



Richard Reardon's tuk tuk was used to take Debs and Chris To their wedding reception at West Town Farm on the 29th July.

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September often means a time of change with teenagers off to university or college and young ones changing classes or schools. We wish you all the best for the future and hope



you soon get used to the change. Here in Ide we have the Produce Show and Art Exhibition on Sunday, 17th September, and the starting up again of the various keep fit classes and the Jubilee Club. If you don't already belong to something, why not give one of them a try.

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

Brenda Spivey 01392 275784

USEFUL NUMBERS

Community Policeman: 101

The Parish Church - Rev Mike Partridge 01392 491476 and leave a message or 07751 725306, or email: rev.mike.partridge@gmail.com Congregational Church: Jackie Chadwick jacky.c@talktalk.net M.P. Mel Stride: 02072 197037 melstride.mp@parliament.uk

Community Shop Opening Hours: (Tel. 410035)

Monday – Friday 8am – 12 noon and 3pm – 6.30pm

Saturdays 8am – 1pm Sundays 9am - 12 noon

Post Office Opening Hours

Monday - Friday 9am - 11.45 am & 3pm - 5pm

Saturdays 9am - 12 noon



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

The Mobile Library will be in The Huntsman car park from 12.30 to 12.50 on Monday, 4th September. We understand that the Mobile Library service will

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shortly be discontinued but do not yet know any exact date.

IDE PARISH COUNCIL Idevillage.org.uk

Pynes Farm Yard and Pynes Farm House.

We understand from the Church Commissioners' agents Jackson Stops that Heritage Homes, an Exeter based developer, have now bought the farm yard. The purchase was completed on 10 August. Planning permission was granted in April 2020 (20/00621/MAJ) for 10 dwellings, two of which must be affordable homes. Heritage Homes have indicated to Jackson Stops that they intend to submit a revised planning application to improve the layout, and ensure the structural integrity of the large barn, whilst maintaining the provision of eight houses and two affordable homes. The Parish Council will look at this carefully.

Pynes Farm House itself remains the property of the Church Commissioners. They have finished their repairs to the building so that it can now come back into use as an occupied, rented house.

Weir Meadow Playing Field

The field has been ploughed right up to the edges, ready for applications of fertilizer and then autumn seed drilling of special grass that is suitable for recreational use. The large temporary fencing at the recently restored old bridge will come down as soon as oak posts and railings have been installed. The big hole just inside the main, vehicular entrance to the meadow at Stone Landing will be filled and levelled in the next few weeks.

Community Orchard

The mature trees are heavy with fruit. You are welcome to pick up wind falls and take them home with you if you'd like to. The picnic tables have all been terraced and levelled, with wood mulch underneath, so come and enjoy the warm days and evenings while they last.

Teignbridge Local Plan 2020-2040

If you've lost the thread of where we are on this, you're in good company. To recap, Teignbridge District Council put out a draft local plan earlier this year for comment and feedback (a consultation exercise). The idea was to finalise a definitive plan by July, which could then be submitted for approval at an Examination Hearing in public in the autumn.

This is the plan, of course, that contains, among other developments, a proposal for 900 new houses on agricultural land in the eastern part of Ide Parish, to be called Markham Village.

Over 6,000 individuals and 1,000 organisations submitted comments, in particular on transport and infrastructure.

Planning officers at TDC had hoped to manage the task of redrafting their plan in the light of these comments by delaying publication of their final version until October. But they have now asked permission to go back to the public for further consultation. This "addendum consultation" exercise is likely to run for 6 weeks over the winter. Its scope will be limited to seeking comments only on newly proposed changes to the

plan. If the addendum consultation happens, we might expect to see the Final Submission (Regulation 23, as it is called) version of the plan in, maybe, February 2024; and the public Examination Hearing in summer 2024.

We have engaged a planning consultant, Adam Place of Viable Placemaking, to assist the Parish Council in our response to the final version of the plan when it appears. The appeal we ran in April 2023 raised the £6,000 required to cover their fees, as and when we formally instruct them. Thank you again to those who donated: your money is safely earmarked solely for this purpose!

Allotments

The Parish Council provides eight allotment garden plots, located behind Ide School. We currently have one vacant plot, available to rent under annual licence, at a cost of £39.37 per annum. If you live in Ide and would be interested in renting this plot, please contact Mel Liversage, Ide Parish Clerk, on ideparishclerk@gmail.com or telephone 01392 259024.

Planning Matters

NEW APPLICATIONS

23/01170/TPO Maple House, Old Ide Lane T001 London Plane - 3-4m reduction to over extended branches on sides, 2-3m reduction in height.

Supported by Ide Planning

Committee

APPLICATIONS AWAITING A DECISION BY TDC

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 this property's position at the entrance to the village.

Not supported by Ide Planning Committee

23/00463 Stevens Farm Ide: Proposal: Change of use of agricultural building and land to commercial use for the sales and maintenance of tractors. Objected to by Ide Parish Council Planning Committee (IPC)

APPLICATIONS DECIDED BY TDC

23/00617/FUL 2 Fore Street, Ide Changes of use of land to domestic curtilage and provision of an ancillary domestic outbuilding.

Granted by TDC

Vacancy for Ide Parish Councillor

The Council currently has eight members; the full complement is nine. Here is an opportunity to work for your village community and improve the quality of life in Ide. We administer eight allotments for residents. We look after the Cemetery, the War Memorial, Coronation Gardens and the Children's Play Area. We own and run Ide Community Orchard, Weir Meadow Playing Field, The Northern Fields, assorted

benches and planters, the car park, the bus shelter, flood trash screen, dog waste bins, parish notice board, the containers with salt and sand bag supplies, the defibrillator, and two football goals on The Green.

We work on capital projects to improve the environment, appearance and amenities within the village. We run the village website. We organise the maintenance, repairs and improvements to parish facilities including recreational areas, public spaces and cemetery. We liaise with Devon County, Teignbridge District and Exeter City on planning and development, the maintenance, repair and improvement of highways, drainage, footpaths, cycle ways, public transport, street cleaning, conservation matters including trees and listed buildings, and environmental issues. We work closely with Ide School on road safety, the children's Play Area, community use of the MUGA, and access to the garden allotments. We operate on a small budget and many of the services we provide are funded by grants and other external sources. We provide an annual parish fund of £500 per year to which community groups can apply. We run a Planning Committee, plus additional parish council working groups: Climate and Environment; Emergency Planning; Weir Meadow & Northern Fields; Ide Community Orchard; and a Joint Projects Fund Raising Group. Being a parish councillor is unpaid. You would be required to attend six bi-monthly meetings a year; and in time take an active part in the tasks and projects the Council runs. Training will be provided. If you would like to be considered, please contact Mel Liversage or Nick Bradley in writing or by email. And if you would like to talk it over before committing yourself, do give us a ring.

Next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting of Ide Parish Council, held as always in public, is on Wednesday 20 September 2023 at 7.30pm in Ide Memorial Hall.

Contact details

Clerk – Mel Liversage 01392 259024

Chair – Nick Bradley 01392 420616

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FRED AMES

On Thursday, 3rd August, Lucerne House in Alphington arranged for Fred to come out to the Huntsman in Ide to have lunch and meet up with old friends to celebrate his 100th birthday, which had taken place a few days earlier. Fred was in good form, remembering the names of old friends and keen to chat. It was lovely to see you Fred.

CHANGES AT IDE POST OFFICE



As I suspect many of you know, Susanna Morgans joined the Post Office when the Shop first opened in 2009 and was promoted to become the Subpostmaster (yes, that's the title of the role) in 2012.

Over the years she has been a stalwart of the Post Office and the Shop, giving selfless service to the community, servicing all our needs with patience, good grace and good humour often going above and beyond the requirements of her role. She has however decided to step aside as soon as we can find someone else to join the Post Office. With typical generosity, she is not going to leave the Post Office until we can find a new recruit and even afterwards will continue to be very much involved in the life of the Shop.

Since the Shop opened in 2009, the Post Office business has been conducted under a contract between the Post Office and the Subpostmaster, without any interface between the Shop and the Post Office. I am happy to say that with the Post Office's co-operation, this rather anomalous arrangement comes to an end on 1st September after some fairly tortuous negotiation, when a new contract takes effect between the Shop and the Post Office which better reflects how the Post Office service is run in practice.

The role of Subpostmaster and the personal liabilities that go with that office which Susanna has borne for all these years will come to an end. Those liabilities are not insignificant – one only has to consider the Horizon scandal that saw the lives of innocent postmasters sacrificed for a corporate cover up of defective software. Instead a new office of Branch Manager comes into being under the new contract. This is a role equivalent to the Subpostmaster role, but without the personal liabilities that go with it which now stop with the Shop. I am delighted to say that Zetta King will be stepping into that role on 1st September which I am sure she will discharge in her own inimitable way and we wish her every success.

Whilst on the subject of change, the Shop AGM held in May marked the 10th anniversary of the move of the Shop out of the Portacabin to its premises in Fore Street. The move was assisted by just over £68,000 raised from the village in 2012 under a shareholder scheme. Shareholders have gradually been repaid over time and at the AGM it was resolved to repay the final £8000 instalment due from retained profits. This means that other than the nominal £10 paid for each share, there are no further sums due to shareholders- and so if you are a shareholder, an envelope with a cheque enclosed will shortly be hitting your door mat if it hasn't done so already. This is a very considerable achievement and one of which the whole village can be justly proud. One final thing- if you wanted to return your cheque to the Shop uncashed, I for one would have no objection!

David Howe



IDE COMMUNITY SHOP AND POST OFFICE

VACANCY FOR PART TIME POST OFFICE ASSISTANT

An exciting opportunity arises to be involved in a role at the heart of the Community with the imminent retirement of the current Sub postmaster of Ide Community Shop. We are seeking a part time Post Office Assistant to help run the Post Office service within the shop and to support the retail business which is staffed by volunteers.

There will be 2 paid members of staff in the Post Office, a Branch Manager and an Assistant, who between them will maintain the Post Office service year round. There is flexibility in the hours of work and these can be discussed in more detail with candidates interested in the role.

The Assistant will be expected to provide the full range of services that the Ide Post Office offers to members of the public. Induction and training will be given to allow you to fulfil the role, so no previous Post Office experience is required.

Please apply with a brief CV to David Howe <u>david53howe@gmail.com</u> or in writing at the Shop by 15th September 2023.



IDE PRODUCE SHOW & ART EXHIBITION



Sunday, 17th September, from 2.30pm Ide Village Green (if wet it will be in the Village Hall) The Art Exhibition will be in Ide Church

Details of the different Show Categories will be posted through your door within the next few days or will be available in the Community Shop.

IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH What's happening this month?

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

| September 2023 | 11am |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 3 rd | Ruth Endacott |
| 10 th | Des Gardiner |
| 17 th | Harvest Festival – Maurice Hockridge |
| 24 th | David Bulley |

Other activities

Coffee Morning - on Thursday 7th September 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 3rd August. 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 Sunday 17th September if our Harvest Festival



Our Harvest Festival starts at 11am and will be led by local farmer Maurice Hockridge. A time for us all to come together to celebrate the harvest.

On Thursday 21st September at 7pm – it's time for Coffee Chat and Challenge

On Thursday 21st September 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!

DUNCHIDEOCK FILM NIGHT

Friday, 22nd September, 7.45pm in Dunchideock Village Hall

The Fabelmans - Stephen Spielberg traces his own artistic beginnings by following the life of a fictional mid-century Jewish boy, Sammy Fabelman.

So welcome to this our 19th season of Film Night, the cosiness of our village hall, the Tom and Jerry which starts every show, the ice creams, the well-stocked bar and free coffee, tea and bites. There is a show every four weeks from September to May, and everyone is most welcome.

Peter Goodchil

SAINT IDA'S CHURCH

| Sunday, 3 rd September | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
|------------------------------------|--------|----------------|
| Sunday, 10 th September | 9.30am | Morning Praise |
| Sunday, 17 th September | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday, 24 th September | 8am | Holy Communion |



On the 29th July the wedding took place of Deborah Stevens and Chris Collis. The weather stayed fine and it was a lovely occasion. They were taken to their wedding reception at West Town Farm by Richard Reardon's tuk tuk as you will see from our cover picture. We wish them both a long and happy married life. Photos can be found on the next page.

Vron took the funeral of Tom Marshall-Brown at the Crematorium on the 10th August. We extend our sympathy to Lindsay and family at their sad loss.



A new flag pole was purchased for Ide Church and was hauled into position during August. Our thanks go to Ian Campbell and Nick Bradley for carrying out this work. The new flag pole is made of aluminium and should last for many years.

Mothers' Union It seems I picked the wrong day for our coffee morning, as so few were able to come. However those who did were very generous, and we made about £90 !! So thank you very much indeed. It will go towards some very worthwhile projects. We will meet in September, on Wednesday, 20th, at 2.30pm here at my home.

Sue Campbell.

Just a reminder, Ide Church is open from 10am each day, if you need a few moments of quiet or even somewhere to take the children – there are toys and books on the children's table.

Baptisms, Weddings, etc. - for enquiries about these please contact christenings@alphingtonstmichaels.org or weddings@alphingtonstmichaels.org Or ring the Revd Mike Partridge on 01392 491476.





Chris and Deborah's wedding took place in Ide Church on the 29th July. Deborah and her sister's spent happy hours doing the beautiful flower arrangements in the church and also the barn at West Town Farm where they had their reception. Debs had also made her own wedding dress under the watchful eye of Janet Williams. The confetti was dried flower petals.





IDE COMMUNITY ORCHARD

It's been another busy month in the Orchard with tables levelled. Huge thanks to James Romain for being our man at the controls of the digger and Guy Richardson for a vital supporting role clearing away all the soil. They did an amazing job and it is really appreciated. Both were back a couple of weeks later to reseed the areas around the benches.



Thanks also to Paula Burton-Perrett for spending an evening oiling the benches. We hope to complete the task over the coming weeks.

We had a successful Working Party too on 30th July. We got chippings beneath the tables and cleared some of the grass away from the paths. Huge thanks to everyone who came along.





Anyone who has visited the Orchard recently will see that the apples are on their way. We'll be holding an Apple Day in October - but remember, you don't have to wait until then! Just help yourself to them when you think they're ready. We are planning on labelling the trees so you can see which are cookers, eaters etc.

It's lovely seeing how the wildlife changes across the year too. The butterflies have had a high old

time with the buddleia this year. The swallows and swifts will soon be heading south. And if you are in the Orchard at around dusk, there's a good chance you'll see bats zipping around.

Mark Thomas
On Behalf of Ide Community Orchard Management Group

IDE PRODUCE SHOW & ART EXHIBITION Sunday, 17th September, 2.30pm, Ide Village Green & Ide Church



It's Ide Show on Sunday, September 17th. Bring your entries along between 10am and 12 noon and then the Show itself takes place from 2.30pm.

We'll be on The Green - unless the weather is grim. Plan B is the Village Hall.

Watch out for a programme of classes dropping through your letterbox soon - but it'll be the same as last year.

We will also have the Art exhibition in the Church. Again, if you would like to contribute to this, then come along in the morning (after 11am). Photos, drawings, paintings and craft work are all welcome. Obviously this isn't judged, simply a celebration of people's talents!

Do come along if you can – there will be the usual tea and cake on offer.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 17th!

Ide Growers.

CHANGES TO BUS TIMETABLES

I would like to make you aware of a large number of bus service changes that Stagecoach are implementing on **Sunday 3rd September 2023**. The changes are mostly positive as they show signs towards growing the bus network back again, following the service frequency reductions in 2022. The enhancements are funded from the Department for Transport's post COVID recovery grants. All the service improvements have the potential to achieve long term sustainability if patronage increases. This is why it is even more important that over the next two years we all play our part to promote bus usage in our communities.

The list of changes is long and can be found on Stagecoach's website
- https://www.stagecoachbus.com/promos-and-offers/south-west/south-west-timetables As you scroll down the web page, click the "show more" tab to open up the complete list.

Michael Tucker
Principal Transport Officer – Integrated Public Transport

Mindfulness Based Living.

Mindfulness has become a popular subject in recent years, with the word "Mindful" now part of our everyday vocabulary. Many children are taught mindfulness techniques at school and mindfulness is often encouraged in the workplace as a way of enhancing mental wellbeing and happiness within the working environment. But what exactly is mindfulness? The pioneer of modern mindfulness – Jon Kabat Zinn defines mindfulness as

"The means of paying attention in a particular way, on purpose, in the present moment, and non-judgmentally. This kind of awareness nurtures greater awareness, clarity, and acceptance of present moment reality. It wakes us up to the fact that our lives unfold only in moments. If we are not fully present for many of these moments, we may not only miss what is most valuable in our lives but also fail to realise the richness and the depth of our possibilities for growth and transformation. It is... a turning towards life.... To live life as if each moment is important, as if each moment counted and could be worked with, even if it is a moment of pain, sadness, despair, or fear. – Jon Kabat Zinn.

If you would like to find out more why not come along to an introductory evening on Tuesday 19th September? The course starts on Tuesday 3rd October and will run on Tuesday evenings until 21^{st of} November from 6.30-9.00 pm.

This course from the Mindfulness Association is free of charge and is being run by Kevin Dudman a mindfulness teacher who will introduce you to the building blocks of mindfulness techniques to enable you to bring a sense of mindfulness into your day-to-day life.

Mindfulness Based Living Course (MBLC).

Come and join us for our 8 week Mindfully Based Living Course Introductory evening on Tuesday 19th September at 6.30pm.

The course runs between Tuesday 3rd October to 21st November at Ide Congregational Church

This is a free course following the Mindfulness Based Living Course from the Mindfulness Association.

Places are limited so booking is required.
For further information please contact Kevin Dudman at
Cbt.therapysolutions@gmail.com or phone or text on 07825 616524.



JUBILEE CLUB

To be honest the weather has not always been co-operative this summer but despite an iffy start we had a good day for our trip to Bennett's Water Gardens on July 24th. We had a nearly full coach, thanks for the support without which it just wouldn't be viable to cover the cost. Following the trip I have received several complimentary remarks on the outing - Beautiful water lilies, peaceful surroundings as you explore the walks around the ponds, and delicious food. How easy to sometimes just not make the effort to just GO.

September is approaching fast and darker evenings, oh dear, but each season brings its delights. We will be gathering for our meetings and have another trip planned.

Anne Browning has a special birthday to celebrate, we send our best wishes.

Diary Dates

September 4th Bingo

September 18th An outing to Dartmouth and a boat trip on the river, down

to the castle and up as far as Greenway. The total cost £23.00 and please note the slightly earlier time of leaving Ide of 10.15.

As ever visitors welcome.

October 2nd Chris Woodward to tell us about: The British on holiday from King

George 3rd to Sir Billy Butlin.

Jean Hoskin

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IDE MEMORIAL HALL

September means that various groups are starting up again after the August break.

Mondays - Jubilee Club (over 60's) 2pm on alternate Mondays (see above).

Ide Aloud (singing group) 7pm each week.

Tuesdays Art Group from 10am to 12 noon.

Bella Acappella (singing group) 7.30pm

Wed. Keep Fit 10-11am

Pilates 7pm

Thurs. Keep Fit 10-11am

Morris Men 7.30pm from 28th September. Beginners welcome.

Friday Pilates 9.30am

Why not join in one of the above?

To book the hall for an event please contact Carol on 01392 213608.

Devon Open Studios 9th-24th September 2023



In September there will be another opportunity to visit a wide range of art studios all over Devon. All the studios listed in the guide (copies available in the Community Shop) are free to visit with no obligation at all to buy.

In Ide, artist **Deborah Irwin** from The Green will be hosting a demonstration of her creative process and free workshops.

Deborah's studio will be open on the 9th, 10th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 23rd September.

All are welcome to her preview evening Friday 8th September 7-9pm where you can see new work and also sign up for Deborah's workshops.

Still Life Workshops

- Learn simple ways to draw your treasured objects.
- Sunday 10th September 2-4pm
- Saturday 23rd September 2-4pm

(All abilities welcome. Materials provided. Come along and have a try!)

Demonstration Sunday 17th September 2-4pm

Open Studio guides showing studio locations and opening times will be available at the Community Shop, or see the details online: www.devonopenstudios.co.uk

LOVE FOOD LUNCH CLUB

Unfortunately we have decided to stop running Ide lunch club for now, as our current funding has come to an end. However, as we already have **Friday 8 September** booked at the hall, we're planning to run a Cook & Eat session instead.

The cooking session will run from **11.30am - 1.30pm**, please come along if you want to learn more about cooking healthy plant-based meals with local, organic fruit and veg. Booking is essential as there are only limited spaces - you can book via Eventbrite

We are also planning to **make apple juice** again this year and are having an apple picking session at **West Town Farm on Sunday 1 October -** please book for this as well so we know you're coming. https://love-food-cic.eventbrite.com
Maresa Bossano

BOX TREE MOTHS

Since I can remember my grandparents lived in this cottage in Ide. The two topiary Box Trees in the front garden were always their pride and joy.



As a little boy my grandad told me these trees were the same when he went to Ide School. That means they must be well over a 100 years old.

As a boy the trees were clipped every year by Bill Pillar, whose wife, Mavis wrote Ide Past Times.

About 25 years ago I took 10 cuttings from these two trees and they all grew and have done really well and are now slowly being morphed into Topiary chess pieces - a work in progress but progress none the less!

Every year I would take cuttings which expanded my Box topiary collection.

I was lucky enough to move into the cottage in 2011 and since then it has been my mission to protect these two trees and my new collection as they will always remind me of my grandparents and childhood!



This week I noticed something was happening with the Box as brown spots suddenly started appearing everywhere - my first thought was Box blight!

At a closer look I was shocked at what I discovered, little green and yellow caterpillars everywhere! Shock horror we are being invaded again by a hostile non native insect. My beloved topiary has been massacred in the space of a week!

The culprit.....

The Box Tree Moth Cydalima Perspectalis

First found in London in 2007. it has now made its way to lde and the surrounding areas.

These caterpillars have no natural predators in this country. In China, where they originate from, a parasitic wasp keeps them under control. Birds wont eat them as they have ingested toxins from the box and **Birds** do not like the taste of them.

They can multiply really quickly and at temperatures of 20 degrees the eggs only takes 4 days to hatch.



You can check out the RHS advice on Box, and, like me, they don't like the thought of insecticides which may effect wildlife, bees, wasps and birds. The RHS gives good advice and lots of suggestions on what to plant instead of Box.

I cant, and won't, rip out all my Box and therefore, I am going down the biological route, using a biological insecticide containing a natural, potent strain of the micro-organism Bacillus Thuringiensis subspecies Aizawai called XenTari. Unfortunately this is not available in your local garden centre but available on Amazon. It is suggested you treat your Box 3 times a year if you want them to survive! This article is for anyone who wants to save their Box from these invaders.

I say to you, Box Moths: "As you fly over my garden you may see a neon 24 hour buffet sign but you may have met your match, cause I will not lose my Topiary trees. Not on my watch!

Patrick Voysey

WEST TOWN FARM NEWS Local, Organic, Sustainable



Damtastic



We had lots of you come up to pick our damsons over the last few weeks including Exeter Food Action (exeterfoodaction.org.uk) who went away with 65 kg. We were really pleased to be able to contribute to this excellent organisation, which rescues excess food from shops and suppliers, and redistributes it to organisations that support people in need in our local communities in Devon.

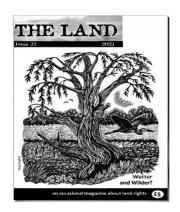
Look out on social media in the next few weeks @westtownfarm for updates about apple picking and our annual pumpkin event

Goodbye Lennon

Our pedigree Hereford bull has done his work for the season and is looking for a new home. We're always a little sad to say farewell to our bulls as they all have their unique traits and personalities. Lennon is a big boy with a big moo.



The Land Magazine



Is a fascinating and beautiful occasional publication founded by veteran campaigner Simon Fairlie who wrote the book *Meat: A Benign Extravagance.* We will be stocking the magazine in the shop soon, including back issues. If you are interested in well written and researched articles about food production, land use & rights and regenerative farming this is the publication for you.

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