



If you know of things that are about to happen in the village – or even in neighbouring villages – please do let me know about them so I can at least list them in the newsletter’s ‘Events this month’. I try to have my ear to the ground, but don’t catch everything. Having said that, it is remarkable how well most Monyash events are supported with minimal publicity; case in point, the recent Macmillan Coffee Morning at the Bulls Head, which failed to make it into this rag’s listings, but seemed to be so well and warmly attended and raised a considerable sum of money. Cake was delicious too, I have to say. Not all events are about raising money, some are just for fun. Judy and I have enjoyed the Village Quiz in past years and so hope to be there on the 8th, (see below). It’s good to see many more things now happening in the Village Hall; it was a point highlighted by some responses in the village survey last year, to make more of the building.



This is first edition of the Newsletter to take in **Christmas**. We have two Carol Services, one at the Chapel, then at Church, plus a celebration with Bakewell Choral Society at Thornbridge Hall. The **Candlelit Carols** at Saint Leonard’s is taken by the Rev Sue Bamping, which, I have on good authority, means ‘it is sure to be a lot of fun!’ I hope I have got the various stop-starts of regular events correct over the period as we get close to Christmas Day itself, (see the end of the events listings). Bear with us for when the January edition appears, as we normally like to get this to you at some point from the 21st of the month...obviously that might be a little different in December. Oh, and have good one!

Pie and Peas Night – Thank YOU!

Many thanks to all who took part in the recent Pie and Peas Night at The Bull’s Head. £250 was raised in donations to Saint Leonard’s Church, to which The Bull’s Head added a matching donation of £250, so £500 in all.

Village Christmas Quiz – Friday 8th December:

No ticket required. Starts at 7:30pm. Please make up your own tables of six; bring your drinks, glasses and nibbles for an evening of light-hearted quizzing and friendship.

Christmas Tree Festival

A display of Christmas trees from different groups within the community on a theme of

‘Our Favourite Carols’

Monyash Methodist Chapel, free entry, refreshments available

Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd, 11am to 4pm

Sunday 3rd 11am to 3pm (followed by the Carol Service)

All donations go to charities

EVENTS this month of December:-

- Friday 1st** – **Tea and Tots** – 9 – 11am Village Hall. **Playgroup**. 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.
- Sunday 3rd** – **Carol Service** for all ages, at the Methodist Chapel. 3pm, with refreshments afterwards.
- Monday 4th** – **IYENGAR 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, 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. £7. 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 – **Hatha Yoga**, 7.15 – 8.30, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra mediation. £10. Other details as above for **Pilates**.
– **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. Starts around 9pm.

Friday 8th
– **Tea and Tots** – 9 – 11am Village Hall. Playgroup. (As above).
– **Crafternoon**. 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project – or not! Tea and natter is fine!
– **Village Christmas Quiz**, 7:30 in the village hall, other details as featured above.
– **Messy Church** from 3.15pm at the Methodist Chapel. Christmas games and refreshments; children must be with an adult. There is a modest charge of two pounds, as usual.

Sunday 10th – **Carols by Candlelight**, St. Leonard’s Church, 6pm. Refreshments afterwards.

Monday 11th – **IYENGAR YOGA**. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. (Details above).

Tuesday 12th – **Monyash Quilters Group**, Village Hall, 2 to 4 pm. As above.
– **Pilates**. Class with Caroline Webster. 6pm – 7pm in the Village Hall. As above.
– **PTFA Christmas Raffle**. for Monyash School, at The Bull’s Head from 6pm.

Wednesday 13th – **Mobile Library** 11.15 – 11.45am in The Square.
– **Pilates for Men**. Class with Caroline Webster. 6pm – 7pm in the Village Hall. Other details as above.

Thursday 14th – **Hatha Yoga**, 7.15 – 8.30, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra mediation. £10. Other details as above for **Pilates**.
– **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.

Monday 18th – **IYENGAR YOGA**. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Details as 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 – **Pilates for Men**. Class with Caroline Webster. 6pm – 7pm in the Village Hall. Other details as above.

Thursday 21st – **Hatha Yoga**, 7.15 – 8.30, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra mediation. £10. Other details as above for **Pilates**.
– **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. As above.

Friday 22nd – **No Tea and Tots (starts again on 12th Jan.); No Crafternoon (starts again on 5th Jan).**

Monday 25th – **No IYENGAR YOGA. (starts again on 8th Jan)**

Tuesday 26th – **No Monyash Quilters Group (starts again on 9th Jan); No Pilates (ditto).**

Wednesday 27th – **No Pilates for men, (starts again on 10th Jan).**

Thursday 28th – **No Hatha Yoga (starts again on 11th).** Not sure if there might be a Pub Quiz...

Christmas Carols

with Bakewell Choral Society

and special guests – Froggat Young Singers

Saturday 16th December

7:30pm

Thornbridge Hall

DE45 1NZ

Available online from thornbridgehall.co.uk

Nature Notes – Winter Visitors

Remember that wonderful display of May Blossom (i.e. Hawthorn) in the late Spring? Well, it has converted into the most bountiful crop of haws I can remember seeing and no more so than in Fern/Fere Dale, where a perfect larder for our visiting Winter Thrushes is all laid out. The other day there must have been a couple of hundred Fieldfares feasting all through the dale; these are the plump-looking, purple-tinged birds, about the same size as our resident Mistle Thrush and they visit the UK from the continent in large numbers, escaping the cold and in search of our fruits. They are strikingly beautiful, if you are able to get up close, or have a pair of binoculars and they are noisy; that loud, ‘*tchack-tchack-tchack!*’ you will hear is unmistakable and one of *the* sounds of late Autumn/Winter for me, along with the sound of wild geese passing high overhead.

There have been noisy rows breaking out amongst the Blackbirds in the dale and our gardens. Now, we think of Blackbirds as being ‘local’, but where you hear them arguing like this, it’s almost certainly a sign that it’s a dispute between our resident birds and ones that have come over with the Fieldfares and Redwings from Europe. The Redwing is altogether slimmer and quieter, so is easily missed and can look very like our Song Thrush at first glance. The odd one has turned up in our garden pecking at fallen apples. The most distinctive feature is a creamy stripe over the eye; the ‘red wing’ is only properly seen when it takes flight, being mostly underneath.

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