



It's all happening on Sunday 14th...

An appeal: If you know or hear of things going on locally that would be of interest to readers of this **Newsletter**, then please don't hesitate to send me details, a link or whatever. There was something happening in Flagg during August and *too late* did I see a poster for it; the letter for that month was very light on happenings of local interest. Flagg is not a million miles away...anymore than Sheldon is (see below). And, while we are on the subject of contacting me, we have finally succumbed to dispensing with our landline telephone here at The Byways, in the latest upgrade to our package with EE for broadband, (other providers are available); which feels a little strange...an abrupt break with the past and all those clunky telephones of my youth, but there we go: 01692 813 083 will in future be met with white noise, "Please try again" – or whatever they do these days.



So, the two events I have spotted which are of local interest both happen to be on **Sunday 14th** and are The Grindleford Goat, which seems to make a regular use of the green in Monyash as a feeding station and **The Magpie Mine Heritage Open Day**. I have driven by a big notice for this at Magpie Mine a few times recently, but found the details online. I didn't know that Heritage Open Days are actually a nationwide thing, with a ".org" website, but I quote from details on Visit Peak District:

"The surface remains of the Magpie Mine near Sheldon in Derbyshire are the best example in Britain of an 18th and 19th century lead mine. It is one of the most iconic mining sites in the country and was the last working lead mine in the Peak District, finally closing in 1958. Now a Scheduled Monument, the site is preserved by the Peak District Mines Historical Society. *[From a wildlife point of view it also plays host to many interesting flowers, such as Mountain Pansy].*

Guided tours of the mine surface will be available so that visitors can walk around the site, listen to the history of this piece of mining heritage, look down the 729ft-deep main shaft, and learn about the years of boom and bust, the success and failure of successive operators, the alleged murder of three miners, and the Widow's Curse that is said to continue to this day. Tours will start on the hour, every hour, from 1100 to 1600, (more frequently if required.) NOTE: there will be no access to any of the underground workings." I think they have added that last detail as this did used to be the case?

The Grindleford Goat is a charity bike ride, coming through Monyash on **Sunday 14th September**. The organisers expect a few hundred riders through the village, mostly between 12:00 and 15:00. The feeding station will be near the bus shelter – "please come and say hello." The charity website is www.grindlefordgoat.co.uk. Where you can find details about all the different grades of routes, for different abilities and where I also read that "Grindleford News readers will have known about the decoupling of the Cycle Sportive and Hill Climb from the **Grindleford Community Shop** for the very wonderful reason that sales and profits at the shop continue to improve." Which is good to hear, as it is a great little community shop, run entirely by volunteers and well established for a number of years now.

MONYASH PARISH COUNCIL

Residents will now have noticed the completion of the **regreening** work in the centre of the village. It provides such a visual improvement to the centre of our community. Interestingly during the excavation, a broken drain was discovered and mended which should remove the winter surface water which collected there.

For the few residents that pronounced this project a waste of their taxes it is important to note that funding came from the fees paid to the village by the film company working here last year on condition that this money be used to improve the environment. A substantial contribution was also kindly made by the residents of the two adjacent properties. No money from the village precept or council tax was spent and it is hoped that everyone will enjoy this enhancement to the centre of our community.

Monyash Flower Festival

A huge thank you to all who supported, sponsored and donated to the flower festival and band night. Over **£2,150** was raised for our beautiful village church.

The band will be returning near Christmas for an evening of festive Christmas hits, so we hope to see you there. Watch out for ticket sales.

Very many thanks, **Monyash PCC**. [It **WAS** a fun evening, thank you Monyash PCC!]

EVENTS this month of September:-

- Monday 1st** – **Beginners' Pilates, Class with Caroline.** 9.30 to 10.30am in the Village Hall. 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
– **NO IYENGAR YOGA.** (normally 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall). All enquiries, see below, for 8th.
– **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 2nd** – **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 3rd** – **Hatha Yoga** 5.30 – 6.45pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details see above, 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 4th** – **Spanish: NO SPANISH** classes but see below for Thursday 11th.
– **Quiz Night** – The Bull's Head. 9.30pm.
- Friday 5th** – **Craftersnoon.** 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project –or not! Tea and natter is fine!
- Monday 8th** – **Monyash School** starts back for the new academic year, following two inset days last Thursday and Friday.
– **Beginners' Pilates, Class with Caroline.** 9.30 to 10.30am in the Village Hall. Other details see 'Pilates'.
– **IYENGAR YOGA.** (Please check with Dave; it may not be until **next** week he restarts sessions) but normally, 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. To book a place & for all enquiries, email Dave: djs.abbotside@gmail.com.
- Tuesday 9th** – **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 10th** – **Hatha Yoga** - 6.00 – 7.15pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details see 'Pilates'.
- Thursday 11th** – **Spanish:** Classes restart again; 7 - 8pm, at the Methodist Chapel, beginners/refresher level with Jennie Uchuari: 07779 844 923 for more details.
– **Quiz Night** – The Bull's Head. 9.30pm.
- Friday 12th** – **Messy Church:** 3.15 – 4.45pm. At the Methodist Chapel & Hall. Messy Church is straight after school, and it is £2 per child.
- Monday 15th** – **Beginners' Pilates,** Class with Caroline. 9.30 to 10.30am. Other details, see 'Pilates'.
– **IYENGAR YOGA.** 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Tuesday 16th** – **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 17th** – **Mobile Library** – 11.15 to 11.45, The Square.
– **Hatha Yoga** 6.00 – 7.15pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details see above, 'Pilates'.
- Thursday 18th** – **Spanish:** 7 - 8pm, at the Methodist Chapel, beginners/refresher level with Jennie Uchuari: 07779 844 923
– **Quiz Night** – The Bull's Head. 9.30pm.
- Friday 19th** – **Craftersnoon.** 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project –or not! Tea and natter is fine!
- Monday 22nd** – **Beginners' Pilates,** Class with Caroline. 9.30 to 10.30am. Other details see above, 'Pilates'.
– **IYENGAR YOGA.** 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Tuesday 23rd** – **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 24th** – **Hatha Yoga;** 6.00 – 7.15pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details, see 'Pilates'.
- Thursday 25th** – **Spanish:** 7 - 8pm, at the Methodist Chapel, beginners/refresher level with Jennie Uchuari: 07779 844 923.
– **Quiz Night** – The Bull's Head. 9.30pm.
- Monday 29th** – **Beginners' Pilates, Class with Caroline.** 9.30 to 10.30am in the Village Hall.
– **IYENGAR YOGA.** 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Tuesday 30th** – **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.

Nature Notes

We are about to do the final **Butterfly Survey** in our allotted square kilometre, which we do once a month, May to August. Butterflies like it still and sunny, so it is often a challenge trying to match the weather forecasts with the reality on the Monyash ground. You may have spotted Judy and me on Cross Lane, Naylor Lane, up the wide flowery verge of Tagg Lane & past Fere Mere, as these, along with connecting footpaths, are where we access the square. They also happen to be the most flower-rich areas. It really has been a bumper Summer for butterflies and we have come close to running out of space on the recording chart for ticks against so many species. The square does not cover Lathkill or Fern/Fere Dale, but it has been heartening to see there the Common (not-so!) Blue making a comeback in the warmer conditions, along with so many day-flying moths, including the striking Six-spot Burnet Moth with its almost metallic red-and-green livery. Fere Dale has been especially blest with these beauties, along with the similar-looking Cinnabar Moth, whose caterpillars feed on Ragwort. Fingers crossed for an average Spring, to help all the hibernating eggs, caterpillars and adults to emerge in 2026.

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