



Ah, October...

This will be an interesting October, colour-wise, I think. We've had it hot, then wet and cool, then hot again, so the experts are predicting lots of tints in the leaves, but not until very late. On the other hand, our apples look like being early and, thanks to all that rain, nice and big. But nothing like as sweet as last year, I expect. Whatever, there is plenty of sweet, colourful activity in the village this month...read on.



Village Volunteer Force

Would you be able to spare a couple of hours, once in a while, to help out in a practical way with jobs that need doing around the village? If so, the Parish Council would like to hear from you – and if you have any particular skills, that would be a bonus. We are not talking anything too strenuous and nothing at all formal. Many of you already get involved with tasks like spreading the tree-bark around the playpark when this needs refreshing, so it's simply an extension of that community spirit, if you like. If you would be happy to add your name to a list of helpers, then please email sheenaghmudford@gmail.com – and do mention any particular skills you might be able to offer, if relevant. The more we can do for ourselves, the better.

Do you use the yellow Air Ambulance recycling skips?

As part of the Parish Council's drive to improve and expand parking for cars at the edges of the village (to ease pressure in the centre) we are looking at creating an additional car park, albeit a small one, where there were formerly recycling skips. These have all moved on, since the advent of kerbside collections, apart, that is, from the yellow ones which collect items for the Air Ambulance charity. We obviously want to do all we can to support the Air Ambulance, which, as many of you will know, has helped with emergencies all around the parish on many occasions, one very recently. Is this small bay on The Rake really the best site for them? Does your household actually use them on a regular basis, or are they more used by people passing through? Please let us know if you do use them, whether you value them being where they are, or if you have ideas for an alternative site. You can use my email at the end of this letter. With their removal from the bay on The Rake it would make the space viable for half a dozen cars, whereas if they stay it makes any kind of parking there quite difficult.

St. Leonard's Church Harvest Festival 8th October – with donations to Buxton Food Bank

We will be having a Harvest Festival service in church on Sunday the 8th October at 11.00 am and the service will be taken by our new curate, **Rev. Lisa Price**. Any harvest gifts can be left in church at any time before the service and, as in previous years, items will be passed to the food bank in Buxton. Any tinned or store cupboard items and toiletries will be appropriate, but please **no fresh produce**. Thanks in anticipation and we look forward to seeing you at the service. **Heather**

Tree Works Progress

An application has gone in to the PDNPA Tree Officer for the proposed tree-works that fall within the conservation area of the village. Permission to go ahead is normally granted within six weeks, so work is not going to start before mid-November. This is actually a better time to be working within a wooded environment, as you can see what you are doing with most of the leaves fallen. Two Ash trees, with severe Ash die-back, are being felled behind the toilet block – before they demolish it by dropping limbs! This is outside the conservation area, so work may start here sooner than the main jobs, which are at Fere Mere and **Rake End Wood** – I did not know until recently that the latter was once the village tip – whether official or unofficial, I am not sure. We must be talking many decades ago, as the trees that were planted on top of it have now reached a fine state of maturity; there are Beech, Ash and Lime, amongst others. Once the woodland has been thinned a little, with a little more light let in, woodland shrubs and flowers are sure to become established and the transformation from eyesore to biodiverse habitat will be complete. We just need to discourage the casual dumping of rubbish over the wall – this may be because folk have come in search of the recycling facilities which are no longer there, or even from some memory of it being a tip in past... Whatever, if we care for it, this tiny patch of woodland has the potential to be an asset to the village, especially if we can create a small visitors' car park next to it, where the skips once stood.

A thank you to all from Tom and Sue Jackson, (both of whom are now recovering at home I am pleased to report).

The Jacksons would like to say a big 'thank you' to all who sent good wishes following their run-in with the cattle.

Soldiers Croft

We have been informed that the major renovation works to the properties on Soldiers Croft are to start on Monday 2nd October.

EVENTS *this month of October:-*

- Monday 2th** – **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 3rd** – **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 4th** – **Messy Church**, ‘after Film Club’ but otherwise from 3:15pm, at the Methodist Chapel, until around 5pm.
– **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 5th** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. (And every Thursday). I think the actual quiz starts around 9pm
- Friday 6th** – **Tea and Tots** – 9 – 11am Village Hall. Playgroup, (details above); £2 per family, anyone welcome.
- Sunday 8th** – **Harvest Festival**, Church Service 11am – with donations to Buxton Food Bank – details in feature above.
- Monday 9th** – **IVENGAR YOGA**. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Details as above.
- Tuesday 10th** – **Monyash Quilters Group**, Village Hall, 2 to 4 pm, as above.
– **Pilates**, 6pm – 7pm in the Village Hall, as above.
- Wednesday 11th** – **Messy Church**, ‘after Film Club’ but otherwise from 3:15pm, at the Methodist Chapel, until around 5pm.
- Thursday 12th** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head, as above.
- Friday 13th** – **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 16th** – **IVENGAR YOGA**. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. (Details above).
- Tuesday 17th** – **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 18th** – **Mobile Library** 11.15 – 11.45am in The Square.
– **Messy Church**, ‘after Film Club’ but otherwise from 3:15pm, at the Methodist Chapel, until around 5pm.
- Thursday 19th** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. As above.
- Friday 20th** – **Tea and Tots** – 9 – 11am Village Hall. Playgroup, (details above); £2 per family, anyone welcome.
- Monday 23rd** – **IVENGAR YOGA**. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Details as above.
- Tuesday 24th** – **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 25th** – **Messy Church**, ‘after Film Club’ but otherwise from 3:15pm, at the Methodist Chapel, until around 5pm.
- Thursday 26th** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. As above.
- Friday 27th** – **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 30th** – **IVENGAR YOGA**. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Details as above.
- Tuesday 31st** – **Monyash Quilters Group**, Village Hall, 2 to 4 pm. As above.
– **Pilates**. Class with Caroline Webster. 6pm – 7pm in the Village Hall. As above.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5th – Makers and Crafters Fair, Village Hall, 10am – 4pm – run by Monyash Quilters.

Nature Notes... or ‘hweet’ of the day?

Very few birds bother singing during October. The top seasonal exception is the Robin, which likes to establish a winter territory in our gardens and woods. Listen carefully and you will notice that the song is slightly different to that heard in Spring; it has a more wistful tone. To our ears, this seems to suit the time of year; like it’s saying goodbye to Summer, but the difference from the birds’ point of view is more likely that they are not needing to attract a mate. The other slightly more unusual October songster, I have noticed – at least in and around our garden – is the Chiffchaff. Unusual because, by the end of the month, they have all flown to Africa, to return in March – and it’s the first migrant songbird to be heard in Spring. It must be worth defending a small edge-of-woodland territory simply for all the greenfly and other insects to be had there for this short while. They are such tiny birds and need to take on a good store of energy for the huge journey. The song is easy to catch – ‘*chiffchaff*’! The call is ‘*hweet*’.

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