joining details.

There are nine parish councillors, all volunteers: Laura Bell; Pete Bishop; Nick Bradley; Paula Burton-Perrett; Ben Ervine; Rachel Herbert; Jessica Paine; Andy Swain and Mark Thomas. As well as the standard business of the Council itself, we run six working groups and committees, with help from another 30 or so volunteer group members: Planning Committee; Covid-19 and Emergency Planning Group; Climate Emergency and Environment Group; Weir Meadow Working Group; Pynes Orchard Working Group; and the Joint Projects Fund Raising SubGroup.

WEIR MEADOW RECREATION GROUND AND NORTHERN FIELDS.

Negotiations with the Church Commissioners finally complete, the Council voted unanimously to sign the Option Agreement for the purchase of these sites. This now gives us the right to buy the land within three years, once the funds have been raised.

PYNES ORCHARD. The Option Agreement to purchase the Orchard should be ready to sign in the next week or two.

Now we have the green light, we've set up a Joint Projects Fundraising Subgroup to combine and co-ordinate the fundraising effort for both projects, and have agreed Terms of Reference for it.

The working groups have written a prospectus for each project, which will be available shortly.

The parcels of land are currently let to tenant farmers by the owner, the Church Commissioners. This does, unfortunately, mean that until we have raised the funds and bought the land, the Orchard and Meadow are not yet available for public access.

DOCTORS WALK CLOSURE. At our 17 March meeting, Andy Swain (District and Parish Councillor) presented a report on the background to Devon Highways' closure of Doctors Walk, the traffic monitoring that underpinned it, the results of police enforcement efforts, the prior consultations that were undertaken with local businesses and residents, and the marked increase in the number of pedestrians

and cyclists now using Balls Farm Road. Alan Connett (leader of Teignbridge District Council) also explained Devon County Council's approach. You can read the report on Ide Village Website. This also contains information on how to register your views and comments on this temporary order, on the DCC Highways website.

COUNCIL TAX and PARISH PRECEPT

Every year parish councils make a demand (precept) to their district council for a payment to run their affairs. Last year Ide received a payment of £6387. We use it to pay the parish clerk; look after the play area, flood trash screen, cemetery, allotments, car park, war memorial, bus shelter, Coronation Gardens and benches; run the defibrillator, the website, the council and working group meetings; and take insurance cover. We held last year's increase at under 2%. The Parish Council budget and its precept demand for this year has increased by 9% (see below).

About 1.4% of an annual Council Tax bill goes on the parish council payment. So while this year's increase of 10.2% on a Band D Council Tax bill looks like a big hike, it's actually just 10.2% of 1.4%. For a Band D household, this works out at an extra £2.65 per year, or 5p a week.

The 9% rise in the precept demand amounted to £575, up from £6387 to £6962, and arose from these new or additional (+) costs: defibrillator pads £40; cemetery waste bin subscription £40; insurance +£50; clerk increased hours to support working groups, and payroll +£208 and +£15; Devon Association of Local Councils sub +£5; Remembrance wreath +£5; village fund +£50; website costs +£90; Zoom Pro sub £83.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS

The Council discussed the pros and cons of a scheme to examine installing EV charging points in towns and villages in Devon (see paper 11 of March 2021 meeting on website). This link has additional details <https://rapidchargingexeter.co.uk/> _ We decided to express an interest to keep abreast of developments, without committing to anything further at this point. We would be very interested to hear your views on this topic.

DEVON CC ROAD WARDEN SCHEME

The Parish Council was approached by Stuart Brooking who has volunteered to undertake training to allow him to become a volunteer Parish Road Warden, under a scheme run by Devon CC. This was discussed at the 17 March meeting, and an application has been made to DCC to join the scheme. It would include filling small potholes, cleaning signs, fixing finger posts, clearing surface drains, weeding paths, and the rest, under the guidance of Devon Highways. More details next month once we have signed up fully.

PLANNING MATTERS

NEW APPLICATIONS

21/00292 Springwell View, Ide Village Road, Ide, EX2 9FB. Erection of a detached garage, retention of hard standing and use of land as domestic curtilage. A previous application 19/0039/FUL was refused by TDC and a subsequent appeal was dismissed by HM Inspectorate of Planning. The Planning Committee voted unanimously to object to this current application on the grounds that:

1. It is on agricultural land, and contrary to TDC planning Policy EN2a is in an AGLV.
2. It is outside the curtilage defined in the original planning application 17/0661/NPA.
3. The proposed development adjoins the “Ide Gateway Enhancement Area” and as such does not meet with Policy Ide07 of the now fully made Neighbourhood Plan for Ide.
4. The application does not substantiate a meaningful amount of valid agricultural activity, necessitating a garage of this size.

20/02132/ADV Stevens Farm, Ide Village Road, Ide, EX2 9FB. Retention of 3 advertising signs. The Planning Committee objected to these signs. Whilst the owner of a business is permitted to advertise their activities on-site, signage is only permissible if it refers to the activities carried out on those premises. In this case the sign appears at Steven’s Farm and is for Steven’s Homes. The farming premises of Steven’s Farm lie along Ide Village Road, which has a specific Planning Policy attached to it within the Ide Neighbourhood Plan.

UPDATES ON CURRENT APPLICATIONS

21/00080/HOU 65 High Street, Ide. Demolition and rebuilding of an outbuilding, reconstruction of a greenhouse and alterations to the front and rear fenestrations of the main house. The committee voted unanimously to support this application.

20/01674/HOU - 2 Fore Street, Ide. Single storey extension. Revised.

Action from last meeting: PB has informed TDC enforcement officer that the bridge has now been erected, and that the height of the front wall/fence also exceeds the maximum height allowed. This was done, and Teignbridge Planning are expecting an application for the bridge, and/or fence.

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. IPC supported with qualifications. Approval was granted with conditions on 19 March 2021.

20/00615/FUL - Land opposite Chillies, College Lane, Ide. Five dwellings with garages and creation of new access. IPC objected. No action from last meeting. Recommended for refusal

20/00623/FUL – Stevens Farm, Ide. Change of Use to Skip and Plant Park with associated hard standing. IPC objected. Action from last meeting: PB to draw TDC enforcement officer's attention to commercial activity on the site. Recommended for refusal

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. IPC objected. Awaiting decision. PB reported that a section 106 measure to widen the pavement along Ide Village Road to the Alphington Roundabout, are under negotiation. CIL will be payable on this development.

To view planning applications, go to www.teignbridge.gov.uk/planning and search using the address or reference number. The next meeting of the planning committee will be held on Wednesday 5 May 2021 at 6.00pm by Skype

PLEASE NOTE – Change of date of meeting

The next meeting of Ide Parish Council, held in public, is on **Wednesday 5 May 2021 at 7.30pm by Zoom**. If you would like to attend the meeting please contact Mel Liversage or Nick Bradley to ask for Zoom joining details ahead of the meeting.

CONTACT DETAILS

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DOCTOR'S WALK & BALLS FARM ROAD

With regard to the piece in the March Ide Times (Point of View), I cannot understand how Ide has lost three of its four routes into Exeter. There are still two routes into Exeter which have been the only ones legally available for long while. As well as Doctors Walk, Little Johns Cross Hill, Balls Farm Road, and Crabb Lane have been 'access only' since 2008 and cannot be described as routes into Exeter for residents of Ide or elsewhere. One of the reasons for the new barriers is that many people ignored the restrictions and used the roads as a through route. These barriers also create a safe route for pedestrians and horses on Balls Farm Road, which is mainly a single carriageway. Since they were introduced the road has seen much less traffic and, during the lockdowns, there have been many more pedestrians and cyclists.

The suggested alternative route of the pathway next to the A30 has not been resurfaced along its length as yet but it does change the situation in relation to Doctors Walk as it would require the designation of access only to be removed and it is unlikely that residents along these roads would want this.



IDE COMMUNITY SHOP AND POST OFFICE

Opening Times over the Easter Holiday

Good Friday	9am - 12 noon	Post Office CLOSED
Saturday	8am - 1pm	Post Office 9am – 11.45am
Easter Sunday	9am - 12 noon	Post Office CLOSED
Easter Monday	9am - 12 noon	Post Office CLOSED

Well, we are through March now and have had a second Mother's Day in lockdown so wasn't it nice that the lovely ladies of St Ida's church kindly did all the beautiful posies for Mother's Day – they certainly bought a lot of joy and colour to people at a challenging time. It was also great that the shop forecourt played host to the daffodil and fudge morning for Macmillan on the Saturday before Mother's Day again to bring a bit of colour and joy to people alongside raising funds for their vital and special work. It was also good that the bookshelves outside of the shop could host all the wildflower seeds over the weekend of March 21/22 and it is great to see people around the shop and the shop living up to its name of being a Community Shop.

Inside the four walls of the shop a lot of work has gone into getting the new till and system in and up and running and it has gone so smoothly, and it already feels like it has been in place for a lot longer than it has. Special mention must be made of Alan and Rose who have literally slept, eaten, breathed and thought of nothing else but till related things for months now – I thought it was a rumour, but it could well be true that the cat has had to take over the cooking and housework as they have been so engrossed in the new system. All their hard work and behind the scenes working has paid off the transition to the new system has been relatively painless and considering most volunteers do on average two hours a week everyone has got the workings of it and are using it fine. Of course, there were a few blips and some real howlers as we worked out what exactly the system did but that was all part of the fun and the learning process. The system itself is great and give us a lot more information and clarity on shop life and it really is amazing the information you can find out from it. David Williams for a while took of his rota compiler hat and took on till training to ensure volunteers were happy to use it.

We have also been really pleased to be able to donate £1000 to Ide Primary School and £500 to Ide Preschool funds from shop funds and look forward to hearing what they have spent it on. We are delighted the community shop can be there and support the community in so many ways.

The new milk from Sutton Lucy is going well and we are delighted how much plastic we have saved by it not arriving wrapped and we have cut down to nearly once a fortnight our collection from Devon Contract Waste as a result.

The beautiful primulas that Susanna got from New Leaf on average sold out in less than 24 hours after she got them and were just so pretty, they just sold themselves and again it is nice for the shop to be able to help and support the worthwhile work New Leaf does by the purchase of the shop plants. Thanks to Susanna who tirelessly works on the plant and bird food side of things for the shop, running around getting supplies and bagging them up etc in her own time when she is not being postmistress in the post office.

A huge and very grateful thank you to Ide Village Hall Committee for kindly putting up the parking sign for the post office staff parking. We really do appreciate it and are grateful for it and to all those who leave the space clear for us – thank you.

The shop has a good range of Easter Eggs, Cadbury's Cream Eggs, Mini Eggs, Easter Biscuits, and a lovely range of Easter Cards in stock and Hot Cross Buns have been selling like hot cakes!



Just a reminder we can order many fruit, vegetable and meat lines for next day delivery if it is not a line we carry as standard, and more and more people are making use of this service that we are pleased to offer. The meat is local and very good and where possible the fruit and vegetables are also local.

Zetta King



KEEP IDE TIDY

Join us for a short and leisurely, socially-distanced stroll and litter pick around Ide and the locality on Sunday 11th April, meeting at 10am outside the Memorial Hall. Some litter pickers, Hi-

Viz jackets and gloves will be provided but please bring your own if you have them, as well as some kind of bag. Casa

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library should be in Ide (near to the Huntsman Inn) from 12.30 to 12.50 on the 19th April. You will need to wear a mask and only one person at a time will be allowed in the van.

Ide Congregational Church

Ide Congregational Church continues to be open for worship unless the rules change.

Our services are held at 11am each Sunday morning and last for 30 minutes. There will also be a special communion service at 11am on Good Friday 2nd April.

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.

JUBILEE CLUB

As we cautiously look to our lives returning to a degree of normality, personally half of me welcomes the thought of meeting up once more with so many family and friends. However, I wonder if I am alone in having feelings of a certain caution in facing the adventures to come ?

I have no doubt that the sounds of the buzz of chatter as the club meets will not fail to give me a deep feeling of pleasure. But not just yet, we must be patient and obediently bide our time.

I am making good use of the spell of dry weather spending many hours out to play in the garden. What a joy to see a hare go running past just below my kitchen window a few days ago. Have just been listening to Desert Island Discs , Louis Armstrong singing What A Wonderful World. Yes!

Jean Hoskin

SAINT IDA'S CHURCH



2 nd April	Good Friday	12 noon	Short Devotional Service
4 th April	Easter Sunday	9.30am	Easter Communion
11 th April	Easter 2	9.30am	Morning Praise
18 th April	Easter 3	9.30am	Holy Communion
25 th April	Easter 4	8am	Holy Communion

You will be pleased to see that we are going to have Services in Ide Church again from Good Friday and we look forward to meeting up again.

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. 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.

On Easter Sunday we shall be putting small posies of flowers on the big wooden cross to remember that Jesus rose from the dead giving us all the hope of life after death.

Church Annual Meeting - This will take place via Zoom on Tuesday, 27th April, starting at 7.30pm. This will be with the usual ID and password. Do join this meeting if you possibly can.

Summer Fete – It is hoped that we will be able to have the Summer Fete on the village green on Saturday, 10th July.

Mothers Union - It's been a long winter for many, but the spring flowers are looking lovely to cheer us up. We have been able to join in zoom services for Mothering Sunday, and Women's World day of prayer, and as I write for Lady Day. The posies in the church porch were much appreciated, and we look forward to being able to go into church for Good Friday and Easter Day worship, when there will be more flowers. Maybe by the end of May we can meet together again. So I look forward to seeing you all again soon. Sue

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.

ELECTRIC BIKES

I can't imagine being without my electric bike! I've had one for over 15 years. After an injury I couldn't ride a pedal bike and I felt that using the car for short journeys was not the way forward. I cycle in all weathers (waterproof trousers are the Thing) and use the car locally very rarely. I can cycle to Dawlish Warren and back comfortably. My bike is a constant companion. I hope to be riding it into my 80s and maybe beyond

Imogen Walsh



A lifelong cyclist, I have resisted graduating (gravitating, decrepitating?) to an electric bike, however, having recently passed 70, I have taken the plunge. I am absolutely thrilled with it. I can now comfortably cycle up to Haldon, or if I want a bit of a work-out on the flat, I just turn the battery off. The best of both worlds!

Nigel Walsh

I took up cycling a few years ago and really enjoy it. I've done the Dartmoor Classic, Ride London and cycled London to Paris. I bought an electric bike because I thought it would make leisure cycling more leisurely. It's better than I thought. You still have to pedal, it doesn't recharge as you cycle. I like to walk and cycle and use the car less. Hopefully I will cycle more with the better weather.

Cllr Alan Connett (our Devon County Councillor)

I had my Geant hybrid bike for 5 years. It is quite heavy and I wouldn't be able to lift it onto the bike rack myself. It is easy to ride but I go no faster than normal on the flat. It is really easy to ride up Haynes Lane without getting off! It can do about 60 miles between charges. I found it really useful to go into Exeter to invigilate especially at rush hours. And I did not arrive hot and sticky and in need of a shower before work.

Sue Cloke

I got an e-bike as I have always cycled a lot, including to work on a hilly route but I wanted to reduce my car use further. I cycle further and more often.

Janet Smithson.

I bought my e-bike after borrowing one a few times, and finding I ride more. With a front rack and 4 panniers I can get a full trolley load of shopping on the bike and still get more from the village shop. I have discovered new routes like Idestone to Longdown. Balls Farm Road and Doctors Walk are now an absolute joy to use giving good access to Exeter's great network of cycle routes. Some bikes have the motor in the Wheel, but it is better with the motor by the pedals so it is geared. This gives more force going up hill which is when you need it. It has fewer gears but I don't miss them. It feels like having someone pushing you, an invisible friend.

Andy Swain

Meet Ide's Wildlife Wardens

As part of the Teignbridge Action on Climate (ACT) initiative a network of parish wildlife wardens is being set up. The aim of the wardens is to help support, protect and increase wildlife in Teignbridge through working with parish communities.

Jenny Miles and Richard Cottle are starting off as Ide's two wardens and will over the next few months be putting forward a range of ideas and projects that people in the Parish can be involved with. Here are a few words by way of introduction from Jenny and Richard.

Jenny - I moved to Ide in September last year with my husband Dan and our toddler Reuben. I have always loved nature and understanding how different species live and co-exist, and my love of conservation grew from watching David Attenborough documentaries and studying Biology. I want to learn and share ways of supporting the wildlife around us to live happily - imagine an Ide without the owls hooting at night and without the homely sparrows chattering away in the hedgerows? I am looking forward to organising some group activities to benefit and increase Ide's biodiversity as soon as we can.



Richard - I moved to the village with my partner (Lorraine) and two boys in 2018. I am a palaeontologist by training but ended up working in nature conservation and as an environmental scientist for over 25 years. I have, since I can remember, always been interested in natural history, although moths and insects are really my 'thing'. I would love to get some Parish-wide survey and monitoring projects up and running to give us a better idea of the wildlife in the local area and what measures we can take to improve habitats.



Keep an eye out for updates via the **Wild Ide Facebook group** and **Ide Times** in due course, and feel free to get in touch with questions or suggestions at idewildlifewarden@gmail.com or say hello when you see us in the village!





IDE CHURCHYARD

During the year you may notice some change to the way in which the grass in St Ida's churchyard is managed. With the support of the Parish Council, Parochial Church Council and Teignbridge District Council a new grass cutting regime will be trialled with the aim of encouraging an increase in the abundance and diversity of wild flowers.

The grass along the paths through the churchyard and around tended graves will continue to be cut on a regular basis. All other areas will be cut less frequently, with a main cut in late summer and again before December, with the grass cuttings being removed from the site.

This will let flowers set seed and reduce the buildup of grass mulch which increases soil fertility and prevents many wild flower species establishing. Some additional seeding with a wild flower seed mix may also be undertaken in the autumn, depending on what flowers turn up this summer.

Progress with the trial will be provided in the Ide Times and in the Wild Ide Facebook Group. All being good, we will also be looking out for some willing volunteers to help rake and clear the cut grass later in the year!

Richard Cottle - Ide Climate and Environment Emergency Working Group.

SEASONAL. RECIPE

We are just about to enter the Hungry Gap in the UK, which lasts from April to early June. This is when most of the winter crops have ended but before the new season's produce is ready to harvest. However, it is still possible to make tasty recipes with locally grown ingredients. This time of the year is the best for foraging fresh, new, wild, greens, which are full of nutrients. This soup is made with wild garlic but you could also use nettles, dandelions or cleavers.

Wild garlic soup

Ingredients

- 1 tsp olive oil
- 1 small onion or shallot, peeled and chopped
- 1 large potato, peeled and diced
- 1 bunch wild garlic
- 1 bunch other green leafy vegetables, e.g. spinach, chard, kale
- 1 litre water or vegetable stock
- 1 tbsp yeast flakes
- Salt to taste

1. In a saucepan, sauté the onion in olive oil
2. Add the potatoes and cook for 5 mins, add a little water to prevent sticking.
3. Add the water or vegetable stock, yeast flakes and salt and bring to the boil.
4. Leave to simmer on a low heat for 15-20 minutes, until the potatoes are cooked.
5. Add the wild garlic and other greens, and cook for 5 mins or until they just start to wilt.
6. Then blend everything thoroughly.
7. Season to taste.
8. Serve with a few wild garlic flowers as a garnish.

Maresa Bossano



IDE MEMORIAL HALL

You will be pleased to know that although the hall is hardly being used at the present it is still being looked after – the boiler and fire extinguishers have been serviced, the electricity and gas bills paid, and also the insurance on the hall. Although the present income is negligible, the hall has a reasonable amount in the bank thanks to a grant from Devon County Council. It is hoped that it won't be too long before organisations are able to meet again.





Ide in Bloom - Seed Swaps and Sunshine

Hello Everyone, Spring finally feels as if it's showing its face, it's been great to get outside and start to plan for growing year ahead! Ide Growers met up virtually and had a bit of chat about what we could do to celebrate Ide in Bloom.

There are a few events we wanted to tell you about that we hope will help you to plan for your growing year ahead. You may have already picked up a free packet of wildflower seed from the shop. If you missed out on this don't despair, Ide Growers have pencilled in **18-25th April for a plant and seed swap** this will take place outside our lovely Community Shop who have very kindly allowed us to use some outside shelf space. For this event we're asking that all contributions are in easily transportable containers and labelled - although I for one love a rogue plant or two.

Also in **early April** we are hoping to plant wildflowers around some of our communal areas. The dates for doing this will be advertised on posters and shared on Facebook as weather will very much play a part in the planning.

We have earmarked the main Ide in Bloom window to run from **June 26th – July 10th**. This is when we are hoping that as many people will join in us either as individuals or as neighbourhood groups to promote a floral trail through our pretty village. The formal RHS competition is judged at the beginning of July and the jury is still out as to whether we want to "formally judged". In a less than cautious way I've put in an application and will wait to see what happens!!!

In September restrictions permitting we are hoping to run our Ide Show, so even if the RHS judges don't appear we will have a chance to compete with our prized vegetables. Between now and June there are lots of opportunities for impromptu pop-up events e.g. virtual window box making workshop or a lesson in how to plant a hanging basket do get in touch if you want take part or you wish to contribute.

Happy growing Bloomers!

Warm wishes

Paula

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IDE PRIMARY SCHOOL



All the children, staff and governors at Ide School would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all the people of Ide for the very, very generous donation made to the school on your behalf (as shareholders) by the Ide Community Shop Committee.

This money is being used partly to increase the number of devices for children accessing learning at home and at school. We are also using some of the money to develop the pre-school classroom to provide a really nurturing and stimulating environment in which our youngest pupils can enjoy their learning.

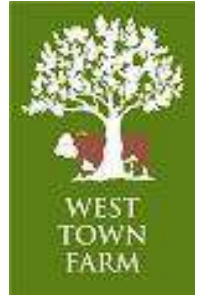
We have in the past found it challenging to deliver computing as well as we would like to, due to the number and age of the laptops that we had available. The Chromebooks that we have ordered using the funds you donated are very efficient and reliable devices which the children can access easily and use with confidence to carry out learning tasks set through our computing scheme, Purple Mash.

The increased number of devices also means that, if there are pupils learning from home in future for any reason, linked to Covid 19 or otherwise, we will be in a position to immediately provide them with a device so that their learning can continue. It is extremely important to us to make sure that all children have equal access to education and it is fantastic that the community shop have been part of helping to ensure that we can do this.

Thank you again!

Ann Boyce, Chair of Ide Governors





As lots of people have observed, for many of us, lockdown, and the pandemic, seem to have made time stand still. Sometimes, I forget what month we're in, let alone which day of the week it is... But if anyone was in need of evidence that spring and warmer days are on the way, the farm has welcomed its first two calves of the year this month. Both mothers and calves are happy and healthy, with textbook deliveries from both!



In similar news of the seasons changing, Easter weekend is fast approaching. If you haven't ordered your lamb yet, don't worry, there are still some joints and meat boxes available. Just pop me a message, and I'll see what we can do.

Finally, thank you to everyone who came along to our Plastic Free Farmer's Market and to those of you who sent lovely messages to us. It was a fantastic day, even if the weather was a little questionable at times! If you have any photos from the day, we'd love to see them. We also now have some frozen meat that is available to purchase in plastic-free packaging. If you'd like one of the special cuts that we put on or your normal beef in peach paper, please do let us know.



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