


## Our guide for you.

Keep up to date with everything  that goes on in your Monks Yard this month and in the coming months.



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## WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

**Mexican night** Friday 26th March, from 7.30pm, £19.50pp

Spice up your Friday night and come along to MY Eating Place for a celebration of all things Mexican. The night starts with drinks and nibbles followed by a range of delicious Mexican food. When all the food has settled join us for a lesson in Salsa dancing! To book your place just call the number at the top of the page.



**Light Painting – night time digital photography course**

Wednesday 31st March, 7pm, £20

Want to learn how to make your night shots truly sparkle? Award winning photographer Simon Plant will teach you light painting techniques and show you how to set up and shoot magical night time scenes. To book contact Dean on the Monks Yard number at the top of the page (please note you will need your own DSLR camera, tripod and cable release).

**3 Mystic Mumps and a Marsh – weekend course** 19th – 21st March

Broaden your knowledge and skills of digital landscape photography from both behind the camera and behind the desk. This is an informal and fun weekend of learning for those who have an intermediate photography knowledge. Full details and booking at [www.prophotoinights.net](http://www.prophotoinights.net)

**Join us for a Jelly!**

Thursday 18th March, 10am – 5pm, FREE

MY Workspace hosts the second of our monthly Jellies, casual working events that get people together for the day in a relaxed social environment. You just need to bring a laptop (or whatever you need to get your work done) and a friendly disposition.

Book through <http://ilminsterjelly2.eventbrite.com>

**Colourists Art Society**

Friday 26th March, 2pm – 4pm, £6

Monthly talks and demonstrations covering many aspects of art. This month's guest speaker is Jake Winkle who will be demonstrating boats/reflections in watercolour. To book please contact **Joy Holmes on (01460) 53543**.



## COMING SOON

Here is a brief list of what is coming up soon. Lookout for further details in next months newsletter and on the website.

**Monks Yard second birthday party**

Expect lots of family fun including a barn dance and a hog roast in a week of events to celebrate our second year.

from Monday 19th April

**Easter celebration**

Easter Sunday morning event including an egg hunt.

4th April

**Youth Programme**

The official launch of our new alternative education programme for local young people.

21st April

Sorry! We are closed for the Easter weekend apart from our Easter Sunday event (see above).



## COME BACK SOON!

**Pick up your loyalty card in MY Eating Place.** This is just our way of saying thanks and please come back soon. Get a stamp with every hot drink purchased and get your 10th drink FREE.

## STAY INFORMED

**Want to be the first to hear about all the Monks Yard news and events?** Simply go to our website [www.themonksyard.co.uk](http://www.themonksyard.co.uk) subscribe to our mailing list and get this newsletter emailed directly to your inbox every month.

## A LOVE-LY NIGHT

**A delightful Valentines night meal was enjoyed by many a couple at MY Eating Place.** Accompanying the delicious three course meal and to complete the romantic mood was live music by a local pianist.



This was our first evening event in MY Eating Place since the successful Christmas celebration. We have many other events planned throughout the year including this months Mexican night. Details will be in our future monthly newsletters.

## This months fave website

ON THE WEB



## A website to celebrate an event to remember in May:

[www.unsutedandunbooted.co.uk](http://www.unsutedandunbooted.co.uk)

Join us at the Monks Yard for the first ever day of targeted development opportunities for business women in the South West with guest speaker Saira Khan from The Apprentice. The name 'Unsuted and Unbooted' stems from the informal theme of the day which includes loads of fun and challenging activities. Have a look through the site for full details.

## ALL ABOUT US AT THE MONKS YARD

### What's with the strange name?

The Monks Yard stands on the site of an old monastery and small chapel. Research suggests that some of the site dates back to pre-sixteenth century. Throughout the extensive renovation and development work, much care and attention was given to honouring the existing structures.



### From family farm to family business

The site was used as a farm and passed down from generation to generation in the Osborne family. When dairy farming became unsustainable due to the



constraints of the available land, the idea was spawned for the Monks Yard. A unique business development for the area creating up to 16 jobs whilst committed to supporting the community in several other ways. Oh, and it still runs as an arable farm.

### Supporting our local community

Right from day one the Monks Yard was committed to supporting the community in more ways than employing local people, more than just recycling all our rubbish. As a company we are actively involved in supporting **Project Hope** – a charity

providing aid, medical equipment and training to developing countries. Their warehouse is based in one of the Monks Yard barns.

**MY Life** also operates within the Monks Yard and is a charity for marginalised young people in the local community. It provides quality experiences and activities which enable young people to flourish in their community.



**MY Church** meets every Sunday from 10.30am. All are welcome and there is also a prayer room open to everyone 7 days a week. Please ask a member of staff for more info.

*Beautifully renovated buildings and a friendly environment.*

## MY EATING PLACE

In the renovated calving pens, MY Eating Place offers a wonderful, relaxed environment to quench your thirst or fill your belly. We use as many local ingredients as we can get our hands on and food is always freshly prepared. We are committed to providing a tasty memorable eating experience!

## MY WORKSPACE

More than just office space, MY Workspace was put together to offer a modern, social and flexible working environment with all the facilities you need – Wi-Fi, colour A3 printer, VOIP phones, free parking. Designed to be as much about networking and meeting others as day to day work, MY Workspace actually works for you!

## MY EVENTS

MY Events offers a variety of rooms bursting with character suitable for both business meetings and private functions. From just 2 people up to 120, we can tailor and event to your exact specifications. All the rooms can be rearranged into a variety of formats depending on your requirements. Naturally we offer catering (from sandwiches to a cooked meal) and are fully licensed, we can make your meeting and event to remember.

*The courtyard outside MY Eating Place when it was a dairy farm.*

*The events room is as suitable for parties as conferences.*