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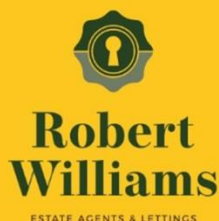
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Ensuring that the village will have more green space for its human inhabitants as well as its wildlife is starting to feel more real nowand what a legacy it will be to all who live here in the future. All we have to do now is pay for it! Fund raising is really stepping up as you will see on pages 2,8,9,14 and 15.

You might have noticed that our adverts pages look smarter and more professional. That's because Ben Ervine has very kindly taken these in hand...Brenda is especially grateful as she has usually been the one landed with this tricky job.



All of us who knew Alan Saunders were greatly saddened by the news of his death in early September. As you will read in some of the items this month, he contributed so much to the village over so many years and will be hugely missed. Our sympathy and thoughts are with Rose.

Articles for the November issue of the Ide Times should be sent to me, Ann Boyce by the 20th October – annboyce@talk21.com

USEFUL NUMBERS

Community Policeman: 101

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

Congregational Church: Jackie Chadwick jacky.c@talktalk.net

M.P. Mel Stride: 02072 197037 melstride.mp@parliament.uk

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

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

The Mobile Library will be in The Huntsman car park from 12.20 to 12.50 on Mondays, 4th October, 1st November and 29th November.

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PARISH COUNCIL

idevillage.org.uk

GREEN SPACE FOR IDE

Fundraising to buy Ide Community Orchard and Weir Meadow with the Northern Fields has begun in earnest. All households in Ide have received leaflets. Printed prospectuses for both projects are available by contacting the chair (see below). They are also online at idevillage.org.uk and greenspaceforide.co.uk

On **Saturday 9 October 2021** there will be an open morning in the Village Hall between 10am and 12 noon with a Launch Pancake Breakfast. We will have information boards showing the plans. Members of the working groups will be there with further details and to answer your questions. And if you'd like to go on site and see for yourself, there will be accompanied visits to the Orchard and to Weir Meadow at 12 noon. **See the poster in this magazine for details of this event.**

EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKING GROUP

The Emergency Planning Working Group are busy updating Ide's Emergency Plan. A copy of the current plan is available on the website idevillage.org.uk

They are looking for volunteers who would be happy to be called out to help with emergencies such as flooding or heavy snowfall – this could be assisting with getting sandbags out of the store, helping to clear blocked drains or gratings or snow clearing.

In the event of an emergency, we would always call 999 and seek professional emergency help immediately, but it would be useful to have people with emergency services experience and/or medical training on the group to help and support any local response.

If you would be happy for your name to be added to the register of helpers, please contact Councillors Paula Burton Perrett on 07970960789 or Ben Ervine on 07980843120; or the Parish Clerk, Mel Liversage on 01392 259024

FLOOD AVOIDANCE

With autumn now here and its fall of leaves and other debris, the Emergency Planning Working Group advise residents to keep gratings and roadside gutters clear outside their houses to avoid flash flooding.

FORE STREET PARKING

Farming machinery got stuck again in early September at the pinch point in Fore Street. Please make certain your vehicle is parked tight up against the curbstone.

VACANCY FOR A NEW 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. 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; Ide Community Orchard; and a 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

Councillor Ben Ervine was appointed as the new chair of the Planning Committee at the Ide Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 15 September 2021

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 Committee unanimously objected to the retention of these signs. Awaiting decision
21/01626/FUL Stevens Farm, Ide Village Road, EX2 9FB. Erection of an Agricultural Storage Shed. The committee debated this application and had no objections. Awaiting decision
Decided Applications
21/01720/TPO Maple House, Old Ide Lane, Ide. Crown reduce, one London plane by up to 4 metres to clear building. PERMISSION REFUSED
The next meeting of Ide Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 17 November 2021 at 7.30pm in Ide Memorial Hall.

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ideparishclerk@gmail.com
 Chair – Nick Bradley 01392 420616
ncabradley@gmail.com
 Cemetery administrator – Sarah Tiley 01392 217142 saraht61@btinternet.com

An Update from our Teignbridge District Councillor

It is a pleasure to be working with communities in person again.

As part of TDCs climate emergency, projects have begun to decarbonise Forde House, and Teignbridge leisure centres. These include Solar PV, and air source heat pumps as well as insulation and other upgrades. The expected saving in year 1 is equivalent to the carbon emissions of roughly 100 homes, this will increase if the electricity supply can continue to move to renewables.

TDC has faced significant challenges in maintaining waste and recycling collections. More people working from home means more domestic waste, and more parked cars in narrow areas. There are staff shortages due to Covid and Brexit, especially HGV drivers. Teignbridge waste collection is in house, and has worked better than surrounding councils which use private outsourced services. The teams have been working weekends and have begun an apprenticeship scheme. Their work is much appreciated, it is a tough but important job and they are working really hard to clear the backlog.

Andy Swain



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.

Alan Saunders

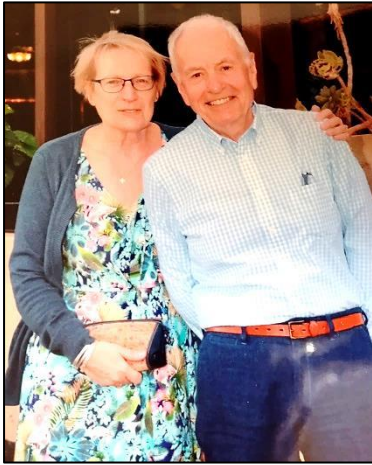
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Alan passed away peacefully at home on 3rd September.

He was diagnosed with lung cancer at the beginning of August, so his illness was brief, and, thanks to the support of Marie Curie Cancer Care, he was able to be at home when it mattered most. After eight nights in hospital, he was so happy to look at the view and see the sky.

We were blessed to have reached our 50th Wedding Anniversary on 30th August.



Alan took early retirement from GCHQ, and we moved back home to Devon and settled in Ide in 2002. I'm very thankful for nearly 20 years of happy retirement together, although our work with the Community Shop has certainly kept us busy. Alan was the shop's I T guy, and perhaps best known as the wine buyer – introducing many of you to the joys of "Richard Red", "Porta 6", and "The Guv'nor" – he will be a hard act to follow!

He had a wide range of interests and was a man of many hobbies – his photos have often taken pride of place on the front cover of Ide Times. Lots of you will have copies of his DVDs – Ide in the Snow, History of Ide Cricket Club, The Queen's Jubilee celebrations, the opening of the Community Shop etc., all sold in aid of charity.

There is a JustGiving page on Facebook in his memory, in favour of Marie Curie, and this has already raised nearly £1,000. Thank you to everyone who has contributed. If anyone wishes to donate, and you don't use Facebook, you can send a cheque payable to Marie Curie, to Le-Roy Funeral Directors, 10 Alphington Road, Exeter EX2 8HH



Thank you for all the messages of condolence and your many offers of support.

Be kind, take care, and enjoy each day.

Rose

We are all very sad and missing Alan who has been such a valuable part of the shop team since the start and filled many roles in the life of the shop both in the shop and behind the scenes. Alan was the go-to man for all the techy, computer and email issues in the shop – a role that Ben has now taken over. Alan was the master of the manual and wrote very clear and very understandable instructions on the various things that needed it and if you followed his instructions whatever was meant to happen happened. Alan's almost had a catch phrase of have you checked the manual.

Alan and Barry used to do the Booker runs before Covid restrictions kicked in. Alan also did regular shifts in the shop and was the wine maestro of the shop – with an eye for a bargain wine or a good new line and always had a write up to tell you what was what about the wine. Clive has stepped into Alan's very big shoes on the wine ordering.

Alan did very many other tasks that just made things happen & kept things ticking over that most people would not even notice but required methodical and precision plodding though and sorting. I really enjoyed working with Alan on the new system and it was fun as we discovered new things it did, or short cuts and I know I have benefited from Alan's wisdom and guidance on many things as I found my feet in the shop.

Our hearts are obviously very much with Rose and life at the shop will never be quite the same, as a real stalwart has gone and that left a hole that cannot be filled on the personal level even if the practicalities go on to keep the shop running, which is how Alan would want it.

To coin the well-used phrase – gone but definitely not forgotten .



Here's to you, Alan

Can we ask you to still wear a face mask when you are visiting the shop and/or post office and to also to sanitise your hands when you come to the shop as we are still trying to keep the shop as safe and secure as we can be for everyone. Just a reminder, we can order any line that you might need in the bread, meat or fruit and veg line if we do not carry it. We can also order newspapers or magazines for you.

Also remember we can reuse your egg boxes and honey jars – all helping the green effect.

And continuing very grateful thank yous for leaving the designated PO car parking space free by the village hall – we really appreciate it, and it helps us greatly.

As always, we welcome help in the shop on many levels and we have roles to suit all personalities and skill levels so please do talk to us if you would like to get involved as little or as much as you would like – volunteering in the shop can be more than sitting on the till – come out and find out about other things we need help with.

The shop AGM has been postponed until early in 2022 – due to ongoing rising Covid rates & other reasons. Apologies to the ever patient Colin for yet another date change.

Zetta King

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

Now that organisations are meeting again the hall is in regular use. Our thanks to Carol who makes sure it is open, clean and ready for you when you arrive.

We are now accepting bookings for children's parties for which we make a charge of £25.



We are planning to have a fixed screen on the end wall of the hall which can be pulled down for use when needed. The present portable screen is not the easiest of things to erect! We also hope to have shelving in the small room in order to keep it tidier.

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.

Brenda Spivey

Volunteer Opportunity *****

Kevin and Sue have been delivering Ide Times, in the High St. for a few years now, but sadly are leaving the village. Our thanks to them. If there is anyone who would like to take on the job, just half an hour a month, we would be delighted to hear from you!

Please let me or Brenda know. That would be great.

Thanks Sue Campbell, Brenda Spivey.

GREEN SPACE FOR IDE FUNDRAISING LAUNCH

WITH

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SAT 9TH OCTOBER 2021
10AM - MIDDAY

IDE VILLAGE HALL



IN AID OF WEIR MEADOW AND IDE COMMUNITY ORCHARD

**Come and join us for a pancake
breakfast or just a cup of tea and find
out more about GREEN SPACE FOR IDE
projects**

Two projects to secure public open space for recreation, physical activity, conservation, events, education, and sport in the village - now and for future generations.

Ide Community Orchard

The Victorian Orchard is three and a half acres of ancient apple orchard right on the edge of Ide village. Dating from the middle ages, it survives unploughed; and has been neglected for the past 40 years. Spurred on by discussions for Ide Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish Council decided in 2017 to try to buy the orchard from the Church Commissioners, to use as a village amenity and run as a community orchard: Ide has so little public open space compared to her town and city counterparts.

By purchasing the orchard we could give free access to open land close to home, encouraging physical activity in attending to the trees, grass and hedges. We would organise harvesting and juicing the crop as a community effort; hold outdoor communal events; provide a place for relaxation, education and reflection; and protect the heritage, ecology and integrity of a cherished part of the neighbourhood.

Weir Meadow Playing Field and Northern Fields

Ide is a tightly packed village with little public open space. The Green is small, bounded by road on two sides, good for children's kickabouts, exercise classes, the annual fete, but not a great deal more. So when the opportunity came to acquire Weir Meadow, a flat, six acre field at the western edge of the village on Halscombe Lane, the Parish Council determined to do just that: to secure open space for sport, exercise and recreation, publicly owned, for public use, for the first time in Ide's history.

The Church Commissioners own the Meadow; and retaining agricultural access for their tenant farmer across it, to the two Northern Fields which border College Lane, was to be a condition of sale. The Parish Council could not accept this, and looked at a number of solutions. In the end, the answer was clear: to buy the Northern Fields as well. This will allow us to protect the land from development, ensure it is used in an ecologically positive way, and solve the problem of access across the Meadow. Renting them to a tenant, with access down College Lane, will also generate income for the Council to run Weir Meadow Playing Field.

In October 2020 we secured planning permission for change of use of Weir Meadow from agriculture to a recreation ground.

In March 2021 we signed an option agreement with the Commissioners to buy the Meadow and Northern Fields, allowing us three years to raise the funds, certain that the purchase is ours to make at any point during that period. Once purchased, the community can then start using the Meadow for sport and open green public space. Further sums will be needed to fund the planned additional uses over time.

The first step of our approach to raising funds to purchase the land and develop these projects is to seek support from the village community, so come and join us on 9th October 10am -12noon to find out more.



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JUBILEE CLUB

Once again there was that buzz of chatter in the Memorial Hall on a Monday afternoon, yes the Jubilee Club getting back into a routine of fortnightly meetings. I extend an invitation to any over a certain age to give us a try.

There was Bingo on September 6th, I know that is not everyone's idea of an afternoon out but is enjoyed by some and, well good to meet up for a couple of hours.



On September 20th, Norman Maudsley took us on a walking trip, coast to coast by the Great Glen Way, which was formed by an earthquake. Starting his journey at Fort William, a holiday with accommodation booked along the route. Joining the Caledonian Canal which was totally man-made, completed in 1882, no big machinery back then!



There are many locks to be negotiated by those traveling by boat. Neptune's Staircase is a flight of eight locks raising the canal by 62 feet over a quarter of a mile. The canal runs alongside the river Oich but at a higher level. Then walking alongside Loch Ness, lovely scenery with mountains and valleys, on to Inverness, joining the canal for the final part of the journey.



Our thanks to the family of Evelyn Brimblecombe for the generous sum of £322.00 raised from donations at her funeral.

Diary.

October 4th. A talk by Susie Healey from The Exeter Hospice.

October 18th Dartmoor Ghost Stories by Paul Rendell.

November 1st Being a Registrar Maureen Hunter.

Jean Hoskin

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:

October	11am
3rd	Ruth Endacott
10th	David Bulley
17th	Adrian Dawe
24th	Des Gardiner
31st	Denzil Tancock

We are planning to start our Thursday evenings 'Coffee, Chat and Challenge' again in October, so please keep an eye on the notice board outside the church for dates.

Roy Endacott

SAINT IDA'S CHURCH



3 rd October	Trinity 18	9.30am	HARVEST FESTIVAL
10 th October	Trinity 19	9.30am	Morning Praise
17 th October	Trinity 20	9.30am	Holy Communion
24 th October	Trinity 21	8am	Holy Communion
31 st October	10am Zoom Service for all three parishes		

We are now able to have music at Services and can sing hymns, but we are still required to wear masks.

Summer Fete – 11th September

Thank you to all those who made the Fete such a happy occasion – those who helped set up tents and furniture, ran stalls, served nourishment and organised..... It brought the community together after such a difficult 18 months and we were delighted to raise about £1,900. We have pledged to give £300 each to Hospicecare, Weir Meadow and Orchard groups, with the balance going towards St Ida's roof fund.



We all enjoyed watching the dog show and, of course, the egg catching competition. The picture is Ella and Monty winning the Best Six Legs category in the dog show.

Harvest Festival – 3rd October.

We have obtained a 'Wish List' from St Petrock's to give people an idea of what to donate at Harvest Services and this is on the table at the back of the Church. They would be grateful for packaged goods such as sugar, coffee, hot chocolate, uht/long life milk, fruit squash, biscuits, chocolate bars; tinned items such as fruit, vegetables, meats and fish; also cleaning items and toiletries. If you would like to bring these to the Service or leave them in Church they will be delivered to St Petrock's.

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 has been good to meet again a couple of times recently, once in church for our annual Wave of Prayer, a continuous prayer circle around the globe, by members around the world.

We will meet again on Tuesday (note) 19th Oct. 2.30pm at my home 15 Fore St.
Sue Campbell.

Ide Climate and Environment Emergency group

Can you help?

- Ide has been working towards the "plastic free community" award, Much of the work has been done, (by Georgina Ambrose) and we need someone with a little spare time to help coordinate the last few steps. If you could help please contact Pip Smithson (pip@phonecoop.coop).
- We would really like some teenagers and young people involved. Know anyone who might be interested?
- A good way to influence community development is consultations. These are often quick and simple online questionnaires, if you would be interested in helping, please contact Andy Swain (andy.swain.council@gmail.com)
- Increasing accessible green space, and biodiversity in the Parish is important. A plan to make the churchyard more wildflower rich has been started this year (see next item). We can look for other areas such as verges. If you have any ideas please contact Richard Cottle.

Here are some great actions that have already happened in the village:

- Producing a local recycling guide (on the Parish council website)
- Solar panels on the shop, and plans for some on school.
- A well attended and interesting climate emergency public meeting.
- Working towards "Plastic Free Ide" status
- Litter picks (meet at the shop 10 am 2nd Sunday of the month)

And here are some ongoing projects you might like to get involved in:

- Buying local e.g. Ide Village Shop, West Town Farm, Shillingford Organics
- Better walking, cycling and bus options
- Electric Car charging (For those without off-road parking)
- Personal carbon footprints, sharing the results and setting targets to reduce your own footprint
- Occasional social meet-ups at the huntsman or poachers

You don't have to take part directly with the group to assist (although that would be great). We can all make changes that will help. So, buy local, use the community shop and West Town Farm; cycle and use public transport for short journeys and change your energy supplier to one that provides electricity from renewable sources.

CHURCHYARD UPDATE



The grass in the churchyard had its main cut in the second week of August. After allowing the cut grass to dry a team of volunteers raked it up, with two large trailer loads being transported off to West Town Farm for composting. Thanks to everyone who came along for this outdoor exercise session! It was clear from the raking that there was quite a build-up of 'thatch' at the base of the grass from previous years, as material was not removed from the site. It will take a bit

more effort to clear this, but exposing the soil surface will allow seeding with additional wild flower species to take place in the coming month. In August the seed of the semi-parasitic Yellow Rattle was collected from meadows at Ashton and this will be sown in some areas of the churchyard to reduce grass growth. Once seeding has taken place, further mowing will be undertaken by Teignbridge District Council up until the winter. It will certainly be interesting to see what changes this work brings to the vegetation and wildlife of the churchyard over the next year or so.

Richard Cottle (Ide Wildlife Warden)

Ide Sports Day

Huge thanks to everyone who came along to the sports day on 29 August, we hope you had as much fun as we did. Particular thanks to those who donated towards it and those who made it happen.

Ide Cricket Club

We raised over £3,000 for the Weir Meadow project!



Photos kindly provided by Claire Wills (top two) and Nick Irving (tug of war)



WEST TOWN FARM NEWS



September has been a really fun month on the farm, and the yard has been busy with familiar faces, the sound of laughter and the smell of great food. We seem to have been cooking endless BBQs recently, and it's been brilliant to show off our meat to so many people. If you've popped into the farm shop recently, you may have noticed that the customer freezer has been missing some popular cuts (burgers and steaks in particular!), so anyone who's been waiting for those will be glad to hear that we're getting fresh beef on around the 9th.

Coming into October, it's also the time of year when we'll be carrying out our TB testing. This means all hands on deck at the farm as we work together to check and test every animal. Fingers crossed all goes well, and we'll be able to report back next month with happy results!

Finally, something that we've had lots of questions about already - pumpkin picking! This year we've decided to do things a little differently; we've been talking as a team on the farm, and we've decided not to host Apple and Pumpkin Day. Whilst the pandemic has been hard in many ways, it has also given us a clean slate to work with and the chance to try new things and reset tradition. As such, instead of Apple and Pumpkin Day, we'll be hosting a number of Pumpkin Days during the last week of the month, with pumpkin picking, a cafe, a haybale maze and other activities on the yard. With fewer people at each session, we'll be able to focus on ensuring everyone has a great experience on the farm and still feels safe in the process. To anyone looking to book a pumpkin picking session, please check out our social media and website for updates.



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