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This edition is packed with notification of all sorts of exciting things that will be happening in November and December. Having been away and missed the meeting, I was also very interested to see all the proposals for the development of Ide's Green Spaces. Nick has kindly passed me all the plans and I have done my best to do them justice but suspect that some of you, like me will be resorting to the magnifying glass. The same applies to Judy's article but as it sings the praises of the Ide Times, it just had to be included! Articles for the December/January issue of the Ide Times should be sent to Ann Boyce annboyce@talk21.com by the 20th November. It is always good to have some pictures too.



Ann Boyce 01392 213011.

USEFUL NUMBERS

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 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 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
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Bank Holidays	CLOSED

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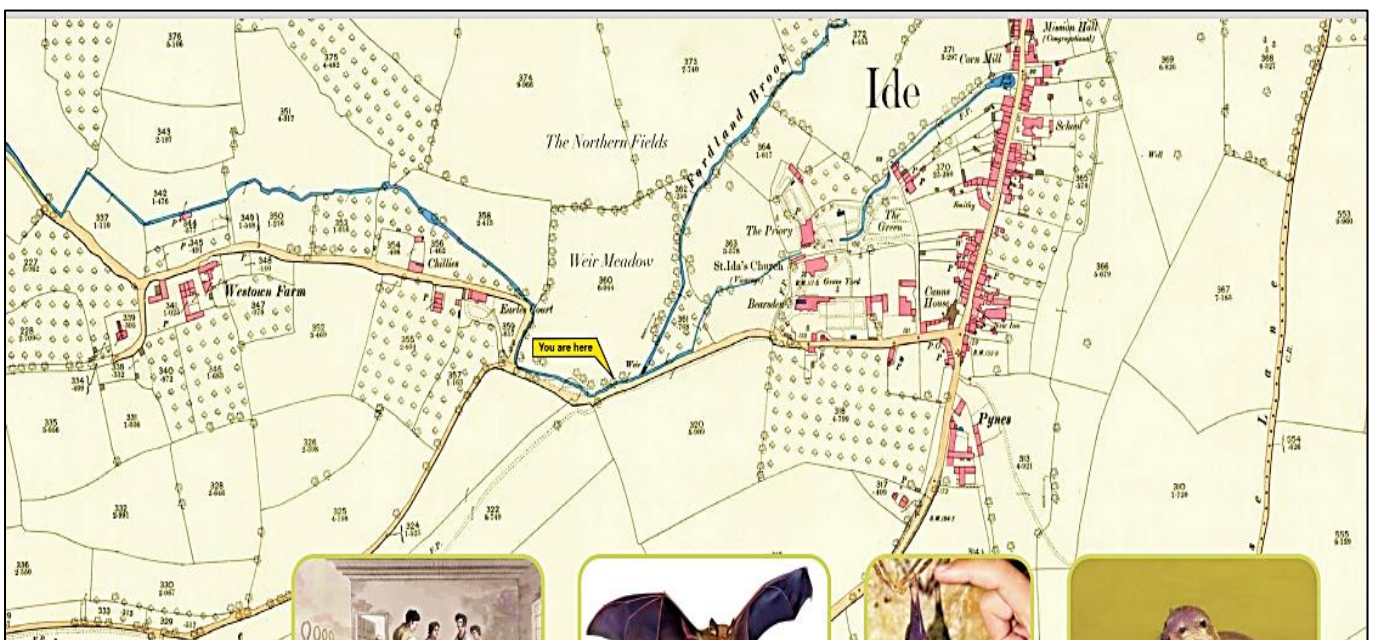
360 Bus Timetable

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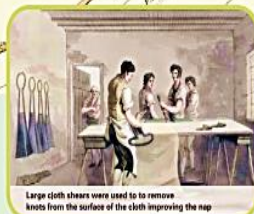
The 360 bus no longer goes along Queen Street – it now goes along Exeter High Street to Sidwell Street, and returns the same way.

Northern Fields We held a public consultation meeting on 10 October in the Hall between 5pm and 7pm, to provide an opportunity for residents to hear about, and see drawings of, an outline concept design for a community woodland on the hillside of Northern Fields. This is part of Stage 2 of a Forestry Commission scheme that will, if successful, fund the purchase, planting and protection of trees, the installation of pathways, and a maintenance grant for up to 10 years. Julia Matthews, consultant woodland designer, made two identical presentations, at 5pm and 6pm, with time for discussion and questions. The 26 attendees welcomed and fully supported the proposals, which can be viewed on the village website. The proposals have also been sent to key stakeholders and neighbouring landowners for their comments. See facing page.

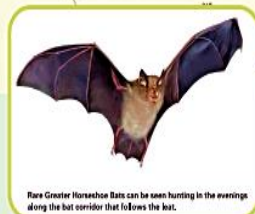
Weir Meadow. An interpretation board has been installed at the pedestrian bridge entrance to the Meadow giving some history of the weir, the leat and the brook, and the old mill.



1st Edition OS map, surveyed in 1867 and published in 1896



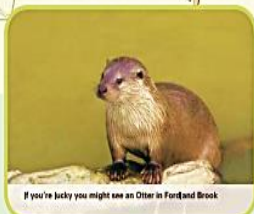
Large cloth shears were used to remove knots from the surface of the cloth improving the nap



Rare Greater Horseshoe Bats can be seen hunting in the evenings along the bat corridor that follows the leat.



Despite their name Greater Horseshoe Bats are actually quite small



If you're lucky you might see an Otter in Fordland Brook

Welcome to Weir Meadow

The flat six acre field in front of you is Weir Meadow. It takes its name from a weir at the south east corner of the Meadow, along to your right. A weir is a small barrier built across a stream to raise the water level slightly on the upstream side, while still allowing water to flow over it.

The stream behind you, called Fordland Brook, is in fact a man-made leat, built around 1540, to provide water power to the mill in the High Street. The leat starts at Chillies, runs past Earles Court, hugs the southern, then the eastern, edge of the Meadow, and rejoins the natural course of Fordland Brook at the top right corner of the Meadow (see map). At the weir, a branch of the leat used to run east past the Church, through the garden of the Old Vicarage, skirt the Green along The Gaps, run along the current footpath in The Hams, ending in the mill pond, now Coronation Gardens next to the mill (now the Old Mill) in the High Street. In places the leat is up to six feet deep, with walls made of local stone.

for home and export markets, especially military uniforms. Before fulling, the woven cloth is soaked in stale human urine, which is valued for its ammonia, and treated with fuller's earth - a type of absorbent clay. Every night, urine was collected from the local taverns, put in the "piss cart" and taken to the mill. The wool was pummeled with large square wooden hammers, or fulling stocks, tripped by wooden cams directly driven by the water wheel. During the 19th century, the mill moved over to grinding corn with granite millstones.

During wet winters, water from Fordland Brook above Chillies will take its original natural course across the swale along the northern boundary of the Meadow, re-joining the watercourse at the top right corner of



Until 1983, when the modern concrete bridge 50 metres upstream was built, the only access to Weir Meadow over the leat was by the stone and brick-dressed bridge

just behind you. This bridge was re-discovered and restored in 2023.

The Meadow was always traditionally grazed by sheep for wool- the trade on which Exeter's wealth was founded. There used to be a sheep dip on the other side of the road, in the stream that feeds into the leat.

The leat is now a magnet for wildlife and acts as a foraging corridor for barbastelle, and greater and lesser horseshoe bats. Otters have been sighted in Fordland Brook.

In 2022 Ide Parish Council bought the Meadow, and the two Northern Fields rising up behind it, for community recreational use.



This interpretation board was created as part of the Green Spaces for Ide project, with a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund. Graphic Design: FreeLine Graphics Commissioned by Ide Parish Council, 2024

Between the 16th and the early 19th century, the mill

Project

Following the successful purchase by Ide Parish Council of Weir Meadow and the Northern Fields in 2022, plans have been evolving for a new community woodland on the Northern Fields.

The primary objectives of the project are:

- To create a diverse and accessible community woodland that can be enjoyed by all ages.
- To create a seating area to view the sports pitch below.
- To create a path that is as accessible as reasonably possible.
- To create a woodland that is resilient to future climate change.
- To preserve key views for the community to enjoy e.g. St Ida's Church.
- To create a diverse woodland that will benefit wildlife.

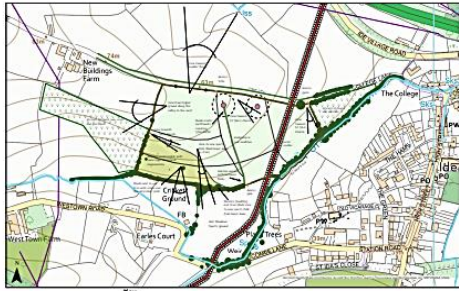


Fig.1 Landscape Appraisal



Fig.2 Artists Impression of the Existing Site

Existing Site

The 17 acres/7 hectares of the Northern Fields is on sloping ground between Weir Meadow and College Lane. The surrounding land is predominantly farmland with fragments of deciduous woodland and traditional orchards. Towards the west, along the Fordland Brook valley, woodland dominates the landscape with a mix of deciduous, conifer and ancient and semi-natural woodland. The Northern Fields present an opportunity to extend woodland habitat along the Brook and introduce woodland into a less wooded area.

The plan above shows the key considerations that have been taken into account when designing the new woodland. Of note are the two World War II bomb crater earthworks in the north of the site that were mapped by the Devon County Historic Environment Records. These have become filled in over time but below ground archaeological features may survive. Therefore a 20m unplanted buffer has been recommended, which will provide open space and a viewpoint from within the woodland.

There is a rough grassland and scrub area, known as Oak Bank, where a few oak saplings have established themselves. There are also some fantastic views of St Ida's Church and along the valley to the west.

Process & Planning

In April 2024 we submitted a Stage 1 Woodland Creation Planning Grant Application to the Forestry Commission (FC), which was to determine if the site was suitable for woodland creation. After meeting with our local FC Woodland Creation Officer, in July 2024, we heard that our stage 1 application had been successful and we were given the go ahead to move on to Stage 2.

We are now in the process of completing our Stage 2 application for which we need to submit a Woodland Design Plan that is compliant with the UK Forestry Standard. This consultation is part of that process.

We have engaged a local Landscape Architect who specialises in woodland creation schemes, Julia Matthews, to carry out this work.

Once the Stage 2 application is submitted in early November, we expect to hear back in Spring 2025 as to its success. Following this we will then explore our options for funding, with a view to hopefully start planting in the Winter of 2025/26.



Fig.3 View south from the top of Northern Fields



Fig.4 View of Northern Fields from Weir Meadow



Concept Design

The proposed design consists of mainly deciduous woodland with some areas of mixed woodland where the conifers will provide diverse texture and winter colour. Through these woodland blocks a path weaves its way around the site to form a circular walk following the contours of the slope. Along the path, there are seats at key viewpoints and play features. Other grass paths will naturally create themselves in areas that have been left open for views or utilities. There are woody shrubs along the edges of much of the woodland and paths to provide additional habitat and create a feathered edge to the woodland.

Across the site there are small areas of orchard trees where lower density planting is needed to retain a view. These also provide a reference to the historic orchards that have been lost in the adjacent fields. The design includes a number of 'groves' where trees will be planted with wider spacing to fully show their splendour. Oak Bank has been left for natural regeneration, to continue providing valuable habitat for moths, butterflies and insects.

Open space has been left to preserve historical features (WWII bomb craters) in the north of the site and to provide a viewing area for the sports field below.



Fig.7 Examples of some of the tree species we plan to plant.

Tree Species

We hope to plant a diverse and resilient woodland that will survive for generations to come. Using a combination of Forestry Commission ecological site classification tools, and extensive knowledge within the Northern Fields project working group, we will plant a mix of native broadleaf trees and some underused tree species such as cricket bat willow, London plane, Monterey pine, tulip tree, Atlantic cedar and red oak.

The trees will need protecting from deer while they establish. This will be done using a mix of deer fencing and tree tubes that will be recycled as far as possible.

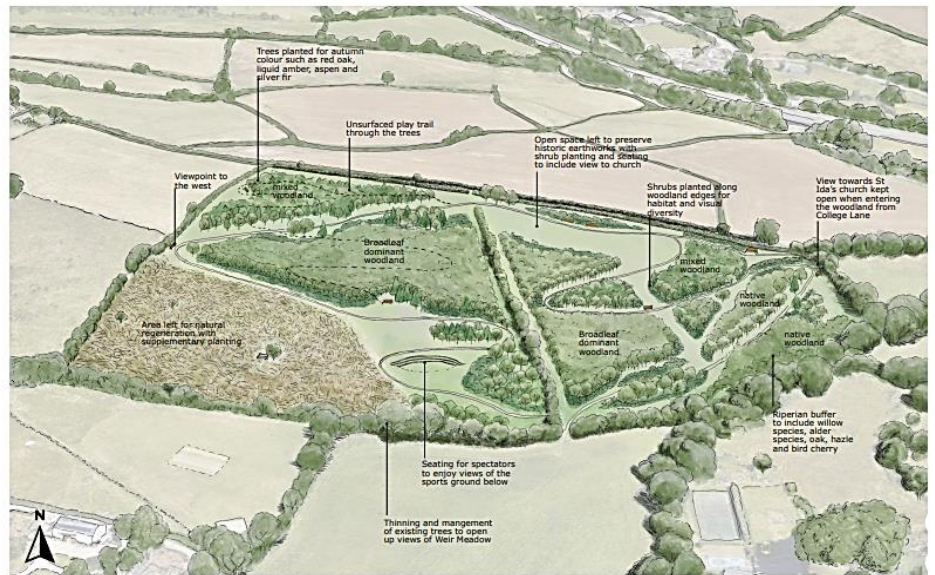


Fig.6 Artists Impression of Proposed Woodland Design

Access

Our aim is to make this woodland as accessible as possible. We hope to include a surfaced trail that is a maximum 1in12 gradient. The length of this will be subject to funding and maintenance costs.

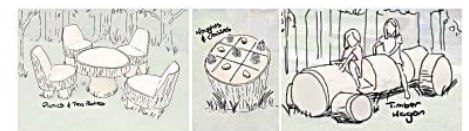
We will include benches or other types of seating around the site for people to rest and enjoy the view.



Play

We plan to include some playful elements within the woodland. These will be designed to encourage play within the woods rather than as traditional play structures.

Some ideas are shown in the images below.



The Football Foundation has awarded a grant of half the cost of two new, full size, wheeled goals for use in matches and practice on Weir Meadow. We have also submitted applications for grants towards a tractor and associated mowing machinery; an equipment storage container; and for a six year annual grass maintenance programme for the sports pitches.

Ide Community Orchard A garage full of apples was pressed by a small army of residents of all ages, in perfect weather, on 19 October on The Green. This was a very social and enjoyable event: the apples were washed and prepared in large vats of water, then mashed in an electric hopper, and pressed in a press hired from Orchard Link. People filled their own bottles free with fresh juice to be drunk within 48 hours; a hundred or so bottles were filled and pasteurised; and more was frozen for pasteurising and selling later for other events such as the Christmas tree lights switch on; the Wassail ceremony next February; and for selling to raise funds for the Orchard. Children participated in some craft activities, and a competition was held to see who could cut the longest unbroken apple peel. All were refreshed with tea, coffee, apple juice, soup and cakes. Our grateful thanks go to those who came along to work and support this event and the apple harvesting on the previous Sunday.

Pynes Farm House. Heritage Homes, who have bought Pynes Farm and The Farm House, have confirmed that they intend to fully restore the farm house, which is in a dilapidated state having suffered the effects of flooding. The restoration will include a face lift to fit a more attractive wall cladding.

Flood Prevention. Nigel Smith of Teign Consult has submitted his report, commissioned and funded by Ide Parish Council, on the capacity of the catchment of Ide and Markham; and the engineering measures that might be taken to prevent future flood events. The Parish Council will discuss his conclusions at its meeting on 20 November. The report can be viewed now on the village website.

Artificial Intelligence. The Teignbridge Local Plan, and some recent complex planning applications that have been through different stages and thrown up different arguments, have been an opportunity for us to try out AI. Patrick Irwin has discovered how easy, cheap and useful it can be to use AI to assimilate, analyse and summarise the arguments in a bundle of document - so typical of local council work. He will give a short demonstration of this in action at the next Parish Council meeting on 20 November.

Teignbridge Local Plan 2020-2040 The matter of the allocation of 900 new houses on the proposed Markham Village in the eastern half of the parish will be heard by the Examiners of the proposed Local Plan on 5 November, in public, at Forde House, Newton Abbot. Ide Parish Council will be taking part in the discussions on that day, putting our case against the allocation, and proposing amendments to the plan should the Examiners determine to approve it. Our most recent statement to the examiners can be found on the TDC website.

PLANNING

New Application received
24/01586/LBC - 5 The College , College Lane, Ide: Installation of replacement doors
Applications awaiting a decision from TDC
24/01428/FUL IDE - Land At Ngr 290858 90284, Ide Village Road Proposal: Retention of yard for the storage of machinery and construction materials, the siting of 12 secure storage containers and associated landscaping. Resubmission of application 22/00826/FUL After considering this new application, the planning

committee resolved to object to this new application. While it introduces measures intended to address the reasons the initial application and subsequent appeal were refused, by reducing the visual impact through landscaping and a smaller number of units, it fails to address the fundamental policy conflicts that were central to the original refusal and appeal dismissal. The development continues to conflict with policies intended to protect the rural character of Ide, particularly Policies EC3 and IDE07.

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.

24/00432/MAJ - Pynes Farm, High Street, Ide Demolition of existing buildings and the erection of ten dwellings, associated access, parking, and landscaping. Revised plans have been submitted to TDC.

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The last 'have-a-go' night I attended in the village hall was burlesque dancing. I've never been the same since

Judi Spiers on Saturday

Read Judi's column every week in the Western Morning News

Joys of village life packed into magazine

NOW let's be honest – a lot of parish mags that get delivered sit on a table for a few weeks before they are put in the bin only having been consulted if you need the number for a local electrician or plumber! That's not the case with ours.

I find it far more interesting than the freebie national glossy I get courtesy of my bank. That's not a phrase you hear often is it, 'courtesy of my bank'?

But then I like to think our village, Ide, is rather special. Anyway a copy of the magazine has just popped in through the letterbox. I should point out that I live a good mile-and-a-half from the actual epicentre and some kind person has to walk to me to deliver it! Most times it's my friend Janet whose daily constitutional is the circular walk from village past my house, known as 'round the world'. Her husband David is usually not far behind on his bike. Hardly surprising. It's not easy to keep up with Janet at the best of times. A child athletics star in her native Ghana... light the touch paper and she's off!

Back to the mag. In amongst the news of coffee mornings and chat groups there are timetables for the



Jubilee Club with its bingo and quilting, pilates, keep fit, art and choir sessions all held in our beautifully refurbished hall.

I see there's a bell ringing competition being hosted in St Ida's Church whilst the Congregational church once a month has a service for dogs, guinea pigs, chickens and on one occasion a snail! All very *Vicar of Dibley*.

There's a heartfelt letter from Zetta, our postmistress, who manages our wonderful shop, bought, paid and successfully run by the community, praising the volunteers and asking for more especially for the cleaning team. Now Ide has quite a diverse bunch of locals who can often be found taking a turn on the till or wafting a duster around. From retired teachers and accountants,

there's an ironing lady, pet sitter and hairdresser, photographer, as well as a smattering of the media, print, television and radio, therapists, potters, artists and a milliner. Yes, Janet has made hats for the well-heeled all over the world. She was also responsible for overseeing a team of would-be seamstresses to knock up reusable carrier bags for the shop and facemasks during

Covid, which raised more than £2,000 for charity. We've a community orchard and a recently purchased meadow for all to enjoy from the cricket and football teams to dog walkers or those who just want to absorb the natural habitat.

We've two pubs, a primary school and an organic farm which hosts weddings, festivals, film nights, you name it! Ooh, and you can even buy a wood burning stove!

I keep saying 'our' village but my postal address is for another in the opposite direction but as you have to hit the main road for that one instead of a gentle meander down rural lanes... 'our' village it is. Seems only fair. I suppose, that I show willing and offer to join the cleaning team for a session or two – besides I'm pretty sure there's always cake.

Oh, but hang on... I've just spotted something else.

'Have-a-go-morris dancing classes.' I've got sign up for one of those. The last 'have-a-go' night I attended in the village hall was burlesque dancing. I've never been the same since. Mind you, neither has my husband!

Do you know, reading this... I can't think why we ever considered moving.

IDE COMMUNITY SHOP & POST OFFICE



It is the time of year when we start thinking about decorating the shop for the festive season. The last couple of years it has been great to have the shop decorated by our wonderful customers and people from the community. This year we are asking you to decorate Christmas Trees. You can collect a blank Christmas Tree from the shop and decorate it in any way you like and then bring it back and we will hang it up to make a lovely display for Christmas, see samples in the photographs.

We need to have your beautiful creations back by early December please so we can get all decorated up and of course in true shop style there will be a little chocolate treat for all the decorated trees we get back.



We were delighted to welcome Jess Paine as a volunteer in late September and Jess does a regular shift now as well as filling in as well. Also great to have Kate Banks back on board again with shifts. It was time to say goodbye to Sarah & Rich as they give up their regular Friday night shift to take up a new challenge. But it was great to welcome Sarah Cooke back on to this shift and we thank Sarah and Rich for all they have done with this shift and giving up so many Friday nights and we thank Sarah for taking up the mantle again. Nicholas has joined the cleaning team and made a fantastic job of cleaning the front of the shop and forecourt. We are always looking for more volunteers on this team if you have an hour to spare.

Looking forward to the New Year when we start all the New Year's Resolutions about losing weight, being a nicer person etc etc. Why not make 2025 the year you volunteer in your local community shop? Cheaper and more fun than going to the gym, gets you out and about meeting lovely people and with hours to suit it is really flexible. A great team with a lot of support to work with and all sorts of opportunities and different ways to be involved. We also have a Volunteer's Social to all get together and meet up once a year.

Also, if you are not a shareholder yet, don't forget you can become a shareholder for only £10 which gives you a free drink at the AGM as well as being part of the shop.

Just a little request when you are writing your cards and addressing your parcels, please don't forget to leave enough space for a stamp or printed label. Sometimes we are left with so little space it is hard to squeeze them on.

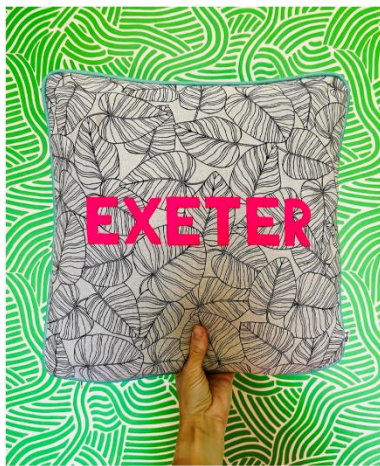
I want to take this opportunity to thank David Williams, who has done the volunteers rota for the shop for eternity. This quite a commitment, and a worry at times, and we need to say a huge thank you to David for working so hard and tirelessly on this for donkey's years even when he has been abroad on holiday, he has still done it.

If you come into the PO on a Wednesday Night, you might find both Emma and me a lot quieter and not so interactive as normal. This is because on a Wednesday night we have to do the main Post Office Weekend Procedure and once a month a Month End Procedure and we need to concentrate for this. Also, it helps if you can pop in as early as you can on a Wednesday to do your Post Office Business so we can get on with this as early as possible after we close.

Off to visit someone and not sure what to take? Why not preorder a cream or savoury tea basket from the shop. All gift wrapped up and full of local products that can be tweaked to your requirements. Order by 12noon one day for collection the next day. We also have a selection of gift baskets containing lovely products that can be customised to your specific requirements.




The shop has some lovely gift ideas in from Kat's Ceramics made in village, Leaf Street Gifts, our two talented Emma's handiwork, locally made soaps, plus socks with a design for everyone – plus all the paper and gift bags you need to wrap them,



Ide Congregational Church - November 2024

What's happening this month

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

November 2024	11am
3 rd	Church with a Difference – see below
10 th	 Remembrance Sunday – Des Gardiner
17 th	Adrian Dawe
24 th	David Bulley

Other activities

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 Sunday 3rd November 11am= 12am we'll be looking at 'Faith like Fireworks'. Why not come along to find out more.



On Thursday 7th November 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. 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 10th November It's Remembrance Sunday.



We'll be joining the 11am service at the War Memorial and then afterwards Des Gardier will lead a short service in the Congregational Church.

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

On Thursday 21st November at 7pm we will be meeting together for Coffee, Chat and Challenge. An opportunity to explore the Christian faith. Everyone welcome, and there's always food!

SAINT IDA'S CHURCH



Sunday, 3rd November 9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday, 10th November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
10.45am Service at the War Memorial

Sunday, 17th November 9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday, 24th November 8.00am Holy Communion
Harvest Festival and Lunch. We are most grateful for all who decorated the Church and all who came and provided such a wonderful lunch. About 40 of us sat

down to a most enjoyable meal on the 13th October following our Harvest Festival Service. It was a great pleasure to have Mike Partridge with us again following his 3 month sabbatical, members of the Congregational Church, together with friends. Our thanks go to all who helped with the washing up and tidying way.

Remembrance Sunday, 10th November, 10.45am Service at the War Memorial. The Service at the War Memorial starts just before 11am so that we keep the 2 minutes' silence as near to 11am as possible. This will be followed by coffee in the village hall.

Mothers' Union – We look forward to meeting together again in November – date and venue to be arranged.

Church Architect – The church was inspected by the Church Architect recently who reported that there were slipped slates on the roof. Simon Tucker has kindly replaced most of these slates and it is hoped that the church is now waterproof. Debris was also removed from gutters.

December Dates for your diary –

Saturday, 7th December, Festive Tea. Come along to St Ida's Church with Father Christmas to share in as much festive fare as you can eat and browse the stalls for Christmas goodies.

Sunday, 8th December, Wreath Making. We will be holding two wreath making sessions at 2pm and 5pm. All materials and refreshments supplied. £20 a head. Tickets available shortly in the Community Shop.

Sunday, 22nd December, 6pm, Carol Service.

Sunday, 24th December, 4pm, Christingle Service

Please join us at 4pm in Church for our usual Christingle Service where decorated oranges will be distributed.

Sunday, 24th December, 11pm Midnight Service.

Further details of all events will be in the December Ide Times and on Facebook.

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.

JUBILEE CLUB

A pleasure to welcome Ann Bragg and Valerie Daniel to the club on September 24th. Lorraine Addicott, always welcome, also came to hear the talk on RAF Exeter a subject of interest to her, having served in the RAF.

Chris Wiseman, our speaker's subject RAF Exeter 1937 to 1945.



The first terminal building

Negotiations started to build an airport on the site of Waterslade Farm in 1930, but the owners were not keen, finally the deal was agreed with a compulsory purchase order in 1937 and the terminal building opened in 1938 at a cost of £35,000, today's cost 3 million pounds.

213 RAF Squadron were the first to arrive in 1940 after the onset of war in 1939. They had a black feather on their badge meaning that they had authority for night time flying.

In July 1940 87 Squadron from France arrived also 307 Polish Squadron. The first Polish pilot to be killed was flying from Exeter. A famous unit based in Exeter designed cable cutting equipment used for cutting the cables of balloons. Aircraft needed to take off and land into the prevailing wind, the strips in the shape of a large capital A. In April 1944 the Americans arrived. The runways were extended to serve returning damaged aircraft.

With Exeter near the coast, along with the navy, on the lookout for German E boats, Exeter was one of the cities Hitler chose to bomb. Raids occurred on 3rd to 4th of May 1942. Two hundred and sixty five people were killed and buried in the Higher Cemetery. War graves also include those of Luftwaffe pilots, they were only doing their jobs. The fires burned for two weeks, thankfully the Cathedral was saved apart from damage to Saint James's Chapel, the stained glass windows had been removed for safety. It was an interesting talk.

Titch Scott was our speaker for October 14th, he gave us a delightful illustrated talk of Dartmoor with his wife Debbie operating the pictures. He was a farmer, but now does guided tours and talks. So many tales, Bowerman's Nose, a hunter out hunting hares came across a witches coven who turned him to stone 40 feet tall, nine maidens dancing on the Sabbath, the devil came and turned them to stone. A monk lived in a Chapel near the Mariners Way, he would invite walkers in and feed them a stew and some of his potent wine sending them to sleep, the monk would then rob them but a sailor

came along and pretended to go to sleep and threw the monk into the well. The Mariner's Way runs from Dartmouth to Bideford, sailor's landing at Dartmouth would be paid their wages, money to spend on liquid refreshment and maybe get involved with some ladies resulting in missing the boat. Well it's a 3 day walk to Bideford along the Mariner's Way. Sources of money on the Moor from wool and tin mining, the church tower at Widecombe the highest on Dartmoor built on tin money. The Rood Screen at Gidleigh has some fine carving worked by three sisters in the 1890s. More fine workmanship, the bridge at Mill End built in the 1850s to take the weight of a horse and loaded cart, well it now bears the weight of today's traffic, the strength being in the construction of the arch. Have you ever seen the smiley face built into a wall in Widecombe? A few years ago the owner was widening a gateway and using the stone already there put a smiley face in the wall. The planning authorities objected, but well it was only put there with the original stone! It remains, I must seek it out one day! A pleasure to welcome Cynthia Dorricott to the Jubilee Club.

I came across a mention of our club in an article in a local newspaper recently, described as The Jubilee Club with their Bingo, I would like to make the point we play bingo twice a year and put much thought and effort into planning a varied programme of speakers and outings.

We welcome new faces at our fortnightly meetings.

Jean Hoskin (Any inquiries ring me on 07447622479)

DIARY DATES

November 11th Outing to Monkton Elm a chance to get some Christmas Shopping done and enjoy a lunch.

Nov. 25th Christmas Bingo

December 9th Christmas Party

January 6th A lighthearted quiz



This life size bronze statue stands proudly outside Exeter Airport Terminal building.

The statue pays homage to the Pilots of the RAF from World War II. It depicts a World War II Battle of Britain Pilot looking to the skies searching for his comrades that have not yet returned to base.

It also acknowledges the important role that military airfield played during the war. RAF Exeter was an important RAF Fighter Command airfield during the Battle of Britain.

Ide School News



Even some of you who live in Ide might have been surprised to see an enormously long crocodile of young children walking two by two, with younger and older children carefully paired and holding hands, as they made their way to West Town farm from the school. Many of you, however, will know that they do this every year to celebrate their Harvest Festival.

The children had a fantastic time, they sang and performed beautifully. Thank you to those who volunteered to assist with walking the children to and from West Town Farm and of course to West Town Farm for allowing us to visit. The walk back was made especially exciting by a tractor that pulled in and hooted at the children as they passed.





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**It's that time of year
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FILM NIGHT
Dunchideock Village Hall
Friday November 15th at 7:15 PM.
ONE LIFE.

This handsome and stirring piece on the life of Nicolas Winton, a Hampstead-born stockbroker who, in 1938, travelled to Czechoslovakia during the Nazi invasion. From here he helped spirit away 669 children, mostly Jewish – the British Schindler’s list.

Anthony Hopkins plays Winton, “He is truly stirring,” says *The Telegraph*. “His light touch and affecting restraint are perfect for this true story.” Hopkins plays Winton as the older man, Johnny Flynn as the younger, adding real period drama and dash ,while still mirroring Hopkins’s demeanour. A remarkable WW11 story has been elevated by the superb Hopkins and Flynn, but also by the excellent cast throughout, like Helena Bonham Carter, and Jonathan, and by the story of immense courage which they have to tell.

The final joy of this film is the way so much of the past comes back so completely at the end. As to reaction, *Rotten Tomatoes* critics have given it 90%, while the general audience gave it more, 94%. We found it very emotional.

Peter Goodchild



Carol Singing Coronation Gardens

Hello!

We are hosting a gathering in Coronation Gardens to sing some carols, eat mince pies and maybe drink something mulled!

Save the date - Sunday 15th December
5:30- 7pm

Pop on your festive hat,
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The Celtic year was known to be divided into two halves, light and dark, which were delineated by fire festivals. One being Samhain, celebrated between the 31st October to November the 1st. During this festival the world of the gods were believed to be made visible to humankind, leading to supernatural trickery and trouble. This practice evolved over time, and is now more commonly known as Halloween! Whatever you choose to believe or celebrate, we wish to thank everyone who joined us for Pumpkin Days - it was lovely to see everyone enjoying the farm and getting creative with their new pumpkins!

With things now at a slightly slower pace, Kate - our tenant farmer - wishes to invite you, the local Community, to join her on a **Farm Walk** on the 23rd November.

With the recent 'Farmwashing' campaign by Riverford, we believe it's important to offer everyone the opportunity to see how their local organic and regenerative farm *really* operates. Kate will be doing a tour of the farm, explaining how she cares for the land as well as their livestock and will also be on hand to answer any questions. It will be a relaxed gathering, yet we ask that you bring suitable footwear and clothing. If you wish to come along, please book your FREE tickets online (*25 x tickets available*).



Over the year we have shared some of our challenges, so to balance things out, we wish to share a few wins! We were incredibly happy and relieved to learn that Kate's herd passed their TB test! Whilst the vet was visiting, we also learned that many of the cows are pregnant, thanks to Billy the Bull. You may remember that Billy passed away a couple months ago, yet it's lovely to know that Billy's offspring will live on, here at West Town Farm.

On that upbeat note, we wish you a cosy month ahead and hope to see you on **Kate's Farm Walk** in a couple of weeks time!

Vicki Turner Dallyn

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