



The Wells are up!

Despite my best intentions, I did not get to help with the puddling again this year, as I was still tramping around Lathkill on the twice annual *Breeding Birds Survey* for Natural England, but I have just got in from helping erect the dressing at the school, featuring our parish patron saint: Saint Leonard. Marie at school did a quick google on him while we were at work and found that he is the patron saint for all kinds of things, way beyond the prisoners I remember him for. A jack-of-all-trades, saint, it would seem, which might explain why he is pictured with a horse and a cow and perhaps the tiny yellow plastic duck, standing in for our weathercock on the church spire – a very witty detail! Meanwhile, on the *Bird Survey*, I am happy to report that we *saw* a cuckoo. Not heard one in the dale for many a year and we were not likely to hear this one as it was a female (brown, unlike the greyer male) and they don't say 'cuckoo!' Good to know we still have a few.



Donations wanted

We require some new stocks for the phone box library. If you have any unwanted, good quality hard or paperbacks, please leave them in the phone box for others to enjoy. - no magazines, thank you.

It all starts with All Stars Cricket...

All Stars is a nationwide, fun, skills based, cricket programme for boys and girls aged five to eight. Local sessions are at Youlgrave Cricket Ground, Alport Lane, on Sundays until 30th June, 9.30am to 10.15am. Contact Ricky Podmore on 07813 891840. email ricky.podmore7@gmail.com. See also the village noticeboard, for more details.

EVENTS this month of June:-

Sunday 2nd – *Birdsong Walk with Simon* 9am. £7.50 per head. Free to Monyash Residents. £7.50 per head. Advance booking needed: **07930 266218**, call/text/WhatsApp/knock on/stop me in the street. Meet on the green. 1½ to 2 hours, in all.

Monday 3rd – *Inset day*, Monyash School.
 – *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 4th – *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 5th – *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 6th – *Hatha Yoga* 7.15 – 8.30, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details as above for **Pilates**.
 – *Quiz Night – The Bull's Head*. Starts around 9pm.

Friday 7th – *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!

Sunday 9th – *Birdsong Walk with Simon* 9am. £7.50 per head. Free to Monyash Residents

Monday 10th – *IYENGAR YOGA*. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Other details as above

Tuesday 11th – *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 12th – *Birdsong Walk with Simon* 9am. £7.50 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above.

Thursday 13th – *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 14th** – *Tea and Tots* – 9 – 11am Village Hall. **Playgroup**, other details as above.
- Sunday 16th** – *Birdsong Walk with Simon* 9am. £7.50 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above. As we move more towards midsummer, the walk starts to become as much about flowers, bees and butterflies as birds.
- Monday 17th** – *IYENGAR YOGA*. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Other details as above
- Tuesday 18th** – *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 19th** – *Birdsong Walk with Simon*, 9am - other details as above.
- Thursday 20th** – *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 21st** – *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!
– *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 23rd** – *Birdsong Walk with Simon* 9am. £7.50 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above.
- Monday 24th** – *IYENGAR YOGA*. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Other details as above
- Tuesday 25th** – *Monyash Quilters Group*, Village Hall, 2 to 4 pm, other details as above.
– *Pilates*. Class with Caroline Webster. 6pm – 7pm in Flagg Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Wednesday 26th** – *Birdsong Walk with Simon* 9am. £7.50 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above.
- Thursday 27th** – *Hatha Yoga* 7.15 – 8.30, Flagg Village Hall with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details as for **Pilates**.
– *Quiz Night* – The Bull’s Head. As above.
- Friday 28th** – *Tea and Tots* – 9 – 11am Village Hall. **Playgroup**, other details as above.
- Sunday 30th** – *Birdsong Walk with Simon* 9am. £7.50 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above.

Barn Close Farm Shop, Now Open!

Open 7.30 to 7.30, on Cross Lanes, it has an honesty box system; card payments accepted. Home grown lamb, burgers, shanks etc, plus other local produce, honey, ice cream, biscuits, jams, chutneys, sausages. Bakewell Bakery deliveries to be arranged soon. It’s been a long while since Monyash had any kind of shop, so let’s support this.

Did you know that Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport offer a community car scheme?

This volunteer led service provides door to door transport to medical appointments for anyone living in the Derbyshire Dales and Hope Valley and provides a valuable service for those who would otherwise struggle to attend essential healthcare appointments. A little of your time can make a huge difference to someone’s health and quality of life – there is no regular commitment required; it’s completely flexible to suit your availability. A friendly approach and access to a suitable car is all that is required and mileage expenses are reimbursed. Many of the journeys are to rural surgeries so please don’t be deterred from offering your time even if you prefer not to drive into Chesterfield or Sheffield - there are plenty of opportunities for everyone. If you would like information about using the car scheme or are interested in becoming part of this rural volunteer service please contact us on 01629 641920 or info@bect.org.uk or call into our office at **Great Longstone Business Park** for a chat.

Town Hall update from District Councillor, Laura Mellstrom

A Banking Hub for Bakewell?

At the meeting on 4 April, the District Council agreed unanimously to support the establishment of a banking hub, Setting up a hub needs the support of the banking industry, which works through Cash Access UK to decide which locations qualify for a hub, so it’s not within the power of the Council to just set one up, but Councillors across the board agreed that physical banking services are essential and should be supported as far as possible. In the meantime, cash and cheques can be paid in, and cash withdrawn, at most Post Offices.

Nature Notes - The Derwent Living Forest (with thanks to Derbyshire Wildlife Trust)

The Derwent Valley, named after the Brittonic term "Deruentiū" meaning "forest of oak trees," has undergone significant changes due to woodland clearing, increased agriculture, and urbanisation. This has transformed the once vast oak forests into fragmented woodlands, leading to the loss of many species of plants, insects, and mammals. Despite these losses, the Derwent catchment still contains valuable ancient semi-natural woodlands. DWT has been awarded £325,000 funding by Natural England to help with restoration. The Trust’s *Nature Returns* Project in the Derwent catchment has been awarded the funding to continue its project for a further 12 months, and widen it out to new sites. Since the project began in ‘23, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust has been working to create connected woody habitats between the Northern and National Forests to allow movement of species in response to climate change. [We are within the Derwent catchment area, so watch this space for more news].

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