



### ***The Great Spring 'Reset'***

I heard a head gardener being interviewed about tree blossom on the radio the other day and he was saying how this Spring feels like a 'reset', given the very wet and/or cold ones we have had in recent years. I have to agree. Hearing the return of Curlews in mid-March certainly sounded very welcome to my ears, very 'resetting'. And a reminder that my ***Birdsong Walks*** begin again on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>, which happens to be Mothering Sunday, (see the ***Events*** diary below). Don't forget that, as a resident of Monyash, there is no charge if you want to join one – but remember to let me know in advance – and you can always pop into Saint Leonard's Church, which is the middle and end of the walk, to make a donation there... we do, after all, spend a significant amount of time in the churchyard, which is ***the*** village hotspot for birdsong, being, in effect, a mixed woodland, with adjoining 'jungles' – the vicarage garden and what we now call 'the forest school' at the Eastern end.



### ***Saint Leonard's Church – Memory Tree***

At Easter there will be another Memory Tree in the church. This is an opportunity for everyone to write a few lines of personal remembrance of a loved one.

Each residence will receive a leaf shaped card in an envelope. Please write a message on the card and with a donation to church return in the envelope provided to a collection box in the porch, available from Saturday 12th April. This will be emptied daily and the messages hung on the tree on Easter Saturday 19th, remaining in place for a fortnight.

***Big Spring Litter Pick*** – This year's litter-pick will be on ***Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>***. Meet on the green at **10am**; all bags and some grabbers provided (bring your own if you have one) and let's hope for fine weather this year!

### **V.E. Day**

A heads up: From 1.30pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025, Monyash Village Hall will be hosting a celebration lunch to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. A warm welcome to all Monyash Villagers, please bring along a plate of something delicious sweet or savoury for a shared luncheon table or, if you prefer, just bring along a picnic for yourselves.

Please bring own drinks and glasses. Come and meet with neighbours and friends to enjoy a village afternoon of music, games, raffle and lots of chatter.

### **EVENTS *this month of April:-***

- Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH** – ***Birdsong Walk with Simon*** 9am. £10 per head. (**Free to Monyash Residents**). Mother's Day Special. Advance booking needed: **07930 266218**, call/text/WhatsApp. A stroll through the village, up a green lane and down a dale, to listen for birds, with tips on ID, but mostly for pleasure. Meet on the green. About 2 hours.
- Mother's Day**
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup>** – ***Beginners' Pilates***, Class with Caroline Webster. 9.30 to 10.30am in the Village Hall. £7. Cash on the door/ by bank transfer. 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: **07831 720810** /email: **carolinewebster2@gmail.com**
- ***IYENGAR YOGA***. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. To book a slot, email Dave: **djs.abbotside@gmail.com**.
- 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. Other details as above, for Monday.
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** – ***Birdsong Walk with Simon*** 9am. £10 per head. (Free to Monyash Residents, with a copy of this letter). Advance booking needed: **07930 266218**, call/text/WhatsApp. Other details as above for Sunday.
- ***Mobile Library*** – 11.15 to 11.45, The Square.
- ***Hatha Yoga*** 5.30 – 6.45pm, In the 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 3<sup>rd</sup>** – ***Quiz Night*** – The Bull's Head. Starts 9.30pm.
- 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>** – *Birdsong Walk with Simon* 9am. £10 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above, top.
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup>** – *Beginners' Pilates*, Class with Caroline. 9.30 to 10.30am in the Village Hall. Other details see Pilates, top.  
– *IYENGAR YOGA*. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Other details as above.  
– *Parish Council Meeting* 7pm. Village Hall. Anyone is welcome to attend this 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, other details as above.  
– *Pilates*. Class with Caroline Webster. 6pm – 7pm, Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>** – *Birdsong Walk with Simon* 9am. £10 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above, top.  
– *Hatha Yoga* 5.30 – 6.45pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details see above, *Pilates*.
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>** – *Quiz Night* – The Bull's Head. 9.30pm.
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup>** – *Messy Church*: 3.15 – 4.45pm. At the Methodist Chapel & Hall. Messy Church is straight after school, and it is £2 per child.
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>** – *Birdsong Walk with Simon* 9am. £10 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above, top.
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup>** – *Beginners' Pilates*, Class with Caroline. 9.30 to 10.30am in the Village Hall. Other details see Pilates, top.  
– *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, Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>** – *Birdsong Walk with Simon* 9am. £10 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above, top.  
– *Hatha Yoga* 5.30 – 6.45pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details see above, *Pilates*.
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>** – *Quiz Night* – The Bull's Head. 9.30pm
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup>** – *No Crafternoon*
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>** – *Birdsong Walk with Simon* 9am. £10 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above, top.
- Easter Sunday**
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup>** **BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY** – no Yoga or Pilates.
- 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>** – *Birdsong Walk with Simon* 9am. £10 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above, top.  
– *Hatha Yoga* 5.30 – 6.45pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details see above, *Pilates*.
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>** – *Quiz Night* – The Bull's Head. 9.30pm.
- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>** – *Big Spring Litter Pick* – 10am from the green. Bags and some pickers provided, but bring your own too.
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>** – *Birdsong Walk with Simon* 9am. £10 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above, top.
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup>** – *Beginners' Pilates*, Class with Caroline. 9.30 to 10.30am in the Village Hall. Other details see Pilates, top.  
– *IYENGAR YOGA*. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Tuesday 29<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.
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>** – *Birdsong Walk with Simon* 9am. £10 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above, top.  
– *Mobile Library* – 11.15 to 11.45, The Square.  
– *Hatha Yoga* 5.30 – 6.45pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details see above, *Pilates*.

### **Youlgrave Lodge Cricket Club Junior Cricket**

Training on Fridays, starting 9<sup>th</sup> May

6 – 6.45pm *All Stars* (5 – 8 years)

visit [www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars](http://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars) to book

7 – 7.45pm *Junior Softball Cricket* (8 years +)

8 – 8.45pm *Junior Hardball Cricket* (9 years + with previous cricket experience)

Contact: [juniors@youlgravelodgecc.co.uk](mailto:juniors@youlgravelodgecc.co.uk) – Follow us on Facebook for updates.

### **Pommie-Granites – Youlgrave Ladies' Softball Cricket team.**

Wednesdays 6.30 – 7.30 **TRAINING IS FREE!**

Age 13+, no experience or equipment needed, learn new skills and make new friends, bar & refreshments.

Have children? *They can train at the same time with our accredited coaches.* Starts Weds 9<sup>th</sup> April.

Alport Lane Playing Fields. DE45 1W – Contact: [pommie-granites@youlgravelodgecc.co.uk](mailto:pommie-granites@youlgravelodgecc.co.uk)

**Nature Notes - The Monyash Toad Patrol**, as I write this, is in full swing, with large numbers of toads, frogs and newts of two species emerging on all sides of the village. The two newly restored dewponds in Fere/Fern Dale already hold Great Crested and Smooth Newts, I saw from my walk today. The male of both species sports a crest, but it only develops once they have entered the water in the breeding season. The 'GNC', as the name suggests, is considerably larger, and darker to the point of being all black. It is only on turning the newt over that you see its spectacular fire-orange belly with black spots.

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