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The newsletter for Zeal Monachorum and St Peter's Parish



Orchids and primroses near Stopgate pictured by Ken Hogg.

EDITORIAL

It hardly seems possible but this month marks five years since the newsletter in this form appeared. During that time, it has been an immense privilege to be its Editor, and I have always enjoyed putting each issue together. The input from you, our readers, has been incredible and is, in part, why we have had so many plaudits for our magazine.

But the time has come for me to pass on the baton to someone else and so this is an appeal for someone to take on that role as soon as possible. As many in the village know, my personal circumstances have changed significantly and I find I am unable to commit the time needed to continue with this task. I am sure that, with many newcomers to our village, there is someone out there who can pick up the reins. The main requirements are to be reasonably computer-savvy and to know, or be able to learn, to use publishing software.

If you can help, or you know someone who can, please get in touch with me at this email address: zmon.news@gmail.com.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

VILLAGE EVENTS IN JUNE

- Every Weds Coffee morning, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.
Wed 5 June WI, 7.15 for 7.30pm at the Village Hall, see page 4.
Sat 8 June Market, 10 – 11.30am at the Village Hall
Mon 10 June Village Walk, meet 2pm at bus stop
Mon 24 June Bow & District Historical Society, 7.15 for 7.30pm. See below.

BOW & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Monday 24 June, meeting at St Bartholomew's church in Nymet Tracey, a mile south of Bow, EX17 6DB. The talk by David Cook on "Stained Glass by Local Firms" will reference St Bartholomew's Victorian windows. Everyone welcome - visitors £4.

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RAINFALL

April Rainfall was 83mm.

NAOMI & JOCIE HARVEY

Becky & Pete Harvey's girls and their friend Sophie decided they wanted to do something to improve community spirit. They decided to try calling on people around the village inviting them to swap items for things they bring. If they call on you, do try and support them - all very character building.

Thanks to Erica Eden for this picture.



ZEAL MONACHORUM WI

Our first post AGM Meeting was held on 1 May. We had two visitors and gained one new member, bringing our total membership to a healthy 35. The subject created a lot of interest and the hall was full. "Farms for City Kids" was the title and Katy and Sophie from the charity gave an extremely enlightening talk on the subject. The charity was the brainchild of Clare Morpurgo, wife of Michael, who had the idea of giving children experience in all aspects of animal welfare; this includes mucking out! We were all inspired and the offer of a visit to Nethercott House was readily accepted; we hope to fulfil the invitation very soon.

Please keep a look out for information regarding our "Scarecrow Trail". There will be monthly information leading up to the event in the magazine plus posters around the village. In the meantime, start collecting items in readiness for making your scarecrow. The finer details have yet to be discussed but it will take place during the school summer holiday thus allowing the children to take part.

As usual, please feel free to come along to any of our meetings as a visitor, you will be made very welcome.

Jan Brealy, President

I heard this limerick on the radio the other day and it really made me chuckle, I hope it brings a smile to you.

A flea and a fly in a flue
Were imprisoned, so what could they do?
Said the fly, "let us flee!",
"Let us fly!" said the flea.
So they flew through a flaw in the flue.

Ogden Nash, American Humorous poet

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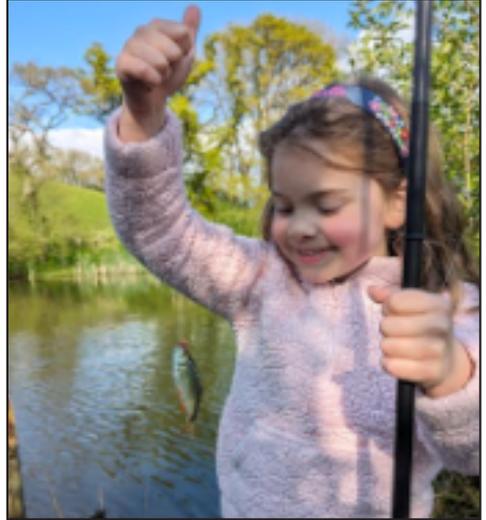
Firstly, I would like to thank Pete Copp for all the help he has given us in replacing a flat tyre on our ride on mower, for all his work spraying the car park with roundup and for all the other tasks he has carried out for us. Jane has managed to give the grass around the lake a quick mow.

We also welcome Mark Kersey as a new member, with his son joining next month. Our request for funding from Denbrook has been acknowledged and we await their consideration later on in the year. The lake is fishing well. Those brave souls who have fished through the wind and rain have had good results. Hoping now the weather has warmed up the carp will come up to the surface for the fly-fishing members.

Pictured right by Ken Hogg, Isabella Jackson, grand-daughter of Graham & Ruth Friend, with her first catch.

Tight lines

Ken and Jane



FROM THE ARCHIVE - thanks to Rosemary Barker for the photo.

St Peter's Fete Napleton House circa June 1985. Left to right: Marian Quick, Rosemary & Don Barker; Queenie Cockwill, Doll Rounsley, Margaret Down, June Rounsley. Front: ?, Tina Down, Simon Down, Emma Quick, ?, ?, ?





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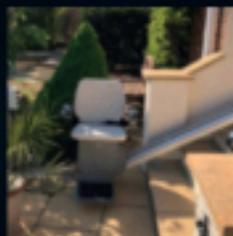
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QUIZ

No theme this month – just a set of fiendishly difficult questions (unless you happen to know the answers!)

1. Which of the seven ancient wonders of the world is the only one still standing today?
2. Which scientist is credited with discovering penicillin?
3. Who was the first person to win two Nobel prizes?
4. Which country was the first to allow women to vote?
5. In what city was the Titanic built?
6. In what year was the first Concorde flight?
7. Which band released the album 'Rumours' in 1977?
8. Which musician was killed by Mark David Chapman in 1980?
9. Who was the lead singer of Culture Club?
10. Which film directed by Steven Spielberg was nominated for 11 Academy Awards but did not go on to win any of them?
11. In what year was the Live Aid concert held?
12. Which musician won the Nobel prize for Literature in 2016?
13. Which colours make up the Olympic rings?
14. Which sport takes place in a velodrome?
15. What nationality is tennis player Novak Djokovic?

Answers on Page 13

CREDITON FOODBANK

I am just back from holiday and it is lovely to be back home. The weather looks like it knows summer is on the way. May I thank all who donated at the April Village Market. It was a delight to see a full box which I picked up on my return.

Also thank you to those who donated so generously on line in my absence.

The Foodbank volunteers had a very busy time with shelves emptying rapidly. However, Helen who shares the role of Coordinator with Fiona, sent out a message exclaiming how incredible it has been lately to see the gaps on the shelves filling up just where they are needed. She went on to say week on week, they never know what and how many donations they will receive and how amazing it has been to see the items they have run out of appear from different sources. She then goes on to say "Please accept our sincerest thanks as it really does make such a difference and we could not do this without your support".

Please don't ever think that your donation/s fall on stony ground, as they go to those who are in most need. Where God Guides God Provides.



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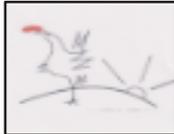
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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Our Big Breakfast in April was a great success with 40 people enjoying a 'Full English'. Thanks to all who came along and supported the Village Hall. Particular thanks to our wonderful kitchen team: Alan and Judi Hollingsworth, Delia Wainwright and Tracey Allis, and to our very willing helpers: Hazel Wainwright, Chris Allis, Tina Young, Julian and Cath Kemp, and Claire Lewis. What a fantastic job they all did. Thanks to David Bowyer for the super pictures below.



Our programme of improvement works is progressing well. We have upgraded the insulation to current standards and have fitted reflective panels behind the radiators. We have fitted shutters at the windows and we will shortly be replacing the external doors at both ends of the building. All these measures will help reduce heat loss and improve comfort in the hall.

The committee is grateful for grants from National Grid and Den Brook which have helped to meet some of the costs.

Our next big adventure is on **Saturday 22 June**. We are delighted to be welcoming to the hall Rob Barratt, a man who has a way with words. He calls himself a comic poet and singer but he has also been described as a ‘velvet tongued assassin, using charm and humour as a subtle lever to highlight life’s absurdities’.

Rob says “My act combines clever word-play with satire, verse, song and audience participation. I deal with such important topics as second homes, squid, distressed furniture, data-driven education, Neanderthal politics and my relationship with potatoes but beneath the humour serious issues lurk”.

It’s all very light and entertaining and definitely not to be missed.



Tickets on the night are £10, but if you book and pay for your places by **15 June** tickets are just £8 each so it’s worth booking ahead. Drinks will be available for a donation on the night as will suitable snacks.

Book with Jan Summers 01363 82571/07711 414142, or Erica Eden on 01363 82606.

Photo by Cosmic Xposure Penzance

On **6 July** our ever-popular Boules and BBQ will run from 5pm. In the past this has been a fiercely fought competition but is always great fun. It is open to all ages and there will be a prize for the winning adults and one for children.

On the food front, burgers and hot dogs will be available to purchase; if you are planning to come and require vegetarian options, **please let us know in advance**. We will also have a range of puddings on sale and, as many of you know, Zeal folk are adept at producing delicious desserts.

This is always a great family event so do come along and bring the children. Information is available from Jan Summers, 01363 82571/07711 414142.

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St Peter the Apostle

Dear Parishioners,

As I write this in early May it seems that summer has not yet decided to come, the land is very soggy and we are not yet blessed with blue skies and glorious sunshine. However, our summer visiting birds are arriving, the countryside is looking splendid with the many shades of green and the wildflowers are in full bloom. How lucky we are to live in such a wonderful part of Devon and to have so much to be thankful for. As a very popular hymn says “Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside”.

Church rota for June 2024

June 2 at 10.00am

Old Testament
New Testament

Trinity 1

Deuteronomy 5: 12-15
Mark 2: 23 to 3: 6
Sidesman
Altar Flowers 2nd
Church cleaner

Lay led Family Service

Miss Lynn Warren
Mr Tony Brealy
Mr Colin Crothers
Mrs Marian Quick
Mrs Margaret Down

June 9 at 6.30pm

Old Testament
New Testament
Gospel

Trinity 2

Genesis 3: 8-15
2 Corinthians 4: 13- 5: 1
Matthew 11: 16-29, 25-30
Sidesman
Altar Flowers 9 & 16

C W E

Mr Robert Peck
Mrs Tina Young
Celebrant
Mr Tony Brealy
Miss Lynn Warren

June 23 at 6.30pm

Old testament reading
New testament reading

Trinity 4

Job 38: 1-11
Mark 4:35-41
Sidesman
Altar Flowers 23 & 30

Lay led Evensong

Mr Colin Crother
Mrs Becky Harvey
Mr Colin Crothers
Mrs Sally Rowden

June 30 at 6.30pm

St Peter (29th) 🎵HYMNS AND PIMMS🎵

Sidesman

Mr Tony Brealy

Hymns and Pimm's A box will be placed on the church table for you to post your favourite hymn choice, then come along to join in the singing. Pimm's and light refreshments will be served after the singing.

June 30 at 10.00am Mission Community Eucharist at Morchard Bishop

Everyone is welcome to any or all of our services

Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** was held on Wednesday 24 April. Reports of church activities, fabric of the church, churchyard, Deanery Synod and finances were presented. The following were re-elected: Mrs Margaret Down as churchwarden, PCC members Mr Colin Crothers, Mrs Becky Harvey, Mr Tony Brealy, Mrs Tina Young. Sides persons appointed Mr T. Brealy, Mr C. Crothers.

At the PCC annual meeting held after the APCM the officers elected were: Churchwarden, vice chair and joint secretary, Margaret Down; Joint secretary and health and safety officer, Colin Crothers; Treasurer and Safeguarding officer, Becky Harvey; Electoral roll officer Tony Brealy.

Margaret (churchwarden)

TONY BREALY REMEMBERS...

...this story of a family tragedy.

Just before Christmas 1924, Bryan John Dufty of Great Foldhay Farm planned a visit to relatives in Coldridge. He left the farm by wagonette with his wife, 18-month old son, and his mother and father. They headed up the lane to Foldhay Cross (this lane no longer exists) and proceeded towards Zeal Monachorum. When they were going down the slope at the back of Gillhouse Farm Bryan applied the brake which startled the unbroken pony and it bolted. Bryan's father, in an attempt to halt the pony, jumped onto its back, fell off and broke his leg. The pony continued galloping and was finally brought to a standstill at the lane leading to Elm Cott, which is now known as a footpath to East Foldhay.

When Bryan gave evidence at the inquest, held at Great Foldhay, he stated he had seen his wife leave the wagonette and his mother and baby had also managed to get out. His mother was injured but the baby was all right. His father was being helped along the road by two men. Further back, he saw his wife lying in the road; she was unconscious with injuries to her head. She was taken to back to their farm, where she sadly died.

Dr. H.R. Bastard from Bow, on examination, attributed death to concussion of the brain and shock. The wife and her son, who died in his teenage years, are buried in the cemetery at Higher Chapel, Bow (this Chapel is just before the Bow Medical Practice turning).

Answers to Quiz on Page 7

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. The great pyramids of Giza | 9. Boy George |
| 2. Sir Alexander Fleming | 10. <i>'The Color Purple'</i> |
| 3. Marie Curie | 11. 1985 |
| 4. New Zealand | 12. Bob Dylan |
| 5. Belfast | 13. Blue, black, red, yellow, green |
| 6. 1969 | 14. Cycling |
| 7. Fleetwood Mac | 15. Serbian |
| 8. John Lennon | |

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By the time this issue arrives we should be in to half term, so an extra puzzle - especially if it's raining!

Dingbats Picture Quiz

1: GROUND LONDON	2: Often ### II Not III	3: 
4: THYME PLAICE	5: 	6: Fairy WOLF Duckling
7: ABCDEFGHIJKL MNOPQRSTV WXYZ	8: #1 Looking	9: GIVE x4 GET x4

Answers on Page 19



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1. Mow your lawn at least once a week but consider leaving an area uncut for wildlife. Plus feed your lawn regularly and re-seed larger areas, using an easy spreader for an even spread.
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 Big Tom or Westland Boost.
4. Get summer ready and 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 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 the greenhouse well-ventilated during the day as temperature fluctuations caused by hot temperatures in the day, then cool at night could very well affect tomato plants fruiting.
10. Stay on top of weeding so your plants don't have to compete for water and nutrients.

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Answers to Dingbats on Page 16

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. London Underground | 6. The good, the bad and the ugly |
| 2. More often than not | 7. Missing you (u) |
| 3. No through road | 8. Looking after number 1 |
| 4. Another time, another place | 9. Forgive and forget |
| 5. Are you ready? (Red E) | |



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