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We seem to be missing a bit of Autumn colour this year so we've provided some in this edition. Apparently, many of you have visited the beautiful fly agarics shown on the cover after they featured on Facebook (courtesy of Richard Cottle)

There's also lots of news about the Green Spaces for Ide Fundraising, and invitations to more fundraising and other seasonal events ...a jumble sale, café and raffle in the village hall, a party up at west town farm and fireworks at The Poachers. Lots to look forward to!

Ann Boyce

Articles for the December and January issue of the Ide Times should be sent to Brenda by the 20th November please brendaspivey123@btinternet.com



Community Shop Opening Hours: (Tel. 410035)

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

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Sundays 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-

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

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GREEN SPACE FOR IDE

The fundraising campaign to buy Victorian Orchard and Weir Meadow with the Northern Fields has made a remarkable start. Since the summer the totals raised for each project in donations received or pledged, and from fund raising events, are at the time of going to press £20,849 for the Orchard and £35,830 for the Meadow and Fields: a total of £56,680 for both projects. Twenty-six donors account for this total to date, so we are confident that the appeal will raise further funds over the coming weeks.

On 9 October we put on an exhibition of plans and photographs in the village hall, accompanied by a pancake breakfast organized by Cheryl Haddy and Olivia Ambrose.

Members of the working groups were on hand to give further details, to answer questions, and after breakfast to lead accompanied visits to the Orchard and Weir Meadow for people to see for themselves what the land looks and feels like. Around 100 people came for breakfast, raising £305 for the projects.



Next up is the **Jumble Sale on 20 November.**

Some FAQs on Weir Meadow and the Orchard

Q. Why are we buying the Orchard?

A. To provide public open green space in perpetuity for residents, so lacking in Ide at present.

A. For community activities - apple picking and juicing, events, horticulture, school educational sessions.

A. To protect the land from development and encourage wildlife

Q. Why are we buying Weir Meadow?

A. To provide a public playing field for Ide. The Green is too small. The current cricket field is private and its future is not secure.

A. To provide publicly available open green space for walking, recreation and sport with a football pitch, cricket field, playground, MUGA and BMX track.

Q. Why do we have to buy the Northern Fields as well?

A. Owning them is the only way of securing unfettered access to and control of Weir Meadow Playing Field.

A. We would let them to a tenant with a condition that they use College Lane to access them.

A. Without them, agricultural vehicles would have permanent access round one or other border of the Meadow, and share the entrance. This would be dangerous, repeatedly damaging to the ground at the entrance, interfere with

plans for car parking, a playground, footpaths, public recreation and walking, and the banks of the stream; and rob us of valuable area for sport which we had paid for.

A. Installing track, fencing or even a bridge would be expensive, without any return or appreciation on the cost. Better to invest that money in the N Fields.

A. Protect the N Fields from development on the edge of the village.

Q. How much money do we have to raise?

A. £62,000 for the Orchard.

A. £170,000 for Weir Meadow and the N Fields.

Q. What happens if we don't raise all the money by donations and events?

A. We are applying to a company under the landfill tax scheme for a grant for up to half the cost of the Orchard. This is not available for Weir Meadow. We will know the outcome by early January 2022 at the earliest.

A. If and when it seemed that further donations were unlikely, and we had not reached the target, the Parish Council would have the chance to apply to the Public Works Loan Board to borrow the balance required, provided the village lent its support. A loan could be repaid over 50 years at a preferential low fixed rate of interest through the parish precept element of the council tax. We would set out the figures involved in detail, collect the views of every household, and hold a public meeting, before making any decision to apply. As an illustration, for example, if we were to take a loan of £100,000, that would at current rates be reflected in an additional £1.17 per month for an average Band D household's council tax; proportionately less for lower Bands, more for higher Bands.

Q. What is an option agreement?

A. A legal contract (agreement) between two parties - the Parish Council and the Church Commissioners for England - which gives the buyer the right (option) to buy the property for the price and under the conditions set out in the contract, at any time of the buyer's choosing before the end of the option period, which for the Orchard is July 2024, and for Weir Meadow is March 2024. But we don't want to wait that long!

Use of the Orchard and Weir Meadow

Residents are reminded that the Church Commissioners still own both sites. The village has not yet bought them, and they remain private property. There is no right of way or public access for walking in these fields.

FLOOD AVOIDANCE

The Emergency Planning Working Group ask that residents keep gratings and roadside gutters clear outside their houses to avoid flash flooding. In the event of flooding, the keyholders for accessing the sandbags stored in the Portacabin in the carpark are:

Ben Irvine 07980 843120; Mark Thomas 07748 148017; or Paula Burton Perrett 07970 960789

IDE in BLOOM

Congratulations to Ide Growers who, under the leadership of Paula Burton Perrett, entered this year's Royal Horticultural Society's "**Community Gardens Section**" of the Britain in Bloom competition and won a **Silver Award**.

PLANNING MATTERS

Appeal.

Appeal 32781669 has been lodged against refusal of **planning application 20/00615**, land opposite **Chillies, College Lane, Ide** for five detached dwellings with garages and creation of access.

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. **Awaiting decision**

21/01626/FUL Stevens Farm Ide Village Road EX2 9FB. Erection of an Agricultural Storage Shed, the councillors debated this application and they had no objections to this application **Awaiting decision**

Parking on the pavement splays at the Fore Street junction with Ide Village Road. Paula Burton Perrett recently met up with Devon Highways to discuss possible ways of preventing this. It causes a real safety hazard as the parked vehicles obscure clear visibility when exiting the village. Double yellow lines may not be the answer. Please can we ask that people refrain from parking on the pavements, which happens regularly these days, particularly at school pick up and drop off times.

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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Chair – Nick Bradley 01392 420616 ncabradley@gmail.com

Cemetery Administrator Sarah Tiley 01392 217142 Sarah61@btinternet.com



Green Space for Ide

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the Pancake Breakfast at the village hall on Saturday 9th October.

It was terrific seeing so many people keen to find out more about the Weir Meadow and Orchard projects. Having the backing and support of the village will be vital if they are to be a success.

Breakfast was followed up with visits to both sites.

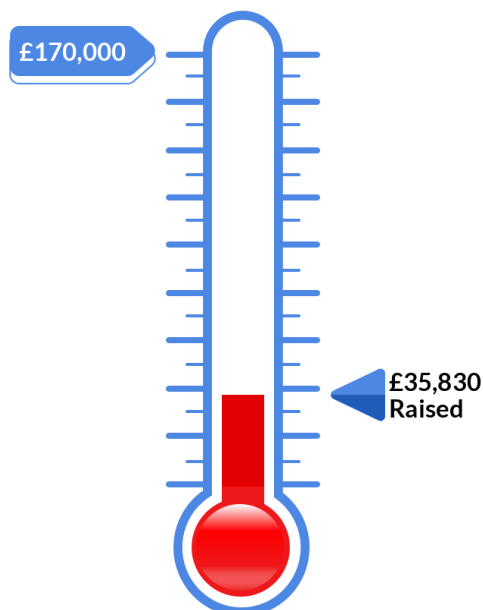
Mark Thomas (on behalf of Ide PC)



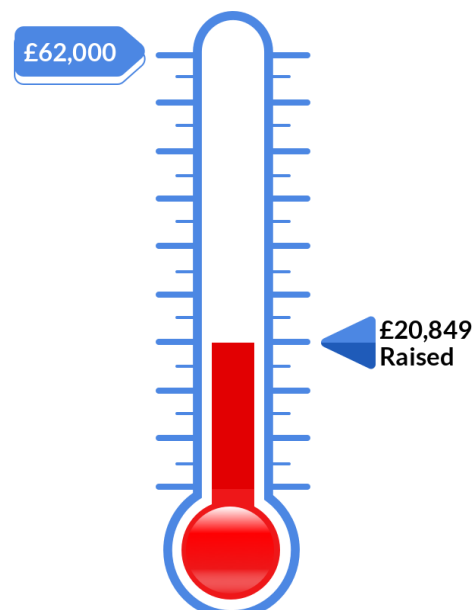
Fundraising has only just started and we shall keep you posted with the progress made here in Ide Times, on facebook and on <http://idevillage.org.uk/>

Also, watch out for news on more fundraising events over the coming weeks and months.

Weir Meadow



Ide Orchard

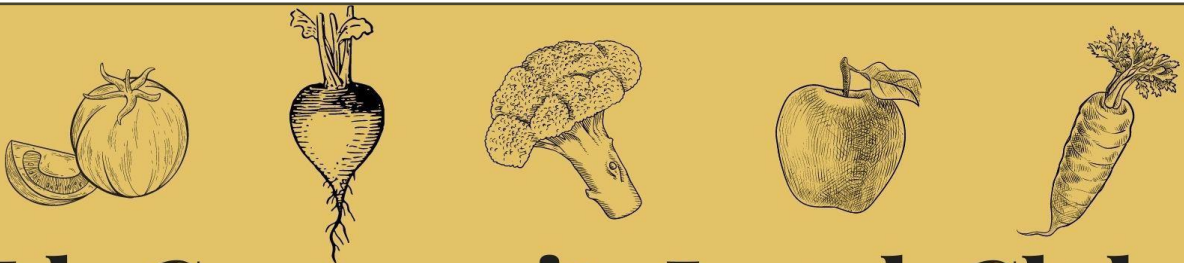




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IDE JUMBLE SALE, CAFE & RAFFLE

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Ide Village Hall



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IDE MEMORIAL HALL

The village hall is now in regular use with even a Jumble Sale & Café on the 20th November. I think it is a long time since we have had a Jumble Sale! If you are planning an event please talk to Carol and make sure the hall is free on the date you are considering.



Now the days are getting cooler, you will need to use common-sense regarding the amount of ventilation you have and also the need to keep the hall warm.

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

If you would like to book the Hall please contact Carol Whitehart on 01392 213608. The cost is £8 per hour during the daytime and £10 per hour from 6pm.
B.Spivey

Safer Routes for Ide

The trial closure of Doctors Walk to protect residents and users of Balls Farm Road and Little John's Cross Hill continues. Traffic surveys have shown a huge reduction in the illegal traffic, and a big increase in active travel (walking and cycling). It has reopened the routes into Ide that were being made unusable while retaining access for residents and those wishing to visit the affected roads. The numbers of people contacting local councillors and the police after scary incidents with fast or aggressive traffic has also dropped right off. Over the next few weeks Devon County Council will again be contacting businesses and residents of the roads. They will probably not contact Ide residents for their views on the improved access for our village, so whatever your views, you can make them heard by emailing transportplanning-mailbox@devon.gov.uk. If you have contacted them before, you can email again, to let them know how the trial has developed for you.

Andy Swain



Ide in Bloom

Well, it was our first go at Britain in Bloom. I wasn't sure what we were supposed to be doing, growing is very hit and miss and we had very challenging spring weather. But...

With the help and support of the Ide Growers and all you lovely people of Ide we scooped a SILVER (!!) in our category and our Community Orchard attained a level 2 improving award in the 'Its our neighbourhood scheme'!

I'm made up / very pleased / quite proud - all of the above, well done everyone 🙌

And yesI might just be up for going for silver gilt next year if anyone else is?!!

Happy blooming 🌸🌸🌸 Paula

November – Nice New Volunteers, Nice New Nibbles & Nonreturning Bags!

Thank you very much to everyone who supported us in so many kind ways for our Macmillan Deconstructed Coffee Morning on Friday 24 September. Thank you to Miles Tea & Coffee, Exeter Brewery, Munchies Cakes, Kenniford Farm, Orchardlea Foods, Little Bowhay & Devon Orchard Ltd & Showbitz Ltd, plus lots of generous villagers for all the donations of wonderful draw prizes. Thanks to Alice & Iris at Ide School for printing A3 signs for us, as you have done on numerous other occasions – we appreciate this & thank you so much for helping us in this way. Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets, named the teddy bear, or donated to our collection box. We were really pleased to be able to send £301 off to Macmillan for all their very worthwhile work.

We are delighted to welcome Di, Mike & Adam to our band of wonderful volunteers & they have already done several shifts each & it feels like they have been with us forever – they are great & have grasped shop life so well & we are so pleased to have you with us & love working with you – you have made such a difference already & really got into the swing of it.



We have a delightful range of new greeting cards in the shop – Skillpig Cards – they are so cute & personalised to Ide so are ideal for sending to someone who used to live in Ide or to send greetings to someone from Ide. We thought we would try them, & they sold so well so quickly with the special offer price we had to launch them. We are getting more in & expanding the range, including some Christmas ones.

Just a reminder to return your shops handmade cloth bag if you have one when you are next in the shop. Janet & her super team of sewers regular make up batches of bags for the shop, but the idea is they are taken home & then

brought back on your next visit to be used again. We think there are 300 bags around the village somewhere – we know they are lovely but we would like them back if you have one lurking somewhere so we can keep them in circulation, & everyone gets a bag to use when they need one. Thank you also to Jane & Vron for donating material for the bags as well as well as grateful thanks to the sewers, led by Janet, for giving up their time to make the bags when needed. Also, huge thank you & well dones to Janet on the sheer number of facemasks she has made to keep everyone safe over these challenging times & what a fantastic amount has been raised for Hospicecare through the sale of them.

We could not believe how popular Pest the Seagull was over the summer & the fun we had with him, the great conversations that came about from his various antics so we have a new fun member joining the shop team leading up to Christmas & we already get the feeling he might create more fun & generate more mischief than Pest did so keep your eyes & ears open to see & hear what he gets up to very soon.



The shop has added a new line to its popular Borders Biscuits Sharing range – we now have a Borders Luxury Sharing range where their biscuits are covered in chocolate – so yummy biscuits get even more moreish – & a great present idea plus an ideal thing to take along if you are meeting a friend for coffee.

We have recently expanded the range of Kenniford Farm lines we carry with tender loins, belly pork slices, gammon joints, gammons slices, loin steaks in stock alongside the very popular pork & apple burgers & chipolata sausages we carry as standard. We also carry a wide range of their flavoured sausages including, pork & apple, pork & black pepper, Hickory Smoked, Old English Pork, Honey Roasted & various other flavours. We can get Kenniford lines in once a week to order for you but can get other meats daily to order as you need them, & we will be expanding this range more & more with some exiting new additions – more details to follow soon.



We have access to some very good local suppliers who supply very high quality & locally produced products, & we can save food miles & travelling miles by getting them in for you. Please do ask us if there is anything you would like us to get for you in the fruit & veg, meat or bread lines most available the next day already for you. Well done and thank you to Rich Reardon for covering the volunteer rota whilst David & Janet have a much deserved holiday in Ghana.

Please can you ensure you still wear your facemask & sanitise your hands when visiting the shop.

Also, if you leave items for us to post on the Post Office counter when we are shut can you please ensure you have left enough postage to cover the item being sent & a contact number for us to contact you if we have a query – thank you for your help on this. There is a leaflet available in the Post Office with the last posting dates for Christmas and Christmas postal arrangements to help you with your planning.

Zetta King

Ide Congregational Church

What's happening this month

Sunday Services are held at 11am each week.



Our speakers this month are:

November	11am
7 th	Des Gardiner
14 th	Ruth Endacott (Remembrance Sunday)
21 st	Samuel Oliver
28 th	Denzil Tancock

Other activities:

Thursday 4th November at 7pm – it's time for **Coffee Chat and Challenge**



On Thursday 4th November at 7pm we will meet together for Coffee, Chat and Challenge

A time for discussions and reflections relating to the Christian faith.

Everyone welcome and there's always food!

Sunday 14th November is **Remembrance Sunday**. Our service will start after a time of remembrance and reflection at the War Memorial.

Thursday 18th November at 7pm we will be holding our **Annual General Meeting** at the Congregational Church. An opportunity to plan for the future.

Everyone welcome.

Roy Endacott



John Spurr Photography

SAINT IDA'S CHURCH



7 th November	3 before Advent	9.30am	Holy Communion
14 th November	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY		
	10.45am Special Service at the War Memorial		
21 st November	1 before Advent	9.30am	Holy Communion
28 th November	Advent 1	8am	Holy Communion

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

At our Harvest Festival on the 3rd October the Church was beautifully decorated and our thanks go to those who brought and arranged flowers. Our thanks too go to Sarah Tiley who provided us with a wonderful harvest loaf in the shape of a sheaf of corn with two mice included. This has now been taken to the school's harvest thanksgiving. A large collection of non-perishable foodstuffs, etc, were donated and were gratefully received by St Petroc;s.

The following Friday, 8th October, saw the **Wedding** of Ashton Snow to Adam Thomas. Deborah Stevens had arranged the wedding flowers, so once again the Church was beautifully decorated. We wish Ashton and Adam a long and happy life together.



Christmas – It is rather early to be thinking about Christmas but this year it is hoped to have a Midnight Service on Christmas Eve starting at 11pm. Unfortunately our regular organist is already booked and we are wondering if there is anyone locally who would be willing to play for us on that occasion. This Service will be in addition to the Christingle Service which we hope will be able to take place this 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

JUBILEE CLUB

On October 4th Susie Healey gave us all a very varied insight into the work and workings of the Hospice and **Hospiscare** in general. First, she gave us some startling facts about how much it takes to run the service – 8 million pounds. There is only a single 12 bedded ward, but the service cares for two and half thousand people every year, many through Day Care or being looked after in their own homes. The advantage of home care being a dedicated nurse, looking after not only the patient but the wider family as well.

She also told us about some of their more exciting ventures; they arranged for one couple to visit their family in Australia and another her family in France, all with the appropriate care and medication to see them through their trip. They must have made such a difference to the families involved.

She also made us work! Normally she would have had a bag of relevant items and would ask her audience to work out what they meant – but this time she had to remember them. We did very well connecting drinking straws to nourishment, candles to memory and volunteer badges to the vast number (1100) of volunteers, who along with the paid staff enable the service to reach as many people as possible.

Her one regret was not being able to keep in personal contact with everyone during Covid, but she was pleased to report that although shops and other fundraising projects had had to be cut back the funds had held up very well. The number of outlets that help to raise money was almost endless – stamps, furniture, books, open garden schemes, legacies and sponsorship – I could go on!

Needless to say we all went home much more knowledgeable and appreciative of the work of Hospicare in its many roles, well done Susie.

Jean was enjoying her daughter's birthday with a weekend away, so everyone had to step up this week, with special thanks to Nora for amusing us with her latest poems – we look forward to more.

Thank you Christine Lethbridge for doing the report on the October 4th meeting. October 18th, we had Paul Rendell relating Ghost Stories from Dartmoor. There are many stories to be told and indeed well known names mentioned. Agatha Christie wrote her first novel at The Moorlands Hotel where things happen in threes It was burnt down, the magnificent chandelier in the ballroom came crashing down followed by the windows shattering. In the 1960s there was a fatality in the railway tunnel at Grenofen. There were men working there , one of whom was deaf and failed to hear the approach of an unscheduled train. Paul's torch on entering the tunnel went out, lighting up as soon as he came outside? R. D Blackmore's story of Lorna Doone was inspired by a visit to Lydford Gorge and tales of a band of robbers, hence the outlaw Doones carrying out their dastardly deeds on Exmoor

We are taking names for a trip to Otter Nurseries on November 15th and would appreciate a good support to help cover the cost of the coach. The charge is £7.00 . everyone welcome

At the September 20th meeting when Norman Maudsley gave a talk the sum of £68.60. was raised for Devon Air Ambulance by the fee and generous donations, thank you.

Diary.

November 1st Being a Registrar. Maureen Hunter.

November 15th Outing to Otter Nurseries. Leaving Cowick Street 10. 40.
Dunsford Hill 10.45. Ide 11.00. and Alphington 11.10.

November 29th. Christmas Bingo.

December 13th Christmas Party with Pantomime

Jean Hoskin



Taking Back the Land

Holidaying in the Outer Hebrides a couple of weeks ago. I was surprised to learn about something that connected life in those distant islands to life back here in Ide. I had no idea that the Outer Hebrides have actually led the way in buying back land from landlords for the local community. In the Clearances of the 17th and 18th centuries people were removed from their homes, often forcibly to make way for more profitable agriculture, mostly huge sheep farms. Nowadays, however, nearly 50% of the islands' land mass is community owned and about three quarters of the islands' inhabitants live on this community land. The buyouts that brought this about have been largely funded by generous grants from the Scottish government. The local land trusts who now manage the areas of community land are investing in renewable energy, home insulation, affordable housing, community facilities, environmental improvement and locally based enterprises to bring in more income and provide jobs. All this is helping to stem the tide of depopulation that the islands have been experiencing and is restoring a sense of community and agency to individuals.

An inspiring story! Of course Ide's plans to buy more community green space around the village is less ambitious, but it is still part of an important movement giving communities more control over their environment.

Ann Boyce



Barra, Outer Hebrides

The Ide Show

The 2021 Ide Show took place on a sunny Sunday at the end of September - with the green as the venue for the first time.

Thanks

It could hardly have turned out better. We had more entries than ever before and the good weather meant lots of people came along to admire the contributions, have a cuppa and a slice of cake and enjoy the much missed pleasure of chatting with friends and neighbours.

Ide Growers would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped put up and take down tents, share their electricity or give up their time to judge the various categories.

The winners were:

Preserves: Wendy Fellows

Flowers: Wendy Fellows

Vegetables: David Williams

Fruit: David Williams

Baking: Michelle Reynolds

Other Produce: Mark Thomas

Children: James Wannell

Total points: Sue Cloke

Best in Show: Wendy Fellows (jam)



Wendy and her trophies

We'll be back in 2022. Before then we'll be holding a **Seed Swap** in the new year, **Plant Swap** in April and **Open Gardens** in early summer. Details to follow on all of these events but if you have seeds from plants in your garden you think you'd like to share, then put them in an envelope for safekeeping.

It's going to be a busy year!

Ide Growers



WEST TOWN FARM NEWS



As I mentioned in last month's entry, we had TB testing last month, and thankfully the results came back clear. It was a whole group effort to get all the cows checked, but well worth it for the reassurance that they're all healthy and TB-free!

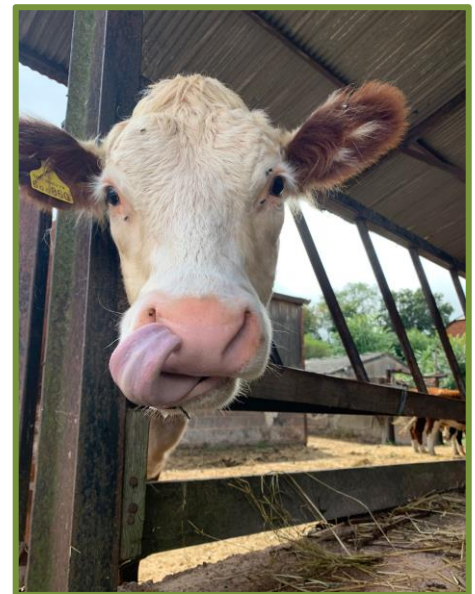


There have also been lots of educational visits taking place on the farm over October, and the children have been learning all about apple picking and pressing with Kevin and the Organic Arts team.

It feels like we've officially seen the last of summer now, and everything has turned quite autumnal all of a sudden - the vast amount of pumpkins decorating the farm probably plays a big role on that front! Later in the month, we also moved a group of cattle back over to the Barton in Shillingford after they'd spent the summer grazing the fields at West Town.

Finally, we know it's been a strange year for everyone, but as a big thank you for everyone's continued support, we'd love to invite you all for an evening of music and festivities on Friday 26th November. From 6-9pm, we'll be serving free burgers from the BBQ and mulled cider to keep you warm! This will be a family-friendly event, so we hope you can all make it for what we're sure will be a lovely evening. If you're on Facebook, it would be great if you could show your interest in attending by clicking 'going' on our event page, so we have an idea of how much food to cook!

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