

MONACHORUM MATTERS

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The newsletter for Zeal Monachorum and St Peter's Parish



A good crowd and a good spread for the Boules and BBQ at the Village Hall on 8 July. More pictures and story on Page 4

EDITORIAL

I heard a delightful sound just as I was preparing this issue of the newsletter – the church clock was striking the time once again after many months of silence. I had really missed it and it was such a treat to hear it once again.

In the newsletter we have frequently raised the issue of dog mess around our village and I make no apology for raising it again as it is still a big problem, particularly around the green just below the church and grass verges throughout the village. Dogs, of course, will do their business wherever they can but it is up to the owners to clear it up and deposit it in a suitable bin – NOT anyone's black wheely bin which just happens to be handy. Many of our dog owning residents take their responsibilities seriously but unfortunately there are a few who do not. **This is a direct appeal to those people** – please do not allow the natural functions of your pet to spoil this beautiful village for others.

As we move into the summer holiday season, I reflect on how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful area. I hope that the weather will play its part and that we will be able to get out and about and fully enjoy it.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

VILLAGE EVENTS IN AUGUST

- Wed 2 Aug Coffee morning, 10.30am - 12 noon at Village Hall
Wed 2 Aug WI, 7.15 for 7.30pm at Village Hall, see page 10
Fri 4 Aug Mobile Library, 1.10 - 1.40pm at Waie Cross, see below
Mon 14 Aug Zeal Explorers Village Walk, 2pm at bus stop
NOTE: No market in August, next market 9 September

MOBILE LIBRARY

Fri 4 August and Fri 1 Sept - Mobile Library 1.10-1.45pm at Waie Cross
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RAINFALL

Rainfall for June was 39 mm

AUTUMN FLOWER, PRODUCE AND CRAFT SHOW

The schedule for the show on 2 September is included with this newsletter along with a report on Page 6. If you haven't received your schedule, please contact Margaret Harris on 82251.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

A message from Ken & Jane Hogg: a date for your diary is **8 December** for the Village Christmas party at the Waie Inn with a two-course meal and band, £25. Please contact either Jane Hogg on 01363 82400 or Ruth Friend on 82326 to secure a ticket asap. It was a great success last year.

CADBURY'S CHOCOLATE HAMPER RAFFLE

At the Village Market on **9 September**, Emma Rosenbaum will be selling tickets to win this superb hamper containing a selection of Cadbury's chocolates. (Selection subject to availability)

£1 per ticket, and all proceeds to go to Devon Hospiscare.

Please come along to the market and help to support this local charity.



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

BOULES & BBQ

All the planning and hard work by our committee paid off, with over fifty people coming to the Village Hall Boules & BBQ. Of course, it was inevitable that we forgot something - but who knew that barbeques needed matches to get them underway! Fortunately, someone buzzed off to find some and that was the vibe of the evening all the way through. If something needed doing, someone would step up to the plate and make it happen, whether it was slaving over a hot BBQ, cooking onions, selling raffle tickets, washing up, providing mayonnaise from home, making a dessert - what a lovely helpful community we live in. The pictures on the front cover and below are by David Bowyer.

While our primary aim is for everyone to have a good time, we also have to raise money for the running and maintenance costs of the Hall - on this occasion we achieved both things. Thank you all so much to everyone for turning up and making it a success, we look forward to seeing you at our next event.

Winners of the boules tournaments: children - Kian & Casey Panchal; adults - Richard Carey & Martyn Down

STOP PRESS Having seen how much people enjoyed the boules, the Management Committee decided it would like to encourage people to come and play boules and use the village hall playgrounds during the summer, no booking necessary but please have respect for our neighbours.





Zeal Monachorum Autumn Show

Saturday 2nd September - Exhibits to the Hall between 10am - 12 noon

Open to the public from 2.30pm Admission £1 free to children

Prize giving approx 3.15pm, followed by Auction of some produce and Draw

There have been Fruit, Vegetable, Flower and Home-craft Shows at the Village Hall since at least the 1950s. In the internet age these events may seem anachronistic and old-fashioned, but I feel that people today have huge respect for practical skills and craftsmanship and enjoy beautiful objects. This is demonstrated by the popularity of TV shows such as the Repair Shop and the Great British Sewing Bee. 'Influencers' and 'bloggers' with millions of followers, showing off their skills as flower arrangers, woodworkers and knitters, is closely connected to our shows where you can see, up close, the work of local people whether growing tomatoes, sewing patchwork, or taking photos on their phones of nature in Zeal Monachorum.

I have always loved the moment of walking into the hall full of exhibits and marvelling at the flowers and the cakes. Then, at the end of the afternoon there is the auction where many generous exhibitors allow their items to be sold to the highest bidder. I fail to grow my own tomatoes but if I'm lucky I will get to eat those grown by someone else, perhaps even prize winning ones. You may have thought the Show was for experts but that is definitely not the case. It is for everyone and the judging is done on quality. I am still very proud of getting a 1st rosette for my lemon curd - though I'm disappointed there is no class for that this year so I'll have to attempt something else - maybe I can find 3 kinds of herbs in my overgrown patch.

Do have look at the schedule. I'm sure many of you have something you could enter - please don't hide your light under a bushel and if you made the bushel [The name comes from the Old French boissiel and buissiel, meaning "little box"] or light yourself, definitely enter it in the show!

Children often enjoy the process of producing something for the show and might have time during the holidays - there are 4 classes specifically for children, but all classes are open to them. All entries by children will receive a rosette.

The Schedule is included with this issue of Monachorum Matters and can also be found, along with the template of a rooster for under fives to colour, at <http://www.zeal-monachorum.co.uk/village-hall.html>

**PLEASE COME & SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE HALL & ITS
VOLUNTEERS WHO WORK HARD TO PUT ON THESE EVENTS**

Pictured on next page: Village Hall Show 1 April 2017 Photo Erica Eden



QUOTES

‘Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability.’

Sam Keen, American author and philosopher

‘August is the border between summer and autumn. It is the most beautiful month I know’. *Tove Jansson, creator of the Moomins*

A LITTLE MIXED UP

Mandy Smith recently found some poems in her Mother’s things including this one from her friend, Doreen Eaton of Palm Harbour, Florida, with whom she regularly corresponded...

Just a line to say I’m living, that I’m not dead,
Though I’m getting more forgetful, and more mixed up in my head.
For sometimes I can’t remember when I stand at the foot of the stairs,
If I must go up for something, or if I’ve just come down from there.
And before the refrigerator, so often, my poor mind is full of doubt,
Have I just put the food away, or have I come to take it out?
And there’s a time, when it’s dark, with my nightcap on my head,
I don’t know if I’m retiring or just getting out of bed.
So, if it’s my time to write to you there’s no need of getting sore,
I may think that I have written and don’t want to be a bore.
So, remember – I do love you and I wish that you were here,
But now it’s nearly mail time so I’ll say goodbye my dear.
There I stood by the mail box with my face so very red,
Instead of mailing your letter I had opened it instead!



ST PETER'S CHURCH

Dear Parishioners

August - the month of school and family holidays. It is also a month when exam results are awaited and our young people prepare to make the transition from primary to senior school, from school to university or college or to find employment. We wish everyone a happy holiday time. However, our church continues in its usual steadfast way.

From the registers: Mrs Mary Vicary, aged 93, whose ashes were interred on Wednesday, 5 July beside her husband Joe. Mary was born in Derby, one of 13 children. She moved to Devon as a young woman. She married Joe Vicary of Higher Week, Zeal Monachorum and later they moved across the road to South Park Farm. She died at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital on 8 May. Her funeral was held at the Devon and Exeter crematorium on June 15. Mary was a keen gardener and she often won prizes at the Village Flower Show especially for roses which were her favourites. Her son Paul and his wife Jackie came home from Australia for her funeral and returned to their home in Mid-July.

Gift Day: On behalf of the Parochial Church Council I would like to say a sincere thank you to all who came along to the church on Saturday 1 July and for the generous donations received. It is still not too late to contribute or to join one of our regular giving schemes which would be much appreciated.

Church repairs and improvements: The new automatic winding system on the hour strike of the clock was installed in July and we can hear the chimes once more. In July the new kitchen/tea station will be fitted and this will make it much easier to have fellowship at our worship and on special occasions.

Annual Bellingring Competition: On Saturday 26 August from 3.00-8.00pm our bell ringers are hosting their annual competition. Teams from across the county will be invited to take part competing for the Zeal Monachorum Shield and the St Peter's Cup. Once again this year we are sharing the date with Bow and the two competitions will be run simultaneously.

Church rota for August 2023

August 6 at 10.00am

Old Testament
New Testament

Trinity 9

Genesis 32:22-31
Matthew 14:13-21
Sidesman
Altar Flowers
Church cleaner

Family Service

Mr Tony Breal
Miss Lynn Warren
Mr Colin Crothers
Margaret Down
Mrs Jane Hogg

August 13 at 6.30pm	Trinity 9	C W E
Old Testament	Isaiah 5: 1-7	Mr Graham Rounsley
New Testament	Hebrews 11: 29 – 12: 2	Mr Robert Peck
Gospel	Luke 12: 49	Rev Robert Gordon
	Sidesman	Mr Tony Brealy
	Flowers 3 & 20	Mrs Susan Bostock

August 20 **No Service**

August 27 at 6.30pm	Trinity 11	Evensong
Old Testament	Jeremiah 2:	Mrs Jane Hogg
Gospel	Luke 14: 1, 7-14	Mr Colin Crothers
Sidesman	Sidesman	Mr Tony Bealy
	Altar Flowers 27 & 3 Sept	Miss Margaret Harris

Margaret (Churchwarden)

CREDITON FOODBANK

It was a quieter Village market this month but nonetheless I can say a big thank you for the food donated and also £40. The £40 will enable Fiona, the Foodbank Coordinator, to buy the items most needed to help fill any empty spaces. It seems the Foodbank is now continually busy three days every week, and so at the end of any given day there will always be empty spaces to fill. Your donations are helping to fill those spaces.

The cost of living doesn't seem to be easing any and it is understandable that donations will fall off, but if you are able to give, no matter how small, it will be a blessing to the receiver.

Christians working together in Crediton say thank you and God Bless.

ZEAL MONACHORUM W.I.

Our July meeting was very light-hearted. We weren't overly sure what to expect from the speaker's description of her talk - "Providing Bodies for the NHS", but it was not as life threatening as we had supposed. She showed us how, with clever makeup skills, a gruesome injury could be depicted. This skill is used in programmes like "Casualty" and "Holby City". It's also used for medical trainees.

We were delighted that three visitors joined us and trust they will come again. August is Members' night where the committee takes a step back to enjoy what's been decided upon. We have been informed that we are to enjoy Pimm's, board and card games and, weather permitting, perhaps a game of Boules. Visitors are always welcome on the first Wednesday of each month, at the village hall, 7.15 for 7.30pm.

Jan Brealy
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3. Worksop?
4. Margate?
5. Sunderland?
6. Cheltenham?
7. Skegness?
8. Southport?
9. Crewe?
10. Salisbury?
11. Marlow?
12. Basildon?
13. Ely?
14. Swanage?
15. Stratford upon Avon?

If you'd like some help, here are the counties for you to choose from; Gloucestershire, Essex, Cheshire, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Merseyside, Lancashire, Wiltshire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Dorset, Buckinghamshire, Kent, Warwickshire, Tyne and Wear

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August Garden Advice from Bow Garden Centre

1. Use a hedge trimmer to cut laurel hedges to avoid half-cut leaves turning brown.
2. Deadhead flowering plants like roses and petunias regularly to encourage them to flower.
3. Plant autumn bulbs in your pots and borders, such as nerines, colchicums and sternerbergia.
4. Feed your baskets and containers regularly with 'Miracle Gro' to encourage flowers to bloom into early Autumn. In the height of summer, feed once a week with a liquid feed. Do this early morning or late evening, never in the heat of the day.
5. Give herbs and lavenders a light prune after flowering. Cut back any perennials that have already finished for the year.
6. Enjoy environmentally friendly gardening with peat-free alternatives. Make a difference with either Rocket Gro, or New Horizon peat-free compost. We recommend adding top soil and feed to peat-free compost to maximise growing success and help prevent plants drying out.
7. Zap those weeds whilst they are in a stage of active growth. If you prefer to pull up the weeds by hand, wait until after a summer shower when the soil is moist as the weeds are easier to pull, or use a hoe. We also have a range of natural weed killers available, which protect wildlife.
8. Prune Wisteria to help maintain the preferred size and shape, and improve flowering.
9. Clean your patio, or terrace and treat decks with decking stain. Ensure that any moss and algae is cleared off, stopping it getting slippery in the winter.
10. Enjoy the garden! Entertain with a BBQ for friends and family or relax in comfy furniture, listening to a water feature.

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FISHING CLUB CHAT

Hi All

It is nice to see that, during this drought period, the water quality at the lake has been very good. The conditions are helped by the natural spring at the centre of the lake and by numerous natural oxygenating plants, all of which contribute to really good fishing.

It is really pleasing to see our younger members enjoying the facility. We have included a photograph of young Alfie Heal catching his first crucian carp. Spencer Magarotto and family have also had many top quality carp.

I have contacted the Environment Agency Fishing Officer this month to enquire when they intend to trawl the lake to remove a lot of the small fish; I am still awaiting a response. They promised to do it last autumn but I guess, like many other things, cut backs have prevented this. If we do not get a response soon we will arrange to carry it out ourselves with the help of our members as we have the necessary equipment.

Tight lines

Ken and Jane





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| 1. Norfolk | 9. Cheshire |
| 2. Lancashire | 10. Wiltshire |
| 3. Nottinghamshire | 11. Buckinghamshire |
| 4. Kent | 12. Essex |
| 5. Tyne and Wear | 13. Cambridgeshire |
| 6. Gloucestershire | 14. Dorset |
| 7. Lincolnshire | 15. Warwickshire |
| 8. Merseyside | |

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