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# MARCH 2023

Huge thanks to all those who made the wassailing possible – it was greatly enjoyed by so many and likely the start of a new tradition. Lots to look forward to in the coming month but if, like many of us who live in this lovely spot, you have concerns about the proposed siting of a largish new village next door then the public meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup> (details on page 2) is your chance to find out more and make your views known.

Ann Boyce

Articles for the April issue of the Ide Times should be sent to Brenda Spivey by the 20<sup>th</sup> March [brendaspivey123@btinternet.com](mailto:brendaspivey123@btinternet.com)



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## 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 12.30 to 12.50 on **Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March** .

### 360 Bus Timetable

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

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**IDE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Idesvillage.org.uk**

**PUBLIC MEETING – Markham Village**

**On Friday 3 March 2023 at 7.30pm** in Ide Memorial Hall to hear about and comment on Teignbridge District Council's latest consultation draft of the Local (District) Plan 2020 -2040, published in December 2022.

Ide Parish Council discussed the plan on 25 January 2023 and decided to call a public meeting for residents, with particular reference to policy EE1, a proposal to create Markham Village – 900 houses in the parish of Ide. We have invited officers from Teignbridge District planning department to explain the plans, along with representatives from Alphington, Ide, Holcombe Burnell, Shillingford and the Alphington Forum. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please send your comments and questions to be raised with the planners to Mel Liversage, parish clerk, at [ideparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:ideparishclerk@gmail.com)

In the previous version, Markhams Farm was put forward as a potential site. It attracted strong objections, including from Ide Parish Council citing our own Neighbourhood Plan. Markhams Farm is part of the Devon County Farms Estate, and is very high quality agricultural land. Despite a petition with over 2,000 signatures to save the county farms, this site was selected for concept planning in the new version of the plan: 900 homes, with 20% affordable, called Markham Village. Vehicular access to the site will be from the Shillingford end of Markham Lane; and from Ide Village Road through a new access road emerging at Springwell Nursery. The full plan is on the village website or the Teignbridge DC website under Local Plan 2020-2040. There are links to send your comments on the plans to TDC, and the Parish Councillors encourage as many resident as possible to express their views and comments. A paper copy is available in the Ide Community Shop

**WASSAILING IN IDE COMMUNITY ORCHARD**

On a beautiful, cold and bright evening, 5pm on Sunday 5 February, we welcomed everyone to our first Wassail. The sun was setting and a new moon rising. Around 80 residents joined in blessing the trees, placing bread in the chosen tree and sprinkling the roots with cider to encourage a good harvest. Some trees were lit. Apple cake was eaten, and the wassailers processed around the orchard singing, banging metal pots and then gathering around a fire to hear poems and readings about the Wassail.

Enormous thanks to Mark Thomas and Peter Cloke for organising the event and to their helpers, Lily Ballard, Kate Morley and Rachel Thomas. We look forward to repeating this ceremony for many years to come.

**PARKING PINCHPOINT AT THE GREEN**

The Parish Council received reports of two recent significant incidents caused by a car parked at the narrowest part of The Green, preventing emergency vehicles getting to The Hams. In January a fire engine could not get through to attend a house fire in the Hams; and in February, an ambulance could not get past to attend an emergency. There have also been reports of occasions when bin lorries could not get past.

The Devon Highways Neighbourhood Officer visited the spot at The Green in February and advised that it should be double yellow lined. The Parish Council has formally requested this, but it takes time to be consulted on, approved and carried out.

In the meantime, given the nature of these incidents and a concern to prevent further serious problems, the Parish Council has put down three heavy duty traffic cones, with notices requesting that cars do not park at the pinch point.

## PLANNING MATTERS:

<b>New applications</b>	
<a href="#">22/00732/FUL</a>	<b>Rollsbridge House, Ide.</b> Change of use of outbuilding from ancillary residential storage to office (use Class E). Supported.
<a href="#">22/02317/CAN</a>	<b>Cobbe House, Station Road, Ide.</b> T1, Tulip Tree: Fell. Deferred to the tree officer on this occasion.
<a href="#">22/02335/HOU IDE</a>	<b>- 7 St Idas Close, Ide.</b> Single storey rear extension, including altered roof and front porch and internal alterations, raised deck patio to rear, as amended following initial refusal. Supported.
<b>Current Applications.</b>	
<a href="#">22/01884/HOU</a>	<b>, 12 High Street, Ide.</b> Summerhouse to rear. Supported. The committee unanimously felt that this application was one that they were willing to support. Awaiting decision by TDC
<a href="#">22/00826/FUL</a>	<b>Land At Ngr 290810, 090383, Ide, (Round Field)</b> Formation of yard for storage of machinery and construction materials and the siting of 14 secure storage containers and associated landscaping (retrospective). The planning committee objected to this application and their letter can be found on The Teignbridge District Council Planning web site <b>Awaiting Decision by TDC</b>
<a href="#">21/02929/LBC</a>	<b>Drakes Farm, Fore Street Ide EX2 9RL.</b> External and internal works and alterations including regularisation of previously undertaken unauthorised works. <b>Supported. Awaiting decision by TDC</b>
<b>Decided Applications</b>	
<a href="#">22/00449/MAJ</a>	<b>Springwell Nursery, Ide, Devon, EX2 9FB</b> Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on planning permission 18/01024/MAJ (Erection of a new garden sales area building including ancillary cafe/restaurant, storage/warehouse, new public car parking area and turning area) Major Application The committee did not object to this application. <b>Permission Granted by TDC</b>
<a href="#">22/00452/MAJ</a>	<b>Springwell Nursery, Ide, Devon, EX2 9FB</b> Removal of condition 5 (footpath widening) on planning permission 18/01024/MAJ (Erection of a new garden sales area building including ancillary cafe/restaurant, storage/warehouse, new public car parking area and turning area) Major Application. Ide Planning Committee objected to this application. A copy of their objections can be found on the Teignbridge District Council Planning website. <b>Permission Granted by TDC</b>

## NOTICE OF TRAFFIC WORKS

Devon County Council has given us notice that from **THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2023 for a maximum of 5 days Until SATURDAY 1 APRIL 2023** (both dates inclusive) the road from MANSTREE CROSS to BLACKSMITHS COTTAGE, SHILLINGFORD ST GEORGE will be closed to traffic. The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - ROAD PAST WESTBURY - MARKHAM LANE - SHILLINGFORD ROAD. This temporary restriction is to enable - DUCT UNDER ROAD TO INSTALL CABLE. For additional information contact: C SANSOM Telephone: 07792313078

## LOCAL ELECTIONS 2023 are being held on Thursday 4 May 2023.

These include an election for a new parish council. If you might be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the chair, Nick Bradley or clerk, Mel Liversage to discuss how to put your name forward as a candidate. Contact details below.

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of Ide Parish Council is on **Wednesday 22 March 2023 at 7.30pm** to be held in Ide Memorial Hall.

### CONTACT DETAILS

Clerk – Mel Liversage 01392 259024 [ideparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:ideparishclerk@gmail.com)  
Chair – Nick Bradley 01392 420616 [nickbradley.ideparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:nickbradley.ideparishcouncil@gmail.com)

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## FROM YOUR DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

**Voting is being made harder, so it is more important that we do.**

At elections in 2018 there were 8 allegations of people claiming a false identity at a polling station, seven were dismissed and one resolved locally. There were no convictions. In 2019 the government ran trials requiring photo ID to vote. In just ten trial areas, 1,968 people were turned away for not having the correct ID and 740 did not return to vote. In some areas over 0.5% of the voters were prevented from voting, that's bigger than many majorities.

Despite the total lack of an actual problem, and the shocking numbers of people disenfranchised, the government is pressing ahead with voter ID. The Elections Act 2022 will apply to the Teignbridge local elections in May 2023. All voters at polling stations must show identification documents. If you don't have a suitable ID, you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate free of charge, or you can apply for a postal vote which will be sent to you in the two weeks before polling day.

Both these options need time to arrange, so don't leave it till nearer the time, do it now. There is more information about both these options at <https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/elections/electoral-services> or you can contact us for assistance.

Please do not let them take away your vote.

Andy Swain

Your district and county councillors:

Andy Swain, Alison Foden, Charles Nuttall and Alan Connett



# Seed Swap

Ide Growers held our first event of the year on the last Sunday of January with a Seed Swap. It's the second time we've run one, and it was great to see so many people from the village come along.



Tea and cake proved a popular attraction too!



Thanks to everyone who made it - look out for our **Ide Plant Swap in April.**





## IDE COMMUNITY SHOP & POST OFFICE

We were delighted over the last weeks and month to welcome three new members to the shop team Debs Stephens, Julie Skinner and Emma Ward. All who have taken to shop life like the proverbial duck to water. We just love having them as part of the team as they are all 'can do' and 'get on with anything' people and have already proved to be so handy in shop life and have covered so many shifts. It is so encouraging to have so many village folk getting involved and certainly makes David's job on the rota so much easier.

We have a new supplier for kindling – and it is a very local product coming from just up the road at Woodbury and the farmer delivers it himself to us. The nets are reusable and better than the plastic that our other source of kindling comes in. This ticks a lot of the shop boxes with the alternative to plastic and a local supplier, we will always chose to use a local supplier when we can.



For anyone looking at cutting back on their plastic use – we still have some of the Ide Cloth bags designed by Bronwyn for sale in the shop– with all proceeds going to the Weir Meadow project. We also have shampoo bars made from our local soap supplier Pavilion Soaps at Cheriton Bishop for sale in the shop which as well as eliminating plastic also make a lovely present or gift for someone.

Please do try and return the shop cloth bags when you can. Janet and her fantastic team have made over 300 over the years and most of these are in and around the village somewhere, as opposed to being back in the shop to be reused. If you have any, please could you drop them back so they can be reused when you are passing or next in the shop.

Just a reminder we can always order any special cuts of meat, fruit and vegetables or bread you need or would like. We can't carry everything in the shop but we can order a wide range of lines from our local suppliers.



We have Shaldon Bakery Hot Cross Buns in the shop now – wonderful toasted with the local butter we sell - a real afternoon treat or a change for breakfast from standard toast.

Zetta King



**IDE MEMORIAL HALL**

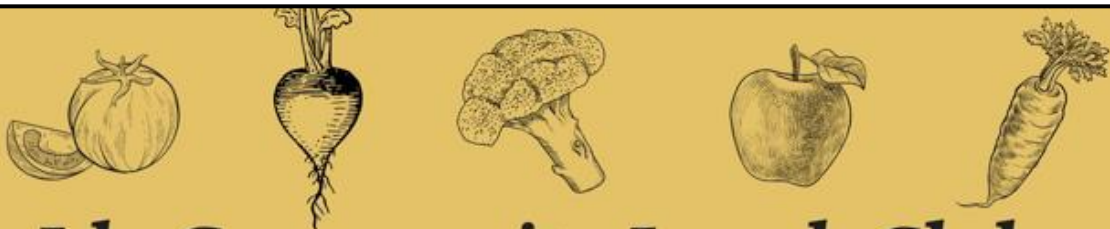


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**IDE MEMORIAL HALL**

**THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 7PM**

Save the date. More details to follow.



**Ide Community Lunch Club**



**Ide Village Hall**



**2nd Friday of every month**

**12.30 - 1.30pm**

Healthy lunch made with seasonal fruit and vegetables,  
and surplus food. All suitable for vegans.

Pay what you can afford - £5-10 for 3 courses.

NB We don't run in school holidays.



## THE JUBILEE CLUB

We celebrated our Christmas lunch on January 23rd at Carriages. It was a happy occasion, well-attended, enjoying a delicious meal, with which was followed by the pleasure of presenting Marge Addicot with a medal from the R.V.S for 30 years volunteering. Added to this Marge was given a bunch of flowers for her 80th birthday. Then of course there was a draw, lots of super prizes donated by the lovely members .

**February 6th** we had a Police officer telling us the way to avoid scams and fraud. My goodness, it is a minefield quite alien to our age group. Ellen the speaker was excellent, putting the subject over clearly and with humour.

Land lines are more likely to be the target. When you get a call claiming to be, say Amazon Prime or Windows 11, they say your name or maybe claim to be the police, and have a persuasive story to tell, maybe tell you to ring your bank, the catch here is they keep an open line, so use a mobile and ring a neighbour or family member. Scammers clone local numbers and ring from abroad.

Then there is that old story of a WhatsApp message claiming to be a family member in need of money- do not be taken in. Ignore texts, often on the back of special deals ie. winter-payment schemes. If a genuine caller, they will follow up with a letter or visit. If you buy on the Internet, use a credit card, you can then get your money back. Mostly women are targeted but men can be gullible as well! Just be wary of people who are over-friendly. Then there's cold-callers, the presence of grab handles at the door or a visible key safe are a give-away to elderly occupants. Should you be under pressure, perhaps being told that there is a loose slate on your roof, say that you will get your son to fix it, even if you don't have a son! Or if persuaded to part with some money, pay by cheque, then immediately cancel it by ringing the bank.

Jean Hoskin

**February 20** we had Gentle Seated Exercises with Stephanie, which left us feeling how unfit we were. Stephanie runs a group call Step Aside Exercise classes, with a few extras like us thrown in. She promised us no running around, but concentrated instead on 'stretching, lengthening and toning'.

After a 'safety' talk to make sure we did not keep to the maxim 'no pain – no gain, which she said was wrong – a slight discomfort was all we were allowed. We started with neck and shoulder stretches, then going down to arms and hands – it is amazing how easy it is to confuse left and right! Then we went down to marching on the spot (still on chairs) and stretching out our feet and knees – but when she combined opposite arm to leg that is where the fun started. She also showed us how to use household items as 'gym' equipment – a milk bottle or carton can be used to strengthen arm muscles, a broomstick can be used to exercise shoulders and even a pair of tights for a resistance band. A tea-towel placed on the floor can be used to exercise your toes by scrunching them up – who knew that feet were so important.

She also asked for her expenses to be donated to the victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria,' and a whip round produced the fantastic total donation of £125. Thank you to everybody you are a generous group.

Christine Lethbridge

### Diary Dates

March 6th	Niel Finnemore talking about Chiropractic.
March 20th	The Ide Schoolchildren singing to us for Mothering Sunday.
April 3rd	Tina Young Twigs and Blooms.
April 17th	Outing to be confirmed.



## IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

### What's happening this month?

Sunday Services are held at 11am each week. Our speakers this month are:

March 2023	11am
5 <sup>th</sup>	Des Gardiner
12 <sup>th</sup>	Ruth Endacott
19 <sup>th</sup>	Adrian Dawe
26 <sup>th</sup>	Samuel Oliver

### Other activities:

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March from 10am – 12pm we will be holding our usual Coffee Morning.



If you've never joined us before, do come along to our Coffee Morning on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. It runs from 10am - 12pm, so just pop in any time.

We provide free teas, coffees and cakes with a lot of friendly chatter. Everyone welcome.

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm – it's time for Coffee Chat and Challenge



On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm we will be meeting together for Coffee, Chat and Challenge

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

Everyone welcome, and there's always food!

## Bell Ringing Competition

### Saturday 1st April

Ide ringers are glad to announce that our competition is back and will welcome local church teams to enjoy the experience of St Ida's excellent bells.

Ringling will start at 2.00 pm and continue into the early evening.

A tea will be available and visiting ringers often enjoy the option of visiting a village inn.

Please call by to say hello and see more of how we ring.

We are always keen to welcome new ringers and practice on Tuesday evenings..

## SAINT IDA'S CHURCH

Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday, 12 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am	Morning Praise
<b>Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Mothering Sunday</b>		
Sunday, 26 <sup>th</sup> March	8am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Palm Sunday</b>		



We are now into the season of Lent, which is a time for reflection, perhaps a time for studying the Bible, attending a Lent Course, giving up something, giving more to charity – it is a time of preparation before Easter which is on the 9<sup>th</sup> April this year.

### Lent Course.

This will be held in St Michael's Church, Alphington, on Thursday evenings in March, starting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, from 7.30-9.00pm. The course will last for five weeks, the last session being on the 30<sup>th</sup> March. The theme of the course is Perseverance – Meeting God in the Psalms. It would be helpful if you would like to attend, either by signing the list in Church, or use the QR code, or email Mike on [rev.mike.partridge@gmail.com](mailto:rev.mike.partridge@gmail.com). There is a course booklet costing £5.99.

### Mothering Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> March

During the 9.30am Service on Mothering Sunday small bunches of flowers will be distributed to members of the congregation and it is hoped that there will be simnel cake for us to enjoy with our coffee/tea at the end of the Service. This is the special day in the year to remember mothers with gratitude for all that they do and have done for us – do come and join us on this Mothering Sunday.

### Mothers' Union

As usual we will be raising funds for MU work with a Lent Lunch, £5 for a simple soup and cheese meal. It will be on Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12.30, here at my home. If any friends would like to join us please let me know.

Don't forget on the last Friday of every month, MU members take midday prayers in the Cathedral, anyone is welcome to join them in the Lady Chapel for a quiet half hour.

Sue Campbell.

**Baptisms, Weddings, etc.** - for enquiries about these please contact [christenings@alphingtonstmichaels.org](mailto:christenings@alphingtonstmichaels.org) or [weddings@alphingtonstmichaels.org](mailto:weddings@alphingtonstmichaels.org)  
Or ring the Revd Mike Partridge on 01392 491476.



## COMMUNITY ORCHARD NEWS



Over a hundred villagers and others turned out for our first ever Wassail on Sunday 5 February.



The event was inspired by Lily Ballard and superbly choreographed and led by Mark Thomas - the 'King' of the Wassail. The idea behind wassailing is simply to wake up the apple trees by making lots of noise, and give their roots a drink of cider, and everyone who came along really pitched in to these activities. Rachel Thomas welcomed everyone with apple cake and provided a wonderful folky accompaniment to the procession as it wound noisily around the orchard. The setting was perfect- a big new moon complementing a wonderful sunset, fairy lights lighting up some of the trees and the church bells ringing out.

Around the brazier at the end, Jane Roberts and Mark read poems for the Wassail, and we concluded with Lily singing, beautifully, 'The Moon Shines Bright' -an old Mayday song. This was an unforgettable and poignant moment to round off a memorable evening.

We will be carrying out some spring tasks in the Orchard on **Sunday March 5th** from 09.30- 12.30.

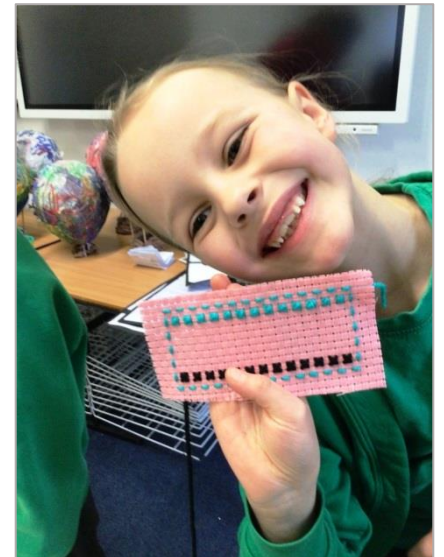
The main jobs are to clear around the base of the new trees before we feed and mulch them, clear some scrub, replace four trees and check and secure our owl and dormouse nesting boxes. **Please come long if you'd like to help.**

Reminders and more details will be posted on the village Facebook site.





finger puppets to be used by Apple Class (Pre-school). We have designed our product and are joining the components together using a combination of gluing and sewing.



We also had local milliners, Janet and David Williams, in to visit and provide us with some expertise and inspiration.







Oak class (reception) have been exploring the past by thinking about how telling stories has changed over time. They loved it when their grandparents visited to tell the children stories from when they were children and share a favourite childhood book.



**What do a  
15,000 ft. Skydive, Cakes, April 1<sup>st</sup>, Soup and a  
Good Local Cause  
have in common?**



**No, not an April Fool's joke, but a Coffee Morning and Soup lunch to raise sponsorship for the RD&E Charity Skydive in May that my daughter, Anoushka, and her friend are bravely doing.**

**Come and support us at 58, High Street Ide between 10.00am and 2.00pm on Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>. It'll be fun!!!**

## **Music in Shillingford**





# IDE BIG LUNCH



**1pm, Sunday 7th May 2023**

**Ide Primary School**

**Celebrating the Coronation  
of  
His Majesty King Charles III**

**Bring A Picnic**



**Refreshments**



**More Information to Follow**



**Save the date: Spring on the farm 6th May 2023**

Family friendly open day at the farm - all welcome, keep an eye out on social media for more info and updates @westtownfarm and on Facebook.

**So, what's so good about organic meat?**

Independent research from Newcastle University 2022 shows that:

- Organic meat contains about 50% more beneficial omega-3 fatty acids than conventionally produced products. Western diets are deficient in these omega-3s and it is recommended that we double our intake.
- Organic meat has lower concentrations of potentially harmful saturated fatty acids (associated with blood cholesterol and insulin resistance).
- The research supports the view that the quality of meat is influenced by the way it is produced. Under organic standards, cows must eat at least 60% fresh grass, or conserved hay/silage. Livestock must also be reared outdoors for at least part of the year (at West Town our cattle are 100% grass fed)
- The research also supports the view that the nutritional quality of meat is influenced by the way it is produced. The outdoor grazing/foraging based diets of organic farming were responsible for the more desirable fats found in organic compared to non-organic meat.

Source: [www.agricology.co.uk/resources/organic-versus-non-organic-meat](http://www.agricology.co.uk/resources/organic-versus-non-organic-meat)

**Time for a new bull from an award winning farm**



Sadly, it's time to say goodbye to our current stock bull Pliny, as his daughters are coming through into the herd. Our new bull Lennon, hails from an organic farm in Gloucestershire which won the Farmers Weekly 'Grassland Manager of the Year' award. Like at West Town, cattle are mob-grazed, with daily moves following the principle of "graze one-third, trample one-third and leave one-third". It's really positive for

this sustainable way of farming to gain recognition from a mainstream publication. Well done Ian Boyd!

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