



Many happy returns,

as it were, this year, including the School's *Christmas Fayre* on the green. While it does not sound as if it is on the same scale as in some past years, it is sure to be an atmospheric event, provided, that is that the weather behaves! *The Tractor Run* (illuminated tractors!) is on Saturday 21st December starting at 4pm from the Queens at Taddington. It will be definitely coming through Monyash at some point, although exact route and times are yet to be decided. *All proceeds raised will be going to Myeloma UK*. Then, the next day: *The Carol Service*; so well attended last year, with standing room only, so be sure to get there early if you want to be seated. Coming right before Christmas (on the 22nd) it is sure to be the real start to 'Christmas proper'. In the meantime, 'appy Advent' to all our readers!



Monyash Primary School PTFA

Christmas Fayre

Friday 6th Dec

Starting around 3.30pm on the green, with the fayre and carols

Stalls and mulled wine, hot chocolate, and refreshments on the green from 3.30, followed by the children's carols and then into the pub for the raffle. There's lots of really great prizes (too many to list here!) and tickets are available at the cafe and pub, or just speak to one of the parents! As always a huge thank you for all the village support.

Quiz Night

Join an evening of non-serious quizzing and a few minutes of silliness - please bring your own glasses, drinks and nibbles to the Village Hall on

Friday 13th December, at 7.30pm

St. Leonard's Christmas Tree Carol Service

Please join us for our carol service on Sunday

Sunday 22nd December at 6.00 pm

to be led by Rev. Sue Bamping

The Christmas Tree Festival is on the 14th and 15th; if you want to enter a tree, please bring it into church by Friday 13th. I understand that trees can be brought/started from the 7th.

EVENTS this month of December:-

- Monday 2nd** – *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 3rd** – *Christmas Wreath Making at the Bull's Head*. From 10am, (see feature below for other details).
– *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 4th** – *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.

– **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. I think the actual quiz starts around 9pm.

– **Christmas Fayre and Raffle**, starting on the green, from 3.30pm (and see above).

Friday 6th

Monday 9th

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

Tuesday 10th

– **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 11th

– **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 12th

– **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. I think the actual quiz starts around 9pm.

Friday 13th

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

– **Quiz in the Village Hall** starting at 7.30pm, (see above).

Saturday 14th

– **Christmas Tree Festival**, in Saint Leonard’s Church. Bring your tree along by the 13th, if you want to enter.

& Sunday 15th

Monday 16th

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

– **Smithy Café closes for a Xmas break**. Reopens for normal hours, on the 27th.

Tuesday 17th

– **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 18th

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

Thursday 19th

– **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. As above.

Saturday 21st

– **Xmas Bin Collection**. (Presumably with Reindeer-drawn rubbish-sleighs, so expect long delays).

– **Tractor Run of illuminated tractors**, starting 4pm from the Queen’s, Taddy...standby in Monyash!

Sunday 22nd

– **Christmas Carol Service** at Saint Leonard’s Church. 6pm, led by Rev. Sue Bamping.

Monday 23rd

– **NO IYENGAR YOGA**. (Or much else, indeed, until the New Year and January’s Newsletter...)

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

Could you use some help?

Over the past 5 years the Rider Trust has been able to help residents and organisations in our villages on almost 80 occasions. We have been able to help folk with a diverse range of things from assistance with travel costs getting to hospital, to computers and fees for educational courses and medical assessments and also folk who were just going through a tough time. In the community we helped fund a school playground upgrade, equipment for early training in robotics, an upgrade to the village play area and a village sports facility, as well as repairs to the village church.

The sums involved have ranged from under one hundred pounds to several thousand. We are governed by our registration with the Charity Commission as to who we can help and for what reasons, but if you think we may be able to help you, or a project in which you are involved, we would be very happy to hear from you.

email: John Caws johncaws@gmail.com or: Murray Gordon murraygordon38@yahoo.co.uk

Nature Notes

The Parish Council has bought a brand-new, totally **pest-proof bird feeder** to site in a tree by the mere (and we have been kindly given permission to use the memorial Rowan tree, by the parents of Caroline Mary Tyler – in fact they are delighted for the tree they planted to be used in this way.) If you are wondering where this super-doooper new feeder is, it is being trialled in our garden at The Byways, while some more conventional feeders are currently by the mere in order to attract wild songbirds in the first place. It can take a while for birds to start visiting a bird-feeder, in a new location, so if you have put one up in your garden, have some patience. The first birds to visit the feeders in the Rowan were the Moorhens! I have written before about how these resourceful fowl are quick to spot a new opportunity, turning up in gardens all over the village when the water freezes over; this Winter is already no exception. They and the Jackdaws are too heavy to be able to use the new feeder, however, as the clever design shuts the food away when anything heavier than a woodpecker lands on the perch (and I am watching this in action. It is indeed completely squirrel proof too!) My one criticism of the ‘clever’ design is that filling it with sunflower hearts, as recommended, results in them all cascading to the lawn below in a very short time; for every one taken by a bird, ten seem to fall free. This looks like being solved by mixing rubbed, dried breadcrumb into the seed in around a 50/50 mix. Seems to stop the free-flow, though the few that do fall on the grass are welcomed by Doves, Blackbirds and Chaffinches, which are happy ground-feeders. Anyway, expect ‘the real thing’ to arrive in the Rowan at Fere Mere this side of Christmas, at least.

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