



Well, you can't beat 'a good old-fashioned jumble sale'...

I wonder if the sharp elbows I remember at some from my childhood are going to feature?



April also sees the start of *Birdsong Walks with Simon*, (see Events). These are as much about the sheer enjoyment of birdsong as about identifying the singers. And there are flowers and insects and newts... There is no charge if you live in Monyash; we take in the mere, churchyard, Milkings Lane, Fern Dale and the Monyash end of Lathkill. No knowledge or special kit needed.

Monyash Village Hall **Jumble Sale**

Saturday 6th April – 10am to 3pm

Got anything hanging around that you would like to sell?

Come along to the village hall, as we are holding a **good old-fashioned jumble sale!**

We will be collecting jumble which will be sold on a general table with proceeds going to Monyash Village Hall

Any jumble can be given to us at the Village Hall on Friday 15th and Friday 29th March, after 11:30am.

Or, if you prefer, you can hire a table and sell your unwanted treasures.

A selection of delicious cakes, tea and coffee will be served, so come and join us for a cuppa and a chat!

Any other questions, please contact Di Edwards on 01629 812778.

St. Leonard's Church: It has been announced that Rev Adele Barker, the vicar of St. Leonard's who actually lives in Youlgreave, is to take up a new position as Chaplain to the Bishop of Derby. She will leave the Benefice and take up her new position on the 1st May. Once again, we will be going through a period of vacancy. Any enquiries regarding the church, please contact me. My contact details are on the notice board outside church. *Heather.*

Tree-works: There are lots of little self-sown tree and shrub seedlings now coming into leaf at Fere Mere, which is great to see; nature knows best when it comes to regeneration after felling. Expect work to begin at Rake End wood very soon...

EVENTS this month of April:-

Easter Sunday – *Easter Reflection* – Chapel Service, 6pm; Methodist Chapel.

Monday 1st – *No IYENGAR YOGA. Easter Monday.*

Tuesday 2nd – *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 3rd – *Birdsong Walk with Simon* 9am. £7.50 per head. (Free to Monyash Residents, with a copy of this letter). Advance booking needed: **07930 266218**, call/text/WhatsApp. A stroll through the village, up a green lane and down a dale, to listen to the birds, with tips on ID. Meet on the green. 1 ½ hours +.

– *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 4th – *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 5th – *No Tea and Tots – as it is Easter Hols.*

Saturday 6th – *Jumble Sale* Village Hall, details above.

Sunday 7th – *Birdsong Walk with Simon* 9am. £7.50 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above.

- Monday 8th** – **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 9th** – **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 10th** – **Birdsong Walk with Simon** 9am. £7.50 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above.
– **Pilates for Men**. Class with Caroline Webster. 7.30 – 8.30 pm in the Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Thursday 11th** – **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 12th** – **Crafternoon**. 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project – or not! Tea and natter is fine!
– **No Tea and Tots** – as it’s still Easter Hols.
- Sunday 14th** – **Birdsong Walk with Simon** 9am. £7.50 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above.
- Monday 15th** – **IYENGAR YOGA**. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. £8. Beginners welcome. Details as above for Iyengar.
- Tuesday 16th** – **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 17th** – **No Birdsong Walk with Simon this Wednesday**.
– **Pilates for Men**. Class with Caroline Webster. 7.30 – 8.30 pm in the Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Thursday 18th** – **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 19th** – **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.
– **Messy Church**. 3.15 – 4.45pm. At the Methodist Chapel & Hall. Messy Church is straight after school, £2 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. (Usually the 2nd Friday of each month).
- Sunday 21st** – **Birdsong Walk with Simon** 9am. £7.50 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above
- Monday 22nd** – **IYENGAR YOGA**. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Details as above for Iyengar Yoga..
- Tuesday 23rd** – **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 24th** – **Birdsong Walk with Simon** 9am. £7.50 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above.
– **Pilates for Men**. Class with Caroline Webster. 7.30 – 8.30 pm in the Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Thursday 25th** – **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 26th** – **Tea and Tots** – 9 – 11am Village Hall. **Playgroup**, other details as above.
– **Crafternoon**. 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project – or not! Tea and natter is fine!
- Sunday 21st** – **Birdsong Walk with Simon** 9am. £7.50 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above.
- Monday 29th** – **IYENGAR YOGA**. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Details as above for Iyengar Yoga..
- Tuesday 30th** – **Monyash Quilters Group**, Village Hall, 2 to 4 pm. As above.
– **Pilates**. Class with Caroline Webster. 6pm – 7pm in the Village Hall. As above.

The Home Upgrade Grant scheme

(HUG) is a government programme that offers residents on low incomes living in off-gas grid homes the opportunity to benefit from fully funded home energy efficiency improvements including low-carbon heating. This is to make homes more comfortable to live in, reduce energy bills, and supports the governments net zero target.

Your household is likely to qualify if you meet all these conditions:

You do not use mains gas as your source of fuel to heat your home;

You are an owner-occupier or a private tenant;

Your home has an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) of D, E, F or G (An EPC will be completed for free if you need one).

The Council is currently taking applications for HUG funding. Applications are processed on behalf of the Council by Marches Energy Agency (MEA). Marches Energy Agency is a charity that delivers practical solutions to reduce cold homes, promote energy reduction and encourage the uptake of renewable energy.

For further information, visit the Derbyshire Dales District Council website. Click on ‘Energy Advice’ on the homepage.

Nature Notes - The Monyash Toad Patrol has, for all practical purposes, ended for this season – the earliest since we started it in 2013. Not a huge number of toads this year compared to some, but the two extremely dry Summers in recent years may be a factor, as toads take a few years to reach breeding age. Frog numbers seem good, however and things are improving for our local newts, both Smooth and Great Crested, with another two ponds in Fern/Fere Dale being restored. The newts will sniff them out within days, if our experience with the one at the top of Milkings Lane is any guide. Before too much vegetation clogs the view, on a sunny day you will easily spot newts of both species at the bottom of restored ponds, or even coming up for air.

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