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The newsletter for Zeal Monachorum and St Peter's Parish



This handsome chap was pictured at the Coronation Dog Show by Mike Bostock - report and more super pictures on Page 15 & 16.

EDITORIAL

What a joyous sound was heard throughout the village on Coronation Day – our Bell Ringers performed a wonderful peal to mark the crowning of King Charles III. Many congratulations to them for their efforts – they are pictured on Page 9.

Though Coronation Day was wet and dull, the sun shone on May 1 when Mandy Smith and Ali Birchwhite conducted a very successful and enjoyable Dog Show. On pages 15 & 16 there is a report on the event and some superb pictures taken by villagers – many thanks to all of them.

Also busy on the Coronation Bank Holiday weekend was Erica Eden, who organised a Big Lunch in the Village Hall. She promised big bubbles and she wasn't kidding – see her report and pictures on Page 17.

The weather so far this year has not been particularly kind to us; it's been cold, damp and, on some days extremely wet (I'm writing this the day after 40 mm of rain fell in one hour in East Devon). But, ever the optimist, I hope that before too long the sun will come out for more than a few hours and we can get out into our gardens or the lanes around our beautiful village and enjoy all that this lovely countryside has to offer.

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VILLAGE EVENTS IN JUNE

- Every Weds Coffee morning, 10.30am - 12 non at Village Hall
Sun 4 June Hayne opening for NGS, 2 - 6pm, adm £5, children free.
Wed 7 June WI, 7.15 for 7.30pm at Village Hall, see page 14
Fri 9 June Mobile Library, 1.10 - 1.40pm at Waie Cross, see below
Sat 10 June Market, 10.00 - 11.30am at Village Hall
Mon 12 June Zeal Explorers Village Walk, 2pm at bus stop

MOBILE LIBRARY

Mobile Library visits on Friday 9th June, 13.10-13.45 at Waie Cross

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At the time of going to press the consultation on the Mobile Library service had not concluded therefore this visit will take place - but make the most of it as there may not be many more if the decision is made to stop running the service.

Erica Eden

BOW & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Saturday 3 June Bow & District Historical Society in conjunction with Devon Family History Society is devoting a whole day to the history of Bow, doors open 10am-5pm at Bow Village Hall. This replaces the meeting on 22 May.

The programme: includes displays, stalls, discussions, chats and speakers including: Nigel Browne: A Brief History of Bow; Lucy Browne: Maps and More; Mark Norman: The Devon Folklore Library and Devon Folklore; plus a chance to look around Bow village with maps for self-guided walks. Tea/coffee refreshments provided. Bring your own packed lunch or there are options for lunch locally at the White Hart, Bow Garden Centre Cafe, Bow Co-op.

Open to all. Cost: £5 per person (under 18s free) for whole or part of the day. Spaces may be limited so **please book in advance through DFHS website** www.devonfhs.org.uk/product/face-to-face-meeting-june-2023/ or telephone BDHS Secretary 01363 82468

Monday 26 June Bow & District Historical Society talk: The Remarkable Pinwill Sisters by Helen Wilson. Helen is a riveting speaker and her researches into the sisters have resulted in a book subtitled "From 'lady' woodcarvers to professionals". 7.15 for 7.30pm Bow Village Hall. Annual membership £15, visitors £4 refreshments included.

People from Zeal often share lifts. Get in touch with Erica 82606 if you would like to join in.

Erica Eden

Phone:- 01363 82606

RAINFALL

Rainfall for April was 82mm

THANKS

Gavin and Sally would like to thank you all for your very warm welcome to their three Ukrainian guests over these past months. They have returned home now after nearly a year and we are relieved to hear that they are safe despite living in the eastern area of the country which is still under threat.

Thank you to everyone who donated items, bikes, toiletries and food for Daria, Tanya and Milada and to all of you who regularly chatted to them in the bus stop. We are also very grateful to the Waie Inn for finding them jobs which we know they enjoyed, and for Mel and Helen for taking them out on adventures to explore Devon and Cornwall. We miss them all but they have promised to keep in touch.

On behalf of the Parish Council, we would like to thank Mandy and Andy Smith, Ali and Joss Birchwhite, all the helpers, the Waie for providing the field, St Boniface Vets for the judges and for sponsoring the Coronation Fun Dog Show. The weather was kind, the turnout was excellent and a lot of fun was had by all. It was lovely to see all the little children having such a great time. A lot of effort had gone into organising it. All monies raised will go to the Dogs Trust.

We would also like to mention that we still have a number of Coronation mugs available if you would like to make a donation. The profits will be donated to St Peter's Church.

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A QUIZ FOR JUNE

1. Which country was the losing finalist in the World Cup last year?
2. In 'Finding Nemo', what is the name of the forgetful blue fish?
3. What is the official language spoken in the Cape Verde islands?
4. What are King Charles' middle names?
5. Which city is hosting the Summer Olympics of 2024?
6. Which is the UK's smallest carnivorous mammal?
7. Where were the world's first traffic signals installed in 1868?
8. What is the full time profession of Dad's Army Corporal Jones?
9. What is the most easterly town in Norfolk?
10. Which form of carbon has been used in pencils since the sixteenth century?
11. If all six major novels by Jane Austen were placed in alphabetical order, which would come first?
12. Who is the leading all time points scorer for the England Rugby Union team?
13. What number Dr Who was Jodie Whittaker? 13th, 14th or 15th?
14. What will be so special about Cockcrow bridge at the new Wisley Interchange?
15. In Saint-Saens' Carnival of the Animals, which instrument traditionally plays the swan?

Answers on page 9

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ST PETER'S CHURCH

Dear Parishioners,

St Peter's Day falls midweek on 29 June. We will be celebrating St Peter the Apostle, who is the Patron Saint of our church, on Sunday June 25 at 6.30pm with a service of evensong.

Church rota for June 2023

4 June at 10.00am	Trinity Sunday (lay led)	Family service
First reading	Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-31	Mr Tony Brealy
New Testament	Matthew 28: 16-20	Miss Lynn Warren
	Sidesman	Mr Colin Crothers
	Flowers June 4 & 11	Miss Lynn Warren
	Church cleaner	Margaret Down
11 June at 6.30pm	Trinity 1: Barnabas the Apostle	C W E
Old Testament	Genesis 12: 1-9	Mr Robert Peck
New Testament	Romans 4: 13-25	Mrs Jane Hogg
Gospel	Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26	Rev Robert Gordon
	Sidesman	Mr Tony Brealy
	Flowers June 18 & 25	Mrs Marian Quick
25 June at 6.30pm	St Peter the Apostle (lay led)	Evensong
1 st Reading	Zechariah 4: 1-6,10-14	Mr Colin Crothers
New Testament	Matthew 16:13-19	Mr Graham Rounsley
	Sidesman	Mr Colin Crothers

Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** was held on Wednesday 26 April; reports of church activities, the fabric of the church, the churchyard and 2022 finances were presented. I was re-elected as Churchwarden; Mr Colin Crothers, Mrs Becky Harvey, Mr Tony Brealy were re-elected to the PCC.

At the annual PCC meeting held after, the officers were elected as follows: Rev Robert Gordon, chairman; Margaret Down, vice chairman and joint secretary; Colin Crothers, joint secretary and health and safety officer; Becky Harvey, Treasurer and Safe-Guarding officer; Tony Brealy, electoral roll officer. Sides persons: Tony Brealy, Colin Crothers, Marian Quick

Fund Raising In a break from tradition the Parochial Church Council has decided to have a gift day on Saturday, 1 July. The church will be open from 10.30 -12.00am when coffee and biscuits will be available, and in the afternoon from 3.00 to 4.30pm tea and cake will be offered. There will be an exhibition of photos and information on the work that has been completed, any work that is in the pipeline, the finances of how we raise funds and what we pay for the day-to-day commitments, Common fund, Insurance, Mission community expenses, Cadbury Deanery expenses, electricity and more. The church building, as we know, has been standing more than 800 years, it is not only a place of worship, it is a building that witnesses all aspects of life, marriages, baptisms, funerals.

The support of our parishioners to maintain both the building and the churchyard, where many of us have family interred, as well as the day-to-day commitment is onerous on our worshipping family. This is why we are committing ourselves to this effort. We very much look forward to welcoming you and thank you in anticipation of your contribution.

Bell ringing for the coronation

The bell ringers, pictured below, rang a peal at 10.15am on Saturday 6 May as part of the national ring for King Charles III coronation. A special service was held on Sunday to commemorate the occasion.

Best wishes, Margaret (church warden)



Andrew, Margaret D, Hannah, Margaret H, Gavin, tower captain Ken

Answers to quiz on Page 5

1. France
2. Dory
3. Portugese
4. Philip Arthur George
5. Paris
6. The weasel
7. Outside the Houses of Parliament
8. A butcher
9. Lowestoft
10. Graphite
11. Emma
12. Jonny Wilkinson
13. 13th
14. A 30m wide green bridge to provide a natural and safe corridor for wildlife over the A3
15. The cello

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2. Plant up hanging baskets, make sure you use water retaining granules and a slow release feed to help them flourish all Summer. Fill any empty containers you have with new Summer bedding.
3. Pinch out your tomatoes regularly, harvest any lettuce, radish and early potatoes and any other salads that are ready. Feed with Tomorite or Fruit and Veg Feed.
4. Get Summer ready & make any major changes to your garden such as new patios, garden buildings, and furniture.
5. Water plants early mornings and late evenings, when the sun is down, and install a water butt to collect rainwater and re-use for watering.
6. Cut back spring-flowering perennials, to encourage fresh foliage.
7. Start to pick Sweet Peas as soon as they flower, and dead-head roses if they are repeat-flowering roses to encourage more blooms.
8. Remove any dead foliage from Spring flowering bulbs, with the exception of Daffodils and Tulips which could be left a little longer, but do take off any seed-heads that may appear. If possible, it is best to allow the foliage to naturally die back.
9. Keep greenhouses well ventilated during the day as temperature fluctuations could well affect tomato fruiting.
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FISHING CLUB CHAT

Hi All

I have enclosed a picture of the tench caught by Danny Magarotto. It was most impressive as the fish have only been in 2 years and were 2 inches long when they were put in, which proves they are feeding well and are happy with their water conditions. He also caught a superb carp.

Also included is a picture of two geese and their goslings – what a lovely sight.

The lake is now fishing well due to the warmer weather. I hope to see you guys down there putting in some competition. Looks like the kids are showing you the way. Looking forward to a good season and organising another competition later on in the year.

Ken and Jane



QUOTES

‘It was June, and the world smelled of roses. The sunshine was like powdered gold over the grassy hillside’

Maud Hart Lovelace, American writer

‘The British Summer – Three fine days and a thunderstorm’

George III

ZEAL MONACHORUM WI

Our youngest member, Jess, demonstrated the art of decorating pebbles/stones. She's such a talented young lady with many craft skills. Members "had a go" and Jess had the task of picking 1st, 2nd and 3rd from the attempts made. We also discussed a fund-raising idea of selling greetings cards depicting the amazing photography of member Maria Richardson. Please look out for these. Venues for purchasing will be announced in this magazine when we have finalised everything.

The years' events programmes were handed out at the May meeting so we should all know what we are doing. June's meeting is entitled "Life behind the Side Shows" so, if you fancy seeing what's revealed, come along (men too) and find out. A repeated reminder I know, but all are welcome; guests are requested to pay £1 for a cuppa and a biscuit.

Jan Brealy
President

CREDITON FOODBANK

Thank you to all who have donated food and money this last month; I was able to take in two large deliveries and a number of smaller ones plus £45. Fiona, the Foodbank Coordinator, keeps me informed each week as to which items are running out. This enables me to put out posters round the village, which I hope will help those of you who are able to donate to know what is most needed at any particular time.

Needless to say, all in date items are a blessing to those in need. Sadly, the number of people needing help continues to rise as does the cost of living. Fiona is very aware that everyone is feeling the pinch and so is really appreciative for all that you are able to give, no matter how small. The Foodbank is there for everyone who needs it and all that is available is given with love.

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CORONATION DOG SHOW

A very successful fun Dog Show was held at the Waie Inn paddock on Bank Holiday Monday 1 May, and was well supported by our parishioners and those from outlying villages. Our thanks go to our sponsors - St Boniface Veterinary Practice in Crediton, who also provided two judges for us. The show was made all the more enjoyable by the sun shining on us all. The Egg and Spoon class created much laughter and was so popular that we had to run heats.

My grateful thanks also to my very able colleague, Ali Birchwhite, who kindly assisted me in the organisation of this event, collecting funds, announcing classes, handing out the rosettes and prizes and generally making sure everyone was where they should be. The success of this event allowed us to raise £164 which will be donated to the Dogs Trust Charity, at a presentation at their Ilfracombe branch later this month; photos of this will follow in next month's Monachorum Matters.

My thanks to everyone who attended and to those who made floral and photography contributions for making this Coronation Dog Show such a memorable and enjoyable event.

Mandy Smith

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Picture by Mike Russell



Picture by Mike Bostock

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Picture by Darren Hardesty

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Coronation Big Lunch

Nearly 40 people, including families with children, enjoyed the Big Lunch on the day after the Coronation, some in their finery and lovely hats. We welcomed two couples who have very recently moved into Zeal. The table for shared treats was laden with Coronation quiche, beautiful airy-fairy cakes, meringues and many more tasty items. Time and the food disappeared so that there was no opportunity to hold a grand parade, but nobody seemed to mind.

Before the event there was some disbelief as to whether gigantic bubbles were just a figment of Erica's imagination - however, as the accompanying photo shows, both young children and adults were able to create amazing iridescent bubbles in all sorts of shapes and several metres long. As you might expect, much pleasure was also taken in popping them which did not help the photographers! The hall looked fabulous with its re-used bunting from last year's Jubilee. Many thanks to the Village Hall's volunteers and others who helped to make it such a successful day.

Erica Eden

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