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# MONACHORUM MATTERS

The newsletter for Zeal Monachorum and St Peter's Parish



*The refurbished obelisk opposite the Western Road entrance to the churchyard  
- see story on Page 2.*

## EDITORIAL

### WATER OBELISK

No doubt many of you have noticed how clean and bright the obelisk near the telephone box now is. Our thanks go to several parties - to David Bowyer for his sterling work cleaning and re-painting the lettering, the Parish Council for deciding the restoration work should be done and facilitating it, and to Sally Rowden and Jan Brealy who removed the weeds which had grown at the base of the obelisk and planted something more attractive.

The obelisk commemorates the establishment of a clean water supply in the village, and its story was first told in our March 2020 issue. The inscription, which can now be seen clearly for the first time in years, reads: 'This water supply was the Victorian Jubilee gift of Richard Davy Esq. of Burston, to this village in 1887'.

Richard Davy was a surgeon at Westminster hospital in London and he had long been concerned at the quality of village water, most of which came from wells, and its impact upon the health of our residents. He gave £300 towards the estimated £500 cost of providing an improved supply. Equivalent values today are £40,500 and £67,500 - so he was a very generous benefactor.

### DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER ISSUE: 8 SEPTEMBER

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### MOBILE LIBRARY

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### RAINFALL

The rainfall figure for July was a massive 132mm - it was a very wet month.

### NEW GROUP

I'm Darren Chandler and I'm currently doing a degree in Theology. As part of this degree, I'm required to fulfil a practical placement in a church setting. So, I'm hoping some of you lovely village folk will join me in a House Group where we will explore the Bible, pray together and share in the Christian faith. This will be an informal get together in a relaxed atmosphere with other Christians, and will include coffee and cake.

The ten-week programme starts on **Tuesday 28 September** running from 10am - 11.30am at Kentmere, near Waie Cross. It will continue weekly on Tuesdays at the same time. We will be looking at 'Christianity explored', a ten-week programme exploring Mark's Gospel, followed by a discussion. If you are interested, please contact me on 07517 449 803 or by email at [darren.chandler15@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:darren.chandler15@yahoo.co.uk).

I look forward to seeing you.

### CREDITON FOODBANK

As always, a big thank you for all donations given. Three bags of food and £40 were taken to the Foodbank at the beginning of August. Truly amazing!

I had an email from Chris to say that Crediton Foodbank has now received its charity status. This will mean that any financial donations can now be Gift Aided which of course will make a huge difference to them. For anyone who would like a gift aid form you can go on line to [creditonfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:creditonfoodbank@gmail.com) and it will be sent to you.

The village market is back this month. The pink box and Foodbank stall will be there for all who would like to donate, and of course, the option to drop off at Kentmere or North Star House is still available. Indeed, if you would like someone to pick up from your home just ring me, Lois, on 82982 and I will be happy to oblige. Many blessings to you for all that you do.

### VILLAGE EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

Every Weds	Coffee morning, 10.30am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Wed 1 Sep	WI, 7.15 for 7.30pm, Village Hall
Fri 3 Sep	Mobile Library, 1.15 - 1.40pm at Waie Cross
Sat 11 Sep	Village Market, 10.00 to 11.30am, Village Hall
Sat 11 Sep	Devon Historic Churches Trust Day (see page 10)
Mon 13 Sep	Zeal Explorers Village Walk, 2pm at bus stop
Sun 19 Sep	Cream teas, 3.00 - 4.30pm at the church
Wed 22 Sep	Bingo, Village Hall, doors open 7.00pm, eyes down 7.30pm

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**QUEEN'S JUBILEE  
CELEBRATIONS FOR  
ZEAL MONACHORUM  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

We are forming a small group to plan activities for us all to enjoy in the village.

For now, we really need your ideas for fun family events!

Please give Sally or Hazel a call on 82531 or 82216



# FISHING CLUB CHAT

Hi All

We managed to get around the lake and do some mowing and clearing of the swims and it is now looking very tidy.

We are pleased to welcome back one of our recent anglers who is about to become a new member, Galvin Williams, who had a great day fishing with his daughter. He has recently recovered from an illness and really enjoyed his time at the lake.

We would like to thank Mr David Bowyer and all who contributed to the bench for Trevor - who is greatly missed. David has now completed the bench, pictured below, together with an image of the engraved plaque. Jane and I think it is amazing, and a fitting tribute to a much loved character.

We are sorry we can't yet give you a date for our fishing competition, but we need a clear spell of weather before we announce it. Tight lines.

Ken and Jane



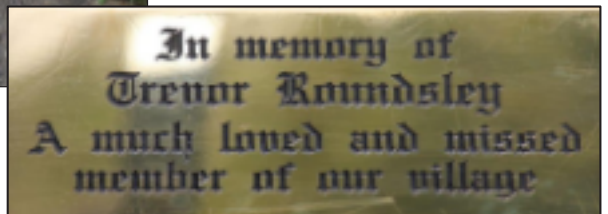
## QUOTES

'I cannot do all the good the world needs but the world needs all the good that I can do'

*Jana Stanfield, musical artist*

'By all these lovely tokens,  
September days are here.  
With summer's best of weather and  
autumn's best of cheer'

*Helen Hunt Jackson, American poet*





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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Council held its most recent meeting on Thursday 29 July. A copy of the minutes of the previous meeting held in May has been on display on the notice board since the 29 July. In future, all minutes approved by the Council will be displayed immediately after the meeting.

The meeting welcomed Peter Heal, the recently elected District Councillor. Peter will be providing an update on his work in this magazine as well as attending the PCC. These updates are appreciated. The meeting was also attended by Ali Birchwhite who has kindly agreed to be co-opted as a Councillor. Her presence on the council is most welcome.

My thanks go again to David Bowyer for cleaning the obelisk by the phone box. It is now sparkling and the inscription can be clearly read. (See story on Page 2)

BT has painted the phone box, but the Council still feels there is no particular reason for them to take it over. As a listed structure it brings its own set of problems.

A planning application for an extension at “Hoggets” in Western Road was considered with no objection from the Council. The applicant is asked to arrange alternative parking for his cars during the construction period to help alleviate any further congestion on Western Road.

Mid Devon Council is compiling a list of historic buildings (pre 1948) which are at risk in terms of their condition. If you are aware of any that concern can you please let me or the Clerk know.

Next year is the Platinum (70) Jubilee of the Coronation of the Queen. Whilst the actual date is 6 February, national celebrations will be held over an extended special Bank Holiday weekend from 2-5 June 2022. This sounds like an excellent opportunity for the village to get together and have a truly memorable few days of celebration. This will need ideas and has to be organised, and volunteers are urgently sought. A notice has been up on the notice board but if you have any good ideas and haven't already volunteered please contact Sally Rowden or Hazel Wainwright, who have kindly offered to help get the ball rolling. Sally can be contacted on 82531 or [sally@rowdens.org.uk](mailto:sally@rowdens.org.uk) and Hazel on 82216.

The next meeting of the Council will be on the **30 September** in the Village Hall and notice of the meeting will be published in the usual way on the notice board and on the PC website [www.zeal-monachorum.co.uk](http://www.zeal-monachorum.co.uk). The Clerk can be contacted at [zmpcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:zmpcouncil@gmail.com) and myself [acchandler@btinternet.com](mailto:acchandler@btinternet.com)

**Andrew Chandler, Chairman**

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## ARCHIVE PHOTOS

These photos are included courtesy of Gerald Hocking with help from Mike Russell. They show Blanche Cornell on the left and Harold Cornell on the right, both holding salmon caught in the River Yeo near Tucking Mill. The pictures were taken in the early 1950s.

Note: I'd be interested to know whether salmon are still found in the Yeo and if so what size they are today. Erica Eden

*Blanche Cornell - Archive photo no 453, Harold Cornell - Archive photo no 452*



## ZEAL MONACHORUM WI

Hurrah, we've managed it at last, our first monthly WI meeting in July since March 2020. The weather was very kind therefore allowing us to sit outside for a very informal meeting. Minutes were read, approved and signed followed by tea, coffee and a variety of cakes provided by the committee. Whilst it is sad to have lost two members, we have welcomed two new ones with a strong possibility of two more.

August saw us meeting for a second monthly meeting, with a strong socialising atmosphere. We met at the Waie Inn and, after dealing very briefly with the business side of things, we played skittles amongst ourselves and enjoyed a wonderful buffet. September will see us back in the village hall where we will enjoy a cheese and wine evening. New members are always welcome.

**Jan Brealy**  
President, ZMWI

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# ST PETER'S CHURCH



Dear Parishioners,

We have quickly come to the last third of 2021. September will see the start of the new academic year with some starting school, some moving to senior school, some to university/college and some starting their new life in work, we wish them all well.

On the 26 September we celebrate our **Harvest Festival** and it is also 'Back to Church' Sunday. If you have not been to church for a long time we will be happy to welcome you back. We look forward to welcoming the Rev Robert Gordon, our new vicar, who will be with us for this service. A collection will be made and donated to the Farm Community Network. After the service we will have bring and share refreshments, the first time in a long while since we were able to do so. The church will be decorated on Saturday, 25 September. We look forward to you joining us.

## Church rota for September 2021

### September 5, 10.00am

Old Testament  
New Testament

### Trinity 14 (lay led)

Isaiah 35: 4-7  
Mark 7: 24-37  
Sidesman  
Altar Flowers  
Church cleaner

### Family Service

Mrs Jane Hogg  
Mrs Becky Harvey and Jocie  
Mr Tony Brealy  
Miss Margaret Harris  
Miss Margaret Harris

### September 12, 6.30pm

Old Testament  
New Testament  
Gospel

### Trinity 15

Proverbs 1: 20-23  
James 3: 1-12  
Mark 8: 27-38  
Sidesman  
Altar Flowers

### C W E

Miss Lynn Warren  
Mr Robert Peck  
Celebrant  
Mrs Marian Quick  
Miss Margaret Harris

### September 26, 6.30pm

### Harvest Festival

Readings and readers to be arranged  
Sidesman  
Altar Flowers 19 & 26

Mr Tony Brealy  
Margaret Down

## Devon Historic Churches Trust Day. Saturday, 11 September.

The Devon Historic Church's Day is the major fundraising day for the Trust and it incorporates the annual **Ride and Stride**, a day when anyone can take part in fund raising for our historic church buildings. Any money raised through sponsored events is divided between the Trust and a church of your choosing. Sponsor forms can be downloaded from the Trust's website for anyone who wishes to take part.

September 19 this will be the last of our **take away cream teas** for this year. They will be available from the church porch between 3.00 to 4.30pm. Bookings please.

**Orders for take away teas please anytime, but no later than 9.00pm on Saturday (day before).** Two scones, clotted cream, raspberry/strawberry will be the jam choices this time, only £3.50. Please state your jam preference when placing your order. Contacts: Margaret Harris 82251/Margaret Down 82204.

On Friday, 30 July, the funeral of Mrs Jean Edbrooke was held. She was laid to rest next to her husband Harold. Jean had lived in Zeal Monachorum for 40 years. The Rev. Robert Gordon officiated. We extend our condolences to her two sons.

It is with sadness that I announce the death of Mr Derek Thorne at the age of 91, another long term resident of Zeal. Derek came to Zeal in the early 1980s. He was born at Colebrooke and spent his whole working life on farms mostly around Colebrooke, firstly at Brocks Farm and, for some years before his retirement, at Bolts Farm, Coleford. He spent a short time working near Taunton. He was a regular attendee of the Chapel at Coleford until it closed. Derek was often seen walking the country lanes here and in his home village of Colebrooke with his binoculars ready to view the countryside and wildlife. His funeral was held at Colebrooke church on Friday, 6 August. He was interred in the cemetery with his late wife Ann who died in 2017. Our thoughts and prayers are with Hilary, Roger, Susan and their families.

### ***Margaret***

*Thanks to Ken Hogg for the picture of people enjoying a cream tea in Margaret's garden, shown below.*

*Left - right: Tony Breal, Alan Summers, Delia Wainwright, Hazel Wainwright, David Wainwright*




Here are a couple of riddles for you to ponder . . .


1. A word I know, six letters it contains. Remove one letter and 12 remains.  
What is the word?
2. What has a head and a tail but no body?


Answers on Page 13

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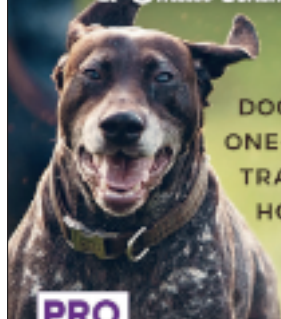
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## A QUIZ FOR SEPTEMBER

1. Why does the US flag have 13 stripes?
2. In the game of cricket, what should have a height of 28 inches?
3. The collective noun for tigers is:  
a) a pride    b) a majesty    c) an ambush?
4. Which French town is twinned with Crediton?
5. Which ancient writing system is derived from the Greek word for sacred carving?
6. What does the acronym MAMIL stand for?
7. Which is our smallest native bird?
8. Which country has the longest coastline in the world?
9. Which birds belong to the Cygnus family?
10. Devon's motto is Auxilia Divino. What does it mean?
11. In which country was Tolkein born?
12. How many dimples are on a British golf ball?    a) 50    b) 175    c)330
13. How many noses does a slug have?
14. What is a Cornish Split?
15. From which language does the word 'sauna' come?

### If you have a minute:

Can you name the four sports that were COMPLETELY new to the Olympic Games in Tokyo?

### Answers for August

- |                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| 1. St Ives               | 9. Mali                                      |
| 2. Corsica               | 10. Belfast                                  |
| 3. Kew                   | 11. Hawaiian Islands in<br>the North Pacific |
| 4. Austria               | 12. A council car park in Leicester          |
| 5. The Rutland Reservoir | 13. In bed                                   |
| 6. Rome                  | 14. In your fingers and toes                 |
| 7. Chesil Beach          | 15. Peru                                     |
| 8. New Zealand           |  |

### Minute Quiz answers

(apologies; the question should have read 500 miles and not 500km)  
Paris    Brussels    Amsterdam    Luxembourg City    Dublin

Answers to riddles on Page 11: 1. Dozens    2. A coin



# CLIMATE EMERGENCY - SAVE OUR PLANET - RIVERS

I love living near rivers, but over the 36 years I've lived here there has been a decline in all the wildlife around the rivers. Shockingly, every river in England is polluted beyond legal limits. Figures from the Environment Agency released in September 2020 reveal that 0% of rivers, lakes and streams are classed as being "in good health". In 2016, 16% of waters were classed as good. The change represents more accurate measurements, rather than a change in underlying condition.

In July 2021, the film *Rivercide* was broadcast live: an investigative documentary, to find out who is polluting our rivers and why we are not stopping them. Nitrate levels in rivers, mostly from agricultural fertilisers and slurry, have risen in the last two years, polluting water and causing plants and algae to grow excessively, taking oxygen out of the water and killing off wildlife. In the last five years there has been a rise in the number of water pollution incidents, from fewer than 6,500 in 2015 to almost 7,600 in 2019; most are caused by water/sewage companies and farmers. Storm overflows are operating more frequently due to growth and climate change, putting more sewage into rivers than in the past. In 2019 storm overflows spilled an average of 35 times each and nearly one in ten spilled more than 100 times.

A major cause of this crisis is the collapse of environmental protection for our rivers. England's Environment Agency's environmental protection funding has been cut by 75% in the last decade. An Emergency Rescue Plan has been proposed - Government must:

1. Fine polluters per litre of pollution discharged,
2. Fund enforcers - double the budgets for environment protection,
3. Monitor the mess - install continuous pollution monitoring on key rivers, with live data displayed publicly online,
4. Buffer the banks - make farm subsidies conditional on creating wild corridors along rivers and streams,
5. Let us test - launch standardised water sampling protocol so local citizens can collect polluted water for legal actions.

What you can do:

1. Write to Your MP urging them to save our rivers,
2. Sign the petition at [riveractionuk.com](https://riveractionuk.com),
3. Join or start a 'Friends Group' - organise clean-ups, highlight pollution incidents, start citizen science monitoring,
4. Campaign for Bathing Water Status - thanks to campaigners in Ilkley, England has one river designated for swimming. France has 570!
5. Respect your river - visit it, learn its history, take children to play by it, share photos & stories,
6. Watch the film online <https://rivercide.tv/>

**Erica Eden**

*Also published in Bow & Arrow September 2021*

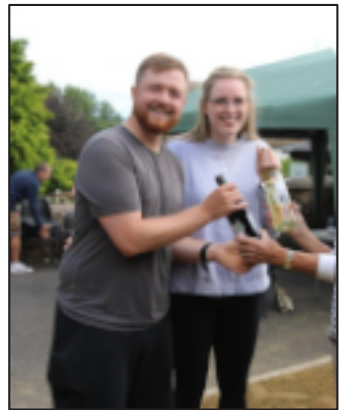
## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

After many months of restrictions, it was a real joy to hold our first event at the end of July - a Boules and BBQ afternoon. Around 30 people gathered to enjoy the fleeting sun and to participate in a hard-fought tournament, which was finally won by Rafe Birchwhite & Alex Stock.

The BBQ was run by Alan and Judi Hollingsworth, Tracey Allis and Delia Wainwright, and delicious puddings were provided by several people – our thanks to all who helped on the day, and to everyone who came to enjoy the fun.

Our coffee mornings have also started up again and, on 22 September, Bingo returns, hosted as usual by Sue and Martyn Down. So do come along and enjoy a relaxing evening with many prizes to be won. In next month's issue we hope to have news of the return of Film Night in October.

*Shown below: Sue & Martyn Down marshalling the Boules with many keen observers and, on the right, the triumphant winners. Pictures by David Bowyer.*



## BEE REVIVAL

Sugar water helps to revive bees. This one was found in the road by the phone box, and was given a refreshing drink by Jo, daughter of Jan & Tony Brealy. After a short rest on a flower in the horse trough, he flew away completely revived.



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## **Keep your garden sparkling through September with Advice from Bow Garden Centre**

September is an ideal time to plant new shrubs and trees, or move existing ones. They will get off to a flying start for next spring, as they will have had all winter to settle in. We have an expanded range of shrubs and trees, so it's worth a visit!

1. Roses including climbing, rambling and standard should be pruned down to just above a 5-leaf shoot, once they've finished flowering. Prune flowering shrubs, and any dead or diseased growth. Give evergreen hedges a final trim to make sure they are in good shape for autumn.
2. Now is the time to use winter tree wash to remove insect debris, dust and wax which insects use to secure their eggs. Suitable for use on all plants, but particularly evergreens, it removes contaminants from the leaf surface to increase light exposure and encourage photosynthesis. Also use 'Seal & Heal' to seal any tree wounds, and protect pruned branches against ingress of diseases and harmful pests such as coral spot and silver leaf. Use Greasebands & Moth Pheromone Traps on trees as a pest barrier for fruit trees – these pesticide-free grease bands & traps are ideal for organic gardeners and effectively trap winter moths and other insects.
3. Refresh hanging baskets, pots and borders with colourful autumn bedding plants.
4. Repair any brown-looking grass and patches on your lawn now, using Patch Repair, grass seeds, and lawn feed, all available in-store. Scarify off heavy moss or thatch.
5. Keep your garden looking tidy by gathering up leaves from lawns and pathways now. Use a garden vacuum or rake and leaf collector to help make the job easier.
6. Rain is great for your flowers, but it encourages weeds too. Continue tackling weeds with weed killers (including some natural alternatives) or weeding tools such as Weed Slice or Weed Burners, designed to make the hard work of tackling weeds easier.
7. Now is the ideal time to be planting perennials, bulbs and seeds so that they flower in time for spring next year (save tulip bulbs for Oct/Nov planting). We have a wide range now in store, so you can choose your favourite display of colours, and beautiful fragrances.
8. Cover your pond using a pond net to protect it from leaves falling. Debris can result in algae and sludge which, if left for long enough, will reduce oxygen levels and harm your fish. Pond vacuums also help to maintain a clear healthy pond at this time of year.
9. Clear out your greenhouse and clean the glass to increase the amount of sunlight coming in. Also get to work on removing any pests and disinfect inside your greenhouse. Get bubble wrap ready for winter insulation in your greenhouse.



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**Waie Inn** - on the wall by the entrance to the soft play area/swimming pool.