



*This June,* among the events I see lined up below are a **Donkey Sanctuary Open Day** (Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>) and what I think is the first **Games Afternoon** at the village hall, organised by the Farming Life Centre (Weds 17<sup>th</sup>). We went to see the donkeys on an open day many years back and I can thoroughly recommend the walk up Hutmoor Butts from Cross Lane (visit Barn Close Farm Shop along the way?) ....as long as the fine weather lasts... It's refreshing to think about things to do on foot from the village, especially when the weekend traffic builds up the way it does. Down the dale to the Lathkill Hotel in Over Haddon is a favourite one with us, as is the shorter walk to Magpie Mine and the Cock and Pullet in Sheldon. We really are blest in having such fine pubs all around us within walking distance.

**St. Leonard's Church**  
**28<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00 am**  
**a service of Holy Communion**

We are having our annual **Flower Festival** again beginning **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July** until Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. We will be serving teas and cake throughout the week and ending with the band night. More information on that to follow.

The theme for the flower festival this year is "UK Counties". We are always looking for new talent so if you haven't taken part before, please do come along and have a go. It's good fun and plenty of us there to help and advise. And remember, we are a country church not a cathedral!

*If you would like any more information, please do email me*  
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**EVENTS this month of June**

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup>** – **IYENGAR YOGA**. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. To book a slot, email Dave: [djs.abbotside@gmail.com](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
– **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; £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 Caroline: **07831 720810** /email: [carolinewebster2@gmail.com](mailto:carolinewebster2@gmail.com)
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – **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, admire flowers, butterflies and bees, with tips on ID, but mostly for sheer pleasure! Meet on the green. 2 hours +. Further details: [www.corble.co.uk](http://www.corble.co.uk) (/birdsongwalks) or TripAdvisor.  
– **Hatha Yoga** 5.30 – 6.45pm, In the Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £11. 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 4<sup>th</sup>** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull's Head. Starts 9.30pm.
- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>**  
– **Birdsong Walk with Simon** 9am. £10 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above.  
– **Donkey Sanctuary Open Day**: Although not open to the general public, the local Donkey Sanctuary holds some open days during the Summer period. Limited space for cars so booking is required. Why not visit on foot? It is a lovely walk up Hutmoor Butts from Cross Lane. Check with the sanctuary before setting off.
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup>** – **IYENGAR YOGA**. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Other details as above.
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>** – **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 10<sup>th</sup>** – *Birdsong Walk with Simon* 9am. £10 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above, top.

– *Hatha Yoga* 6.00 – 7.15pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £11. Other details see above, *Pilates*.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>** – *Quiz Night* – The Bull’s Head. 9.30pm.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>** – *Crafternoon*. 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project – or not! Tea and natter is fine! –

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

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>** – *Birdsong Walk with Simon* 9am. £10 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above, top.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>** – *IYENGAR YOGA*. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Other details as above.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** – *Monyash Quilters Group*, Village Hall, 2 to 4 pm, other details as above.

– *NO Pilates*. Class with Caroline Webster. (Normally 6pm – 7pm in the Village Hall).

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** – *Birdsong Walk with Simon* 9am. £10 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above, top.

– *Games Afternoon* – 2 – 4pm in the Village Hall. FREE. Organised by the Farming Life Centre.

– *NO Hatha Yoga* - (Normally 6.00 – 7.15pm, Village Hall).

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** – *Quiz Night* – The Bull’s Head. 9.30pm.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>** – *Birdsong Walk with Simon* 9am. £10 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above, top.

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**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>** – *IYENGAR YOGA*. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Other details as above.

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – *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 24<sup>th</sup>** – *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* 6.00 – 7.15pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £11. Other details see above, *Pilates*.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>** – *Quiz Night* – The Bull’s Head. 9.30pm.

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** – *Crafternoon*. 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project – or not! Tea and natter is fine!

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>** – *Birdsong Walk with Simon* 9am. £10 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above, top.

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– *Church Service*, 10am at Saint Leonard’s.

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup>** – *IYENGAR YOGA*. 5.30 – 6.45pm, in the Village Hall. Other details as above.

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>** – *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 1<sup>st</sup>** – *Birdsong Walk with Simon* 9am. £10 per head. Free to Monyash Residents, other details as above, top.

**July** – *Hatha Yoga* 6.00 – 7.15pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £11. Other details see above, *Pilates*.

### **Nature Notes – Bumper Butterflies**

Have you seen an Orange Tip butterfly yet? I would be surprised if you hadn’t noticed at least one of these little flashes of colour around the village this Spring; they seem to be emerging in record numbers. This can only be because last Summer was such a good one for all sorts of insects and now, during April and May this year’s Spring brood have been hatching from their chrysalises... One of the most important flowering plants for their caterpillars is the Milkmaid/Lady’s Smock/Cuckoo flower, (one of those flowers with a whole raft of common names...) and we have these aplenty in our damper meadows and verges, especially in Lathkill and Fere/Fern dale. They also go for ‘Jack-by-the-hedge’ aka ‘Garlic Mustard’ a very common biennial that I have been sowing in odd corners of our garden as I love the fresh leaves and flowers in a salad, in a rolled-up Derbyshire oatcake, or even cooked into a curry, (use it like coriander, but it tastes nothing like...)

It is only the male Orange Tip that displays the colour; you might easily mistake the female for a Small White...but take a look at the underside of the wing when she is at rest; as with the male, it is a beautiful, heavily mottled green-and-white. Only last week did I realise what superb camouflage this is while I was photographing a courting pair. When the flashy male had gone from the frame, it looked at first glance as though she too had flown away...but there she was, wings closed, perched on a Pignut flower. The mottled underside blending so perfectly with the delicate pattern of its white petals and green buds, she had all but vanished to my eyes.

Emerging at roughly the same time as the Orange Tip is the Brimstone, another very striking insect and in good numbers this year. An almost sulphurous yellow, but pale, it is thought that this is the original ‘butter-fly’ –it could indeed be a flying mini-slab of creamy butter, like the kind you get at The Bull’s Head with your jacket potato. Being one of the first butterflies on the wing each year, it would have been the first to catch the eye in Spring and so coined the name...it makes sense to me. There’s another theory that it is butterfly poo, which has the consistency of butter, which gives rise to the name, but this strikes me as nonsense! As if you’d name such a dazzling beauty...

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