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December 24 and January 25

Brenda and I would like to wish you all a really good Christmas and a New Year that brings lots of happiness and achievement. We would also like to thank Sue Campbell and her band of generous volunteers who make sure you get this magazine through your door all year round.



Thanks too to all our contributors, without you, the Ide Times would be nothing, literally! How about this for a New Year's resolution everyone?...I will get a photograph or article published in the Ide Times next year! Articles for the February issue of the Ide Times should be sent to Brenda Spivey (01392 275784)

email : brendaspivey123@btinternet.com by the 20th January. It is always good to have some pictures too.

Ann Boyce.

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Community Shop Opening Hours: (Tel. 410035)

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Sundays	9am - 12 noon
Bank Holidays	9am - 12 noon



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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	10.11	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.



IDE PARISH COUNCIL

idevillage.org.uk



IDE COMMUNITY ORCHARD is thriving.

There are still lots of unpicked and windfall apples to be enjoyed by residents and winter feeding birds. We hope that our pasteurised apple juice will soon be on sale in the Community Shop.

The Orchard Christmas lights switch on will happen on Saturday 14 December at 7pm with gathering from 6.30pm, with mulled apple juice and music.

The traditional Wassail celebration, blessing the trees to ensure a good harvest, is set for Sunday 2 February 2025 at 5pm.

Volunteer working parties, to mulch young trees, clear brambles and help with winter pruning, will be held on Sunday 12 January at 1.30 pm and on Sunday 9 February.

We are commissioning work to lay the hedge along the Orchard's western boundary in December. We have also agreed to level off the main diagonal path leading up to the top corner of the orchard.

WEIR MEADOW AND NORTHERN FIELDS.

Football. New, full size match goals on wheels will arrive soon, partly funded by a grant from the Football Foundation. We look forward to Ide Green Rovers playing their first match in the New Year. The Council has approved a Service Level Agreement between the Council and Ide Green Rovers FC for the club's use of the Weir Meadow football pitch. It sets out arrangements for pitch maintenance, ownership and provision of equipment, bookings and fees, and the club's commitment to using the ground.

We have also agreed to buy an additional pair of 8 x 6ft trainer goals for Weir Meadow, so that we can restore the goals on The Green back to a full pair.

Community Woodland and Trees. Following the public consultation event in the village hall on 10 October, we submitted a Stage 2 woodland creation grant application to the Forestry Commission through IPC's consultant, Julia Matthews, on 1 November 2024. It consists of the design for a community woodland including layout, fencing, tree protection, species, open spaces and paths. If approved, the hard works - paths and fencing - could start in summer 2025; and tree planting in the winter 2025/2026. Last month's Ide Times carried reproductions of the proposed woodland scheme: if you found the print a tad small to read, you can view the presentation panels on the village website idevillage.org.uk under Working Groups and Committees -> Weir Meadow and Northern Fields Working Group -> Community Woodland Scheme -> Woodland Design presentation Panels.

On 22 November volunteers planted 17 specimen trees - hornbeam and liquidambar – in the north west section of Weir Meadow to delineate the edge of the sports field from the wilder section of that corner of the meadow.

Dogs. Weir Meadow is taking full shape now as a playing field. Please remember that your dog must be kept on the lead whilst you are in the Meadow; and dogs may run free once you are in the Northern Fields.

FLOOD PREVENTION. Ide Parish Council discussed a report that it commissioned, and funded, from Nigel Smith of Teign Consult. It assesses the capacity of the catchment of Ide and Markham; and the engineering measures that might help prevent future flooding. The report is on the village website: Working Groups and Committees-> Flood Prevention Subgroup. We have sent it to the Land Management Team at the Environment Agency; South West Water; and to Devon County Council Flood Risk Management Team, who have asked their project engineer to assess the feasibility of the options, on a cost-benefit basis. Laying an additional 600mm pipe under Fore Street is one option that may warrant further investigation. Discussions are also ongoing with the landowners and their agents about planting lower risk crops and other possible natural preventive measures.

BALLS FARM ROAD. New larger “Access Only” signs have appeared on Dunsford Hill, to emphasise that Little Johns Cross Hill and Balls Farm Road are only for use by vehicles accessing properties along those roads; and to discourage vehicles from using those roads as rat runs.

WESTOWN ROAD. Beyond the Earles Court junction, Westown Road is also designated Access Only. It’s tempting to get out of Ide onto the Longdown straight by using Westown Road, past Westown Farm, and up Haynes Lane: but it’s not permitted.

PLANNING MATTERS

Applications awaiting a decision by TDC
24/01586/LBC - 5 The College, Ide: Installation of replacement doors. Supported by Ide Parish Council.
23/00463/FUL - Stevens Farm, Ide Village Road, Ide Change of use of agricultural building and land to commercial use for the sales and maintenance of tractors. Objected to by Ide Parish Council. No further updates.
24/00432/MAJ - Pynes Farm, High Street, Ide Demolition of existing buildings and the erection of ten dwellings, associated access, parking, and landscaping. No further updates.

Applications decided by TDC

24/01428/FUL IDE - Land At Ngr 290858 90284, Ide Village Road: 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. Application refused by TDC.

Teignbridge Local Plan 2020-2040. The three month Examination in public of the Plan, in Newton Abbot, has now ended. A team of four of us, representing Ide Parish Council, attended the hearing on 5 November to put further questions to TDC; and make our case to the Examiner against the allocation of a new 900 house Markham Village. We were encouraged that Exeter City Council had also decided to object to the Markham Village proposal, on the same grounds as us: damage to valuable landscape character, inadequate highways capacity, and unviable plans for cycling, walking and public transport. We anticipate the Examiners' report and decision in early February 2025.

Mike Watson. We were saddened to learn of the death on 17 November of Mike Watson. Mike, and Rosemary who predeceased him, used to live in Old Vicarage Close, before moving to Alphington some years ago. Mike served as a parish councillor through the 1980s and 1990s, bringing his banking skills to the role of treasurer, and his sense of humour to every meeting. Those who knew him in Ide will remember him with the greatest affection. We send our thoughts and best wishes to his daughters Nikki, Donna and Andrea.

The next meeting of Ide Parish Council is on Wednesday 15 January 2025 at 7.30pm in Ide Memorial Hall.

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Markham Village

Nick Bradley, as chair of Ide Parish Council, ably supported by Dave Black and Patrick Irvine attended Teignbridge District Council's offices in Newton Abbot on 5th November for session 1 of week 4 of the public inquiry into the draft Teignbridge Local Plan 2020- 2040. This was the morning given over to Policy EE1- Markham Village- for the planning inspector to consider whether the proposed allocation by TDC for development of the site by 900 houses is justified, effective, positively prepared and consistent with national policies.

The inspector wished to hear on a wide variety of issues but those pertinent to the interests of Ide Parish Council were landscape, road safety, transportation and funding of required infrastructure.

Representations critical of the allocation were made on behalf of Exeter City Council, Heritage Homes, Exeter Civic Society, Alphington Village Forum and Ide Parish Council. The 3 land owners were represented in force by their promoter's professional team. Devon County Council is one of the 3 land owners and was also represented in its capacity as highway authority and education authority.

The inspector gave all parties a fair hearing in a discussion which was at times fractious- but never so on the part of our cool headed chair.

Nick had a number of carefully crafted and incisive questions for the inspector and TDC to consider which he ably worked into the discussion on each of the relevant points. These clearly gave the inspector pause for thought. Dave Black's invaluable experience of public inquiries and his background in highways and planning was key to framing those questions for maximum impact- which Nick clearly articulated in his measured but authoritative way. These were the result of many hours of reading and deliberation by Nick, Dave and Patrick who will be far too modest to admit the debt of gratitude that we owe to them in representing the interests of the village.

The inquiry was set to continue until 21st November and the inspector's report is unlikely to be issued until well into next year.

David Howe- special correspondent at the Inquiry for Ide Times.



Ide Community Orchard

After a fab day of Apple Pressing, we are now gearing ourselves up for some winter activities in Ide Community Orchard.



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First up is a Working Party to put Christmas decorations on some of the trees. That's on **Sunday, 8th December** 10:00 onwards. We've got lots of decorations, but if you have any old ones that you no longer use, then feel free to donate them. You can either bring them along on the 8th or leave them in a box outside Ide Shop.

Our 'Switch On' celebration takes place the following **Saturday, 14th December**. Gather from 6.30pm, ahead of a short ceremony at 7pm. We'll sing some carols, have a few readings and turn on the lights. There's a torch lit walk around the Orchard for those that fancy it as well as mulled apple juice and other refreshments.

Talking of apple juice, we are hoping to see some Ide Community Orchard Apple Juice in the shop. There's a few hoops we need to jump through first, but fingers crossed, it will happen!

In other news, we'll have a **Wassail on February 2nd** and why not banish the January blues with our first **Working Party of the year on Sunday January 12th**. Time tbc, but likely to be early afternoon.

There are still apples on some of the trees and feel free to use the grabber in the Shed to manoeuvre them off. We all love an apple crumble!

In the meantime, thank you for your support for Community Orchard events during 2024. We have some exciting things planned for the year ahead and look forward to seeing the space grow and thrive.

Wishing a Happy Christmas and a peaceful 2025 to you all from everyone involved in Ide Community Orchard.

Mark

On behalf of Ide Community Orchard Management Group.



IDE COMMUNITY SHOP & POST OFFICE

Well, where has this year gone, I can't believe I am writing our Ide Times article for the last edition of this year and the first edition of next year already. It's been another lovely year in shop world with a lot of special moments and good times shared with our wonderful customers. We are delighted that our fantastic volunteers have made sure that every shop shift has been covered and we have not had to close at all, unlike sadly other community shops around us who are struggling for volunteers. We are also delighted to have welcomed several new team members to the shop in various roles this year some of whom may have served you, and some who beaver away helping behind the scenes in very practical ways. Not only is volunteering a lot of fun and you work with a fantastic team serving great customers you also get to come to the Volunteers Do every year.

If you are not making your own Christmas Wreath at one of the workshops in the village or ordering them from one of the great village crafts folks, we can order one for you from New Leaf – please pop into the shop for more details, as these are going to be bought to order only. We will also have the stunning New Leaf Poinsettias again this year that are such magnificent specimens and overshadow any you get anywhere else. The shop has a wide range of gifts for Christmas presents alongside all the functional lines like Sellotape, wrapping paper, Christmas Cards – local Ide ones both Skillpigs and the beautiful ones designed by Penny Smith alongside colourful Whistlefish ones and standard boxes of cards. We have a huge range of stocks in, literally with a design for everyone and at £5 per pair, budget friendly as well as being cheaper to post. If you don't have to worry about postage costs the Exeter Brewery Beer Boxes and The Sandford Orchard Cider Boxes make great presents and support local producers. Don't forget both Emmas are very talented and several of their lovely gifts can be found on sale in the shop, alongside some unique gifts from our talented volunteer and potter Kat. Again, great locally produced village gifts. If you need a present idea for that person who has everything and want to save on postage too The One4All gift cards available from the PO make a good gift.

Don't forget we can take orders for any bakery, meat, fruit, vegetables and delicatessen lines that you may need over the festive season. Our usual request, even more important at this time of year. If you are free in the day with less ties and commitments, please could you come and do your posting as early as you can in the day so that we have as much time as we can make to serve the business customers as it gets near the postman's collection at 5pm. The



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postmen are very, very busy at this time of year and we must have our post ready to go when he arrives, and we cannot ask him to hang on for post that is not ready at the specified time. Thank you for your help on this. Again, can we please request that if you leave post on the PO counter when we are not open that you check you have put adequate postage on.

Just a reminder the Post Office is closed on Saturday 7th December for all postal services. The nearest Post Offices open that day are Broadway Stores and Alphington Post Offices. Normal PO services are operating on Friday 6th December and Monday 9th December. Apologies for any inconvenience that this may cause.

This year's Christmas Stamps are on sale in the Post Office and this year they are a very traditional design.

Last posting dates for Christmas:

Wednesday 18th December Royal Mail 2nd Class and 2nd Class Signed For

Friday 20th December Royal Mail 1st Class, 1st Class Signed For and Tracked 48
Saturday 21 December Tracked 24

Monday 23rd December Royal Mail Special Delivery Guaranteed.

Please collect a leaflet from the Post Office for more detailed information

Shop & Shop and Post Office Christmas and New Year Opening Times

Shop Post Office

Tuesday 24 December Christmas Eve 8am-12noon 9am-12noon

Wednesday 25 December Christmas Day Closed Closed

Thursday 26th December Boxing Day 9am-11am Closed

Friday 27th December to Monday 30th December Normal Hours Normal Hours

Tuesday 31st December 8am-12noon 9am-12noon

Wednesday 1st January 2025 Closed Closed

Thursday 2nd January 2025 onwards Normal Ours Normal Hours

The post box for letters to Father Christmas will be on the table outside the shop for letters to be sent to Father Christmas up to the 16th of December. Please ensure there is an address on the letter for replies to be sent to and Father Christmas likes to know as much about the special boys and girls writing to him as possible so he can write a nice letter back.

Numbers for the very famous Ide Duck Race will be on sale in the shop as usual. I always remember the first year I started working here, I was so disappointed that you only got a number and not a plastic duck, funny several other people new to the village and the duck race also think the same when they come to get their numbers.

Lastly thanks are due to our great committee, and again we are very fortunate compared to other community shops to have a great team working behind the scenes on the less glamorous and more mundane and legal aspects of shop life. But we thank each one of them for all they do to keep our wheels turning on the official things.

We wish all our very very special customers a Happy Christmas and all the best for 2025 and thank you for supporting the shop so well in 2024. Thank you for making the community shop the special place that it is, a community shop at the heart of the community. We look forward to being of service to you 2025. Zetta

Ide Congregational Church - December 2024



What's happening this month?

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

December 2024	11am
1 st	Church with a Difference – see below
8 th	Rev Caroline Stott
15 th	Memorial Service – see below
22 nd	Carol Service
25 th	Christmas Day Service at 10.30am
29 th	Des Gardiner


Other activities

Sunday 1st December - Church with a Difference


Come and join us on the 1st December for Church with a Difference, which also happens to be Advent Sunday. Every first Sunday we meet at our normal time of 11am to explore our Spiritual Journeys. On 1st December we'll be looking at 'Mary's Song' which is also known as 'The Magnificat'. We will be exploring the message of Faith and Hope found in these words and its relevance for us today as modern-day people living in Ide.




On Thursday 5th December from 10am – 12pm we will be holding our Christmas Coffee Morning.

 If you've never joined us before, do come along to our Christmas Coffee Morning. It runs from 10am - 12pm and at 11.15am we have a special treat with Ide Primary School singing Christmas songs for us. This is always a special occasion, so do come along and support the children. We provide free teas, coffees and cakes with a lot of friendly chatter. A warm welcome awaits.


On Sunday 15th December we'll be holding a Memorial service.

 As part of our Sunday morning service, we'll be remembering our loved ones who are no longer with us. You'll have the opportunity to hang a lantern on the Christmas tree with your loved ones name in it. It can be a difficult time in the build up to Christmas when our loved are often missed the most, so this memorial service provides an opportunity to reflect, but also give thanks for their lives.

On Thursday 19th December at 7pm – it's time for Coffee Chat and Challenge

 On Thursday 19th December at 7pm we will be meeting together for our Christmas special Coffee, Chat and Challenge. An opportunity to explore the Christian faith. Everyone welcome, and there's always food!

On Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Day – we'll be holding a short service at 10.30am

 At 10.30am on Christmas Day we'll be meeting together for a half an hour service to celebrate the birth of Jesus. What better way to celebrate Christmas than to sing some carols and meet together on this special day. **Everyone is welcome to join us.**

Ide Congregational Church - January 2025



What's happening this month?

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

January 2025	11am
5 th	Church with a Difference – see below
12 th	Barry Searl
19 th	Mark Perkins
26 th	Ken Harris

Other activities

Sunday 5th January - Church with a Difference

Come and join us on the 5th January for Church with a Difference. Every first Sunday we will be meeting at our normal time of 11am to explore our Spiritual Journeys. On Sunday 5th January we'll be looking at 'What do New Year's resolutions have to do with our Christian faith'? Why not come along to find out more.

On Thursday 2nd January 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.



An opportunity to get out of the house after all the Christmas celebrations and let someone else run around after you with food and drinks. 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 January at 7pm – it's time for Coffee Chat and Challenge



On Thursday 17th October at 7pm we will be meeting together for Coffee, Chat and Challenge

A time to explore how Christian beliefs are relevant in today's world.

Everyone welcome, and there's always food!

Concert at St Michael's Church, Alphington. on 11th December

The Exeter Choral Society and the brilliant young organist, Jack Oades, are combining to create an exciting Christmas concert in St Michael's Church at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11 December. Jack will play several organ pieces and members of the choir will sing some unusual carols, followed by better-known ones with the audience. There will be mulled wine and other refreshments afterwards. No tickets are necessary, but a retiring collection will be taken in aid of the St Michael's Christmas charities. For further information, contact Juliet Meadowcroft at j.meadowcroft@live.co.uk.

SAINT IDA'S CHURCH



Sunday, 1 st December	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday, 8 th December	9.30am	Morning Praise
Sunday, 15 th December	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday, 22 nd December	6pm	Carol Service
24 th December	4pm	Christingle Service
Christmas Eve	11pm	Midnight Communion
Christmas Day	11am Service at Alphington Church	
Sunday, 29 th December	9.30am	Holy Communion for the 3 churches In Ide Church
Sunday, 5 th January	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday, 12 th January	9.30am	Morning Praise
Sunday, 19 th January	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday, 26 th January	8am	Holy Communion

Festive Tea, Saturday, 7th December, 2.30pm. Father Christmas has promised to come and you might like to meet him outside Ide Village Hall at 2.15pm and show him the way to the Church. There will be a magnificent tea, a number of stalls, a chance for the children to talk to Santa as well as take part in activities with Zetta. Festive Tea £5 per adult, children free. You will need to bring some CASH!



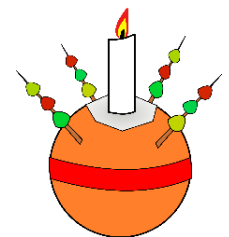
Wreath Making, Sunday, 8th December – There will be two sessions: 2pm and 5pm. Tickets, price £20, are on sale at the Community Shop. The price includes all the materials required plus seasonal refreshments.

Christmas Services –

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

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

Midnight Service – 11pm on Christmas Eve



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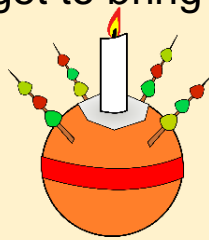


St Ida's Church
CHRISTMAS FESTIVE TEA
Saturday, 7th December, 2.30pm
In Ide Church



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

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

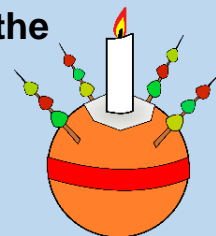
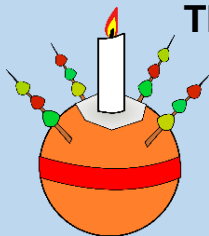


CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP
in Ide Church
Sunday, 8th December



There are 2 sessions - 2pm and 5pm
Tickets can be purchased in the Community Shop
£20 to include all materials and refreshments.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
Sunday, 24th December, Christmas Eve
4pm in St Ida's Church
There will be a cash collection in aid of the
Children's Society



Mothers Union

We have managed to meet up most months this year, sometimes for an informal get together, sometimes for something more formal. There always seems to be plenty to talk about!

November also saw the Diocese annual meeting in Honiton. Sadly, the organisation, like so many, is struggling to find committed members to lead our area. Worldwide MU is thriving, but in western countries such organisations are in decline.

We will be helping as usual at the annual Christmas Tea in church, with Father Christmas in attendance, all welcome of course.

In January we will meet for a shared lunch. Date and venue later.

It seems very early to be wishing you seasonal greetings (we're not yet into Advent!) But my best wishes to all for the coming festive season.

With Love.

Sue

Congratulations

Members of the St Ida's Church ringing team celebrate their win in the 2024 Kenn Deanery Ringing Competition,

From the left Simon Tucker (captain), Maureen Adams, Joe Tucker, Mark Jenkins
Mark Armitage, Patrick Richmond

Picture Tim Raddon



JUBILEE CLUB

Well, what a fascinating subject bee keeping proves to be. Mike Long came to talk about Bees and Honey, it's a family tradition, his grandfather having been a beekeeper. The flavour of honey is at it's very best when fresh, it granulates but by gently warming through will clear. At this time of the year the bees will find some nectar on late flowering plants and ivy is a good source. The Queen has now stopped laying and the male bees are kicked out of the hive, the bees must get on with the Queen if not a discontented hive can become aggressive. Honey is not the only product the hive produces there's wax and mead made by the monks from the left over from extracting the honey. Local honey from local pollen is reputed to be good for hay fever.

Pollen grains come in different colours, pink and yellow and is extracted from the bees legs. World-wide there are 250 different species of bees, there can be up to 50,000 in a hive but only 50 bumble bees in a nest, death rates in honey bees are high due to a heavy workload. Drones are there to eat the honey and fertilise the workers. At Christmas they are given fondant icing a special feed for the winter. Honeybees do a waggle dance telling other bees where to go for nectar, bumble bees don't do this, they have longer tongues enabling them to feed on different flowers. The vroe mite sucks the juices from grubs resulting in deformed bees. Then there's the Asian hornet, a predator from the Continent which kills bees.



11th saw us off on a trip to Monkton Elm, a chance to enjoy lunch out and maybe even do some Christmas shopping or just a good excuse for a day out with good company. As ever we are grateful for the support on these visits without which it would not be a viable possibility.

Our meetings are fortnightly, the talks beginning at [2.pm](#) in The Ide Memorial Hall.



Sending wishes for a happy and peaceful Christmas to all.

Jean Hoskin 07447622479

DIARY DATES

December 9th

January 6th

January 20th

February 3rd

Christmas party

A lighthearted Quiz

Christmas lunch at The Devon Hotel 12 for 12.30 pm

T. B. C.

Ide School News

Thursday's snow could not have been better timed to cause more disruption to school. Some children were already in school for breakfast club, only a few staff managed to make it in before the worst of the weather set in, Bowhill closed so no lunch was going to arrive. Having ensured all children had been safely picked up, Alice could not use her car and had to walk home, which took her a while! She describes the day as an adventure. That's the spirit!



Talking of spirit, the school is understandably extremely proud of our Year 6 football team. As we hope you know, sport at Ide is highly valued and participation is enabled through the curriculum and extra-curricular activities. For such a small school, our teams definitely "punch well above their weight" on many occasions.

Year 6 Football Results

A huge well done to our Year 6 football teams that represented the school in local competitions this week. One of our teams participated in a football tournament organised by Exeter City on Monday and our other team took part in the football league at West Exe on Wednesday. The players had a brilliant time at the competitions and they were all fantastic! They showed excellent enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the matches and came away with great results.

On Monday we came fourth out of eleven teams which means we will go through to the Local Area Finals which will take place in January.

On Wednesday we won both matches. We are looking forward to playing other local schools in the league over the next couple of weeks.

We were really proud of the way the teams represented the school and we look forward to seeing what they can achieve next!

The children are now enjoying rehearsing for the various Christmas concerts and productions. Everyone is also excited about the visit in December of the Paddleboard Theatre Company (due to appear at the Northcott

Theatre). They are coming to school to do a dress run!

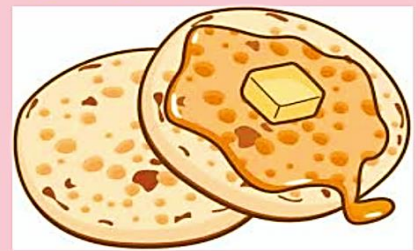
Thank you to the residents of Ide for all your support this year. We feel very lucky to be part of such a special community. We wish you all a very enjoyable Christmas. We are looking forward to sharing more news of the children's many and varied activities and achievements in 2025.

Alice Purcell (Headteacher) on behalf of everyone at Ide School

POP UP BREAKFAST Ide Village Hall 14th December 10am-12 noon



crumpets
baps
porridge
hot drinks
fruit juice



Raising money for a volunteering trip to Uganda, I will be helping the locals with projects in the medical centre and school

Thank you all for support
Ellie Morgan



Carol Singing in Coronation Gardens

Hello!

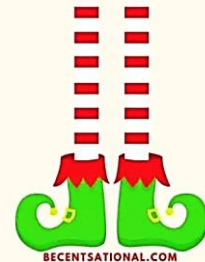
We are hosting a gathering in Coronation Gardens to sing some carols, eat mince pies and maybe drink something mulled!

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

Pop on your festive hat,
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The environment of **West Town Farm, Ide** allows a rich variety of opportunities. From bespoke away day experiences, to creative courses tapping into the natural environment from inspiration to raw materials and not forgetting well being. Many of our group sessions and projects such as the community garden project and the Makers sees us supporting and offering opportunities to engage with the natural surroundings for adults who might be vulnerable through mental and physical health challenges.

We work creatively with everyone! So if you are interested in any of the work we do, opportunities on offer or wish to know more.

Please contact:

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Volunteer Opportunities..

We are looking to add to the current membership of our Trustee board and looking for enthusiastic people with skills in:

Financial/accountancy/budgeting planning skills.

Recruitment and HR Skills.

Fundraising.

Experience of small organisations.

Previous trusteeship involvement.

If you are interested and feel you have skills that could be used to support us. Please do get in touch for a full role description.

Volunteering with us...

We have been so fortunate over the years to have volunteer support, such a wonderful asset to our charity and for all those who engage with us.

You may recognise this particular volunteer! David has been volunteering with us close to a year now, he is one of our volunteer minibus drivers bringing participants in from Exeter to the community Garden Project, he is also our have a go at anything superstar! DIY wood skills, gardening and much much



*“We make a living by what we get,
but we make a life by what we give”
Winston Churchill*



If you have spare time and wish to get into volunteering we have a variety of opportunities:

We would love to hear from anyone who is a dab hand in the kitchen supporting and developing the culinary skills of our community garden participants. Our garden project runs on Wednesday and Fridays 10.30am-4pm

Being a host supporting with our creative Makers group, helping to set up and engage with participants in a variety of creative art and craft sessions alongside our facilitators . The Makers groups is currently trial running on alternate Wednesdays and Fridays.

Event volunteering, from site guide, cafe/ bar and parking (This would be on our larger events)

Full induction given, DBS checks where applicable, participation of volunteer celebrations and events.

If you would like to learn more or come for a visit.

Contact: Philippa our volunteer coordinator

philiy@organicarts.org.uk

WEST TOWN FARM NEWS

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We had our first real taste of Winter on the farm today, with snow falling up North and temperatures dropping below freezing. With Winter Solstice just a few weeks away, me and Grace have been preparing for the festivities ahead. And we're happy to share that we have a selection of delicious pasture-fed and organically reared roasting joints available for the holiday season. Cuts are limited and online pre-orders will close on the 12th December. With fresh joints ready for collection from the farm shop on the 20th December.

Although we host our own land-based gatherings at the farm, such as Pumpkin Day, Movie Nights & Regenerative/Organic Farm Walks etc, we also hire our barn and yard to external groups for their own personal events. Over Summer and upcoming Winter, a faith-based group named St Basils, are currently hiring the farm yard. You may have noticed the slight increase in traffic and music on a Sunday morning, so although these are not West Town Farm events, if you ever have any issues, please do let us know so we can help to address it for you.

We also wanted to share how much we love to open the farm to the public - which Andy Bragg has embraced for many years - yet we would like to remind dog owners to have your dogs on a lead, stick to the permissive pathways and to take your waste home. For all those who take care to follow these guidelines already, thank you, it really is appreciated.

2025 - *gulp* - is not too far away, which means it's Wassail season soon! Keep your eyes peeled for some West Town Farm and Organic Arts shenanigans within the orchards soon - more details to follow on our socials.

However, for now, the team would like to wish you all a very Happy Solstice and a cosy and restful holiday.

Vicki Turner Dallyn, West Town Farm, Ide, Exeter, EX2 9TG, T: (01392) 811257

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