



### what.three.words...???

What3words is a fascinating innovation. Some entrepreneurs wanted to find a solution for your delivery man when he's trying to off-load his parcel in neighbourhoods that do not have proper addresses – they had third-world towns in mind, but they might just as well have been thinking of the average village in the Peak District. They came up with a scheme that divides the *entire planet* into small squares of about 3 x 3 metres – even in the middle of a desert, or ocean! They then *randomly*, via a computer program, assigned three English words to each square. This is where the fun begins, especially for a wordsmith like me. Our house-front on Church Street, for example, is '**improves.entertainer.crumbles**' which is a fair description of my theatrical career to date. I prefer to use our gateway: '**wordplay.bearings.landscape**' especially when advertising my services as a writer of guided walks and audio-trails. I bring up the subject because I see that Barn Close Farm has included a What3words reference to help people find their wonderful farm shop – and it is an ideal app for this kind of use. There are a fair number of 3 metre squares within the farmyard around the self-service unit; they went for the one called '**cuddled...(good)...range** (excellent, as it's all free-range meat) ... **anguished.**' Maybe the anguish is whether to go for the minty lamb burgers or the chops? I find what3words addictive; exploring the Barn Close farmyard further there is, '**think.weekend.dimension**' – a prompt for your bank holiday barbeque? Keep at it and you will quickly find some crazily apt references. The kitchen at the Bull's Head is '**trending.fattest.snacking**' – a reflection of the legendary portion sizes? The kitchen at the Village Hall is '**dramatic.idea.nourished**'. I bought a hammock during the *Summer of Lockdown* – which you will remember was, mercifully, rather a good one and there was only one possible place to hang it, linking the trunk of an apple tree to an old fence post. Now we discover that this corner of our lawn '**requires.suspended.bliss**'... Talking of bliss:



## Tideswell Band Concert

### St. Leonard's Church, Monyash

#### Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup>

6.30 to 8.30pm

Ticket £10 inc. pizza and an interval drink – wine, prosecco or beer.

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***The Grindleford Goat*** is a charity bike ride, coming through Monyash on **Sunday 8th September**. The organisers expect 250-300 riders through the village, mostly between 12:00 and 15:00. The feeding station will be near the bus shelter – please come and say hello. The charity website is [www.grindlefordgoat.co.uk](http://www.grindlefordgoat.co.uk)

### EVENTS this month of September:-

- Monday 2nd** – **IYENGAR YOGA**. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. To book a slot, email Dave: [djs.abbotside@gmail.com](mailto: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 3rd** – **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](mailto:carolinewebster2@gmail.com)
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>** – **Monyash WI** - 7.30 - 10.00 pm, in the Village Hall, the first Weds of each month, with guest Speaker and competition. A small, friendly group and new members always welcome.
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>** – **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 6<sup>th</sup>** – *Monyash School*, first day of the new school year. (Following an inset day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>, for staff only).  
– *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 8<sup>th</sup>** – *The Grindleford Goat* cycle ride visits, between, roughly, 12 and 3pm, (see above).
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup>** – *IYENGAR YOGA*. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>** – *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.
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>** – *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 13<sup>th</sup>** – *Tea and Tots* – 9 – 11am Village Hall. **Playgroup**, see above for details.
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup>** – *IYENGAR YOGA*. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>** – *Monyash Quilters Group*, Village Hall, 2 to 4 pm, other details as above.  
– *Pilates*. Class with Caroline Webster. 6pm – 7pm in the Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** – *Mobile Library* – 11.15 to 11.45, The Square.
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>** – *Hatha Yoga* 7.15 – 8.30, Village Hall with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details as for **Pilates**.  
– *Quiz Night* – The Bull’s Head. As above.
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** – *Tea and Tots* – 9 – 11am Village Hall. **Playgroup**, see above for details.  
– *Crafternoon*. 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project – or not! Tea and natter is fine!
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>** – *Holy Communion* church service, 6pm, at Saint Leonard’s, with Rev. Sue Bamping.
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – *IYENGAR YOGA*. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>** – *Monyash Quilters Group*, Village Hall, 2 to 4 pm, other details as above.  
– *Pilates*. Class with Caroline Webster. 6pm – 7pm, Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>** – *Hatha Yoga* 7.15 – 8.30, Village Hall with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details as for **Pilates**.  
– *Quiz Night* – The Bull’s Head. As above.
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup>** – *Tea and Tots* – 9 – 11am Village Hall. **Playgroup**, see above for details.
- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>** – *Holy Communion* church service, 11am at All Saints, **Youlgreave**, for the White Peak group of churches.
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup>** – *IYENGAR YOGA*. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Other details as above.

### ***Improvements around Fere Mere***

Following on from the tree-works carried out earlier in the year, the Parish Council is implementing some further environmental improvements, using more of the funds generated by the filming at the mere, over recent years, by Plimsoll Productions. (And, incidentally, the film will be aired *at last* this Autumn on the Disney+ / National Geographic channel – more on this for October, I hope). The rotten wooden bench is to be replaced; some heavy duty, squirrel and crow-proof bird-feeders put up by the little wood, with some nest boxes; some planting of a few native shrubs; a new wildlife-friendly pond established on what was once Frost Mere, (now that Fere Mere is no longer good for newts, what with all the non-native fish swimming therein). Oh, and I can report that the duck island is finally back the right way up after a second year of capsizing in the Summer gales. The vegetation has been removed, (the cause of the problem, Irises in particular) so it’s a plain refuge for now...

### **Nature Notes – *Flower Festival, Part Two...***

The new mowing regime in the churchyard is bringing forth many more native flowers than before. Even the areas that are still mown now-and-then have plants such as the indigo-flowered Selfheal, yellow Hawkbit, and Fox-and-cubs. The latter is the deep orange flower, with a large central bloom – the ‘fox’, surrounded by small ones in bud – her ‘cubs’. It is not strictly a ‘native’, having been brought here as a medicinal herb in the sixteenth century, if not earlier, but it very quickly naturalised – and I have seen it this year in the Lathkill hay meadows.

Knapweed, great for butterflies and bees, is doing very well in Saint Leonard’s longer grass, around the mid-Victorian graves, while one particular grave, near the gate onto Church Street is awash with sweet-smelling Ladies’ Bedstraw. Now, this is something I have noticed for a number of years, how very local, local even to one particular grave, some plant species seem to be. It is almost as if the relatives have deliberately sown seeds of the departed’s favourite flower – and maybe in some places they have, who knows? It is obvious that many bulbs are planted in this way; but in most cases the graves I am thinking of are very old and not obviously maintained. One had a good patch of wild Valerian for a number of years – I like to think the nodding blooms said ‘rest in peace’ as Valerian is a powerful herb for inducing sleep.

Last Spring, I discovered a flower I had not met before, on an old grave to the West of the tower; it turned out to be Few-flowered Leek, ‘introduced and naturalised locally in a few locations, mainly in the North’ said my Collins guide, but not in this part of the North, according to the map alongside. Being me, I had to have a munch and was delighted with the garlicky taste of the unripe seedpods. Kind of thing a celebrity chef might include in a salad costing fifty quid a bowl...