



Here comes the sun!

How lovely to hear our ***Song Thrush*** in fine voice this morning, (Sunday 25th Jan.) singing to the accompaniment of ***Saint Leonard's*** three bells. It was while walking through Bagshaw Dale one snowy, but sunny morning many years ago, on what must have been some happy couple's wedding day, that it struck me how the three notes of our bells can be made to play '*Here comes the sun*' and '*it's alright*' – the last line from that same Beatle's classic. The skilled ringers that day were succeeding to alternate those two phrases, (to my ears at least) along with '*Little darling*' for good measure; I don't know if the couple were Beatles fans, or if any royalties were due to the estate of the late George Harrison, but it made me smile. Many thanks to the Youlgrave ringers, who I am told were responsible for the cheerful tones this morning, before the service at 10 o'clock.



No sign of the sun, sadly, but I think the thrush knows more than we possibly can...in my *Nature Notes* last month I reported on how the *Monyash* Song Thrushes don't normally hit full throttle, (or should that be 'throstle'?) until February, a few weeks behind the Mistle Thrushes; so it has to be a good omen to have heard both over the course of this past week.

Many thanks, also, to the team of volunteers involved in the recent tidy-ups...I am at least no longer getting a Lime twig in the eye as I take our Dili-dog along the churchyard paths.

St. Leonard's Church

22nd February

at 10.00 am

A Service of Holy Communion

Holy Communion, led by Rev Annabel Shelson-Thomas.

Everybody is very welcome, as always

A New Agricultural Chaplain

Many of you will know Rev Alan Griggs. He has been the Agricultural Chaplain for many years and is a very popular figure with his big personality and ready laugh. Indeed, he has conducted marriages, baptisms and funerals in our church for members of the farming community. He has now left the chaplaincy to take up the position of Parish Priest near his home and he will be missed.

However, I was at the licensing by the Bishop of Derby on the 19th January at the agricultural centre. Rev Phil Michell (no, I haven't misspelled his name) was duly licensed as lead Chaplain. I understand he is from a farming background. There was a very good attendance, lots of farmers and also clergy from the area.

During the service he was presented with tea and biscuits as a sign of hospitality; a map of Derbyshire, the area of his pastoral care, and wellies to remind him wherever he walks, God walks with him; a lantern to light his way with Christ; and lastly a bible as the living word of God. It was a lovely service with a touch of humour. No doubt our own farming community will be getting to know Phil in the coming months and I am sure everyone wishes him well.

Heather

EVENTS *this month of January:-*

- Monday 2nd** – **NO Beginners' Pilates, Class with Caroline.** 9.30 to 10.30am, the Village Hall. *Normally* £8, 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: 07831 720810 /email: carolinewebster2@gmail.com
- **IYENGAR YOGA.** 5pm – 6.30pm, in the Village Hall. £9; email Dave: djs.abbotside@gmail.com.
- **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 3rd** – **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.
- **NO Pilates.** Class with Caroline Webster. 6pm – 7pm, Village Hall. *Normally* £8. Other details as above.
- Wednesday 4th** – **Mobile Library** – 11.15 to 11.45, The Square.
- **NO Hatha Yoga** – 5.30 – 6.45pm, Village Hall, with meditation, *Normally* £10, with other details as above, under the listing 'NO ...Pilates' (!) All Pilates and Hatha Yoga classes are back as usual from Monday 9th.
- **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 5th** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull's Head. 9.30pm.
- Friday 6th** – **Crafternoon.** 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project –or not! Tea and natter is fine!
- Monday 9th** – **Beginners' Pilates,** Class with Caroline. 9.30 to 10.30am. £8. Other details, see 'NO Pilates' (!) above, top.
- **IYENGAR YOGA.** 5pm – 6.30pm, in the Village Hall. £9 per session. 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, Village Hall. Other details: 'NO Pilates' (!) above, top.
- Wednesday 11th** – **Hatha Yoga** 6.00 – 7.15pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details see above, 'Pilates'.
- Thursday 12th** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull's Head. 9.30pm.
- Saturday 14th** – **Saint Valentine's Day!** (& the day before my birthday; had I been born two hours earlier, I would have been christened *Valentine* Corble. I spent much of my youth *so* grateful for those extra 120 minutes in the womb.)
- Monday 16th** – **School Half-term all this week....**
- **Beginners' Pilates,** Class with Caroline. 9.30 to 10.30am. Other details see above, 'Pilates...'.
– **IYENGAR YOGA.** 5pm – 6.30pm, in the Village Hall. £9 per session. Other details as above.
- 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;** 6.00 – 7.15pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details, see 'Pilates...'
- Thursday 19th** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull's Head. 9.30pm.
- Friday 20th** – **Crafternoon.** 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project –or not! Tea and natter is fine!
- Sunday 22nd** – **Church Service at Saint Leonard's:** 10am, Holy Communion, led by Rev Annabel Shelson-Thomas.
- Monday 23rd** – **Beginners' Pilates,** Class with Caroline. 9.30 to 10.30am. Other details see above, 'Pilates'.
– **IYENGAR YOGA.** 5pm – 6.30pm, in the Village Hall. £9 per session. Other details as above.
- Tuesday 24th** – **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 25th** – **Hatha Yoga;** 6.00 – 7.15pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details, see 'Pilates'.
- Thursday 26th** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull's Head. 9.30pm.

Derbyshire Dales District Council now offer a free Small WEEE (**W**aste **E**lectrical and **E**lectronic **E**quipment) Kerbside Collection Service. Please place your small WEEE items, loose, by the side of your bins by 7am on your weekly waste collection day. These items will then be collected by our **food collection vehicles**, [So, they mean on the day these are emptied!] which have cages fitted to them. If the item has a cable or lead, please leave them attached to the item. However, if the item contains batteries, please remove them first. A full list of what can be recycled @ www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/.../small-waste-from... If an item is not listed on this webpage, please do not leave the item for collection through this service, but email waste@derbyshiredales.gov.uk and we will let you know if you can leave the item out for collection. If an item can't be recycled through the doorstep collection scheme, recycle them through the nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre.

Nature Notes – Early bloomers

The Snowdrops in the churchyard, just coming into their own, rivalled only by the Hazel catkins at the Eastern end; these are best seen on a sunny day, when they shine golden, backed by the darkness of the 'forest school'. I have already seen a patch of Winter Aconites in bloom, (though this may have been down in Bakewell, which seems to be a good fortnight ahead of Monyash). Crocuses are soon to follow; these can be an excellent source of very early nectar for emerging queen Bumblebees, so are to be planted in a wildlife-friendly garden. Under a metal grid if, like us, you are plagued by squirrels...

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