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The newsletter for Zeal Monachorum and St Peter's Parish



Reedcombing at the top of Reeve Hill, September 2008.

EDITORIAL

Alas Jan has stood down as the Editor. Five years and a legacy of guiding this magazine through Covid, and special events like the Jubilee and a coronation are achievements difficult to follow. The magazine committee thanked Jan for all her effort.

As your new Editor, hello! With a special thank you to our regular contributors, the e-mail is still zmon.news@gmail.com and our aims and aspirations are still the same. The first issue gave our publishing guidelines as: views expressed by contributors are their own and are not necessarily endorsed or held by the Editorial Team. The Editor reserves the right to refuse publication of any material deemed unsuitable or defamatory. Please ensure that any photographs and images do not infringe any copyright and that permissions have been gained from those who appear in the photographs.

Your stories are forever welcome: as Dewbs on GB News says, keep them clean and we will publish. Especially from anybody wanting to try their hand at journalism, we need your stories. The deadline for the next issue is Monday 9th September.

Mike

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Dates for Diary

Saturday 7 Sep Village Hall Autumn Vegetable Flower & Homecraft Show entries 10-12noon, public from 2.30pm

Wednesday 11 Sep Village Hall Bingo doors 7pm eyes down 7.30 £5.00

Saturday 14 Sep Village Hall Market 10-11.30am

Saturday 28 Sep Village Hall Festival of Short Films 7 for 7.30pm £5

Monday 23 Sep 7.15 for 7.30pm Bow & District Historical Society talk: Curiosities from Exeter Cathedral Library by Emma Laws. Bow Village Hall EX17 6HU Everyone welcome Annual Membership £15 visitors £4. Enquiries 01363 82468

Village Hall

After a quiet August the Village Hall has a packed month in September. **Bingo on Wednesday 11th** and the **Market on Saturday 14th** are both back thanks to our fantastic volunteers who run them, and also thanks to the market stall holders who make it worth a visit. **Saturday 7th the Autumn Vegetable Flower & Homecraft Show**, there is something for everyone in the 39 classes. It's free to enter up to 2 entries per class for each individual. This year instead of having separate classes for adults and children, everyone can enter all classes - though judging of children & adults entries will be separate. Even those of us who aren't good at gardening may have something to enter - for example apples and other fruit which pretty much grow themselves! Do have a go and at the very least come along at 2.30pm [admittance £1 children free] to admire the hall looking a treat with all the entries and the winners. **Saturday 28th our Festival of Short Films** will be great fun with a mixture of genres including comedy, documentary, history and more from independent film makers. It will be cafe style with drinks, choc ices, and popcorn available and time to talk and critique the films. Don't miss out - it's not often you get something this right on your doorstep. Please book by 23 September so we can order enough refreshments.

Village Hall Recycling

The Council does not collect any waste or recycling from the Hall. Our volunteers kindly take it home to dispose of it with their own waste. In future to improve recycling we will have containers for plastic & metal cans; paper & cardboard; glass bottles; food waste; and for non-recyclable waste. When you're at the hall please help us by following the instructions and using the correct containers. Thanks very much.

Erica

Village Hall Chair

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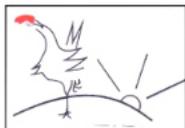


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QUIZ

- 1 Who wrote 'Treasure Island'?
- 2 What is known as an eggplant in America?
- 3 What name is shared by drummers for both Queen and Duran Duran?
- 4 What three colours are on the flag of Devon created in 2003?
- 5 Who is the only person to have been a main judge across all series of 'Strictly Come Dancing'?
- 6 Which country is landlocked by Romania and Ukraine?
- 7 What major feature of California runs from off the coast of Eureka to the Salton Sea near Bombay Beach?
- 8 What is the name of the House of Representatives in the parliament of Ireland?
- 9 Which Tracey Emin work was shortlisted for the Turner Prize in 1999?
- 10 What smuggling term derives from the practice of concealing goods beneath trouser bottoms and in the tops of footwear?
- 11 Who wrote 'The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie'?
- 12 In 1964, which literary figure was the first non-monarch depicted on a UK postage stamp?
- 13 Sharing his name with a king of Israel, who is the captain of the Pequod in Herman Melville's 'Moby Dick'?
- 14 On the periodic table, which elements have the longest and the shortest names?
- 15 Leonard da Vinci was born just outside which Tuscan town?

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FISHING CLUB CHAT

Hi All

We have been very busy recently and have not been able to get in any fishing ourselves. But we are pleased to say that our junior members seem to be leading the way. I have included this picture of Alfie Heal with its caption. His first cast landed him a 9 lbs carp and he also had a 6 lbs plus carp and a rudd well over one pound, which took a floating pellet off the surface. Rob Peck's grandchildren Harry and George had some nice tench and carp. I hope to get down and do some ledger fishing myself later this month. Are there any members who can spare the time to do help clearing some of the swims, so we can have a junior competition later on in the month? Please let us know!

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Ken and Jane



Alfie Heal and his nine-pounder.

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ZEAL MONACHORUM WI

The month of August is always members night, the committee can sit back and relax. Jen Santer acted as President and Cath Kemp dealt with secretarial duties. Members had arranged board and card games and they provided "nibbles" of which there was a good variety, Pimms and a non alcoholic version went down well. Much laughter was forthcoming from the table playing "UNO" must have a go at that another time! We're back to normal services for September where we welcome our speakers, Robin & Edwina Hill talking about Dormice on North Dartmoor. September is a "bring and buy month" where any sales help to swell funds. Visitors always welcome and that includes gentlemen, should a subject spark an interest. Just a £1 a visit.

Do make a note in your diaries Sunday 1st December, "Tea and Tinsel" in the village hall 3pm-5pm. This will be a ticketed event and further details will appear as and when we have sorted out all the rudimentary elements!!

Photo below of the August Members' Night supplied by Erica Eden



ZEAL PARISH COUNCIL

The last Parish Council meeting was held on 25th July. There were no apologies for what turned out to be a quiet meeting.

During the Open Forum representatives from 3 Star House outlined ongoing problems with disputes over maintenance of a boundary hedge and fence. The council explained that it was not in their remit to be involved in private disagreements but thanked them for bringing it to their notice and hoped the matter could be resolved.

Representatives from District and County councils were present. Councillor Margaret Squires reported that she now has a modest locality budget available for improvements within the parish. So any suggestions, please bring to the September meeting.

The seat at Wooten Top has now been repaired and re instated . Councillor Peter Heal was thanked for carrying out the necessary work.

During a planning application Mike Russell declared an interest and left the meeting. After discussion the council voted to approve the planning application from April Cottage but held reservations about the accuracy of the floor plan.

The meeting was then closed at 8.05.

The date of the next meeting is 26th September at 7.00 pm.

Rob Peck ,Chair.



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After a very busy month in July a number of the shelves were in much need of replenishment. Thankfully on the 27th July the Foodbank had a successful collection day at Tescos. Shelves were filled once again ready for business as usual for the following week.

I am happy to say that I was able, each week to take in a substantial delivery. This also helps to make a difference and the volunteers are always pleased to accept our donations with much appreciation.

In August there was no Village Market as that is holiday month. However, it will start again in September. **Come along.** The food stall will be there to tempt the taste buds. You can sit and chat with friends and acquaintances over tea, coffee and cake!



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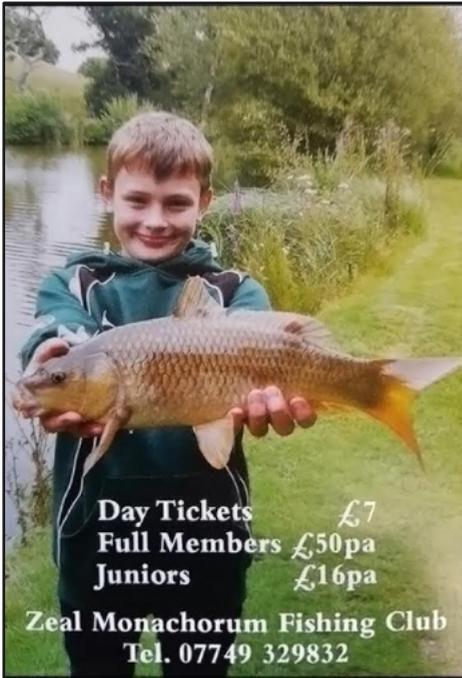


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Answers to Quiz on Page 4

1. Robert Louis Stevenson
2. Aubergine
3. Roger Taylor
4. Black, green and white
5. Craig Revel Horwood
6. Moldova
7. San Andreas fault
8. Dail Eireann
9. 'My bed'
10. Bootlegging
11. Muriel Spark
12. William Shakespeare
13. Ahab
14. Rutherfordium, Tin
15. Vinci



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Dear Parishioners,

As I write this item for the September Monachorum Matters in what is still early August, the weather is very changeable but up to now we have not experienced the thunderstorms that some parts of the country have. Even the Olympics were not spared the rain. We are very lucky with technology to be able to share the successes of our athletes and all they achieve through hard work and dedication to their respective disciplines.

September sees new beginnings for our young people the start of the new academic year, some starting school, some moving to senior school, some to university/college and some beginning their new life in work. We wish them all well on whatever path is theirs.

In September the Church marks the Season of Creation. Prayers are said for the works of nature and the preservation of the environment. This will climax for us on the 22nd September which will be our Harvest Festival. As a church we come together to give thanks not only for the harvest of field, garden and sea but also for the wonderful countryside we live in. A collection will be made and donated to charity. After the service we will have bring and share refreshments. The church will be decorated on the Saturday, items of vegetables and fruit that are donated will be available for a donation after the service and any money raised will be added to the collection.

Come, ye thankful people, come.

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Church rota for September 2024

September 1st	10.00am	Trinity 13, Creation 1 (lay led)	Family Service
Old Testament		Deuteronomy 4: 1-2,6-9	Miss Lynn Warren
New Testament		Mark 7: 1-8,14-15,21-23	Mrs Jane Hogg
Sidesman			Mr Tony Brealy
Altar Flowers			Mrs Susan Down
Church cleaner			Mrs Susan Bostock

September 8th	6.30pm	Trinity 14, Creation 2	C W E
Old Testament		Isaiah 35: 4-7	Mrs Becky Harvey
New Testament		James 2: 1-10 (11-13) 14-17	Mr Robert Peck
Gospel		Mark 7: 24-37	Rev Michael Hall
Sidesman			Mr Tony Brealy
Altar Flowers		8th & 15th	Mrs Hazel Wainwright

September 22nd 6.30pm Creation 4, Harvest Festival

Readings and readers to be arranged.

Sidesman		Mr Colin Crothers
Altar flowers	22nd & 29th	Miss Lynn Warren

September 29th There is no service at Zeal. A Mission Community Eucharist is being held at Colebrooke at 10.00am. Light refreshments are served after our family service.

From the registers Burial Terence Frank Woodison aged 87

Devon Historic Churches Trust Day. Saturday, 14th September.

The Devon Historic Church's Day is the major fundraising day for the Trust and it incorporates the annual Ride and Stride A day when anyone can take part in fund raising for our historic church buildings. Any money raised through sponsored events is divided between the Trust and a church of your choosing. All the information is available on their website. Sponsor forms can also be downloaded from the Trusts website for anyone who wishes to take part.

Margaret (Churchwarden)



Stooks at the top of Reeve Hill, September 2008 by Mike.

September Garden Advice from Bow Garden Centre

1. Plant new shrubs and trees to get them off to a flying start for next year, as they will have had all Winter to settle in. Bow has an extensive range of shrubs and trees, so it's worth a visit!
2. Prune roses including climbing, rambling and standard to just above a 5 leaf shoot, once they've finished flowering. Prune late-Summer flowering shrubs, and any dead or diseased growth. Give evergreen hedges a final trim to make sure they are in good shape for Autumn.
3. Now is the time to use Winter tree wash to remove insect debris, dust and wax which insects use to secure their eggs. Suitable for use on all plants, but particularly evergreens, it removes contaminants from the leaf surface to increase light exposure and encourage photosynthesis. Also use Seal & Heal to seal any tree wounds, and protect pruned branches against ingress of diseases and harmful pests such as coral spot and silver leaf. Use Greasebands & Moth Pheromone Traps on trees as a pest barrier for fruit trees – these pesticide-free grease bands & traps are ideal for organic gardeners and effectively trap moths and other insects.
4. Refresh hanging baskets, pots and borders with colourful Autumn bedding.
5. Repair any brown-looking grass and patches on your lawn now, using Patch Repair, lawn & turf dressing, grass seeds, and lawn feed, all available in-store. Scarify off heavy moss or thatch.
6. Keep your garden looking tidy by gathering up leaves from lawns and pathways now. Use a garden vacuum or rake, and leaf collector to help make the job easier.
7. Divide overgrown perennials to maintain their health and promote better growth in the coming seasons.
8. Start planting & planning your spring-blooming bulbs like tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths so that they flower in time for Spring next year (save tulip bulbs for Oct/Nov planting). Bow has an extended range of bulbs now in store, so you can choose your favourite display of colours.
9. Cover your pond using a pond net to protect it from leaves falling. Debris can result in algae and sludge which, if left for long enough, will reduce oxygen levels and harm your fish. Pond vacuums also help to maintain a clear healthy pond this time of year.
10. Clear out your greenhouse and clean the glass to increase the amount of sunlight coming in. Also get to work on removing any pests and disinfect inside your greenhouse. Get bubble wrap and greenhouse heaters ready for Winter.

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ZEAL IMAGING GROUP

Since last anything was reported in the Magazine, the group has held regular monthly meetings where we view the results of our outings. There has been a sunset at Hartland Quay, rock climbers on Great Hound Tor, beeches lining Station Road at Bridestowe and bluebells in Meldon Woods. The weather was not so good for our other visits to Halstock Cleave and Cumston Tor.

The aim of the group is just to enjoy taking pictures. Yes, there is a lot of advice on offer: old-fashioned photography could get pretty hairy when everything had to be hand set. Modern cameras are a whole lot easier, just so long as they are held steady after the night before.

We have, for the second year, also been tasked with producing pictures for Zeal's Fishing Club calendar. All taken within the parish boundary, there are mists and sunrises, local seasonal views and even perhaps some celestial fireworks to choose from. My thanks go to Andy, Daz, Helen, Ken and Tom for their input.

Mike Russell



Great Hound Tor by Ken.



Great Hound Tor stack by Daz.



May bluebells by Tom.

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