



Being a key-holder for the Parish Council notice board,

I get to meet interesting people – ones who knock on our door with posters for this and that. Recently, one such was John Simpson – no, not the celebrated BBC correspondent, but John Allwood Simpson, with an item about **Rev Robert Lomas** – the parson after whom the Parson's Tor in Lathkill is named. This one-time vicar of Monyash met his untimely end there in 1776, so, *exactly* 250 years ago, while making his way home in thick fog, (so the story goes; I have a suspicion he was ambushed and pushed, but that may simply be my dramatic imagination...) John Allwood Simpson is recreating the parson's fatal journey, with a walk from Bakewell to Monyash on 11th October – the infamous date of 'the fall', apparently – and he wants to invite any local people with a family link to Lomas to join him...presumably it won't involve stepping off, or being thrown from the tor... Anyway, he also supplied a family tree of descendants, which I shall be putting in the notice board, along with a posterised version of the feature below...



St. Leonard's Church

Sunday 26th July at 6.00 pm

Flower Festival Songs of Praise Service

Brass Band Night

Saturday 1st August

Doors open at 5.30 pm. Music from 6 to 8pm.

Ticket price of £12.00 includes drinks (wine or beer or a soft drink) and pizza – extra can be bought.

Tideswell brass band are great fun and generally play anything from Bon Jovi to Meatloaf...

Tickets from Jo Scoggins: **07759 051266**, or Pam Bamforth: **07837 483084**...or on the door on the night.

Fantastic raffle prizes to be won and all money raised goes to the upkeep of St. Leonard's Church.

Our ancient church is in urgent need of repair to the roof and west wall and we need your support!

If you are in any way linked back to

Rev Robert Lomas

I am organising a **walk from Bakewell to Monyash on 11th October 2026**

which will be exactly **250 years** since his tragic death.

[If you would like to join John] email: [At time of writing, I am trying to confirm his email address as I can't now make out his handwriting! Watch this space, or contact me to express interest, for now, as I hope to be in contact with John again, one way or another – if *you* happen to have his email address, please let me know! – I may even join the walk, if I am allowed...]

Best wishes, ***John Allwood Simpson.***

EVENTS this month of August:-

Saturday 1st – ***BAND NIGHT with Tideswell Brass Band***, Saint Leonard's Church, (details above).

Sunday 2nd – ***Last day to view the Flower Festival.*** Saint Leonard's church open 10am – 3pm.

– ***[Donkey Sanctuary Open Day is cancelled]***

Monday 3rd – ***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 4th – ***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. £8. Other details as 'Hatha Yoga', below.

Wednesday 5th – ***Hatha Yoga*** – 6 – 7.15pm, Village Hall, with meditation, £11, 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 6th** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull's Head. 9.30pm.
- Friday 7th** – **Crafternoon**. 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project –or not, tea and natter is fine!
- Monday 10th** – **IYENGAR YOGA**. 5pm – 6.30pm, in the Village Hall. £9; email Dave: djs.abbotside@gmail.com.
- Tuesday 11th** – **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. £8. Other details: 'Hatha Yoga' above.
- Wednesday 12th** – **Hatha Yoga** 6.00 – 7.15pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £11. Other details see above.
- Thursday 13th** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull's Head. 9.30pm.
- Monday 17th** – **NO IYENGAR YOGA**. Normally, 5pm – 6.30pm, in the Village Hall. £9 per session. Other details as above.
- Tuesday 18th** – **Monyash Quilters Group**; Village Hall, 2 to 4 pm, other details as above.
- **Pilates**. Class with Caroline Webster. 6pm – 7pm, Village Hall. £8. Other details as above, 'Hatha Yoga'.
- Wednesday 19th** – **Mobile Library** – 11.15 to 11.45, The Square.
- **Games Afternoon**: The Farming Life Centre is hosting in the Village Hall from 2-4pm. Entry is free and you can find full details in their poster. (Look on the village website, also, in the diary).
- **Hatha Yoga**; 6.00 – 7.15pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £11. Other details, see 'Pilates...'
- Thursday 20th** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull's Head. 9.30pm.
- Friday 21st** – **Crafternoon**. 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project –or not, tea and natter is fine!
- Monday 24th** – **IYENGAR YOGA**. 5pm – 6.30pm, in the Village Hall. £9 per session. Other details as above.
- Tuesday 25th** – **Monyash Quilters Group**; Village Hall, 2 to 4 pm, other details as above.
- **Pilates**. Class with Caroline Webster. 6pm – 7pm, Village Hall. £8. Other details as above.
- Wednesday 26th** – **Hatha Yoga**; 6.00 – 7.15pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £11. Other details, see above.
- Thursday 27th** – **Quiz Night** – The Bull's Head. 9.30pm.
- Monday 31st** – **NO IYENGAR YOGA**. Normally, 5pm – 6.30pm, in the Village Hall. £9 per session. Other details as above.

Peak District Community Nature Fund – grants available

The Peak District National Park Foundation is offering grants of up to £5000 to local groups taking action to create, expand and improve spaces for nature. The Community Nature Fund supports initiatives that promote biodiversity, restore habitats, and encourage community engagement. This fund is available for parish councils, schools, CICs, CIOs, charities, community groups and societies. Smallholders can also apply as long as the projects are not-for-profit and can demonstrate clear benefits for biodiversity. For more information and to apply, visit the Foundation's website

- www.peakdistrictfoundation.org.uk/community-nature-fund/

Nature Notes – Patience in the meadows

I think we are now into the third or fourth year of the 'green' that was once Frost Mere being managed as if it were a traditional hay meadow – not strictly true as no cattle are put to graze on the aftermath following the yearly mow from DCC. A few of us with an interest in these things have, in late August, been throwing on handfuls of wildflower seeds gathered from elsewhere – the most important being Yellow or Hay Rattle; attractive in its own right, this lowly plant is parasitic on the roots of grasses and so helps reduce their vigour... Fewer tall grasses, more flowers is the aim. (Another old name for Rattle was 'Poverty' as you did *not* want it in your hay crop!) This has worked wonders in the hay meadows on the National Nature Reserve in Lathkill, which now stretch almost to the start of the village. This year has been good for quite a few Orchid species there, some of which we are now also starting to find in the very-recently-restored meadows around the old barn. The Yellow Rattle on Frost Mere has definitely taken hold in patches and we are *beginning* to see an increase in flower species...but, to impatient eyes, it is slow progress... The more I read about meadow restoration, it seems that, ultimately, you have to let the sward make its own way; we simply don't understand enough to predict which plant will be happy where, except in the broadest terms. I take a similar approach in our garden, leaving things be that seem to be thriving and not trying too hard to help others that are struggling with where they are. As I type this, the hen Blackbird is feeding her young with berries in the now tall Rowan tree, which, as a tiny seedling, we rescued from the middle of a busy footpath near Eyam, at least twenty years ago. It clearly loves its new home, and few trees bring as much joy through the seasons...Autumn colour in the leaves, frothy, fragrant blossom in Spring and then the feast of fruits, enjoyed by so many birds. The parent Blackbird in question is 'Whitetail' – you may remember her from January's letter? She was seeing off all-comers in Winter, in feisty fashion and has become the most attentive parent.

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