



I have written before about keeping *Jackdaws* away from apple trees at this time of year; we rely on good, old-fashioned, hand-clapping most of the time, but this Autumn I thought I would try out a strategy I must have used in past years, for, in our garden shed is a pile of unwanted CDs with loops of garden twine attached. The main tree has grown mightily since, so I scoured the house for a few more and got up on a tall ladder with the longest clothes line prop to hoist them over the highest twigs possible...and...it has worked! I thought it might only be a few days before they worked out that an old version of Windows XP posed no threat, but no; we are well into week three of seeing our apples peck-free. A few are stolen by squirrels, of course and, interestingly, other birds are not in the least bothered by the crazy, colourful glinting as the disks flap in the wind. Jackdaws are amongst the most intelligent of birds, but, I have noticed, they are also very *wary*. So, though a little late for this year, it is worth a try if your trees suffer from the same.

### Monyash Parish Council

is looking to employ a *cleaner* to look after the toilets and the car park area down by the entrance to Lathkill Dale. Hours and days to be negotiated and will vary through the year, but *the hourly rate will be very good*.

If you might be interested in the role, to discuss your interest, ring the clerk, Lesley Bramwell on: **01298 872969**

### St. Leonard's Harvest Festival

**6<sup>th</sup> October at 4.00 pm**

**Led by Alison Fletcher, the agricultural chaplain.**

Some of you from the farming community will already know Alison and it would be lovely to see you in church. As in previous years, we would appreciate any gifts of tinned foods, dry or store cupboard goods, which we will deliver to the food bank in Buxton. Any items can be left in church.

*On 27<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00 pm, there is an evening service led by David Race.*

### Coffee Morning for Macmillan

The Bull's Head is hosting a coffee morning 8:30-11:30 **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct** to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support, so mark your diary. Entrance is free, so please just turn up, make a donation to Macmillan and enjoy a mingle and a brew. Baking donations and raffle prizes are welcome, but the most important thing is to just be there. You can find out more about Macmillan on their website <https://www.macmillan.org.uk/>

### EVENTS this month of October:-

- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>** – *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 2<sup>nd</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.  
– *Hatha Yoga* 6.30 – 7.45pm, Flagg Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details see *Pilates*.  
– *Men's Pilates*, Class with Caroline Webster. 7.30 – 8.30 pm in the Village Hall. £7. And see above...
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – *Crafternoon*. 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project – or not! Tea and natter is fine!
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup>** – *Crafternoon*. 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project – or not! Tea and natter is fine!
- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>** – *Harvest Festival*, 4pm at Saint Leonard's church.
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup>** – *IYENGAR YOGA*. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. 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 8<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.
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>** – *Hatha Yoga* 6.30 – 7.45pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details see above, *Pilates*.
- STOP PRESS: The Bull's Head will be closed from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept – 11<sup>th</sup> Oct. – reopening Fri. @ 5pm.**

- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>** – *Men's Pilates*, Class with Caroline Webster. 7.30 – 8.30 pm in the Village Hall. £7. And see above...
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup>** – *IYENGAR YOGA*. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Tuesday 15<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 16<sup>th</sup>** – *Mobile Library* – 11.15 to 11.45, The Square.  
– *Hatha Yoga* 6.30 – 7.45pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details see above, *Pilates*.
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>** – *Men's Pilates*, Class with Caroline Webster. 7.30 – 8.30 pm in the Village Hall. £7. And see above...  
– *Quiz Night* – The Bull's Head. As above.
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup>** – *Crafternoon*. 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project – or not! Tea and natter is fine!
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup>** – *IYENGAR YOGA*. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</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.
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – *Hatha Yoga* 6.30 – 7.45pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details see above, *Pilates*.
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>** – *Men's Pilates*, Class with Caroline Webster. 7.30 – 8.30 pm in the Village Hall. £7. And see above...  
– *Quiz Night* – The Bull's Head. As above.
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>** – *Church service*, 6pm at Saint Leonard's, Monyash. Led by David Race.
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup>** – *IYENGAR YOGA*. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>** – *Coffee morning for Macmillan* at the Bull's Head, (see above for details).  
– *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.
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>** – *Hatha Yoga* 6.30 – 7.45pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details see above, *Pilates*.
- Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>** – *Men's Pilates*, Class with Caroline Webster. 7.30 – 8.30 pm in the Village Hall. £7. And see above...  
(*Halloween*) – *Quiz Night* – The Bull's Head. As above.

## **Makers and Quilters Fair**

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> November** village hall 10am – 4pm

A variety of local craft stalls offering fabulous hand-made gifts to give or treat yourself!

Home-made cakes and refreshments. [This was a superb event last time – Ed.]

### **Horse Lane Closure**

**Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am - Nov 8, 4:00 pm - Severn Trent Water; not sure if it is open during evenings? Assume not!**

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

Flagged up in last month's newsletter, the new bench should be arriving early in October and we (Monyash PC) are getting on with surveying the land where the new small pond might be sited, for power lines, drains, etc....

### ***Car Park Expansion***

This has hit a slight snag in that the land next to the toilet block (and, in fact, the toilet block and existing car park also) are, we discover, a Site of Special Scientific Interest! From further research so far, it looks as if the whole was included within the greater Lathkill Dale designation, whenever that was made. It *may not* mean that nothing can be done on the land, however and we are setting up a site meeting with the planning officer to see how we might be able to move forward.

### **Nature Notes – *Season of mists, mellow pumpkins and hedgehogs...***

I see I wrote about hedgehogs *last* October, as we were then keeping an eye on a small one in the churchyard. I have not seen very many this Summer, but we know that one crosses Church Street at dusk and ducks under our gate. We met him one evening in August, and when I let Dili out in the early morning she invariably goes to sniff along his habitual route. Although you can buy purpose-made 'hedgehog houses', there are plenty of designs online for improvised ones, using old cardboard boxes etc., but simply leaving a big pile of hedge trimmings and leaves in a spare corner, is enough for a hedgehog to 'do its own thing' for the Winter. Among the things I see I did not list in the category of 'foods bad for hedgehogs', is pumpkin. Apparently, it can give them a severe case of the runs. So, maybe, once Halloween has passed, think about making a warming pumpkin soup? We got very annoyed last year on hearing a celebrity chef say that pumpkin soup is not really worth the effort – it's delicious! Chunks are also very easily frozen, for adding to stews and pies. They add body, sweetness, colour and vitamin A. I think we even made some bread using them, along the lines of banana bread, but that might have been a bad dream. Look it up first.

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