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Many thanks to Clare Wills for the beautiful cover pictures of wildlife spotted in and around Ide. Thanks also to Ellie Morgan for providing this month's Children's Activity Page which we hope will be useful if the holiday weather is less clement than we would like. **If the weather is fine, perhaps some young photographers (18 and under) might be inspired by Clare to take their own wildlife or Ide scenery**



photographs. If these are sent to me (stating your age) at annboyce@talk21.com by 18th April, the best ones can feature in the next edition.

Please send items for the May edition of Ide Times to Brenda Spivey brendaspivey123@btinternet.com by 20th April.

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
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Community Shop Opening Hours: (Tel. 410035)

Monday – Friday 8am – 12 noon and 3pm – 6.30pm
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Sundays 9am - 12 noon

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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.

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

Important Message: As from the **14th April** the **360 bus route** is changing slightly. It will no longer go along Queen Street and via the Clock Tower in Exeter but will go straight up the High Street to finish in Sidwell Street. You will, therefore, get off the bus in Exeter High Street rather than Queen Street and need to catch it to return home from one of the High Street bus stops. The times will alter slightly but only by about a minute or two other than the 5.55pm bus from Sidwell Street which is changing to 6.05pm.

IDE PARISH COUNCIL
Idevillage.org.uk

TEIGNBRIDGE LOCAL PLAN 2020-2040 Submission Version, published 14 March 2024. <http://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/localplanexamination>

Teignbridge has published the definitive 'submission' version of its Local Plan up to 2040, covering proposed housing developments in our District. This plan, which you can access on the link above, will now be submitted to the appointed Examiner for scrutiny and examination, a public hearing in Newton Abbot, and, reflecting the findings of that hearing, recommendations to the Secretary of State. The date of the public hearing has not yet been announced. The Parish Council has now formally instructed Adam Place, Planning Consultant at Viable Placemaking, funded by generous donations from residents last spring, to help us prepare Ide's arguments, about Markham Village in particular, when we come to make our representations in person to the Public Examiner. Adam Place will visit Ide at some stage, and attend a meeting of the Parish Council to report and advise us. We will advertise that meeting widely so that you have a chance to attend and participate. if you'd like to.

BALLS FARM ROAD

In December 2023 we received reports from parents of children at Ide School about illegal vehicular use of Balls Farm Road with fast, aggressive driving, and verbal abuse of pedestrians and cyclists. Balls Farm Road lies inside Exeter City boundary. It is not part of Ide Parish, but forms a vital link between Ide and Exeter for cyclists and pedestrians, especially school children; and it's a rural lane used for horse riding, recreational walking and running. We wrote to Devon CC Highways requesting assistance with involving the police; and asking that they consider adding repeater signage at the junction of Balls Farm Road and Little Johns Cross Hill; and at the junction of Balls Farm Road with Crabb Lane. We have also asked them to consider re-defining the zone of "Access Only" restriction (TRO = Traffic Regulation Order) to Balls Farm Road alone, since Little Johns Cross Hill is a wide, uncontested road. At this stage DCC are not inclined to accept our suggestions, as the regulations do not allow repeater signs; and re-defining the zone could cause danger at the foot of Little Johns Cross Hill. However, DCC have asked the police to do some morning spot checks. And they are arranging a site meeting with the Parish Council and the police in April. There may also be additional powers that a County Council can invoke under new devolved regulations. DCC have undertaken to investigate what might be possible, and report back to us. The Parish Council have plans to conduct informal, early morning traffic observations to gauge the current usage.

IDE COMMUNITY ORCHARD

We ran our first Working party of the year on the morning of Sunday March 3rd. Again, it was great seeing so many people come along - young and old! We did a fair amount of bramble clearing and managed to prune a number of trees. Our next WP is fixed for April 14th. The shed was damaged a few weeks ago in high winds, with its roof being ripped half off. We now have a temporary repair and will look to make a more permanent fix in late spring.

We will be installing a pedestrian kissing gate, improved signage and information boards at the entrance. The entrance is muddy and awkward in the winter, especially if you are less mobile or disabled. We are going to investigate possible ways of rectifying that.

Some dates for the coming year: Blossom Breakfast on Sunday May 19th; Solstice sunrise on Friday June 21st; and Apple Day on Saturday October 19th.

The Orchard itself continues to grow and change with the seasons. The young trees are all doing well and the more mature ones will have benefited from pruning. Even the dead ones offer a home to wildlife. The daffodils look lovely and we will look to plant many more in the autumn.

WEIR MEADOW AND NORTHERN FIELDS

Grass growth and establishment is good but the topsoil remains saturated. We anticipate the schedule of specialist grass cutting will start in mid to late April; and that we will "take delivery" of the new grass surface from County Grounds Maintenance in late July or early August.

The Parish Council has approved the details of a lease between itself, as landowner, and Ide Cricket Club who will become tenants of the cricket pitch - situated in the western and northern section of the Meadow. The terms of the lease are that cricket club, through its members, will mow the whole of the meadow, including the football pitch and non sporting areas. The Parish Council will provide a mower with sufficient grunt for the task, and a shed or container on site to store it in. At the start of August, an artificial cricket wicket will be installed, by a specialist firm called Slatters, in the centre of the pitch, using funds raised by the club.

We plan to hold a Grand Opening Event in September, with cricket, football, games, music and picnics.

Julia Matthews, a woodland and landscape architect, has been appointed to create a woodland planting design for the Northern Fields under a Woodland Creation Planning Grant made by the Forestry Commission under its English Woodland Creation Offer.

Fifteen bird nest boxes and ten dormouse nest boxes have been purchased and will be put up shortly.

FLOOD PREVENTION

We continue in discussions with Devon County Council as landowners of part of the land in the Ide catchment, and as the Highways authority. We are also waiting for further information from the Church Commissioners who own Easterbrook's Fields behind (south of) Fore Street about the future management of that field, its ditches and the flood trash screen. We want to involve them and their tenants in applying to Natural England for financial support under the Catchment Sensitive Farming Scheme.

DUNCHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Following a consultation of the residents of Dunchideock, Teignbridge District Council have decided not to disband the Parish Council there. Dunchideock had requested that there community formed a 'Parish Meeting' instead, but this request has been refused by TDC. Two councillors have recently resigned. The future of a secular parish administration in Dunchideock remains uncertain.

BIKE CHAINED TO OLD IDE LANE ROAD SIGN Do you own the bike chained to the road sign by the post box near the war memorial? Do you know who does? It's been there for months and months. If you are using it regularly and we just haven't noticed, no worries. If you've forgotten about it and

wondered where it was, it's there. We'll eventually have to get it removed if it remains unclaimed.....so do get in touch.

PLANNING MATTERS

Recent applications

23/02157 FUL - Land off Idestone Lane. Change of use of land for use as secure dog walking field for private hire and creation of associated area for parking. Ide Planning Committee objected to this application on grounds of traffic congestion, access issues, road safety, environmental concerns, and the impact on agriculture and local wildlife. A second meeting was held after TDC corrected the address of the site and readvertised the application. A large number of local residents objected to the proposals, some of whom also asked the Parish Council and District Councillors to request that the application be "called in" for determination by TDC Planning committee. A call in request was therefore made to TDC, outcome as yet unknown

24/00137/MAJ Springwell Nursery, Old Ide Lane (Ide Village Road) - Variation of conditions to application 24/00452/MAJ. Introduction of phasing condition. Ide Planning committee objected on the grounds that this a degradation of the initial planning proposal, which we had previously opposed. We are disappointed by the additional proposal and feel it's prolonging this application even further beyond the originally granted three-year approval.

Applications awaiting approval from TDC

23/01955/HOU 7 Cross View Terrace ,Ide EX2 9RZ: Two storey rear extension. Ide Planning Committee have objected on grounds of loss of privacy and overshadowing.

23/00463/FUL Stevens Farm, IDE EX2 9FB: Change of use of agricultural building and land to commercial use for the sales and maintenance of tractors. Objected to by Ide Planning Committee. .

23/01675/HOU & 23/01676/LBC 44 High Street, Ide EX2 9RW: Replacement of corrugated steel roof with slate and replacement front windows. Supported by Ide Planning Committee

Appeal Received

23/00054/REF Land at Ngr 290858 90284 Ide Village Road. Appeal against the refusal of planning application **22/00826/FUL.**

Formation of yard for storage of machinery and construction materials and the siting of 14 secure storage containers and associated landscaping (retrospective)
PLANNING INSPECTORATE REF: 3331634.

Letter to Planning Appeal Inspectorate on behalf of Ide Parish Council against the claimed grounds of appeal has been submitted.

Decided Application

24/00068/HOU IDE - 6 The Green, Ide. Demolition and replacement of single storey rear extension. Ide Planning Committee supported this application.
Approved by Teignbridge Planning Department.

The next meeting of Ide Parish Council is on **Wednesday 15 May 2024 at 7.30pm** to be held in Ide Memorial Hall. This meeting will comprise of the Annual Parish Meeting, to be followed by the Annual meeting of Ide Parish Council, followed on by the regular bi-monthly May Parish Council meeting.

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IDE COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Spring has finally arrived in the Orchard - the daffodils are out, the birds are singing and everything feels a little bit more hopeful!



We held our first Working Party of the year on Sunday 3rd March. We got lots of pruning done and got stuck into clearing some of the scrub around some of the more difficult to access trees. It was brilliant to see so

many people come along.

You may have noticed the roof of the little shed got damaged in recent high winds. Thanks to James Romain and Nick Bradley for the temporary fix. We'll look to get it properly sorted later in the year.



Over the coming weeks and months we are hoping to improve signage in the Orchard, plant more bulbs and deal with the big pile of scrub we created after the last Working Party. Our next WP will be on Sunday April 14th.

Here are a few more dates for your diary: Sunday May 19th: Blossom Breakfast; Solstice Sunrise on Friday June 22nd and Apple Day on Saturday October 19th.

Mark On behalf of Ide Community Orchard Management Group

IDE COMMUNITY SHOP AND POST OFFICE

As this is the April edition of Ide Times it is fitting to mention that the 1st of April 2009 was when the shop first opened its doors in the portacabin in the car park at the top of the village. This year we are in our eleventh year of being in our wonderful custom-built space at the bottom of the village. What a lot of shifts have been done by so many wonderful volunteers since then, what a lot of shelves have been stocked up and what a lot of lovely times have been shared as community is the heart of all we do and our shop is a community shop that really lives up to his name and we love it so much for that.





Faces might have come and gone but it is guaranteed these faces always have a smile of welcome. Talking of faces we have a new one in the shop in the form of the fantastic Emma, who a lot of you will have met by now and will I am sure agree is a wonderful asset to the shop and brings a lot of warmth and energy to the role. Emma will be doing part time in the post office, and it already feels like she has been her for ages as she fits in so well.

We also welcome Paul to the shop team and Paul has kindly taken on the overseeing of the service contracts for the air con, chillers and fire extinguishers as well as reviewing policies. So many people help in so many ways to keep the shop mechanism turning.

If socks were our runaway seller last year, the Malteser Bar is this years. Thought I would give it a try – sold the first box in less than four days – the next one in the same time and we are clearing one a week and running out. We like trying new lines, but we need them to be the right new lines that our valued customers want and need so if you think of anything we should be carrying do bounce the idea off of us – we can't stock everything but we can stock what the village needs.

The shop would not be where it is and as good as it is without our incredible local suppliers and one that has been with us since the start is Orchardlea Foods and they offer a great service on all levels alongside lovely local products and so we thought it would be good to share a bit about them.



We are a Family Run Local Food wholesaler based in Exeter (Orchardlea Foods), our niche is to supply quality local products including Cheese, Meats, Dairy, savoury pastries, local cakes, and a couple of years ago we started stocking a range of local alcoholic and soft drinks.

We slice and pack bulk cheese and meats down to retail size packs, we can supply in single units to cater for smaller village shops to the larger farm shops. We also produce our own award-winning olives 'West Country Olives' at our Unit on Sowton, the olives are going from strength to strength. We use local ingredients and blend with authentic Greek Halkidiki olives.

We are incredibly lucky in the Southwest to be surrounded by amazing food and drink producers using the very best ingredients and produce from their own farms/homes. Ide Community Shop has been one of our fantastic loyal customers for over 10 years now! With customers like Ide Community Shop, we can bring the best local produce to their customers and others across the South West.

Ide Congregational Church - April 2024

What's happening this month?

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

April 2024	11am
7th	Worship with a difference , Spring and Spirituality (see poster below).
14 th	Denzil Tancock
21 st	Maurice Hockridge
28 th	Michael Trigg

Other activities:

On Thursday 4th April from 10am – 12pm we will be holding our usual Coffee Morning. 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 21st March at 7pm we will be meeting together for **Coffee, Chat and Challenge** - a time for discussions and reflections relating to the Christian faith. Everyone welcome, and there's always food!

Thanks for your support, it is really appreciated by the church. Kevin Dudman

IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SUNDAY 7th APRIL 11AM



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COFFEE

WORSHIP WITH A DIFFERENCE!

Church With a Difference - Sunday 3rd March 2024

And what a difference!



Gone was the normal arrangement of the rows of pews and the usual Sunday morning service format. On entering the chapel, we were greeted by a totally different layout - five groups of tables and chairs, made all the more inviting by a library of no less than six of the Sunday



newspapers laid out on each of the tables. At the back of the chapel, there was a another



table laden with delicious goodies - croissants, pain au chocolat, raisin whirls, caramel apple cake, strawberries and another table with tea, coffee and orange juice, from which to help yourself throughout the morning. What a lovely way to spend a Sunday morning - browsing through the papers while munching and sipping away!

Whilst browsing the papers, each group was asked to note down any questions that they had about articles contained in the papers. It will come as no surprise, that most of the questions raised were about the situations in

Gaza and the Ukraine, the Post Office scandal and the ongoing concerns of the effect of lockdown on people's lives and mental health. Short, but interesting discussions followed on the immorality, inhumanity and injustice of these issues. We sang some lovely contemporary songs, eg. 'Vagabonds' - Stuart Townend', which had very relevant lyrics - look them up - and 'Something Inside, So Strong - Labi Siffre, which one of our younger visitors had sung in Exeter Cathedral only the day before, along with his classmates of Elm Class, Ide Primary School, as participants in their Chorister Outreach Programme. The ranks of the usual 'Sunday Crew' were swelled by the appearance of several very welcome visitors, ranging from the age of 3 years to 70 years, some of whom were even four-footed and furry!!

Many thanks must be given to the 'Team', who have spent a lot of time planning the morning; preparing resources, moving furniture, purchasing the newspapers (which we were allowed to take home) and for providing the delicious goodies.



SAINT IDA'S CHURCH



Easter Sunday

Sunday, 31st March	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday, 7 th April	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday, 14 th April	9.30am	Morning Praise
Sunday, 21 st April	9.30am	Holy Communion
followed by		
		Church Annual Meeting
Sunday, 28 th April	8am	Holy Communion

Easter Sunday Service, 31st March, 9.30am. During this Service small bunches of flowers will be available for members of the congregation to put on the large wooden cross to symbolise the new life promised by Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Happy Easter.

Annual Meeting – The Church Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, 21st April, following the 9.30am Service. This is when the PCC (Parochial Church Council) is elected and reports are received from the Treasurer and the various church organisations. Do attend if it is at all possible.

Finance – The Church is most grateful to all those whose contributions keep our Church in a good financial position. Last year's Summer Fete raised £1,938, the Christmas Festive Tea raised £462 and the Wreath making raised a further £600. The Summer Fete in particular could not take place without the hard work of many villagers – thank you, all of you. Some of the money raised at the Fete went directly to village charities (The Orchard and The Ide Green Spaces). Because of everyone's generosity, the Church has been able to give donations to the Exeter Food Bank, the RNLI, the CLIC Sargent Cancer Charity and the David Pond Ukraine Charity amounting to £1,117.

Dates for your diary:

- Summer Fete – 8th June 2024, 2pm, on the Green.
- Harvest Festival – 13th October, 11am, followed by lunch.
- Festive Tea – 7th December
- Wreath Making – 8th December
- Carol Service – Sunday, 22nd December, 6pm.
- Christing Service – 24th December, 4pm.

Mothers' Union – On Wednesday, 20th March, we had our Lent lunch when we enjoyed soup followed by fruit and cheese. We were pleased that Sue Campbell was able to join us and also Shirley Godeck. Our April meeting will be on Wednesday, 17th April, 2.30pm at 1 Cobbe House.

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.

Ide Bell Ringers Ringing Competition

Saturday 6th April 2.30

St Ida's Church



Ide ringers will once again be hosting visiting teams from local towers to our grand annual ringing competition.

This will run from 2.30 pm until late afternoon. This is always a popular event and everyone is welcome to call in at St Ida's to see and hear campanology at it's finest.

Tea will be available too. Visiting teams always appreciate the hospitality of Ide and a chance to sample our local facilities.

We are also ready to welcome anyone who would like to learn to ring with us in the future.

Mark Armitage

St George's Supper, 22nd April, 7pm Shillingford Village Hall



A 3 course meal.

Numbers are limited, so book early using the lists in Church and at The Open Door Café, or by calling Peter & Liz Wareham on 01392 832366. Tickets £10.

Bring-a-bottle

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SHILLINGFORD ST GEORGE



Ide School News

Children from the school greatly enjoyed the opportunity to perform in front of large audiences in Exeter, in March.

First, as mentioned in the last Ide Times, Elm Class (Years 4 and 5) participated in the Chorister Outreach Programme, designed to encourage and enable Cathedrals to use their musical resources to promote singing among Key Stage 2 children. As well as advice and support for staff, each school receives three workshops with a skilled vocal practitioner. Choristers from Exeter Cathedral join one of these sessions to inspire the children and talk about life as a chorister. The Programme culminated in a large scale Saturday afternoon performance in the Cathedral involving 6 primary schools and the cathedral choristers to celebrate the musical achievements of all the children involved. This was a



magical and moving experience for the children, their teachers and families who as you can see packed the cathedral. People were literally having to stand in the aisles. We were all so proud of the wonderful music we were treated to.

Later in March, Ide's Willow class (Years 2 and 3) and the Dance Club joined Pinhoe Primary School and Nursery for their Showdown performances at The Barnfield Theatre organised by Premier Education. 🙌👏.

The organisers said... "Determination, collaboration and energy was in abundance as the children danced their hearts out!"





And one more cause for celebration - Congratulations to **FIS** (Friends of Ide School) who organised a very successful and enjoyable quiz night at the memorial hall raising an amazing £926!

As I think everyone knows, schools are grossly underfunded and so (sadly), this sort of fundraising is essential to help provide the children with the environment, support, resources and opportunities they deserve and we want them to have. Thank you so much to everyone who participated and especially the organisers and all those who donated prizes (full details on Friends of Ide School PTA Facebook page)



JUBILEE CLUB

We are always delighted to welcome the Ide children to the club. The Elm Class arrived, lots of smiley faces ready to sing to us. The land of the Silver Birch, and a medley of three Gospel songs. Sue told us they had been singing at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday in the Chorister Outreach Programme. They certainly gave us much pleasure, as well as posies of flowers to the club members before returning to school. We then had a short fun quiz before tea.

Our next meeting on March 18th it was a pleasure to welcome some new visitors and also the return of Tina Young to entertain us with new ideas of cost saving arrangements with which to grace our homes at Easter. Who would think to tuck in a blown egg shell containing water with some little flowers from the garden among a clump of potted flowers and foliage. As for the container, pick up a little basket or interesting pot from a charity shop. Another tip, reflex the petals of a tulip for more interest. In the garden now is the time to prune your buddleias and a last chance to cut back roses. In the winter cut off the leaves of hellebores to get full advantage of their delightful flowers. Another job to be done now lifting clumps of perennials divide into four, replant and also treats to give away (*or donate at the Ide Plant Swap – see next page*)

We meet fortnightly at Ide Memorial Hall starting at 2.00 pm. Any enquiries, ring me on 07447622479. New members always welcome, we are a friendly fun loving group.

DIARY DATES

- April 15th A Talk about Land Girls by Becks Pearson.
- April 29th Outing to Buckfast Abbey for lunch followed by a trip on the Dart Valley Railway to Totnes and back. We really do need to have good support for our outings, due to the high cost of transport if we are going to be able continue these trips. In the past you have been very supportive, for this we are grateful.
- May 13th Our 48th Birthday of the Club. The entertainment by Jim Jamz a group who will play and sing to the accompaniment of a ukulele, guitar and electric harp.

With Wishes for a Happy Easter and Happy Birthday to Peggy on April 1st.

Jean Hoskin

Ide Plant Swap and Sale

Sunday 21st April 2-4pm

Ide Primary School Field and Hall

Everyone welcome!

**Bring plants to swap if you have some.
(All types of plant welcome.)**

Bring coins for the bucket if you don't!

Tea and cake a plenty!

See you there

Ide Growers



Children's Activity Page

Word Builder

Answers to every clue contain only the letters in the grid, must include the central letter and are only 5 letters long.

Clues:

- Obstruct
- Sleeveless garment, cape
- Having nothing on it, paper
- Opposite of white

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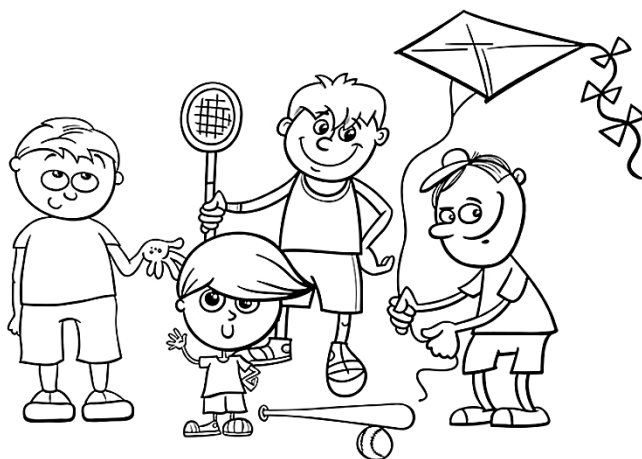
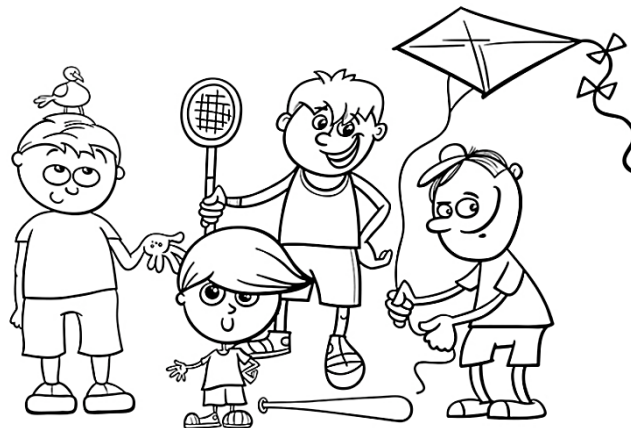
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| FISH | RAVEN | ZEBRA | PONY |

Spot 5 Differences

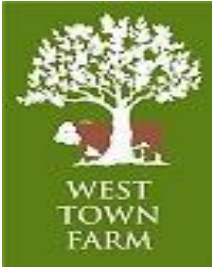


Maze



Word builder answers on next page

WEST TOWN FARM NEWS Local, Organic, Sustainable



Springtime is upon us, primroses and daffodils blooming, lambs frolicking in the fields, such a beautiful scene of renewal and vitality. We just need the rain to let up for a bit so we can let the cows out to the fields, if we let them out in the current condition it would all just turn to mud.



Kate has been lambing this month. Many nights spent in the barn with the girls watching and waiting, ready to help if needs be. We've had lots of twins this year. Lots of bleating from all across the farm.

Big thank you to everyone who came to our pop-up cafe. Lovely to see people from the village.

We are now stocking Challonscombe milk (organic and pasture fed) as well as Taw River Dairy. This is to keep up with demand. We've also found an organic egg supplier.

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