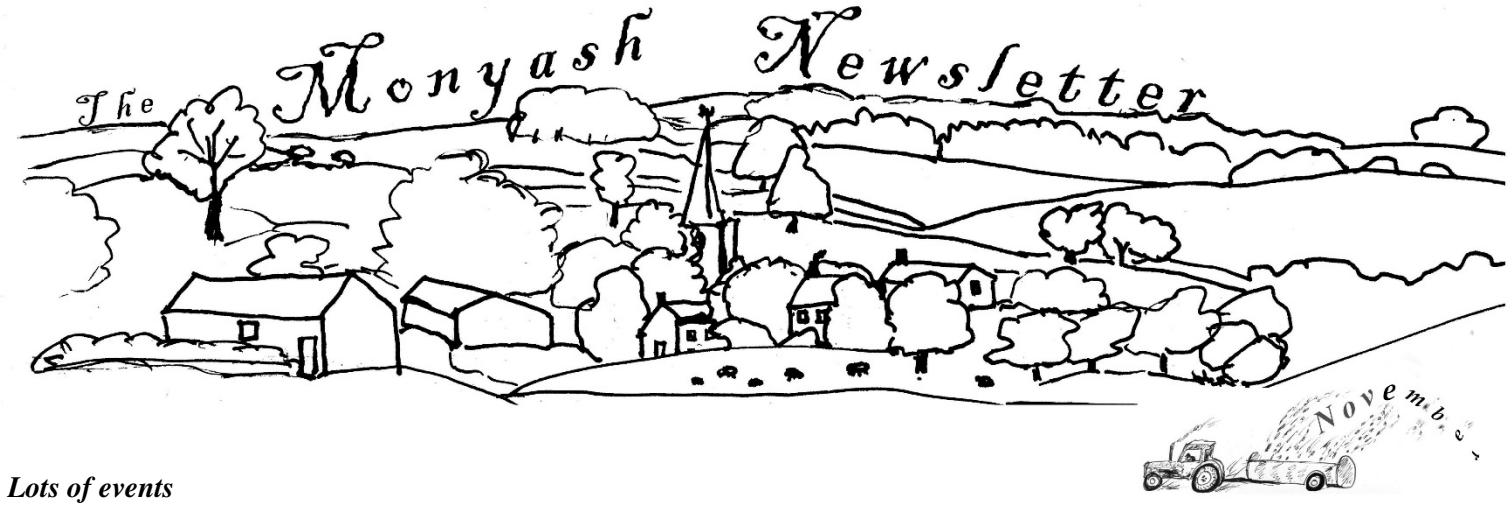

Lots of events

for this month, the least exciting of which has to be the **closure** of the top of **Horse Lane,** (i.e. a section up to the junction with Grin Lane, (as ST call it, you may know is as 'Grin Low';) which goes past Magpie Mine – but it looks like Grin Lane/Low itself is unaffected). It is closed from 2nd November for (up to) two weeks – I am sure you will have had the same official notification about this from Severn Trent, as we have. I see the further stage of road closures is not until March, and that will be not full closures as such, but, 'multi-way traffic lights' from 1st March for up to 8 weeks along the Bakewell road. Hopefully that in itself will be tackled in stages, otherwise the delays will be many minutes long! (looking at the 'multi-ways' covered by their helpful map).

This newsletter covers the Halloween weekend, (at least it should have reached you by then) so here is a brief reminder that pumpkins can be toxic to hedgehogs…so maybe don't leave them out past November 1st, especially as the urchins are likely to be active still, given the mild weather. AND, if you are having a bonfire, one that has been built for a while, do check that no hedgehog has taken to it as a hibernation spot. They love nothing better than piles of dried twigs and leaves… More on hibernating mammals in my *'Nature Notes'* at the foot of the letter.

Monyash Quilters'

Makers and Crafters Fair

Sunday 1st November

Monyash Village Hall

10am to 4pm

knits; fabric; woodart; bags; jewellery; bookmarks; cards; gifts; cushions and more…

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Tuesday 10th November

The Bull's Head

8am to 11am

Bacon butties, sausage butties, cakes, teas and coffees

RAFFLE – fantastic prizes!

All proceeds go to MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

St. Leonard's Church

Remembrance Sunday

A service of Morning Worship at 10.00am on **8th November**

As usual, this will be followed by the **Act of Remembrance** at the war memorial on the **village green at 11.00 am.** It is very gratifying that we always have a really good turnout from this small village and to still have local families there remembering past family members who saw action. After all these years of reading the names out on the war memorial, I still find it very emotional that there are so many from the same families from a small farming community. ***Heather***

Thanks to everyone who supported and contributed to the **Harvest Festival Supper** evening on the 17th of October. It was a great night of eating, drinking and quizzing – brilliant food, brilliant quiz and company! We raised a total of **£631** for Saint Leonard's church building repairs. ***Sara***

[And see **'Pie and Peas Night'** in events below, for **November 12th**, as another gastronomic fund-raiser! – Ed.]

EVENTS *this month of November:-*

Sunday 1st **– *Makers and Crafters Fair*** – 10am to 4pm in the Village Hall. FREE entry. Refreshments available.

Monday 2nd **– *Monyash School inset day; Horse Lane closure begins today.***
– *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.
– *Pilates*. Class with Caroline Webster. 6pm – 7pm, Village Hall. £8. Other details: 'Hatha Yoga', below.

Wednesday 4th **– *Hatha Yoga*** 6.00 – 7.15pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra 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 5th **– *Quiz Night*** – The Bull's Head. Normally starts around 9.30pm

Sunday 8th **– *Church Service*** – 10am at Saint Leonard's. Followed by a Remembrance ceremony on the green.

Monday 9th **– *IYENGAR YOGA***. Normally, 5pm – 6.30pm, in the Village Hall. £9 per session. Other details as above.

Tuesday 10th **– *Macmillan Coffee Morning* –** 8am to 11am at The Bulls Head.
– *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 11th **– *Mobile Library*** – 10 to 11am, The Square.
– *Hatha Yoga;* 6.00 – 7.15pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £11. Other details as above.

Thursday 12th **– *Pie and Peas Night*** – The Bull's Head, 5.30pm to 8pm. Meat and Potato pie (shortcrust or suet) or a Homity Pie as a veggie option. All served with mushy peas, mashed swede, pickled red cabbage and crusty bread. £13 each with £2 from every dish going to Saint Leonard's church. ***Quiz*** to follow…around 9.30pm.

Friday 13th **– *Crafternoon.*** 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project –or not, tea and natter is fine!
– *Messy Church* – straight after school at the Methodist Chapel. £2 per child, including food and squash. *Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

Monday 16th **– *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.* 6pm – 7pm, Village Hall. £8. Other details as above for 'Hatha Yoga'.

Wednesday 18th **– *Hatha Yoga.*** 6.00 – 7.15pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £11. Other details as above.
– *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).

Thursday 19th **– *Quiz Night*** – The Bull's Head. 9.30pm.

Monday 23rd **– *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. £8. Other details as above, 'Hatha Yoga'.

Wednesday 25th **– *Hatha Yoga;*** 6.00 – 7.15pm, Village Hall, with Yoga Nidra meditation. £11. Other details as above.

Thursday 26th **– *Quiz Night*** – The Bull's Head. 9.30pm.

Friday 27th **– *Crafternoon.*** 2pm – 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Bring along a craft project –or not, tea and natter is fine!

Monday 30th **– *IYENGAR YOGA*** 5pm – 6.30pm, in the Village Hall. £9 per session. Other details as above.

A personal message from John Edwards:-

Thank you, everyone in Monyash, for helping me get through this first year since losing Diane, (October 20th, 2025). This is truly a lovely village, John.

Nature Notes – Breaking up the party…

For the second year running we have evicted Woodmice from our utility room – or '***futility*** room' as we know it. And, once again, the guidebooks have it wrong: 'Strictly nocturnal' is not true for a start, as we have, of a morning, regularly watched one climb our outdoor Christmas tree, to help itself to peanuts in the bird-feeder hanging there…the nuts being then squirrelled away in a den in the garden wall; equally false: 'will not enter houses'. This year, having evicted two Woodmice and one Field Vole (!) – using a humane trap – relocating them in woodland, miles from home, (they find their way back otherwise, with no trouble), the traps saw no more activity. Today, I went to pull on what I call my 'Winter boots' for the first time; the right-hand one was almost *full* of black sunflower seeds. Enough to see a hungry Woodmouse through until Spring, I reckoned. But these are meant for the finches. In case you are wondering, your Woodmouse is much cuter looking than your 'domestic' species; more nut-brown than grey on top, with a very white belly. It has larger, sticking-up ears and much bigger eyes, (being 'strictly nocturnal' I guess). We have seriously considered a small vivarium…but they are happy enough about the garden…if only they would stay there! They are reckoned to be one of Britain's most common mammals and are firm favourites with Tawny Owls…of which we also have plenty. I don't think the owls spend too long admiring their cuteness, however…

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