



This is one of the Christmas cards available in the Community Shop. It is produced from one of Penny Smith's paintings.





DECEMBER 2023 & JANUARY 2024

November started with storm Ciaran, which sadly caused some flooding in the village, and then on the 16th November we

had a power cut which left all the village without electricity for a number of hours – some suffered for longer than others. We hope that December will not provide us with more problems! Our grateful thanks go to members of the Parish Council and the many others who helped clear up after the flooding and we hope that those affected are drying out.

Articles for the February issue of the Ide Times should be sent to me Brenda Spivey <u>brendaspivey123@btinternet.com</u> by the 20th January. We take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and all the best for 2024. Brenda Spivey 01392 275784

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Monday - Friday	9am - 11.45 am & 3pm - 5pm			
Saturdays	9am - 12 noon			

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Flooding in Storm Ciarán

At around 3am on 2 November a deluge of rain of exceptional intensity fell on Ide. Numbers 1 & 3 Fore Street, Sculphers Studio, the Village Hall, The Huntsman Inn, and 13 The Hams were all flooded. Especially severely affected were 1 & 3 Fore Street, where Gill Orme, and Karen and Pete Voysey were in fear of their safety as huge quantities of muddy, red surface water off the field above them rushed with alarming power through and beside their houses in the dark. Garden structures were destroyed and deposited in the road, a gas metre ripped off a wall, and ground floors of all the affected properties were devastated: furniture, carpets, equipment, possessions, curtains, appliances and fittings wrecked.

Ian Campbell, who lives at 15 Fore Street, and was similarly flooded 30 years ago, has written a clear, objective and thoughtful initial report on the floods, as an involved local resident. His report discusses the causes of the flooding; and proposes some possible ways that he sees of preventing them in the future. It's on Ide Village website, under Parish Council Documents, then Agenda for the Parish Council meeting of 22 November 2023, as Paper 1.

To build on this, the Council decided to convene a small working group and seek funds to commission an expert, professional assessment of the options for flood prevention, which we can use in approaching local authorities, the Environment Agency and landowners for action.

Teignbridge Local (District) Plan 2020-2040

www.teignbridge.gov.uk/localplanaddendum

The parish council and residents have until 22 December to comment further on recent changes, published as an "addendum", to the proposed Local Plan - the plan that would create a 900 house development called Markham Village on agricultural farmland in the eastern half of the parish. We discussed the changes on 22 November. These changes result from the comments and objections raised at the first consultation in March 2023. They are, bar one, relatively minor: Teignbridge could only accommodate the major objections we lodged on landscape, environment, flooding and transport infrastructure by abandoning whole policies in the plan, such as Markham Village. We did not expect them to do that at this stage; but we hope they will have to do that when the plan is "examined" in public next summer.

The changes, highlighted red in the plan document (see link at top), and summarised here, are:

 Delaying Markham Village start date till c.2036, to give time for Teignbridge, Devon County, National Highways and Exeter City to come up with an acceptable, safe, sustainable, strategic transport infrastructure solution to answer the objections that we and others (notably Alphington Forum) have already lodged about congestion and safety at Alphington Junction (aka Ide Roundabout), A377 spur into Exeter, Ide Village Road and roads through Alphington. 2.

- Markham Village site area reduced from 74 to 60 hectares by building less close to Polehouse Lane
- Still planning total of 900 houses, on a smaller site, but, with backlogging as above, possibly only building 575 houses by 2040 (the end of this planning period), with the rest coming in early 2040's.
- Providing land on which the education authority can build a new primary school and early years learning centre. [Ide primary school will be protected].
- Upgrading of mobility hub to include 125 car Park & Switch, bus stop, e-bike hire, secure bike parking.
- Investigate downgrading of local lanes (eg Markham Lane) to prevent new rat runs used by private vehicles, and attract cyclists and pedestrians.
- Landscape buffering between A30 and new village.
- Provide sustainable walking and cycle route into Exeter from Markham Village.

Only one of these changes has much to do with the price of fish: the others are minor tweaks. But to state that there must be an acceptable transport infrastructure plan before Markham Village can proceed, and to kick the can down the road to the end of the planning period in this way, is a significant concession: a fair minded person might even have expected to see a transport plan before, not after, suggesting a new village.

So please do look at the addendum, and submit your comments about the changes in red text.

Parish Council Vacancy

We are delighted to welcome Sarah Tiley as a parish councillor. Sarah has previously served on the Council for a number of years. We look forward very much to working together with her again. There remains one vacancy on Ide Parish Council. We currently have 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. 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, please do give us a ring.

Ide Community Orchard

On Sunday 26 November the last working party of the year was held, mulching the young trees, pruning and clearing thickets that are choking some of the mature trees. We plan also to decorate some of the trees with Christmas lights and have a switch on ceremony on Saturday 2 December, 2023, at 5.30 pm.

Weir Meadow

The lush, green sports pitch grass has been fenced off as the grass roots need to establish properly over the next ten months. This means staying off the meadow, please, and sticking to the perimeter path for the time being. There will be a series of grass cuts using special equipment in the spring and summer; and we expect to be able to get onto the meadow to use it for recreation and sport from mid August 2024.

Northern Fields

The farming tenancy came to an end on 29 September, so both fields are now open to walk in and dogs may run free. A reminder that commercial dog walking is not permitted in the Fields. The long term plan is now to design and create a community woodland in these fields. If you would like to contribute to the working group in this project, do please get in touch.

Dunchideock Parish Council

We also discussed on 22 November the difficulties that Dunchideock PC is faced with. Whilst willing to help with support or advice, Ide parish councillors could see no benefits, only difficulties, for our own village community from merging or combining parishes with Dunchideock. We will, therefore, not be offering to do this.

EXETER DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Exeter City Council is seeking our views on their 20 year plan. Residents can view it and comment individually. Go to <u>https://exeterplan.commonplace.is</u> Closing date is 14 January.

It will be discussed at the next meeting of the Ide PC Planning Committee.

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/02053/CAN 4 Old Vicarage Close Ide Devon EX2 9RE Removal of Trees T1 - Lawson Cypress = Fell T2 - Small conifer = Fell T3 - Western Red Cedar = Fell T4 - Palm sp. = Fell

23/01675/HOU & 23/01676/LBC–DE - 44 High Street, Ide

Replacement of corrugated steel roof with slate and replacement of front windows. Supported by IPC planning committee

APPLICATIONS AWAITING A DECISION BY TDC

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)

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of Ide Parish Council, held as always in public, is on Wednesday 17 January 2024 at 7.30pm in Ide Memorial Hall.

Contact details

Clerk – Mel Liversage 01392 259024 <u>ideparishclerk@gmail.com</u> Chair – Nick Bradley 01392 420616 <u>nickbradley.ideparishcouncil@gmail.com</u>

Film Night Dunchideock Village Hall

Friday December 15th, 7:45 PM - Indiana Jones and the Diary of Destiny.

Here is the last Indiana Jones epic, with 80 year old Harrison Ford taking on his role with all the vigour of nearly half a century ago.

Zetta has been to the regional Community Shop Network Meetings around the county over the last few months and we actually hosted the one held in this part of Devon on Monday, 20 November.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to our wonderful customers and outstanding volunteers, in every area of shop life – we are not facing so many of the struggles and hardships that others are facing on various levels and in so many ways. We are actually doing so well that we want to be of service to you even more, so very soon we shall be extending our opening hours and only closing from 12 noon-1pm at lunchtime and instead of reopening at 3pm as we do now we will be open from 1pm right through to closing time at 6.30pm. The Post Office though will still close at 5pm as it does now.

We were delighted to show the 'community' part of Ide Community Shop at the Community Shop Meeting that we hosted by our guests being greeted by a lovely poster

designed and drawn magnificently by Leonie. Then our guests all had a personalized 'Welcome to Ide Card' handmade by Ide Afterschool Club and Ben, Jo, and Amelie.

As they admired their cards, they ate the most cute and delicious handmade biscuits made by Xander, and so many people commented they were so nice they did not want to eat them. Special Guests also got the most exquisite and stunning hand painted bookmarks designed and made by Bea. The young people

made us so proud,. People were touched and amazed by their welcome gifts and loved the fact the children had made them especially.

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed Lesley as the new shop and post office assistant who will be starting very soon. Lesley comes with a wealth of both village shop and post office experience, having worked at Christow Stores and Post Office for many years until it sadly closed in May. Several people have already met Lesley and given her a warm Ide Welcome. Although it is sad that she is coming because Susanna is leaving after such a long and valuable service with the shop and Post Office, although she will still be keeping her hand in by doing the beautiful New Leaf plants and the bird and dog food as she does now.

Shaldon Bakery will be taking their annual holiday over Christmas, as they do every year. They will be shut for 10 days, and we will be selling frozen bread from the freezer during that time – this will be an Ugli Bun Free Time as well! If you want any special bread or bakery lines for the festive season, we can order it for Saturday 23 December as they are not delivering on Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December. We will have fresh bread again on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

If you are not making our own Christmas Wreath at one of the workshops in the village, we can order one for you from New Leaf – please pop into the shop for more details as these are going to be bought to order only. We will also have the









stunning New Leaf Poinsettias again this year that are such magnificent specimens and overshadow any you get anywhere else.

The shop has a wide range of gifts for Christmas presents alongside all the functional lines like sellotape, wrapping paper, Christmas Cards – local Ide ones both Skillpigs and the beautiful ones designed by Penny Smith alongside colourful Whistlefish ones and standard boxes of cards. We have some lovely tins of biscuits and beautiful scented candles, and we can order any fruit and vegetables, plus cheeses etc. you need for your festive entertaining.

Last posting dates for Christmas

Monday, 18th December – Royal Mail 2nd Class Wed. 20th December – Royal Mail 1st Class Thurs & Friday, 21st & 22nd – Royal Mail Special Delivery Guaranteed. Please collect a leaflet from the Post Office for more detailed information.

Shop and Post Office Christmas and New Year Opening Times

Day & Date

Saturday 23 December Sunday 24 December Christmas Eve Monday 25 December Christmas Day Tuesday 26 December Boxing Day Wed. 27 December-Sat. 30 December Sunday 31 December New Year's Eve Monday 1st January 2024 New's Day Tuesday 2nd January 2024 Shop 8am-1pm 9am-12noon Closed 9am-11am Normal Hours 9am-12noon Closed Normal Hours

Post Office

9am-12noon Closed Closed Closed Normal Hours Closed Closed Normal Hours

We wish all our very very special customers a Happy Christmas and all the best for 2024 and thank you for supporting the shop so well in 2023. We look forward to being of service to you in 2024.



CONGRATULATIONS IDE ALOUD

Congratulations to Ide Aloud for their party-cum-concert last month at the Memorial Hall. It was a very enjoyable event, in so many ways, with a welcoming atmosphere and clearly had taken much careful pre-event planning and preparation.



The songs were delivered in a lively fashion, full of feeling, with the interweaving of the various voices sounding especially lovely. Our enjoyment was enhanced still further by members of the choir explaining to us the audience why they had chosen each particular song.

In addition to the delightful singing we were also treated to superb refreshments, featuring a wide ranging and original selection of delicious savoury dishes, then later a selection of excellent homemade cakes. The choir deserve our full praise for their singing, catering and hospitality !

We should also congratulate choir leader Jane for providing a warm glow to the evening with her introductions and comments, which began with an account of how stressful and disruptive the day's electrical power cuts had been, whilst heavy rain had added extra complexities to the logistics of set-up. But it was all 'alright on the night' – well done everyone who contributed to putting on a fine show for our enjoyment, despite the day's disruptions, it was greatly appreciated by all!

Ide Aloud was formed in 2008, and so is in its 15th year. Long may their own way of presenting themselves and their songs continue! Sylvia Moore

If You Knew Rodney

In October we lost our friend and neighbour Rodney Johnson, after a long battle with illness.

If you knew Rodney you know what a unique, true, gentleman he was.



If you lived near Rodney you will remember his music, on the breeze, from his open window.

If you ever passed up the High Street you will have taken pleasure in his glorious flower display.

If you listened to Rodney, you often listened for a long time...

If you talked to him about football he may have mentioned Aston Villa.

If Rodney ever worked for you, you saw that his work standards were as high as his personal principles.

If you saw Rodney fighting for his health, you witnessed a spirit we have rarely seen. If you knew Rodney, be thankful.

Rest in peace Rodders.



IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH What's happening this month?



Sunday Services are held at 11am each week (except where indicated). Our speakers this month are:

11am
Michael Trigg
Sir Roy Sambles
Memorial Service for those we've lost
6.30pm Candlelit Carol Service
10.30am Christmas Day Service
Des Gardiner
11am
Kevin Dudman
Barry Searle
David Bulley
Mark Perkins

Other activities



Thursday 7th December from 10am – 12pm we will be holding our Christmas Coffee Morning. Come and join us for our special Christmas Coffee Morning on Thursday 7th December. The Children from Ide Primary School will be joining us at 11am to sing some carols, so do come along to enjoy the festivities. We provide free

teas, coffees and cakes with a lot of friendly chatter. It runs from 10am - 12pm, so do just pop in any time.

Thursday 4th January from 10am – 12pm we will be holding our usual Coffee Morning. Come and join us for our first Coffee Morning of the New Year on Thursday 4th January.



On Sunday 17th December we will be holding a Memorial Service at 11am A chance for us to come together for a quiet, reflective service, to remember those whom we have loved, but who are no longer with us. There will be an opportunity to hang a handmade lantern on a dedicated Christmas Tree in memory of those we've loved and lost.



Thursday 21st December at 7pm – it's time for Christmas Coffee Chat and Challenge. On Thursday 21st December at 7pm we will be meeting together for Coffee, Chat and Challenge with a Christmas flavour. A time for discussions and reflections relating to the Christian

faith. Everyone welcome, and there's always food!

Thursday 18th January at 7pm – it's time for Coffee Chat and Challenge

On Thursday 18th January at 7pm we will be meeting together for Coffee, Chat and Challenge A time for discussions and reflections relating to the Christian faith.



On Sunday 24th December our service will be at 6.30pm (no 11am service) when we will be holding our Candlelit Carol Service. What better way to get in the mood for Christmas than to come along and sing some carols by candlelight on Christmas Eve. Our service starts at 6.30pm and everyone is welcome. Food and drinks will be served at the end.



Christmas Day Service at 10.30am

On Monday 25th December we will be holding a 30 minute service starting at 10.30am. Come and celebrate the reason for the season.

A Happy and peaceful Christmas to everyone from Ide Congregational Church.

BLUENOTE ALCHEMY & THE ANCHOR CHIEFS Saturday, 27th January, 7pm in Ide Memorial Hall



Kick off your new year with an evening of music from; Bluenote Alchemy; Kat Jenkins and Tony Green. A mixture of Americana, Etc Supported by - The Anchor Chiefs singing Sea Shanty's and some traditional Folk songs...

The venue is the Ide Memorial Hall, Fore Street, Ide, EX2 9RQ Performance begins at 7:00 to 9:00. Saturday 27th January 2024 Tickets are £8.00; available in the Ide Community shop and from Kat Jenkins (01392811836/07890364847)

There will be a donation from the ticket sales to the charity RNLI, to honour the Cloke family as well as to support the charity.

There will be a small selection of drinks available to buy from the Ide shop or bring along your preferred refreshments. Please take with you any empties and food wrappings at the end of the evening or place them in the waste bins provided. There will be a raffle so do bring some cash with you.

There is a car park at the top of the village just past the small round-a-bout on the left if you cannot find anywhere else.

We look forward to seeing you there. 9.

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SAINT IDA'S CHURCH

9.30am

9.30am

Sunday, 17th December 9.30am Holy Communion Sunday, 24th December **Christingle Service** 4pm **Christmas Eve Midnight Communion** 11pm Christmas Day 11am Service at Alphington Church Sunday, 31st December 9.30am Holy Communion for the 3 churches In Ide Church Sunday, 7th January 9.30am Holy Communion Sunday, 14th January 9.30am Morning Praise Sunday, 21st January 9.30am Holy Communion Sunday, 28th January Holy Communion 8am

Festive Tea, Saturday, 9th December, 2.30pm. Father Christmas has promised to come and you might like to meet him outside The Poachers at 2.15pm and show him the way to the Church. There will be a magnificent tea, a number of stalls, a chance for the children to talk to Santa as well as take part in activities with Zetta. Festive Tea £5 per adult, children free.

> Wreath Making, Sunday, 10th December – There will be two sessions: 2pm and 5pm. Tickets, price £20, are on sale at the Community Shop. The price includes all the materials required plus seasonal refreshments.

Holy Communion

Morning Praise

Christmas Services –

Christingle Service - You will see from the above that there will be a Christingle Service on Christmas Eve at 4pm in Church. Children are invited to come dressed as one of the Nativity characters. There will be a collection for the Children's Society during the Service so remember to have some "real money' in your pocket rather than just plastic!

Midnight Service – 11pm on Christmas Eve.

Mothers' Union - It was good to see all 8 members at our November meeting, we discussed some of the things that had come up at the Diocesan meeting: Away from It All holidays, Book Share, and the new campaign, "Rise Up" against gender violence. Christmas is imminent, we will all be helping with the Christmas Tea in Church. We will meet in January for a social lunch, date to be arranged. I wish you all a peaceful festive season. Sue Campbell.

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.



Sunday, 3rd December

Sunday, 10th December







St Ida's Church CHRISTMAS FESTIVE TEA Saturday, 9th December, 2.30[pm In Ide Church



Father Christmas is coming and will leave The Poachers at 2.15pm – Why not meet him there and bring him along to join the Christmas Festive Tea!

> There will be various stalls and Activities for children too. Don't forget to bring some cash.



CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP Sunday, 10th December 2pm and 5pm sessions



Tickets from Ide Community Shop \pounds 20 to include all materials and refreshments



There will be a cash collection in aid of the Children's Society



JUBILEE CLUB



Sometimes I have the feeling I have done so very little in my lifetime! Our speakers on October 30th certainly have lived a full and worthwhile life. Philip and Jill Arthur, a doctor and a nurse, went to Nepal in the 1970's on the invitation of Save the Children to work.

They flew out in December - Jill 5 months pregnant with her first baby, it was quite a trek getting to their destination, where they were to work in a shed with a leaky thatched roof. On the first day over 60 mothers and babies came ,some just out of curiosity. At that time there were no roads and it was a three day walk to India, and water was collected in large jars by the women from stand pipes. They would also collect dung for fuel and use it to smear on the floors. The men would go off trading horses etc. There was much sickness often caused by iodine deffenccy causing cretenism, leading to stunted growth and mental problems, with 21/2 to 3 year old children unable to walk, spending their time strapped to their mother's back. A number of children had spina bifida only being able to crawl. Children were also suffering from burns as a result of rolling into the fire. The mothers would breastfeed babies until the next one came along. Goats were used to carry iodised salt to remedy some problems. The women wore their wealth in jewellery, they thought Philip must be poor as Jill had none! During their time a new medical centre was built with many facilities, this was done by Indian carpenters, a vaccination program introduced and many health improvements .Jill went to Kathmandu to have her baby, Philip only managed to arrive after the birth. The baby caused much interest it's so white! Philip and Jill have visited the centre since taking their children to meet the lovely Nepalese people of whom they became so fond.

November 13th, saw a bus load of members and friends set off for Endsliegh Garden Centre.

Diary Dates

December 11th	Christmas party .We look forward to being entertained by a group of Ide Schoolchildren.
January 8th	we meet for chat and a fun quiz.
January 22nd	Post Christmas Lunch at The Devon Hotel.12 noon for 12.30.
February 5th	To be arranged.

May I finish with good wishes for a happy and healthy Christmas to all readers from the helpers of the Club.

Jean Hoskin

IDE PRIMARY SCHOOL



We had a brilliant time walking up to West Town farm for our **Harvest** Assembly.





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It was lovely to be at the farm on a sunny autumn afternoon and the children sang and read wonderfully as well as looking out for each other on the walk there and back.\

We have also been collecting priority items for **Exeter Foodbank**. Mark from Exeter Foodbank came in to lead our assembly and collect the donations which we then helped him pack.

Remembrance Day

\\We remembered the people who died so that we can be free.



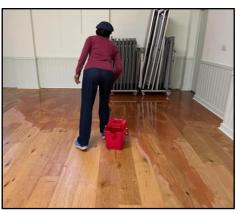




IDE MEMORIAL HALL

THANK YOU. At the beginning of November storm Ciaran dumped 3 inches of rain on Ide and many other places in a very short period of time, which unfortunately meant flooding at the

bottom of the village. Although the village hall was thoroughly damp proofed when it was refurbished, this was not sufficient to keep water from seeping into the kitchen and toilets side of the hall. (That part of the hall is actually below ground level.) A plea for help was put on Facebook and a band of kind volunteers turned up with mops and buckets to clean up the mess. They did a wonderful job and the hall's wooden floor is still in good condition. A commercial dehumidifier was purchased and over the next few days 'sucked up' a great deal of moisture.



A BIG THANK YOU as well to Carol who went back and forth emptying the dehumidifier, putting heating on and generally helping in so many ways.

The door mat in the entrance lobby has also suffered due to so much rain and is in the process of being replaced, so do be careful when entering the hall.

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

STORM CIARAN also caused flooding in the Huntsman, where volunteers went to Colin's aid. Other properties also suffered and we hope that they are now drying out. We nearly lost one villager down the drain outside the village hall! Many people were glad to make use of the sandbags

provided by the parish council.





WEST TOWN FARM NEWS Local, Organic, Sustainable



Fresh Lamb & Hogget available for collection on 22nd December. Organic & raised here in the orchards and fields by Kate Sharpe. Please call her directly.

Season's Greetings



Produce

As usual we have a good selection of organic beef cuts in the shop and various other goodies including seasonal Gingerbread Peanut Butter from Butterbike, a favourite with our customers and only available seasonally. We also have beautiful Crown Prince squash grown right here on the farm. They store beautifully, are delicious roasted and make great soup or risotto.





It's been a busy year. The cows are now in the barns and the fields are resting. The picture is of Pliny the bull. Time to get on with all those winter jobs now that the bustle of the growing season is over! There are some changes happening at the farm which we will announce next year. In the meantime...

We wish everyone in the village and friends of the farm a Peaceful Christmas and a Happy & Prosperous New Year

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