

# MONACHORUM MATTERS

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The newsletter for Zeal Monachorum and St Peter's Parish



*Blackberries on a Zeal Lane -  
it won't be too long before we start picking the fruit.*

## EDITORIAL

As we go into August and what we hope will be a period of sunshine and holiday activities, it is noticeable that there is less to promote in the coming month. So let's look forward to the Autumn Show on September 7 (see Page 4), and perhaps the school holidays could provide some time to work on your entries.

This is my last newsletter as Editor and, over the next month, I will be handing over to the new incumbent. I will let them introduce themselves in their own way but I will say how grateful I am to them for taking this on and ensuring that the newsletter will continue and prosper. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all our contributors who have made it so easy to fill every issue with a wide range of material over the past five years. I am grateful, too, to our advertisers and the Parish Council for their business and their support which has enabled us to continue to offer this newsletter at no charge to readers.

To all our readers and supporters please continue to send in your articles and advertisements - send them to in our email address: **zmon.news@gmail.com**. I finish by saying what a pleasure and a privilege it has been to be a part of the Editorial Group who have worked so very hard to produce this publication every month - I know that I leave it in good hands.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### VILLAGE EVENTS IN AUGUST

Every Weds      Coffee morning, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12 noon.

Wed 7 August    WI, 7.15 for 7.30pm see page 7

Mon 12 August Village Walk, meet 2pm at bus stop

#### **Message from Rob Peck**

To all our faithful egg customers - we have had a bit of a hiccup in production. On June 29th all was going well with our 80 happy hens, production pretty much equalled demand. By June 30th disaster had struck. It was caused by a combination of a senile poultry keeper (myself) who forgot to shut the hens in at dusk and what can only have been a family of teenage fox cubs looking for a bit of fun. 16 dead hens inside their shed and strewn around the field, 5 missing completely. Anyone who keeps hens has to put up with a fox taking the odd hen, but this was carnage. A very upsetting sight. The remaining hens are rallying from the stress and there is 60% of the normal eggs in the box. I have ordered some more pullets for August and all should be back to normal by the autumn. In the meantime, I apologise to our much valued customers if there aren't always eggs in the box. Rob.

#### **RAINFALL**

June Rainfall was 19mm.

#### **CREDITON FOODBANK**

I would like to thank all of you who donated food and money at the June Village market. I was away for the ten days at the end of June and the beginning of July and so I wasn't able to collect for the Foodbank. However, I would like to thank a donor who very generously donated on-line. All these donations are so very much appreciated.

I receive messages from the Foodbank Coordinators giving me lists of the most needed items. The most recent stopped me in my tracks and I felt so sad! It said "We are a bit like Old Mother Hubbard this week. The shelves are very bare." I have just received a request for me to pick up a substantial delivery at the end of this week. Another answer to prayer - WOW! **ALL** donations are received with many thanks from the Foodbank no matter how small.

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## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

There was a good turnout for our cafe style evening with Rob Barratt, comic poet and singer, who created a great deal of laughter in the Hall as well as throwing some shade on more serious issues. We raised £215.40 towards hall funds and thank everyone who came to support us.

The Ash tree in the overgrown area - the site of the old reservoir - is owned by the Village Hall. Zeal resident Tim Burton, a retired tree surgeon, kindly offered to look at it and identify any necessary work, and to carry it out with the help of Andy Richardson. The Hall Committee would like to express many thanks for their work, it is much appreciated.

There will be no market in August but Wednesday Coffee Mornings will continue according to demand, running from 10.30-12.00 noon. So, the next major Hall event to look forward to is on **Saturday 7 September - the Autumn Vegetable, Flower & Homecraft Show**. The Schedule and Rules can be found on pages 9 - 12, located so that you can pull out and keep them. If you need further copies they are available from the Secretary 82571 or on our website:

<http://www.zealmonachorum.org.uk/village-hall.html>

All sections are open to adults and children but will be judged separately. It costs nothing to submit an entry so go for it and support your village hall.



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# FISHING CLUB CHAT

Hi All

The lake is fishing well with lots of good fish being caught by many members. I managed to spend an hour at the lake the other day while Jane went around with the mower, and I caught a lovely 8lb common carp. The condition of the fish I caught was very good, which shows the eco system is working.

John Lethbridge will be doing a lot of clearing around the sides of the lake soon. With all the rain it is getting very overgrown and needs attention. We are all looking forward to an Indian summer so we can enjoy some lovely days at the lake, either fishing or just enjoying the solitude.

Pictured below are Rob Peck's two grandsons who recently landed their first fish at the lake - a 3lb common carp. George, on the left, caught it while Harry, on the right, helped with the landing net. Well done to them - let's hope we see much more of them over the summer.

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Ken and Jane

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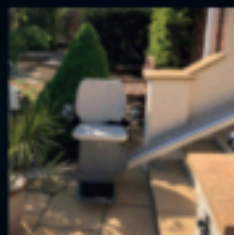
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## ZEAL MONACHORUM WI

None of us were truly surprised when our July 3 meeting, designated to be held in the garden of Beam Ends, was actually held inside the house. Naturally this did not spoil the evening and we were treated to a variety of toppings on delicious pizzas home made by Delia and Tracey. Assisted by Hazel, Chris and Jess we feasted ourselves, adding a choice of salads and Hazel's famous coleslaw. Members had added to the calorie count with a grand choice of desserts. Oh, yes, and the Pimms went down well too, (other non-alcoholic choices were available). Huge thanks to the Beam Enders and helpers.

August 7 is the annual Members' Night event where the committee hand over the arrangements to members. Often, we arrive not knowing what will be afoot. However, we were informed at the July meeting we would be playing board and card games and nibbles would be provided. Those members who play Whist and Canasta will gladly assist those wishing to learn. Back to normal for September 4 when we see the return of Robin and Edwina Hill talking on "Dormice on North Dartmoor". Their previous talk was Fifty Years of Gardening on Dartmoor.

Please note in your diaries: **Sunday 1 December** in the village hall, we will be hosting "**Tea and Tinsel**", an afternoon ticketed event. Time yet to be arranged so look out for further announcements and for posters around the village.

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## **ZEAL MONACHORUM VILLAGE HALL**

# **Autumn Vegetable, Flower & Homecraft Show**

**Saturday 7 September 2024**

**All entries to Hall –10 am and 12 noon**

**Open to the public 2.30 pm**

**Admission - Adults £1 Children Free**

**Refreshments available**

**3.00 pm Prize Giving**

**followed by AUCTION & DRAW**

### **PRIZES**

**Silver Cups for Vegetable, Flower and Homecraft Sections**

**Best in Sections Rosettes for one exhibit**

**Rosettes for all Children's Entries**

**COME AND JOIN US**



**Zeal Monachorum Village Hall**  
**AUTUMN VEGETABLE FLOWER & HOMECRAFT SHOW**  
**SCHEDULE**

**Section 1- VEGETABLES AND FRUIT**

*same variety in each class*

1. 3 Potatoes - white (purely white)
2. 3 Potatoes - coloured (those with any other colour inc. Eyes)
3. 3 Carrots
4. 3 Beetroot - (remove leaves but leave stalk)
5. 3 Spring Onions grown from sets - tops trimmed and tied
6. 3 Spring Onions grown from seed - tops cut
7. 3 Shallots
8. 3 Runner Beans
9. 3 French Beans
10. 3 Tomatoes (calyces attached)
11. Any other vegetable i.e. Cucumber, Courgette, Lettuce
12. Herbs - 3 kinds, 2 of each
13. 3 Apples - cooking or eating
14. Any other fruit
15. Potato in Bucket, seed potato distributed at April Market  
To be judged on weight of **good** potatoes only

**Section 2 - FLOWERS**

16. A fuchsia spray
17. 3 Dahlias - decorative (single blooms, remove buds, leaves allowed)
18. 3 Dahlias - ball (single blooms, remove buds, leaves allowed)
19. Dahlias - any other variety (single blooms, remove buds, leaves allowed)

20. 1 Gladiola spike
21. 1 specimen bloom HT rose
22. 1 spray floribunda / multiflora rose
23. Spray of flowering shrub
24. 3 marigolds or calendulas (single blooms, remove buds, leaves allowed)
25. 1 vase of flowers - perennials and/ or annuals, 3 kinds, 2 of each
26. 3 Sweet peas

### **Section 3. HOMECRAFT SECTION**

27. Lemon drizzle cake
28. 3 Shortbread fingers
29. 3 Jam Tarts
30. Jar of Jam - no trade names on pots or lids
31. Jar of Runner Bean Pickle - no trade names on pots or lids
32. An Item of Handicraft made from Wood
33. An item of needlework e.g. knitted, crochet, stitched etc.
34. Photograph of tree or trees in Zeal [max. size about 6" x 8", 21cm x 15 cm approx or A5]
35. Photograph of people with caption [max. size about 6" x 8", 21cm x 15 cm approx or A5]
36. A drawing or painting entitled "My Dream House" [max size about 8" x 12", 30cm x 21 cm approx or A4]
37. A collage titled 'Harvest Time' – any medium " [max size about 8" x 12", 30cm x 21 cm approx or A4]
38. A wind chime made from recycled materials
39. A dinosaur's garden on a plate max 10"/25cm approx diameter, any medium including plasticine and play-doh

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## **RULES**

The Hall will open between 10 am and 12 noon on the day of the show for the delivery of exhibits. All entries must be in the Village Hall ready for judging by 12 noon .

Judging will take place between 12pm and 2pm when the Hall will be closed to the public.

All sections are open to adults and children but will be judged separately.

No competitor may enter more than two entries in any one class. Exhibits must not have been shown in a previous show.

The committee will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur in connection with the show.

All exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor in their garden or allotment. In other sections, the exhibits must be the individual work of the exhibitor.

Points for cups: 1<sup>st</sup> 3 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> 1 point.

In the case of an exhibitor winning two prizes in a class, only the highest counts towards the cup.

The committee shall decide on any matter not covered by these rules.

The decision of the judge is final. Judges have the power to withhold prizes should the exhibits or number of entries be, in their opinion, unworthy of the prize.



## Upper Yeo & Taw MDDC councillor's report.

**June 2024**

### **Mid Devon District Council has taken enforcement action following a recent case of fly-tipping on the A361, just off Junction 27.**

After investigation of the dumped waste, the offender was found to be a resident from outside of the district who works in Mid Devon.

#### **Read the full press release:**

<https://www.middevon.gov.uk/council-takes-action-against-fly-tipping-in-mid-devon/>

### **Mid Devon Housing purchased a property**

1 Belmont Road, Tiverton. We purchased this property from a private landlord who had been using it as a house in multiple occupation. We plan to use it as a temporary accommodation for people and families under homelessness threat. The property was in a poor state of repair and following extensive renovation it is now almost complete and ready to be used.


### **Mid Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee (HATOC)**


**Meetings:** 8th October 2024, 12th February 2025


They will be held at Phoenix House and all Members are welcome to attend. Please note that any Member of the District Council or a Town or Parish Councillor for the area covered by the HATOC who is not a member of the Committee, may attend and speak to any item on the Agenda, with the consent of the Committee, having given 24 hours' notice'.


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## ST PETER'S CHURCH

Dear Parishioners,

August, we are in the third quarter of 2024, however, we have not enjoyed long spells of warm sunshine but the rain has kept the countryside splendidly green.

**Annual Bell-ringing Competition** On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August from 3.00-8.00pm our bell ringers are hosting their annual competition. Teams from across the county will be invited to take part competing for the Zeal Monachorum Shield and the St Peter's Cup. Again this year we are sharing the date with Bow and the two competitions will be run simultaneously.

### Church rota for August 2024

**August 4 at 10.00am**  
Old Testament Reading  
Gospel Reading

**Trinity 10 (lay led)**  
2 Samuel 11: 26 – 12 1-13  
John 6: 24-35  
Sidesman  
Altar Flowers  
Church cleaner

**Family Service**  
Mrs Jane Hogg  
Miss Lynn Warren  
Mr Colin Crothers  
Mrs Susan Bostock  
Mrs Jane Hogg

**August 11 at 6.30pm**  
Old Testament  
New Testament  
Gospel

**Trinity 11**  
2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15,31-33  
Ephesians 4 25, -5:2  
John 35, 41-51  
Sidesman  
Flowers 11 & 18

**C W E**  
Mr Graham Rounsley  
Mr Robert Peck  
Preb Matthew Tregenza  
Mr Tony Brealy  
Mrs Margaret Down

**August 18**

**No Service**

**August 25 at 11.00am**  
Reading

**Trinity 13**  
Matthew 28: 18-end  
Sidesman  
Altar Flowers 25 & 1 Sept

**Family service and Baptism**

Mr Tony Brealy  
Mrs Susan Down

**Dates for your diary**

September 22  
December 7, 2.00-4.00pm  
December 22

Harvest Festival  
Christmas Fayre  
Service of readings and  
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1. Use a hedge trimmer to cut laurel hedges to avoid half-cut leaves turning brown.
2. Deadhead flowering plants like roses and petunias regularly to encourage them to flower.
3. Plant Autumn bulbs in your pots & borders, such as nerines, colchicums and sternbergia.
4. Feed your baskets and containers regularly with Westland Boost Liquid feed to encourage flowers to bloom into early Autumn. In the height of Summer, feed once a week early morning or late evening, never in the heat of the day.
5. Give herbs and lavenders a light prune after flowering. Cut back any perennials that have already finished for the year.
6. Collect seeds as they ripen, from plants such as aquilegias, sweet peas & lupins.
7. Sow hardy annuals now to enjoy early summer colour next year.
8. Prune Wisteria to help maintain the preferred size & shape, and improve flowering.
9. Clean your patio or terrace and treat decks with decking stain. Ensure that any moss and algae is cleared off, stopping it getting slippery in the winter.
10. Take time to enjoy your garden! Entertain family & friends with a BBQ, or have some you-time, relaxing on comfy furniture, next to a relaxing water feature.



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