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Blue Tit inside a Community Orchard birdbox.

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MAY 2024



May seems to be the month for Annual General Meetings. The Parish Council has its AGM on Wednesday, 15th May, 7.30pm, in the village hall, the Hall itself has its AGM on the 8th May, 7.45pm, in the village hall and the Community Shop has its AGM on Friday, 31st May at 8pm, again in the village hall. Looking ahead, Saturday, 8th June, sees the Village Fete on The Green from 2pm, with dog show, egg throwing and tug-o-war to enjoy as well as teas, BBQ and bar.

Articles for the June issue of the Ide Times should be sent to me Brenda Spivey at brendaspivey123@btinternet.com by the 20th May. It is always good to have some pictures too.

Brenda Spivey 01392 275784

USEFUL NUMBERS

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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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M.P. Mel Stride: 02072 197037 melstride.mp@parliament.uk

Community Shop Opening Hours: (Tel. 410035)

Monday – Friday	8am – 12 noon and 1pm – 6.30pm
Saturdays	8am – 1pm
Sundays	9am - 12 noon
Bank Holidays	9am - 12 noon



Post Office Opening Hours

Monday - Friday	9am - 11.45 am & 1pm - 5pm
Saturdays	9am - 12 noon
Bank Holidays	CLOSED

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

360 Bus Timetable

Ide	7.52	10.02	12.40	14.40
Sidwell Street, Exeter	8.14	10.20	12.58	14.58

Sidwell Street, Exeter	8.25	11.15	13.15	16.15	18.05
Ide	8.41	11.32	13.32	16.40	18.22

The 360 bus no longer goes along Queen Street – it now goes along Exeter High Street to Sidwell Street, and returns the same way.

PYNES FARM YARD

Heritage Homes, an Exeter based development company, bought the Pynes Farm Yard site last year from the Church Commissioners, and plan to build ten homes on the site. Planning permission for ten homes was previously granted to the Church Commissioners in March 2021, based on converting two of the barns and building eight homes on cleared ground.

In March this year Heritage Homes submitted a new planning application for the site: [24/00432/MAJ - Pynes Farm, High Street, Ide.](#)

The new scheme at Pynes Farm Yard is for demolition of all the existing buildings and the erection of ten new dwellings, with associated access, parking, and landscaping. None of the old farm buildings are now sound enough to convert, leading to the need to demolish them all and build fresh on the cleared ground. The design of the houses has been updated since 2021, with more modern, efficient heating and power systems that use only electricity. There will be a larger, communal, green recreational area on the south west corner of the site. As in the 2021 scheme, two of the ten homes will be designated affordable.

We held an extraordinary Parish Council meeting on 9 April 2024 to discuss the scheme and formulate comments. Eight members of the public attended and participated. In addition, Helena Anthony (Architect to Heritage Homes) and James Gibbs (agent to Heritage Homes) joined the first part of the meeting to explain the main features of the new scheme, and to take questions from councillors and members of the public.

The Council warmly supports the development of Pynes Farm Yard for residential dwellings, as it did in its Neighbourhood Plan of 2018. The site is a mess, unused, deteriorating and is perfect for this use.

However, a key difference between the new 2024 scheme and the 2021 scheme lies in the proposed housing mix. The housing mix for this new application is ten units made up of two x 4 bed homes, seven x 3 bed homes and one x 2 bed home. The housing mix for the ten units approved by TDC for the site in 2021 was two x 4 bedroom homes, three x 3 bedroom homes, and five x 2 bedroom homes - compliant with Ide Neighbourhood Plan, which stipulates for this type of development one smaller home (1-2 bedrooms) for every larger home (3 or more bedrooms) [policy IDE01, para iv].

So the new application does not meet the spec we set out in 2018 for a housing mix that would provide smaller accommodation for first time buyers and for older residents downsizing.

Because of this, we have objected to this specific aspect of the application. We have also requested a review of the capacity of the planned surface water drainage scheme; and asked that deliveries of building supplies be limited to outside school drop off and pick up times, to avoid gridlock in Fore Street and High Street.

PYNES FARM HOUSE

As a reminder to readers, Pynes Farm House remains unoccupied. It is still owned by the Church Commissioners, is in a poor state of repair, and is currently up for sale. The house forms no part of the development plans for the Farm Yard, while it sits immediately adjacent, an imposing presence at the entrance to the yard. The Parish Council has told the Commissioners' agents, rather plainly, that we think the house should be occupied one way or another, for housing is in short supply. The field below the yard and house, to the east, known as Shooting Range Field, is not currently tenanted either.

OTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications awaiting a decision from TDC

23/02157 FUL - Land off Idestone Lane, Ide. Change of use of land for use as secure dog walking field for private hire and creation of associated area for parking. Ide Planning Council has objected to this application on the grounds of traffic access issues, road safety, environmental concerns, and the impact on agriculture and local wildlife. A request has been made for TDC Planning Committee to "call in" the proposal for consideration by the Committee, rather than be dealt with only by planning officers.

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 to this application on the grounds that this is a degradation of the initial planning proposal, which we had previously opposed.

23/01955/HOU 7 Cross View Terrace, Ide EX2 9RZ: Two storey rear extension. The IPC planning committee decided to object to this application on the grounds of loss of privacy and overshadowing.

23/01924/OUT - Land North of College Lane, Ide EX2 9TF Outline application for three dwellings and associated works: approval is sought for access purposes only. All members of Ide Parish Councillors objected to this application.

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 IPC 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 has been submitted.

Decided Application

[23/01675 & 23/01676/LBC 44 High Street, Ide EX2 9RW](#): Replacement of corrugated steel roof with slate and replacement front windows. Supported by IPC planning committee. Approved by Teignbridge Planning Department.

IDE COMMUNITY ORCHARD

A working party was held on the morning of 14 April to trim under trees, dead head daffodils, repair the shed roof and treat the tables and bench seats. Thank you to everyone who came along.

There is a new nesting box in the big apple tree next to the shed. We have installed a webcam on it; and blue tits are building a nest in it. Mark Thomas will soon be able to give out details of how you can view inside the box remotely on your phone. The next Orchard event will be Blossom Breakfast on Sunday 19 May 2024 – more details to follow.

WEIR MEADOW AND NORTHERN FIELDS

The grass is knee high in the Meadow. But it's stopped raining, and the ground is drying fast. County Ground Maintenance are on standby to get in and make the first cut as soon as possible. They will then cut it regularly to achieve a gorgeous playing field surface by late summer.

Ten new picnic benches and a bench seat have arrived, soon to be assembled and placed around the Meadow and in Northern Fields. The date for our Grand Opening Event, "Ide Revel", has been set for Saturday 7 September 2024, and will include cricket, football, games, music and picnics. Save that date.

FLY TIPPING

There have been two big fly tipping incidents in Ide over the last two weeks, in Scratchy Face Lane and in the bridleway west of Markham Lane. They have been reported by a number of people and should have been cleared by the time this edition goes to press. Fly tipping can be reported on the Teignbridge website www.Teignbridge.gov.uk TDC usually respond pretty quickly to remove the rubbish. They are also the responsible authority to take action against fly tipping offenders.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. 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

CONTACT DETAILS

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Chair – Nick Bradley 01392 420616 nickbradley.ideparishcouncil@gmail.com

GREAT WEST RUN

On Sunday May 26th I am doing the Great West Run - a half marathon around Exeter and beyond. I'll be raising funds for Friends of Ide School. FIS does fantastic work supporting Ide School, organising events and bringing together the School and the wider community.

Like many schools, Ide is facing significant financial challenges. For example, repairs are needed to done outside play areas. The staff are doing an amazing job (recently rated as 'good' in an OFSTED Report) but there's lots of scope for improvements to buildings and investing in new projects.

So - if you think you'd like to support the School and make it even better, then feel free to sponsor me!

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Thanks, Mark

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IDE COMMUNITY SHOP & POST OFFICE



We always say how many people make the shop happen both up front and behind the scenes and how so many wonderful folk help to keep the mechanism of shop life turning. One of these silent heroes is Carol, who living next door to the shop helps us in so many ways from washing all our cleaning clothes and tea towels etc, taking in deliveries if needed, letting us use her recycling boxes and very often helping to carry in the morning deliveries and helping to set up the shop ready for the day in the morning. Carol we appreciate all you do – thank you so much.

I want to say a very big and definitely heartfelt thank you to all our wonderful customers and fantastic village folk for all the support, encouragement, votes of confidence and so so much else that has been shown to us since the awful Post Office Scandal has been so prominent in the media. The encouragement you have shown us, the concern you have extended to us and the checking we are okay and not affected by it has been really really appreciated and means a tremendous lot. The Post Office are upping the remuneration they pay Post Office Branches for various services. This costs the customer no more but can really help the Post Offices. So can we urge you to use the Post Office as much as you can for your banking and postal needs as the more you use us the more we get rewarded and the better it is for the shop as well. It also saves you the hassle and trip into town and postal and fuel costs, so it's a win win for everyone.

As per our normal routine the shop will be open 9am-12noon on the Bank Holiday Mondays in May and the Post Office will be closed.

Don't forget the shop AGM at 8pm on Friday 31st May in the Village Hall. See separate notice for details.

We are pleased to say to further eliminate waste in the shop and to recycle and reuse as much as we can. We have signed up for a coffee pod recycling service so all the coffee pots that are used when we make customers drinks are now collected rather than going in the general waste bin.



Just a reminder that we can order any bread, fruit, veg, cheese lines that you would like in for you as we can't carry everything all the time. The duck pies from our local poultry supplier Creedy Carver are a very popular line and we are pleased to say the very nice drinking chocolate from Miles at Porlock is now in stock again after being unavailable due to



an ingredient supply issue for many months.

Zetta



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AGM
Friday 31st May 2024 at 8.00pm**

IDE MEMORIAL HALL

IDE COMMUNITY SHOP AGM

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- Find out more about your Community Shop
- Celebrate over a drink and refreshments with friends and neighbours

EVERYONE WELCOME

IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

What's happening this month

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

May 2024	11am
5 th	Church with a Difference – see below
12 th	Adrian Dawe
19 th	Sir Roy Sambles
26 th	David Bulley

Other activities

Sunday 5th May - Church with a Difference

Come and join us on the first Sunday of the month for Church with a Difference. Every first Sunday we will be meeting at our normal time of 11am to explore our Spiritual Journeys in a more informal atmosphere, with delicious food.

On Sunday 5th May we will be exploring the theme of healthy body, healthy mind, healthy spirit, with a focus on food!

Each month "Church with a Difference" will be what it says on the tin, it will be different. So why not come along and join us, you will be very welcome. Something for all ages!

On Thursday 2nd May from 10am – 12pm we will be holding our usual Coffee Morning.



If you've never joined us before, do come along to our Coffee Morning on Thursday 2nd May. It runs from 10am - 12pm, so just pop in any time.



We provide free teas, coffees and cakes with a lot of friendly chatter.

Everyone welcome.

On Thursday 16th May at 7pm – it's time for Coffee Chat and Challenge

On Thursday 16th May at 7pm we will be meeting together for Coffee, Chat and Challenge



A time for discussions and reflections relating to the Christian faith.

This month we'll be looking at Marks Gospel chapter 4 as our focus.

Everyone welcome, and there's always food!

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SAINT IDA'S CHURCH



Sunday, 5 th May	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday, 9 th May Ascension Day	7.30pm	Service
Sunday, 12 th May	9.30am	Morning Praise
Sunday, 19 th May PENTECOST	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday, 26 th May TRINITY	8am	Holy Communion

Annual General Meeting – The Church AGM took place on the 21st April. Our Treasurer, Phil Wilcock, was pleased to report that the church is in a good financial position because of bequests and the generosity of the congregation as well as fund raising events. He was thanked for all his hard work. The condition of the church ceiling was raised and it was agreed that as soon as a church architect had been appointed and the roof inspected, quotes would be obtained for this work to be carried out unless the roof itself required attention first. St Basil's Church, which is meeting at Westown Farm, had asked if the church could be used for a youth group on a Monday evening and this was greeted with enthusiasm.

Annual Village Fete – 8th June, 2pm, the Village Green. This will follow the pattern of recent years with a Dog Show, Egg Throwing competition and tug-o-war. Tables will again be sold to people wanting to sell their own merchandise. There will be children's craft activities, a BBQ, afternoon teas and a bar as well as a draw. We understand that we will also have Ide School children doing maypole dancing. The Fete committee would be grateful for the use of gazebos and tents and for help in setting up the event and taking everything down at the end of the day. Brenda Spivey

Mothers' Union – A small group of us met in April, once again, at Brenda's home. We looked at some of the projects being supported both in this country and abroad, to remind ourselves that we are part of a vast grassroots worldwide organisation. We also looked at the many and various uses that church, and cathedral buildings had been put to over the centuries. How varied they were! And how did we see the use of our church building in today's world. Our next meeting will be on Wed May 22nd venue to be arranged. Sue Campbell

Eve Jennings – We were sorry to learn of the death of Eve Jennings, probably the oldest resident of Ide, on the 20th April. We will miss seeing her walking along to the shop with the aid of her walker. We offer our condolences to her family.

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.



St Basil's Church at West Town Farm

St Basil's is a rural Anglican church which began life in the summer of 2020 on a farm near Tedburn. Having outgrown the barn at this farm and spent a winter being generously hosted at The Orange Elephant whilst their ice cream barn was closed for the winter, we are gathering this summer at West Town Farm!

We're grateful for the support of Revd Mike Partridge and the wider congregation at St Ida's whilst we meet in the village. All are welcome - we are meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month until September, cafe at 9.30am and service 10-11.30am, with activities for kids and youth. To find out more head to www.stbasils.church or get in touch with our curate, Dan Miles, who lives in the village via email: dan@stbasils.church.

IDE VILLAGE SUMMER FETE

Saturday, 8th June, 2pm
Ide Village Green

Dog Show, Stalls, Teas, Ice cream
Children's activities
Bar, BBQ, Games, Draw
Maypole Dancing by Ide School children
Egg throwing competition,
Tug-o-war, etc.

Don't forget to bring some CASH

JUBILEE CLUB

It seemed a long time no see, with the Easter break, so good to meet up again on April 15th. Also to welcome new faces to the club.

Our speaker for the afternoon was Becks Pearson, who has been researching for two years the subject of landgirls during the two World Wars. Before that she had a career in the Royal Navy for 12 years. Becks went to an auction to buy a chest of drawers and came home with a land army uniform! She quotes from a book by Rita Sackville West there were 1,708 land girls in Devon. In 1914 4/5 of wheat and flour was imported, in 1917 only 3 weeks of food left.

Farmers were not keen to have women working on the farms and said they only deserve 1/4 of the wage earned by men! In 1917 the Minister of Agriculture proposed to start the Women's Land Army, Dame Meriel (Slasher) Talbot started recruiting women, many were attracted by the costume. They had to be over 20 years old, behave quietly, no smoking, not to go in the pub and not to wear the uniform after work, have three references, be mobile and active. Those working in the forestry called Lumber Jill's. They were the worst paid of the war workers, 14,000 in W.W.1. 50,000 in W.W.2. There were 60 girls lodging at Cleave House in Exwick. You had to be 17 1/2 to join and the upper age limit 40. By the end of 1943 there were 80,000 land girls. In 1942 on passing a proficiency test were given a badge. Pest control was important, a pair of rats could produce 800 offspring, an incentive, a penny a tail, could be earned. Churchill said the Land Army was an Auxiliary Service so got no recognition. In 2007 Defra said if they applied they could receive a badge. There was a training centre at Whimple, the premises later Whiteways Cider, dormitories for 6, primarily trained as dairy maids. The wage was 32 shillings a week, 16 shillings taken for board and lodging, overtime 8 pence an hour they could work from 5am to 7pm.

Becks had mannequins dressed in land army uniform. She gave an interesting talk, many may have seen her recently on B.B.C. Spotlight and on Radio Devon.

New members always welcome, men and women, officially we are an over 60s club but well whose counting! We meet fortnightly at 2pm in Ide Memorial Hall. Any enquiries ring me on 07447622479.

DIARY DATES.

May 13th Birthday Party with musical entertainment from Jim Jam
May 27th Spring Bank Holiday No Club
June 10th Strawberry Tea and entertainment at Longdown Village Hall

Jean Hoskin

IDE COMMUNITY ORCHARD

It's been an exciting month in Ide Community Orchard. The blossom is out, the birds are singing and Spring has well and truly arrived. It's a wonderful time to take a walk around the Orchard.

We had our latest Working Party on Sunday 14th April. We got a lot done – cutting the grass around the tables, varnishing Alan's seat and the tables, deadheading the daffodils and fixing the Shed roof. Huge thanks to everyone who came along – it makes such a difference! A big shout out to James Romain who fixed the roof and cut the grass.

We've also fixed up a new nestbox with a camera. Thanks to Jack Frost and Clare Hannaford for helping make this happen.

The exciting news is that we have a Blue Tit who moved in within a few days! We are sharing pictures on both village and ide Community Orchard facebook page and to the Ide Village website. We'll do a regular weekly update film – as well as sharing video and images on a daily basis.

Our next event is a Blossom Breakfast on Sunday 19th May. Watch out for more details closer to the date!

Mark
On behalf of Ide Community Orchard
Management Group



IDE PLANT SWAP

Thank you everyone who came along to Ide Growers' Plant Swap at the School on April 21st. Lots of plants were traded, donated or purchased - and the tea and cake concession did a roaring trade on a sunny but chilly afternoon.

Our next event is not until September 15th when it's Ide Show. That feels a long way away right now! So between now and then, enjoy your garden, allotment or whatever growing space you call your own and embrace the longer days and summer that lies ahead.

Happy growing!

Ide Growers



Ps - For many, the highlight was the Rhubarb and Custard tray bake. If you'd like the recipe, then let Mark know. He knows the maker...

EVE JENNINGS

It is with sadness that we report the death of Eve Jennings – Ide's oldest inhabitant. She died peacefully at home on the 20th April surrounded by her family.

Many of you will have seen her walking to the Community Shop with the aid of her walker and sometimes on a Tuesday morning going into the Art Group to admire people's paintings and to have a chat. Of late she has been accompanied by a Carer. She was a very accomplished painter, loving bright colours.

Her strip of garden in Fore Street has always been kept beautifully with a display of flowers. We shall miss seeing you Eve – rest in peace.



IDE MEMORIAL HALL

The hall continues to be well used and because of this we have been able to buy a portable sound system which can be used if required for speakers. Please contact David Williams for instructions if necessary. We are also arranging for the wall beside the fire escape steps to be rendered and then painted. Our next meeting is our AGM on Wednesday, 8th May at 7.45pm.

To book the hall please contact Carol on 01392 213608. The cost is £8 an hour during the daytime and £10 an hour from 6pm. There is a flat rate of £25 for children's parties and the hall can accommodate a bouncy castle.

IDE MEMORIAL HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 8th May, 7.45pm
In Ide Memorial Hall



All Welcome.

IDE CLOTHES SWAP EVENT
At Ide Primary School
Friday 17th May 7:30pm

Do you have any clothes you no longer wear?
Does your wardrobe need an update?
Want some new clothes for Spring/ Summer?



Then come along to the great Ide Clothes Swap event to raise money for Ide Primary School on Friday, 17th May at 7:30 pm, at Ide Primary school.

Clothes swaps are an accessible, fun and social way of refreshing your wardrobe whilst saving you cash and reducing clothing waste in landfill. Enjoy an evening with friends as you sip and swap . £8 entry with a glass of prosecco or soft drink included. Fully licensed bar.

Suggested donation of 5 items of preloved clothing , shoes or accessories in good clean condition (free of any defects such as missing buttons , broken zips etc) and you will be given tokens to swap for a new pre-loved item of clothing, shoes or accessory on the night.

Clothing donations can be made from Monday 13th May-Friday 17th May at the Ide Community shop or at 8.45am and 3.30pm at the school.

Any queries please contact Amanda at friendsofideschool@hotmail.com

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DUNCHIDEOCK FILM NIGHT
At the
Lord Haldon Hotel
FRIDAY May 3rd, 7.45pm
THE HOLDOVERS.

“When I first saw **The Holdovers**, says *Daily Telegraph* lead critic “I fell in love with it.” He then awarded it an exceptional five stars, which was then joined by two BAFTAs in this year’s awards.

The film tells the story of an ageing teacher (**Paul Giamatti**) at a US boarding school who is forced to look after a group of difficult students who have nowhere else to go for Christmas. “What a major talent Giamatti is.” Says *The Guardian*. “It’s a sharply intelligent comic drama.” Elsewhere *Rotten Tomatoes* describes it as “beautifully bittersweet.” giving it a 97% critics award and an 89% from their audience. And at this year’s Oscars dominated by one other film, it was nominated for five Awards. We enjoyed it greatly.

WEST TOWN FARM NEWS

Local, Organic, Sustainable



And just like that, it's May. Phew, what a rainy start to the year it's been. Finally we have got some cows out onto grass. They were so happy, running with joy. It's always an amazing sight, they look almost weightless.

We'll be getting our hands dirty and planting some pumpkins soon. From seed to harvest it's always an exciting journey for us. So much work goes into nurturing the plants, from stopping mice getting to the seedlings, weeding the ground to secure maximum lights for the plants and hoping for a good mix of rain/sun to help them grow.

End of April and the beginning of May brings the magical bluebells out. The copse behind our camping field is the best place to see them. Please feel free to come and have a look, we have maps of the farm trail outside the farm shop on the wall in a green box. Please stick to the footpath.



Bluebell woods are not only a breathtaking sight but also steeped in history and folklore. In folklore bluebells are often associated with fairies, The blue flowers are said to ring to call fairies to their revels at midnight and on the fairy festivals. Historically, bluebells were also used for their medicinal properties and as a source of dye. Today, these woods are cherished as havens for biodiversity and places of natural beauty.

Kate is looking for a new bull. She'll be off visiting various farms and looking for a bull who will be a good fit for the herd. Various factors have to be thought about. I'm sure you can imagine what some of those are.

Our event barn is having a bit of a revamp. We are refreshing it with a lick of paint and installing some beautiful handmade wooden doors into the big gap. It's been a long time coming. The farm shop finally has our homemade burgers back in stock, as well as Kate's lamb in the freezer. Our usual offerings of our pasture fed beef, mince, steaks and roasting joints. We also stock chocolate, ice cream, crisps, drinks, milk and much more. Pop in if you're walking 'around the world'.

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