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The newsletter for Zeal Monachorum and St Peter's Parish



With daffodils out in the lanes, Spring can't be far behind.

EDITORIAL

As I write this in early March, I couldn't help but notice that primroses and daffodils have begun to appear in the lanes. Despite the long, wet Winter these harbingers of Spring pop up every year without fail and always lift my spirits.

In this issue, on page 7, we include a report from the WI which, in March every year, celebrates the anniversary of its formation in Zeal. This year there was a double celebration, which included the 30th anniversary of Jan Brealy's tenure as President. Sounds like a good time was had by all.

On pages 9 and 10 the Village Hall committee reports on recent and upcoming events including old favourites and one first time offering – lots to look forward to over the next six months.

While we include details of forthcoming attractions in these pages we also try and let parishioners know what is going on through social media and through an email list which has been set up to inform those who don't use, for example, Facebook. If you are not on that list and you would like to be, please let us know - call Jan on 82571.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

VILLAGE EVENTS IN APRIL

- Wed 3 Apr WI AGM, 7.15 for 7.30pm at the Village Hall.
Mon 8 Apr Village Walk, meet 2pm at bus stop
Sat 13 Apr Market, 10 – 11.30am at the Village Hall
Sat 13 Apr Casino Night, 7pm at the Waie Inn – see back page
Mon 22 Apr Bow & District Historical Society, 7.15 for 7.30pm, see below
Sat 27 Apr Big Breakfast, 9am at the Village Hall – see page 9

BOW & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

'Vikings in the West Country' by Derek Gore at Bow Village Hall, EX17 6HU. Monday 22 April, 7.15 for 7.30pm. Annual membership £15, free to people under 18; visitors welcome - £4. Tea/coffee and biscuits included.

Enquiries: 01363 82468.

THANKS FROM MARIAN QUICK

Marian and family would like to thank everyone who attended Bill's funeral and all those who helped in so many ways. Marian says 'We are grateful for all the cards, letters, messages, flowers and prayers received and a big thank you for your donations to Dementia UK and St Peter's Church in memory of Bill'.

MORE POPPIES PLEASE

We are working towards a new design for this November's Remembrance; the bench has now been reinstated so our original creation no longer fits the space. Our bigger, more ambitious ideas need more poppies, by September, please.

Hazel is the contact for the patterns (82216) and if everyone could buy any red or black wool they might find in charity shops.

RAINFALL

Rainfall for February - 210mm, nearly 8.5 inches!



A QUIZ FOR APRIL

1. How many dots are there in total on a dice?
2. With which band did Lionel Richie find fame?
3. Which compass direction corresponds to 135 degrees?
4. In Dickens' novel 'A Tale of Two Cities', to which cities does the title refer?
5. Which colours together make green?
6. What is the name of the European peninsula containing Spain and Portugal?
7. Which mode of transport was invented by Sir Christopher Cockerell?
8. Who is the Roman God of Love?
9. What is the art of dwarfing trees called?
10. The Needles, off the Isle of Wight are an example of which geographical feature?
11. What is Impasto?
12. Catalonia is a region of which country?
13. What is the name for animals that carry their young in a pouch?
14. Which company owns the car brands Vauxhall, Citroen and Fiat?
15. Which imperial measurement is equal to 1760 yards?

Answers on Page 13

QUOTE

“April is the gateway to the joys of summer.”

*Fennel Hudson,
Outdoorsman and Countryside Author*

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Hi All

Hopefully, when you read this Ken will be out of hospital after suffering a collapsed lung at the end of February. It is being repaired in an operation at Derriford. He will now be recovering over Easter with his daughter in Suffolk.

The lake is fishing well, apart from the cold spell a few weeks ago. The cameras are working well and hopefully doing their job of deterring vandals. The daffodils are all out heralding that spring is here.

Any problems while Ken is out of action, please contact Peter Heal on 07970 074091.

Tight lines

Ken and Jane

APRIL QUOTES

“Why are people so tired on April 1st? Because they just finished a 31-day March.” – *Unknown*

“If April showers should come your way, they bring the flowers that bloom in May.”

Buddy de Sylva, American songwriter and Film Producer

CREDITON FOODBANK

It never fails to amaze me that, every week, I am able to take in a substantial delivery of food to the Foodbank. Last week I was able to make two deliveries. The workers and volunteers always show their heartfelt appreciation for all that is given. If, during the month, anyone would like to donate but is unable to get into Crediton for whatever reason, please be aware you are welcome to drop your donation off with Jan Brealy at North Star House at the top of the hill opposite the Church, or at Kentmere at the bottom of the hill, turn left towards the Waie Inn and it's the second house on the right. Another option could be to donate money online, <mailto:help@creditonfoodbank.org.uk>. All your gifts touch the hearts of those who are working in the Foodbank. It's not always easy for them as they do their best to make sure every persons' needs are met and to make sure they go away feeling they are truly cared for.

Many thanks to all who donated food and money at the March village market. It was lovely to see so many people who managed to weather the cold and rain. There was such a lovely atmosphere of friendship and it was a pleasure to be a part of it. God Bless xx



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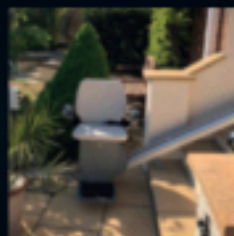


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ZEAL MONACHORUM WI

Only four of the 34 members were unable to attend our 70th birthday party on 6 March in the village hall. There was food-a-plenty, both savoury and sweet. Erica provided a W.I. blast from the past exhibition from her collection of interesting archive material which she keeps safely for us. We sang happy birthday to ourselves and President, Jan Brealy, blew out the candles - not 70 though (fire hazard). Many members had created 70th birthday cards to capture what the WI means to them, we heard some read out and look forward to reading the others at our next meeting, the AGM, on 3 April.

President Jan was totally surprised and overwhelmed when Jan Hollingsworth and Jen Santer called a halt to proceedings to point out that not only was 2024 Zeal WI's 70th birthday but it is also the 30th year of Jan's tenure as President. To mark the occasion a beautiful basket of tulips and daffodils, arranged by treasurer Hazel Wainwright, was presented to Jan along with a piece of locally made stained glass artwork (pictured below). In addition, committee member Jess made a lovely card which had been signed by all members.



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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Our Quiz night at the end of February was a great evening – 49 people took part, aged from 18 Months to 80 something, and all seemed to have a thoroughly good time. The youngest made his presence felt early in the evening but, on finding the questions a bit too tough, he went to sleep on the stage. Peter Heal put together a really good quiz – plenty of challenges but something for everyone. Given its popularity we hope to hold another Quiz night later in the year.

On 16 March our Spring Flower and Home craft Show was very well supported. There were beautiful flowers, a good display of baked goodies and home-made preserves and the craft tables positively groaned with entries. In total there were 117 exhibits from 31 exhibitors and it was really pleasing to see so many people come along in the afternoon to admire the handiwork. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make the show a success and to David Bowyer for capturing it in pictures.



There are lots of events coming up in the hall over the next few months so there's sure to be something that's just your thing. There will, of course, be our usual markets on the second Saturday of each month (apart from August when we take a well-earned break) and we hope you will come along and support our local stallholders, have a go at our regular 'challenges' and perhaps catch up with the news over coffee and a bite. We have also started up our weekly coffee mornings again, running each Wednesday from 10.30 – 12noon. Open to all, you can drop in and out to suit yourselves; why not come along and join in the chat over a cuppa?

Our next social event is our Big Breakfast on **Saturday 27 April**. Previous visitors will remember that we served up a full English with all the usual trimmings and we will be doing so again. On this occasion it's a fund-raiser for the hall to help meet the costs of restoration. The charge will be £6 per head and pre-booking **by 22 April** is essential, please call Jan on 82571 to ensure your place.

We are really excited to announce that on **Saturday 22 June** we will be welcoming a brilliant entertainer – Rob Barrett – for an evening of very clever and amusing comic poetry. Rob has performed at shows all over the country and as far afield as Australia. This is sure to be a popular evening so make sure you save the date.

Finally, we are planning a Boules & BBQ on 6 July and an Autumn Show on a date to be confirmed. There will be classes for vegetables, flowers and crafts. More details on these events will be included in the May newsletter.



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
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Dear Parishioners,

In April, the clocks will have moved forward and we are in the season of spring, a time of rebirth. After what has been a prolonged time of wet weather, we look forward to some warm sunshine and longer days to be able to spend more time out of doors preparing the gardens for sowing and planting and possibly enjoying a cup of tea. We might enjoy walking in the countryside as the trees and hedgerows burst into life, all the while being mindful that now is the breeding season for birds and being especially careful not to disturb ground nesting species.

Church rota for April 2024

April 7th at 10.00am	Easter 2 (lay led MD)	Family Service
New Testament reading	Acts 4: 32-35	Miss Lynn Warren
Gospel reading	John 20: 19-31	Mr Tony Brealy
	Sidesman	Mr Colin Crothers
	Cleaner	Miss Margaret Harris
	Altar Flowers	Mrs Margaret Down
April 14th at 6.30pm	Easter 3	Common Worship Eucharist
Old Testament	Acts 3: 12-19	Mr Graham Rounsley
New Testament 1	John 3: 1-7	Mr Robert Peck
Gospel	Luke 24: 36-48	President
	Sidesman	Mr Tony Brealy
	Flowers 14 & 21 Apr	Mrs Susan Bostock
April 28 at 3.00pm	Easter 5 (lay led MD)	Evensong
First reading	Acts 8: 26-40	Mrs Tina Young
New Testament	John 15: 1-8	Mrs Becky Harvey
	Sidesman	Mr Colin Crothers
	Flowers 28 Apr & 5 May	Mrs Hazel Wainwright

From the Registers: Funeral 20 February, Ernest William (Bill) Quick aged 86. Bill was born at Lower Burston, When he was four he, with his parents Lewis and Lucy, his sister Margaret and brother Lewis, moved to Loosebeare Manor where he spent the rest of his life. Bill was a farmer through and through, he bred and showed both Limousin cattle and Texel sheep all over the country gaining many championships. He was also a judge bringing all his experience to bear. On meeting Bill, whatever was being said, the conversation soon turned to the subject of sheep.

His funeral was attended by a large number of fellow farmers, breeders and friends from far and wide. His sons Paul, Andrew, Mark and Emma's partner Russell were the bearers, Paul gave a reading and Bill's grandchildren, Alex and Becky, gave the eulogy. The first hymn was *'Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us'*, which was sung at Bill and Marian's wedding in 1962. The Prebendary Anthony Geering conducted the service. Bill was laid to rest in the graveyard near his parents. We continue our prayers for Marian and the family.

Parochial Church Council Meeting 2024

The Annual Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 24 April at 7.00pm in church. This is an opportunity to hear reports of activities in 2023 including the presentation of the audited accounts, churchwarden's report on the fabric of the church and churchyard, the bell ringers, and the Deanery synod. We elect our churchwardens. Anyone who is both on the church electoral roll and Parish electoral roll can nominate and elect the churchwardens. Anyone can attend the annual meeting, only the church electoral roll members can vote to elect the PCC members who then elect their officers. Nomination papers are available from the church table. Our PCC is small now, so please consider becoming a member and help spread the load. We are proud of our lovely church which has served the parish for many, many years and will continue to do so with your support. Its future is in all our hands.

Walking through the churchyard

The Parochial Church Council respectfully asks that everyone and their dogs walking through the churchyard keep to the paths, for your health and safety. Please keep your dogs off the grass and do not allow them to scratch grass out onto the paths as this encourages moss and weeds to grow on the refurbished paths. Thank you.

Margaret (Churchwarden)

Answers to Quiz on Page 4

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. 21 | 9. Bonsai |
| 2. The Commodores | 10. A Stack |
| 3. South East | 11. A painting technique |
| 4. Paris and London | 12. Spain |
| 5. Yellow and blue | 13. Marsupials |
| 6. The Iberian Peninsular | 14. Stellantis |
| 7. The Hovercraft | 15. A mile |
| 8. Cupid | |

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3. If planting new trees, roses or shrubs use Mycorrhiza (a symbiotic fungus) to ensure healthy root growth, Empathy Rootgrow is available at Bow Garden Centre.
4. Prepare beds for the growing season. Dig in at least a 5cm layer of compost, and work in a general-purpose fertiliser, such as 6x, Growmore, or Fish, Blood and Bone.
5. If you haven't done so already, cut back any dead foliage on perennials and ornamental grass plants to make way for new growth.
6. Honeysuckle and Clematis will be putting on growth now, so tie new stems to train them along their supports.
7. Protect fruit blossom from late frosts by covering them with horticultural fleece on cold nights.
8. Continue deadheading spring bulbs and bedding, so they don't waste energy setting seed.
9. Make good use of April Showers... Attach guttering to sheds and greenhouses and install water butts. Rainwater is much less harsh on plants, as it doesn't contain the chemicals that tap water does.
10. Most importantly, take time to enjoy your garden. April is a beautiful month filled with the promise of new growth and colourful blooms, so sit back & admire your work.

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