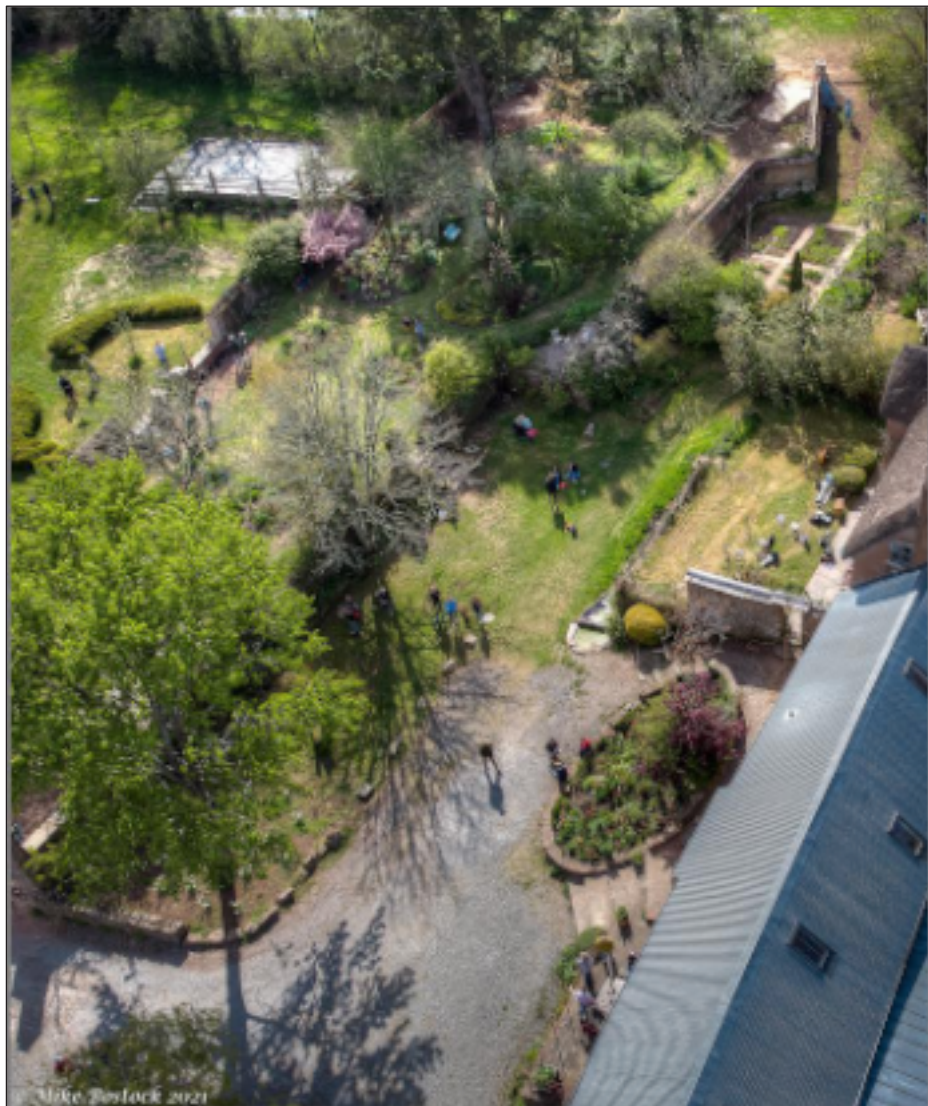


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The newsletter for Zeal Monachorum and St Peter's Parish



Aerial view of Hayne on Open Garden Day, by Mike Bostock

EDITORIAL

At long last I can tell you that our Village Market is set to return. The next one will be on Saturday 12 June and it will be held outside in the two playgrounds at the Village Hall under cover of gazebos. After such a long time it is a pleasure to be able to say that we will have a strong line-up with almost all our regular stall-holders present. Put the date on your calendar and do come along – we look forward to seeing you.

At the time of writing it is hard to be precise about when the weekly coffee mornings will start again but it won't be before 21 June. However, I can say that by the time you receive this newsletter the Village Hall Committee hope to have met and decided on a date for that. Hopefully, our July issue will contain lots of news about forthcoming events which will bring our community together again.

This month's issue has all the regular features and news items and a wonderful crop of pictures from lots of contributors. They illustrate just how photogenic our lovely village is. As always, do let us have your stories and photos for future issues – it's what our readers enjoy most about our newsletter.

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PS, I saw a newspaper article recently about mobile library book camels in Pakistan. Apparently it also happens in Mongolia and Ethiopia, while in Lahore they have mobile rickshaw libraries. The camels, especially, would make for an interesting library experience.

Erica Eden

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RAINFALL

Rainfall for April was 9 mm, $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch.



St Peter the Apostle

ST PETER'S CHURCH

Dear Parishioners,

As I write this article in early May we are still unsure about the ending of lockdown or how we will be moving forward in June. I am sure we are all looking forward to a brighter time when some of the restrictions will be lifted. It is good that we are now able to have worship in church and we are all waiting for when we are able to ring the bells and lift our voices in song.

As St Peter's day falls midweek (29th) we will be celebrating St Peter the Apostle, who is the Patron Saint of our church, on the 4th Sunday, June 27th at 6.30pm.

The church will continue to be open on Wednesday mornings between 9.30am – 12.30pm for private prayer. Please use the hand sanitiser on entering and leaving the church and observe all the current guidelines

Church rota for June 2021

6th June at 10.00am

First reading
New Testament
Sidesman
Flowers
Cleaner

Trinity 1

Genesis 3: 8-15
Mark 3: 20-35

May 30th & 6th June

Lay led Family Service

Miss Lynn Warren
Mrs Becky Harvey
Mr Colin Crothers
Miss Lynn Warren
Margaret Down

13th June at 6.30pm

Old Testament
New Testament
Gospel
Sidesman
Flowers

Trinity 2

1 Samuel 15: 34- 16:1-13
2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17
Mark 4: 26-34

June 13th & 20th

C W E

Mr Robert Peck
Mrs Susan Bostock
Rev D. Rowbottom
Mrs Marian Quick
Mrs Sally Rowden

27th June at 6.30pm

1st Reading
New Testament
Sidesman
Flowers

St Peter the Apostle

Acts 12: 1-11
Matthew 16: 13-19

27th June & 4th July

Lay led Evening Prayer

Mr Colin Crothers
Mr Tony Brealy
Mr Tony Brealy
Margaret Down

Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** was held on Wednesday 21 April, reverting to its usual spot in the year. Reports were presented of church activities, the fabric of the church, the churchyard and 2020 finances.

The officers elected are:

Churchwarden and joint secretary - Margaret Down,

Joint secretary - Mr Colin Crothers,

Treasurer - Mrs Becky Harvey.

Mr Tony Brealy was also elected to the PCC.

Sides persons - Mrs M. Quick, Mr T. Brealy, Mr C. Crothers.

Mr Gavin Rowden, who stood down from the PCC, was thanked for his work as secretary. Mr Tim Herniman also stood down so some posts remain vacant. We extend our thanks to Tim for his contributions to the PCC while he has been a member.

Don't forget on the third Sunday of each month, **take away cream teas** are available from the church porch between 3.00 – 4.00pm. **Orders please anytime, but no later than 9.00pm on Saturday (day before).** Two scones, clotted cream, raspberry/strawberry jam/ blackcurrant jelly will be the choices this time for only £3.50. Please state your jam preference when placing your order. Contacts: Margaret Harris 82251/Margaret Down 82204.



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On Sunday 2 May, many of us enjoyed a beautiful sunny afternoon at Hayne as part of the National Garden Scheme (NGS). Thanks to Milla and Tim, we were treated to a look around their lovely garden while being serenaded by live music, with opportunity to buy gorgeous flowers and amazing plants, and to enjoy delicious cakes and cream teas.



In turn, Milla and Tim wish to thank absolutely everyone who helped the day go well by giving so generously of their time, energy and baking. Over £1000 was raised for NGS which is the largest funder of the work of Hospice UK. In addition, from the sale of teas and cakes, over £700 was raised for St Peter's Church Fund.

We are very grateful to David Bowyer and Erica Eden for taking the pictures on these two pages which perfectly capture the wonderful relaxed atmosphere created by glorious weather and live music; this was a very special occasion which was much appreciated after such a difficult year.







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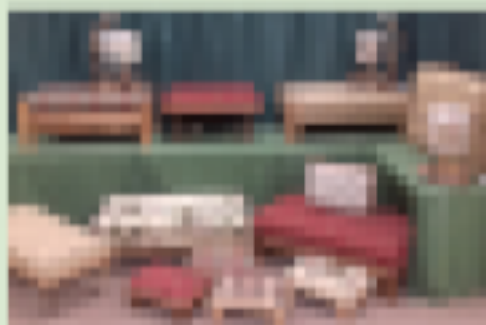


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A QUIZ FOR JUNE

1. What is the name of the smallest city in the United Kingdom?
2. Where would you put your Sgian Dubh?
3. Where in London do the Wombles live?
4. For what does A.C. stand on French wine bottles?
5. To which country do the Faroe Islands belong?
6. What kind of creature is Rikki-Tikki-Tavi?
7. What does an Oenophile love best?
8. On which road was Nellie the Elephant travelling?
9. In which English town do Wolves Rugby club play?
10. Members of which profession take the Hippocratic Oath?
11. What is the capital city of New York State?
12. What is the chemical formula for Sulphuric Acid?
13. What is the name of Beethoven's only opera?
14. In which outdoor sport is 'pegging out' a term?
15. What are the two common names for a Lapwing?

Minute Quiz

Name as many plants and flowers as you can that are sometimes used as girls' names. Naming 10 will be a very good score.

Answers for the May quiz

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| 1. Niece | 9. Aunt |
| 2. Liza Minelli | 10. Brothers |
| 3. Father and son | 11. Ian Wright |
| 4. Timothy West | 12. Cousins |
| 5. Peter Snow | 13. Grandfather |
| 6. Eddie Hearn | 14. Brothers |
| 7. Meg, Jo, Beth, Amy | 15. Sven is Kristoff's reindeer |
| 8. Dilyn is his pet Jack Russell | |

Minute Quiz answers

1. Alabama / Wyoming
2. For example; Alaska, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia.
3. Only Q
4. New Mexico and Texas

JUNE GARDEN ADVICE FROM BOW GARDEN CENTRE

It's a busy time of year in the garden - June brings warmer temperatures and extra sunlight, the perfect combination for enjoying your garden and getting jobs done. By June it should be safe to plant up new plants with no risk of frost. Flowers are blooming, there's lots to harvest in the vegetable garden and plants (and weeds!) are at peak growth. Take a look at these tips on what needs doing in the garden this month, courtesy of Bow Garden Centre:

1. Mow your lawn at least once a week, invest in a new mower if necessary. Feed any yellow or patchy areas - use Patch Repair on small bare parts, or re-seed larger areas, but keep well-watered.
2. Plant up hanging baskets, make sure you use water retaining granules and a slow-release feed like Osmocote to stop them drying out. Fill any empty containers you have with new Summer bedding.
3. Pinch out your tomatoes regularly, harvest any lettuce, radish and early potatoes and any other salads that are ready. Feed with Tomorite or Fruit & Veg Feed.
4. Get set for Summer early to get the most out of the season. Make any major changes to your garden such as new hard landscaping or new garden furniture. Easy to install patio packs are available in store, as well as garden buildings, structures and furniture.
5. Water plants regularly to ensure they grow and bloom. Invest in a Hozelock automatic watering system to ensure the job is done early mornings and late evenings, when the sun is down.
6. Paint garden benches, fences, and garden structures now. A large colourful range of garden paints which cover metal, wood and for pots is in store to add some brightness to your garden.
7. Start to pick Sweet Peas as soon as they flower, and dead-head repeat-flowering roses to encourage more blooms.
8. Remove any dead foliage from Spring flowering bulbs, with the exception of daffodils and tulips which could be left a little longer, but do take off any seed-heads that may appear. Let the foliage die back naturally.
9. [Keep the greenhouse well ventilated](#) during the day as temperature fluctuations caused by hot temperatures in the day, then cool at night could very well affect tomato plants fruiting.
10. Repeatedly tap the flowers of greenhouse tomatoes to improve pollination.

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MY LIFE IN THE NAAFI by Stephen Watkins

Part 5 – Back to Blighty and my first managerial posting.

The welcome we received on our return to the UK was amazing. I had just been on my longest deployment and for the first time ever I had really missed home. We came alongside and the gangway went down. It was obvious where my family were, it was like the parting of the Red Sea! Not long before we had sailed, my parents had been in a serious car accident and when I had left home my mother was still recovering but, here she was, walking with sticks through a crowd of 2000 people. She was one of the first aboard, helped down the steps by the Captain. I was expecting an icy look, but he simply said ‘Neither Man nor God himself should ever get between a mother and her son’ then smiled and winked at me.

Because my family, including my sister, had met the ship, I volunteered for second leave. During these first few weeks back, I was offered my first managerial posting, HMS Cardiff. I was sent on leave and told to join her on my return. I was apprehensive as I was considering moving on and finding some roots back home. I had spent a huge amount of time away since joining and knew HMS Cardiff had a hectic schedule when completing her sea trials.

After mulling things over, I decided to give it a go. I hadn’t worked hard to pass up the chance of becoming a manager, even if it turned out to be for just a short while. When I boarded her, morale seemed low; the ship’s company looked like it needed a lift. When I entered the NAAFI, I could see why. Empty shelves, sparse opening hours, bad state of repair. The workload was huge but I was immediately impressed with my new assistant, Nathan. He was enthusiastic and keen, he just needed guidance and he explained there had been a high turnover of managers. I decided to look at stock levels and found there was plenty of stock in the storerooms. We spent the day re stocking the canteen and sat down to look at the opening hours. We decided to open in line with larger ships opening times, altered slightly to account for the fact there were only two of us.

After meeting with the supply officer and ship’s captain, I felt more at ease. They were very welcoming and offered me all the support I needed to turn things around. All the NAAFI areas needed a huge amount of work to reach the standard required by Flag Officer Sea Training (FOST) inspections. Steve Appleby had demanded, quite rightly, high standards and I wasn’t going to let those standards slip. I called in favours from a lot of people to get up to scratch and we sailed through initial inspections. Then the bombshell, Nathan had been hospitalised following an assault whilst on weekend leave. He was desperate to get back on board, but I told him not to worry, his health was more important.

I asked NAAFI for some assistance as FOST training is exhausting when fully manned, let alone being a man down. The ships company were brilliant though: I had help to bring stores up and there were no complaints when I had long queues. By this time, I had established a great relationship with the ship’s captain who

The ship was in Plymouth a lot throughout FOST so my parents had the opportunity to see a Type 42 Destroyer. They were amazed at how low the stern sat in the water and I explained that you could literally pat the passing dolphins on the head if they came close enough. One of the chief stokers, who I knew from HMS Fearless, gave my dad a tour of the engine spaces while my mum, who had to be helped down the ladders, enjoyed a 'wobbly coffee' made by the chief cook. When he asked if she wanted a double measure of rum in it, she didn't realise a Navy measure is already a double! After a couple of these, she was rather merry!

After successfully completing FOST training, we had a brief trip to Cherbourg just before Christmas. I, along with a few Chief Petty Officers and Warrant Officers, decided to use the space in my storerooms and do a few trips to the hypermarkets. One afternoon, we counted up our purchases and realised we had bought too much to bring back so decided to have a big cheese and wine party on the way back to Portsmouth. This made quite a dent in the surplus, but the mess fridge stank of French cheese for weeks.

Next month – the final chapter of my NAAFI life.

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FISHING CLUB NEWS

Hi All

It is with mixed feelings that we talk to you this month. We lost one of our most valued members after his long battle with throat cancer; known to all, especially to all the kids who fish the lake, as Ginge. Ginge and his brother Alex were two of our earliest members. My early memories was of him turning up to the lake on his black Kawasaki chopper bike with straight through pipes making enough noise to wake the world. He had a long grey pony tail, scruffy beard, a rolled up fag hanging out his mouth and a fishing rod across his back. If you didn't know Ginge and his brother Alex you would soon get to meet them. Ginge looked like a pirate, but under that exterior was a perfect gentleman, who really loved people and would go out of his way to help anybody, young or old. If they had the wrong bait or lost a float, or even a young kid who had got his rod into a muddle, Ginge was always there to help.

There are many things people didn't know about Ginge: his first love was his motorbike. He was an ex guards soldier, and he liked opera and heavy metal. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Only the other day I spoke to his brother Alex, who is still stunned by his loss. Before he died he left a few rules: if any member, junior or senior, is struggling to find their membership money this year, Ginge has said that they can take his place. His brother Alex has also asked us if we can get some of the members to take part in a fishing competition in July and Alex will supply the prizes in memory of Ginge. One thing Alex said was that Ginge felt at one with nature at the lake and thought it was one of the loveliest spots to spend time in. Gone but never forgotten.

The lake is fishing well, let's hope for an improvement in the weather. Tight lines.

Ken and Jane



Picture by Mike Bostock

FARMING FROM THE HEDGE

Here are the results of the 2021 Big Farmland Bird Count:

A record number of farmers participated in this year's count, leading to 81% more birds being counted over 1,000,000 hectares of British farmland. Organised by the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust, the survey showed some encouraging results. Despite much of the country being covered in snow during the survey period 5th-21st February 2021, 2,500 counts were submitted, a 65% increase in the number of counts compared to 2020.



A total of 25 species from the **red list** for Birds of Conservation concern (endangered) were recorded in this year's count with eight appearing in the 25 most frequently seen species list. Of these, starlings, fieldfare, lapwing and linnet were the four most abundant red listed species. We have spotted linnet in Zeal but not during the count window.

The five most common birds counted were, **woodpigeon, starling, rook, fieldfare and chaffinch**. A total of 190,000 were seen making up over 37% of the total counted. Blackbirds and robins were the most commonly seen species by over 75% of participants. A count in **Zeal Monachorum** recorded **127** birds in the thirty minutes allowed, a total of **15** species (one less than in 2020). The most abundant were: **starling 60, jackdaw 20, blue tit 8, long-tail tits 7, woodpigeon 7**

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ZEAL MONACHORUM WI

Before I started this month's piece I received an email from the editor of the magazine, Jan Summers, advising me that it is very likely we may be able to meet as an Institute **ON JULY 7TH , PLEASE MARK THE DATE IN YOUR DIARIES, ON YOUR PHONES OR CALENDAR.** New members, of course, are always welcome.

Regarding WI skittle practice, please call and let me know if you are interested and I will book the alley when appropriate. Most of you will know we have, in the past, held this on a Tuesday evening at 7.30 p.m. from around early June. Having stated that, I don't know, at this moment in time, if there will be a WI skittle league for us to participate in. If not, at least our team went out in a blaze of glory!! Because of the present social distancing rule we will have to wait for a while until we can take the all-important skittle team photo with the shield. Reduced subscriptions will be collected when we finally meet in the hall which may well be July. Until then, good health and stay safe please.

Jan Brealy

WI President

ZEAL EXPLORERS

We were delighted to welcome Anna on our walk this month, so five of us, plus Maggie the dog, set off on a sunny afternoon. We walked down past Beer Farm, heading east through the bluebell woods to the road. Seeing the Shetland ponies in their field and the wild orchids in the hedgerows we marvelled at how dry the ground has become – hard ruts where we used to paddle in deep mud.

Our route took us up to Down St Mary, from where we headed back towards Zeal, taking to the meadows to reach Tucking Mill. In one of these fields we startled a ewe who had become caught on a rough bramble but, seeing us, she broke free and trotted happily over to the rest of the flock again.

Please join us for our next walk on Monday 14 June, 2pm at the bus stop.



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I am a qualified therapist for
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"Yourself being your business."



Archive Photo no. 43:

Fete king and queen. Old Rectory [now Heron Court]. 1950.

Left to right back & middle: Dorothy Cox, ?, Doris Webber, Edie Brentor, Muriel Greenslade, ?, Mrs Greenslade, 4 people behind Noel Mears ?, woman placing crown ?, Valerie Rounsley, Marcia Squires [behind Margaret Andrews], Mrs Squire [behind and between Ena Mears & Hazel Bolt], Jean Mitchell [back right of Hazel Bolt's shoulder], Rhoda Folland, Betty Mitchell, ?, Katie Keenor, Lucy Quick, Lottie Hosegood, Mrs Greenslade [blonde, daughter-in-law], ?, Margaret Dennis, Mrs Elston.

Left to right front: Muriel Cox, ?, Sheila Webber, Shirley Cox, John Mears, Hazel Brewer, Noel Mears, queen Hazel Down, king Desmond Webber, Margaret Andrews, Ena Mears, Hazel Bolt, Monica Keenor, Rosie Barker, ?, Jill Keenor, Tony Brealy, ?, Mervyn Owen, Billy Folland.

Grateful thanks to Tony Brealy for managing to identify so many people after sixty years - what a memory.

I take responsibility for writing down and trying to match who's who and I welcome corrections, additions, further photos and memories of these and other times. Just give me a call 01363 82606

Erica Eden

CREDITON FOODBANK

We are half way through 2021, it is hard to believe! Fifteen months since lockdown began, a time of great difficulty for so many. I believe all our lives have changed during this time in some way or another.

I want you to remember that you have given comfort to the lives of many who perhaps have suffered most: those who had little to start with and for the many who thought they had everything they needed. God willing there is light at the end of the tunnel. Some will be able to pick up and move on. However, there will inevitably be those who will take longer for all sorts of reasons. So foodbanks will be with us for quite a while to come. Your continued generosity and compassion for those in need will always be very much appreciated as, of course, have the last month's donations, THANK YOU. Keep an eye out for the return of the village market. The Foodbank stall will be there for donations and/or purchases. At other times please continue to bring your donations to Lois at Kentmere or Jan at North Star House.

I will continue to put up notices the village with items more urgently needed. Of course, the everyday needs are always ongoing, and are sincerely appreciated by those who receive. Many Blessings.



*Solomon's Seal pictured on Western Rd
by Sally Rowden*

Some quotes for June . . .

'What is one to say about June, the time of perfect young summer, the fulfilment of the promise of the earlier months, and with as yet no sign to remind one that its fresh young beauty will ever fade'.

Gertrude Jekyll, Horticulturalist and garden designer

'We know nothing of tomorrow; our business is to be good and happy today',
Sydney Smith, English writer and cleric

'The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes'.

Marcel Proust, French novelist

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