



As it has been on the soggy side...

since June, at least, (anyone remember June?) I thought I would look into the mid-range forecast provided by the BBC. The best thing about it is an admission of 'low confidence' in its accuracy, given that it seems to predict yet more bouts of 'unsettled' weather moving in off the Atlantic. I am an incurable optimist, however, so I am clinging to ***'it is possible that we will see a stronger build of high pressure by mid-September, which would deliver drier conditions...'*** Well, almost anything is 'possible' I suppose...



For more certain news, I am indebted to our new District Councillor, Laura Mellstrom, (contact details below) for the following updates on bins, mowing and hugs, from which I quote, with minor edits:-

New bin days start 18th September

Waste collection is done by Serco as contractors. The routes they use have been reviewed to make the service more efficient and reduce CO2 emissions. This means about 90% of households will find their bin day changes. Details will be confirmed in the week commencing 4th September, to start from the 18th. There will be leaflets, as well as information on the Council's website and Facebook etc. Significant disruption is expected at first, but this has been planned for, with extra crews laid on to deal with missed collections, which can be reported on the website or by phone to: **01629 761122**.

Clean & Green Review

The District Council's "Clean & Green" Team is responsible for grass cutting, road sweeping and maintenance of parks, graveyards and public spaces. Service frequencies have been reviewed, in order to make their workloads more achievable and to improve efficiency. The key changes are:

- Cutting of verges – down from 9 times per year to 6, with further cuts only where there are safety issues.
- Grass cutting in parks, sports fields and churchyards to remain unchanged, but open cemeteries will be cut 12 times per year, up from 6. [In Monyash, some of the mowing is by the PC, or PCC inside the churchyard].
- As before, there will be 2 pavements sweeps, 2 road sweeps and 1 leaf clearance per year.

It may be possible for additional work to be done on a paid basis, if Parish Councils are willing to stump up.

The new mowing and cleaning schedules will be published on the Council's website soon, with a facility to report missed bits.

The Council remains committed to avoiding glyphosate use, despite the much longer times it takes to remove weeds manually. They have been trialling the use of a pesticide-free "hot foam" system in Eyam and we should hear more about that in September.

Anyone need a HUG?

The Council has nearly £2m from the Government to spend on Home Upgrade Grants to home owners and private renters on a low income (under £31,000 per household), who **don't have mains gas**, and have an energy rating of D or worse. (They can fund an Energy Performance Certificate if you don't know what your energy rating is.) The grants pay for energy efficiency measures and low carbon heating, to reduce fuel bills and CO2 emissions. If eligible, you are not required to contribute yourself. The grants are being administered through Marches Energy Agency. For more information call **0800 677 1332** (option 2) or email **hugd@mea.org.uk** .

Contacting your District Councillor, Laura Mellstrom...and, while we are at it, your Parish Council:

Laura.Mellstrom@derbyshiredales.gov.uk (yes, capital L and M); or, by post: **c/o Town Hall, Matlock DE4 3NN**. **Mobile: 07503 674335**. **https://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/** is the Derbyshire Dales DC website, (user-friendly!) And, as I think I should have flagged up in a previous edition of the Newsletter, there is a new way to contact your parish council over any matter, via a standard form on the village website. Go to '**monyash.info**' and click on the 'Contact Monyash' page and then the one for 'Monyash Parish Council' – messages go directly to the Parish Clerk.

EVENTS *this month of September:-*

- Friday 1st** – *Tea and Tots* – 9 – 11am Village Hall. Playgroup with refreshments; £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!
- Sunday 3rd** – *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 4th** – *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 5th** – *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 6th** – *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 7th** – *Quiz Night* – The Bull’s Head. (And every Thursday). I think the actual quiz starts around 9pm
- Friday 8th** – *Tea and Tots* – 9 – 11am Village Hall. Playgroup, (details above); £2 per family, anyone welcome.
- Monday 11th** – *IVENGAR YOGA*. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Details as above.
- Tuesday 12th** – *Monyash Quilters Group*, Village Hall, 2 to 4 pm, as above.
– *Pilates*, 6pm – 7pm in the Village Hall, as above.
- Thursday 14th** – *Quiz Night* – The Bull’s Head, as above.
- Friday 15th** – *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!
- Monday 18th** – *IVENGAR YOGA*. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. (Details above).
- Tuesday 19th** – *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 20th** – *Mobile Library* 11.15 – 11.45am in The Square.
- Thursday 21st** – *Quiz Night* – The Bull’s Head. As above.
- Friday 22nd** – *Tea and Tots* – 9 – 11am Village Hall. Playgroup, (details above); £2 per family, anyone welcome.
- Monday 25th** – *IVENGAR YOGA*. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Details as above.
- Tuesday 26th** – *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 28th** – *Quiz Night* – The Bull’s Head. As above.
- Friday 29th** – *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!

Tree Works – advance notice

Over the next few months, the Parish Council will be putting into action a plan to improve and maintain some small areas of woodland around the village, following a recent survey. Of first priority will be the woodland at Fere Mere, which is overdue for some thinning and removal of trees suffering from Ash die-back. All with the permission of the PDNPA’s Tree Officer, as the village is a conservation area. I believe that Saint Leonard’s PCC has also undertaken a full survey of trees in the churchyard, so no doubt you can expect some additional work there, as the Ash trees have similar issues, as do some of the older Limes, dropping dead boughs. More detail on all of this nearer the time.

Nature Notes...

We’ve been meeting with a young hedgehog, early mornings in the churchyard. Normal advice is: If you find a hedgehog out in the daytime, it’s in trouble and you should get it to help. This one seems lively, healthy and simply extending its foraging time beyond dawn; it’s still learning, perhaps. It’s been eating a little meaty dog food before crawling off to sleep in deep cover, so hopefully will grow some more and make it all the way to hibernation. Things *not* to feed hedgehogs include bread, milk and, surprisingly, mealworms. Providing water is most helpful.

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