

Ide Times



Well done Ide Green Rovers Members of the football team and friends cycled 180 miles (which is the distance from Ide to Wembley) on an exercise bike outside the Huntsman. In doing this they raised over £1,100 for the Weir Meadow and Pynes Victorian Orchard project More on this project on pages 10-13

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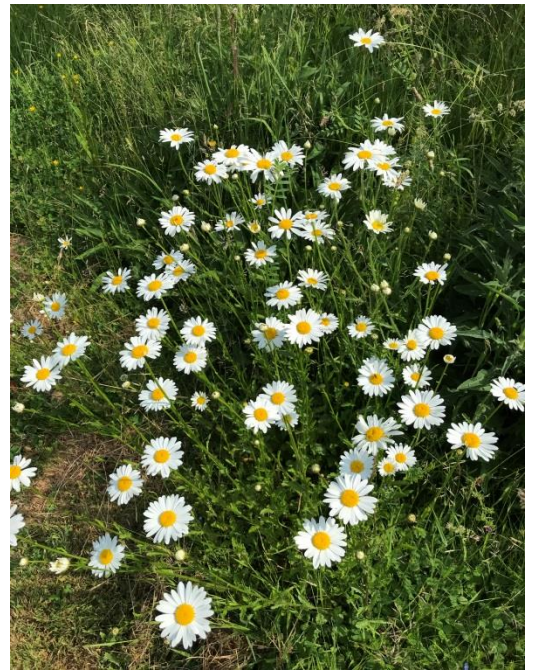
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A chance conversation with someone who has moved into village recently, alerted me to the fact that while us 'old-timers' aka longish term residents know all about the village's efforts to acquire more publically owned green space, there are quite a lot of newcomers who don't and might not even know where these spaces are. Hence there are two articles on pages 10-13 which explain everything! Thanks to Peter Cloke and Nick Bradley for producing these at very short notice! Articles for the August issue of the Ide Times should be sent to Brenda by the 20th July please – brendaspivey123@btinternet.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

Community Shop Opening Hours: (Tel. 410035)

Monday – Friday 8am – 12 noon and 3pm – 6.30pm

Saturdays 8am – 1pm

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Post Office Opening Hours

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

5pm Saturdays 9am - 12 noon



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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.

The Mobile Library will be in the Huntsman car park from 12.20am to 12.50 on Mondays, July 12th, August 9th, Sept 6th, Oct 4th, Nov 1st and 29th.

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor.

The Council currently has eight members; the full complement is nine. Here is an opportunity to work for your village community and improve the quality of life in Ide. Parish Councils are the most local tier of Local Government. In Ide, we receive just over £6,000 a year from Teignbridge District Council (the next tier up) to do our work.

We administer eight allotments for residents. We look after the cemetery, the war memorial, benches and planters, the children's play area, the car park, the bus shelter, flood trash screen, dog waste bins, Coronation Gardens and notice board, the container with sand bag supply, a strimmer, the defibrillator and two football goals on The Green. We work on capital projects to improve the environment, appearance and amenities within the village. We run the village website. We organise the maintenance, repairs and improvements to parish facilities including recreational areas, public spaces and cemetery. We liaise with Devon County, Teignbridge District and Exeter City on the maintenance, repair and improvement of highways, drainage, footpaths, cycle ways, public transport, street cleaning, conservation matters including trees and listed buildings, and environmental issues. We work closely with Ide School on road safety, the children's Play Area, community use of the MUGA, and access to the garden allotments. We operate on a small budget and many of the services we provide are funded by grants and other external sources. We provide an annual parish fund of £500 per year to which community groups can apply.

We run a Planning Committee, plus five additional parish council working groups: Climate and Environment; Emergency Planning; Weir Meadow & Northern Fields; Pynes Victorian Orchard; and the new Joint Projects Fund Raising Group.

Being a parish councillor is unpaid. You would be required to attend six bi-monthly meetings a year; and in time take an active part in the tasks and projects the Council runs. Training will be provided. If you would like to be considered, please contact Mel Liversage or Nick Bradley in writing or by email. And if you would like to talk it over before committing yourself, please give us a ring.

Planning Matters

21/01133/HOU. 7 Station Road, Ide – Two Storey extension including a single garage to the front. The planning committee voted unanimously to support this application
21/01179/NPA. Combe's Head, Whiddon Farm, Ide - Application for prior approval under part 3 Class Q (a) and (b) and paragraph W of the GDPO change of use of agricultural building into a dwelling.
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The committee voted unanimously to support these two applications

21/00560/HOU. 2 Fore Street, Ide - Retention of a bridge, and a replacement front wall/fence and gate. Members of the committee had no objection to bridge linking the two areas of land which lie within the curtilage of the property. However, the committee voted unanimously to object to the wall and fence that has been erected. **Awaiting decision**

20/02132/ADV. Stevens Farm, Ide Village Road, Ide EX2 9FB - Retention of 3 advertising signs. The Planning Committee decided unanimously to object to the retention of these signs. **Awaiting decision**

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. **Awaiting decision**

21/00981/TPO Maple House Old Ide Lane, Ide Reduce four limbs of one London Plane by up to 5-6m to clear buildings and height reduce by 4-5m
Application refused

The chair reported that work in the Round Field, Crabb Lane has been suspended, by order of the Local Planning Authority (TDC), who have invited the land owner concerned to submit a relevant planning application.

The last meeting of the Planning Committee was on 24 June 2021; the next will be on 21 July 2021 at 6pm in Ide Memorial Hall.

To view planning applications, go to www.teignbridge.gov.uk/planning and search using the address or reference number.

The next meeting of Ide Parish Council will be held **on Wednesday 21 July at 7.30pm in Ide Memorial Hall.**

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Looking Ahead to Apple Picking Time



It's a little bit early to start planning yet but I am hoping to run my Ide Apple Juice project again this year. If you are likely to have spare apples in your garden which you are happy for us to juice, or if you would like to volunteer to help pick surplus apples then please get in touch. Maresa Bossano

CONSULTATION ON POSSIBLE HOUSING SITES

The Teignbridge local plan is being reviewed at the moment. Part 2 of the plan sets out the possible sites that might be earmarked for development in future, and consultation is open until midday on **Monday 9 August**.

Central government imposes housing numbers on district councils. And insists that our local plan complies with national policy. Teignbridge must show that it has a land supply for 751 houses per year or central government may take over control of planning as happened recently in South Oxfordshire.

Including a site in the consultation does not mean it will be built on. It does mean that the land owner has indicated they are interested in development, and Teignbridge District Council has not ruled it out. There are more sites in the consultation than are needed to meet the target imposed by the government.

I am sure there will be lots of comments on social media, but **please also direct your comments to the consultation directly**. I think it is important that local people can be heard on planning, and the consultation is our chance. This can really influence how our community develops for years to come.

You can see the full details online at www.teignbridge.gov.uk/localplanreview but the site most relevant to Ide is on **Markham's Farm** details are in <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/3e8e43656a5d46c78ada30dfd99c7dc2>. The Parish Council has a paper copy, contact Mel the clerk if you would like to see it.

Thank you Andy Swain: District Councillor for Kenn Valley, including Ide

Editorial Comment:

I followed the link to the description of the proposal for the development at Markhams Farm. As you can see, It could be a huge scale development if the local authority is required to override the recommendations in the village plan.

Site size: Total size is 32.7 hectares, of which 32.1

hectares is considered developable.

Indicative number of homes factoring in sensitivities and requirements: 727 (*the use of the word sensitivities here made me laugh!*)

As Andy suggests, as many of us as possible should probably read and respond to these recommendations.





COMMUNITY SHOP and POST OFFICE



Versatile & Valued Volunteers – The Stars of your Community Shop

It takes a lot of amazing people in a wide variety of roles to keep the shop running. Not all of these roles are seen, in the way that serving on the till is.

One of the most important & crucial roles in the shop is making sure it is clean & hygienic at all times & the Oscar deserving star in this is Janice with the strong co-star back up of Crispin. No romantic date nights in a restaurant in their glad rags for them – instead it is old clothes on & off to the shop – with mops instead of silver cutlery in their hands. Janice has a valued cast list of cleaning stars but could do with some more to join her chorus line. Hours are flexible & short & the more feather duster fairies there are the longer it will be till your turn comes around again. It honestly is more fun than doing your own housework – we promise you!



We could also do with two volunteers to come along at lunch time approximately once a month & help with date checking the large bottles of drinks & dry goods & one to do the sweets. It will only take about half an hour. Maggie kindly does the tinned & jar type products which we are grateful for.

Lastly, we could do with some more shop volunteers to do some shifts on the till – so if you have always fancied yourself as a bit of an Arkwright or Granville now is your opportunity to become like them. I can promise you our till is a lot friendlier than theirs was & there are no falling tins to catch when you shut the till drawer!

The shop is a great place to be and a real part of village life and a fantastic community hub so please think about whether you are the person to fill any of these gaps. Free tea & coffee & outstanding company whilst you are here! Please do come & see us if you would like to know more details.

We would like to give you details of the Shop's AGM as we thought we would be able to have our usual enjoyable evening of business & social for it this year. Sadly, we cannot give any details of how or if it is happening at the moment due to the question mark over the date when restrictions will be lifting. Please keep an eye on the shop's Facebook page & the shop's noticeboard for more details as we know them.

To tie in with the village's entry in the Britain in Bloom Competition we have some colouring sheets of flowers in the shop which we would love children to take away & colour or decorate in some colourful way using any craft materials they like & then bring back to the shop by July 3rd so we can decorate the shop with..

them ready for when the judges come to the village. Every returned colourful flower picture can be exchanged for a chocolate Freddo Frog. We love the colourful lamb pictures in the shop so look forward to replacing them with some beautiful flower master pieces.

Zetta King

Ide Congregational Church July 2021

Ide Congregational Church continues to be open for worship unless the rules change.
Sunday Services are held at 11am each week. Our speakers this month are:

July	11am
4 th	Samuel Oliver
11 th	Michael Trigg
18 th	Ken Harris
25 th	Des Gardiner



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

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

Alas it seems plans to be able to meet in early July are not possible but we will remain positive and keep fingers crossed to gather together as soon as we can. Meanwhile I hope with the protection of vaccination people are gaining some confidence to be able to get out and about. I do feel this strange time has really made me value living in a friendly and beautiful place.

Good wishes ,and look forward to seeing you all
 Jean Hoskin



SAINT IDA'S CHURCH



4 th July	Trinity 5	9.30am	Holy Communion
12 th July	Trinity 6	9.30am	Morning Praise
18 th July	Trinity 7	9.30am	Holy Communion
25 th July	Trinity 8	8am	Holy Communion
1 st August	Trinity 9	9.30am	Holy Communion

We are now enjoying having Services in Ide Church with Colin our organist. Masks need to be worn and hands sanitised when entering the church. We have started to have hymns with Matthew as our soloist and others humming along quietly if they wish.

If you are unable to attend church, you may like 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 service, please contact Mike Partridge on rev.mike.partridge@gmail.com or ring him on 01392 491476.

Summer Fete – Owing to the continuing Covid restrictions, it has been decided that it would be unwise to have a gathering of people on the Green for a Fete on the 10th July, but it is hope to have an event later in the year, perhaps in September, when hopefully all restrictions will have been lifted.

The church is now open on a daily basis from 10am to approximately 5pm for private prayer and for everyone to enjoy the peaceful building. There is a box of second hand books by the children's table for anyone to borrow.

Re-wilding of the Churchyard – You will have noticed that some of the grass has been cut close to the church around graves which are tended but the rest of the grass is being allowed to grow. These areas may be starting to look a little unkempt, but that is nature's way. It will be interesting to see what plants and flowers make an appearance over the coming months before the main cut/mow in late summer/early autumn. Following this cut some seeding may be undertaken with a wild flower mix and additional planting to increase flower diversity for the following year.

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. Brenda Spivey

Churchyard Update



With all the rain we had in May, the uncut vegetation in the Churchyard has put on a big growth spurt. While grasses dominate, there are a few other plants that have come to fore. In particular, there are lots of the yellow flowers of Cat's-ear among the gravestones. The flowers, which look like small dandelions, are a great source of nectar for bees and other pollinators. Besides the Cat's-ear there is also a

large amount of Ribwort Plantain, Hedge Bedstraw, and, dotted about, the lilac-blue flowers of germander speedwell. The main grass cut is due towards the end of July / mid-August, depending on the weather and the timetable of the contractors who undertake the management on behalf of Teignbridge District Council. Following this cut selected areas may be further mown and scarified and a wildflower mix sown to increase flower diversity for the following year.

Richard Cottle (Ide Wildlife Warden)

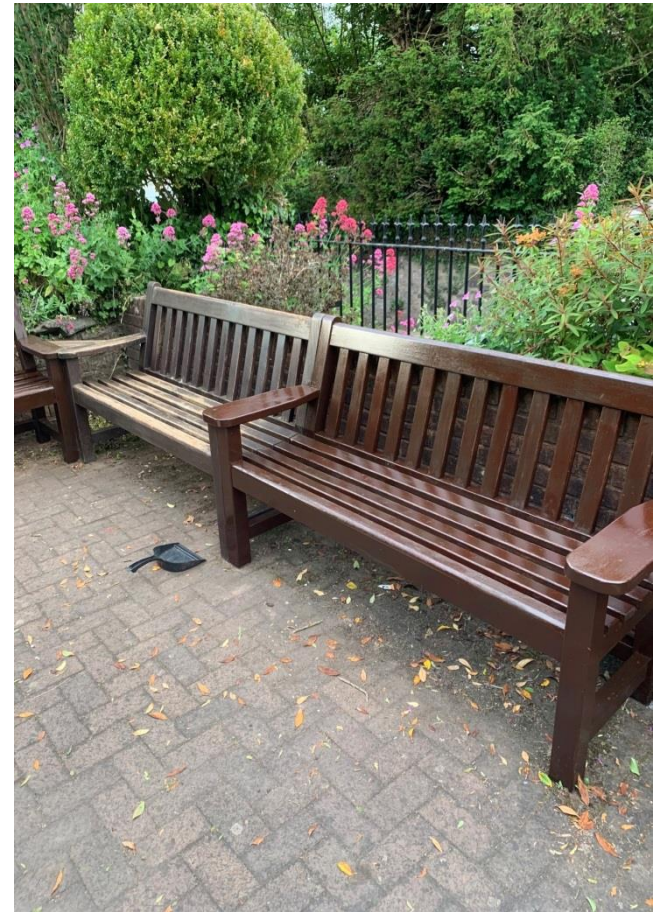
Ide in Bloom - Update

By the time you read this Ide's flower fortnight (26th June -7th July) will be underway! Whether you put out a hanging basket, plant a pot, trim a hedge, or simply put a vase of flowers in your window your contribution is so welcome, adding to the trail of flowers through the village.

Some of you may have noticed the lack of flowers in the wildflower beds we seeded in The Hams. Whilst a number of people have had success growing the seeds we shared, sadly the flowers in The Hams have been out competed in the grass verge, so for this year we have asked TDC to mow as usual. If you're curious as to the effect we had hoped for, stop for a pint and peek at The Huntsman hedge line, which should be in bloom soon!

It's been a busy few weeks, a big thanks to all the people who have helped to tidy, plant and trim the communal areas, especially Ide Growers and Patrick for their help and advice. Thank you also to team Kevin, Barry and Janice, who have done a magnificent job of sprucing up our benches and to the Twinners who kindly funded our paint!

Happy Blooming Paula



A Community Orchard for Ide



In the last seventy years Devon has lost about 90% of its traditional orchards. Every Devon farm had its own orchard, with historical taxation figures showing that in 1789 there were 22 farms of varying size in the parish of Ide. Today there are six, and as the number of farms has declined, so has the number of orchards.

An aerial snapshot of Ide in the spring of 1800 would have revealed a tiny island floating in a sea of pink and white blossom. There are remnants of this sea: a strip of land behind The College; a paddock behind the Huntsman Inn; solitary, gnarled fruit trees in back gardens around the village; and, largest of all, the Victorian Orchard.

Originally part of Canns Farm, this orchard, despite its name, predates the Victorian era by several hundred years and could have been first planted in medieval times. The fact that it still lies within its original boundaries adds to its historical importance.

The Victorian Orchard lies across the road from Pynes Farm, on the right as you go south up the hill towards Dunchideock. It remains one of Ide's oldest traditional fruit orchards, neglected for two generations, yet still in its original form. Its 3.65 acres of sloping field, facing north, overlook the village. It contains a number of old apple trees, many fallen and dead. The Church Commissioners own Victorian Orchard and, stimulated by discussions about the Ide Neighbourhood Plan(2018) which formally designated the Orchard as Local Green Space, have agreed to sell it to the Parish Council for use as a community orchard.

There are over fifty community orchards in Devon. They have become popular as places for friends and neighbours to come together for seasonal events such as apple pressing or hay making; and they provide unique spaces for recreation, productive activity, and relaxation. Local, common, public space is something we are very short of in Ide. Community orchards are a fine resource for schools seeking outside classroom activities. They offer the chance to maintain and increase biodiversity, provide local fruit and to resist property development.

A traditional orchard is different from a tightly planted, modern orchard: less intensively managed, and more in common with woodland, pasture and parkland. It typically consists of fruit trees and grasses, with scrub round the edges and hedgerow. This mix of habitats adds up overall to something more valuable than the sum of its individual parts.

In November 2017 the Parish Council set up a Community Orchard Working Group to conduct negotiations with the Church Commissioners; plan a fund raising campaign; gather ideas for the use of the orchard which fit the needs of Ide's residents; and review how best to manage the orchard, its trees and boundaries.

The Orchard has been neglected for many years. Until recently there were 40 productive apple trees; there are now twelve. The remaining trees are interesting old varieties, so our first task in December 2018 was to carry out remedial pruning and care. In January 2020 we planted 68 new apple and four new pear trees, whilst also creating areas for other recreational activities in the longer term.

Old trees will be left as dead or decaying wood, where they don't affect the orchard's health, as a habitat for beetles, hoverfly and moths. The grass will be managed by grazing combined with infrequent cutting for hay. Clumps of bramble will be left wild. We will only trim hedgerows every three years. Uncollected apples will be allowed to lie for birds. Winter migrants such as fieldfares, redwings and hawfinches feed on apple pips and, with the grass allowed to flourish, the number of voles, and the owls that feed on them, will increase.

An ambitious strategy to raise the money to buy the orchard, along with Ide's other major project, Weir Meadow Recreation Ground, is being led by the Parish Council through its joint Projects Fund Raising Group - details of which are

regularly reported on the Parish Council's pages in the Ide Times, and on its own website. As we hopefully move out of Covid restrictions through the summer further details on fund raising and working in the orchard, and how individuals and groups can contribute, help or volunteer, will be announced.

Peter Cloke Chair Pynes Victorian Orchard Working Group



Photos : Clare Wills

Weir Meadow Recreation Ground and the Northern Fields

Public open space, parkland, a recreation ground: such assets are rare in a rural community. Ide is a tightly packed village, in a managed agricultural landscape. Vehicles crowd its streets. The village green, small and bounded on two sides by road, is the only open space for people to gather.

So when the opportunity came to acquire a flat, six acre field on the edge of the village, for the village, the Parish Council determined to do just that: to provide open space for relaxation, recreation and sport, publically owned, for public use, for the first time in Ide's history. In 2017 the owners, the Church Commissioners, accepted our offer to buy Weir Meadow. In 2018 the proposal to create a recreation ground on it passed into planning law in the Ide Neighbourhood Plan. In 2020 we secured planning permission for change of use from agriculture to a recreation ground.

Because we were always going to need time to raise the money, the Commissioners agreed to enter into an Option to Purchase Agreement with us, securing our right to buy within three years of signing, at an agreed price, under agreed conditions. Negotiations over the option agreement took longer than expected, because the Commissioners wished to retain the right of agricultural access across the Meadow to the Northern Fields for their tenant farmer.

We pursued several possible solutions. We considered sharing the entrance to the meadow with the agricultural contractors' machinery, and building a fenced off perimeter track round one or other margin of the meadow for the vehicles. But we judged it too dangerous for the public, too disruptive to recreational events, insufficiently controllable, and repeatedly damaging to the ground at the entrance. We looked at re-opening the old access entrance to Northern Fields on College Lane. But it proved unacceptable to the Commissioners. We also examined the feasibility of building a bridge across the brook from Triangular Field to the north eastern corner of the Meadow. But, whilst this was acceptable to the Commissioners, it proved prohibitively expensive when put out for quotation; and still did not give us unfettered occupation and control of the site in perpetuity.

The answer suddenly became clear. Owning the Northern Fields themselves would allow us to protect an additional section of land on the edge of the village from development; ensure it was used in an ecologically positive way; and provide public access with a new footpath, at the same time as solving the problem of agricultural access across Weir Meadow. Access to the fields down College Lane poses no problem for the size of vehicle needed to farm these fields sustainably. The Commissioners agreed to sell. In October 2019 we agreed a price, and the two fields are now part of the project, along with Triangular Field.

We held two public meetings in February 2020 which confirmed the community's support for our plans.

In March 2021 we signed an option agreement with the Commissioners, allowing us three years to raise the funds, certain that the purchase is ours to make at any point during that period.

Parish Councils are in a great position to take on projects like this. Government and county councils encourage parishes to own and manage land. Parishes are permanent, statutory, elected bodies, with formal systems of scrutiny. They can raise funds and borrow at preferential rates, for up to fifty years, from the Public Works Loan Board; and reclaim VAT.

We are also fortunate, for the Church Commissioners have honoured our long term vision for the community. They backed us over the last four years by sticking with negotiations for an option agreement that both of us could accept.

Phase I of the project, to secure an option to buy and obtain planning permission, is complete. Now in Phase II we have to raise £178,000 to buy the land. The option agreement extends for three years until March 2024, but the shelf life of planning permission chiefly constrains our time. By 16 October 2023 we must have bought the land, satisfied the pre-commencement planning conditions, and made a material start on development works. A Joint Projects Fund Raising Group has formed to drive and co-ordinate fund raising efforts for Weir Meadow and Ide's other major project, the Community Orchard; and you will no doubt be aware of events that are taking place as Covid restrictions ease.

Nick Bradley

Ide School News

The end of another school year is rapidly approaching. The staff and children are working really hard to ensure that the fun, the variety of experiences and the celebrations that normally enliven the end of the school year are still happening, albeit within the constraints imposed by Covid security. Years 5 and 6 will even be doing their production 'The Rocky Monster Show' which will be filmed and performed live to a small audience of children.

'How are you helping to save the planet?'

Scientists from Chestnut and Elm received an exciting free school workshop delivered by a professional scientist and energy advisor from Seadream Education. This links with their current enquiry.

The children learnt about different types of renewable energy and about practical ways that they can help to reduce their carbon footprint. The session was kindly funded by Exeter Community Energy. If you would like to learn more about what they can do to help with energy in the home, please look at <https://www.ecoe.org.uk/healthy-homes-wellbeing/>.



Using solar cells to check levels of light

Playground Improvements



MUGA Appeal

Many thanks to those who have already donated towards the crowdfunding appeal set up by FIS to help raise funds for the resurfacing of the MUGA. Collectively we have already raised £300! Resurfacing the MUGA will allow us to continue using this space for PE, clubs and potentially community use again when Covid guidance allows. Here is the link to the page.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/ide-school-muga/backers#start>



Ide Community Lunch Club

Fridays 12pm -1.30pm
Ide Village Hall



Starting 28 May, then every two weeks
11, 25 June, 9, 23 July (closed August)

Two courses made with seasonal fruit and vegetables,
and surplus food. Soup, salad and cake or pudding.

Many thanks to Alan Saunders who posted this on Facebook
Needless to say I have shared it with all my cat owning friends.



WEST TOWN FARM NEWS



The large amounts of rainfall in May, followed by the humidity of June, has meant that we've seen the grass growing at incredible rates recently. With our Shepherd's Hut fully booked out at the moment, there have been several times when we've struggled to keep up with cutting it in between the changeovers. However, it has also meant that our grass recovery project in Easterbrooks has been extremely successful, which is brilliant news.



On another note, the squirrels seem to be growing in size and numbers and have taken it upon themselves to start eating the oats that we store for feed. Despite our best efforts to secure the feed bins with lids and bungee ties, it appears that the squirrels have out tricked us and have eaten through the plastic to get the oats! At this rate, it's looking like we may have to invest in some metal bins to stop our pesky yet determined friends...

At the start of June, we were lucky enough to welcome several classes from Trinity Primary School to the farm for a series of educational visits. They enjoyed all sorts of wonderful activities organised by Mickey and Fatma, such as crafts, foraging wild edibles, and cooking up fritters in the henge. Over the course of the two weeks, we welcomed over 200 children to the farm, an experience that we hope will be just as memorable for them as it was for us.



Sadly, the postponement of the restrictions easing last month has meant that we've had to cancel and postpone a few events, including the first of the Loft Live Sessions. However, we're still hopeful that our events scheduled for August will be able to go ahead. Until then though, we have a busy July to keep us occupied!

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