



This month is amazingly busy,

The first week in brings us the **local council elections** – including, for the first time in quite a while, your chance to elect your **Parish Council**. A timely reminder, then, to bring some **photo ID** with you to the polling station in the Village Hall (**4th May 7am-10pm**); this is a new requirement and one which will catch out many...but not **you**... May has no less than three Bank Holiday Mondays; here's hoping that doesn't jinx a month's worth of weather!



Monyash Survey Results – April 26th & 27th 7.30pm

But, before we get stuck into the merry-merry month, we have the public presentation of the Monyash survey results, by Chris Woodhouse, in the Village Hall – and we have been promised a brand-new projector with screen, thank you, Chris! The survey, covering many aspects of life in the village, was conducted during last Autumn, now this is your chance to not only see your views and opinions writ large, but to take part in a question and answer session with a general discussion about village life. The Parish Council have decided to repeat the event, over the two evenings of Wednesday and Thursday, to give as many residents as possible the chance to be there. It might even be that you watch the presentation one night and return with questions, or answers, the next; you would be very welcome; so, *please do turn up and take part*.

EVENTS this month of May:-

Sunday 30th April – Holy communion at Hartington 11am, with Bishop Malcolm for White Peak and Youlgreave Benefices.

Monday 1st (BH) – Presumably no Ivengar yoga, as it is the first of the bank holidays, but you may wish to check with Dave.

Tuesday 2nd – ***Monyash Quilters Group***, Village Hall, 2 to 4 pm. (And ***weekly***, Tuesdays) A friendly group of ladies with a wide range of creative talent who love making beautiful quilts and anything crafty. Drop into one of our weekly meetings to see what we do and if we can temp you to join.

– ***Your Space*** 4pm – 5:30pm Methodist Chapel. Youth group for year 7 and above. Hang out with friends, listen to music, play board games, learn relaxation techniques, have fun. Free entry and cheap snacks and drinks.

– ***Pilates***. Class with Caroline Webster. 6pm – 7pm in the Village Hall. £6.50. Suitable for all ages, levels of fitness and flexibility. Caroline is a fully qualified yoga and Pilates instructor. If you would like to reserve a place or find out more about Pilates, contact Caroline on **07831 720810** or email: **carolinewebster2@gmail.com**

Wednesday 3rd – ***Birdsong Walk with Simon*** 9am. £5 per head. Advance booking needed: **07930 266218**, call/text/WhatsApp. A stroll through the village, up a green lane and down a dale, to listen to the birds, with tips on ID. Meet on the green. 1 hour+.

– ***Mobile Library*** 11.15 – 11.45am in The Square.

– ***Monyash WI*** - 7.30 - 10.00 pm. Regular monthly meetings in the Village Hall, on the first Wednesday of each month (except August), with guest Speaker and competition. A small, friendly group and new members always welcome.

Thursday 4th – ***Local elections for District and Parish Councils***. 7am – 10pm. Fight complacency, ***use your vote!***

– ***Quiz Night*** – The Bull's Head. (And every Thursday). I think the actual quiz starts around 9pm

Friday 5th – ***Crafternoon***. 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project – or not!

Saturday 6th – ***Birdsong Walk with Simon*** 8.30am. £5, or free with a copy of this Newsletter. (As above for other details).

Sunday 7th – ***Coronation Tea Party*** 1.30pm at the Village Hall. Bring your own food and drink, (sweet or savoury) to share; music and games; any queries: Ruth - email: **ruthyarwood@btinternet.com**

– ***Donkey Sanctuary Open Day***, from 10am (a pleasant walk up Hutmoor Butts, from Cross Lanes, 45mins)

Monday 8th (BH) – ***The Big Help Out – A village clean-up/litter-pick***, with grabbers and bags provided; wear gloves. Meet Jo Judy and Simon on the village green. Most likely a morning thing, if interested, let Jo Scoggins know on **07759 051266**

Tuesday 9th – ***Monyash Quilters Group***, Village Hall, 2 to 4 pm (as above).

– ***Your Space*** 4pm – 5:30pm Methodist Chapel. Youth group for year 7 and above, as above.

– ***Pilates***, 6pm – 7pm in the Village Hall, as above.

Wednesday 10th – ***Birdsong Walk with Simon, 9am***, as above for Wednesday. The free offer is for the Saturday walk only.

– **Parish Council Meeting with Annual Parish Meeting**, starting at 6pm in the Village Hall. Public meeting from 6pm, with Parish Council meeting to follow, but anyone is welcome to stay and observe this. (See below)

Thursday 11th – **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. As above.

Friday 12th – **Messy Church**; Methodist Chapel. 3.15 – 4.45pm £1.50 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday 13th – **Birdsong Walk with Simon** 8.30am. £5, or free with a copy of this Newsletter. (As above for other details).
– **DAMBUSTERS 80TH ANNIVERSARY**, Bakewell Medway Centre. Tickets £10. From Bakewell Pet Supplies or from Andy Howard in Monyash. (07718374951) email biketours@hotmail.com (also for more information).

Sunday 14th – **Rogationtide Walk** and blessing of the village (Hartington) starts at St. Giles, 11am.
– **Songs of Praise** service 4pm with Monyash School at St Leonards; **join us** to sing your *favourite hymns*

Monday 15th – **IVENGAR YOGA**. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. £9. Beginners welcome. To book a slot, email Dave: djs.abbotside@gmail.com

Tuesday 16th – **Your Space** 4pm – 5:30pm Methodist Chapel. Youth group for year 7 +. As above.
– **Monyash Quilters Group**, Village Hall, 2 to 4 pm. As above.
– **Pilates**. Class with Caroline Webster. 6pm – 7pm in the Village Hall. As above.

Wednesday 17th – **Birdsong Walk with Simon, 9am**, as above for Wednesday. **And every Weds to end of June.**

Thursday 18th – **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. As above.

Friday 19th – **Crafternoon**. 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. As above.

Saturday 20th – **Birdsong Walk with Simon** 8.30am. £5, or free with a copy of this Newsletter. (As above for other details).
– **Strawberry Fayre**, 12 – 2pm Flagg Nursery. Raffle, tombola, stalls, teas – always great fun, IMHO.

Monday 22nd – **IVENGAR YOGA**. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. £9. Beginners welcome. As above.

Tuesday 23rd – **Your Space** 4pm – 5:30pm Methodist Chapel. Youth group for year 7 +. As above.
– **Monyash Quilters Group**, Village Hall, 2 to 4 pm. As above.
– **Pilates**. Class with Caroline Webster. 6pm – 7pm in the Village Hall. As above.

Thursday 25th – **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. As above.

Friday 26th – **Half Term** begins for the schools.

Saturday 27th – **Birdsong Walk with Simon** 8.30am. £5, or free with a copy of this Newsletter. (As above for other details).

Monday 29th (BH) So, I presume no yoga on this last bank holiday of the month, but again, check with Dave, as above.

Tuesday 30th – **Monyash Quilters Group**, Village Hall, 2 to 4 pm. As above.
– **Pilates**. Class with Caroline Webster. 6pm – 7pm in the Village Hall. As above.

Wednesday 31st – **Mobile Library** 11.15 – 11.45am in The Square.

Annual Parish Meeting

So, we are indeed ‘meeting heavy’ over these few weeks. Not to be confused with the presentation of the survey results on 26th & 27th April, 10th May is the *Annual Parish Meeting*, where you have a good hour to put anything you want to the Parish Council. Issues raised will go on next month’s agenda. Following this, the PC will hold its Annual Meeting, which, as ever, the public is permitted to observe, excepting any items that the agenda states are to be discussed with the public excluded. Please do attend the APM, it will be the first with your newly elected councillors in their seats, so, perhaps an opportunity to get to know them a little better?

Become a School Governor?

Monyash Primary School are looking for a new governor *from the community* to join their friendly and welcoming board. If you are interested, please email Mrs Sharon Slack: headteacher@monyash.derbyshire.sch.uk – As my italics might suggest, you don’t have to have a child at the school; having a different perspective from someone who lives locally is the valuable thing.

Ducks and Ducklings, etc...

To anyone who thinks that the Mallard duck has done a runner from ‘Charlie Drake’ on Fere Mere: All the signs are that she is sitting on eggs somewhere, returning now and then to the mere to feed, having covered the eggs with her down. Mallards are notorious for nesting in awkward places and, although I have made a few ‘nesty’ places around the mere, she is quite likely to be in your garden shed! Please do be careful when pottering, therefore, even if you live at some distance from the water. Be on the lookout during May for when she finally leads her brood to the water! They are likely to be crossing a village road. The **Toad Patrol** this Spring rescued 1,891 toads; 1 frog; 13 Great Crested and 5 Smooth Newts. Frog numbers seemed down this year, but I can report that the two female frogs featured in the filming successfully spawned once released back to the wild.

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Don’t forget: The minutes and agenda for all Parish Council meetings can be found on the village website: monyash.info as well as on the **village notice board**. I now have one of the keys for this, if you have anything you want to display.