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## JULY 2023

The day of the fete dawned, rain was forecast and it didn't disappoint...but it did stay away for most of the event. Grateful thanks to the organisers and stallholders and to Simon Rice for the photos (centre-fold) which certainly capture the fun that was had by so many.

Thanks also to Mark Thomas for organising the summer solstice gathering in the community

orchard. For some like me, it was a case of unfulfilled good intentions, but about 20 more resolute, self-disciplined individuals enjoyed the experience. I will try to do better next year!

Ann Boyce

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

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– 6.30pm Saturdays 8am – 1pm

Sundays 9am - 12 noon

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**The Mobile Library** will be in The Huntsman car park from 12.30 to  
12.50 on **Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> July.**

### 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

*A briefer piece this month after June's six page report.*

### **TEIGNBRIDGE LOCAL PLAN 2020-2040 - Planning Appeal**

We have reached the appeal target of £6,000 in donations to cover the costs of commissioning a planning consultant to advise the Council in preparation for the Examination in Public of the Local Plan in November 2023. We intend to present arguments against the building of 900 new houses at Markham Farm. We await the final version of the Local Plan, now expected in October, before formally instructing Viable Placemaking Consultancy.

### **COMMUNITY ORCHARD**

The grass has been cut by Michael Radford. The trees are thirsty: if you are walking in the orchard, it would be terrific if you could water a couple of trees while you are there, using watering cans by the trough. The picnic tables are going to be levelled by James Romain before the summer holidays. Mark Thomas has stepped up to chair the working group: it will take some time to get our heads round covering all the tasks that Peter Cloke undertook so quietly and assiduously.

Diary date: Apple Day, Saturday 21 October 2023 – pressing and juicing. Details later.

### **WEIR MEADOW**

The working group has adopted a 12 month plan, led by Peter Skinner, to spray, cut, roll, tine, fertilise and seed the meadow, to produce a smooth, grassed, recreational surface by June 2024. Work on the bridge restoration should begin later this month.

### **VACANCY**

We have a vacancy for one Parish Councillor. Do please get in touch if you fancy serving the village in this role.

Next meeting of Ide Parish Council: **19 July 2023 at 7.30pm** in Ide Memorial Hall.

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

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

### **IDE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

#### **NEW APPLICATIONS**

23/00815 – [2a The Green, Ide](#) Install 4 sun tunnels over the garage

#### **APPLICATIONS AWAITING A DECISION BY TDC**

[23/00617/FUL 2 Fore Street, Ide](#)

Changes of use of land to domestic curtilage and provision of an ancillary domestic outbuilding.

**SUPPORTED BY IDE PC PLANNING COMMITTEE.**

<p><a href="#">23/00250/HOU - 2 Fore Street, Ide</a>: 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 this property's position at the entrance to the village.</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED BY IDE PLANNING COMMITTEE</b></p>
<p><b>APPLICATIONS DECIDED BY TDC</b></p>
<p><a href="#">22/00826/FUL Land At Ngr 290810, 090383, Ide - Round Field\</a>. Formation of yard for storage of machinery and construction materials and the siting of 14 secure storage containers and associated landscaping (retrospective).</p> <p><b>PERMISSION REFUSED</b></p>
<p><a href="#">21/02929/LBC Drakes Farm, Fore Street Ide</a> External and internal works and alterations including regularisation of previously undertaken unauthorised works.</p> <p><b>PERMISSION GRANTED</b></p>
<p><a href="#">23/00415/CAN - The Grange , 10 Drakes Farm, Ide</a> T1 to T6, Unknown species: Fell.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>PERMISSION GRANTED</b></p>
<p><a href="#">23/00587/HOU - 8 St Idas Close, Ide</a></p> <p>Proposal: Single storey extension with balcony, insertion of roof lights and external wall insulation, removal of chimney</p> <p><b>PERMISSION GRANTED</b></p>

Next meeting of Ide Planning Committee: 19 July 2023, 6.30pm in The Hub, High Street Ide

To view planning applications, go to [www.teignbridge.gov.uk/planning](http://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/planning) and search using the address or reference number.

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Please note:

Friday 14 July will be the last lunch club before summer, as we don't run during the school holidays.



## Ide Community Orchard

Ide Community Orchard has been looking beautiful in the early summer sunshine. Whatever time you visit it, it has felt different - the early morning sun, the heat of the day or at sun set - the Orchard is a lovely place to feel the passing of the day. The grass has been cut for the first time this year. It may get another trim later in the year.

We are also planning on levelling some of spaces beneath some of tables over the coming weeks.

We hope to hold an Apple Day in Orchard in October. More details to follow.



Finally, a word about Peter Cloke. Peter played a big part in helping the Orchard become an asset for the village. He also chaired the Management Group and worked tirelessly to look after it.

We miss him enormously.

Ide Community Orchard Management Group.





## Summer Solstice in Ide Community Orchard

So...the sun rose and we all basked in the early morning glow of a mid summer day. Big respect to everyone who made it up to Ide Community Orchard for a small solstice gathering at 0430 this morning. It was lovely to see so many people. Huge thanks to Lily Ballard and Frazer Kerslake for singing and playing so beautifully. It was a special occasion.

Mark Thomas



## IDE COMMUNITY SHOP & POST OFFICE

It is with great delight we welcome Pip Hughes on board Team Shop. Talk about hit the ground running, Pip offered to come and volunteer, came down when our wonderful Julie Skinner was on and shadowed her whilst Julie told her what was what, did the next shift solo and in style and has done two double shifts since. It is great we have so many new and fantastic volunteers alongside our wonderful 'old' faithful's so we can keep the shop continuously open, a real blessing when you see how other shops are struggling.

We have picked up quite a bit of banking business and new customers with the closure of Nat West in Cowick Street and please do use us if you can for your banking needs, as we get commission on every transaction, with no extra cost to yourselves, and also saving you parking charges and hassles going into town. Every bit of extra commission is a bonus to the shop, especially at the challenging times we are in with food prices.

We are so lucky to have such a good network of local suppliers, so we have kept the shop well stocked and have not had the gaping holes on our shelves that the supermarkets have had at times. We have been particularly fortunate to have had no egg shortages due to the great Lou at Black Dog Eggs who has kept us supplied throughout with her lovely Black Dog eggs and as there has been a shortage of eggs in so many other places, we again, have seen new faces coming in the shop buying them.

We have also picked up some customers on both the shop and PO side since the sad closure of Christow Stores and Post office. It is always good to welcome customers old and new to the shop but sad when it comes through avenues like this.

If you need a little unique present, we have Kat's Ceramic Hearts for sale in the shop. Kat is based in the village and a shop volunteer and very talented. The plate holding the hearts is also one of her creations and she can create bespoke pieces for you for that special gift.



We wish David and Janet Williams all the very best on their well- earned holiday in America. Both worked so hard on the wonderful village fashion show that we all enjoyed, alongside all the many other things that they do. It is good David is getting a break from compiling the shop rota each week, which is a big job, but made easier by our wonderful volunteers. We thank Rich Reardon for covering this very important task whilst David is away.'

**Lastly, please can you have a good turnout and see if you have any of the reusable shop bags** around your house, in your car etc. We have 300 missing at the moment and there are times when we just don't have any in the shop for customers to use.

Zetta King





## SAINT IDA'S CHURCH

Sunday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am	Morning Praise
Sunday, 16 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	8am	Holy Communion
Sunday, 30 <sup>th</sup> July	10am	Mission Community Service At Ide

### Memorial Service for Peter Cloke

Peter will make his final journey from the village just after 0900 on Monday July 3rd for a private cremation.

A Memorial Service will be held in St. Ida's Church at 1200 the same day where the family invite you to dress in a smart/casual way, with a splash of colour if you wish.

Please join us at The Lord Haldon Hotel after the service.

Sue and family

### Weddings

We are delighted to announce that there will be two weddings in Ide Church this month.

The marriage of Sam Taborn and Charlotte will take place in Ide Church on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> July, at 2pm.

The marriage of Deborah Stevens and Chris will take place in Ide Church on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> July, also at 2pm.

We wish both couples every happiness.

### The Village Fete

The Village Fete on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> June, was a great success in spite of the much-needed rain. Several tents had been put up the previous day so it was mainly a case of putting up gazebos and getting tables and chairs onto the Green. By 2pm the rain had almost come to an end. The Fete started with the Fun Dog Show and our thanks go to Peter Pattison and Chris Bishop who did the judging. There was plenty of entertainment for all ages – stalls selling all kinds of things, a coconut shy, balloon modelling, Zetta's craft table, BBQ, Bar, and, of course, the Tea Tent 'manned' by Mary and her team. Mark Thomas was the excellent compere for the afternoon.

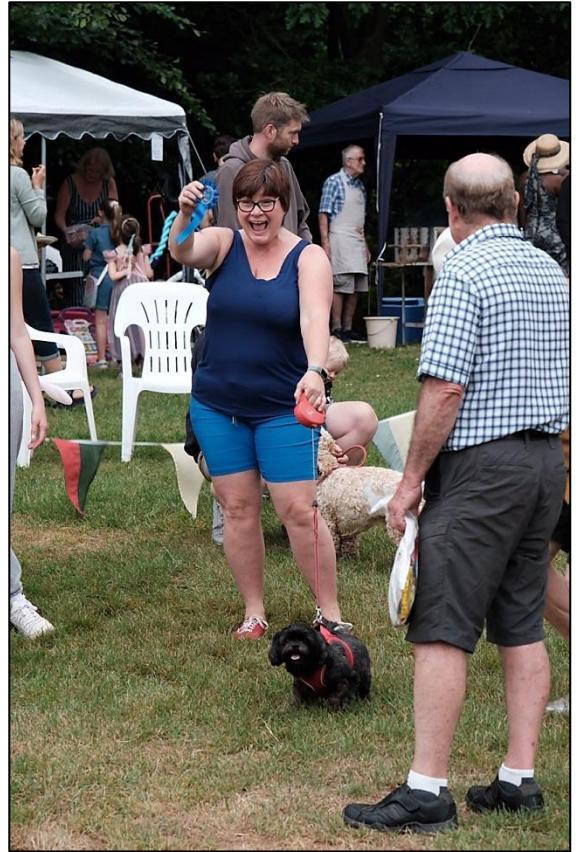
The afternoon finished with the tug-o-war followed by the egg throwing competition (both ably supervised by James Morgan) and the Draw. The money raised by the sale of the eggs is being donated to the Food Bank. The money raised by the Bar will go to Ide Green Spaces. The rest of the money raised, approximately £1,800, will go to the Church and a Cancer Charity. Thanks go to the vast number of people who helped in so many different ways to make the Fete such a fun afternoon as well as raising money for good causes.

**Baptisms, Weddings, etc.** - for enquiries about these please contact

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Or ring the Revd Mike Partridge on 01392 491476.











## **Mother's Union**

In May we looked at the Icon in our church. It's in the Lady Chapel, and was given us by the French twinning group. It is in fact a copy of a famous Russian Icon, and though there is some variation, it is considered to represent the Trinity. In June we had a very enjoyable outing, all the way to Holcombe Burnell, for their flower festival. The flowers were delightful, with a "rewilding" theme. Delicious teas as usual, and a bonus of watching some teddies on the Zipp wire from the top of the tower, including Zetta's friends from our shop!

We will try to have a fundraising coffee morning during the summer, no date yet, but "watch this space".  
Sue Campbell



A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYBODY WHO SUPPORTED THE PLANT STALL AT THE VILLAGE FETE. Our takings were well up on last year (£263) and will go to good causes in the village and St. Ida's . PLEASE COME AGAIN NEXT YEAR. Ian Goodrick

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## **JUBILEE CLUB**

How can it be midsummer already? Some welcome rain, perhaps more to come, my garden would certainly be grateful.

On June 12th we welcomed back Brenda Loosemore, her theme was, Is Devon Funny?

Brenda is best known for prancing about on the stage, her own description, she joined Churston Amateur Dramatic Society in 1960. She was asked to join Torbay Pride for a show but Brenda was not in the cast. It was a sit down dinner, O.K. until they all stood up!

Brenda only lived in Devon since she was 2 months old, so not a true Devonian. She named many well-known characters who are, Peter Cook, Miranda Hart The Wag from Widdecombe, Jan Stewer, Ned and Martha to name a few. Then there were well known visitors, John Keates, Charles Dickens, Jane Austin and R.F.Delderfield. There was a lady in her 80s who was married four times, to a banker, a circus ringmaster, a funeral director and a vicar. One for the money, one for the show, one to get ready and one to go. Well you get the idea! We finished with a lively rendering of Uncle Tom Cobley and All.

### **Diary Dates.**

**July 10th.** Picnic Tea arranged by Marge

**July 24th.** Outing to Bennett 's Water Gardens. Leaving Ide at 10.30. The total cost £23.00.Visitors welcome.

Then we have a break until September when we meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> for bingo.

Jean Hoskin



## IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

What's happening this month? Sunday Services are held at 11am each week. Our speakers this month are:

July 2023	11am
2 <sup>nd</sup>	David Bulley
9 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin Dudman
16 <sup>th</sup>	Ruth Endacott
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Maurice Hockridge
30 <sup>th</sup>	Des Gardiner

### Other activities:

**Coffee Morning** - on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 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 6<sup>th</sup> July.

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 20<sup>th</sup> July** at 7pm – it's time for Coffee Chat and Challenge

**On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July** 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!

### Save the date

**On Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup>**, straight after our morning service at 12 o'clock, we will be heading to East Nymph Farm for a meal together. There will be food and entertainment. More details in next month's Ide Times.



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## IDE TIMES PAST

*Another article from Francis Moore, a regular contributor to the Ide Times in the late 1980s through to the mid 1990s. His articles provide a fascinating insight into how life in the village has changed. Thanks to his widow, Sylvia Moore, who many of you will know, we have access to and can enjoy all the articles originally published in the Ide Times.*

### All the Fun of the Fete

July 1990

I am sure that even the most dedicated of gardeners among us didn't mind waiting just another couple of days for the much needed rain to come, so that the Village Fete could enjoy a really nice day. Rightly so, after the tremendous amount of hard work and organisation put into it; and a big 'thankyou' is due to all concerned.

The village green seems to be the right venue for holding the fete and, after its success over the past couple of years, it is hard to understand why it wasn't held there before. After all, we are one of the fortunate villages which still has its village green, as according to a survey, just one in ten has survived the ravages of time. Many have been obliterated for bigger roads, and others have been turned into car parks.

Ide Fete, and small garden parties have been held in various places over the years, including Pole House and Earles Court, and a few times in Holmbush Meadow, which lies across the road from the Twisted Oak public house.

It was here that one of the most successful events took place. It was the year that the Fete was opened by Claire Bloom and Sydney Chaplin, the up and coming stars of screen and stage of that era. People thronged to the village from miles around to catch a glimpse of the pair. They stayed for the weekend at Cobbe House with their hosts Dr and Mrs Stumbles. This was before Cobbe House was converted into four dwellings after being disastrously gutted by fire. In my schooldays and for a few years after the end of World War II, the Fete was always held in the Vicarage grounds and in the field adjoining.

Sadly the Vicarage was demolished some years ago and we now have modern houses known as Old Vicarage Close in instead.

This was always a wonderful site to hold a fete and there was ample room for all kinds of stalls and events. Teas were served on tables set under the trees on the lawns, and the main field was set out for all kinds of competitions and sorting activities. In the earlier years of the 1930s there was usually a grass track racing meeting held, which attracted large crowds of people. Motorcycles were not all that common then and to see riders careering around at breakneck speeds, for those days, was quite exciting. The Pillow Fight was another event which drew lots of contestants and noisy onlookers supporting their favourites.

It was amazing how some of the competitors managed to stay sitting on the shiny round pole whilst being battered by a frenzied pillow-waving opponent. There was always a programme of various races for young and old; three-legged races, sack races, obstacle and egg and spoon, all entered into with great enthusiasm by all generations.

Skittling for a live pig may sound a bit off today, but this was not so then. The pig was usually donated by a local farmer and it was not unusual for people to keep a pig or two in a shed and run in the back garden.

Fetes have always been fun and a nice way to raise money, so I am sure that they will continue to prosper.

Francis Moore

## Could you volunteer to listen to children read in school?



Reading is of course a vital skill that connects us to the world. It is crucially important that children learn to read confidently as early as possible in their time in school so that they can access the rest of their learning more quickly.

Starting in September we would like to have a team of volunteers to provide one-to-one reading practice for our children and so help them develop their reading skills. In order to provide consistent help to the children and the school, we ask that volunteers are prepared to attend school at an agreed time on a specific day for at least an hour. We of course understand that you may not be able

to make it every week and will work round this. All are welcome – village residents, parents, grandparents.

A short training will be provided and you will need to have an advanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check which the school will organise.

If you are interested in joining our reading team, we would like to invite you into school for tea, coffee and biscuits and to find out more on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 9.15am.

If you would like to join us then, or are interested but can't make that date, please contact [aboyce@ide.devon.sch.uk](mailto:aboyce@ide.devon.sch.uk) or Iris Browning [admin@ide.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ide.devon.sch.uk)

## SCHOOLS NEED HELP!

As a school governor, I quite often bend friends' and other people's ears about the dire state of education in this country and from their responses I've realised that the crisis in our schools is slipping under a lot of people's radar.

The government may be insisting that it is doing everything it can but that is not how I see it.

Just consider the following facts:

**About 50% of schools estimate that they will be in deficit this year, and this figure is estimated to rise to 90% next year** (National Association of Head Teachers). Schools have been 'cut to the bone' and so staff and resources cuts are currently inevitable and are happening now. We will all be aware of the impact that inflation must be having on school budgets but few people I speak to are aware that pay increases awarded by the government are **unfunded** meaning the government doesn't give the schools more money, instead this has to be paid for out of the school's existing budget.

**Ministers have delayed the publication of their Buildings Conditions Survey data, after leaked documents showed that some buildings were judged a "risk to life"**. It is reported that 11 billion pounds needs to be spent to bring school buildings up to the government's own standards. While Ide is regularly surveyed and to the best of our knowledge is completely safe, it is rather 'scruffy' because we do not have enough funding to create the smart and well-maintained environment the children and staff deserve.

**We are not recruiting or retaining enough teachers.** In March 2023, the government's Education Committee launched an inquiry into teacher recruitment, training and retention in state-funded English schools. Teacher vacancies in the South West have risen by two thirds to 8,200 vacancies between 2021 and 2023. The resultant staff shortages increase work load and stress. This together with other difficulties imposed by a lack of adequate funding explains why teachers are striking in unprecedented numbers.

Ann Boyce (with Ide Governor hat on)



Our children are our future and deserve the best support we can give them. As a society we are letting them down very badly, especially those most in need of support.

### **What can we do?**

Revolution springs to mind – but revolutions rarely if ever go well. Changing the government? Again, not holding my breath that a new government or applying pressure on our political representatives will provide all the answers. In reality all we are left with is doing our individual best to make up for deficiencies in the system by offering support however and whenever we can. I know from long experience that Ide residents are very generous with their time.

As in most schools, Ide is having to cut back on staff and reduce even further the level of maintenance to the buildings and facilities that we can provide. The school fete poster below explains that money raised will be used to replace play equipment (that will otherwise need to be removed). There is no money in the budget to pay for this.

- **If you have the time please come along to the fete and support us.**
- **We also really need another governor or two to support the school (details on the school website)**
- **We would love to build up a team to help the children with their reading practice.**
- **If you have building or decorating skills and would be prepared to volunteer some time please contact Seb Caunter our governor who leads on premises**  
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## A tribute to Peter Cloke, friend & colleague

We were all incredibly sad to hear of the death of Peter Cloke in May. As many of you know, he was a stalwart for many projects in the parish and his involvement with West Town Farm goes back many years.

For twenty years Peter ran a shoot here with local people. On six Saturdays in winter, a shoot would take place: a 'shoot' at West Town Farm being a traditional activity involving the shooting of pheasants only. The farm is a challenge for shooters because there are so many different terrains; steep valleys, woodland, open farmland and the railway cutting. But Peter loved it.

Many a day I would ask Peter how many pheasant were shot . 'One,' would be the reply, 'we missed quite a few, but the ones that got away will be here for next time.' The 'shoot' was so much more to Peter than shooting pheasants. It was a sociable day out, a lunch to share with friends and families; a great day out, rain or shine. He just loved walking and being here.

Over the years he has done so much for the farm. If we had an abundance of rabbits or squirrels attacking newly planted trees in our orchards, Peter would be out at a moment's notice to control them. He also worked as a volunteer, helping to keep footpaths clear on the trail and recently helping in the Organic Arts Community Garden based here on the farm.

Peter would have been thrilled to know that in June our herds person Kate heard a cuckoo on the farm.

I spoke with a professional ecologist. Although too late in the season for nesting, it is encouraging news. I last heard one around twenty five years ago.



We will really miss Peter's friendly chats, his presence, and his deep care and knowledge of the ecology at the farm.

Andy

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