



It's May,
so that means quite a bit happening this month...



St. Leonard's Church

24th May at 10.00am
Pentecost service of Holy Communion

St. Leonard's May Market.

We will have, as usual, our cake stall and tombola on the village green this year, and for the first time in a number of years, we will be serving teas and cake in church.

We would be more than happy if anyone would like to donate *tombola prizes* and they can be left in church anytime during the week. We would also be grateful to any bakers for cakes either to sell or to serve in church.

A reminder that our Easter Branch is still in church for anyone to leave a message. It will be there until Ascension Day on the 14th May. *Heather*

Messy Church is back at Monyash Methodist Church...

Messy Church returns and is usually on the second Friday of the month; future dates are 8th May, 12th June and 10th July. It is for children and their accompanying adults and lasts from 3.15 to 4.45pm. We do craft, storytime and a sandwich tea. All are welcome. There is a charge of £2 a child, and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Revd Jenny Dyer, High Peak Methodist Circuit; email: jenny.dyer@methodist.org.uk for any enquiries.

Games Afternoons Monyash Village Hall

The Farming Life Centre is to host games afternoons (for grown-ups!)

To quote from their flyer for the sessions running already in Hartington Village Hall:

“Join us for an afternoon of fun and friendship. Enjoy some light-hearted games and shared laughter with tea, coffee and cake. Dominoes, Scrabble, Jenga, Boccia, Cards or bring along your own favourite”.

The first of these was planned for May 20th, but we have the well decoration in the hall all that week, so look out for the next one in June. As Donna says: “It is hosted by me working on behalf of the Farming Life Centre and possibly a volunteer or two in the long-term. It is aimed at those retired from farming, agriculture and rural life. With sufficient interest and current funding, it will run monthly on the third Wednesday of the month 2 - 4pm.

It's a free session with tea, coffee, cake and tabletop board games; cards, dominoes, scrabble etc all provided. Its light-hearted and aimed at keeping people connected, fun and friendship, rather than competitive skills. The next session will be Wednesday 20th May (OR NOT, RATHER! SEE ABOVE), then Weds 17th June etc.”

Farming Life Centre Walk for Health 9th May

Further information please contact Pauline Bramley 07538 785 666. Exploring the Lanes and Byways from High Peak Trail... [Draft details! Apologies: I was sent this information in an email and now can't find where I have put the very few details I had or the email, but it looks like a free walk for your own health and happiness and I am sure Pauline can fill you in further... Ed.]

EVENTS this merry month of MAY:-

Friday 1st – **Crafternoon.** 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project –or not! Tea and natter is fine!

Sunday 3rd – **Birdsong Walk with Simon** 9am. £10 per head. (Free to Monyash Residents). Weather permitting. 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. 2 hours +.

Monday 4th – **IYENGAR YOGA.** 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. To book a place & for all enquiries, email Dave: djs.abbotside@gmail.com.

- Tuesday 5th** – **Monyash Quilters Group**, Village Hall, 1.30 - 4pm. 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 this evening.**
- Wednesday 6th** – **Birdsong Walk with Simon** 9am. Other details as above.
– **No Hatha Yoga.**
– **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 7th** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. 9.30pm.
- Friday 8th** – **Messy Church IS BACK!** 3.15 – 4.45pm. At the Methodist Chapel & Hall. Messy Church is straight after school, and it is £2 per child. All children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Sunday 10th** – **Birdsong Walk with Simon** 9am. Other details as above.
- Monday 11th** – **IYENGAR YOGA**. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Other details as above.
– **Annual Parish Council Meeting** - 7 pm. ALL WELCOME.
– **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 12th** – **Monyash Quilters Group**, Village Hall, 1.30 to 4 pm, other details as above.
– **Pilates Class** - with Caroline Webster. 6pm – 7pm, Village Hall. 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
- Wednesday 13th** – **Birdsong Walk with Simon** 9am. Other details as above. Booking essential.
– **Hatha Yoga** – with meditation 5.30 – 6.45pm, Village Hall. £10, 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
- Thursday 14th** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. 9.30pm.
- Friday 15th** – **Crafternoon**. 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project –or not! Tea and natter is fine!
- Sunday 17th** – **Birdsong Walk with Simon** 9am. Other details as above. Booking essential.
– **PUDDLING THE WELLS from 10am. [HELP NEEDED!]**
- Monday 18th** – **DRESSING THE WELLS – all this week.**
– **NO IYENGAR YOGA**. Normally 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Tuesday 19th** – **Monyash Quilters Group**; Village Hall, 1.30 to 4 pm, other details as above.
– **Pilates**. Class with Caroline Webster. 6pm – 7pm, **FLAGG** Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Wednesday 20th** – **Birdsong Walk with Simon** 9am. Other details as above. Booking essential.
– **Hatha Yoga**; 6.00 – 7.15pm, **FLAGG** Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £10. Other details above.
- Thursday 21st** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull’s Head. 9.30pm.
- Friday 22nd** – **Erecting the Wells** - at Monyash School [HELP NEEDED! Sometime in the morning.]
- Saturday 23rd** – **Erecting the Adult Well** – at Jack Mere [HELP NEEDED! Usually earlyish morning]
- Sunday 24th** – **Birdsong Walk with Simon** 9am. Other details as above. Booking essential.
– **Church Service at Saint Leonard’s** 10.00 am – a service of Holy Communion, for Pentecost.
- Monday 25th** – **IYENGAR YOGA**. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Tuesday 26th** – **Monyash Quilters Group** - Village Hall, 1.30 to 4 pm, other details as above.
– **Pilates**. Class with Caroline Webster. 6pm – 7pm, Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Wednesday 27th** – **Birdsong Walk with Simon** 9am. Other details as above. Booking essential.
– **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.
- Thursday 28th** – **Quiz Night @** The Bull’s Head. 9.30pm.
- Friday 29th** – **Crafternoon**. 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project –or not! Tea and natter is fine!
- Sunday 31st** – **Birdsong Walk with Simon** 9am. Other details as above. Booking essential.

Nature Notes

Our final tally of rescued toads was 1,303 this year, along with a number of frogs and Great Crested Newts. The newly restored dewponds in the dales and along Milkings Lane are proving a wonderful refuge for amphibians – newts especially and they can be seen quite easily in the daytime if you stand with the sun behind you and stay still for a few minutes. It seems to be the Smooth Newts who are not so shy at these times; the Great Crested does seem to stay more hidden by day, in these ponds at least. We were very pleased to see that a toad had decided to spawn in one of the Fern Dale ponds and those little tadpoles you can see in there are ‘toadpoles’. You can’t tell the difference between frog and toad at this stage, but you can tell the difference between toad and frog *spawn*, the former being laid in long ribbons among vegetation... which is what we spotted last month.