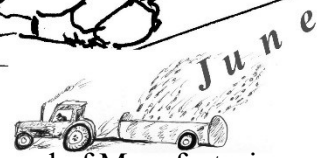




### **Another busy Month,**

So, we have done our best to get this edition out asap – not least to catch up with the tail-end of May, featuring some of the biggest dates in the village calendar – the Wells and May Market. If you want to help with either, (please do!) keep an eye on the village website ([monyash.info](http://monyash.info)) for details – or simply chat to your neighbours.



### **Tea and Tots**

is a **new playgroup**, aimed at babies and pre-schoolers, for local families and friends to get together for a cuppa, chat and play. They are meeting every Friday morning from 9-11am in Monyash Village Hall. Anyone is welcome to pop in and join the fun. Tea coffee, snacks and a variety of toys are provided. Sessions are £2 per family and please note that parents are responsible for their children whilst there.

### **The Monyash Survey**

The Parish Council is getting on with looking at how we respond to the survey results, after the public meetings last month. Please do go to the village website for the agenda and minutes of our meetings, for more detail.

### **EVENTS this month of June:-**

(*& end of May*)

- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>** – **The Dressed Wells** will be on show from over this weekend – two at the school & the adults’ at Jack Mere.  
 – **Birdsong Walk with Simon** 8.30am. £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. An hour and a half. Throughout June the walk becomes as much about flowers, butterflies and bees... (See also Wednesdays, 9am).  
 – **Blessing of the Wells**, 2pm, starting at Jack Mere. Blessing by Revs. Adele Barker and Andrew Parker.
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup>** – **May Market**. Stalls, games, fun events, BBQ’s...all over the green, school and grounds. Morning onwards.  
 – Presumably no Ivengar yoga, as it is a **bank holiday**, but you may wish to check with Dave.
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>** – **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 tempt you to join.  
 – **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 31<sup>st</sup>** – **Birdsong Walk with Simon** 9am. £5 per head. The free offer is for the Saturday walk.  
 – **Mobile Library** 11.15 – 11.45am in The Square.
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. (And every Thursday). I think the actual quiz starts around 9pm
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>** – **Tea and Tots** – 9 – 11am Village Hall. Playgroup, (details above); £2 per family, anyone welcome.  
 – **Crafternoon**. 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project – or not! Tea and natter is fine!
- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – **Birdsong Walk with Simon** 8.30am. £5, or free with a copy of this Newsletter. (As above for other details).
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>** – **Donkey Sanctuary Open Day**, from 10am (a pleasant walk up Hutmoor Butts, from Cross Lanes, 45mins)
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup>** – **IVENGAR YOGA**. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. £9. Beginners welcome. To book a slot, email Dave: [djs.abbotside@gmail.com](mailto:djs.abbotside@gmail.com)  
 – **Parish Council Meeting**, 7pm, Village Hall. See village website and noticeboard for agenda.
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>** – **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. Hang out with friends, listen to music, play board games, learn relaxation techniques, have fun. Free entry and cheap snacks and drinks.  
 – **Pilates**, 6pm – 7pm in the Village Hall, as above.
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>** – **Birdsong Walk with Simon**, 9am, details as above. And every Wednesday, but you must book.

- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>** – **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 8<sup>th</sup>** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. As above.
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup>** – **Tea and Tots** – 9 – 11am Village Hall. Playgroup, (details above); £2 per family, anyone welcome.
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>** – **Birdsong Walk with Simon 8.30am**. £5, or free with a copy of this Newsletter. (As above for other details).
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>** – **Pets’ Church Service**. 4pm, led by Revd Adele. All your pets are welcome, along with their owners!
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup>** – **IVENGAR YOGA**. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. £9. Beginners welcome. (Details above).
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>** – **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 15<sup>th</sup>** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. As above.
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup>** – **Tea and Tots** – 9 – 11am Village Hall. Playgroup, (details above); £2 per family, anyone welcome.  
 – **Crafternoon**. 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. As above.
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>** – **Birdsong Walk with Simon 8.30am**. £5, or free with a copy of this Newsletter. (As above for other details).
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup>** – **IVENGAR YOGA**. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. £9. Beginners welcome. As above.
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>** – **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 22<sup>nd</sup>** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. As above.
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – **Tea and Tots** – 9 – 11am Village Hall. Playgroup, (details above); £2 per family, anyone welcome.
- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>** – **Birdsong Walk with Simon 8.30am**. £5, or free with a copy of this Newsletter. (As above for other details).
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup>** – **IVENGAR YOGA**. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. £9. Beginners welcome. As above.
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>** – **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 28<sup>th</sup>** – **Mobile Library** 11.15 – 11.45am in The Square.
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. As above.
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup>** – **Tea and Tots** – 9 – 11am Village Hall. Playgroup, (details above); £2 per family, anyone welcome.  
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### **The Monyash Trusts**

Many new residents will not have heard of the Rider and Palfreyman Charities, which were founded way back in 1709 and 1837. Today they are combined as linked Trusts regulated by the Charity Commission and the days are long gone when they were associated with the poor and underprivileged. In recent years we have been able to financially assist village and community organisations like the School, Children’s Play area and Parish Church, as well as university students and other residents, on further education courses and with associated IT equipment. We have also been able to help people with disability, or who have needed to travel, or transport other residents to hospitals in the area.

If you feel that you or a member of your family could benefit from what we do please get in touch with the Trusts' Treasurer, John Caws (johntcaws@gmail.com or 01629 736831). *Heather.*

### **Filming at Fere Mere**

Yet again, I spoke to soon when I said that the film unit had completed all they needed to do around Monyash. They are back for what I am assured is one final stint, from Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>. Some more shots of tadpoles, (with the Methodist Chapel once more serving as a very high-tech film studio) as well as dragonlives at the mere and very young froglets – if, that is, my accelerated nurturing program can fatten up the frog tadpoles in time. If you do find any tiny froglets in your garden, *please, please do let me know*. Very hard to tell apart from toadlets, but I shall be extremely willing to come and point out the differences, if you let us borrow a froglet or two! As throughout all the filming, we have been scrupulous in not bringing any creatures from another part of the country, (to guard against disease) which is why everything is sourced from within Monyash.

### **Ducks and Ducklings, etc...**

Somehow, Mother Duck escorted her brood successfully, in the middle of a very busy Saturday, all the way across the village to the mere. The first I saw of them, they were on the ‘duck island’ early in the evening. Nine ducklings (one since lost, possibly to the Heron). Some of you have commented recently, “Shame there is no island” – well, look closely and it is there, blending in with the flag irises, so easily missed. It did disappear, last Summer, after a catastrophic June gale capsized it, but now it has 3 solid anchors, it should withstand a hurricane. The Moorhens are back and seem to have young already.

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