



Lots of activities, events and appeals, this month, all well worth supporting from past experience, so please do! E.g:



Makers and Quilters Fair

Sun 3rd November in the 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

Horse Lane Closure

Nov 4th - Nov 8, 8am to 4pm – for Severn Trent Water; not sure if it is open during evenings? – looks like it is!

As part of the Ashbourne Rotary Shoebox Appeal, Monyash School are now ready to accept any kind donations of shoeboxes, (full or empty) for our Shoebox Appeal. Any donations will be received at school from now until 20th November.

In 2023 the appeal collected nearly 500 boxes from generous residents of Ashbourne and the surrounding area, contributing to over 60,000 nationally. This year's boxes will be going to Ukraine, Moldova, Bosnia and elsewhere in Eastern Europe.

We will be needing gifts for children aged 6 – 11 years old and would be most grateful for new items such as *hair accessories, socks, underwear, small toys, games, sweets, hats, scarves, and gloves as well as Christmas wrapping paper.*

St. Leonard's Church

Remembrance Sunday 10th November

There will be a Morning Worship Service at 10.00 am

followed, at 11.00 am, by the Silence and Act of Remembrance by the War Memorial on the green; all are most welcome

Pie and Peas night

The Bull's Head

Thurs 14th November 5pm to 8pm

£12.50 (£2 of which is donated to Saint Leonard's church)

EVENTS this month of November:-

- Friday 1st** – *Crafternoon*. 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project – or not! Tea and natter is fine!
- Sunday 3rd** – *Makers and Quilters Fair*, Village Hall. See feature above for other details.
- Monday 4th** – *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 5th** – *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** – *Hatha Yoga* 6.30 – 7.45pm, Flagg Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details see *Pilates*.
– *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 7th** – *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. I think the actual quiz starts around 9pm.
- Sunday 10th** – *Remembrance Service*, 10 am, at Saint Leonard's church, followed by the silence and wreath laying at the war memorial on the village green.
- Monday 11th** – *IYENGAR YOGA*. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Tuesday 12th** – *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 13th – *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 14th – *Men’s Pilates*, Class with Caroline Webster. 7.30 – 8.30 pm in the Village Hall. £7. And see above...

– *Pie and Peas night at the Bull’s Head*. See feature above. Presumably, *Quiz Night* follows the meal?

Friday 15th – *Crafternoon*. 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project – or not! Tea and natter is fine!

Monday 18th – *IYENGAR YOGA*. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Other details as above.

Tuesday 19th – *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 20th – *Hatha Yoga* 6.30 – 7.45pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details see above, *Pilates*.

Thursday 21st – *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.

Monday 25th – *IYENGAR YOGA*. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Other details as above.

Tuesday 26th – *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 27th – *Hatha Yoga* 6.30 – 7.45pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details see above, *Pilates*.

Thursday 28th – *Men’s Pilates*, Class with Caroline Webster. 7.30 – 8.30 pm in the Village Hall. £7. And see above...

Wreath Making

with coffee and cakes

Tuesday 3rd December, at the Bull’s Head

10am to 12.30, with Kathryn from Angel Blooms

At the Bull’s Head; £40 inc. glass of prosecco on completion

Please sign up / call in, or message Sharon at the Bull’s Head, as spaces are limited

Car Park Expansion

Following last month’s report about the area around the toilets being part of the Lathkill Dale SSSI, the Parish Council held a site meeting with a planning officer from PDNPA, where we explained our thinking behind needing more car parking space away from the village centre. We were advised that the next step would be to get expert guidance from the Park’s archaeologist and ecologist; watch this space! (See also, below about *The Local Plan*, a change to which could perhaps help?)

Improvements around Fere Mere, incorporating Nature Notes (this month)...

On 4th October, the new bench, made of 100% recycled, hard plastic was installed by TDP and parish councillors, replacing the old, rotten wooden bench. With very sturdy anchors fitted it is not only secure, but an instant hit with visitors... When I returned to photograph it an hour later, two ladies from Flagg were sat comfortably thereon, admiring the mere and no fewer than sixteen Mallards, who had flown in specially to celebrate. Over the next month some native shrubs will be planted along a section of the ‘wilder’ bank, to encourage greater biodiversity – including nesting birds and butterflies such as the Brimstone.

The grass having been mown on Frost Mere, we scarified the ground and then, with the help of a resident, sowed the seeds of Hay, or Yellow Rattle (*Rhinanthus minor*) into the sward along with some other wildflower seeds. The Rattle is parasitic on the roots of the grasses, so should restrict their growth, encouraging other species to take hold. Frost Mere, since it was drained, has remained a very boggy patch of grass, so it is expected that those flowers favouring damper meadows will flourish; already in Spring we are seeing, for example, the lilac blooms of Milkmaids or Lady’s Smock, since the regime was switched to once-a-summer mowing. The next step is the digging of a test hole, to see how far down the natural clay bed is to be found. If not too deep down, the clay can be used to puddle the bottom of the planned wildlife-friendly pond, without the need for an artificial liner. This will not affect the existing drainage from the main area of grass.

Update from District Councillor, Laura Mellstrom

There seems to have been a blizzard of public consultations recently, but the current one by the **Peak District National Park Authority** is particularly important for village communities inside the Park. *The Local Plan* is the policy document which governs how planning permission decisions are made throughout the Park, including new house building but also things like barn conversions, camp sites, nature recovery, business development, transport and utilities.

To invite public opinion on the new plan, the PDNPA has published 2 key documents: the “Local Plan Review Issues and Options Report” which sets out a series of options being put to us for our comments, plus a “Sustainability Appraisal” on the methodology and sustainability of the options set out in the first report.

We have until 29 November 2024 to comment on the Issues and Options, either online here:

<https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/planning/policies-and-guides/the-local-plan/regulation-18-consultation> [!!!- Ed.]

Or by email to localplan@peakdistrict.gov.uk (Frankly, if you can’t face wrestling with all 54 questions and just want to make some general points, this might be your best bet.) If computers aren’t your thing, you can see a paper copy at local libraries, at Aldern House in Bakewell, or you can ask for a paper copy to be sent to you (phone 01629 816200).

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