



The Bugle



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Alport, Middleton and Youlgrave**

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December 2018/January 2019

It's Panto time again in Youlgrave

Youlgrave Village Hall is back for the 57th season of panto. With a script by David Pryor and directed by the young Charlotte Bingham, they have created the popular pantomime **SNOW WHITE**, starting on 31st January 2019.

Rehearsals are well underway to bring this magical tale to life. With characters such as Wally the not-so-very-funny court jester and the love of his

life, Cook (Gwendolyn to her friends), Evelle Rotunda, Snow White's evil scheming auntie, and Gert and Ada, the village gossips – not to mention a cottage full of dwarfs that can't count – there's plenty of fun and laughter planned.

This year we have nine performances, including two Saturday matinees (*for more details see poster on page 5*). The show will be packed with every ingredient for the perfect traditional family pantomime. Expect



The 2019 Snow White cast.

larger-than-life characters, loads of laughs, a dose of slapstick, modern music, beautiful costumes, stunning dance moves, and of course... plenty of heroes to cheer and baddies to boo!

Tickets are available on Saturday 8th December at the Village Hall Box Office, then on Mondays and Wednesdays between 6-8pm and on Saturdays between 10-12 noon. You can also call 07926 283838 on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays, between 10am-5pm only.

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Our December and January public performances 'for you to book' are:

Sunday 2nd Dec, 2.30pm - Bakewell Farmers' Market, service

Sunday 2nd Dec, 6-7pm - Elton Christmas tree lights with refreshments.

Thursday 6th Dec, 7.30pm - CHRISTMAS CONCERT, Youlgrave Village Hall

Thursday 20th Dec, 7.30pm - Christmas concert, Rowsley Village Hall

Sunday 6th January 6th, 1pm-4.15pm - Chatsworth Stables

We've enjoyed a good 2018, which of course culminated in the trip to Ypres and supported by players from local bands, many couldn't believe the wonderful sounds we made as everyone played their very best.

Now we are back to the normal world and a wonderful Christmas is approaching, so join us whenever you can and enjoy the music. With our regular band of 25 players and others who dip in and out, we're grateful for the dedication of our hard working conductor (or maybe his punishing regime at practices!). We will be giving you a good, lively and well performed concert. So do come and support us. Listen, sing, drink and nibble and have a good time. Merry Christmas.

Judith 630202

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£4.50

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Reg Charity No 520538. A fundraising event for Youlgrave Village Hall.

International Last Posting Dates Christmas 2018

Friday 7th December: Asia, Cyprus,
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Saturday 8th December: Caribbean,
Central/South America

Monday 10th December: Australia,
Greece, Turkey, New Zealand

Friday 14th December: Czech
Republic, Germany, Winster, Italy,
Poland, Canada, USA

Saturday 15th December: Finland,
Sweden

Monday 17th December: Austria,
Denmark, Iceland, Portugal,
Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Spain,
Switzerland

Tuesday 18th December: Belgium,
France, Ireland, Luxembourg

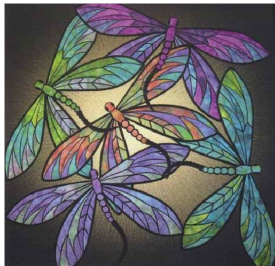
UK DATES

2ND CLASS: Tuesday 18th December

1ST CLASS: Thursday 20th December

SPECIAL DELIVERY GUARANTEED:
Saturday 22nd December

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'Dragonflies in moonlight'

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CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 8th December

Youlgrave Village Hall

10am-4pm

To book a table ring Lynn on 636919.



Free entry includes tea and
coffee. Fund raising for
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Charity no 520538

Recycle your real Christmas tree.

Place at edge of your property on your
green/recycling day between Monday 7
Jan and Friday 1 Feb. Trees no longer
than 5ft. Remove decorations and pot.

Recycle non-glitter Christmas cards in
your blue bin insert or blue bag.

Usual day	Christmas/New Year collection days
Monday	Monday 24 December Monday 31 December
Tuesday	Saturday 22 December Wednesday 2 January
Wednesday	Thursday 27 December Thursday 3 January
Thursday	Friday 28 December Friday 4 January
Friday	Saturday 29 December Saturday 5 January

- **Food waste** is collected weekly
- **Garden waste** collections are suspended from
Saturday 22 Dec to Saturday 5 Jan inclusive
- Watch our **w: derbyshiredales.gov.uk**
website for any collection changes caused by
adverse weather

Join us for Carol Singing around the Village this Christmas



Continuing the tradition of recent years a group of keen Carol Singers have decided once more to tour Youlgrave to raise money for charities working in Sierra Leone. Health Poverty Action provides health care for women during pregnancy, giving birth and antenatal care by training local Maternal Health Promoters. These MHPs support women at this time and encourage them to give birth in a safe and clean environment. Fistula is a problem of incontinence caused by damage to the mother during prolonged and obstructed child birth and the problem often causes great distress and the mother to be ostracized by her community. 'Freedom from Fistula' offers these women an operation to repair the damage and to help them rebuild their lives.

We will be Carol Singing in the village on **Monday 17th December.** Everyone, especially children, will be very welcome to join us – whether you can sing in tune or not. All that is required is enthusiasm! Meet outside The George at 5.30pm or if this is too early we will be back at The George at 6.30pm for you to join us.

Please bring warm clothes, a torch and if possible something reflective, eg a reflective vest or a jacket. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. If you would particularly appreciate hearing a few carols, or know of anyone else who would, please ring Dianne (636580) or after 11th December Chris (636994).

We look forward to singing with you or to you!





The Bugle now has its Christmas break and the next issue will be February 2019. Season's greetings to all our readers and a huge THANK YOU to everyone who, over the last year, has given up their time to bring you the Bugle, including the editorial team, columnists, regular contributors and volunteer deliverers: Ian Bishop, Martin Bristow, Anne & John Cooper, Louise Davis, Tricia Donnison, Jeni Edwards, Graham Elliott, Joy Frost, John Fussey, Keith Hadwin, Kate Heath, Liz Hickman, Ann & Peter Knowles, Matthew Lovell, Andrew McCloy, Pat McLeod, Rob Meecham, Revd Louise Petheram, The Pursglove family (Middleton), The Redfern family (New Road), Peter and Margaret Ryder, Marjorie Shimwell, Peter Stone (Alport), John Sutcliffe, Ian and Maggie Thurman, Mary Turner, Pat Vaughan, Ian Weatherley, Jean Webster & Grove Place deliverers and John Wragg.

www.youlgrave.org.uk (current/recent issues) www.thebugle.org.uk (older issues)

Join us for Youlgrave Walking for Health



I've been working in the Derbyshire Dales District Council for a couple of years, going into businesses and giving workshops on Healthy Eating and Physical Activity, organising lunchtime walks so people don't sit at their desks during their (usually unpaid) lunch breaks. During this time, I shared the office with the Walking for Health Officer, Howard Griffith – who lives in Stanton Lees – and I was hypnotised by his enthusiasm and his love of the job; and so when I realised Howard wanted to retire I started making all the right noises to be considered for the role.

I've been in post several weeks now. If you don't know anything about Walking for Health go to www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/walkingforhealth to find out more, or call me on 650325 and I'll send you details.

In a nutshell, Walking for Health is a wonderful supportive family with which to go walking if you don't want to walk on your own or don't feel confident to go alone. Leading the Youlgrave walk you have the wonderful Linda Neale and Pete Tapping, who are volunteer Walk Leaders, which means they are trained to look after the group and make sure that no-one gets lost or left behind and that the walks are suitable for the group, changing the route depending on who turns up. There are a few in the village who enjoy coming on all the walks, but it would be wonderful to see some new faces. It runs every second and fourth Tuesday of the month and meets at Coldwell End Car Park at 10.30am. The next dates are **11th December**, then **8th and 22nd January**.

The walks are free and incredibly welcoming. They are pitched at different levels from 30 minutes to a couple of hours, typically 1-1.5 hours. Every walk is supported by our amazing volunteer Walk Leaders, so you can feel totally safe and well looked after.

Our walks are for everybody, but we also have walks which are particularly supported for people living with dementia and their carers, and other walks for people with restricted access – we call them 'roll and stroll walks'. Walking is such a brilliant thing for our soul, our mental health and our physical health and if I can share it with you I would be truly delighted.

Helen Milton, email helen.milton@derbyshiredales.gov.uk tel 650325

News from All Saints' School, Youlgrave: Woodland Learning



This year, every class in Youlgrave All Saints' Primary School has started Woodland Learning lessons. This involves getting out into nature and learning more about the environment. For our first lesson we went on a journey through the churchyard and down to Bradford Dale. We looked at all of the different types of trees and leaves that we have in our village. Class 1 turned all of the interesting natural items that they found into 'Nature Wands.'

Class 2 collected leaves and sticks and used these to create 'Journey Sticks' which were used to tell the story of our adventure.

Class 3 also collected leaves and used hand magnifiers to look at the structure of each leaf and classification keys to try and work out what type of tree each leaf came from. We all had an exciting afternoon out in the village and are all looking forward to our next session. *By members of Class 2 and 3*

Bonfire a flaming success!

The Bonfire and BBQ held down at Rheinstor Cottage on 2nd November was a super evening and enjoyed by lots of families that made their way there. The fireworks were a most splendid display, exploding shards of colour bursting in rapid succession way above our heads with lots of whiz and not too many loud bangs! They were organised by Ian Bright and members of the Scout and Community Youth Hall committee and supporters. Beef burgers and sausages, courtesy of Bingham's Youlgrave Village Shop, were wonderfully barbequed and the Brownies offered a fine array of mocktails. We made a profit on the evening which has gone towards the wonderful redecoration of the hall. It's the first time it's seen a bit of professional paint since it was built 30 years ago! We've also had the floor cleaned off and re-varnished. All of this would not have been possible without the very kind and generous support of our sponsors to whom we give our most grateful thanks:

Derbyshire Aggregates, Youlgrave Long Rake Spar, The Village Shop, Young's Post Office and Stores, Peak Feast, The George Hotel, The Bull's Head, The Farmyard, Twyford's Garage, Youlgrave Garage and D P Young.

Grateful thanks to **Charlotte Gilbert** for providing a wonderful safe venue for our event.

Anne Croasdell on behalf of the Scout and Community Youth Hall Committee.



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Churches in Youlgrave: Coming, ready or not

I know that some people have been preparing for Christmas for months, but I think that now is about the time when most of us realise that Christmas is fast approaching and begin to prepare in earnest. And while some love all the preparations, others hate them.

Amidst all my inevitable busyness at this time of year, I always make time during Advent to reflect on things that have made Christmas special for me in the past. There are many, but this year I found myself remembering my time as a Street Pastor. Before coming to Youlgrave, I belonged to the Leicester City Centre Street Pastors for years. And one of my greatest blessings at Christmas was undoubtedly time spent with the homeless of Leicester. Each year they would teach me more about the true spirit of Christmas. I remember numerous occasions sitting with homeless people while they spoke of the pain of being cold and hungry, and the far greater pain of being completely ignored by busy shoppers rushing about buying things they did not need. And of course, I remembered at these times that Jesus was born particularly to show God's love for the poor and neglected.

I remember too incredible examples of generosity. On one occasion we gave a sleeping bag to a shivering girl in a shop doorway. Her face lit up with pure joy. 'You're so wonderful,' she said, 'Now I can give my blanket to X who doesn't have one.' My prayer for us all this Christmas is that we can learn something of her spirit of generosity, and can see what really matters this Christmas.

Yours in Christ,

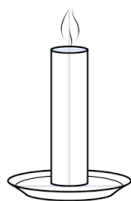
Louise Petheram

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Please pray

For all those for whom Christmas is a time of pain not joy.

For all those trying to live ethically and generously, amidst our society's temptations to be self-centred.



Memorial candles at Christmas

If you would like to remember someone with a Memorial Candle in Church at Christmas, you can now order these. Please put 50p per memorial candle in a sealed envelope. On the envelope please write:

Donor: Your name

In memory of: Your loved ones name/s.

Sealed envelopes can be left at the Post Office or the Village Shop.

Please order your candles before 11th December.

Unfortunately we can only supply memorial candles if we have received your 50p per candle to cover the cost.

If you have any questions, please contact Catherine Birch, 636083.

LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER

See church websites or noticeboards for further detail

Sunday 2nd December 9.30 am Stanton Advent Praise 11.00 Youlgrave Family Service 6.45 pm Advent at Middleton	Wed 5th December 10.30 am Youlgrave Communion
Friday 7th December 2.00 pm Stanton Family Service	Sunday 9th December 9.30 Stanton Holy Communion 11.00 Youlgrave Morning Prayer 6.30 Youlgrave Holy Communion
Sunday 16th December 9.30 Birchover Communion 11.00 am Youlgrave Communion 2.30 Carols at Wesleyan Reform 6.30 Youlgrave Evening Prayer 6.30 Stanton Nine Lessons and Carols	Saturday 22nd December 6.30 pm Stanton Nativity Walk
Sunday 23rd December 9.30 Birchover Morning Praise 10.30 am United Christmas service at Methodist Church 6.30 Benefice Carol service	Christmas Eve 5.00 Youlgrave Village Nativity 9.30 pm Stanton 1 st Communion of Christmas 11.30 pm Youlgrave 1 st Communion of Christmas
Christmas Day 11.00 am Christmas Family service at Middleton	Sunday 30th December 11.00 am Youlgrave Christmas Praise
Sunday 6th January 10.00 am Stanton Christingle 11.00 Youlgrave Family service 6.45 pm Evening Prayer at Middleton	Wednesday 9th January 10.30 am Holy Communion

Regular Sunday services at Methodist and Wesleyan Reform

10.30 am Methodist (contact Margaret 636558)

2.30 pm Wesleyan Reform (contact Isobel 636251)

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) (contact Jeni 636550 for details)

Women's visit to Youlgrave reciprocated

Last June, during well dressing week and on a beautiful sunny day, a party of women and children from inner Manchester came to visit. Maggie Ford had previously been to give a drama workshop to the 'Womens' Footprints' Group at the Brunswick Church Centre. On a later occasion she thought it would be a nice idea to invite the members and their children to see our village and the well dressings. A coach arrived with 28 on board and after drinks and lunch at the Reading Room we walked together to look at the well dressings and enjoy time by the river. Back to the Reading Room for more of the fabulous cakes and food village people had contributed.



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We were then invited to visit the Brunswick Centre on Saturday 10th November. Because the train we had planned to catch was cancelled we drove there and at once were very warmly welcomed. Hilton was playing on a wonderful steel drum in the background during coffee and afterwards we joined members for a very special lunch with an amazing variety of food prepared by local people.

Lunch over, we enjoyed taking part in Bollywood Dancing led by a great instructor and then had a breather watching four talented girls demonstrating their form of African dance. Also going on in the background was a craft group and the children enjoying having their faces painted. A short walk away was a new Art Gallery and this was especially opened by the owner to show us some wonderful paintings.

We had a fabulous visit, thanks to Womens' Footprints, and we hope that next year they will come and see us in Youlgrave again.

Maggie, Laetitia, Kate, Sandra, Dee, Sue, Andrea, Celeste and Liz.

Youlgrave Parish Council sets 2019 Precept

The November meeting of the Parish Council is traditionally the Budget setting meeting for 2019 and your council has agreed to raise our precept to £18,579 for next year. This is an under-inflation increase which will see on average an additional 91p per household, ie less than 2p per week, as we have restricted the increase to those expenses out of our control that are increasing.

Our pavilion showers are to get the benefit of the sum we allocate to a project, as the aged boiler is very inefficient and we are hoping to coordinate with the Cricket club for grant funding available to teams. Through our joint project with the CLT we expect the finger posts to be delivered and erected before our next meeting, in order to encourage walkers passing through the dale to divert and patronise village businesses.

Council is chasing the lighting department of Derbyshire Council Highways to complete the LED switchover on all lights; and we have received assurance that the wobbly church steps handrail is having additional brackets manufactured to stabilise it. We are currently filling our grit bins for local

road use ready for winter and would remind you that we sell bags of grit very cheaply at Youlgrave Garage for your own paths and drives.

The Coldwell End toilet block bedrock issue, reported in the last issue, has resulted in our submitting a new planning application moving the block to the location of the existing services, with plans submitted for a position advised by National Park Authority planners. This will be a major saving of unnecessary cost and with the new western area becoming a full car park Council considers that this obviates the need to apply for a change of use for the back field that we were considering in September. It is happy to move the position of the block within the vicinity of the existing drains as directed by planners and all interested parties should make direct comments to the Peak District National Park Planning Authority who will accept comment up to 18 December 2018.

Council next meets on 29 January 2019 at 7.15pm in our alternate venue of Youlgrave Reading Room. Season's greetings from the Council to all our parishioners.

Report from Middleton and Smerrill Parish Council

Middleton and Smerrill Parish Council met on 14th November and received reports on completion of a 1918-2018 commemorative plaque fixed to the War Memorial Garden, next steps for the Village Hall; plans for essential works to be carried out with help from Peak District National Park Authority Conservation Officers at Bateman's Tomb; asking PDNPA to report back on Bradford Dale and to set the precept for 2019/20. Owing to the loss of annual income from the Welldressing Teas, a £700 increase to the £3,300 current Precept is necessary.

Council would be pleased for parishioners to start considering putting themselves forward for nomination, as the elections on 2nd May 2019 will see at least two of our current five councillors standing down.

Planning awards for local housing projects



Above left: Anne Croasdell and Alison Clamp receive the commendation for Hannah Bowman Way. Above right: Saffron Baker receives the award for Spring Lane End.

Last month the inaugural Peak District National Park Planning Awards were held and among the prize winners were two Youlgrave projects. The development of eight new houses at Hannah Bowman Way was commended for its affordability and sensitivity to the landscape; while the new-build project at Spring Lane End received high praise for its sustainable standards, innovative architecture in a challenging landscape and good use of local material.

The Awards recognise excellence in developments where extra consideration has been taken to ensure the scheme makes a positive contribution to the special qualities of the Peak District National Park. The winners were chosen by an independent team of judges from across the industry.

I'd love to hear from you...

Some people may already know that for about 15 years I've been raising money to help Palestinian people. I sell plants and jam and lemon curd and elderflower cordial down Stoneyside and send the proceeds to MAP, Medical Aid for Palestinians. And, of course, this happens from Spring to Autumn, petering out to nothing in the Winter.

My reason for writing this in the Bugle is to try to find anyone in Youlgrave and around who has similar sympathies and might be willing to join in some Winter fund-raising for MAP. For starters, I'd love to do a Palestinian meal in the Reading Room – but can't do this alone. Please contact me (636477) if you're interested.

And the jam is always available – Damson or Blackcurrant, and rather nice. I also make little padded bags, and covers to keep your coffee warm inside a cafetiere. They make nice little extra presents, and won't break the bank – bags are £3 or £4 (child or adult) and £1.50 or £2 for the covers. Please give me a ring, or call in at Green Peace, Stoneyside, to inspect my handiwork.



Glenys Moore

NEWS FROM YOULGRAVE WATERWORKS

Youlgrave Waterworks would like to thank its customers for their patience during the recent works during half term. The successful diversion from the old meter pit on Mawstone on Wednesday 31 October, with the final demolition of the old structure, brings the upgrade works to our water treatment plant project to completion and has seen a pressure improvement in delivery into the village as an intended consequence. However, completion is only the start of the next phase, as the new pipework in this section includes a valve that will eventually connect to Mawstone Lane and complete the ring main. By planning for the valve's inclusion at this stage we are unlikely to need to turn off the village's water again.

As a first step, works will be carried out shortly alongside Mawstone Lane from near the bridge over the Bradford up to the junction onto the Mawstone housing to replace an old pipe that has suffered from heavy vehicles continually mounting the verge and causing fractures requiring repairs. Once this section is laid, works will be carried out to lay the new main across the road and then run under the pavement

and continue out of the village crossing the fields to connect to the new valve.

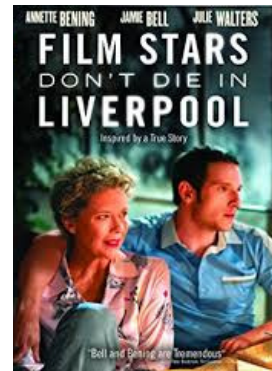
This is major capital expenditure for the Waterworks with our regular outside contractors undertaking the works and is being done in phases to allow costs to be covered in two financial years. Other essential work on leaks continues as they are reported or discovered by our team of engineers, with additional valves added to help section the system so fewer properties are affected whilst repairs are carried out. Please be vigilant and assist by reporting any unusual damp patches, as our efforts to stop leaks have seen major reductions in the water consumption figures over the past year. This has kept us comfortably within the Environment Agency limits on our abstraction licence. Please also remember that second instalments of £105.00 are now overdue for payment – we've had a few confusing with last year and only paying £100, so we will be grateful if you can please check your bank accounts and forward the balance to save us chasing.

If you spot a leak please phone Malc Stacey on 07762 053979 or James Bacon on 07866 365610.

Youlgrave Cinema presents: **Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool** (Cert 15)

Friday 7th December, 7.30pm, Youlgrave Village Hall, free to members or £5 on the door

Based on a true story, the film follows the playful but passionate relationship between a youthful Liverpoolian and older eccentric American actress Gloria Grahame. What starts as a vibrant affair between a legendary femme fatale and her young lover quickly grows into a deeper relationship. In 1978, she returns uninvited to her former lover's family home in Liverpool as serious illness strikes. *Drama/romance, 103 minutes*





Dear Editor

Re 'What have the Tourists ever done for us?' (November issue), tourism in the Peak District has a long history. Ever since the Earl of Shrewsbury allowed his royal captive, the tragic Mary, Queen of Scots to leave her prison at Hardwick Hall to take Buxton's curative waters to ease her rheumatism, people have flocked here for the good of their health, for the all-encompassing natural beauty and for the freedom of the hills. The area has seen the boom in the health spa business from the 18th to early 20th centuries, the Kinder Mass Trespass of 1932, the recent huge growth of outdoor pursuits and, in the summer of 1928, Youlgrave even hosted the painter, Lucien Pissarro. Yes, we can do tourists.

There is bedspace for them. Rents from tourist accommodation and the money spent by the visitors themselves will boost the local economy and aid cash flow. But only some of the income generated by holiday lets will go to supporting the actual fabric of the village, its infrastructure and services. If a holiday rental owner occupies a property with a rateable value of £15,000 or less and rents out properties each with a rateable value of up to £2,899, s/he will receive a percentage reduction in business rates - up to an 100% reduction if the main occupied property has a rateable value of up to £12,000. The business rate reduction continues on a sliding scale up to the point where the owner holds a portfolio of properties with a total value of up to £20,000. Things are further complicated by 'absentee landlords' who live outside the area but own holiday rentals locally. Business rates

translate as Council Tax to the private householder. Paradoxically, those renting their properties - maybe just a spare room or 'granny flat' - on a long-term basis to people often working locally and making regular contributions to the village economy over considerable periods of time, find themselves punitively taxed. This is at a time when there is a recognised housing crisis throughout the UK.

Naturally, house prices rise. Much village property is unaffordable to many local people. A fall in house prices is inevitably linked to a slow-down of the economy which will hinder rather than help younger people if jobs are at risk and wages stagnate. The Hannah Bowman Way development was a great start to local people creating affordable housing opportunities - but it only is a start. House needs must be continually monitored and further action taken as and when necessary. Would it be impossible to take on empty properties and include them in the affordable housing stock?

And our shops are wonderful! So are our pubs and the indestructible Knoll Club! Use 'em or lose 'em and advertise them in every way possible. Most of all enjoy them! Let that local enthusiasm wash over our visitors, to get them shopping, eating and drinking with us. A vibrant, living community needs the oxygen of mindful action and thoughtful progress - when that old-time vicar at the Sunday School picnic asked the children, "What's the biggest room in the world?" the youngsters chorused back "Room for improvement!" There always is.

Dee Frith
Moor Lane
Youlgrave



Dear Editor,
Re Church Farm Diary (November issue) – the statement “with Brexit looming farmers all over Britain are getting worried at the outcome” is a bit of a sweeping generalisation without any factual back-up. Whilst I am in favour of the EU ruling regarding fallen stock that we comply with, I am not sure of the comparison between GB and New Zealand. Although the land masses are similar, NZ population is less than 5 million whereas GB is over 65 million. There must be more remote land for animal burial in NZ of quite considerable proportions.

In the article ‘What have the tourists ever done for us? - Spending value and potential of Youlgrave's visitors’, ‘Mutterings’ seem to be about deterioration in the quality of life of the residents apart from the pubs and

shops. I can't pick up on any methods proposed for the majority of the residents to benefit financially. What about a reduction in council tax for paying residents on Alport Lane, Church Street, Main Road, Coldwell End, etc, to be compensated for the Peak Planning Authority giving permission for an unlimited number of holiday homes without off-road parking provision?

What about cheaper pub prices and shop prices for local residents recommending tourists to use local venues as is suggested? We can't all be sellers or there would be no local buyers. Touching back on Church Farm Diary, what about a rental levy to be charged on tourists with dogs to go to the farmers for the attacks on lambs?

Ross Johnson
Main Street, Youlgrave



Dear Editor
Malc Stacey and family would like to thank all their friends and neighbours who rallied round and helped to put out the serious fire we had in the workshop recently. It is this type of community spirit that makes Youlgrave a special place to live. Please be careful, as this was caused by a plug-in torch charger overheating. It appears that this is not an unusual occurrence, so please do not leave phone chargers, etc, unattended or on flammable surfaces. Thanks again,
Malc Stacey

NEWS IN BRIEF

Youlgrave Village Shop is in new ownership. Jade Stacey has taken on the business from John and Lisa Bingham, who re-opened the former Holland Butchers in 2017.

The **Stained glass group's** activities have been postponed until after the pantomime and will re-start in March, providing there is enough interest. Anyone who would like to join us please contact 07734 714227.

Did you know...? When shops buy those card machines, they cost in the region of £100! Then, having bought it, you have to pay a monthly rental in the region of £17. THEN you have to pay a small percentage on EVERY transaction! We love our village shops and businesses, so if you want to help join the 'We Love Cash' campaign. In the long run there is a move away from cash to card payment. Has anyone any ideas how we can continue to best support the shops and keep card payment to a minimum? Answers on a postcard to the editor please. Anne Croasdell

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness

What a wonderful time of year! I don't know about you, but it seems that there is very little to do in the garden except a bit of tidying, gathering leaves into bags to rot down to useful mould in a year or two and a bit of pruning if necessary. The hard work, like digging, can wait for a while and you can sit back and enjoy the fruits of a summer's labour.



In the freezer are bags and boxes of fruit and veg. to be used in spreads and pies and casseroles; if you are a domestic sort the larder is packed with jars of pickles and preserves; in the garden are root veg, curly kale and Brussel sprouts for the digging or picking when necessary. Now is the time to feel really smug about your own particular home-grown harvest. And the bees have gone to bed for the winter: bumblebees and solitary bees into hibernation, while honey bees cluster in the hive and live on the stores you have helped them make. Enjoy your taste of 'summer on toast' provided by



the hard work of some amazing insects. And once Christmas is over the next job is to start planning for the new season. Ordering from catalogues and checking on saved seed, working out what should go where, dreaming of the growing warmth of summer.

Need help with the planning? Looking for inspiration to make your garden useful and productive for wildlife and human alike? Youlgrave Gardeners and Bee-keepers are planning an afternoon early in the season for just that purpose. Watch out for the publicity in the new year. It can be a lot more fun than hard work!

Jeni Edwards



Youlgrave Community Land Trust: Conksbury Community Orchard

Although the trees in Conksbury Community Orchard are still young and small there have been sufficient apples this autumn for the community to benefit. Apples from the tree planted by Class 1 in 2015 were taken to All Saints School for the children to enjoy. Mixed varieties of other apples were shared between the Village Shop and the Post Office where they were available for residents and visitors to take for a donation in one of the various charity and village organisation collecting boxes on the shop counters.

In November seeds from the Yellow Rattle plant were sown on a small area of prepared ground with the hope of establishing more. These plants will help part of the orchard slowly turn into a traditional meadow.

In the coming years the orchard will continue to need to be maintained and our next working party will be held on Saturday 12th January 2019, weather permitting, from 10am until 12 noon. We would be delighted to welcome anyone interested in seeing how we will prune the trees to help them grow into well formed trees. Other jobs to do will be clearing weeds from round the bases of the trees and adding more mulch. Strong footwear and gardening gloves should be worn. Garden forks and trowels are useful.

Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: November

This has been an exciting month for birds with a huge influx of winter thrushes, redwing and fieldfare. Both have been well reported. I saw a flock of around 200 fieldfares down Alport Lane on the 11th and a flock of about 20 redwings landed briefly on a birch in our garden on the 16th. Neither seems to have been feeding on berries in the garden yet, probably because there are so many berries still in the hedgerows.

On the night of 27th October, geese were flying over the village making a huge din. I thought they might have been pink footed geese, but a flock of nearly 100 greylags settled near the new dam so are probably the same birds. I have also seen a large flock of finches around beech trees above the village near the Limestone Way crossing. I could only identify chaffinches as I had no binoculars with me (unusual!) but there could well have been bramblings with them as they like beech mast.

The lone cygnet on the river at the moment may have had some history. A cygnet was reported trapped in a fence above Alport. This was rescued by Keith. It sat quite happily in the front seat of his Landrover and was transported down to the new dam. Another bird rescue was of an injured buzzard in a garden on Moor Lane. It was made comfortable until collected by the RSPCA. In the Dale dippers (singing), grey wagtails, tame herons and a dabchick have been seen. The kingfisher can still occasionally be found. Rather less common was an egret

reported on the 26th by the swimming pool.

There was one report of a water vole, so it's good to know they are still about. Birds of prey have been widely reported: lots of buzzards, some sparrowhawks including one on a bird table, a few kestrels, occasional peregrines and two kites. Owls have been seen and heard. I am usually very unlucky with owls, but for once I have seen both a tawny on a post on Alport Hill and a hovering barn owl on Long Rake.

A garden at Coldwell end has reported sightings of goldcrest, tree creeper and a probable marsh tit. Identification can be problematical as they look very similar to willow tits, confirmation often made by very different songs, but they're not singing at the moment. However, some good photographs and a lot of study do favour marsh tit. Either way this is the first I've ever reported in this article, so very interesting and definitely the bird of the month. Other less usual birds in gardens have been a number of nuthatches, long tailed tits and

woodpeckers. There are large flocks of goldfinches too.

My thanks to this month's contributors: Pat, Simon, Ruth, John, Lilian, Lisa, Laetitia, Geoff, Sue and Maggie and for some excellent photos. I have only space for one but the others are in my diary and may well appear at a later date.

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The rescued swan takes a ride in a Landrover.

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WI members may enter Strictly?!

Following a full house of energetic line dancing last month, with bumps, grinds, and laughter, we enjoyed a super singalong Mamma Mia party night at our Supper club in November, accompanied by a fabulous feta salad, tasty pulled lamb and mouth watering sweet treats. Several fancy dressers excelled and many of us danced away to the familiar Abba songs. More unusual dancing is on our Centenary 2019 Programme too!

January Supper Club, on the 24th, this will be on a Robbie Burns theme. The big **WI Christmas Party** is on December 11th – another chance to shine as we welcome talented members to entertain us and enjoy the shared supper and seasonal games.

Book Group is thriving and can accommodate another member. Craft Group had a very successful stall at Bakewell Methodist Church, and will be appearing at Youlgrave Christmas Fair on December 8th for those final seasonal gifts. We meet at the Community Room from 1pm on December 3rd and 17th, and January 7th and 21st, February 4th and 18th. The Centenary Research Group is collating its findings, and recent drama workshops will no doubt be followed by further events, while the Comedy Players begin rehearsals for the two performances on the 15th and 16th of next November. A recent visit to Stockport Hat Museum was a delight. A very informative and beautifully presented showcase of millinery through the ages, plus some lovely hats for sale!

Our WI Choir are in demand and will sing at the December meeting on the 6th at



WI ladies strut their stuff in the Village Hall.

Ashford in the Water WI, also at our Group Carol Service at Monyash on the 7th, followed quickly by an appearance at Youlgrave Christmas Fair on December 8th! After a short break to get their breath back, they'll sing at the Christmas Party here on the 11th, also at our village Monday Club on the 17th at 1.30pm. Don't miss them at the Bull's Head, as well, on the 19th!

At our last meeting, we said a very sad farewell to Gloria McCaul, a strong and active WI member and friend to us for many years. After 42 years in the village, she and John are starting a new life nearer to their family and we wish them well.

In January, our subs are due, and our **Centenary 2019** Programme will be revealed to all WI members. The WI meeting, on Tuesday January 8th, will also welcome a speaker plus questions and answers, on cottage gardens. In February, we have a visiting speaker from Ashgate Hospice. We hope to have a very active and happy year as we celebrate this amazing milestone, and wish all members past and present a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Liz Hickman

YOULGRAVE HISTORY GROUP

Researching Village History course – an update

Youlgrave History Group's first collaboration with the **WEA** (Workers Educational Association), a course on Researching Village History, has recently finished and been a great success. It was attended by Youlgrave residents interested in our village's history and others from further afield. Led by tutor Stephen Bailey from WEA, it was a sociable group and we had great fun, laughter, learnt a lot about local history and made plenty of new friends. The 7-week course covered a range of topics, each of which could provide the focus for individual research, including using old maps, church and chapel, agriculture and industry, place names, population studies, reading the landscape and collecting oral history. The 14 members of the group began research on their own topics, such as lead mining in the locality, the mills on the Lathkill, and the Arts and Crafts connection. Although the emphasis was on Youlgrave history, a number of members came from other villages and the subjects covered could be relevant to any Peak District settlement.



Budding village historians on the recent course.

Due to popular demand, the Youlgrave History Group and the WEA plan to offer a follow-up course after Easter 2019. I will be working with Stephen Bailey and the WEA over the winter months to plan this. We have lots of ideas, but if you have a particular topic you would like the next course to cover, or want to discuss joining the next course, please get in touch with me. I'd be happy to hear from you!

Amanda Hall, Youlgrave History Group, tel 630417

YOULGRAVE HISTORY GROUP is a group of Youlgrave villagers who are interested in local history. Our aims are to record and preserve village history through the memories, stories and photographs of Youlgrave residents past and present. We envisage this will include recording the social, economic and structural development of the village and local district through time, covering such topics as village social life, shops and the business economy, agriculture, mining and industry, roads and transport, religious life, well dressing, school and education, village architecture and buildings. All are welcome to participate, we would love you to share your village memories with us. For more information about the Youlgrave History Group please contact: Amanda Hall, Chairperson (630417), Barbara Scrivener, Vice Chairperson (636601), Maureen Elgar, Secretary (07593 857630), Alastair Scrivener (636601) and Gordon Coupe (636411).

100 years ago: NEWS FROM THE HOME FRONT

A known Youlgreave Warrior

Many servicemen were killed fighting in WW1, but a large number succumbed to their wounds, sickness or disease for many years after the Armistice. For purposes of commemoration, the Commonwealth War Grave Commission recognises the dates 4 August 1914 to 31 August 1921.

On 22 December 1918, Walter Oldfield Johnson died in No. 12 Stationary Hospital in St. Pol-Sur-Ternoise in France. Walter was the sixth of nine children born to Joseph and Maria (nee Oldfield) Johnson of Bradford. After serving initially in the 1st and 7th Leicester Regiments, he transferred to the 17th Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment, serving as Private G/26210 when he died. His grave rests amongst 267 WW1 graves in St. Pol Military Cemetery. St. Pol was a military administration centre during WW1 and in the chapel here, on 7 November 1920, four unknown bodies, exhumed from the battle areas of the Aisne, Arras, Somme and Ypres, were laid out on stretchers and covered with a Union Jack. One was chosen and placed in a special coffin which was returned to the UK arriving at Dover on 11 November; it was taken to Westminster Abbey and laid to rest at 11am the same day. The Unknown Warrior.

Coming home – some time

After the Armistice the German troops withdrew into Germany with allied forces occupying all Western Germany as far as The Rhine. The French having a bridge head across

the river at Mainz, the Americans at Coblenz and the British at Cologne. On the battlefield there was much to do, troops were employed filling the trenches as well as removing bodies and live munitions from the devastation. Far from mass demobilisation, returning home was a slow process, although some key workers (eg miners) were amongst the first to return. Many men were demobilised to Class Z Reserve, meaning they were liable to recall if necessary.

General Election

Following the Representation of the People Act of 1918, the General Election was called immediately after the Armistice. Parliament, sitting since 1910 and extended by emergency wartime action, would be dissolved on 25 November and the election would be on Saturday 14 December. It was the first General Election to be held on a single day, although the count did not take place until 28 December, allowing time to transport votes from soldiers overseas. The result was a landslide victory for the coalition government of David Lloyd George. It was a dramatic result in Ireland, demonstrating clear disapproval of government policy. The Irish Parliamentary Party was almost wiped out by the hard-line Sinn Fein, who refused to take their seats in Westminster and The Irish War of Independence began soon after the Election.

*Anne & John Cooper
The Youlgreave 1914-1918 Community
Group*



Church Farm Diary, December 2018

The weather has been quite good for keeping the young cattle outside. Michael and I go down to them in the fields with corn every day, after he has helped Dakin feed and clean out the milk cows. Even though the cows are been milked by a robot milking machine they still need feeding and cleaning out everyday, and of course checking over to see if they are in good health. It's usually the feet that need some attention and like humans your feet are very important for your well-being – so in a cow it's just as important, as it will affect the milk and feeding. As you can imagine, a cow is on its feet most of the time. Dakin's have just had their pedicure!

On 2nd December we will be going to the Carol Service at the cattle market in Bakewell. It's always a lovely day where all our friends will meet. After the fat stock show and carol service there will be hot meat cobs and mince pies, followed by cheese and biscuits. As you can imagine this pleases certain members of the family.

Many years ago the cows were tied up by the neck in their stands from the end of September until May, only coming out into the yard for exercise on a dry frosty day for a few hours. With the coming of the milking machines and buildings getting larger to house them, the cows have more movement in the winter months, but they are still kept in, giving the land a chance to recover. Also, if you have ever seen a cow in the rain with the choice of field or building you will know which they prefer.

I have always loved going into the cow sheds on Christmas Day. There is something about the quietness and calm that always give me the peace that you need after a hectic day in the kitchen. I was like this as a child and loved to go with my dad to do the milking at Christmas.

I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year and thank you for still reading my article each month.

Marjorie Shimwell

Recipe of the month:

Honey Almond Cake

Ingredients

5 oz stork marg
4oz light muscovado sugar
2 tbsp runny honey
3 eggs
5 oz Self Raising flour
2 oz ground almonds
2 tbsp milk
1tsp almond extract
For the filling and topping
4oz butter
2 tbsp runny honey
1tsp almond extract
5oz icing sugar sifted
2oz flaked almonds toasted

Method

Measure out all the ingredients and mix together until well blended. Pour into a 8cm well greased tin and bake for about 55 mins.

Leave in the tin for about 12mins and then turn out onto a cooling rack.

To make the topping

Measure all the ingredients except the almonds until well blended.

Slice the cake and add half the filling and the rest on top, cover with the toasted almonds on top.

I find that the cake is a bit to sweet with a centre filling, so I only cover the top of the cake with the icing and almonds.

Marjorie

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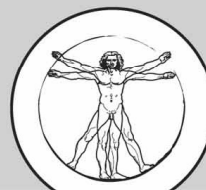
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	WI Craft Group	Village Hall	2-4pm (1st/3rd Mon)
	Pommie Patchworkers	Village Hall	1-4pm (2nd/4th Mon)
	Stained Glass Group	Village Hall (carpentry room)	7-9.30pm
Tues	Pilates Movement	Village Hall	10.30-11.30am
	Zumba	Village Hall	1.30-2.30pm
	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall	7.15pm (3rd Tues)
	Bell Ringers' practice	All Saints Church	7.30-9.30pm
	Youlgrave Women's Institute	Village Hall	7.30pm (2nd Tues)
	Yoga with Iris Pimm (general class)	The Barn, Greenfields, Alport	7-9pm
Wed	Confidential advice sessions with Citizens Advice Bureau	Youlgrave Surgery	9.30-12.30am
	Tai Chi Chuan	Methodist Chapel	10-11 am
	Diane Kettle's Art Class	Reading Room	10am-12 noon
	Coffee Morning	Wesleyan Reform Chapel	10am-12 noon (3rd Wed)
	Pilates	Village Hall	5.30-7.15pm
	Bingo – all welcome!	Reading Room	7pm
Thurs	Yoga with Iris Pimm (general class)	The Barn, Greenfields, Alport	9.30-11.30am
	Badminton	Village Hall	10-12 noon
	Diane Kettle's Art Class	Reading Room	2-4pm
	Rainbows, Brownies & Guides	Scout & Community Youth Hall, Edwina 636491 Penny 636125	Term time only
	Yoga with Iris Pimm (beginners' class)	The Barn, Greenfields, Alport	7-8.30pm
	Salsa Dance Class	Village Hall	7.30-9.30pm
	Youlgrave Silver Band	Methodist Chapel	7.30-9.30pm (learners 7pm)
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