



May is, of course, the month that the village wells get dressed in the time honoured, traditional way. It is so much a part of village life and informally organised that it is sometimes hard to find official dates and times for the various stages of the puddling, wooling, petalling... (interesting that I have had to add those last two terms to this computer's dictionary) but anyone wanting to get involved at any stage need only ask around and you will be welcomed into the process. I have put some timings in, based on past years' experience and advice from 'those in the know'. (Items marked * in the events calendar are presumably not happening or somewhere other than the village hall, as that is being used for the dressing of the adult well.) We traditionally have our **May Market** on the Monday Bank Holiday, which you cannot fail to miss!

V.E. Day **Sunday 11th May**

From 1.30pm on 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.

Important Information for the Monyash Community **St. Leonard's Church**

Dear Monyash Villagers,

We would welcome your views on the future of St. Leonard's Church. As you may be aware, except for a small number of annual services and being used by the primary school, the building rests empty most days.

We therefore have some decisions to make. Please share your perspective, accepting that for only a handful of people is the church still relevant as a place of worship.

- Option One** **Remain as is** (noting the expense of maintaining such a large building and that the church needs a fully functioning PCC which it doesn't currently have)
- Option Two** Become a **Festival Church** (special events – weddings, baptisms, funerals, + 6 services / year, and also a fully functioning PCC which it doesn't currently have)
- Option Three** Become a **Chapel of Ease** with Youlgrave (which doesn't require a full PCC)
- Option Four** Use the space for other purposes – community events, etc. (this could be combined with any of the above).

VERY IMPORTANT: we are looking for additional members to join our PCC. It's not at all onerous - we meet 4 times /year. Please contact Heather Read at heatherread579@btinternet.com if you feel you can help. Thank you!

EVENTS this merry, merry month of May:-

- Thursday 1st** – **Election Day:** Voting in the Village Hall for your county councillor. 7am -10pm. Don't forget your photo ID!
– **Quiz Night** – The Bull's Head. Starts 9.30pm.
- Friday 2nd** – **Crafternoon.** 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project – or not! Tea and natter is fine! –
- Sunday 4th** – **Birdsong Walk with Simon** 9am. £10 per head. (**Free to Monyash Residents**).
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.
- Monday 5th** – **NO Beginners' Pilates**, Class with Caroline Webster. (Usually 9.30 to 10.30am in the Village Hall).
– **IYENGAR YOGA.** 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. To book a slot, email Dave: djs.abbotside@gmail.com.
- Tuesday 6th** – **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. 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**

Wednesday 7th – **Birdsong Walk with Simon** 9am. £10 per head. (Free to Monyash Residents). Advance booking needed: **07930 266218**, call/text/WhatsApp. Other details as above for Sunday.

– **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 8th – **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. Starts 9.30pm.

Friday 9th – **Messy Church**: 3.15 – 4.45pm. At the Methodist Chapel & Hall. Messy Church is straight after school, and it is £2 per child.

Sunday 11th – **Birdsong Walk with Simon** 9am. £10 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above, top.

– **V E Day celebration** from 1.30pm in the Village Hall.

Monday 12th – **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.

– **Annual Parish Meeting** 7 pm; a good half hour to hear what the Parish Council has been doing and planning and to put anything you want to the Council. Issues raised will go on next month’s agenda.

– **Parish Council Meeting** 7.30 pm. 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 13th – **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 14th – **Birdsong Walk with Simon** 9am. Private Group, fully booked. Next public walk is Sunday.

– **Hatha Yoga** 5.30 – 6.45pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details see above, **Pilates**.

Thursday 15th – **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. 9.30pm.

Friday 16th – **Crafternoon**. 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project – or not! Tea and natter is fine! –.

Sunday 18th – **Birdsong Walk with Simon** 9am. £10 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above, top.

– **Puddling the wells**, from around 10am. (*And decorating the wells will take place all this week*).

Monday 19th – ***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 20th – ***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 21st – **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 22nd – **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. 9.30pm.

Friday 24th – **Completing the Adults’ Well. Erecting the Children’s Wells**, in the afternoon, at School.

Saturday 24th – **Erection of the Adults’ Well**, in the morning, with all blessings in the afternoon.

Sunday 25th – **Birdsong Walk with Simon** 9am. £10 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above, top.

– **Church Service** 11am. (If anyone wants to join the Birdsong Walk and the service, we shall arrive back to the churchyard just before 11am – but please let me know on the day, as I sometimes extend the walk a little).

Monday 26th – **No Beginners’ Pilates**, Class with Caroline. 9.30 to 10.30am.

BANK HOLIDAY – **IYENGAR YOGA**. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall, (but check with Dave). Other details as above.

MAY MARKET – ALL DAY – Organised by Monyash School PTFA, Saint Leonard’s Church and others – SEE U THERE!

Tuesday 27th – **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 28th – **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**.

Thursday 29th – **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. 9.30pm.

Friday 30th – **Crafternoon**. 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project – or not! Tea and natter is fine!

Sunday 1st June – **Birdsong Walk with Simon** 9am. £10 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above, top.

Nature Notes – With such fine weather in April, very many creatures made an earlier than usual first appearance. Only yesterday I saw a newly hatched Damselfly in our garden. You can tell dragonflies are ‘fresh’ as the colours are only just beginning to the develop; this one reddened slowly as he sat firming-up in the sunshine, so confirmed a Large Red Damselfly, which is indeed one of the very first to appear. Nevertheless, April? In Monyash? On the 2nd we stood at Fere Mere on our Birdsong Walk and witnessed the very first Swallows dipping down to drink, as they do. Butterflies and bees have got off to a flying start...let’s hope the Summer is as kind to all our creatures; they could do with a good year after some of recent seasons.

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