



I sit typing this with a mop next to my chair and reports coming in of which roads are passable, or not, with the floods. I can't remember seeing such a fall of rain over such a prolonged period. By the time you read this, we should have had a sunny Sunday, when I hope to pick our apples. I hear from more than one other household that the Jackdaws wreak havoc with your apples. We seem to get off lightly here; I can only think it is because all our back windows have a view of trees and there is nearly always someone at home to clap them away, so they have given up on ours, mostly. Some people have asked about having a cull of Jackdaws. They are actually protected by law. The only reason you can apply for a licence to shoot them is if you are a farmer by profession, have crops that are being damaged *and* have tried all other means of deterring them.



Remembrance Sunday, 12th November: There will be a service of Morning Worship at 10.00 am at St. Leonard's Church, taken by our Curate, Rev Lisa Price, to be followed by the Act of Remembrance and Two Minutes Silence at 11.00 am at the War Memorial on the village green.

Planning Consent at Monyash House Farm

The National Trust have been granted permission for, "Proposed agricultural livestock building with underfloor slurry store extension and new access track" to quote the official documentation, at "Monyash House Farm, Rakes Road." We don't know at this stage when the work is scheduled to begin, but under the conditions from the 'Peak Park' it has to be within three years from now. The significant change that most residents will notice will be a new access track to the modern farm buildings, (which is where the extension is happening) from the corner of Tagg Lane, very roughly opposite to Cross Lanes – i.e. just down the hill from there, where there is currently a 'sharp bend (<<<)' sign and an existing gateway. This is a gain for all, as it will mean that farm vehicles and trucks no longer have to use the old entrance on Rakes Road in the heart of the village.

After comments from both the Parish Council and Monyash Toad Patrol during the consultation period, I am really pleased to report that, "biodiversity enhancement measures, [are] to include a scheme of restoration of the nearby pond at Rakes Road identified in the consultation". Hopefully, this restored pond will not only attract wildlife, but also give us another safe refuge for the two species of newt we regularly rescue from the tarmac on our toad patrols. (The thriving populations of alien fish in Fere Mere eat the young of any newts that attempt to breed there). It should also, I imagine, provide Monyash School with a safe site to carry out some pond dipping. Also included in the conditions are procedures for minimising disturbance to Great Crested Newts, which make walls and piles of rubble their Winter quarters. There are other points for enhancing biodiversity, including tree planting and you can go on the PDNPA planning portal to view the full permission; the reference is NP/DDD/0123/0079.

Air Ambulance recycling skips

Thank you to all who provided feedback about these. It seems they are in fact very well used, which is why they recently increased in number from one to three. I have no doubt the subject will be on the agenda for the November PC meeting, along with further developments with the plan to expand parking provision by the toilets at the start of Lathkill Dale.

At Flag Nursery School we currently have vacancies on our Governing Body and so we are actively seeking to recruit new Governors. Governors can be parents, other relatives, or anyone in the community. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a governor and joining our very friendly and highly effective team, then please contact Sarah Brown on **01298 85208** or e-mail headteacher@flagg.derbyshire.sch.uk. You would have the opportunity to make a real difference to the education of our children.

A Fistful of Dollars...

Residents will be interested to learn that from our village donation boxes in the carpark, library and toilets over the summer, we have acquired a lot of foreign coins ranging from Seychelles rupees, a Us Dollar and cents from Uganda, Poland and Madagascar and many more corners of the world. It's interesting to speculate whether these are donated by accident or design but they will not be wasted and all go into the foreign coin collection point at Manchester Airport.

Sheenagh Mudford.

EVENTS *this month of November:-*

- Wednesday 1st** – **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 2nd** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. (And every Thursday). I think the actual quiz starts around 9pm
- Friday 3rd** – **Tea and Tots** – 9 – 11am Village Hall. Playgroup, (details above); £2 per family, anyone welcome.
- Sunday 5th** – **Makers and Crafters Fair, Village Hall, 10am – 4pm** – run by Monyash Quilters..
- Monday 6th** – **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 7th** – **Monyash Quilters Group**, Village Hall, 2 to 4 pm, as above.
– **Pilates**, 6pm – 7pm in the Village Hall, as above.
- Thursday 9th** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head, as above.
- Friday 10th** – **Tea and Tots** – 9 – 11am Village Hall. Playgroup, (details above); £2 per family, anyone welcome.
– **Craftersnoon**. 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project – or not! Tea and natter is fine!
- Sunday 12th** – **Remembrance Service**, St. Leonard’s Church **10am**; **Act of Remembrance**, for **11am**, at the war memorial.
- Monday 13th** – **IVENGAR YOGA**. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. (Details above).
- Tuesday 14th** – **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 15th** – **Mobile Library** 11.15 – 11.45am in The Square.
- Thursday 16th** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. As above.
- Friday 17th** – **Tea and Tots** – 9 – 11am Village Hall. Playgroup, (details above); £2 per family, anyone welcome.
- Monday 20th** – **IVENGAR YOGA**. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Details as above.
- Tuesday 21st** – **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 23rd** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. As above.
- Friday 24th** – **Tea and Tots** – 9 – 11am Village Hall. Playgroup, (details above); £2 per family, anyone welcome.
– **Craftersnoon**. 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project – or not! Tea and natter is fine!
- Monday 27th** – **IVENGAR YOGA**. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Details as above.
- Tuesday 28st** – **Monyash Quilters Group**, Village Hall, 2 to 4 pm. As above.
– **Pilates**. Class with Caroline Webster. 6pm – 7pm in the Village Hall. As above.

From Laura Mellstrom, your District Councillor for Derbyshire Dales:-

Local Projects Fund

Each Councillor has £1,000 per year to give out to local community groups and projects. So far I have only used £250 of mine (on forest school equipment for a local pre-school). If your group would like to apply for a small grant, more details and the application form are at <https://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/community/funding-and-grants/local-projects-fund>.

Other Grants Available

Larger grants are now available through “Invest in Derbyshire Dales” which is managed by the District Council. These include Community Resilience Grants for voluntary groups, charities, social enterprises and parish councils. The funding is for 80% of eligible project costs, up to a maximum of £25,000. See <https://www.investinderbyshiredales.org/help/funding-your-business/community-resilience-grants> on how to apply if your group is interested.

The Council is also offering 3 business grant schemes of varying sizes, plus general business advice. Details at <https://www.investinderbyshiredales.org/help/funding-your-business>

The money is coming from central government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Nature Notes

As Winter approaches, it is time to think about putting out some food for the birds. I started early this Autumn, with some peanuts and sunflower hearts, as I heard the Nuthatch calling from the trees that border our garden, (like a shrill, metallic whistle). Such smart, agile and intriguing birds, with a slate-blue back, creamy/chestnutty breast and black eye-stripe, they did not seem to be around much last Winter, so I want to encourage them to brighten our darker days with their furtive raids to the feeders. Sunflower **hearts**, if you want to put out just one type of food, seems to attract the most variety of birds, including Goldfinches. They seem to prefer them to the ‘Niger’ – or thistle seed – which nothing else will go for. Hearts also have the advantage in creating almost no mess below. If you want the super-cute Long-tailed Tit, I would recommend fat balls.

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