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Zeal Monachorum and St Peter's Parish Newsletter, supported by the Parish Council



Daffodils near the seat by Three Crossways.

EDITORIAL

After six month's experience of editing this magazine and following correspondence with a contributor, plus some of the founding members of the group that set it all up, it was found there was little actually signed off regarding operating policies and procedures. That has now been remedied!

A frantic time has been spent going through everything that was originally considered. Following the first Issue, June 2019, few actual meetings concerning the publication happened. In one, it was determined there should be no fliers inserted: everything distributed in or with the magazine should first have the approval of the editor and, if then refused, by the committee. That is to be continued.

There are, on the back few pages, the minutes of the last Magazine Committee meeting as well as an agreed constitution. As Editor, I will endeavour to publish as many contributions as both space and printing costs allow, without prejudice save for church matters. Our roots, as we shall see next month, are firmly planted in S^t Peter's. The deadline for April's issue is Thursday 6th March. Mike Russell

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NOTICES AND EVENTS

Amateur rainfall for January was 163mm - 6 inches! Courtesy of Margaret Harris.

- 5th March **WI**; Village Hall, contact Jan Breal, northstarhouse@outlook.com
10th March **Village Walk**; 2pm start from the Bus stop Town Hill.
29th March **Quiz night** 7pm for 7.30pm start, Victory Hall Lapford. Teams of 6, £8 per person, sausage roll, wedges and cakes. Bring your own alcohol.

Village Hall

- 8 March 10-11.30am Local Produce Market Village Hall
12 March 7 for 7.30pm Bingo [last one until the Autumn] £5
22 March Spring Flower & Homecraft Show

Bow & District Historical Society Monday 24 Mar 7.15 for 7.30pm Speaker Robert Hesketh on Smuggling in Devon. Bow Village Hall. Enquiries 01363 82468

The Bow and District Garden Club is to be relaunched with a new committee, and an emphasis on reaching people in surrounding villages, like Zeal Monachorum. The new secretary is from Zeal Monachorum – that’s me! The relaunch meeting will be in April and we have a local speaker who’s raising national interest! Meanwhile, in March, the committee would like to hear from anyone with ideas about what would make a good garden club. We will have speakers and garden visits, and we’d like to give more emphasis to gardening for wildlife. But what might interest you and encourage you to come along? Do contact me with ideas or questions and I’ll pass these to the committee. Contact Jackie Watson Jacquelinewatsondevon@gmail.com

Mid Devon Farming Life Group We meet once a month for various country talks & events throughout the year. If you would like further information & details you can follow us on Facebook or contact Ruth Friend. Last month’s meeting was held on Wednesday 26th February 7 for 7.30pm at the Waie Inn Zeal Monachorum, when the speaker for the evening was Alan Quick Editor of Crediton Courier.

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FISHING CLUB CHAT

Hi All Unfortunately the weather has been foul over the past few weeks and any idea of a work party has been kept on hold, as we would probably be doing more harm than good to the grassy banks of the lake. I would like to point out that the amount of water coming down South Down Brook has obstructed our overflow, thus causing the lake to flood at points. I would please insist that anyone walking their dog at the lake please be very careful as the banks could collapse at any point. We now have a very large depth of water, so please do not fall in! As soon as the weather starts to improve we can attend to the situation.

We have received a lovely letter back from the MS Society thanking us very much for the donation we gave them from the sale of our calendars. We would like to thank everyone who kindly purchased them at Christmas time. Tight lines. Ken and Jane

ON THORNE FARM

Sadly another failed TB test meant four more cows culled. it's spread cow to cow , by badgers & deer mainly.

The cows are holding well to their inseminations so August & September will be busy months for calving. Sadly we have lost another four cows with possible arsenic poisoning—the source we are still investigating—but on a happier note we spent 4 days in Portugal visiting our son Nick, who is finishing his degree in International Business this year.

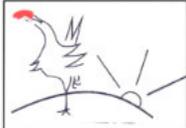
We say farewell to our Herdsperson Lindsay who is moving back closer to home in Dorset. Hoping for a better February & March. Will & Jo

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MARCH GARDEN ADVICE

For the lighter, brighter days of Spring.
Top tips courtesy of Bow Garden Centre.



1. Once the weather has warmed, it's a great time to mix in a soil improver to your soil & mulch around the top to help boost plant growth for the coming year.
2. Beware of overnight frost and be sure to protect any tender plants with fleece or by taking them into the greenhouse.
3. Keep on top of pruning climbing plants and tidying up Winter shrubs such as Sambucus, Buddleia, Hydrangea or Fuchsias.
4. Prune Rose bushes from mid-March, making sure any dying or diseased stems are removed as well as shoots which have become damaged. Fertilise soil well with organic compost and rose feed to their base.
5. The first lawn trims, lawn feeding and lawn weeding should start in March, during dry weather to encourage healthy lawn growth through the year. Top tip—Leave a patch of lawn to grow & sow in wild flowers for a mini meadow area that the wildlife will love!
6. Bare patches in your lawn can attract weeds so re-seed now, and regularly water to repair these patches and prevent any new weeds from becoming a problem for your lawn.
7. Continue deadheading Spring flowers and any remaining Winter bedding so they don't set seed.
8. Once the soil starts to warm up again, you start to plant early varieties of seed potatoes, shallots and onion sets in your vegetable garden. Later Seed potatoes require a little more chitting.
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ST PETER'S CHURCH

Dear Parishioners, March this year will encompass much of the season of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday 5th March in preparation for Easter. This a very important season in the church calendar and we look forward to seeing our Christian family at our worship.

Our services for March

March 2nd at 10.00am Old Testament reading Gospel reading Sidesman Altar Flowers Church cleaner	Sunday before Lent (Lay led) Exodus 34: 29-35 Luke 9: 28-36	Family Service Miss Lynn Warren Mr Colin Crothers Mr Tony Brealy Mrs Marian Quick Mrs Susan Bostock
March 9th at 6.30pm Old Testament reading New Testament reading Gospel Sidesman	Lent 1 Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 Romans 10: 8-13 Luke 4: 1-13	CWE Mrs Tina Young Mr Robert Peck Rev Janet May Mr Colin Crothers
March 23rd at 3.00pm Old Testament reading Gospel Sidesman	Lent 3 (Lay led) Isaiah 55: 1-9 Luke 13:1-9	Evensong Mrs Jane Hogg Mrs Becky Harvey Mr Colin Crothers
March 30th at 10.00am Old Testament reading New Testament reading Gospel Sidesman	Mothering Sunday Service Joshua 5: 9-12 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32	(Lay led) Miss Lynn Warren Mrs Tina Young Mrs Becky Harvey Mr Tony Brealy

Everyone is welcome to any or all of our worship
Flowers there are no altar flowers during lent.
Altar vestments: the altar colours are purple

Mothering Sunday. We are having a special service for Mothering Sunday on the 30th at 10.00 am. Flowers will be presented to all mums and we will have simnel cake served with coffee and/or tea.

Church Electoral Roll update. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is being held on April 23rd. 2025 is a year when a complete renewal of the electoral roll takes place: if you are currently on the roll you will need to enrol again. It opened on February 3rd and closes on April 7th . If you would like to be included on the Church Electoral Roll please contact Tony, the roll officer Tel. 82563 for an application form or collect one from the table in church. As a member on the Electoral Roll, you are able to vote to elect the Parochial Church Council members at the annual meeting and are eligible to become a member of the P.C.C. who make decisions on both the life and upkeep of our lovely church building.

Lent Course A lent course is being organised at Lapford. It begins on Monday 17th March at 2.00pm and held in the ARK. The Rev. David Rowbottom is its leader.

Margaret (Churchwarden)

ZEAL MONACHORUM WI

February 2025 meeting: How lucky are we? After the business dealt with we were taken back in time to days where, if you weren't "perfect" you were either institutionalised or shut away in some dark recess of your home!! How lucky are we?

We had Lesley Rogers, a member of our Institute to take us back and gradually bring us up to date and explain how life has changed for those born partially or totally deaf. How lucky are we to have people who study British Sign Language (BSL), for 7 years in order that so many may enjoy conversations, theatre, tv and so on. What an eye opener, what a speaker.

March will see us celebrating our 71st birthday with a bring and share supper. April is our AGM so think good and hard ladies, contemplate being a committee member.

Village Hall News

It's the Spring flower & homecraft Show Saturday 22 March. Entries accepted between 10am-12 noon. Open to the public 2.30pm, admission £1 children free. It costs nothing to enter exhibits and you may enter up to two items in any one class doubling your chances of being a winner. All sections are open to adults and children but will be judged separately. Are you a first timer? Why not give it a go? Check out your garden, some flowers, like daffodils, just grow themselves and you get to take the glory, perfect for instagram. Unsure which class your flowers fit in? Our show volunteers can advise when you arrive. How are your cooking skills? Show off your fruit scones and/or chocolate brownies. There are 2 classes for photos "Nature with a caption" and "Signs of spring" an excuse to get out in the countryside and really look for that perfect picture. We haven't forgotten those with needlework skills who can enter an item knitted, crocheted, stitched etc. Some people can be creative with just what's going to be thrown away so "an item made from recycled materials" will be right up their street. Time to be inspired and have fun! Support your Village Hall! Schedule & Rules are available:— <http://www.zealmonachorum.org.uk/village-hall.html> or 01363 82606 reden@rocketmail.com

Review of Village Hall hire Charges: from 1 January 2025 minimum hire period reduced to 1 hour; cost per hour or part of an hour £8 for Zeal residents, £10 non residents. Ideal for a party or get together that won't break the bank; see ad, page 14.



The jam-packed Cheer Up January party, courtesy of Helen Hall.

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MARCH QUIZ

Courtesy Jan Summers. Answers on page 18.

- 1 March was once considered the first month of the year – true or false?
- 2 Which two Saint's Days fall in March, and on what dates?
- 3 Where does the name 'March' come from?
- 4 On what date are 'the Ides of March'?
- 5 What is the famous proverb about March, in reference to the weather?
- 6 What is the birth flower of March?
- 7 On what date does the Vernal Equinox fall in the Northern Hemisphere?
- 8 What annual event is governed by the Vernal Equinox?
- 9 What is the main feature of the Vernal Equinox?
- 10 The Radetzky March was composed by whom?
- 11 Which book by which author features The March Sisters?
- 12 Which book by which Author features The March Hare?
- 13 Which popular board game was invented on 7 March 1933?
- 14 In which country are cherry blossoms considered as a sign of the beginning of spring?
- 15 What communication device was invented, and by whom, on 7 March 1876?



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THAT'S LIFE

I asked a friend who has crossed 70 & is heading towards 80 what sort of changes he is feeling in himself? He sent me the following:

1. After loving my parents, my siblings, my spouse, my children and my friends, I have now started loving myself.
2. I have realized that I am not "Atlas". The world does not rest on my shoulders.
3. I have stopped bargaining with vegetable & fruit vendors. A few pennies more is not going to break me, but it might help the poor fellow save for his daughter's school fees.
4. I leave my waitress a big tip. The extra money might bring a smile to her face. She is toiling much harder for a living than I am.
5. I stopped telling the elderly that they've already narrated that story many times. The story makes them walk down memory lane & relive their past.
6. I have learned not to correct people even when I know they are wrong. The onus of making everyone perfect is not on me. Peace is more precious than perfection.
7. I give compliments freely & generously. Compliments are a mood enhancer not only for the recipient, but also for me. And a small tip for the recipient of a compliment, never, NEVER turn it down, just say "Thank You."
8. I have learned not to bother about a crease or a spot on my shirt. Personality speaks louder than appearances.
9. I walk away from people who don't value me. They might not know my worth, but I do.
10. I remain cool when someone plays dirty to outrun me in the rat race. I am not a rat & neither am I in any race.
11. I am learning not to be embarrassed by my emotions. It's my emotions that make me human.
12. I have learned that it's better to drop the ego than to break a relationship. My ego will keep me aloof, whereas with relationships, I will never be alone.
13. I have learned to live each day as if it's the last. After all, it might be the last.
14. I am doing what makes me happy. I am responsible for my happiness, and I owe it to myself. Happiness is a choice. You can be happy at any time, just choose to be!

I decided to share this for all my friends. Why do we have to wait to be 60 or 70 or 80, why can't we practise this at any stage and age?

Jean Peck.

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PARISH COUNCIL

Notes on the PC meeting held, 22nd January 2025:—

After reviewing the minutes of the last meeting, a delegation addressed the council on the subject of the Monachorum Matters mode of operation. They requested that the PC should not donate funds to the magazine until their 'structure' had been overhauled. A lively debate ensued. The Chair pointed out that the previous editor had, two years ago, requested a similar donation from the PC whilst working under the same 'structure' and enquired why this issue was not raised at that time. The council had already made the decision to support the magazine's shortfall at a recent minuted meeting and will do so out under section 137 monies. At that meeting a condition was agreed that any further payments should be subject to a review. This gives plenty of time to hold a constructive discussion on the workings of the magazine. I think the magazine committee's plans are already underway to agree a constitution.

We are still working on the possibility of having a Road Warden for the village, particularly to supervise safety outside the village hall. If anyone is interested in giving up some time it would be greatly appreciated by the parish. It does involve attending a course run by DCC. You must have a certificate!

January is the month for setting our precept request to MDDC. The Parish Council routine expenses are budgeted to rise in the coming year. In addition we have been warned that should the amalgamation of the councils take place, more charges for services will be made directly to Parish Councils. As an example the cost of holding an election—and we really do need one—is now a few hundred pounds, that will become a few thousand pounds. A precept increase of 16% was unanimously agreed by the council. This represents an increase of 16p a week for a band D property on the council tax bill.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m. The next meeting will be held on March 27th at 7.00pm. Rob Peck, Chair.

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Postman son Andrew often found copies of the monthly newsletter [for Zeal Monachorum], which I did on 1 sheet of A4 paper all those years ago, chucked down where they were delivered so obviously some people didn't even look at it. I remember Andrew saying "Mum, why do you bother"! But I enjoyed doing it.

Anyway, I came across a huge box of old Chulmleigh Deanery Magazines going back to the 1800s up to 1940s which include news from Zeal Monachorum. I found them on an online auction through the Mid Devon Antiques Shop in the High Street, Crediton. One of them, from 1934, contained this intriguing advert [right]—One wonders what information they contained!

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Wishing you all a belated Happy New Year. Many thanks for all donations given so generously to the 2024 Christmas collection. On my return from my Christmas break a further donation of £20 was waiting making the final amount £503.50. As always the Crediton Foodbank volunteers would like you to know how grateful they are.

I have to say it was a great turnout at the January Market! It brought back many happy memories of years gone by. Thank you for the donations of food and money given at the market. The money, £60 was given to the Crediton Foodbank.

Because of a generous giver we will be able to split the food they donate to two smaller foodbanks on alternate weeks. The more people we are able to help the better.

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MEMORIES FROM ISOBEL HARRIS

Reverend Bernard Gales came to this parish, with his wife Susan, in 1981. He was a widow who married the school headmistress of Morchard Bishop Church of England School. I witnessed the wedding from the choir stalls of St. Mary's Church when I sang in the choir. Bernard and Susan lived at Bow Rectory and Bernard became responsible for the parishes of Bow, Colebrooke and Zeal Monachorum. We were fortunate that Susan not only taught but was extremely musical and formed a small church choir here in St. Peters. Sadly the choir dwindled when The Waie Inn opened its doors and the draw of waitressing there was too much for some members to resist! Bernard and Susan retired to live at Morchard Bishop and was replaced by Reverend John Hall in 1993. Sadly Bernard died last year well in his 90s. He had a great sense of humour and would give a smile when Jeffery and Andrew Harris brought along their copy of 'Not Now Bernard' to read through the sermons at the family services!

It was a fitting tribute to both Bernard and Susan that a small choir was formed at St. Peters back in December, when we played host to the parishes in the west mission community of the North Creedy Team for the 5th Sunday service. Lay reader, Robert Vere, brought along the Cross from St. Marys, Morchard Bishop and I managed to squeeze into the red choir robe which was presented to me 40 years ago by the Zeal Monachorum PCC and led the procession of clergy from the belfry to the choir stalls. It is hoped a choir will come together at future 5th Sundays, when the opportunity arises.

Photo shows Reverend Bernard Gales christening Jeffery Harris on 7th July 1985. Godparents Margaret Harris, John Harris and Martyn Dockings. Isabel Harris bottom right. St. Peters Church, Zeal Monachorum.



NOTES FROM WOOTTON TOP

And so to February and we start looking forward to spring. We are preparing for the lambing season, getting all the energy licks, minerals and vitamins needed to help the ewe whilst heavily pregnant with the lambs. Preparing all the pens and fodder needed for the next month or so, we do hope the weather will improve and the lambs will be able to skip and jump in the spring grass and sunshine!

A few of you have asked what is different in the grass on your footpath walks; we have top sewn the fields with a lot of old fashioned herbs and legumes (see photo) such as plantain, sheep's parsley, burnet, trefoil, red and white clovers, yarrow and fenugreek. The idea is to help with natural parasite control and also help with resisting droughts and long spells of wet(that could be useful!), because of their different root systems and flowering different times of the year.

January seems to have been spent pulling vehicles out of the ditch on the Hayne road, 9 in one day is the record but quite often 2 is normal, I notified the council a while back and a lorry arrived to put cones up to show danger but when he turned to go home . . . you guessed it, the lorry slipped in the ditch and I ended up pulling him out as well and I didn't even get the cones! All the best. Graham & Ruth Friend.



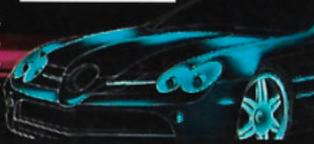
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Councillor's report. January 2025

The Community Risk Register: I have informed you earlier that the community risk assessment was done by MDDC and the Community Risk Register was created after consultations with the District and Parish Councillors/Clerks. It set out the Resilience Strategy. This will help MDDC to better understand, monitor and potentially mitigate the highest risks within Mid Devon area. This master list and individual top 10 risks will be reviewed annually to ensure that MDDC are agile and up to date. The assessment was done using an impact/likelihood matrix, where the *Impact* (from 1 to 5) reflects the seriousness of the event, how many people and neighbourhoods will be affected and the danger involved; the *Likelihood* (from 1 to 5) reflexes the probability of events. Respectively, the most dangerous and most likely events may score a maximum of 10 points.

The master list is still open for more information, which must be sent to the responsible officer Lewis Dyson together with the scoring impact/likelihood assessment.

Mr Dyson recently came up with the suggestion that in the event of changing landlines to digital connections, areas of some Wards may suffer from the lack of a satellite signal. There are concerns with regards to the support for vulnerable people and an awareness of these within the emergency response environment. Mr Dyson suggested that although we have no power or ability to impact the decisions of the service providers, we could develop a tool to provide support for our communities. He would like to see if you are aware of "not spots" and could share details with him.

May Parish Councils with support of local citizens create a list of the areas with bad internet/digital connection?

Natalia Letch

Answers to March's quiz on page 10:—

- 1 True – before 150BC, the year was 10 months long, beginning in March.
- 2 St David, 1st March; St Patrick, 17th March
- 3 From Mars, the Roman God of War.
- 4 March 15.
- 5 March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.
- 6 The daffodil.
- 7 March 20th.
- 8 Easter, falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox.
- 9 The hours of daylight and darkness are virtually equal.
- 10 Johann Strauss Senior.
- 11 Little Women, Louisa May Alcott.
- 12 Alice's Adventures on Wonderland by Lewis Carroll.
- 13 Monopoly.
- 14 Japan.
- 15 Telephone, Alexander Graham Bell.

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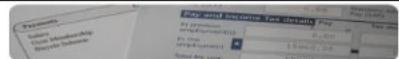


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MINUTES OF NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE MEETING

3rd February 2025 At Monkscroft 7pm.

Present: Ken Hogg, Mike Russell, Jane Hogg, Maria Richardson, Tony Brealy, Ali Birch-White, Ruth Friend

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th October 2024 were read, agreed and signed by Ken Hogg.

1 Ken welcomed Ruth and also Jane, who has agreed to take minutes at the meetings

2 **Finance.** Maria gave a summary of the financial situation:-

Cash at bank January 2024 £1,455.44

Cash at bank January 2025 £1,389.44

Maria has explained that for the sake of £4.25 bank charges, it would be better to stay with Lloyds. Ken stated that the Council has agreed to fund the magazine under section 137 of the Parish Council Act. The Committee agreed that monies be given to finance officer and secretary for incidental expenses such as ink and paper when necessary. Changing to a lighter paper has meant a saving of £45 per month, which has brought the deficit down to just over £150 given current advertising and printing expenses.

3. **Content.** Maria has to make sure she has all email address when she is informed of a new advertiser. The committee agreed we need more diversity of stories to reflect our community properly. Tony Brealy has agreed to write some witty stories.

4. **Admin.** It was agreed by the committee that the existing no fliers policy as agreed under Jan Summers shall be continued. Maria asked why the Church had priority in the magazine and Mike explained that the magazine is a continuation of the original Church broadsheet. He acknowledged the difficulty of the Churchwarden having to assemble service rotas, adding that as Churches are a cornerstone of village communities it therefore takes priority. Mike read the constitution to the committee members for approval and it was agreed by all and will be signed by Mike, Ken and Maria.

5. **AOB.** Maria asked Mike if he was happy to continue as editor and he replied he will carry on regardless as long as his health permits. Ken wanted to thank Jan Summers for all her good work she had done in the past for the newsletter. Ken asked Ali if she would be happy to fund raise for the newsletter, maybe a quiz night in the next couple of months and she agreed. Tony commented that whatever goes on the village Zeal always manages to raise money.

The meeting ended 8pm.

MAGAZINE CONSTITUTION

The name of the newsletter shall be Monachorum Matters. Its aim shall be to promote community activities carried on by local businesses, councils, village groups, the Church and residents. The objective shall be a monthly magazine, distributed free or made available to households within the Parish, with all costs met by donations, local groups and advertisers.

To further these aims and objectives there shall be a committee consisting of a Chair, an Editor, a Finance Officer, a Secretary and up to four other persons resident in the parish of Zeal Monachorum. On resignation of an existing Member, the Committee shall have the power to co-opt any resident willing to be a Committee Member. To maintain commitment to all the community, no Committee member may be seconded onto the Committee by any other local group to represent that group. The Committee shall have the power to:

1. Obtain, collect and receive monies by way of contributions, donations, grants and any other lawful method towards the aims of the newsletter;
2. Make payments for goods and services received insofar as they relate to the newsletter;
3. Do all such lawful things that further the aims of the newsletter.

The Committee shall meet at least four times a year, with at least four members present to be quorate. A proper record of all meetings shall be kept. Monies from donors, advertisers, other contributors and bequests shall be paid into an account operated by the Finance Officer; all monies drawn must be countersigned by two Committee members and funds in the account shall only be applied to further the aims of Monachorum Matters.

The duties of some Committee members shall be:

The Chair will preside over meetings and where necessary have a casting vote. They shall be responsible for signing off the minutes.

The Finance Officer will manage the Committee's account. They will at least annually present a statement of income and expenditure to the Committee.

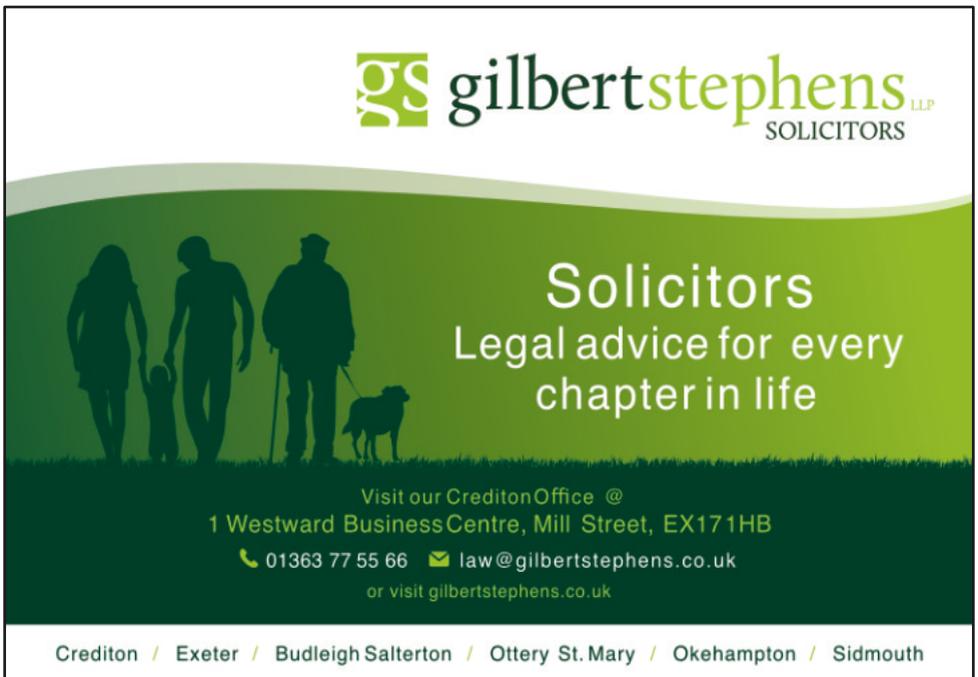
The Editor shall accept submissions from all the community. As wide a range of activities as space and finance allows shall be published and this shall consist of farming news, forthcoming events in the parish and activities of village groups. Also covered shall be reports arising from the above, as well as articles submitted by local start-up ventures and residents' stories. The Editor shall determine the allocation of space given each submission without prejudice but may, at their discretion, give priority to the Church. All submissions published shall have been scrutinised and passed by the Editor; no fliers or other inserted copy will be accepted for distribution with the magazine. The submission policy is as follows:

All articles submitted shall be apolitical and uncontroversial; all photographic copyright shall be assured by the submitter; copyright of stories submitted for publication is the responsibility of the submitter. Submissions must be received by close of business on the deadline day in place at the time. Submissions may not:

- A. contain any defamatory or libellous statement about individuals or organizations;
- B. contain obscene, offensive, inflammatory or hateful statements;
- C. promote any form of discrimination, or threatening or abusive behaviour;
- D. promote any illegal activity;
- E. infringe copyright, electronic data rights or trade marks;
- F. promote viewpoints deemed contrary to the aims of the Committee.

The Editor may, at their discretion, edit submissions to fit allocated space, or refer them to other Committee members for consent to publish; such referrals will inevitably defer publication dates and neither the Committee nor the Editor shall be accountable for that delay. Editorial decisions shall be final; in cases of a refusal, the submitter may be informed of the reason for refusal.

The Newsletter may be wound up and dissolved by a two-thirds majority of the Committee serving at the time of dissolution. If confirmed, all bills must first be paid, then advertisers reimbursed pro rata for outstanding months and the Magazine computer donated to a nearby primary school once wiped of Magazine data. All amounts left in the bank account shall be donated to charities agreed by the Committee.



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