



August 2023

Originally, we were not planning an edition of the Newsletter for August, but seeing as there is plenty going on, we thought we may as well put one out...

Road Closure – Chapel Street – 16th to 18th August

This is the kind of news you want to hear. There has been much confusion over it, (in our house at least) with notices going up about a closure of 'Chapel Street, Flagg' – a complete coincidence I think – and various dates being bandied about, but it now looks as though *our Chapel Street, beyond the junction with Horse Lane*, will be closed on August 16th, 8am, until 18th, 6pm; so you should still be able to access Horse Lane. It's on behalf of Severn Trent Water and if you want confirmation, complete with a helpful map of the envisaged situation, there is a link you can visit - <https://one.network/?tm=134835336>

New 30mph Signs?

Following the efforts of Monyash's very own 'Banksy' in replacing the completely faded '30' symbols with '20's on the Bakewell Road, new '30' signs are promised by Derbyshire County Council for this end of the village – and about time too! Is this what it takes? While we are talking 'Highways', a *fifth* request for renewed road markings has been made by the Parish Council following an accident at the cross roads because the warnings are illegible. In the meantime, our 'Twenty is Plenty' campaign continues to gather support, but it will probably be a few years before official, brand new '20' signs will appear at entrances to all villages... More immediately, however, you will notice some 'A' boards on the green during busy periods, which will be asking road users of all kinds to **"Please arrive and leave the village quietly and slowly, parking with respect to residents and all our green spaces."**

Monyash Flower Festival

The Flower Festival was a great success realising £1200 for the church. Thanks to all the ladies who contributed, particularly Jo and Heather for their inspiration. There were some really imaginative responses to the theme of 'letters from the alphabet'.

EVENTS this month of August:-

Tuesday 1st – **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**

Thursday 3rd – **Quiz Night** – The Bull's Head. (And every Thursday). I think the actual quiz starts around 9pm

Friday 4th – **Crafternoon**. 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project – or not! Tea and natter is fine!

Sunday 6th – **Donkey Sanctuary Open Day**, from 10am. (thedonkeysanctuary.org.uk). It is a very pleasant 45min. walk up the green lane called 'Hutmoor Butts', from Cross Lanes – reached by Naylor Lane, off Chapel St. And The Bull 'i th' Thorn is next door, if you wanted further excuse. It is once more a proper pub *and* pizzeria!

Monday 7th – **IVENGAR YOGA**. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. £8. Beginners welcome. To book a slot, email Dave: djs.abbotside@gmail.com

– **Parish Council Meeting** 7pm. Village Hall. Anyone is welcome to attend the public meeting. There is 10 minutes for 'Public Speaking' at the start. See village website and noticeboard for agenda.

Tuesday 8th – **Monyash Quilters Group**, Village Hall, 2 to 4 pm, as above.

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

Thursday 10th – **Quiz Night** – The Bull's Head, as above.

Monday 14th – **IVENGAR YOGA**. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. £9. Beginners welcome. (Details above).

- Tuesday 15th** – *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 17th** – *Quiz Night* – The Bull’s Head. As above.
- Friday 18th** – *Crafternoon*. 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project – or not! Tea and natter is fine!
- Monday 21st** – *IVENGAR YOGA*. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. £9. Beginners welcome. As above.
- Tuesday 22nd** – *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 23rd** – *Mobile Library* 11.15 – 11.45am in The Square.
- Thursday 24th** – *Quiz Night* – The Bull’s Head. As above.
- Friday 25th** – *Crafternoon*. 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project – or not! Tea and natter is fine!
- Monday 28th** – *IVENGAR YOGA*. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. £9. Beginners welcome. As above.
- Tuesday 29th** – *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 31st** – *Quiz Night* – The Bull’s Head. As above. [Tea and Tots restarts on Friday Sept. 1st, in the village hall.]

Concert at Hartington Church – 19th August

The Francaix Trio will be giving a concert on the evening of 19th August in Hartington Church. The Birmingham-based wind trio are performing all across the UK; Jacob Perkins on oboe, Will Hammond on clarinet and Dominic O’Sullivan on bassoon. They formed in late 2017, and enjoy playing a wide range of repertoire, from Mozart to Villa-Lobos and have performed in Birmingham cathedral, the synagogue and have even performed on the main stage at Symphony Hall.

A message from Lisa and family, new residents at The Vicarage:

I am very excited to have joined Rev’d Adele as Assistant Curate in the benefice of the White Peak Group. A bit about me – I am married to Guy, and we have 3 adult children, and a very well-loved and spoilt 10-year-old sprocker spaniel. Before sensing that God may be calling me to ministry in the Church of England, we lived in Taunton, Somerset where I worked as a manager in a hospice. During our time in Taunton, we were part of a large village church on the edge of the town. For the last two years, I have been studying theology full-time at Trinity College in Bristol.

I love being outdoors; walking, off-road running and cycling are some of my favourite things to do so I’m very much looking forward to exploring the wonderful hills and countryside of the Peaks – Guy is particularly excited about getting to know the local rivers and pub!

We’re so enjoying being in Monyash - folk have been so warm and welcoming and we’re very much looking forward to getting to know the village and community better over the coming months and years. What a fabulous place to be! Please do stop us for a chat!



Nature Notes – Ring Ouzels and Swifts

The other week, we went for an evening stroll up to Higger Tor and the iron-age fort of Carl Wark, above Hathersage. After a brief rain shower, the evening got better and better; first a Curlew, then the sound of Golden Plovers, followed by the sight of a Short-eared Owl hunting low over the heather. To cap the experience, a Ring Ouzel, (a bit like a garden Blackbird with a white bib) landed on the rocks and proceeded to feed a youngster; we watched them for some while. Ring Ouzels make an alarm call very like a Blackbird’s, but more metallic. Late last Summer we heard these calls coming from the Blackthorns at our end of Lathkill. Though they breed only amongst rocks on the high moors, Ring Ouzels, uniquely among our thrushes, head off to Africa for the Winter, so it was almost certainly a family on migration we heard, perhaps down from ‘The Dark Peak’. Worth listening and watching out for them again this August.

August is also migration time for our Swifts; the adults will actually leave before their young have flown, leaving them to find their way to Africa by instinct alone. Swifts, along with many insect eating birds, are in decline nationally, but from a casual count of the Monyash flock, (best done when they scream high above) there are at least sixteen adults – a healthy number for a small village. We have our older buildings and stone roofs to thank; there is just enough space between the tiles for them to find a nesting space. Developers of new properties are being encouraged to fit at least one, hollow ‘Swift brick’ in place of a normal one, under the eaves. Modern or refurbished buildings are otherwise simply too lacking in any kind of space for Swifts, which is a shame, as they need so little.

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