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## SEPTEMBER 2021



It really feels as if life is getting back to normal now – The Jubilee Club, Art Group and Ide Aloud will all be back in operation in September, as well as the Pilates and Keep Fit classes. All of these meet in the village hall. There is also a Boot Camp exercise group which meets on a Saturday morning at 9am which meets at the bottom of The Green.

You will see that the Cricket Club are having a Sports Day on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> August (see page 7) in aid of the Weir Meadow/Orchard project, and at long last there is to be a Village Fete on the Green on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> September. A Produce Show is also taking place on the Green on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> September – so there is plenty to look forward to.

Articles for the October issue of the Ide Times should be sent to me Ann Boyce by the 20th September – [annboyce@talk21.com](mailto:annboyce@talk21.com)

Brenda Spivey (01392 275784)

### USEFUL NUMBERS

Community Policeman: 101

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

Congregational Church: Jackie Chadwick [jacky.c@talktalk.net](mailto:jacky.c@talktalk.net)

M.P. Mel Stride: 02072 197037 [melstride.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:melstride.mp@parliament.uk)

### Community Shop Opening Hours: (Tel. 410035)

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

Saturdays 8am – 1pm

Sundays 9am - 12 noon



### Post Office Opening Hours

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

Saturdays 9am - 12 noon

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

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**The Mobile Library** will be in The Huntsman car park from 12.20 to 12.50 on Mondays, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1<sup>st</sup> November and 29<sup>th</sup> November.

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## PARISH COUNCIL

[idevillage.org.uk](http://idevillage.org.uk)

### **Green Space for Ide – Ide Community Orchard and Weir Meadow Playing Field with Northern Fields**

The Option to Purchase agreements for these two sites have, at last, been signed and exchanged with the Church Commissioners. This allows fundraising to buy the orchard and the fields to begin. We have just under three years to complete the purchases of the land. The three working parties have produced a joint projects leaflet setting out all the information, along with the details on how you can help us to raise the money needed. This leaflet will be delivered to all households within Ide Parish by the middle of September 2021.

In October, we will hold an information event in the village hall, with the working group members available to answer questions, and the offer of a visit to the two sites to show residents what we plan. More details of this event will be in next month's Ide Times. For now pencil in Saturday 9 October.

### **Planning Applications**

**21/01720/TPO (tree preservation order) Maple House, Old Ide Lane, Ide -**  
Crown reduce of one London plane tree by up to 4 metres to clear building

### **Current Applications**

**21/00560/HOU 2 Fore Street, Ide -** Retention of a bridge, and a replacement front wall/fence and gate. **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**

### **Decided Applications**

**21/01590/CAN St Ida's Church, Old Vicarage Close, Ide -** Crown reduce of one yew tree by up to 2m where overhanging. **PERMISSION GRANTED**

**21/01715/CAN 2 Old Vicarage Close , Ide, EX2 9RE, Ide -** Fell one eucalyptus tree and prune one limb of silver birch to clear building by 2 metres.

**PERMISSION GRANTED**

The next meeting of the **Planning Committee** is on Wednesday 15 September 2021 at 6pm venue to be advised. To view planning applications go to [www.teignbridge.gov.uk/planning](http://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/planning) and search using the address or reference number.

**Pete Bishop, Chair**, planning committee, [pete.idepc@gmail.com](mailto:pete.idepc@gmail.com) telephone 07717785760

**Vacancy for Parish Councillor** This is an opportunity to represent your local community and improve its quality of life in the 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 in writing or by email. And if you would like to talk it over before committing yourself, please give us a ring.

**THE NEXT MEETING** of Ide Parish Council is on Wednesday 15 September 2021 at 7.30pm in Ide Memorial Hall.

#### CONTACT DETAILS

Clerk – Mel Liversage 01392 259024 [ideparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:ideparishclerk@gmail.com)

Chair – Nick Bradley 01392 420616 [ncabradley@gmail.com](mailto:ncabradley@gmail.com)

Cemetery administrator – Sarah Tiley 01392 217142 [saraht61@btinternet.com](mailto:saraht61@btinternet.com)

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#### 360 BUS TIMETABLE

Ide	7.51	10.01	12.39	14.34	
Exeter, Sidwell Street	8.13	10.20	12.58	14.53	
Exeter, Sidwell Street	8.35	11.15	13.15	16.15	17.55
Ide	8.53	11.33	13.28	16.33	18.13

You will see from the above that the 360 village bus will no longer take you to the bus station in Exeter. The route now finishes in Sidwell Street. Unfortunately the new Exeter Bus Station is only for Stagecoach buses. All the unprofitable routes which are run by different bus companies are no longer permitted to use the Exeter Bus Station, as the new Bus Station is too small to accommodate them. Also the doors to such buses are in the wrong place. I understand a bus shelter may be provided in Sidwell Street! Our 360 Country Bus does stop at the top of Fore Street, Exeter, as well as in Queen Street and Longbrook Street (behind John Lewis).

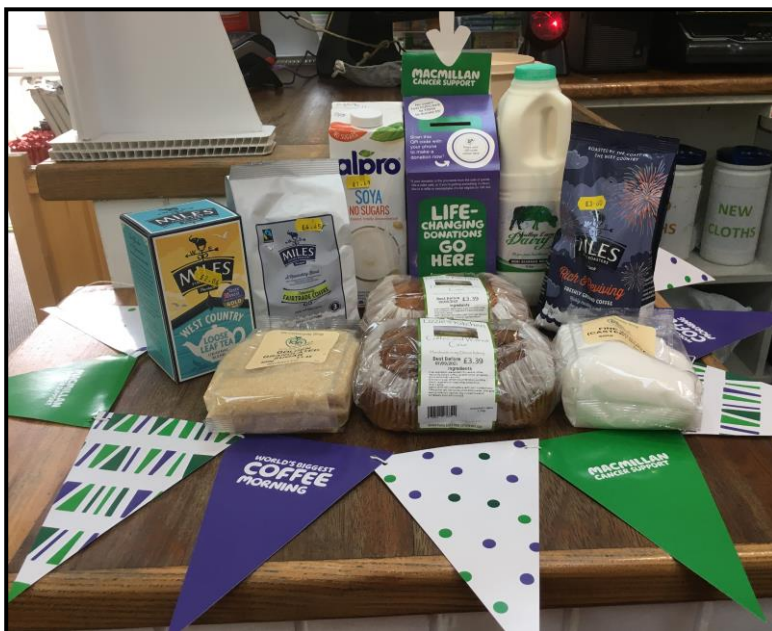
Also, the new Exeter Bus Station is not large enough to accommodate the long-distance Express buses to Heathrow and elsewhere – they too will stop in Sidwell Street.

However, we are lucky to have a village bus and pensioners even travel for free. The bus stop and the ride on the bus are also great occasions to catch up on the local news and details of road closures. When Dunsord Hill was closed recently it was like going on a coach tour!

## IDE COMMUNITY SHOP AND POST OFFICE



On the 24<sup>th</sup> September the shop will be taking part in the Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning – in a slightly different way. You see the chefs on the telly when they do deconstructed desserts as a new slant on a dish. Well, we are doing a deconstructed coffee morning. On the morning of 24<sup>th</sup> September, the shop will donate 10% from all the coffee, tea, milk, sugar, biscuits and cakes it sells to Macmillan – so you can see where the deconstructed bit comes from – all the bits that make up a coffee morning we will donate a percentage of all the sales on as we can't host an actual coffee morning. There will also be a donation pot on the counter for people to make donation if they wish and a small raffle.



The shop AGM has been set for Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7pm in the Hunting Lodge at the Huntsman by kind permission of Colin, followed by a social time with a special AGM food offering, so it would be great to see as many people as possible at this after not being able to hold one last year. Although there won't be double portions of food to make up for what you missed last year – nor thankfully double portions of shop business to make up for last year's either!

We want to thank all the children for entering the different things we do in the shop like the various colouring ideas. We love it when you come back with your pictures, and it was such good fun watching you all look for Pest the Seagull in August and we hope that you enjoyed your chocolate eggs when you spotted him.

Our ongoing thanks go to the volunteers who make the shop possible and who we could not operate without. Thank you to those who do regular shifts which are the backbone of the shop and those who step into the breach and those that do both! It has been concerning at times at the number of the gaps in the rota, but people have been awesome and stepped up to the mark and we have never had to shut the shop. It has been tight at times, and we wonder if there is anyone else out there who would like to find out more about doing either a regular shift or being a life saver and stepping in when we have a gap. Both types of **volunteers will be welcomed with open arms**. Full training will be given and

free coffee or tea whilst on duty. It is good fun and only 2 hours at a time and you can volunteer as little or as much as you feel able. Special mention and thanks must be given to David Williams who has the huge task of compiling the rota and making sure the gaps are filled – this is challenging and worrying at times, but he never fails – and so thank you David for all your hard work, dedication not to mention worry on this.

We could also do with a few more cleaners to help keep the shop clean and again you can commit as little or as much as you like to this, and the times are very flexible and as we have said before it is so much more fun than doing your own housework. Again, Janice would welcome you not with open arms but with a bucket and mop if you could help.

Zetta King

**IDE COMMUNITY SHOP  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 7pm  
The Hunting Lodge, The Huntsman inn**

**A business meeting plus social time with  
food and drink.**

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## **NEW HOUSING ESTATES IN THE IDE/SHILLINGFORD AREA**

Thank you to all those who have joined the consultation on building sites for the Local Plan part 2, which has now closed. People need homes, and some of the sites will go forward but not all.

There is strong opposition from many people in Ide and Shillingford, to the development at Markham Farm. This is actually a Devon County Council owned farm and our group promised at the last election to protect the council owned farms ensuring they are not sold for building.

Councillor Alan Connett is pushing this at County level and my District colleague, Alison Foden, has started a petition adding further pressure on DCC to protect their farms.

<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/keep-devon-county-s-farms-farming>

The petition already has over 700 signatures and has been covered in Devon Live.

There are more sites in the consultation than are needed to meet the numbers imposed by government.

Andy Swain, Teignbridge District Councillor

## IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



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:**

September	11am
5 <sup>th</sup>	Des Gardiner
12 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Trigg
19 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Partridge (Harvest Festival)
26 <sup>th</sup>	Luc Vandamme (Mission Aviation Fellowship)

We have two special morning services during September:  
On 19<sup>th</sup> September Robert Partridge will be leading  
our Harvest Festival service this year



and on 26<sup>th</sup> September Luc Vandamme will be speaking on the  
work of Mission Aviation Fellowship, a Christian organisation that  
fly medical, relief and live-transforming help to vulnerable people  
in hard-to-reach places.

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**CHARLIE BEER** – the oldest resident of Ide – sadly  
died a few days after his 96<sup>th</sup> birthday. His funeral  
was on the 20<sup>th</sup> August. He was born in Ide and  
lived most of his life in the village. In World War 2  
he joined the RAF and was always to be seen at the  
Remembrance Sunday Services at the Ide War  
Memorial wearing his medals. When you met him in  
the village he had a disconcerting habit of speaking  
to you in German! Our sympathy goes to his family.





**IDE CRICKET PITCH  
SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2PM – 7PM**

You are warmly invited to a fun filled afternoon of sports for all ages and abilities.

There'll be football, rounders, tug-o-war, a cricket bowling machine and egg catching. You'll be able to replace those calories via the bar, a hot dog BBQ and sweet stall. We'll be hosting an auction of promises and raffle - with all proceeds from the day going to the Weir Meadow project.

Keep an eye on Facebook for updates and we hope to see you there.

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**IDE PRODCE SHOW**

**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> September  
From 2.30pm  
Ide Village Green**



The Ide Show is back for 2021. It will be on the village green on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September - from 2.30pm onwards. There will be all the usual categories - watch out for a leaflet through your letterbox closer to the date.

There'll be tea, coffee and cake - and prizes for the best in each category. But you knew that didn't you?

Looking forward to seeing you!

Ide Growers.

PS - if it rains, we'll be in the Hall. But it won't.....

## SAINT IDA'S CHURCH



5 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Trinity 14	9.30am	Holy Communion
12 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Trinity 15	9.30am	Morning Praise
19 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Trinity 16	9.30am	Holy Communion
26 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Trinity 17	8am	Holy Communion
3 <sup>rd</sup> October		9.30am	<b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>

We are now able to have music at Services and can sing hymns, but we are still required to wear masks. Some who were regular church members have been unable to attend Services because of ill health or 'shielding'. You are often in our thoughts and we wish you well. You are not forgotten.

### **Summer Fete – 11<sup>th</sup> September**

We will be holding the Fete on The Green on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> September, from 2pm. There will be most of the usual stalls including preserves, books, toys, lucky dip, raffle, vintage items and pre-loved clothing together with one or two local craft stalls. To keep the hunger pangs away, be sure to enjoy the BBQ, teas and ice-cream and there will be a bar to quench your thirst.

If you have any items you would like to donate to a stall, or would like to have a table of your own, please get in touch with Sue Cloke or Mary Bradley.

The afternoon will start with a Dog Show and end with Egg Throwing. We hope that it will be a lovely village occasion after such a difficult 18 months.

### **Harvest Festival – 3<sup>rd</sup> October.**

**Churchyard Grass** – You will be pleased to see that the churchyard grass has now been cut and the plan is for the long grass which has been cut to be raked up and removed.

### **Mothers' Union**

Mary Sumner Day (our founder) was celebrated with a service in the Cathedral. A joy for those able to attend.

Our branch will meet on Tuesday (please note) September 21st 2.30pm at Brenda's home. Look forward to seeing some of you then. Sue

### **Baptisms (Christenings), Weddings & Banns of Marriage –**

If you wish to make any enquiries about these please email [weddings@alphingtonstmichaels.org](mailto:weddings@alphingtonstmichaels.org) for weddings and banns of marriage at Ide; and [christenings@alphingtonstmichaels.org](mailto:christenings@alphingtonstmichaels.org) for baptisms at Ide; or you can ring 01392 491476.



**DOG SHOW  
TEAS  
BAR & BBQ**

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# **IDE SUMMER FETE**

**11TH SEPTEMBER 2021 | 2PM  
IDE VILLAGE GREEN**

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**CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES  
EGG THROWING  
STALLS**

**WHITESTONE CLIMATE ACTION GROUP: CLIMATE ACTION:**  
**LATE SUMMER EVENT**  
**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> in WHITESTONE PARISH HALL, 2-4pm:**  
**TEA AND CAKE PROVIDED! ALL WELCOME!**

This will be an exciting local event to share knowledge and ideas about how we can all start to combat the serious threat of climate change, and also to save money on energy bills. The free event will be held in the Whitestone Parish Hall between 2 and 4pm on Saturday September 4<sup>th</sup>, and everyone is most welcome to attend. Free tea and cake will be provided!

We are also delighted to announce that we will be joined by ECOE, a local energy group which supports sustainable home energy, and is almost unique in Devon for giving free advice

<https://www.ecoe.org.uk/healthy-homes-wellbeing>

Our Whitestone event will include:

- An exhibition loaned by members of Action for Climate, Teignbridge about what is happening to the climate, and ideas about how to limit harm
- A quiz for young people and their families about food, and how we can minimise waste and harm to our environment
- The opportunity to join in with a series of small and very informal discussion groups led by local residents on topics of local interest, like how to garden to encourage a healthy environment; options for using greener energy such as solar panels, and how to reduce waste
- Advice about heat pumps and ways to save energy in your home
- A mini-think-tank about how to encourage positive action about climate change
- Free tea and biscuits and cake!
- Free tree seedlings for people to take away and plant in their gardens in order to help to green up our environment, and an opportunity to sign up for free saplings which will become available in November

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

If you can help us at the event, or are interested in what members of the Whitestone Climate Action Group are trying to do, please contact one of us:

Cllr. Susan Llewelyn [susan.llewelyn@hmc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:susan.llewelyn@hmc.ox.ac.uk)

Cllr. Carol Galton [cgalton@gmail.com](mailto:cgalton@gmail.com)

Cllr. Linda Fairley [lindafairley@rocketmail.com](mailto:lindafairley@rocketmail.com)

Lucy Rockliffe [lucyrockliffe@gmail.com](mailto:lucyrockliffe@gmail.com)

## JUBILEE CLUB

What a joy it was to meet up with folk we had not seen since the start of these strange times we have been experiencing.

On August 2nd we were entertained by Brian playing popular songs on his guitar toes were tapping and we joined in singing well known songs of our era!

August 16th saw us gathering, by invitation, in Marge's garden at Longdown. Her daughter Lorraine was there to help serving a delicious spread of savouries, cream scones and cakes. We were pleased to give Marge a donation of £50. for her chosen charity E.L.F. Over 20 years Marge has raised over £50,000 for this local cause. Tony challenged us with a quiz resulting in the usual rivalry and good natured banter.

We are saddened by the deaths of Charles Beer, John Addicott and Evelyn Brimblecombe our thoughts conveyed to their loved ones.

Although being very aware that we must venture forth with caution, hopefully we will be able to continue with a programme of regular meetings. I am very conscious of the importance of social interaction, particularly for those who live alone, but do come and join us - I can assure you of a warm welcome.

Our next meeting is on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2pm, in the village hall, for Bingo and Diane is busy planning a program of meetings to follow.

Jean Hoskin

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## IDE ALOUD

Ide Aloud singing group will be restarting on September 6th at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. All welcome - even if you've never been part of a choir before - as we will start really slowly and see where we get to by the end of the year!

Please note - it is important that you are double vaccinated or have done a PCR test very recently and are negative, so we can all keep safe. Further details from

Jane Rotinoff [mjrotinoff@hotmail.com](mailto:mjrotinoff@hotmail.com)

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## HELP NEEDED – Your Community Shop needs you!

I have struggled this month to find volunteers to 'man' the shop. Can you help? Training will be given but it really isn't difficult – the days are split up into four shifts – 8am – 10am, 10am – 12 noon, 3pm – 5pm, and 5pm – 6.30pm. There is someone looking after the Post Office, so you would not be on your own. David



## IDE MEMORIAL HALL

It is encouraging to find that a number of organisations are having their regular meetings in the hall again. Everything seems to be getting back to normal but it is important that everyone still sanitizes their hands before entering the hall, that the hall is well ventilated and that a register is kept for track and trace purposes.

The Jubilee Club (over 60's) is meeting on a Monday afternoon every other week, Ide Aloud (choir) meets each Monday evening, the Art Group meets on Tuesday mornings and Pilates and Keep Fit classes also meet each week.

The cost of hiring the hall is £8 per hour during the day and £10 per hour from 6pm. To book the Hall please contact Carol Whitehart on 01392 213608.



### PILATES CLASSES

**RESTARTING FROM**  
**18<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**  
**WEDNESDAYS 6.30PM**  
**FRIDAYS 9.30AM**  
**IDE MEMORIAL HALL**

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**Mobile: 07598120515**



**Elsie Meakin** – We were sorry to learn of the death of Elsie aged 102 and send our condolences to her family. Elsie lived in Ide for many years and at one time ran the village Post Office. Her latter years were spent in a retirement home.

## IDE GREEN ROVERS

Ide Green Rovers AFC are a friendly team football team based in Ide. Formed on the village green around 15 years ago, we have been enjoying our football ever since and are hoping one day to be able to play home games within the village.

We currently play for an hour on Wednesday evenings at West Exe School 8.30pm – 9.30pm and Friday evening at the Hub in Exwick 8pm – 9pm.

We also play competitive football in the Devon & Exeter Sunday League. Our home games are at Tedburn and you can contact Stuart for fixtures if you would like to come and watch a league game.

If you are interested in getting involved please contact Stuart Brooking on 07801 789215 or [stufoot28@gmail.com](mailto:stufoot28@gmail.com).

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# Ide Community Lunch Club

**Fridays 12pm - 1.30pm**

**Ide Village Hall**



**Starting again in September on the 2nd Friday  
of every month, 10 Sept, 8 Oct, 12 Nov, 10 Dec.**

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

## **IN THE DAYS OF 'SHANKS PONY'**

(This was written for the *Ide Times* in 1989 by Frank Moore)

With today's traffic problems the sight of dozens of people walking three and four abreast through the streets of Ide would be enough to set one thinking of a mass suicide pact. Until about the mid 1930's any fine weekend would find whole families meandering through the village having walked from Exeter or Alphington.

All three public houses did a roaring trade and the beer gardens at the rear of each were usually full up. The wooden seats and tables occupied with dad enjoying a pint of beer or cider, mum her glass of port and lemon, and the kids a fizzy drink and a packet of crisps – refreshment before the steady stroll homewards.

Nearly everyone walked in those days. There was a weekday train service, but the first buses, operated by a firm named Milton, didn't commence running from Ide to Exeter until the early 1930's. Cars and motorcycles in the area were few and far between and not many even owned a bicycle. Most men and women walked to work, and children walked as far as three miles to and from the village school – no transport or school meals in those days.

We older boys and some of the girls, used to roam the countryside for miles around, walking through Perridge woods to Fordland pond, Bluebell Woods, Westown Quarry, along the banks of the rivers and streams. Nowhere seemed to hold any bounds of dangers for us. We seemed to know where every bird nested, including owls, kestrel and buzzard hawks, where all the largest trout swam, which corn fields were being harvested and were going to have the largest number of rabbits, which were either caught by dogs or hit over the head with sticks brandished by chasing children, as the rabbits bolted from out of the corn.

A popular pastime some of the older youngsters used to indulge in, on a Sunday afternoon when the trains were not running, was to walk along the railway track from Ide to Longdown Station. We were not allowed to do this but nevertheless we did. The track ran above Westown, through Perridge woods, and eventually passed through a tunnel three-quarters of a mile long, emerging just this side of Longdown Station. It was quite an eerie experience negotiating the tunnel. It was very damp and dark, and owing to a slight bend in it one would not see any light at the far end until quite a part of its length had been walked, and even then it was just a very faint glimmer. After a rest on the Station platform, we would return through the tunnel, walk a few hundred yards back along the railway track, crawl through the wire fence into Perridge Woods, descend, passing Fordland Pond, and join the road leading to Westown and home, with a healthy appetite for tea.

We are indeed very fortunate living where we do that even in these days we can leave our homes and within minutes be in tranquil countryside. There are some wonderful lanes to explore around us, full of a wide variety of flora and fauna – much more exciting than watching it on television. Sadly, some of the places such as Perridge and Bluebell Woods, are now ‘no-go’ areas. The latter was all but totally felled and cleared but happily a lot has been replanted with young broad leaf trees and holds promise for future generations to enjoy.

Westown Quarry has been filled in, so no more kestrel and buzzard hawks will nest there again. The main thing that has all but vanished is the Teign Valley Railway. Traces of it are still showing, but only those of us who remember it can really appreciate what a really scenic route it traversed.

There are still several stretches of water available to explore and enjoy, but today’s youngsters have other interests it seems. The skills of fishing for tiddlers, using a bent pin for a hook, a length of cotton, and a cork for a float, are probably unknown to them. Maybe just as well, as too much of our wildlife and marine life is daily being destroyed in all too many other ways. I only wish that in my school days my contemporaries and I had been taught more of how to appreciate, conserve and preserve the wonderful things around us.

Frank Moore



### **Warm Home Discount – money off your energy bill!**

You might be able to get £140 off your energy bill this winter under the Warm Home Discount Scheme if you’re either:

- in receipt of the guarantee credit part of Pension Credit, or
- on a low income

First check with your energy supplier to see if they offer the Warm Home Discount - not all suppliers are part of the scheme. Each energy supplier only accepts a limited number of applications and if you switch supplier before you get the payment, you have to apply again with your new supplier. The new supplier might have different rules about who gets the discount or it may have closed to new applications, so think about when you swap suppliers. This won’t affect you if you’re in receipt of the guarantee credit part of Pension Credit. Households on prepayment, smart or standard meters can all receive the Warm Home Discount. Find out more about the Warm Home Discount Scheme (including a list of suppliers who participate in this scheme) on [www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme](http://www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme) or contact your energy supplier - their contact details will be on your energy bill.

If you need more help, call Citizens Advice Teignbridge free on 0808 278 7997 or visit [citizensadviceiteignbridge.org.uk](http://citizensadviceiteignbridge.org.uk)

## WEST TOWN FARM NEWS



Well, it's fair to say that August has been a pretty busy month on the farm. After having no large events for over 18 months, August seemed to be jam-packed with weddings, anniversary parties,



community fun days, camping and glamping - we can't remember that last time we've seen so many people on the farm! Our lovely wedding couples brought the events barn back to life with their stunning rustic decor.

August also brought us the surprise of a small patch of sunflowers. After planting them back in April, we'd



suspected that the birds had eaten most of the seeds. However, the sunny spell we had at the start of the month

seemed to give the remaining seeds the final push they needed. We've also started harvesting the damsons from our old orchard, and there have been several very successful jam-making sessions as a result.



Finally, one of the highlights of last month was an early morning group trip over to Shillingford in the tractor-trailer. With the rain clouds looming above, we set out to move a herd of cattle back over to West Town Farm. We were unsuccessful in any attempts to avoid the rain, but aside from this, everything went relatively smoothly. There was a brief escape attempt by one of the calves, who decided they wanted to explore someone's driveway, but we managed to reunite him after a brief pause and with encouragement from the

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