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All of us who knew Peter Cloke were deeply shocked and saddened by his loss and our thoughts are with Sue and his family.

Congratulations and thank you to all those involved in organising the Coronation Big Lunch (see centrefold), the Green Spaces for Ide Charity Fashion Show (pages 13-14) and the illustrated talk on Ide and Its Lost Railway. All 3 events were very well attended and greatly enjoyed. Thank you also to all the people who sent me coronation lunch and fashion show photos.



Articles for the July issue of the Ide Times should be sent to Ann Boyce's email annboyce@talk21.com by the 20th June please.

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

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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 12.30 to 12.50 on **Monday, 12th June.**

360 Bus Timetable

Ide	7.51	10.01	12.39	14.39	
Sidwell Street, Exeter	8.13	10.20	12.58	14.53	
Sidwell Street, Exeter	8.35	11.15	13.15	16.15	17.55
Ide	8.53	11.33	13.28	16.33	18.13

Ide Parish Council

Chair's Report for the year May 2022 - May 2023

Edited version of the report delivered at Ide Annual Parish Meeting on 17 May 2023

Foreword

On Friday 19 May 2023, two days after delivering the annual report, and just before this edition of Ide Times went to press, we learnt of the tragic death at sea of Peter Cloke, while fishing on his boat, the Petrel, out of Exmouth. Peter was a towering figure in village life; and many people reading this magazine will have personal memories of his extraordinary kindness, wise counsel, and his work in so many spheres over the 41 years he lived in Ide – Cricket Club, St Ida's Church, allotments, the Orchard (see below), and latterly at Westown Farm. A full appreciation of his life will appear in a future edition of Ide Times.

1. Parish Council Meetings.

In addition to our regular bi-monthly meetings, we held one extraordinary meeting on 30 May when the Council resolved to apply for a loan to buy Weir Meadow and the Northern Fields.

Our September meeting was cancelled to observe the mourning period following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II. The Council met instead on 12 October.

On 3 March we held a public meeting to hear details and question planning officers about the proposed development of a 900 house village at Markham Farm. 83 people attended.

Our thanks go to Carol Whitehart for her continuing and devoted service as keyholder, prime booker and caretaker to our terrific village hall.

2. Parish Council Elections and Membership

On 4 May 2023, four-yearly local elections were held. Andy Swain stood down as a parish councillor. He continues to serve as a district councillor, now for the Teign Valley ward, where he won his seat by one vote after three recounts.

All other eight parish councillors stood – Laura Bell, Nick Bradley, Paula Burton Perrett, Nick Creasy, Ben Ervine, Rachel Herbert, Jessica Paine and Mark Thomas - and were elected unopposed. We have one vacancy on the Council, which we will fill by co-option over the next few months.

3. Parish Clerk

The council employs one member of staff, the parish clerk and responsible financial officer (RFO), Mel Liversage. On Mel rests the efficient running of parish council and planning committee meetings, and the supporting paperwork to go with them. With support from Ben Ervine, Mel operates the website, posting all documents, and keeping it current. As RFO she must keep accurate and retrievable financial records, set a budget, and manage the council's four bank accounts with Lloyds. Online electronic banking has continued to work well.

Our finances are sound; and the council functions well, as shown by the report from our independent auditor.

This has been the council's busiest financial year ever. Four years ago the council had an annual turnover of around £10,000 and ran a balance at any given time of around £5,000. This year's figures (available on the village website as papers accompanying the agenda to the May annual council meeting), taking all four council accounts together, show an

opening balance of £77,479.07, a closing balance of £43,256.23, receipts for the year of £211,310.63 and spending of £245,533.47. The council is now a landowner with assets totalling £310,371.54. This has made the financial officer's task significantly greater and more complex.

Our thanks to Mel for her great commitment, often over and above the call of duty, throughout the year.

4. Audit

In April 2023 we commissioned our sixth annual internal audit by the independent professional, Alison Marshall. She reviewed the administrative functions of the council, its policies and records, to assure the quality and probity of the council's operation. Her full report for this year is available on the website. It reflects well on the standards and performance of the Council.

In her 2022 report she made nine recommendations for action, including updating our financial regulations policy, amending certain agenda and minuting procedures, and updating our assets register. All have been done.

5. Planning Committee

Tracking and commenting on planning applications in and near to the parish is one of the Council's main functions, conducted by the Planning Committee, to which the Council partially delegates its function. My thanks go to Ben Ervine, who chairs the committee, and to councillors Rachel Herbert, Laura Bell and Mark Thomas, supported by Mel Liversage as clerk, for their exacting work, often at short notice, on this committee. The Committee met seven times in the year. I'll mention three particular planning items which will be especially important for the village.

Last year the committee objected to a request by the developers of Springwell Nursery to remove condition 5 of their permission, requiring them to upgrade and widen the combined foot and cycle path alongside Ide Village Road from the footbridge to the A30 roundabout. Despite additional representations from the Council, TDC allowed the removal of this condition, meaning that the path will not be upgraded if the Springwell development goes ahead.

The company currently storing plant and containers in Round Field without permission submitted, by order from TDC, a retrospective planning application to regularise its use in May 2022. Following several letters of objection from the Parish Council to the planning department, and a significant, challenging representation made by our district councillor, a decision to refuse the application was finally made on 18 May 2023 (the day after this report was originally given).

In January, TDC published its draft Teignbridge Local Plan 2020-2040 Submission version. The plan contains a proposal to build 900 houses on agricultural land in the eastern half of Ide Parish, to be called Markham Village, after the farm whose land would be sold for the development. Local opposition from Ide and Alphington is strong. We objected to the original proposal in 2021. And, following an open public meeting on 3 March, where TDC planning officers presented their reasons for choosing this site and described some of the details of the scheme, the council set out its objections in a formal representation on 13 March.

At its regular March meeting, the Council decided to engage a planning expert to advise us on how we might best present our case against such a new 900 house village at Markham Farm at the Examination in Public, due to be held in November 2023. Having taken advice from planning consultants and lawyers known to the Council, we have made arrangements with a consultancy named Viable Placemaking to review all the current and historic documents of relevance, meet on line with the council, and produce a report advising how we can elevate our arguments to present at the Hearing. We are in the process of appealing to local residents to raise the funds for the consultant's fee, before formally instructing them in July, when the revised and final version of the Local Plan will be published.

6. The Cemetery

Sarah Tiley has kindly continued to serve as cemetery co-ordinator, working closely with Mel Liversage to maintain the fabric and the function of the cemetery; responding to enquiries; and liaising with the churches, celebrants and funeral directors. The grass was cut monthly by contract with Paul Tonkin. Unusually, there have been no interments in the last year. Thanks to Sarah and Mel for their valuable work.

7. Play Area

The Play Area is in good order, and we received another good annual report from the ROSPA inspector in March. Thank you to Mark Thomas and Laura Bell for overseeing its running.

8. Defibrillator

Thank you again to Brenda Mosedale for looking after the defib machine outside the shop and performing the monthly check on its battery and housing. We bought a new battery and a set of pads this year.

9. Road Safety

The permanent closure of Doctors Walk to vehicles was completed with the installation by Devon Highways of definitive bollards. This simple measure has revolutionised the safety and usage of Balls Farm Road for pedestrians and cyclists.

It is now three years since Devon Highways agreed to a minor amendment to the double yellow line layout in Fore Street, which will have a major impact on preventing obstruction by parked cars to large vehicles at the pinch point just east of Drakes Farm entrance.

Despite assurances in January this year that the work would be completed by the end of March 2023, it has still not been done.

Following two instances over the winter when emergency vehicles could not get to houses in The Hams due to obstruction by parked cars, Devon Highways agreed in February to extend the double yellow lines opposite 3 The Green. In the meantime, we have placed traffic cones and explanatory notices there to prevent further obstruction.

10. War Memorial

Five metal bollards were installed in early May by the parish council to protect the grass and verge surrounding the memorial. The grass had been cut up by vehicles driving over the curb stones onto the grass. Our overdue thanks go to Chris Jeans, who has mown and tended to the memorial grass for many, many years, unsung but greatly appreciated.

11. Emergency Planning and flood resilience

Thank you to the working group of Paula Burton Perrett (chair), Ben Ervine, Dave Black and Ian Campbell for continuing to refine and apply the Ide Emergency Plan. This has also involved liaising during the year with Devon and National Highways in response to the air and noise pollution suffered by residents of The Cherries after the overenthusiastic tree thinning along the border between Ide Village Road and the A30.

12. Allotments

The council leases land at the rear of Ide School from Devon CC, and rents it under licence as eight garden plots to allotment holders, who must live or work in Ide. Two allotments – one of which was the plot rented by the school - became vacant this spring and were re-let, clearing the waiting list. The average length of wait for an allotment is around 11 months. Our thanks to David Farrow, the Chair of the Ide Allotments Association, for his work taking on that role. There's a full annual allotments report on the website under the May meeting's papers..

13. Ide Times

Ide Times drops through our doors, free, at the start of every month. Reassuringly analogue, screen free, but also available online on the village website where it is archived, it's the principal way the parish council communicates with residents. Thank you from all of us in Ide to the Times editors, Ann Boyce and Brenda Spivey, and their volunteer delivery crew.

14. Weir Meadow and Northern Fields

Purchase of the Meadow, Northern Fields and Triangular Field for £178,000 plus fees was completed on 23 September 2022, using donations from residents alongside a 50 year fixed rate loan of £152,282 from the Public Works Loan Board.

With the excellent pro bono land agent services of Peter Skinner, the Council entered into a two year Farm Business Tenancy with Richard Parr from 29 September 2022, for the two Northern Fields.

Weir Meadow is available to pedestrians all at any time between dawn and dusk. Signage is in place at all points of entrance the meadow and fields, advising residents of the conditions of use, and setting out how we expect owners to manage their dogs. Commercial dog walking is prohibited. New dog waste bins have been installed at the entrance to Weir Meadow, and at the bottom of College Lane.

A 12 year old boy was attacked by a dog in Weir Meadow in January. The owner was reported to the police, who have interviewed the owner and taken steps under the Dangerous Dogs Act. The Council contacted the owner by phone and subsequent letter, instructing them that they may never walk a dog on Ide PC land again.

A galvanised steel, locked barrier was installed at the entrance to Weir Meadow, to prevent unauthorised vehicular access. Richard Parr is a key holder and has access across Weir Meadow to the N Fields for his machinery, by prior arrangement with the council, via Peter Skinner.

A wooden stile and a kissing gate have been installed at the NW and NE corners respectively of N Field East onto College Lane, providing access to new open green space, and a footpath between Halscombe Lane and College Lane.

The WMWG won a £9,825 award from the National Lottery Fund to plant 500 trees; install fencing next to the brook, and to demarcate pitches from play area and car park; bird boxes; and two benches on Oak Bank. The Woodland Trust also donated 500 trees. Winter working parties have so far planted 600 trees along the east margin of W Meadow, and in Oak Bank.

The group has also been active, of course, raising funds for Weir Meadow and The Orchard. The St Ida's village fete bar in June, a pancake breakfast in March, an upcoming fashion show and a concert by Police Dog Hogan concert planned for 8 July 2023, involving Rachel Herbert and Cheryl Haddy of the WMWG, and Richard Sharman of the Orchard group.

Test holes were dug in February to sample the land stratification and sample the soil, with a view to deciding if and what drainage might be needed.

The old stone and brickwork pedestrian bridge into the Meadow was uncovered in February, a beautiful, elegant structure. After advice from an architect experienced in restoring old buildings and structures, we have put a restoration spec out to tender to reinstate the stone masonry and brickwork, and have applied to the Twinning Group for assistance with the costs.

The working group's next challenge is to decide how best to prepare the Meadow as a suitable and appropriate grass playing surface for football, cricket and recreation. There is about £18,000 available for this next phase, and the group is currently debating whether, where and when to apply to sporting associations for additional funds.

Our thanks to Richard Cottle who chairs it, and to the other members Andrew Ash, Stuart Brooking, Rich Cloke, Cheryl Haddy, Rachel Herbert, David Howe, Mel Liversage, Charlotte McGregor, Peter Skinner, Mark Thomas and Phil Willcock.

15. Ide Community Orchard

The Orchard is thriving. It has been carefully managed by the group chaired by Peter Cloke, and members Andy Bragg, Richard Cottle, Mel Liversage, Jess Paine, Julian Perrett, Alice Purcell, Richard Sharman, Mark Thomas, Phil Willcock, and myself. My thanks to all those on the group.

A storage shed was erected in June, with expert help from Kevin Taborn. The grass has again been cut without charge by James Romain from Whiddon, and by Michael Radford from Westown. The northern hedge along St Ida's Close was cut in the autumn under paid contract. Apples were available to the village freely in the autumn as windfalls. Bags of apples were taken to some elderly residents. Four new apple trees were planted in March to replace ones which had perished over the last three years. Monthly Sunday volunteer mornings have been held throughout the winter and spring to plant daffodil bulbs, clear scrub, prune trees, and mulch the young trees.

The orchard is well used and enjoyed by residents, and has become a cherished village asset for exercise, dog walking, relaxation and horticulture.

Two donors continue to give money on monthly standing order, which allows the group to meet the costs of proper land and tree management.

On 5 February at sunset we held a Wassail, with around 80 residents, to awaken the trees to bear fruit, with singing, music, dressing up, processing amongst the trees, drinking juice and cider, and eating apple cake.

16. Coronation

Finally, thank you to the organisers – Charlotte McGregor, Rachel Herbert, Paula Burton Perrett and a team of friends - of the Coronation big lunch on 7 May, a memorable, relaxed and joyous afternoon of picnics, cream teas, crown competition, tug of war, egg throwing and music.

Nick Bradley, Chair of Ide Parish Council

IDE PLANNING COMMITTEE MATTERS

New Applications
23/00463/FUL - Stevens Farm, Ide Village Road, Ide Proposal: Change of use of agricultural building and land to commercial use for the sales and maintenance of tractors. Objected to by Ide Planning Cttee (IPC)
23/00587/HOU - 8 St Ida's Close, Ide Proposal: Single storey extension with balcony, insertion of roof lights and external wall insulation, removal of chimney. Supported by IPC
23/00617/FUL - 2 Fore Street, Ide Change of use of land to domestic curtilage and provision of an ancillary domestic outbuilding Supported by IPC
Applications awaiting decision from TDC
23/00415/CAN - The Grange, 10 Drakes Farm, Ide T1 to T6, Unknown species: Fell. T7, Silver birch: Remove low branch and reduce height, as indicated in the supplied image. 2Small yellow shrub: Fell.T8, Silver birch: Remove low branches as indicated in the supplied image. Not supported by IPC
23/00250/HOU - 2 Fore Street, Ide : Retention of boundary wall and fence. The original application (21/00560/HOU) caused concerns regarding its impact on the local heritage. The Conservation Officer of Teignbridge District Council, Naomi Archer, has restated her concerns. Ide planning Committee commented on the importance of this property's position at the entrance to the village.
22/00732/FUL - Rollsbridge House, Ide . Change of use of outbuilding from ancillary residential storage to office (use Class E). Supported by IPC
Applications decided by TDC
22/00826/FUL - Land At Ngr 290810, 090383, Ide - Round Field . Formation of yard for storage of machinery and construction materials and the siting of 14secure storage containers and associated landscaping (retrospective). PERMISSION REFUSED BY TDC.
22/01884/HOU - 12 High Street, Ide . Summerhouse to rear. Approved by TDC
23/00664/CLDP - The Grange, 10 Drakes Farm, Ide . Certificate of Lawfulness proposed to change part of existing garage into a study including addition of window. Approved by TDC
21/02929/LBC Drakes Farm House, Fore Street, Ide External and internal works and alterations including regularisation of previously undertaken unauthorised works. Approved by TDC
Withdrawn applications
23/00356/LBC - 44 High Street, Ide Proposal: Replace old corrugated iron roof with new roof of natural slate. Application withdrawn by applicant
The next meeting of Ide Planning Committee is on Wednesday 19 July 2023 at 6.30pm in The Hub To view planning applications, go to www.teignbridge.gov.uk/planning and search using the address or reference number. Ben Ervine, Chair, Ide Planning Committee ben.ervine.ideparish@gmail.com 07980843120

I have to start this article to say how much we will miss the wonderful guy that was Pete Cloke for his support of the shop, as well as so so many other things in this village. He was always willing to lend a hand and we always appreciated him doing the Makro run when needed. On a very personal level he was such a support and encouragement to me and was always there with a supportive and kind word to encourage me which I will always remember and value. Pete loved the Chunk pies and would always look out for the reduced ones and Sue would very often take him home one on a Saturday if there was any reduced and I shall never be able to reduce a Chunk's Pie now without fond memories of Pete.

Thank you to all of you who came to the AGM and heard all the latest shop news and developments. It was great to share this evening with so many of you and especially good that so many of you wonderful village folk signed up to become shareholders on this night. Thank you to Andy and Carlyne Preece for running the bar on this night and to our fantastic chairman David Howe for his presentation of the official points and details and for Phil Wilcock for updating us on the figure front and to Rose for noting it all down and to Janice for feeding us all so well. Huge thank yous to Rachel Thomas for an awesome cake both in look and taste and to Mark for carrying it down the hill so it reached us safely.



JUBILEE CLUB

What a busy month May has been, and with an extra bank holiday to celebrate the Coronation, the club has only managed one meeting. But this was our turn to celebrate. The club has been going for 46 years, so it was party time.

We were treated to an afternoon of music by a talented pair, the Wayward Pines, the music they chose suited to our age group. Glen Miller, Elton John, Fats Waller, Everley Brothers - you get the picture. Those were the days when we would be on the dance floor, doing the quickstep - dream on!!

We joined in to "My old man said follow the band", then a bit of Morecombe and Wise to finish. More treats to follow, a delicious tea served by Phoebe, a glass of sherry, kindly donated by Doreen and birthday cake, made and donated by Lorraine, Marge's daughter. It was a really good afternoon, I think I can safely say, much enjoyed by all.



Diary Dates.

June 12th

Is Devon Funny? Brenda Loosemore

June 26th

Strawberry Tea at Longdown with entertainment by the Heavitree Ukelele Strummers

July 10th

Picnic tea arranged by Marge.

July 24th

Outing to Bennett's Water Gardens. Leaving Ide at 10.30.

[We are grateful to have the support of visitors for this event.](#)

Details from myself on 07447622479 or Christine on 01392272471 or Diane on 01626821126.

Jean Hoskin



Coronation Big Lunch 7th May





SAINT IDA'S CHURCH



Sunday, 4 th June	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday, 11 th June	9.30am	Morning Prayers
Sunday, 18 th June	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday, 25 th June	8am	Holy Communion

The illustrated talk on **Ide and Its Lost Railway**, which was given by John Davidson on the 10th May was very well attended. It was interesting to learn that the railway was originally built to carry freight rather than passengers. Ide was lucky to have its station within the village. There was an opportunity for members of the audience to tell us of their memories of the line and we were amused to learn that the train waited for late-comers, particularly the children on their way to school. There was even a train to take people to and from the cinema. It even waited until the film had finished before leaving Exeter to return to Ide and the other villages. Our thanks to Ian Goodrick and Peter Cloke for arranging this.

Peter Cloke – It is with great sadness that we announce that Peter Cloke was lost at sea on the 19th May. His small fishing boat sank off Berry Head with Peter on board. He was a member of the Church Council and was about to be made Churchwarden. He was instrumental in the village acquiring the Victorian Orchard which is now a favourite dog walk and recreation area, He has been a much liked and valued member of the village. Our sympathy is extended to Sue, his wife, and to all the family. He will be greatly missed.

Operations – We wish those who have recently had operations a speedy recovery. Adrian is about to go to London for heart surgery, Betty has had a replacement knee and Sue has had a new hip.

Summer Fete – Saturday, 10th June, 2pm, on Ide Village Green.

The Village Fete will go ahead as planned on the 10th June. Sue Cloke, who had been organising the event, felt that Peter would have wanted it to go ahead and for it to be the usual village fun day. There will be a dog show, teas, BBQ, bar, a number of stalls, children's activities, face painting, and, of course, egg throwing and the tug-o-war. It takes a lot of work to get it all set up on the Green and for everything to be taken down at the end, so help is always much appreciated. If you would like to help in any way, please get in touch with me Brenda Spivey brendaspivey123@btinternet.com - if you are new to the village, it is a good way to get to know people! Do remember to bring some REAL MONEY with you as you will be unable to use plastic!

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Or ring the Revd Mike Partridge on 01392 49147

IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

What's happening this month?

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

May 2023	11am
7 th	Ruth Endacott
14 th	Sir Roy Sambles
21 st	Kevin Dudman
28 th	Samuel Oliver

Other activities:

Coffee Morning - on Thursday 4th May 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 4th May. 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 18th May at 7pm – it's time for Coffee Chat and Challenge



On Thursday 18th May 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.

Charity Fashion Show in aid of Ide Green Spaces

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our charity fashion show in aid of Ide green spaces, it was a huge success with the hall being full to burst.

Nicki Finishing Touches and Janet Hats a head want to thank everyone involved for making it the success it was.. our fabulous models, Jane our wonderful compere, Rose for organising a super raffle with gifts generously donated, Rachel and Cheryl for running the bar ... and very busy it was!! David for playing the music and all our other behind the scenes helpers.



Charity Fashion Show in aid of Ide Green Spaces



Ide School: Science Week

Children across the school enjoyed the following workshops:

What's inside my body? With Radiographer Bethan Mulligan from Torbay Hospital

Microbiology: An introduction to a small world, with Hayley and Pete from ALS laboratories

What's in the sky? With Catherine Bradshaw, Climate Scientist at the MET Office.





IDE VILLAGE SUMMER FETE

Saturday, 10th June, 2pm
IDE VILLAGE GREEN



**Dog Show, Stalls, Teas, Ice cream,
Children's activities
Bar, BBQ, Games, Draw,
Egg Throwing Competition,
Tug-o-war, etc.**

Don't forget to bring some CASH

An Evening of Traditional English Music and Song with

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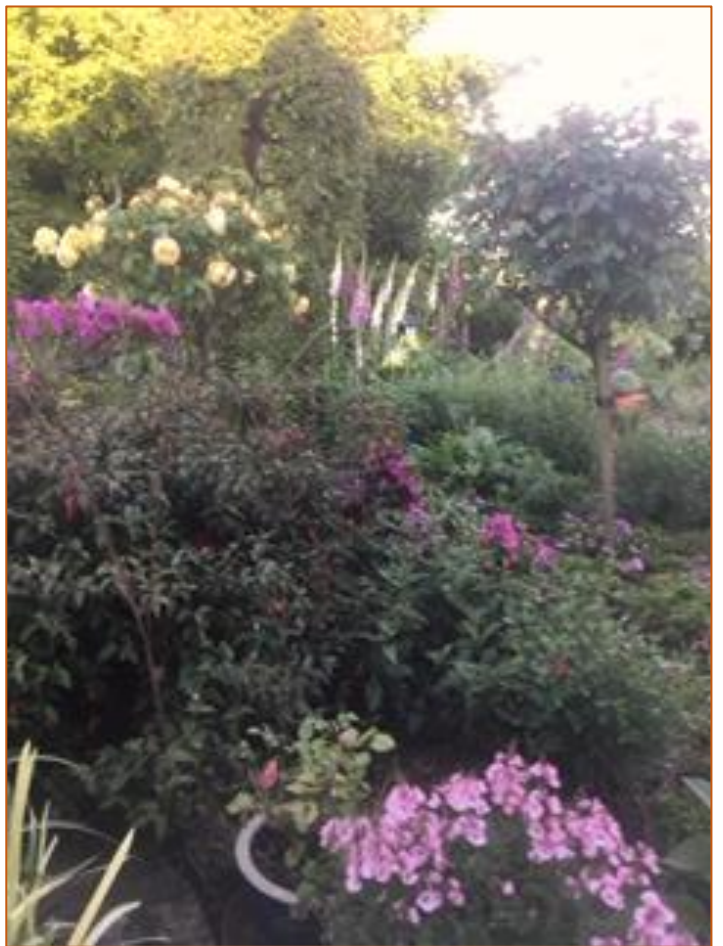
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Tickets from Mike: 01392 811593 or Sue: 01392 811816

All proceeds go towards the Church Bell tower restoration fund.



Barn Dance at Longdown Village Hall on June 10th

Come and join in a fun night. We have a band and caller for some lively barn dancing.

You don't have to be an experienced dancer, just come along and enjoy the occasion with your friends and meet new people.

A pasty is included in the price of £10 per person, there is also a licensed bar where you may buy a beverage or two! The fun starts at 7.30 - 10.30

You can book your tickets online at

<https://longdownvillage.com/events/barn-dance/>



WEST TOWN FARM NEWS

Local, Organic, Sustainable



The Nature Friendly Farming Network

The second annual NFFN week took place from 15th - 19th May 2023.

And what is the Nature Friendly Farming Network you ask?

Uniting farmers who are passionate about wildlife and sustainable farming...

We are a group of farmers who have come together to champion a way of farming which is sustainable and good for nature. We come from a range of backgrounds big and small, organic and conventional and are passionate about ensuring our countryside is productive and bursting with wildlife. We hope you will join us to help highlight that farming and nature can go hand in hand. The network is open to farmers and the public alike and there is no cost to join. The NFFN will raise awareness of nature friendly farming, share insights and experience and work together for better policies for food and farming.

This is a critical time for agriculture policy in the UK. Decisions made post-Brexit could ensure that British farming secures a sustainable future and does far more to help nature to survive and thrive. The Nature Friendly Farming Network wants to help its members have a strong voice in these important policy debates. We also want to inspire the public about a future where farmers and nature work hand in hand. We believe that by working together we can learn more, inspire more people and have a greater influence. We hope that you will want to join us and sign up to our manifesto.

(sourced from the NFFN website)



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