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# MONACHORUM MATTERS

The newsletter for Zeal Monachorum and St Peter's Parish



*In Remembrance by Alan Summers*

# WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

In this month of remembrance we send our thanks to Isabel Harris for this research into those from our village who were lost in battle . . .

The War Memorial in Zeal Monachorum is the pulpit in St. Peter's Church, upon which is inscribed the following:-

‘Dedicated to God in grateful recognition of the bravery of those volunteers from this Parish who, during the Great War, gave their lives for righteousness and freedom 1914-1919’

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Reginald Burrow	Arthur Fry
Albert James	Jack Mann
Charles Martin	George Martin
Rees Morgan	

In the churchyard, there are three family graves bearing the following inscriptions:-

‘In Loving Memory of Reginald Robert Burrow who died of wounds in France, Augt 7th 1918 aged 20.’

‘In Loving Memory of William Arthur Fry M.M., R.A.M.C., who fell in France 23 November 1917 aged 29 years (M.M. - Military Medal, R.A.M.C. - Royal Army Medical Corps)’

‘To the Dear Memory of Charlie (Charles Martin) who fell in action in France Sep 1st 1914 aged 23 years’

"They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them"

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## ST PETER'S CHURCH

Readers will be aware that the church has been closed for some months now; the last time it was closed for an extended period was 55 years ago when the roof was replaced. The re-opening and re-dedication service was officiated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter, the Right Reverend Robert Mortimer on 13 October 1965. Thanks to Marian Quick for this reminder

## EDITORIAL

Yet another month goes by and we're still living our lives with the threat of COVID 19 hanging over us. Though here in Mid Devon infection numbers are low, at the time of writing there has been a surge in Exeter, mainly affecting the university students. While the situation is scary I reflect daily on how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful area and in such a neighbourly community.

Though we haven't promoted it for a couple of months it seems timely to include a reminder that our Community Support Group, co-ordinated by Jackie Watson, is still up and running. If you need help with shopping, collecting prescriptions or just feel that you need to chat to someone then contact one of these people:

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# FISHING CLUB CHAT

Hi All

As shown below, we have invested in a fishing club advert in the hope that it brings us some new members who will always be welcome to join our little club. I wish I could guarantee the weather for them. It has been a miserable start to the month; this always happens when we start work on the lake. Since we did the first cut of the grass it hasn't stopped raining.

We would like to thank John Lethbridge for all the good work he has done down the far side of the bank. Willows seem to grow while you are watching them; it is one of those jobs we have to keep on top of. In the next few weeks we will be doing some work on all the fishing platforms: we have purchased two big rolls of chicken wire to place on the wood platforms to make them safer.

Just a final warning, could you please still call us if you require a fishing day and, I know you are all aware, but please make sure you self-distance and bring your own hand gel. We have provided hand gel in the portaloos, in case you forget. The lake is still fishing well but, I expect with this cooler weather, most of the carp will be cruising on the bottom. The one good thing is there is plenty of oxygen in the water, as the stream is running well. Please make sure you all stay safe.

Tight lines

**Ken and Jane**



Ken and Jane have started a new venture - called HOGWASH, they specialise in refurbishing old tools for house and garden. Find them at our next market at the Waie Inn on 14 November (see Page 8)

@gmail.com

## CREDITON FOODBANK

Many thanks to those who attended the last Village market and donated food and money. With donations during the following week we were able to deliver ten bags of food and £40. Every week since, and up to the end of September, we were able to make some very substantial deliveries. Fantastic! Thank you very much for your continued generosity.

Christmas is just around the corner and COVID19 has changed so many lives. This time last year we had never heard of COVID19 and, if anyone had told us that in a matter of a couple of months our lives would be turned upside down, we would not have believed it. It has happened and many of us have been, and are, weathering the storm, although not as we would wish. However, there are many more people who are in very different situations, as shown by the increased numbers having to use the Foodbank through no fault of their own. Will they and their children have to forgo Christmas in 2020? This year sees our **10th** Christmas House to House Collection. Can we yet again, as a village, put smiles on faces of anxious parents and children hoping for a happy Christmas, not forgetting the elderly? The collection will begin in the first two weeks of December, actual dates and further information will be given in the December newsletter.

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## THE VILLAGE WORKSHOP

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***Always happy to give advice on all things made in wood***

I have recently refurbished this rather nice cast iron ended garden seat and machined new seat rails for it. I am currently working on another, but a different style.



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## CHRISTMAS CAKES

Margaret Harris will make Christmas Cakes (Fruit) to order, in aid of the Zeal Church Funds. Sizes 6 inch x 3 inch at £5 or 6 inch square at £10. They will have a layer of Marzipan and icing. Other sizes by arrangement. Please order by 15th November, delivery by arrangement. Telephone Margaret Harris on 82251 or email [marg@westhayes.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:marg@westhayes.eclipse.co.uk)

## APOLOGY

This comes from Isabel Harris in respect of her Harvest Festival pictures in last month's issue: I mentioned Norman Vicary made the model in memory of his parents Grace and Reginald Burrow but it should have read VICARY.

## FLOWERS

Thanks to everyone who has stopped to buy flowers from the gate at Heron Court. A final donation to Devon Air Ambulance has just been made; this year alone we have raised £320! Sally Rowden

## MOBILE LIBRARY

As regular borrowers will know, people are now allowed, in their bubbles, on the van to choose their books. It next visits on **Fridays 13 November** and **11 December**, arriving at Waie Cross at 13.15 and departing at 13.40. Look forward to seeing you there. Erica Eden

## ZEAL EXPLORERS

Our next outing will be on **Mon 9 November** meeting at the bus stop at 2pm. Following a suggestion that we do two walks per month, we will also meet on **Mon 23 November** and for the second walk each month we might take a short drive to a walk in a different location – details will be provided in advance.

## VILLAGE HALL

We were delighted to see so many people at the October market and pleased to welcome a new stall-holder, Kylie Gerrish, with her lovely venison. We're very excited about the next market, on **Sat 14 November**: the Waie Inn has kindly offered, during the winter months, to host the event in their large function room upstairs. This will give us more space for stalls while still allowing for social distancing; more importantly - everyone will be indoors and not at the mercy of the weather. The Hall Management Committee is very grateful to the Burrow family for their generosity.

There will be lots to see - Isabel Harris will be raising money for Children in Need with a draw to win one of several hampers; there is delicious venison to taste and order; there is a new stall selling refurbished tools for house and garden; all this as well as the usual stalls. So it's not to be missed, we look forward to seeing you on **14 November**. Come along and support Children in Need and the market,

**RAINFALL** September rainfall figure – **33mm**



## **SCHOOLING IN ZEAL MONACHORUM PART 2, 1850 - 1870s**

In 1811 the National Society was set up to establish elementary schools in every Parish of England and Wales, based on the teachings of the Church of England. It was nearly 40 years before a purpose built 'National' school was erected in Zeal. It was situated in the western half of the current village hall and measured 30 by 16 feet; the building is currently used as the Village Hall. Look carefully, and you'll see where the original door has been bricked up part way along the road side.

In 1851 there were 125 families with 47 children claiming to attend Zeal school. The headmaster was John Sanders. However, after John's wife died in 1858, he had a child with her younger sister and was consequently sacked by the Rector from his job; whether for having a child out of wedlock or for having a child with his dead wife's sister is not clear - possibly both!

The next schoolmaster was Joseph Bibbings, son of William Bibbings; the hero who rescued the Rev Hughes from drowning at Hayne Bridge. Joseph was an enumerator for the 1861 census, where his neat handwriting can be seen. Like his father, he clearly had good literacy and numeracy and would have made a good schoolmaster. He died in 1866 at the age of 52. Miss Jane Clotworthy, who may have been related to Joseph, was the school mistress. She was born in 1836 to Maria and William, a tailor and later, innkeeper at North Star. She had worked as a housemaid and dressmaker, and would have taught the infants. It's worth noting that children as young as two would be sent to school, perhaps it was the best way to have them cared for while parents worked. Jane married in 1871 and stopped working, as was common in those days. Her brother William Clotworthy, formerly a tailor, became the schoolmaster after Joseph Bibbings' death.

The Education Act of 1870 set the framework for schooling of all children between the ages of 5 and 13 in England and Wales. It established local education authorities with defined powers, authorized public money to improve existing schools. It did not make education free. In Zeal this meant that on 2 Dec 1870 the Elementary Education Act was adopted at a vestry\* meeting and Zeal Elementary school came into being. William Clotworthy left in 1873 to take up a teaching post in East Budleigh; from which he was eventually sacked. He went on to become a baker and then a bandmaster.

The Rector, HJA Fothergill, advertised for a new schoolmaster in March 1873. Mr Brown was schoolmaster for a couple of terms that year but got a poor report from the inspector who found that, of 22 pupils presented in standards, only 16 passed in writing and 7 in arithmetic. This might be why a second advert was placed in December, this time requiring a certified master and giving the Salary as £60 a year plus half the government grant and stating that the population was 547. The inspector also commented on the Managers' failure to remedy defective

ventilation and to supply earth for the closets. Those two factors would mean children and teachers worked in a smelly, and potentially unhealthy, environment.

Through the 1870s the Reverend Fothergill held school treats or festivals at the end of the summer term. These were magnificent affairs paid for by the “liberal rector” as he is referred to in this example from 1870 in the *Western Times*. “Early in the morning the bells were set a ringing, while on the tower the Union Jack was flying. In the afternoon a procession was formed, and headed by the Zeal band, they paraded the village to the church, where service was held. The Rev HJA Fothergill read the prayers, and Rev C Gillmor, of Bow, the lessons, and like sensible men omitted the sermon. The singing was good. Mr W. Clotworthy led on the organ. The procession went again through the village to the rectory grounds, where a plentiful tea was dispensed to the children first, and then to the labouring folk, and next tradespeople and others, all at the cost of the worthy rector. All hands then moved to a field close by for an evening’s recreation, the band playing lively tunes. About nine o’clock the children and party all went in procession, headed by the band back to the rectory for a parting benediction and cake and cider. A vote of thanks was given to the worthy rector and family on the motion of Mr W Clotworthy, who delivered a brief speech; the rector replied, and then followed ringing cheers for the rector and family. The compounder of the cake was not forgotten. The National Anthem suitably concluded a very pleasant gathering, and no doubt had a beneficial effect morally on the revel week.”

*\*A vestry was a committee for the local secular and ecclesiastical government for a parish in **England** and Wales, which originally met in the vestry or sacristy of the parish church, and consequently became known colloquially as the "vestry".*

**Erica Eden**

*The picture below shows the Zeal Band on Coronation Day, 1911*





## DRAMATIC RESCUE

The Tatt family was very worried about Biskit who had disappeared 36 hours before and was still missing. Then, they heard cries coming from several hedges away. Further investigation showed him way up in a willow tree at Truants where he'd been chased by a ginger cat and was too frightened to come down. Expert help was needed.

When the unexpected call came, Ken Hogan\*, a professional tree surgeon, and his wife, downed the tools they were using to put coving up at home [no respite for some, even on a Sunday] to rush to Zeal.

As Ken, wearing helmet, tackle and harness, climbed the tree, Biskit went higher. The crowd, which had gathered below, were on tenterhooks - would Ken and/or Biskit fall and would it be better or worse if they landed in the pond below. Despite treats being offered - to Biskit, not Ken - the cat was clearly terrified of the strange being in a helmet and would not approach. Ken got closer and then made a grab. Cat and Ken whirled around high in the tree. Onlookers moved back and Biskit bit Ken on the inside of his thigh, but our hero fought on and finally got Biskit into a bag and climbed carefully back down to loud cheers of congratulation. Biskit was reunited with his grateful family.

Fortunately there was a doctor in the house who was able to check out the bite Ken received and declare that he'd live! When Ken was asked how much was owed, he wouldn't take anything but suggested, instead, that a donation be made to a charity of the Tatt's choice. This is very generous and the Tatts would like to say a huge thank you to him and to the Watsons at Truants.

**Erica Eden** - roving reporter, who roved all the way across the road for this story!

*\*Ken Hogan Tree Services Tel: 01363 860193 Mobile: 07946 606093*

And from Lisa, Biskit's owner...

Please thank our wonderful neighbours at Truants Cottage for being so kind and understanding and also everyone in the village that responded over Facebook with offers of help and support.

Tree surgeon Ken Hogan and his wife were fantastic - very calm and good humoured about the whole situation and gave their time and expertise, wrestled with our placid little cat who turned into a fiend, and only asked for a charitable donation in return - super-heroes!

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# QUIZ

This month's quiz is all about numbers . . .

1. At which number does the Chancellor of the Exchequer live?
2. What will English Cricket's new format be in 2021?
3. What is the cost of an old Crown coin in shillings?
4. There are 50 stars on the American national flag but how many stripes are there?
5. How many sides are on a dodecahedron?
6. Who wrote the 1812 Overture in 1880?
7. Which Apollo mission failed to land on the moon?
8. What was James Anderson's amazing cricket milestone this summer?
9. In which year did Margaret Thatcher die?
10. How many bytes are there in a megabyte?
11. How many balls are on the table at the beginning of a snooker game?
12. How many ladies were dancing?
13. How many granddaughters does Her Majesty the Queen have?
14. Around how many bones are there in an adult human body? 180, 196 or 206
15. How many books make up the Chronicles of Narnia?

## Minute Quiz

How many of Russia's 14 neighbouring countries can you name?

## Answers for last month

- |                |                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Terrarium   | 9. Tahini                       |
| 2. Tehran      | 10. Baroness Tani Grey-Thompson |
| 3. Turner      | 11. Thumbelina                  |
| 4. Turmeric    | 12. Tchaikovsky                 |
| 5. Troglodyte  | 13. Times Square                |
| 6. Take That   | 14. Tamar                       |
| 7. Leo Tolstoy | 15. Turkey                      |
| 8. Thomas      |                                 |

## Answer to the Minute quiz

Take the 'ice' out of Leicester and it still sounds the same

## SCENE AROUND ZEAL

A Treasure Hunt of a different kind around the village.

Where, what or who is the answer to each clue.

1. Guarding which house would you find 2 Kings of the Jungle and a Wise Bird?
2. Don't get overwrought looking for the pink metal flowers.
3. If the Kingfisher has no feathers, of what material is he made?
4. Her ninth life's gone beyond recall, she lies upon which house's wall?
5. Sit down outside the large church gates, relax, look up, the answer's near. There's ink and bread and cheese and trees. What is the question here?
6. Who uses the number 2 when it is not a house number?
7. Where might you run over Pam and Thomas?
8. Which villages have gone missing from the phone box crossroads sign?
9. You don't have to go to Amsterdam to find this flower made of metal.
10. Which sign gives the village a false sense of security?
11. They shine so bright when the day is done, but where's the one, unlucky for some? (You will need to look up!)
12. Thanks be to whom for the churchyard extension?
13. Where won't you find small and well fed dogs?
14. Two birds of straw look down on me. They're way up high. Where must I be?
15. A Fifties song about a hill, you need 3 fruits your bowl to fill.

All will be revealed next month!

All information correct at time of printing



## CLIMATE CATASTROPHE - SAVING THE PLANET : LIGHT BULBS

With winter and fewer hours of daylight we will be using more power and lights are on for longer. Switching to LED [Light Emitting Diode] bulbs, which use much less electricity than any other type of bulb, will make a significant reduction to climate damaging emissions and will also save you money on your energy bill. Some people have been deterred by the idea of LEDs thinking that they are too bright, the colour too white and the choices of shapes poor. But, there have been enormous changes in recent years and I would encourage you to look again.

Incandescent bulbs are the ones most of us grew up with, and they are no longer available to buy. However, if you are still using these, they cost roughly £0.012 per hour to run. Lamps available now are one of three types:

**Halogen [G10s]** - often used in multiples in ceilings of kitchens and bathrooms, cost £0.008 per hour to run. They also have a short life, less than 2 years.

**Compact fluorescent lamps [CFLs]** - the standard type of energy-saving light that most of us have been buying. Some can take time to come on, they cost £0.003 per hour to run and last around 6 years.

**LEDs** - generally cost more than CFLs to buy but the prices have come down significantly in recent years, cost about £0.002 per hour to run.

The running costs figures look small and not worth worrying about but over a year each LED lamp makes about a saving of a third, compared with CFL, and the savings against halogen and incandescent are huge. When shopping, try to take with you the bulb you're replacing, so that you can compare:

- **the fitting:** eg bayonet, screw, prongs [GU10], and the size of that fitting
- **the shape and size of the glass:** eg globe, candle, spot, golf, down-light [often halogen 2 pronged]
- **the brightness:** this is now measured in the number of lumens. However, most packaging also gives watts, and it's still the case that the higher the number the brighter the light: eg the rough equivalent in brightness of a 60 watt incandescent bulb would be: halogen 42w; CFL 12w; LED 10w; in lumens 700+.
- **The colour of light;** this uses the Kelvin scale and also an 'atmosphere' description which ranges through orange/yellow shades to blues, eg 2700K = traditional incandescent; 5000K = midday sun; 10000K = blue sky; it seems the higher the number the whiter/bluer the colour

Today LED bulbs are widely available, locally stocked by Adams, larger supermarkets and stores like Wilco, often with savings on multiple buys. There is a large variety of shapes and types which look very similar to your old bulbs. Often, in a traditional store like Adams you can get help to buy the right bulb.

**Tip: replace incandescent and halogen bulbs first to make the biggest savings.**

Erica Eden

## HELPFUL ADVICE

During the COVID-19 pandemic it seems that there has been a dramatic increase in scams. These can take many forms and though most of us believe we would not be fooled by them, it's all too easy to be taken in. Follow these guidelines to help protect yourself:

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