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MONACHORUM MATTERS

The newsletter for Zeal Monachorum and St Peter's Parish



Primroses in a Zeal bank by Jan Summers

VILLAGE EVENTS - IMPORTANT NEWS

In view of the constantly changing situation around coronavirus/ Covid-19 the Village Hall Management Committee has reluctantly taken the decision to cancel all events in the hall until Easter. Where possible we will give, in the newsletter, advance notice of any further changes but we will also use posters to provide urgent information when appropriate.

Events affected include: coffee mornings (Weds), WI (Apr 1), Spring Flower and Vegetable Show (Apr 4), market (Apr 11).

**** For advice on what to do if you are affected by the virus see page 14 ****

As far as is known at the time of printing the following events will go ahead:

Fri 3 April Mobile Library, 1.15 pm – 1.40 pm at Waie Cross

Mon 6 April Zeal Explorers, 2.00 pm at bus stop

NOTE: Easter runs from Fri 10 April to Monday 13 April.

ACTIVITIES AT THE WAIE INN

MON: Walking netball, 6-7pm;

Five-a-side football, 8-9pm.

TUE: Aqua Aerobics, 7.30 – 8.15pm.

WED: Circuits, 9.30 – 10.30am;

Aqua Aerobics, 11.45am –
12.30pm.

THU: Kettlebell/dumbbell training,
9.30 – 10.30am.

**No need to book any of the above –
you can just turn up.**

NOTE: Sat 11 April: fireworks for a
wedding party at around 10pm



EDITORIAL

The national news this month is all about the Coronavirus that is sweeping the world. Here in Zeal we are certainly not immune to the issue and on Page 14 we offer some advice and give details of what you can do if you need help, or are able to provide it. The page is in the centre of the magazine along with our regular contacts page, so that you can easily remove it and keep it handy for when you need to refer to it.

Also in this issue, apart from all our regular features, we have an article on the cholera epidemic of 1866 (pages 22/23) – things have come a long way since then. We also continue Norman Vicary's memories of his life in Zeal, on page 10. With spring just round the corner (hopefully) we have some great gardening features to give ideas for your own garden, as well as an article on the use of peat-based gardening products, see pages 18, 19 and 20.

Whatever the coming month brings we wish you a Happy Easter and urge you to stay safe and healthy.

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

A blustery Saturday night in March saw 40 hardy souls venture to the Village Hall, lured by a promise of a pasty, a drink and a quiz. The winning team of Ken & Jane Hogg, Jos & Ali Birchwhite and Ian and Becky Ringrose went home with bottles of wine; the runners-up were the Wainwright family who won a box of Celebrations. It was a very enjoyable night and we send our thanks to all who came and contributed to the fun, and particularly to all those who helped prepare for, and run, the evening. The pictures below were taken by David Bowyer.



NOTES: Film night and Bingo have now finished until September.

The Village Hall was closed after the March market, future events will be dependent on the progress of the coronavirus.

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ST PETER'S CHURCH NEWS

Our Pancake Praise service on Sunday 23rd February was lovely: the children made pancakes during the service and we all ate far too many, washed down with numerous cups of tea. Our first service in March was led by the Worship group with Eucharist the following week led by Rev David Rowbottom. The service on March 22 was Mothering Sunday and there is a Mission Community Eucharist in Lapford on March 29.

April sees us into Easter with Palm Sunday and then our Easter Eve Service which will be Clergy led. We need to start planning for summer events and fund raisers, in particular the summer fete. Any other fund raising ideas you may have will be gratefully received by the PCC, as will all offers of help for various activities.

The Parish Giving scheme is well under way, and if you would like to participate there are forms available in the Church or directly from me. Even £5 per month makes a huge difference to our finances. I hope you all have a good month.

Susie

FLOWER ROTA

12 April (Easter) & 19 April: - Margaret Harris

26 April & 3 May - Hazel Wainwright

SERVICES AT ST PETER'S IN APRIL

5 April	10.00am O/T reading N/T reading	Palm Sunday Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a Matthew 27: 11 - 54 Sidesmen Welcome Offertory	Worship Group Lynn Warren Tony Breal Marian Quick
11 April Saturday	5.30pm O/T reading N/T reading Gospel	Easter Eve CWE Exodus 14:10 – end, 15: 20-21 Romans 6: 3 - 11 Matthew 28: 1 - 10 Sidesmen Welcome Offertory	Rev David Rowbottom Gavin Rowden Colin Crothers Rev David Rowbottom Tony Breal
19 April		No service	
26 April Easter 3	6.30pm O/T reading N/T reading	BCP Evensong Zephaniah 3: 14 - end Luke 24: 13 - 35 Sidesmen Welcome & Offertory	Worship Group Becky Harvey Susan Bostock Marian Quick
3 May Easter 4	10.00 am O/T reading N/T reading	Morning Prayer Genesis 7: John 10: 1 - 10 Sidesmen Welcome Offertory	Worship Group Lynn Warren Tony Breal Marian Quick

CREDITON FOODBANK

As always the Foodbank very gratefully received five large bags of food and £40 from Zeal Monachorum last month. The needs at the moment are: sugar, long life milk, strawberry jam, custard, rice pudding, corned beef, tinned ham, tinned tomatoes, cat and dog food. And if you are able to donate money this enables the volunteers to buy fresh food which we perhaps take for granted.

As COVID19 will be with us for a while hygiene must be uppermost in all our minds; so it must be for all those who are struggling to make ends meet. Shower gel, hand soap, tissues, toilet paper, toilet bleach, Dettol clean surface wipes etc.-all are needed and whatever you donate is always so very much appreciated. Thank you and God Bless.

RAINFALL

February 212 mm / 8½ inches.

This is the second highest rainfall since records began in 1996. The wettest month ever recorded was December 1999 with a rainfall of 229mm / 9¼ inches.

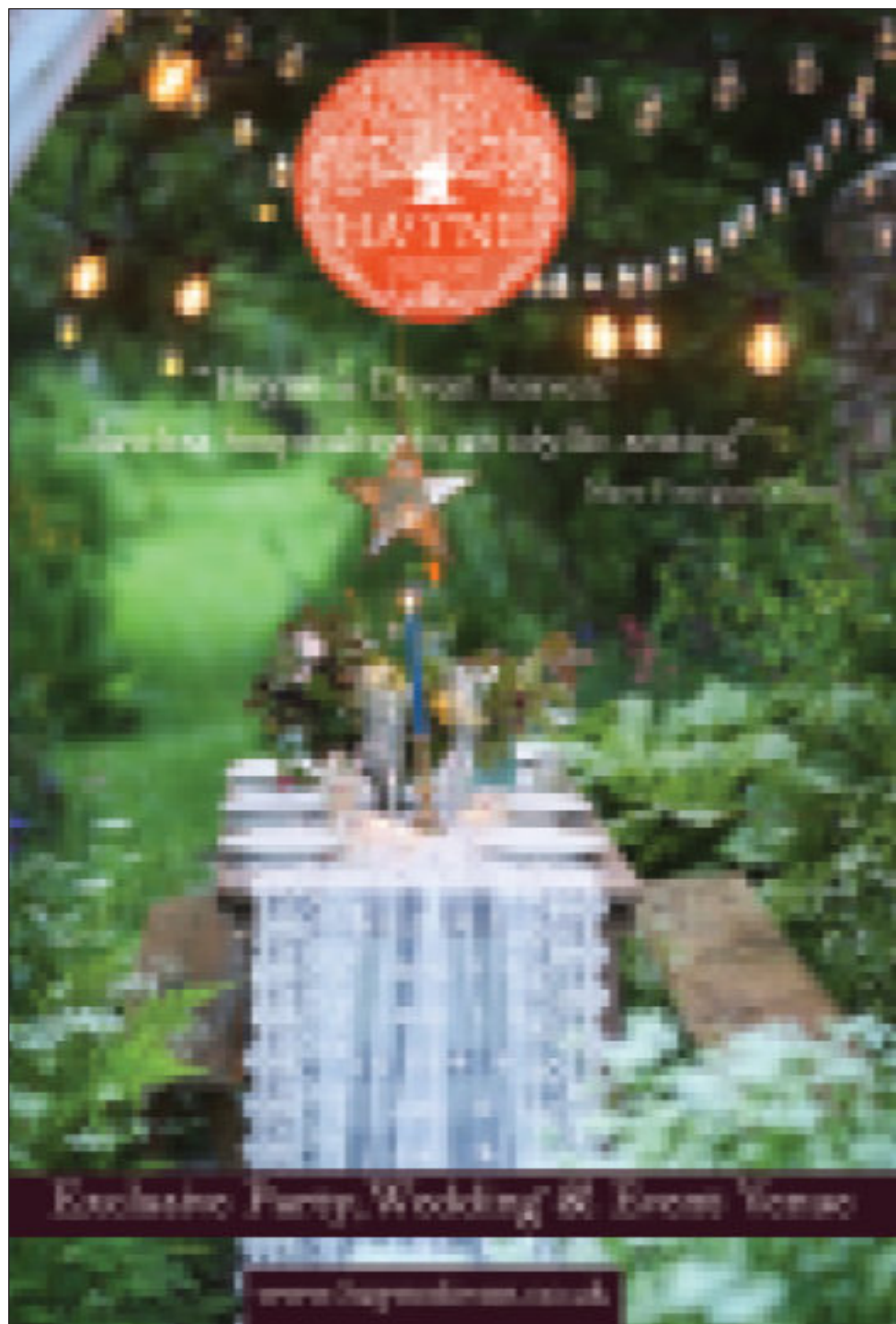
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MEMORIES OF LIFE IN ZEAL

Part 2 – school days, businesses and characters in Zeal

At the age of five I started at the village school, at first being taught by Miss Muriel Greenslade and then by the Headmistress Miss Hortop. She came from Northam and lodged during the week with Mr and Mrs Sidney Leach at Moor View. Late on Friday afternoons she was taken to Morchard Road Station by pony and trap taxi, and collected on Monday mornings. The ‘taxi’ driver was a dear old lady, Miss Hopkins (known to us all as ‘Hoppy’). In those days school attendance was strictly monitored, woe betide anyone who stayed away without a good excuse. Nothing escaped the eagle eye of Mr Hall, the Attendance Officer, who called monthly to check the register.

I do not remember the date but one day there was a sudden rise in the number of pupils attending school; the evacuees had arrived. They came in late afternoon and were taken in by many of the village families. I remember the names of some of the evacuees: Albert Wilde, John Yaxley, Alice and May Bellinger, Norman and Alan Gazzard to name a few. The Devon General bus which brought the children to the village took a wrong turn at the bottom of Town Hill, went down to Tucking Mill and got stuck on the bridge, where it had to stay overnight.

Opposite the school is Glebe Cottage. The barn, which I presume was the tithe barn where land owners paid their dues to the church, still stands today. Telephones first came to Zeal in 1935 and, as far as I know, only six dwellings were originally connected. There were three shops in the village, the main one being the general stores run by Mr and Mrs Sloman. There was a second general store at Partridge Cottage which was run by the Rounsley family and the Post Office, *[now Yew Tree Cottage at the bottom of Rattle street/Gissage Hill]*, was run by Mrs Emily Hooper. Behind the Post Office was John Hooper’s blacksmith’s shop. The name Rattle Street came from the noise of the hammers on the anvil. John Hooper’s shoeing smith was Charlie Dennis.

Further up Rattle Street was Clifford Castle’s workshop. Clifford, the master carpenter, would proudly show us his coffin which he made ready, as he said, for his day of departure. Where there is a row of bungalows was Clifford’s garden and I can remember seeing Mrs Castle picking strawberries there.

Clifford had a brother, Joe, who lived in Sacristan Cottage and worked as a lengthsman for the County Council, keeping the drains and roadside gutters clear. Now Joe Castle was renowned for two things: laziness and drinking. It was said he had a

permanent blister on his chest from leaning on his shovel. He used to cycle to Morchard Road to drink at the Sturt Arms [*now the Devonshire Dumpling*] and hearsay has it that one night he got back to the bottom of Week Hill, went to get off his bike and realised he had left it at the pub,

Other well-known tradesmen include Charles Greenslade, a stone mason and builder, who lived at the bottom of Town Hill, and Bob Hancock, the cobbler, who lived in Western Road.

One of the bakers who came to the village was Mr Hodge of Bow. He came with his horse and cart and usually finished his round at the Burston Inn [*now the Co-op*] where he tied his horse to a field gate near the inn. One night the local lads took the horse from the shafts which they then put through the gate and put the horse on the wrong side, facing the cart. It must have been quite confusing for someone who had had a few drinks too many.

Next month: special events in the life of Zeal residents

PROPOSED NEW VILLAGE HUB

The Village Hall, formerly the old school, has served the community for over 60 years. It has reached a point where it is expensive to maintain and unable to cope with the demands put on it. Sixty years ago we had a population of 240 and very few cars. Today we have a population of 420 and a dramatic increase in vehicles. This has led to an acute parking problem near the hall when events are held, as well as throughout the village.

The Village Hall trustees have formed a sub-committee to explore the possibility of building a new hall on a new site, which we think would benefit the whole community. The sub-committee (named The Village Hub Committee) has been working behind the scenes for the last eight months, discussing how the project could be funded, where the best site might be, and other things that could be included e.g. car park, community shop, recreation area.

Before we can proceed we need to establish the views of our residents. To this end a community survey will be prepared and delivered to each household. We also plan to hold a consultation evening to which everyone is warmly invited, to meet the committee members, ask questions and make suggestions. There will be a wine and cheese reception at the close. Our proposed timetable has been disrupted by the coronavirus but we hope to have more details in the next newsletter.

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Village Hall Chairman



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FISHING CLUB CHAT

Hi All: There's not a lot to say this month as the horrific weather has not been helping on-going work at the lake. Once again we have been plagued by the cormorant: these birds are finding their way inland because of the flooding as fish from lakes and canals spilling out from the water make easy pickings. We are looking forward to warmer weather. We had a donation made of reels, rods and a fishing seat from one of our members; this will be a great help for any young anglers, so a big thank you for this donation, it is greatly appreciated. There are 3 places left that I have been holding, so if any members have not yet paid, please could you let me have your fees before the end of the month.

As you may have seen in the last newsletter, the lake and the garden at Monkscroft are open on the weekend of 28th and 29th March from 12 noon – 5pm; we look forward to seeing you all then.

Tight lines

Ken and Jane

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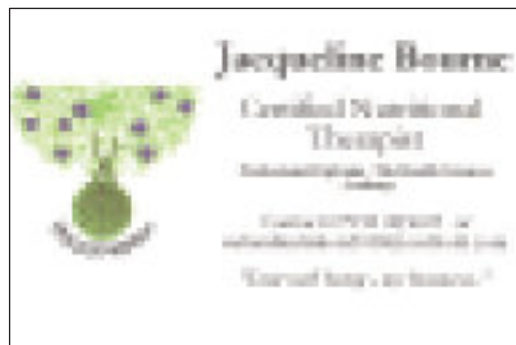
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GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

Coronavirus, or COVID-19 as it is now known, is making headlines world wide and is having an impact on many events throughout the country. Here in Devon we are certainly not isolated from the issue. Though the situation changes daily we should all be aware of the potential for catching and spreading this virus, and do everything we can to prevent that from happening. We are not trying to be alarmist, but it is right that we should all take sensible precautions for our own wellbeing and that of our nearest and dearest, as well as the public at large. The best source of advice is Public Health England and if you are unsure of what to do I urge you to check the Government web site (see below).

Here in Zeal Monachorum this has prompted us to bring forward our planned Good Neighbour Scheme which we highlighted in a recent issue. Below we give details of who to contact if you need assistance, or if you can offer help. In particular, if you are elderly and living alone please don't feel isolated; community spirit is alive and flourishing here.

IF YOU NEED HELP

If you find yourself unable to leave your home because you are ill or self-isolated with COVID-19 (or Coronavirus), and you need help with shopping or getting prescriptions or with something else, please contact one of the following people. They will try to find someone to help you.

Anne & Tony Hubery	01363 82683	Jan Summers	01363 82571
Sally Rowden	01363 82531	Jackie Watson	01363 82263
Mandy Smith	07855 830668		

DRIVERS NEEDED

If you are a Zeal Monachorum resident and you are willing and able to be a volunteer driver to get shopping and prescriptions, please contact either Karen or Jackie, giving your name, address and phone numbers, and you will be added to the volunteer driver list. Please be aware that there is no money for this volunteer role for costs or expenses.

Karen Hunt: karenhunt1962@outlook.com

Jackie Watson: jacquelinewatsondevon@gmail.com

For up to date general advice on COVID-19/Coronavirus, please go to the Government web site:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

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CONTACTS

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Village Hall: Chairman Ken Down. Tel. 01363 82204
Secretary & bookings Jan Summers. Tel. 01363 82571

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County Councillor: Margaret Squires. Tel. 01363 84337
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Parliament: Mel Stride MP. Tel. 01392 823 306
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Details of some nearest services

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Primary schools: Bow: Station Rd, Bow, Crediton. EX17 6HU
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4QD. Tel. 0345 155 1015 [general enquiries]

Email: customer@devon.gov.uk

Care Direct: Tel. 0345 115 100

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Devon Voluntary Action: www.devonva.org Tel. 01404 544 045

ARCHIVE PICTURE



Archive Photo no. 159 Zeal Monachorum Flower Show. Village Hall 1967

Miss Oatway presenting the cup to Mrs L Quick

*From left: Mr L Quick, Mrs J Burrow, Mrs W Quick, Miss Oatway [Judge],
Mrs L Quick, Mr D Webber, Mr A Steer, Mr L Stevens, unknown.*

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GARDENING DIARY FOR APRIL

'April is one of those months that has four weeks but easily seven or eight personalities' Thomas C. Cooper 1985

After all the wet weather we have endured since last Autumn and the lack of any kind of real winter, I wonder what kind of April we will see? April should move us on from budding branches to full hedgerows and bright spring flowers everywhere but things could be very different if the sun doesn't shine, the rains don't stop and the cold wind blows.

When we get the chance to be outside the soil should be slowly warming up and drying out sufficiently to weed and rake it ready for young plants next month or beans and peas directly in the ground. You could try covering the soil with layers of newspaper or cardboard and a mulch to increase the warmth and to stop new weeds emerging. If newspaper is used, young plants can be planted directly through holes in it and they will settle straight into a warm growing medium ready to gain a great start.

Leave tulip leaves (and all bulbs) to feed the bulb for next year's display and note now where a fresh showing would look good. If you have some bulbs to move, dig them up and dry them ready to be planted out somewhere else in the autumn.

It is not too late to check that climbing and tall plants have sufficient support before they need it. This might include clematis, day lilies and peonies. Ensure you have stakes ready for delphiniums and sunflowers later in the season, too. Twiggy prunings (e.g. hazel, willow and cornus,) and some string around a plant make very effective supports and can be made to the correct size for each one. They soon become camouflaged as the foliage grows.

When not busy in the garden, take a minute to look out for the swallows and martins returning, the frogspawn and gorse and to listen out for the chiff chaff and the cuckoo. With their song we might truly feel that spring is in the air.

Happy Easter



April weather, rain and sunshine both together - English country saying

*The first of April is the day we remember what we are
the other 364 days of the year. Mark Twain*

NOTES FROM BLUEBERRY HILL MARKET GARDEN

Greetings everyone. Preparations for the new growing season are coming along nicely this year thanks to the help of John, and Jon, two splendid gardeners. Thanks to farmer Phil and Francis, too, for all the post and tunnel help. We've all been working our way through the massive pile of horse manure purchased from farmers Viv and Jane, one of the fine investments we've made recently. Determined to adhere to a strict no-dig approach, the manure is being laid down in as many areas as it will cover. The garden compost will provide the rest of the mulch material. Sowing of vegetable seeds is well under way, and vegetable plants will be available to buy from the beginning of April.

With the climate crisis on my mind for much of the time, I'm determined that we shall do our very best to mitigate the worst effects and help to tackle it. I confess that, until recently, we used bagged compost, mainly to fit with the cash-flow situation; no more. We now buy organic compost from Devon in dumpy bags: no more plastic. Our organic poultry feed comes in paper sacks and we shall seek to buy our seed potato from suppliers who don't pack them in plastic netting. The no-dig system we employ means that there is no soil disturbance which can release CO₂, among other benefits. We are also learning to develop a permaculture system so that the garden will, in time, become self-sustaining and highly productive.

Now here's something new for you.... We often need to buy in top-up supplies from other growers in Devon, in order to fulfil our weekly vegetable orders. Thinking about the climate crisis, we would like to ask all local growers if you would be interested in selling us your surplus produce. We'll buy it from you at a set price for each category of produce, and we will make the same amount per kg on it. Our criteria are that no synthetic fertilisers are used, and that no chemical pest control or herbicides are used either. Not only should this encourage more home growing, but we will be able to supply more people with locally grown produce so that we'll all be doing our bit. Any surplus that doesn't go into the weekly baskets can be sold from our shop. Please e-mail me at blueberryjacqui@hotmail.co.uk if you would like to get involved. Thank you to all who have visited the shop so far by the way. It has been a good start. Thanks to Krzysztof Tchorek for the wonderful cabin.

Kind wishes

Jacqui

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THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

FOR PEAT'S SAKE

This month's tip on what *you* can do. . .

Using peat in gardens releases a million tonnes of CO₂ every year, but peat is not necessary to grow most plants. Peat-lands make up 11% of England's land area and are a massively important and unique ecosystem due to the role they play in maintaining biodiversity, carbon storage and flood risk management. Peat is one of the unsung heroes of our natural world: a very particular eco-system that provides a safe haven to a wealth of plants, birds and insects and the largest and most efficient land-based store of carbon, one of the planet's damaging greenhouse gases.

Peat bogs store, on average, ten times more carbon per hectare than any other eco-system including forests. Although they cover just 3% of the world's land area, they hold nearly 30% of all carbon stored on land. Extracting peat not only destroys this store of carbon, it also causes it to be released into the atmosphere, adding substantially to greenhouse gas emissions.

The 1994 UK Biodiversity Action Plan said that 90% of the UK growing medium/soil improver market should be peat free by 2010. The garden industry failed to meet this target. In 2011 a government white paper proposed ending the use of peat in England in the garden and hobby market by 2020. This voluntary agreement also has not been met. According to the garden centre industry this is because there's no consumer demand for peat-free composts. However, there are now effective peat-free alternatives for all compost and growing mediums.

It's time to do your bit - buy only peat-free compost, refuse to buy peat-based composts. Ask whether garden centre plants are grown in peat-based composts, if they are, ask your local garden centre to commit to being peat-free. Show there is consumer demand for peat-free.

Erica Eden

SAVING THE PLANET

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ZEAL MONACHORUM W.I

Did you know . . .

- Zeal WI celebrated its 66th birthday on 4th March. Members enjoyed a fish and chip supper supplied by Graylings of North Tawton.
- Devon Federation celebrates its centenary in June and each Institute will mark the occasion in their own way. We plan to run a BBQ and boules event; if wet, it will be skittles and food in the village hall.
- You don't have to be invited to join the WI; you can just pop in and see if you like us. You can do this for three meetings for the small charge of £1 per meeting.
- Anyone can come along, male or female, if our speaker sparks your interest; as a visitor there is a small charge of £1.
- Every December we visit a local hostelry, chosen by members, for our Christmas Dinner.
- Our activities are publicised in the newsletter each month. Our new programme starts in May and details will be in the next newsletter.
- Our speaker on May 6 is Mandy Vellacott on "Wellness Experience", and in June 1 we have Paul Cleave talking about "Wartime Recipes"

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THE VISITATION OF THE CHOLERA IN ZEAL MONACHORUM 1866

On 12th October 1866 newspapers started reporting the outbreak of Cholera in Zeal Monachorum which began late on Saturday night 6th October. A respectable inhabitant of Zeal wrote the following account to a contemporary: "I had returned late from a long journey on Saturday night, and by the time I had eaten my supper, and done several necessary things preparatory to the Sabbath, I found it was past midnight. At this time I was alarmed by a loud knocking, and on opening my door I saw my neighbour, Mrs Sanders, wife of the village schoolmaster, who bade me come and see her husband, who was alarmingly ill. On visiting him, I saw that he was in great pain and suffering from cramp. I endeavoured to find my pony in the orchard in order to ride for the nearest medical man, but owing to the darkness of the night I did not succeed, and therefore ran to the neighbouring village of Bow for Mr Warren, surgeon, and on arriving there found another person from the other extremity of Zeal village, who told me that he was come on a similar errand, and expressed his fears that someone was also ill at Mr Clotworthy's, in the centre of the village, as he saw a light in his house and several people round the door. Mr Warren was promptly on the spot, but could do nothing to save the sufferers, who all died in a few hours after they were attacked; and the epidemic spread so rapidly that by noon on Sunday there were more than twenty cases of cholera in Zeal, nine of which terminated fatally."

That night Dr Warren stayed in the village for about three hours, and on his way back to Bow at about 6am he called at Sutton Farm to ask Mr William Snell, an overseer of the poor and a church warden, to obtain some lime to be used freely as a disinfectant around the village.

Zeal is said to be a well-drained healthy village and many of its inhabitants are octogenarians. The villagers account for the outbreak from the fact that Mrs Sanders, and a number of her neighbours, had visited a cholera-stricken town a few days ago. No local professional nurses were available to assist and so the Vicar of Down St Mary telegraphed the Sisters of Mercy Convent in East Grinstead, who sent a nurse to the village.

John Pedler, from Barons Wood, a local guardian of the poor, wrote referring to the Reverend Cooper (Rector of Zeal 1856-1871), "Bigotry, however, has been at its old work, casting cold water on humane efforts. The like calamity has seldom fallen on any place where more unanimity has prevailed between the inhabitants generally, in rendering assistance to one another, excepting the individual referred to, who has done little or nothing but find fault, of which more will come before the public." The Rev Cooper later complained to the Poor Law Commissioners that the response by the Crediton Union had been inadequate and delayed but Dr Budd

submitted a report saying how satisfied he was with the use of disinfectants, and that seemed to have halted the outbreak. His only criticism was that he had had to restrict “the too profuse use of brandy”.

Out of a population of 204, 15 died in the Zeal outbreak. There were another 20 severe cases, mainly affecting children. All the funerals were conducted by the Rev Edward Cooper. From the burial register 7 - 18 October 1866: Martha Baker 3, Mary Jane Brailey 2, Jane Clotworthy 5, Frank Clotworthy 8 months, William Crispin 30, Agnes Dart 54, Ann Dart 5, Emanuel Dart 7, Sarah Ann Gibbings 3, Anna Keziah Haskings 7, John Sanders 56, George Tucker 10 months, Mary Ann Tucker 30, Robert Tucker 66, and one unbaptised.

The following May 1867, the villagers of Zeal Monachorum presented William Warren with a “handsome epergne” (a table centre piece of silver used for fruit or flowers) to thank him for his unremitting attention to his patients during the Cholera outbreak. They also made a gift to the Sisters of East Grinstead and gave five pounds to a young man named Castle in the village who acted as nurse when no females were willing or able to assist. This may have been Thomas Castle born in 1846 son of Joseph, carpenter, and Elizabeth. Thomas is recorded in the 1871 census as undertaker and sexton, it is thought he lived in Sacristan Cottage.

Cholera is an infection that causes severe diarrhoea and, untreated, commonly leads to death by dehydration. Although at that time known to be transmitted from one person to another, it was not until 1854 that the role of sewerage and the contamination of water supplies was confirmed. The Cholera germ was not identified until 1883.

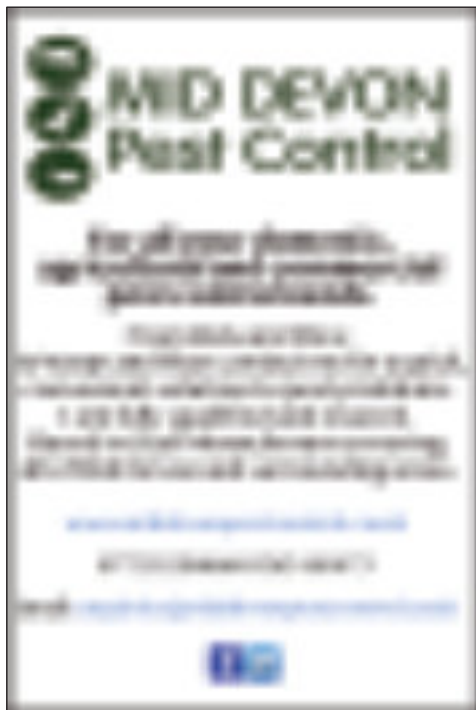
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QUIZ

1. Dendrochonology is the study of?
2. Who is expected to become the next Duke of Edinburgh?
3. What is the rule for the sum of the dots on the sides of a dice?
4. Which gastropods might I find in my garden?
5. What is a zig zag ski race called?
6. Hg is the chemical symbol for?
7. What occurs once in a minute, once in a second but never in a thousand days?
8. Ankara is the capital of which country?
9. What is another name for Egg Plant?
10. For what is Christian Barnard famous?
11. Which mountain range extends through Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia?
12. What does 'Hoi Polloi' actually mean?
13. How do the French refer to the 1st of April?
14. What is to be the title of Daniel Craig's last film as James Bond?
15. Finding Dory is the sequel to which film?

Minute Quiz

Add 2 letters either side of these words to make a longer one. eg. MEN
moMENTS: a) ANN b) EAT c) CAP d) CAN e) LEND

Answers for the March Quiz

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| 1. Shrove Tuesday (Fat Tuesday) | 9. Someone whose knowledge spans a large number of subjects |
| 2. Doha | |
| 3. The assassination of Julius Caesar | 10. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. |
| 4. The heron | Lewis Carroll |
| 5. The interpretation of patterns in tea leaves and coffee grounds | 11. Pisces |
| 6. Peter Crouch | 12. Penguin Books - Paperbacks |
| 7. Tradition says St David died on this day in 589 AD | 13. March |
| 8. Normal visual acuity at a distance of 20 feet | 14. Speaker of the House of Commons |
| | 15. When day and night are of equal length |

Minute Quiz Answers

- a) Bakewell b) Eaton c) Chorley/Eccles d) Arbroath
e) Melton Mowbray



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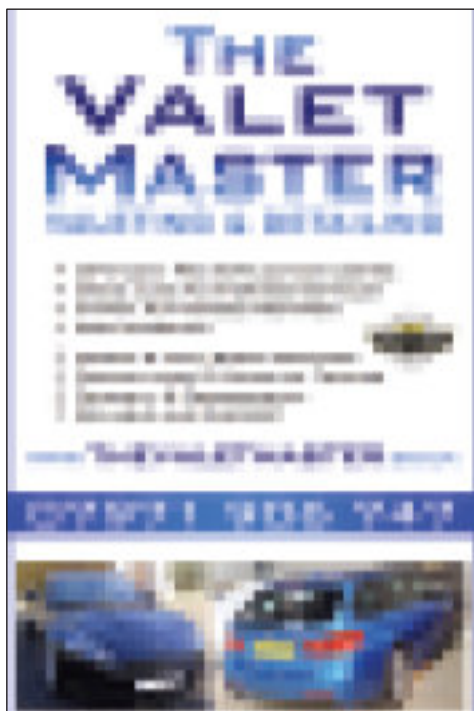
DEN BROOK COMMUNITY FUND

At its meeting on 4th March, the Den Brook Community Fund Committee voted to award grants to the following organisations – North Tawton Bowling Club, North Tawton Rugby Club, Spreyton Village Hall, South Zeal Toddlers Group and the Bow Recreation Group CIC. Two of the grants were for the installation of significant storage provision, others were for installation of a new floor, nursery equipment and also for replacement windows. The total amount of the grants came to £16,645.80.

The Committee will meet again in September to consider the next “round” of grant applications and the deadline for receipt of applications from organisations wishing to apply for funding is 31st July 2020.

Guidelines, Terms and Conditions and the Application Form can be obtained from the North Tawton Town Council Office 14a The Square, North Tawton, EX20 2EP, or by e-mailing denbrookcommunityfund@gmail.com.

The Den Brook Community Fund is administered by representatives of Bow, North Tawton, South Tawton, Spreyton and Zeal Monachorum Parish Councils.





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