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EDITORIAL

This is the first edition of our new look newsletter and we hope you like it. The change came about because our printing had to be outsourced to a commercial printer. To cover the costs of producing the magazine we needed to draw in income, ideally from advertising, and so the opportunity was taken to design something new with a much wider range of content. We are very grateful to the Parish Council, who kindly gave us a grant to help us on the way – we couldn't have got here without it.

In this issue you will see all the pieces that were in the old-style newsletter and lots of new things. We hope very much to involve members of the community, of all ages, in producing items for each issue. If you'd like to write a piece or you have pictures to submit we'd like to hear from you, so get your pens, pencils, computers and cameras out and get creating, see guidelines below. Please let us know what you think of this publication – good or bad, and tell us what you would like to see in it, send it to me – Jan Summers at: zmon.news@gmail.com.

We thought you would like to know who is behind the new newsletter, so here are details of the team:

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DEADLINE FOR JULY ISSUE – JUNE 1.

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OUR NEW VILLAGE SIGN

As a newly appointed parish councillor I suggested a new village sign, the third such to stand near St Peter's southern gate. The first had been made and painted by the late Norman Vickery and was very popular in the community; it also won a prize for village signs in Devon. He also made the frame for its successor, but wind and weather got the better of it and had to be taken down. To make a third one again in wood proved too costly. Some of us in the village had used Hand Crafted Steel of North Tawton for fencing. So we approached the proprietor, Mr David Chesney, to see if a frame and mount could be done in metal; he gave a very competitive quote for powder coated steel; all that was needed was the artwork.

We already had Mike Russell's picture for the old sign of the late Nick Tyler, a well-respected churchwarden and, with some tonal changes, this was approved for re-use. Ace Signs of Exeter were asked to make it, as they have a completely modern process which, we are told, will not fade. All was ready on the 20th March. Pictured below are Mr Chesney, left, and his assistant, extreme right, with myself, unwrapping our new sign.

Ken Hogg

Picture by Mike Russell



SPEED KILLS

It was with disgust and heartfelt sorrow that I learned this week that a local farmer's working dog was killed by a car in a lane actually doing his job. The farmer put his quadbike into his shed. When he whistled his dog and he did not return he went to the gateway and saw his dog lying on the road some yards away. He went to his dog and it had been hit so hard by a vehicle that it was in desperate pain and died shortly after. **NO VEHICLE STOPPED.** This is a dreadful loss and will affect the working of the farm until a replacement is trained up.

Driving sensibly matters to us all. It is not many months since Mike Russell's dog was killed in Western Road by a speeding car. I stress to drivers using these lanes, 20 mph is too fast, especially around blind corners. The Fishing Club has put up signs in the hope that this helps. It is now time that Mid Devon Council also put some warning signs up. The fear is for me that the next time it will be a child, a cyclist or a dog walker.

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ST PETER'S CHURCH NEWS

We had our Easter Eve service which was well attended and a quiet reflective Service led by Lindsey. It was a beautiful evening and the sunlight in the Church showed off all the wonderful flower arrangements. Thank you to all who contributed; the flower rota, having expanded, is working well and our Church always looks so pretty. (See below for the June rota).

The rest of the month followed the usual pattern of worship. We had to cancel the first Sunday in May due to the fact that no members of the Worship group were available to take the service. This is a reminder to everyone that when Lindsey retires in August there is going to be an increased burden on our small group and more services may have to be cancelled unless we have more people willing to lead. It is NOT difficult, all the material is provided including the homily. Please contact Mike if you are interested.

June brings our big fund raiser of the year - the Church fete to be held on Saturday June 29 at Napleton House by kind permission of Mrs Debbie Stericker. You can expect all the usual fun of the day including our renowned cream tea, games, raffle and lots more besides. Please do come along and support this all important event. Last year was a resounding success with over £700 towards church funds; let's try and beat that this year. Please note, if the weather is wet we move to the village hall.

Saturday June 2 is the annual Open Garden at Hayne. As is usual now, Tim and Milla very generously donate all the proceeds of the teas to the Church. Please support this in any way you can. Perhaps you could bake a cake, scones, or biscuits to donate, these would be gratefully received. We need at least 3 helpers on cakes, 3 on teas and a couple of washer uppers; we can all swop around the tasks. The more of us that help out, the more funds for our Church; help is needed from 1pm onwards on the day. Please either contact me on 82341 or Tim and Milla on 82515. Have a great month!

Susie Bostock

FLOWER ROTA FOR JUNE: 2 and 9 June – Lyn Warren;
16 and 23 June – Marian Quick; 30 June and 7 July – Margaret Down.

Services at St Peter's in June

2 June	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Worship Group
Easter 7	O/T reading	Zephaniah 3: 14-end	Lynn Warren
	N/T reading	Acts 9:1-6	Tony Brealy
		Sidesmen Welcome Offertory	Marian Quick
9 June	10.30am	Mission Community Eucharist: Pentecost Morchard Bishop	Rev Lindsey Starrs
16 June		No Service	
23 June	6.30pm	BCP Evensong	Worship Group
Trinity 1	O/T reading	Isaiah 65:1-9	Graham Rounsley
	N/T reading	Luke 8: 26-39	Becky Harvey
		Sidesmen Welcome Offertory	Colin Crothers
30 June	6.30pm	Common Worship	Preb. Anthony Geering
Trinity 2	O/T reading	I Kings 19: 15-16, 19-end	Colin Crothers
	N/T reading	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Tony Brealy
	Gospel	Luke 9: 51-end	Preb. Anthony Geering
		Sidesmen Welcome Offertory	Tony Brealy
7 July	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Worship Group
Trinity 3	O/T reading	Isaiah 66: 10-14	Lynn Warren
	N/T reading	Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20	Tony Brealy
		Sidesmen Welcome Offertory	Marion Quick

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The next market is on Saturday 8 June from 10 am to 11.30am. Apart from our regular stalls there will be a WI stall this month – come and see what's on offer.

As a result of resurfacing the Boules court there are bags of gravel available at £2 per bag. If you would like some please contact Jan Summers 82571.

We have been exploring the possibility of a new Village Hall and would like to set up a Working Group to conduct a feasibility study. If you would like to be part of this group please contact Jan Summers, 82571 or Ken Down, 82204.

We are no longer collecting plastic bottle tops as they can only be accepted in bulk. We still welcome ring pulls from cans and used stamps.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Our next event is the Big Breakfast on Saturday 22 June when we will once again be offering a 'Full English' to all comers. We throw open the doors at 9.30am and look forward to welcoming as many as possible to sit down and enjoy what some call the most important meal of the day. Please book your places as early as possible – contact Jan Summers 82571 or email jansummerszm@gmail.com

On Saturday 17 August we hold our Flower and Vegetable show with lots of classes to attract people of all ages. The schedule will be distributed again with the August issue of the newsletter.

CREDITON FOOD BANK

A regular collection for the Food bank is made at the village market, co-ordinated by Lois Hamilton; look out for the big pink crate. Food items needed include:— Rice, cereals, coffee, sugar, tinned vegetables, potatoes, spaghetti, meals (chilli, minced beef) fruit, custard, rice pudding. Toiletries needed include: Shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste. Of course cash is always welcome to help buy fresh foods.

Your donations are really appreciated. If you cannot get to the market but would like to make a donation please contact Lois on 82982.

ZEAL ARCHIVE

Since the early 1990s I have been gathering photos, documents, reminiscences, maps, ephemera etc about Zeal Monachorum. I house and care for this archive, but anyone can arrange to see what I have. I welcome additional material; mostly I can make digital copies on a scanner and then quickly return the original to the owner. Sometimes the information I've been given about a photo or document turns out to be wrong (or is incomplete) and I am always pleased when someone can help correct it.

Erica Eden

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TEA HELPERS AT A RINGING FESTIVAL



Picture taken outside the Church Rooms circa 1953, showing left to right:
BACK ROW: Mrs Drew, Mrs L Hosegood, Mrs L Quick, Mrs D Webber, Mrs L Steer, Mrs J Squire, Mrs Doll Rounsley, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs S Glover.
FRONT ROW: Mrs J Greenslade, Mrs Andrews, Mrs M Brealy, Mrs Elston, Mrs Q Cockwill.
(Photo no. 9 from Marjorie Brealy. Names provided by Margaret Dennis.)

EDITORS NOTE – We hope to include more on the history of the Church Rooms next month.

FARMING NEWS

For those in the village who may not know us, we are Will, Jo and Nick Jones, who together with our staff Chris, Josh and Lauren, run a dairy farm, based at Down St Mary, with land spread over Zeal and Bow.

We run a 260 cow dairy herd with 110 younger cattle. Our milk is sold to the Arla Dairy Co-op, with our milk going to North Tawton to be made into cheese - they have a great shop onsite which we highly recommend if you want to buy local produce. Our cows calve from late August until January and from the day they calve, they milk for approximately 10 months before having a 2 month break, before they calf and the cycle starts again.

Throughout the year, each season brings its own challenges and jobs on the farm that need doing. The main challenges for us are: growing enough grass to feed the cows during the spring and summer months and also growing enough maize (sweetcorn) and grass silage to conserve and store to feed them over the winter.

As we write this in late April, we have had a very good spring. Our cows went out to graze in mid-March and the younger cattle went out a week or two later at Ken and Margaret Down's farm. All have settled into their routine well and we check all the stock daily for any signs of illness.

During May, we have been spreading muck and ploughing fields ready to till maize which is our most important winter forage. This requires warm weather to heat the soil and enough rainfall for the seed to germinate.

May also brings the start of silage making, which involves cutting the grass & turning it to dry it out, before chopping it into trailers with a harvester and then transporting to the winter store. These tasks take place alongside the job of milking the cows, which needs to be done twice a day, 7 days a week. It takes around 3 hours a session by the time we have cleaned all the equipment after milking. We usually start around 5 am & 3:30pm.

Unfortunately we suffered a break in last month and lost some power tools, so would remind you all to stay vigilant for unusual vehicles in the area acting suspiciously — rural crime is sadly on the increase.

We look forward to bringing you more news in future issues and if you have any specific questions, do please send them to the editor who will pass them onto us.

Best wishes
Will, Jo & Nick



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GARDENING NOTES

*Mist in May and Heat in June
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Hi to all gardeners

June is a lovely month and you should be kept busy keeping your garden free from weeds. Midsummer Day is June 24 and an opportunity to celebrate all that is good in the garden.

Gaps in beds need to be filled with long-flowering bedding plants such as cosmos or osteospermum. Tree ferns need to be sprayed with water, particularly on the crowns, to stop them drying out in the summer heat.

Dead heading is the key to keeping your plants flowering longer. Roses enjoy a nice cup of tea on these hot days; just the tea leaves though, as they appreciate the tannic acid.

If you don't have resident hedgehogs then you may have a problem with slugs and snails. Try crushing up 5 cloves of garlic in warm water, leave to cool and strain into a spray bottle. This can then be used on and around your hostas etc.

Don't forget to keep fresh water available for the birds to drink and bathe in.

It is important to keep a watchful eye on your potatoes and sunflowers for the village show in August. Continue mounding up the soil in the bucket as the potato shoots appear and regularly water and feed your sunflowers to keep the soil moist, but not soggy.

Gardening is enjoyable so let's hope the weather is kind enough this month to let us stand back and appreciate all our hard work.

Jane Hogg & Sally Rowden



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AT A GLANCE - Village events in June

Every Weds	Coffee morning, 10.30 – 12 noon, in Village Hall
Sat 1 June	Boules & BBQ by WI at Village Hall, tickets Jan Brealy 82563
Sun 2 June	Hayne Open Garden for NGS, 2 – 6pm
Wed 5 June	Whist Drive at Waie Inn, 2pm
Wed 5 June	WI, Diane Shepherd on Tai Chi and Yoga, 7.15 for 7.30pm
Sat 8 June	Village Market, 10 – 11.30am
Mon 10 June	Zeal Explorers, 2pm at bus stop
Fri 21 June	Mobile Library, 1.05pm at Western Rd, 1.30pm Waie Cross
Sat 22 June	Big Breakfast, 9.30am at Village Hall
Sat 29 June	Church Fete, 2pm at Napleton House

---ADVANCE NOTICE---

Sat 17 August Flower and Veg show at Village Hall

NORTH TAWTON BOWLING CLUB

Have you ever thought about trying the game of bowls? This is a very enjoyable sport played in the open air during the summer months and indoors, on mats, during the winter months. It is not particularly strenuous but gives the player fairly gentle exercise through walking the length of the green during the game. For those who know nothing about the game this is how it works...

Lawn bowls is played on a bowling green on which are set out a number of 'rinks' roughly 5 metres wide by up to 40 metres long. The 'jack', slightly smaller than a tennis ball, is the target. The object is to get your bowls or 'woods' as close to the 'jack' as possible, thereby scoring points. Games comprise a number of 'ends' and in each one players roll their woods towards the jack, alternating turns between each team. When all the woods have been delivered the team with the most woods nearest to the jack wins the end and starts the next one. As for any sport, a level of skill is required, both in finding the right line to follow, as well as the right amount of propulsion (weight) in delivering the wood. Apart from the sheer pleasure of being outside on a summer day, this is a very sociable sport and matches, both league and friendlies, are usually followed by tea or a drink at the bar. Why not give it a try?



North Tawton Bowling Club, pictured here on opening day in April, is located in North Street. Club night is Monday from 6pm till dusk, and is open to members and anyone wishing to try out the game; we have trained coaches who can help those with limited experience. If you would like any more information or would like to arrange a visit contact Gordon Denham, Secretary on 01363 881414 or Jan Summers, Club Captain on 01363 82571.



ZEAL MONACHORUM WI

WI met on 3rd April 2019 for the monthly meeting and the AGM. The committee was confirmed after which voting for President took place. The usual reports were then read out first from our treasurer Hazel Wainwright, who told us that we had to do some fund raising otherwise we would be struggling next year. The secretary, Karen Hunt, then reminded us of our activities throughout the year, and lastly the President, Jan Brealy, gave her report.

Jan began by thanking Marian Quick, Jen Santer and Karen Hunt for their stalwart work during her absence whilst in hospital and during her recovery period. Jan presented each with a beautiful flower arrangement created by Hazel Wainwright, who also received a bouquet from Jan as a mark of gratitude. Jan thanked the remaining committee members for their work and support, and members for their participation and attendance. Judi then revealed that Jan had been returned as President.

The WI skittle practices start again in June. Any WI member wishing to join in will be welcome. Practice night is on a Tuesday 7.30 p.m. at the Waie Inn.

Please note, our meetings are 1st Wednesday of each month. All are welcome at monthly meetings, gentlemen included.

Zeal Monachorum WI Officers 2019-2020

President: Jan Brealy; Vice President & press officer: Marian Quick

Treasurer: Hazel Wainwright; Secretary: Karen Hunt

Speakers Secretary: Jackie Watson

Hazel John: Flower of the month and competitions

Jen Santer: Lunch Club and bring & buy every three months

Chris Allis: Raffle & secretary's assistant

Tracey Allis: Meet & Greet and all computer based requirements.

June 5th—next meeting—speaker Diane Shepherd, 'Use it or Lose it! How yoga and tai chi have benefitted me and others'. Village Hall 7.15 for 7.30pm. Guests £1 entry.



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MONTHLY QUIZ

In each month's issue we hope to include a general knowledge quiz – a bit of fun to enjoy. Questions will be wide-ranging and hopefully there will be something for everyone. The answers will be in next month's issue.

1. Which two teams would contest the Doddie Weir Cup?
2. What relation are the 2 major female characters in the 2018 film, 'The Favourite'?
3. Who composed 'The Rite Of Spring' in 1913?
4. From which country does the recipe for Clafoutis come?
5. What is the name for the domestic gas unit?
6. Who was the first woman to become a member of the House of Commons?
7. Which mythical animal is the national animal of Scotland?
8. What is Latin for speaking off the cuff?
9. What is a hexagram?
10. Which colour comes between yellow and blue in the rainbow?
11. Who were Tom and Barbara's neighbours in a TV sitcom?
12. In The Elephant and Child, what did Rudyard Kipling describe as 'great, grey-green and greasy'?
13. Who painted 'The Girl With A Pearl Earring'?
14. Which punctuation mark indicates the omission of a letter?
15. Which spring flower is the regional flower of Devon?

Minute Quiz

Can you think of a Palindrome (a word that writes both ways) for:

- a) a canoe
- b) a musical note
- c) a type of Indian bread

Look out for all the answers in the July magazine. Good Luck!

FISHING CLUB NEWS

Hi All, I would like to apologise for no news last month, due to overload of work with our open garden. We had a successful 4 days, even though the weather was not too good and we raised £800 for the National Garden Scheme and various local charities, a great achievement. We would like to thank everyone who supported us either helping on the day, cooking, providing bottles for the bottle stall, or just visiting our garden.

Once again I am humbled by the generosity of our members; Geoff Rowland has kindly donated his ride on mower to the fishing club to replace our 30 year old one. This was a wonderful gesture and on behalf of the whole club we thank him very much.

The lake is fishing well, some carp between 6lb - 8lb being landed. I haven't seen any tench yet this year, but if anyone does land one, please could they keep a record of size and condition. Tight lines.

Ken and Jane



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ZEAL EXPLORERS

We are a group of walkers who enjoy walking and chatting and we would like to swell our ranks; our numbers vary depending on other commitments. Zeal Explorers do a monthly walk on every second Monday afternoon, weather permitting. We start at the church car park at 2pm and walks are adapted to suit energy levels and fitness. Our next walk is on Mon 10 June - come along and join us. For more details contact Sally Rowden, 82531

A recent walk on a lovely sunny afternoon in April greeted four stalwarts of Zeal Explorers as they set out from the Church car park. We seem to have been lucky with the weather since we started the walking group – only having to postpone once due to rain. We set off down Beer Lane, through the vineyard towards Down St Mary and back via Middle Yeo Farm. Here we were confronted by a muddy, slurry-filled yard and a field gate behind which was a herd of cows waiting to be brought in for milking. We decided to beat a tactical retreat and returned to Zeal through the lanes.

Pictured below, L – R: Jackie Watson, Judi Hollingsworth, Sally Rowden.
Picture taken by Jane Hogg.





Pupils from Bow Community Primary School, who recently performed at The Great Hall, Exeter, (more news next month)

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