



In like a Lion...

I have been away for most of February and so missed out on the exceptionally mild spell the village enjoyed for a brief while. It caused a minor alert amongst our super-keen amphibians; a few woke up out of hibernation and ventured towards the mere. Not enough to fully mobilise our Toad Patrol, but a few toads were told to go back into their holes and wait for 'Spring proper'. Nevertheless, before the month is through, I suspect that we might be putting the 'Toad Crossing' signs up and digging out buckets from the shed. If you fancy joining our patrol, if only for one evening, then drop an email to scorble@yahoo.co.uk and we can keep you in the loop. There is also a WhatsApp group for the toad patrol, which is very useful for short-term alerts. '...out like a lamb' is how that traditional saying ends, about the month of March; I don't think it originates from the Peak...

St. Leonard's Lent Lunch: Our lent lunch in Monyash will be on **Wednesday the 20th March** in church between 12.30 and 2.00 pm. As before, it will be a simple lunch of soup, bread and cheese, fruit and tea or coffee. Donations will be given to Bishop Libby's Harvest Appeal. There will also be a Lent Lunch on the 6th March again between 12.30 and 2.00 pm in the Memorial Institute at Chelmorton and on the 13th March, same time, in the Reading Room, Youlgreave. There are, unfortunately, no church services in Monyash over Easter (due to Rev. Adele's ongoing injury) but please do go into church and see the Easter Garden and add a message to the Easter Memory Tree. (And see 'Events' for services at the Chapel).

Easter Memory Tree

A tree will be growing out of the font during Easter Week, from Thursday 28th March. Please go in and write your personal message on one of the leaves and hang it on the tree. Place your gift to the church in an envelope and place it in the donation box behind the visitors' book. Thank you.

23rd & 24th March

Photographic Exhibition/Competition

in the Village Hall

Enter snaps from your phone taken in the last year, on prints no larger than 14 x 9 cm. (Print quality does not matter – a home printer is fine). Max. one entry, per person per category. Please bring your photos and leave them in the box in the church porch, which will be open on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st; they will be mounted and exhibited in the Village Hall on the Saturday and Sunday, from 10am to 4pm. Tea and delicious cakes will be available.

Categories are:- Children; Animals; Buildings and Landscape; Humorous.

No attributions required, (i.e. don't include your name anywhere).

One picture per person, per category, but, e.g., a family of four can submit four per category.

This is a low-key, fun event, all part of 'getting more out of our village hall'. See you there!

Two Fundraisers for Pomeroy

The Pomeroy Trust Spring Fair **Saturday 16th March** 11am – 3pm **Flagg Village Hall**; crafts, gifts, food stalls – still some stalls available at £6. Delicious refreshments.

Thursday 21st March – Board Games Night at **The Duke of York**

£2 per person – board games provided but bring your own too.

All proceeds to the Pomeroy Trust and Pomeroy War Memorial

Contact Jenny: 07791 337323 or email: beckdicken@gmail.com

(other) EVENTS this month of March:-

Friday 1st – **Tea and Tots** – 9 – 11am Village Hall. **Playgroup**, aimed at babies and pre-schoolers, for local families and friends to get together for a cuppa, chat and play! Whilst we are aimed at preschool ages, anyone is welcome to pop in and join us. Tea coffee, snacks and a variety of toys are provided. £2 per family; parents are responsible for their children whilst there.

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

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*, – *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. Caroline is a fully qualified yoga and Pilates instructor. If you would like to reserve a place or find out more about Pilates or Yoga, contact Caroline on **07831 720810** or email: **carolinewebster2@gmail.com**
- Wednesday 6th** – *Mobile Library* 11.15 – 11.45am in The Square.
– *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.
– *Pilates for Men*. Class with Caroline Webster. 7.30 – 8.30 pm Flagg Hall. Other details as above for **Pilates**.
- Thursday 7th** – *Hatha Yoga* 7.15 – 8.30, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £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**. Details as above.
– *Messy Church*. 3.15 – 4.45pm. At the Methodist Chapel & Hall. Messy Church is straight after school, £2.
- Monday 11th** – *IYENGAR YOGA*. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Details as above for Iyengar Yoga.
- 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.
- Wednesday 13th** – *Pilates for Men*. Class with Caroline Webster. 7.30 – 8.30 pm in the Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Thursday 14th** – *Hatha Yoga* 7.15 – 8.30, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details as above for **Pilates**.
– *Quiz Night – The Bull’s Head*. As above.
- Friday 15th** – *Crafternoon*. 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project – or not! Tea and natter is fine!
– *Tea and Tots* – 9 – 11am Village Hall. **Playgroup**. Details as above.
- Sunday 17th** – *Reflection* – 6pm; a *Service* at the Methodist Chapel.
- Monday 18th** – *IYENGAR YOGA*. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. £8. Beginners welcome. Details as above for Iyengar.
- Tuesday 19th** – *Monyash Quilters Group*, Village Hall, 2 to 4 pm. As above.
– *Pilates*. Class with Caroline Webster. 6pm – 7pm in the Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Wednesday 13th** – *Pilates for Men*. Class with Caroline Webster. 7.30 – 8.30 pm in the Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Thursday 21st** – *Hatha Yoga* 7.15 – 8.30, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details as above for **Pilates**.
– *Quiz Night – The Bull’s Head*. As above.
- Friday 22nd** – No *Tea and Tots*, as it is half term for the schools.
- Monday 25th** – *IYENGAR YOGA*. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Details as above for Iyengar Yoga..
- 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.
- Wednesday 27th** – *Pilates for Men*. Class with Caroline Webster. 7.30 – 8.30 pm in the Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Thursday 28th** – *Hatha Yoga* 7.15 – 8.30, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details as above for **Pilates**.
– *Quiz Night – The Bull’s Head*. As above.
- Friday 29th** – No *Tea and Tots* as it’s the start of *Easter Hols* for the schools.
– *Crafternoon*. 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project – or not! Tea and natter is fine!
- Sunday 31st** – *Easter Reflection* – Chapel Service, 6pm; Methodist Chapel.

Sat 16th March 7.30pm
Handel’s Messiah (parts 2 and 3)
at Bakewell Parish Church.

South Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra with Bakewell Choral Society.

Tickets £20 (inc. programme) from Little Vagabond Bookshop, Orme Court, Bakewell, from any choir member, or on the door. Students and Children free.

Nature Notes – Early birds...

The ‘false start’ to Spring has encouraged many birds to start up the dawn chorus already; I have heard Mistle Thrushes and Blackbirds joining the Robin and Song Thrush, while Great and Coal Tits are to be heard around the churchyard in full flow now. The Great Tit is supposed to say ‘Teacher-teacher’ but often departs from this script – one was performing to a distinctly Latino beat last year. The Coal Tit has a more reliable rhythm, but is very close to the Great Tit in all but tone... If it sounds like a squeaky dog toy, that’s the Coal Tit, while the Great has more of a ring to it. I have only once heard the now rare Willow Tit in our churchyard, high in the Ash Trees near the stone stile. It has a buzzing, almost scolding tone to its song. Willow Tits are fond of older decaying trees, so it will be interesting to see if the spread of Ash die-back is helping them locally. I have heard them in Lathkill Dale before now, below Over Haddon, among the damper woods that they prefer.

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