

# MONACHORUM MATTERS

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The newsletter for Zeal Monachorum and St Peter's Parish



*As summer has been a bit slow to arrive, a picture of just how beautiful our village is may just help us to keep the faith until the sun does come out in earnest.*

## EDITORIAL

This may well be my last issue as Editor and, since my message last month, seeking a successor, I have had some truly heart-warming and complimentary messages. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to send me these messages - I really appreciate them.

A slightly reduced issue this month reflects the fact that we are moving into the summer holidays and, hopefully, summer weather. The weather crops up in several of our offerings this month and I guess we are all frustrated by the lack of something that really feels like summer.

I have the pleasure of bringing GOOD NEWS but, of course, there's usually BAD NEWS at the same time. But something I heard the other day will no doubt be welcomed by all residents. The Good News is that, in August, the council is due to start work on repairing the road surface on the road down to Stopgate. The Bad News is that the road will be closed for five days because they are planning to improve the water flow from the neighbouring fields by replacing the gullies and this is obviously quite a task.

I have everything crossed that this will actually take place and is not just a pipe dream. Next step - Water Lane!

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### VILLAGE EVENTS IN JULY

Every Weds	Coffee morning, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.
Wed 3 July	WI, 7.15 for 7.30pm Beam Ends, Pimms and Pizza, see page 7
Sat 6 July	Market, 10 – 11.30am at the Village Hall
Mon 8 July	Village Walk, meet 2pm at bus stop
Mon 22 July	Bow & District Historical Society, 7.15 for 7.30pm. See below.
Thu 25 July	Parish Council, Village Hall, 7pm

### BOW & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Monday 22 July, talk by Mark Norman on Folklore and superstition behind traditional crafts & trades. Everyone welcome, Annual Membership £15, visitors £4. Bow Village Hall EX17 6HU, Enquiries 01363 82468

### RAINFALL

May Rainfall was 126 mm.

### VILLAGE HALL NEWS

It is with great regret we have had to cancel the Village Hall Boules & BBQ which was to have been held on Sat 6 July. This is due to a clash with other local events and, though other dates were considered, we had insufficient volunteers available to run it. Our next event will be the Autumn Show on Saturday 7 September.

### MDDC NEWS

#### **MDDC Leisure Centres have introduced a new service called “Health Seekers”**

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#### **Household Support Fund**

MDDC will continue to run this scheme for another 6 months, from the 1 May 2024 to the 30 September 2024. Vouchers will be awarded for food and energy costs only. The amount awarded will depend on the applicant's circumstances and level of assistance needed.

Application link: <https://www.middevon.gov.uk/do-it-online/benefits/household-support-fund/>

## JULY QUIZ

1. What is the popular name for a Yeoman warder of the Tower of London, which it shares with a chain of UK restaurants and a brand of gin?
2. Which men's names feature in the Nato phonetic alphabet?
3. Quechua was the dominant language of which 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> century civilisation?
4. British featherweight boxer , Chelsea full back James and England fast bowler Topley all share which given name?
5. Which Zodiac sign falls between October 23 and November 22?
6. By what stage name is the singer born Stuart Leslie Goddard in 1954 better known?
7. Which Unesco World Heritage site runs east from Bowness-on-Solway to a town four miles from Newcastle?
8. On which day of the week was Solomon Grundy married?
9. Which Simon & Garfunkel song begins "*Hello darkness my old friend*"?
10. Who wrote the books "*It shouldn't happen to a Vet*" and "*Vets might fly*"?
11. What amount of money is written on the label on the Mad Hatter's hat in "*Alice's adventures in Wonderland*"?
12. Sapporo is the capital of which Japanese island?
13. What kind of creature is Angelina Ballerina?
14. Which member of the Royal Family created "*Budgie the Little Helicopter*"?
15. Which fruit traditionally features in a Sussex Pond Pudding?

Answers on Page 7

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## FISHING CLUB CHAT

Hi All

Lovely to see some nice warm weather arriving, long may it continue and we can all get some good fishing in. We would like to welcome a new member, Gelvin Williams, who has recently joined. That is the good news. We have recently had an amazing work party of Pete Copp and Mark Wilson and his son Jax, who worked tremendously hard and gave us a really good day's work around the lake.

They commented that there was a surprising amount of dog mess around the lake. We understand that it is the odd few that spoil it for the rest but if it continues and people don't pick up and put it in the bins provided, we would reluctantly have to ban dogs from the lake. Being dog lovers ourselves this is something we do not want to do.

One other thing I would like to mention - we have it on good authority that it is not good to feed the geese bread. It is very dangerous, as encouraging them to eat bread while the anglers are using floating crust may cause accidents and this is something we wish to avoid.

Tight lines

Ken and Jane

## CREDITON FOODBANK

I am finding it hard to believe that in June I needed a hot water bottle. Nonetheless we have had some sunny days and God willing we will have more to come. The Foodbank continues to be very busy and the volunteers are consistently working to fill in all the empty spaces. And they are able to do this due to the generosity of all their supporters.

I don't know whether any of you were able to attend The Big Boniface Bash on Sunday 9th June. If you did you may have seen the Foodbank's Boniface Bash Tombola Stall. It sounds like it was a success because they have been able to put the money towards buying much of the fresh food needed. It also sounds like they had a lot of fun too which they greatly deserve as they work so hard making sure all their client's needs are met. We thank all who are able to donate so generously and we take our hats off to those volunteers who give their time unstintingly.

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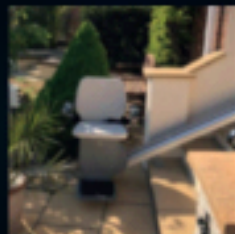
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# ZEAL MONACHORUM WI

When is the Summer coming? Moan over!

Our June speaker was Caroline, the title "Upper Decker Flopper Stoppers"; it was brilliant. We learned a lot about the creation of the today's bra. Thank goodness we live in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, some of the early ideas were nothing short of criminally brutal.

I was getting a little concerned about our forthcoming plant sale which was booked in for the June market. Help wasn't too far away and a few ladies added to the table and we raised a goodly sum for our funds. Thank you to all who contributed whether it was plants or purchasing, or, in some cases, both.

Our July meeting is at Beam Ends where we will indulge ourselves in Pimms and Pizzas. Back to moaning again, well, more hoping really, that the sun will have arrived by then - and, perhaps stayed!

## ANSWERS TO QUIZ ON Page 4

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|--|----------------------------|
| 1. Beefeater                           | 8. Wednesday               |
| 2. Charlie, Mike, Oscar, Romeo, Victor | 9. The Sound of Silence    |
| 3. Inca                                | 10. James Herriot          |
| 4. Reece                               | 11. 10/6                   |
| 5. Scorpio                             | 12. Hokkaido               |
| 6. Adam Ant                            | 13. Mouse                  |
| 7. Hadrian's Wall                      | 14. Sarah, Duchess of York |
|  | 15. Lemon                  |



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## PARISH COUNCIL

May's event started with the annual Parish meeting. During the open forum it was noted that there was a disappointing attendance. It was suggested that in future more effective advertising may be helpful. The Church Council report outlined the ongoing improvements to the church and its surrounds. We were told that attendance had been marginally up from last year. There is a Hymns and Pimms gathering in the church on 30th June at 6.30. pm.

A report was read out detailing the year's business from Monachorum Matters. Jan Summers explained that after 5 years as editor, she now wished to stand down. A hard act to follow, but there are undoubtedly suitable people within the parish. The meeting requested that the Chair should pass on their thanks for all the hard work and enthusiasm that the editor had provided in the past years.

A report from the Village Hall committee outlined many successful events that had been carried out in the past year and listed improvements to the hall. It is clear that future necessary improvements are going to require further capital commitments.

The Clerk relayed the annual Parish Council accounts explaining that expenses had outstripped income due to the cost of the jubilee seat canopy and the ensuing repairs to the church wall.

This concluded the Annual Parish meeting and was followed by the annual PC meeting. The Chair agreed to stand for another year and was re-elected. Ken Hogg stated that he wished to stand down as vice chair, we thanked him for all his hard work sorting the many issues arising within the village. Peter Heal agreed to stand as vice chair, and this was unanimously approved by the council. The report concluded with a tribute to the late Ken Down, he is sorely missed. Then followed the ordinary PC meeting.

The Chair confirmed that Andy Richardson had put his name forward to act as a road warden and is now on MDDC's waiting list for the suitable course. Alex White attended, representing the District Council. The Chair pointed out that two parishioners had reported that construction work was being carried out without the relevant permission. Alex asked for the grid references and agreed to look into the issue. It was suggested that last year's meeting with the Highways Officer had been beneficial. Perhaps he would agree to a regular meeting.

Following numerous issues concerning privacy with PC members' email addresses on the village website, the meeting was informed that the PC had been removed; we now need to establish our own website. After discussion, a number of alternatives were offered to the Clerk for consideration.


Under planning considerations, it was reported that members of the council had carried out a site visit at Monks View where developers were applying for planning permission to alter the agreed plans concerning the surrounds. Councillors present voted unanimously to recommend refusal of the planning. Mid Devon Planning subsequently turned down the planning request.


The next meeting will be held on 25th July at 7.00pm.


Rob Peck Chair.

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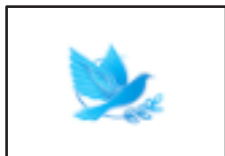
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## ST PETER'S CHURCH

Dear Parishioners,

We are not yet quite enjoying real summer weather, although getting some sunny days we are still experiencing cool northerly breezes. I know that our young people will be looking forward to the end of the school year and many of us will be taking a holiday, a time of rest and recuperation or perhaps just enjoying time sitting in the garden with a book to read or a good cup of tea.

Our church however will be ever steadfast providing and sharing in worship. The times and rotas are as follows:

<b>7 July, 10.00 am</b>	<b>Trinity 6 (lay led)</b>	<b>Family service</b>
Old Testament reading	Ezekiel 2: 1-5	Miss Lynn Warren
Gospel reading	Mark 6: 1-13	Mrs Tina Young
	Sidesman	Mr Tony Breal
	Altar flowers	Margaret Down
	Church cleaner	Mrs Sally Rowden
<b>14 July, 6.30pm</b>	<b>Trinity 7 and Sea Sunday</b>	<b>CWE</b>
Old Testament reading	Amos 7: 7-15	Mr Robert Peck
New Testament	Ephesians 1: 3-14	Mr Graham Rounsley
Gospel reading	Mark 6: 14-29	Celebrant
	Sidesman	Mr Colin Crothers
	Altar flowers 14 and 21	Miss Margaret Harris
<b>21 July</b>	<b>No service</b>	<b>Trinity 8</b>
<b>28 July, 6.30pm</b>	<b>Trinity 9 (lay led)</b>	<b>Evensong</b>
Old Testament reading	2 Samuel 11: 1-15	Mrs Jane Hogg
Gospel reading	John 6: 1-21	Mrs Becky Harvey
	Sidesman	Mr Tony Breal
	Altar Flowers 28 and 4 August	Mrs Susan Bostock

*Everyone is welcome to join us for all our worship*

A confirmation is being held at St Swithin's Church, Shobrooke on 20 October 2024, the Bishop Jacki, the Bishop of Crediton will officiate. If anyone would like to be confirmed, please let me or the Prebendary Matthew Tregenza know as soon as possible. Confirmation (receiving God's grace through the Holy Spirit) is one of the three sacraments of initiation, with Baptism and the Eucharist, that makes a person fully a member of the Church.

*Margaret (churchwarden)*



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## **July Garden Advice from Bow Garden Centre**

**July is a wonderful time to sit back and enjoy your flourishing garden, whilst making summer memories with friends and family over a BBQ. Take a look at what needs doing in the garden this month, courtesy of Bow Garden Centre.**

1. Make time for regular weeding so weeds won't have time to set seed.
2. Help to retain water with water retaining crystals, and add mulch around plants.
3. Continue deadheading bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials, like roses, to ensure continuous flowering throughout the season.
4. Summertime means that everything will be growing extremely fast. As a result, mow your lawn once a week to keep it in good health.
5. For a second bloom, cut back early Summer perennials, such as hardy geraniums and delphinium.
6. Keep your garden abuzz with wildlife by ensuring bird feeders are topped up, ponds and bird baths are full, as birds in particular relish gardeners' efforts, using these to both hydrate and cool down.
7. Start sowing biennials, such as foxgloves, forget-me-nots and wallflowers, for beautiful blooms next year.
8. Dahlias will be growing well - to produce more flowers, cut the first bloom to a very short stem (avoid cutting into the flower buds below.)
9. Cover two thirds of your pond with pond plants to help prevent & build up of algae.
10. Now is a great time to get planting some Autumn bulbs in pots & borders including, nerines, colchicums & sternbergia.

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