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MONACHORUM MATTERS

The newsletter for Zeal Monachorum and St Peter's Parish



Remembering Queen Elizabeth II

EDITORIAL

This month's issue went into production shortly after the death of Queen Elizabeth II was announced. Though it is a time of great sadness for many people I think we can take some comfort from the many events that were organised for her Platinum Jubilee just a few short months ago. They were enjoyed by so many of our villagers and, in time, as we come to terms with our loss, we will recall the activities we engaged in with many happy memories.

The cover picture shows the George Cross flag flying at half mast (thanks to Mike Bostock). For those who wonder why the flag was changed, protocol dictates that, during a period of official mourning for the death of a monarch, the Union flag should only be flown from public buildings; all churches should fly the flag of their own country.

This month we have a feature from Erica Eden about the Jubilee seat - Page 15. We also report on the loss of two local people, see page 12 for Isabel Harris's memories of Janet Rowland and Sue Best.

On a happier note, there is a report and pictures illustrating a Fishing Club event in August when many of our younger residents took part in a 'fish-a-thon', pages 6/7.

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Rainfall

Rainfall for August - 71mm.

VILLAGE EVENTS IN OCTOBER

Every Weds	Coffee morning, 10.30am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Sat 1 Oct	Harvest Supper, 6.30 for 7.00pm, Village Hall, see Page 13
Wed 5 Oct	WI, 7.15 for 7.30pm at Village Hall
Sat 8 Oct	Market, 10.00 - 11.30am at Village Hall
Mon 10 Oct	Zeal Explorers Village Walk, 2pm at bus stop
Wed 12 Oct	Bingo, at Village Hall, doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm
Fri 14 Oct	Mobile Library, 1.15 - 1.45pm at Waie Cross
Thu 20 Oct	Film Night, 7 for 7.30pm, see back page

DECLARATION OF A REGIONAL AVIAN INFLUENZA PREVENTION ZONE (ENGLAND)

At 11.00 on 31 August 2022, The Secretary of State carried out a risk assessment to reduce the risk of the transmission of avian influenza to poultry and other captive birds from wild birds or any other source and considers it necessary to declare a regional Avian Influenza Prevention Zone in certain parts of England, including the South West. Copies of this Declaration and of the Order are available via www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu and from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, 2nd floor, Seacole Block, 2 Marsham Street, SW1P 4DF.

NOTE: The Harris Family respectfully asks anyone using the bridleway which passes from Nymphayes Bridge entrance and exits onto the B3220 to **please adhere to the notices displayed and use the foot bath provided.**



ZEAL MONACHORUM PARISH COUNCIL

The recent Parish Council meeting was held on July 28th. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved by the council members.

An open forum was held, at which several topics were discussed. A number of complaints were raised about bonfires, particularly at night. Please be considerate to your neighbours when planning a bonfire. During the arid conditions we have experienced this summer lighting a bonfire shouldn't be considered, you are one spark away from a disaster. The fractured drain in Western Road is still omitting unhealthy odours, the Clerk agreed to approach South West Water once again. There was a complaint about rubbish being dumped outside houses in Eastern Road. We have excellent facilities at nearby Punch Bowl recycling, so it is really hard to see an excuse for this.

As we are one member short, Isabel Harris had put herself forward for co-option. This was approved by members of the council and we look forward to having her assistance.

A District Council report was given by Peter Heal. You will have had details of the three weekly bin collections starting in the autumn. He explained that this was to save the council money and to encourage those that have not yet embraced the recycling concept to start. It has been trialled in other parts of Devon and was largely successful. If you think you have extenuating circumstances and you can't manage the 3-week cycle with one bin the Council may allow you a further one if they agree to your particular circumstances.

Councillor Heal also gave a report on the situation with regard to Ukrainian refugees lodged in Mid Devon. There are now 155 refugees living in 66 properties in Mid Devon. The Council is giving support where it can in regards to language, sport and work and it all seems to be going well.

The council was informed that the planning permission application for the Jubilee Seat shelter is now in. There followed a discussion about obtaining 106 funds to pay for the shelter. The matter was voted on and approved that we should apply.

Under correspondence, the possibility of a third defibrillator for the village was discussed, particularly as generous grants are available. It was pointed out that we need to sort out the maintenance of the two we already have before we consider adding a third.

During members' statements, several members took the opportunity to congratulate the Platinum Jubilee Committee and helpers on all their hard work to make the event such a success.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.05. The next meeting will be held on September 29.

Rob Peck, Chairman

EDITOR'S NOTE Many apologies for omitting this report from last month's issue.

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FISHING CLUB CHAT

Hi All

Here are the results of Ginge's big fishing bash held in August. First prize for the largest fish caught (for the Selwyn Johnson cup) was awarded to Alfie Heal for his 9½lb common carp and the runner up was Harry Escott with a 7lb common carp. The winner of the most fish caught on the day was Harry Escott with a total of 12lb mixed fish and runner up was Devon Heal with a lovely 2½lb tench. Consolation prizes were awarded to Saffy and Danny Magarotto, Charlie Heal and Declane.

It was a very hot day and we would like to thank all the juniors and their parents who braved the tropical heat. We would like to thank our chefs, Andy Richardson and Andy Smith, who were our version of the 'Hairy Bikers' and cooked our burgers and hot-dogs brilliantly. We would like to thank all our photographers for their super photos of the day. A special mention to Peter Heal and his grandchildren for their enthusiasm. The event was very well attended and lots of appreciation shown for the good work carried out on Trevor Rounsley's commemorative bench by David Bowyer. We also thank Alex, Ginge's brother, who helped promote and organise the day and presented the prizes.

I would personally like to thank all the guys who have helped in building the awning protecting the bench. We would also like to thank Joss and Ali Birchwhite who helped us set up the gazebos the day before, but unfortunately were unable to attend on the day. We would to thank Mark at Taw Valley Breweries for his keg of Zeal ale, which was consumed with great pleasure.

Calendars will be available from October, same price as last year at £7.50, if you require one, please let us know on Tel 07749329832.

Tight lines

Ken and Jane

Pictured below: Winner Alfie Heal receiving his prize from Ken and Alex





Runner up Harry Escott receiving a prize for the most fish caught.

Devon Heal received a prize as runner up for the most fish caught.



Below left - the 'Hairy Bikers', aka Andy Richardson and Andy Smith on burger and hot dog duty.

Below right: Ken Hogg with the largest fish caught.



ST PETER'S CHURCH



Dear Parishioners,

When you receive this copy, summer will have almost come to an end, the daylight is getting shorter, the darker evenings mean less time outdoors in the garden, but more time to pursue hobbies and catch up on reading. The welcome rain has brought new life to the fields, gardens, lawns and flowers and we look forward to the autumn colours.

Rotas for October

October 2 at 10.00am Old Testament Gospel	Trinity 16 (lay led) Lamentation 1: 1-6 Mr Luke 17: 5-10 Sidesman Flowers 2 & 9 Cleaner	Family Service Tony Brealy Mrs Becky Harvey Mr Colin Crothers Mrs Susan Bostock Mrs Becky Harvey
October 9 at 6.30pm Old Testament New Testament 2 Gospel	Trinity 17 Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7 Timothy 2: 8-15 Luke 17: 11-19 Sidesman	CWE Mr Robert Peck Miss Lynn Warren Rev D. Robottom Mr Tony Brealy
October 23 at 3.00pm Old Testament New Testament	Last Sunday of Trinity Joel 2: 23-32 Luke 18:9-14 Sidesman Flowers 16 & 23	BCP Evensong Mrs Jane Hogg Mr Colin Crothers Mr Tony Brealy Miss Lynn Warren
October 30 at 10.30am	Mission Community Eucharist at Knowle Flowers 30 & 6 Nov	Mrs Susan Down

You will note in the service rotas that we are again holding our fourth Sunday service of each month during the winter at 3.00pm. Tea and cake will be served after the service for all to share in fellowship.

From the registers, Burial on Thursday 8 September Janet Elizabeth Rowland aged 71. Our thoughts and prayers are with Geoff at this sad time.

Advance notice. On Saturday 26th November from 2.00 – 4.00pm St Peter's is holding its Advent Fayre. Please make a note in your diary, your support will be much appreciated. More details next month.

Christmas Cakes: Margaret Harris will be making cakes in aid of Church Funds, same price as last years, 6x3 inch £5.50, 6 inch square £11.00. Other sizes/prices available on request. Orders please by 15th November, cakes will be available at the Advent Fayre. Contact 01363 82251 or 07968 390327.

Here are the results of the Zeal Monachorum Bell Ringing competition with number of faults.

Zeal Monachorum Shield:

1st Down St Mary 13¼ faults;

2nd Kingsteignton A 16;

3rd Kingsteignton B 16¼ ;

4th Bow 17 ¾ ;

Sampford Courtney A 24¾;

East Anstey 27.

St Peter's Cup:

1st Sampford Courtney B 28 faults;

2nd Tiverton A 31;

3rd Broadhempston 31 ½;

4th Bovey Tracey 74;

Tiverton B DNF



Down St Mary captain Bob Robinson receiving the shield

Tower captain Ken with Gavin's help organised the teams while Mervyn Way of Chawleigh and Reed Partridge of Ashreigney were the judges, Margaret Harris, Hannah Brown and myself served teas throughout the afternoon. The trophies and certificates were presented by the President of the Devon Association of Ringers Mr Keith Bavin. of East Anstey.

Margaret (Churchwarden)

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A QUIZ FOR OCTOBER

1. What is measured in ampères
2. Which British celebrity's full Christian name is Lenworth George?
3. What is the basic ingredient of the drink mead?
4. How many people would normally make up a jury in England and Wales?
5. The word 'osier' refers to which type of tree?
6. On a Monopoly board, what colour is Trafalgar Square?
7. Which small dog was first bred by a parson living in Devon?
8. What do the letters FBI stand for?
9. What colour is a Spanish post box?
10. In 1971, East Pakistan became which independent nation?
11. From which city does Coleman's Mustard come?
12. Which river runs through Cardiff City Centre?
13. Which Formula One car team is traditionally called the Silver Arrows?
14. How many points does a snowflake have?
15. According to the song, who sold cockles and mussels?

And, if you've only got a minute:

- a. How many times is the letter 'A' used if you spell out the numbers between 0 to 99 in words?
- b. Which number between 0 to 99 has the most syllables?

Answers on Page 13

ZEAL MONACHORUM WI

For our September meeting we were back in the village hall. Our speaker, Peter Brewer, gave us extremely helpful tips on first aid. The dummy he'd brought with him enabled us to understand exactly where CPR should be administered. Unfortunately, the dummy and defibrillator were not compatible in so far as, when the defibrillator pads were positioned on said dummy, as it wasn't human flesh the instructions were repeatedly made as to where the pads should be placed. However, Peter was able to show us what to do should the need arise and the spoken instructions from the defibrillator were very clear and understandable.

Next month our speaker will be demonstrating silk scarf painting. Visitors thinking about joining are always welcome @ £1 per visit, maximum of 3 visits before deciding to "take the plunge"

Jan Brealy

Memories of Janet Rowland

On Thursday September 8, there was a graveside Funeral Service held for Miss Janet Rowland, loving sister of Geoff and daughter of Marion and Gordon, both deceased. Robert Gordon conducted the service while friends stood by, sheltering under umbrellas while the 'heavens' opened, it rained almost continually the whole time. I remember Janet fondly, we shared the same birthday and exchanged cards over many years. During her long difficult battle with various health issues, she remained upbeat, chatty and a good daughter, granddaughter, sister and friend especially to Zeal Monachorum WI.

Janet loved going shopping with her beloved parents. Sadly, when her dear Mum died, Janet was in hospital and unable to attend. Those present will remember that Janet was mentioned, especially, by Canon Michael Hall who took the service. RIP Janet, I shall miss you. **Isabel Harris.**

Pictured right: Janet & Geoff running the plant stall at St Peter's Church Fete at Nableton House in 1992



Memories of Sue Best

It was a sad day in Zeal, when we heard of the death of Sue Baker (nee Best). I first met Sue when she was a member of Bow Young Farmers and would have attended meetings in Zeal Monachorum Village Hall at the same time as me back in the 1970s. Sue's father, Roy Best, was a well-known AI (Artificial Insemination) man working from the old AI Centre, located opposite Lapford Cross Garage. Sue was always bubbly and good fun and was a regular visitor to the village when she would accompany her husband, Shaun and his family, including the late, much missed, Trevor Rounsley and, his sister Rose Barker. Sue was well known at our church fetes/bazaars when she always agreed to come along to do Face Painting, much to the delight of so many children.

Isabel Harris



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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

HARVEST SUPPER, Sat 1 October, 6.30 for 7.00

Don't forget our Harvest Supper on Sat 1 October. We supply an excellent meal comprising home-grown produce (much of it donated), home-prepared salads and good quality local cold meat, rounded off by delicious home-made puddings. We also have a good raffle and some entertainment – what's not to like? Please bring your own alcoholic drinks and glasses, but we are able to supply soft drinks.

Tickets are £9 per head. Please book your places **no later than Tues 27 September** with Jan Summers on 01363 82571, email: jansummerszm@gmail.com

Bingo and Film Nights also return this month following the summer break. Bingo starts on **Weds 12 October**, come along for a great night in good company, with many prizes to win. Cost £5 per head, doors open at 7.00 for a 7.30 pm start.

Film Night will be on **Thursday 20 October**, showing 'The Duke', details on the back cover. Doors open at 7.00, film starts at 7.30pm, cost £5 per head.

CREDITON FOODBANK

Is time running away with you? It certainly is with me. I think it might be a good idea to put an alarm call to myself to make sure I do not fall behind on my responsibilities. August/September was yet another incredible period for receiving food for the Foodbank. I have had many bags of food dropped at my door, and an amazing offer of food which I picked up from two families, the amount of which took up the whole back of the car, it looked like Jan and I had already done the Christmas collection. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, numbers of those in need has risen and it is expected will keep on rising. In these times it will be very difficult to give, I understand that but, as always, I cannot think of the words that will tell you how much your generosity means to so many. It is not what or how much you give but that you are giving. People in their darkest times will know they are not forgotten and know they are cared for. May God bless you for your loving kindnesses

Answers to quiz on Page 11

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|------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Electric current | 9. Yellow |
| 2. Sir Lenny Henry | 10. Bangladesh |
| 3. Honey | 11. Norwich |
| 4. 12 | 12. River Taff |
| 5. Willow | 13. Mercedes |
| 6. Red | 14. 6 |
| 7. Jack Russell | 15. Molly Malone |
| 8. Federal Bureau of Investigation | |

Minute quiz

- a. The letter A does not appear at all. b. seventy seven

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ZEAL MONACHORUM JUBILEE SEAT

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The seat, with its perfect placing and lovely view, was well-loved. However, over the years wear, tear and damage affected the seat until a point was reached where good repairs became difficult to do.

Roy, Frank's son, had helped his father to make the original and in 2011 he offered to make a replacement which would incorporate the original crown and leaves and some design improvements to help with durability. He did the work for considerably less than the actual cost, kindly donating materials and labour in memory of his mother and father. He told me that he had found, in the workshop, spare parts which his father had made in 1977 and was able to incorporate these into the new seat. He was able to finish it in time for the 2012 Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

It is well used: as a much-needed rest near the top of such a steep hill; as a place to meet friends; to sit and chat; admire the view; and to discover, on looking up, the unexpected inscription added by Roy. I think it has a special place in everyone's hearts, young and old.

The Parish Council is working on renewing the canopy which has proved problematic, but, hopefully, it will be done this year and at the same time the Council has promised to give the seat some much needed TLC including a coating of oil to feed the wood.

Erica Eden

Archive photo no.45 Frank Howard & Rev J Godeck 1977



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1. Cut back perennials that have gone over, to help them flourish in Spring.
2. Rake up fallen Autumn leaves and collect them with a garden vacuum, turning them into leaf mould.
3. Be prepared for the first frost and bring tender plants into your greenhouse, protecting others with fleece and frost jackets.
4. If you haven't already, now is a great time to invest in a compost tumbler or compost bin – left over harvest, leaves and cuttings will get your compost off to a fantastic start!
5. Divide herbaceous perennials to multiply your plants and encourage healthy growth next year.
6. Plant up seasonal bedding plants for a display of stunning colour, available in store now.
7. Plant Spring flowering bulbs now if you haven't already - it's not too late! We have a range of bulbs and planting aids to help make this job a breeze. Don't forget to cover ground bulbs with bark mulch to protect against frost.
8. Use Autumn feed to treat and help protect your lawn against moss. It's also your last chance to mow the lawn before winter fully sets in. Cut the lawn slightly higher than in summer to help protect against frost. It's also a good time to trim hedges.
9. Protect garden furniture, BBQ's chimineas, and water features with covers. A wide selection of covers are available in store now.
10. Harvest any remaining fruit you have before it perishes. Use Kilner Jars and accessories to make jams and chutneys to enjoy throughout the year.

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