



We seem to be enjoying

everything that Autumn can throw at us, as we move into October, from a sudden storm that sent our garden table flying into the apple tree, (well, I had left the big umbrella up in its middle, so that'll teach me) to some perfect days of gentle sunshine; butterflies and dragonflies flitting about like it's still August. The butterflies, as I write this, seem quite attracted to the old CD's we have hanging in said apple tree, flashing their many rainbow colours of sunlight into the house – *and* at any passing Jackdaws – which is why they are up there in the branches, of course, and I have to report that, for a second year of this experiment, the deterrent seems to be working very well. Interesting that other birds are not in the least bothered by them, which is good to see. Good to see, also, that the little apple tree planted by Monyash School in the East end of the churchyard of Saint Leonard's has made it through the droughty Summer; (we helped with a few of buckets of water, now and then). Have you ever spotted the apple tree by the side of Tagg Lane as you approach downhill towards the Cross Lane junction? It seems to be a Golden Delicious, (and I can report they are!) It can only be from an apple core thrown out by a passing passenger. I always thought that apples never, or rarely, grow 'true from pip'; but, thinking about the huge apple orchards in France where the parent apple most probably will have come from, the chance of cross-pollination with another variety must be very slim there...

But, let your thoughts turn to Spring... I have slightly delayed the publication of this edition to include the piece below on the forward planning for the *Wells* at the end of May 2026. A smart move, I think. It reminds me of one of the funniest things the late, great Terry Wogan said, on his return to his morning, Radio Two show – and, luckily I happened to catch it live, while driving into Buxton one morning... It was after the 'Pause for Thought' feature, given that day by a Buddhist scholar, focusing on one of the things central to the Buddha's teaching, of *always living mindfully and in the moment*. Terry: (paraphrasing slightly, I'm sure) "Before you go, can I ask you one thing? As a Buddhist, is there this one phrase that never occurs to you: Plan ahead?" I can't remember the reply, probably because I had to pull off the road, convulsed with laughter. Long may we give our comedians this kind of licence – 'damn cheek', if you like – it helps keep society healthy...and that's the end of my 'thought for the month'.

Quiz and Chili night

Flagg Village Hall, 27th Sept. from 7pm; £10 each, booking essential.

Contact Rachael 07971 872296.

Harvest Festival – Monyash School

6th October

9.30am Saint Leonard's Church

Everyone from the village, or beyond is welcome to join the school in celebrating.

Monyash Wells 2026

Preparations are underway for our 2026 well dressing. The whole village is invited to an initial meeting on **Monday, 10th November**, at 7.15pm in the village hall. We will discuss the different tasks, from artistic to practical, and ask who would like to get involved. Any time you can give to help at the event would be greatly appreciated.

Monyash Quilters Show Success

The Monyash Quilters show, held in the summer, raised an amazing £2060 for Dementia UK. [Well done to all involved!]

EVENTS *this month of October:-*

- Wednesday 1st** – **No Hatha Yoga** - normally 5.30 – 6.45pm, Village Hall. For other details see below, ‘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 2nd** – **Spanish:** *There will be no more classes, due to lack of demand, but contact Jennie Uchuari: 07779 844 92.*
– **No Quiz Night** – as The Bull’s Head is closed for well-earned holidays until 7th October.
- Friday 3rd** – **Crafternoon.** 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project –or not! Tea and natter is fine!
- Monday 6th** – **Beginners’ Pilates, Class with Caroline.** 9.30 to 10.30am, 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 place & for all enquiries, email Dave: djs.abbotside@gmail.com.
– **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 7th** – **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, Village Hall. £7. Other details as above, ‘Pilates’.
– **Reopening of The Bull’s Head**, (normal times) following holidays.
- Wednesday 8th** – **Hatha Yoga** - 6.00 – 7.15pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details see ‘Pilates’.
- Thursday 9th** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. 9.30pm.
- Friday 10th** – **Messy Church:** 3.15 – 4.45pm. At the Methodist Chapel & Hall; straight after school; £2 per child.
- Monday 13th** – **Beginners’ Pilates**, Class with Caroline. 9.30 to 10.30am. £7. Other details, see ‘Pilates’ above.
– **IYENGAR YOGA.** 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Tuesday 14th** – **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 15th** – **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 16th** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. 9.30pm.
- Friday 17th** – **Crafternoon.** 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project –or not! Tea and natter is fine!
- Sunday 19th** – **Reflection Service:** 6.30 pm. At the Methodist Chapel.
- Monday 20th** – **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 21st** – **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 22nd** – **Hatha Yoga;** 6.00 – 7.15pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details, see ‘Pilates’.
- Thursday 23rd** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. 9.30pm.
- Monday 27th** – **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 28th** – **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 29th** – **Hatha Yoga;** 6.00 – 7.15pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details, see ‘Pilates’.
- Thursday 30th** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. 9.30pm.
- Friday 31st** – **Crafternoon.** 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project –or not! Tea and natter is fine!

Nature Notes: Swallows and other Bluebirds...

Our Swallows and House Martins seem to have made a quick get-away this year. There was a day, about a week ago as I write, when, following a day of heavy rain and high winds, the storm-washed air around Milkings Lane was *alive* with Swallows – there must have been hundreds of them, between Derby Lane and Lathkill and all pointing the same way...South. Almost certainly, these cannot have been all local birds, but more like a vast flock, gathered together from further North and held back by the weather over the Peak. Back at Fere Mere, we were delighted to welcome back a single Kingfisher the other day and watched as it dealt with a silver Stickleback, freshly caught, slapping it against the stones of the steps. As with the pair that visited, on and off, over the Winter a couple of years back, this little bird was not in the least bothered by us, or our dog, Dili; my theory is that the fishing is just too good to let worrying about anything else spoil the feast. We shall be watching the edges of the mere over the next few weeks to see if this chappie was simply passing through, or fancies making Monyash his Winter base...until it all freezes over, of course. It was remarkable how that pair would return to the mere as soon as the sun had thawed even a few, short yards of ice, revealing those tempting little fish.

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