



The Bugle



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Alport, Middleton and Youlgrave**

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Middleton Welldressing celebrates its children

This year's theme for the welldressing at Middleton by Youlgrave was 'Children of Middleton'.

And here they are, pictured right, standing by their images created by Helen Burtonshaw and Amy Bingham and petalled by the villagers. The design took ideas used by the children in their mapping project of the village.

We are grateful for the stone provided for the well dressing by the Long Rake Spar Company.

Charles Monkhouse



Youlgrave Welldressing 2019

Boards in the river: Friday 7th June at 6 pm. Meet at welldressing shed
Puddling: Monday 17th June at 6 pm. Meet at the river
Making: Tuesday 18th to Friday 21st June
Service: Saturday 22nd June at 2.30pm
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Thank you for my surprise!

I would like to say a very big thank you to all my dear family, friends and everyone who came to my very big surprise 60th birthday party and for all the lovely cards and presents I received.

Thank you all.

Jayne Goodwin

Your support has been invaluable

I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who gave me both physical and emotional support when my friend Marion Hall so sadly died. I really do not how I would have coped without you. Thank you so much.

Margaret

Youlgrave Medical Centre

We will be closing at 12 noon rather than 1pm on the following **Wednesdays: 12th June, 11th Sept, 9th Oct, 13th Nov.** A doctor can always be contacted when the surgery is closed – by dialling the surgery telephone number patients are transferred through to the out of hours service. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

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Thursday	8.30am-12 noon, 2-6pm
Friday	8.30am-1pm
Weekend	closed



Bugle Letters: Learning lessons from the past

Dear Sir,

I write to thank Dee Frith for her article in the March edition drawing our attention to the new memorial opening on the 75th anniversary of D-Day on 6th June. I was disappointed to notice a subtle ‘Remain’ and anti-American tone in the text. The Memorial is appropriate and welcome. I have seen an equally good non-formal honouring of the fallen when I visited Arromanches and children were playing on the beach in freedom surrounded by the Mulberry Harbour remains.

The “economic ruin of Germany” is incorrect. Germany, for example, supported by the Americans mainly, was producing more cars than Britain by 1960. Hollywood “glamorising” the Landings was, to an extent, a memorial to the thousands of young Yanks who gave their lives on the other side of their

world. The opposition was the Germans, not just “Nazi forces”. There are German cemeteries in Normandy and I doubt many of their fallen were Nazis. It is ludicrous in a military sense to talk of “a vital role” with no mention of the Yanks (being the *sine qua non* of the Allied success in the battle).

We are not “turning our backs on Europe” in leaving the EU. If allowed to leave, as democratically awarded, we will be leaving a political union dominated by Germany that provides us with precious few advantages and does not make peace more likely in Europe or the World.

Yours faithfully

Ross Johnson
Sheldon House, Main Street, Youlgrave

'Meet the Creatures' in the Reading Room – successful fundraiser for Bankside Wildlife Garden

Thanks to the wonderful efforts of Youlgrave Brownies, a total of £247.90 was raised for Bankside Wildlife Garden from the special event at the Reading Room last month.

Brownies brought along their pets/ animals to help with the fundraising event. Animals included ferrets, gerbils, quails, budgies, parrot, fish and a tortoise. A special appearance was made by the local 'snakes' (the slow worms) who were well behaved.

Thank you to everyone who made fantastic cakes, donated raffle prizes and bric a brac. Maggie Ford accepted the cheque for £247.90 and an additional £10 cash on behalf of Bankside Wildlife Garden.



Maggie and the Brownies celebrate on Bankside.

Bakewell International Day of Dance, Saturday 29 June

The Bakewell International Day of Dance takes place on Saturday 29th June. There will be to 30 groups showcasing a variety of dance styles from around the world, in six outdoor venues around Bakewell, from 11am to 4.30pm. It's free and



there will be plenty of opportunities to participate! Wet weather programme if necessary. Hour long workshops, costing £3, throughout the day. Visit www.bakewelldayofdance.co.uk for more information.

Middleton & Smerrill Parish Council annual report

During the past year the Parish Council has met for a total of seven times, including one joint meeting with the Village Hall Committee.

The Village Hall Committee continues to make good progress, with additional activities and increased attendance to the various functions for which everyone is grateful. We look forward to more of the same this year.

Attempts are being made to provide improved facilities for the Village Hall Committee to work with.

As reported last year following the 'community letter' and requests for a definitive reply regarding the Waterhouse trustees' position and intentions, we received no response. It has been concluded, therefore, that ownership of the Village Hall looks less and less likely. Despite the latest initiative, which was a request to purchase, council wrote on three occasions and received no response from the trustees.

It was agreed therefore that we should progress with alternative options for a village hall and consultation with the parish was decided upon. A joint meeting with the Village Hall Committee was held to discuss and agree the best way for this to be done. This resulted in the recent survey whereby a questionnaire was sent to all 68 residences in the Parish. I am pleased to say this resulted in over a 50% response, which according to

statistics for this kind of consultation is very good.

These replies will now be discussed at a future joint meeting to decide our next steps.

Council continued to scrutinise all planning applications and is pleased to support both applications and improvements at Middleton Hall and Castle Farm. All eventually received approval, including the building of a new residence for Greencroft Farm which took over 12 months to finalise.

We continue to chase road repairs, improved road sweeping, gully cleaning and gritting with Derbyshire Dales District Council and Derbyshire County Council – with reasonable success. One of the biggest issues is the need for gritting during winter months and we will continue to point out the requirement for better treatment. Fortunately, we had a very mild winter but were

still 'caught out' on two occasions.

Regular maintenance of Parish Council properties continues and we carried out necessary repairs as a result of vandalism to one of the Sites of Meaning located in Bradford Dale.

Agreement has been reached with the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) to carry out essential repairs to Bateman's Tomb, which was delayed because of lack of funding. It is hoped that we will be included in this year's budget.



It is hoped that repairs to Bateman's Tomb will take place this coming year.

A plaque was installed in the War Memorial Garden to remember those from the Parish that died 100 years ago during World War I.

The situation with the state of Bradford Dale continues to disappoint, but with the change of management at Haddon Estates and fresh initiatives from the PDNPA there may hopefully be some improvement regarding the situation.

It is unfortunate that there was a need to increase the Precept this year, but with potential additional costs being placed upon parish councils and our

desire to maintain our reserves it should allow us to achieve this.

Finally, I would like to extend our thanks to Henry Brocklehurst and Claire Sutton for their service to the Parish, Henry having served 40 years and Claire with over 20 years.

My personal thanks to fellow councillors, our clerk and all who have been involved in various ways to make our parish a pleasant place to live.

David Mallaband

Chairman, Middleton & Smerrill Parish Council

News from Youlgrave Parish Council

Your new Parish Council met for its first meeting last month and welcomed Leah Goodwin and Michael Ashforth as our new councillors. Glenys Moore and Brian Wardle had decided to step down – and Council thanked them for their long and devoted service to the community – so the two new councillors meant that Council resumed with its full strength of ten.

The Council also welcomed back our Independent District Councillor, Graham Elliott, for another four years and was pleased to receive a visit from our County Councillor Simon Spencer. He discussed our Highways issues and apologised for the years of frustration in getting the church steps handrail finally completed, at last to everyone's satisfaction.

The main issue of the meeting was the ongoing anti-social behaviour problems in the village and their consequential damage and littering, with broken bottles on the playing field and in other sensitive areas of the village. Damage and daubing excrement in the toilets is our latest issue with the Alport Lane block being temporarily closed whilst our star cleaner (who goes beyond her duties most months) had to make several visits to sort out.

The Police are now working with the Parish Council to investigate all the incidents, but cannot prosecute unless witnesses directly contact them or provide other evidence such as CCTV, mobile phone video or sound recording, which gives them a basis to deal with the offenders. If you see or suspect such behaviour taking place anywhere in the village please ring 101 as soon as you can, as there are officers in the area who can attend.

Council next meets on Tuesday 18th June at 7.15pm in the Community Room of the Village Hall.

Matthew Lovell

Youlgrave Parish Council Clerk

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The Cottage Garden Bed

This bed in the Fruit and Honey Garden (pictured right) is an experiment in creating a Cottage Garden style planting which provides nourishment for humans as well as bees, and is both compact and beautiful.

It started with kitchen herbs such as thyme, mint, rosemary and sage. Then other herbs such as peppermint, lemon balm and marjoram (see photo below) were added to form the basis for a herb tea. Most of these herbs also have healing properties and all have flowers which bees love and so their value grows and grows.

Then there are some soft fruit bushes. A lovely sweet purple gooseberry which can be trained as a standard bush so it doesn't take up space from other plants. A couple of currant bushes will also be trained so, again, they take up a small space but provide lots of flavoursome and easily accessible fruit. A cultivated blackberry and a loganberry will be trained along the fence behind with wild strawberries growing in the ground beneath. All these need bees to pollinate them and in turn provide useful early season nectar.

At the back of the bed is an area of perennial cottage garden favourites with two buddleias and a growing range of bee-friendly plants. The steep slope down to the back and side of the bee shed will be stabilised with rockery planting and a pyracantha bush, which will spread and become a humming hymn of springtime bees.

As you can see, it's all at the planning and planting stage with cuttings taken from established plants growing elsewhere. So far the garden has cost nothing in money terms but quite a lot in thought and effort - but it promises much.

To follow the progress of the Cottage Garden, and all the other developments at the Fruit and Honey Allotment, do come and visit on our monthly open Sunday afternoon (next one June 9th) and/or take a look at the web site under Youlgrave Gardeners and Beekeepers.

Pictured left: marjoram and bees; and above – some of the new planting.



Youlgrave Silver Band: busy season ahead

Youlgrave Silver Band started its new season on Thursday 9th May with a concert in the Methodist Chapel. They played an entertaining programme, ranging from traditional brass band marches through to songs from the shows and films, as well as popular song. A special highlight was the two pieces they played in Ypres Cathedral and at the Menin Gate last August. They were pleased to be supported in the concert by the arranger of 'Remembrance' Catherine Heelin playing the Flugelhorn. Thank you for such a beautiful piece of music. Wiggey (Ian Wildgoose; the band's conductor) gave fascinating information as he introduced each item - very useful for those addicted to trivia!

The Learner Band (six lads plus one Dad - it's never too late to learn a brass instrument!) looked resplendent in their new band blazers and ties and wowed the audience with their upbeat renditions of William Tell and the themes from The Flintstones and Blackadder. The progress they have made over the last two years is truly amazing and mostly down to their hard work and commitment. As most of the learner band is moving on to Lady Manners, we will be recruiting more

youngsters from Youlgrave School. So do get in touch if your child is interested in learning to play a band instrument; we meet weekly on Thursdays at 7pm in the Methodist School Room for half an hour.

Three players contributed moving solos: Helen, our principal cornet player, played 'Carrickfurgus' a haunting Irish love song. Sandra, on Solo Horn, the poignant 'Bring him Home' from Les Miserables and Tricia the ever popular Neil Diamond tune 'Solitaire', which she played with apparent effortlessness.

After all the music everyone retired to the school room and players and audience mingled for a fantastic Methodist Tea - what a spread of savoury and sweet delights! Many thanks to the Ladies who prepared and served this

delicious supper.

If you missed this concert you have a chance to catch up with the village band on the following occasions:

Sunday 2nd June

7pm at Barrington's, Darley Dale

Saturday 22nd June

2.30pm: Youlgrave Well dressing Parade

Sunday 23rd June

6pm Service, 7pm concert,
Youlgrave Wesleyan Chapel



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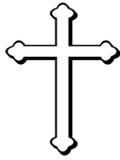
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Churches in Youlgrave: The Age of Humans

Scientists tell us that we have now entered the 'Age of Humans,' where every corner of the globe is affected and shaped by human activities. Unfortunately, as David Attenborough puts it, our ability to change the world around us has not been matched by our wisdom, and we need to act urgently to 're-wild' our planet, and particularly to protect soils and insects, or the 'Age of Humans' will be brief.

The UK is one of the most nature depleted countries in the world, and we live in a landscape that is heavily shaped by human activity. At this time of year I am always pleased to see the occasional bright patch of natural colour on roadside verges or hidden corners that tells me we still have a few wilder patches, and, of course, many of us can encourage biodiversity in our gardens by planting insect-friendly plants and gardening organically. One of the Church of England's Five Marks of Mission is, 'To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth,' and we are fortunate to have a large churchyard in the centre of the village where we can try to create a place of natural beauty, a haven of natural colour and fragrance.

So, this summer, I encourage you to explore our churchyard, and enjoy its natural variety – but please take care, there are many uneven places and trip hazards. If you have one, a small child is a brilliant way of helping you notice plants and insects you might not otherwise see! And if you have expertise in nature conservation or increasing biodiversity, I'd love to hear from you.

Yours in Christ,

Louise Petheram

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Please pray

For James and Nicola, marrying at All Saints' in June, and Simon and Samantha, married in May.

For all those preparing for our Well Dressing Week, that this will be an exciting, fulfilling and reasonably stress-free time.

For all the visitors to our village this month, and especially those who come to see our Wells, that they may be renewed and inspired by their time with us.

For those trying, in whatever way, to raise awareness of our climate crisis and ecological crisis and how we can respond.

Bishop Libby visits Youlgrave

The Rt Rev'd Libby Lane, the new Bishop of Derby, will be visiting Youlgrave on Thursday 6th June at 5 pm. This is a reminder that you are all invited to meet her – see details in May's Bugle.

SERVICES IN JUNE

See church websites or noticeboards for further details

Sunday 2nd June 9.30 am Stanton Morning Prayer 11.00 Youlgrave Family Service 6.45 pm Middleton Evening Prayer	Wed 5th June <i>Youlgrave Midweek Communion</i> CANCELLED
Sunday 9th June 9.30 Stanton Holy Communion 11.00 am Youlgrave Communion	Sunday 16th June 9.30am Birchover Communion 11.00 Youlgrave Morning Prayer 6.30 Youlgrave Communion
Saturday 22nd June 2.30 pm Well Blessing procession leaves All Saints	Sunday 23rd June 9.30am Birchover Morning Praise 11.00 am Youlgrave Communion 6.00 pm Well Dressing service at Wesleyan Reform followed by Band Concert
Sunday 30th June 11.00 am Youlgrave Benefice service	Wed 3rd July 10.30 am Youlgrave Communion
Sunday 7th July 9.30 am Stanton Morning Prayer 11.00 Youlgrave Family Service 6.45 pm Middleton Evening Prayer	Sunday 14th July 9.30 Stanton Holy Communion 11.00 am Youlgrave Morning Prayer 6.30 Youlgrave Holy Communion

Other regular Sunday services

10.30 am Methodist (contact Margaret 636558)

6.30 pm Wesleyan Reform (contact Isobel 636251)

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

Our churchyard meadow

Thank you for your support for our return to an older way of managing our churchyard grass, as is required by Church of England churchyard regulations. This year, for practical and environmental reasons, we will be employing a few sheep as temporary grass cutters towards the end of summer. These will be securely fenced and will only be on the long grass section at the bottom of the churchyard. We hope they will also be taking part in our August Family Service!

100 years ago: NEWS FROM THE HOME FRONT

HIGH PEAK NEWS 28th June 1919

“Welcome Home The Boys” – (Youlgreave Honours Its Sons) ran the headline report on this major event on Tuesday 24 June as the Youlgreave, Alport, Harthill and Middleton Christmas Comfort Fund (which had sent gifts to the servicemen in 1917/1918) organised a procession/event. Headed by the Youlgreave Band and The Ancient Order of Foresters with the banner of the Oddfellows bringing up the rear. The procession wended its way from Ravenstor Close to the top of the village and back to the Church where hymns were sung and Reverend L. W. Greenshields conducted the welcome home service and gave the address.

“Dinner was afterwards partaken of at The Bulls Head Hotel where Host and Hostess Birds provided an excellent repast to which about 150 sat down.” Speeches were made thanking the soldiers for their

service and those others, especially the women folk, who had stood by them and the Country in this great trial.

In the evening there was sport and dancing – the band providing the music.

Well Dressing Recommences

With Well Dressing suspended during 1915 to 1918 it was revived for the event – the Fountain being dressed with the appropriate one of Britannia with the words “Guide Our Feet in the Way of Peace” across the top.

Tom Thompson Military Medal

During the ‘Welcome Home’ celebrations Colonel H. Brooke-Taylor of Bakewell made a presentation of a travelling leather suitcase to Private T. Thompson of the Northumberland Fusiliers, saying that the Military Medal, which was to be presented a few days later, was only won for some act of real bravery.

On 28th June 1919 within the Hall of Mirrors of the Palace of Versailles, the Peace Treaty to end The Great War was signed.

On Friday 8th June 2019 there will be a free evening concert with Youlgrave Silver Band in the field at the top of Holywell Lane, opposite the Old Hall, starting at 7pm, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Toyne (in the Village Hall if wet).

Watch out for local posters with more details.

Youlgrave School: Years 2 and 3 visit S. Anselm's

On Friday 3rd May, Year 2 and 3 children from Youlgrave All Saints' Primary School

went on a trip to S. Anselm's in the morning. When we arrived each teacher or teaching assistant put us into three groups. There were three different activities in many parts of the school, the activities were: art, robot Lego building and sports. In each group there were two students from the school showing us where to go and helping us and joining in with the different activities.

In the art activity the first group, Miss Eaton's group created African masks using white chalk and charcoal. We could also draw the patterns off the table cloth. After we had finished the teacher sprayed our mask creations and put them in some bags. Then we went to the next activity – Lego building.

In the Lego building activity we had to build electric cars. Then we had to test them with an iPad to see if they could move without us giving it a force. After that we had a competition to see which one was the fastest and one of them did win. One of the races was a draw.

Before we went to the sports activity we had a little snack and a bottle of water. When we arrived, we were taught how to hold a hockey stick and got into partners. The teacher told us to put some cones in the middle and pass the ball to each other. At the end we played one of the sports teacher's favourite games, space invaders. The aim of the game was to not get hit by the cones. If you get hit you lose a life and if you get hit 3 times you become an alien!

We had a great time and the teachers were very proud of our behaviour. Also the students were thanked for helping the group with the different activities.



Then we got on the bus and went back to school. What a good morning!

Years 4 and 5 will be visiting S. Anselm's shortly.

By Lilian Nash, Lizzie Greenhough and Georgia Greenhough (Year 3)





WI enjoy an evening of crafty tapas

W. I. members and friends enjoyed a 'Fan Tastic' evening at the May Supper Club. Sue Reed, Liz H and Sheila guided the talented crafters through folding, snipping and decorating a variety of fans, while munching lovely tapas starters. Then a generous selection of plates arrived – from patatas, meatballs and spinach pies to delicious desserts, all washed down with Sangria. Finished fans were judged by the excellent chefs; and Lizzy, Rosemary and Dawn were victorious.



Tapas and chatter in the Village Hall.

Next Supper Club is on Thursday June 27th, a Mystery Trail and Treasure Hunt followed by a Wildlife Garden picnic. At our May AGM, Marjorie Shimwell was thanked for her many years of service on Committee and her advice and friendship is much appreciated as she continues as a WI member.

We also thanked Judith Rimmer for her hard working years as President, as she steps down to welcome Lizzy Johnson in

this role, while the team will help to see the Centenary year run smoothly.

The May Dabble Day was a huge and happy success. Willow weaving, floral arranging, mosaic making and drumming were on offer, plus river walks and a chance to get soaked while bug watching! Still to come are our 1919 picnic, Hassop dinner, and our November performances.

The morning talk on Ration Fashion was very popular indeed. Our choir will be performing a concert on June 25th at the Wesleyan Reform Church.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday June 11th at the Village Hall At 7.30pm with a look behind the scenes of Haddon Hall.

Liz Hickman

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Youlgrave History Society – latest news



I would like to introduce you to our new mascot – Pommie Pig! He is a ginger Tamworth pig and was very kindly and skilfully knitted by Maureen, our Society

Secretary. Thanks, Maureen!

PP, as he wishes to be known, is an adventurous pig. He just loves to get involved in all things history in Youlgrave and will be joining us for our monthly meetings from now on. As you can see from the photo, he has started off well, by checking out the bar at the Farmyard Inn after our May meeting. Where will he turn up next I wonder?

Village History Trail

In the April Bugle I told you that we were developing ideas for a series of village history trails. Well, I am happy to say that our members have been working very hard on this since then and the first Village Trail leaflet is now ready. Hopefully you will find the history notes about our village interesting and the self-guided walking tour enjoyable. Thanks, especially, to Simon for taking the lead on this and to David for his new drawings and design input.

Leaflets will be available to buy from June from various outlets around the village, with many thanks to Youlgrave Well Dressing for being willing to include our History Trail leaflet into their well dressing festivities. Any monies raised from the sale of Village Trail leaflets will go towards supporting

further Youlgrave History Society projects in our wonderful village.

If you are a B&B or holiday cottage owner and wish to purchase a pack of leaflets to distribute to your guests then please contact Simon (see May Bugle entry) or myself and we will be very happy to supply.

Village Archive

Progress towards making our Village History Archive a reality is continuing apace. Last month, in early May, 12 of us attended two courses delivered by the Derbyshire Record Office. On the courses we learnt how best to go about identifying, recording and cataloguing material to be archived and also how to care for and store our collections. The day was great fun for all and really encouraged us. We all learnt a huge



amount and agreed the training was very worthwhile. We are now endeavouring to put what we learnt into practice and to set up our own system of cataloguing and storage here in Youlgrave.

It is a source of great delight (and quite some measure of relief) that the Archivists at Derbyshire Record Office are very supportive of our Youlgrave Village Archive project. They have offered us their on-going assistance and professional expertise. I am very sure we will be calling on that expertise many times in the forthcoming months!

Join In

If you would like to find out more about our current and planned history projects in and around our village, or have an idea for a project you would like to suggest to us, please do make contact with me. You are all very welcome to join in at our meetings – we are a friendly and sociable group and you don't need to have knowledge of history, just an interest in our village and locality to be involved. Hope to hear from you...

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Church Farm Diary June

The "S" season is here again. I don't mean silly season, just silage. This is where motorists complain about the tractors and trailers on the roads, forgetting that the farmers are working all hours to help to get food on our tables. Until now we have had good growing weather and the dry spell has enabled us to get on with the first cut.

The heifers have been turned out again on the Alport hills fields, having spent the winter with the bull in the sheds on the moor. It's like having old friends back again as they were here last summer, only much smaller; but now they are back again waiting to calf in a few months time and looking very healthy.

The milk cows are also looking good and producing a good amount of milk.

Marjorie Shimwell

Recipe of the Month: Chicken and Chorizo Jambalaya

*1tsp olive oil
2 chicken breasts
1 onion
1 red pepper
2 garlic cloves
75g chorizo sliced
1 tbsp Cajun seasoning
250g long grain rice
400g can plum tomatoes
400ml chicken stock*

Heat the oil in a large frying pan with lid and brown 2 chopped chicken breasts until golden.

Remove from pan and set aside, tip the sliced pepper, garlic and sliced chorizo and Cajun seasoning and cook for 5 mins.

Stir the chicken back in to the pan and add the rice, tomatoes, and chicken stock. Cover and simmer for 20--25 mins or until the rice is cooked. I find that a need to add more water as the rice soaks the liquid up.

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Thirty years of spreading international aid – from the Peak District

Hello there, we're writing to you from the Village Aid office in Bakewell. My name is Annabel and for the last few months I've been working as a Fundraising Volunteer with Village Aid, working closely with Annie, the Regional Fundraising Coordinator.

You may have already heard of Village Aid, but in case you haven't, we are a small international development organisation based in the heart of the Peak District. Thirty years ago, in 1989, Andrew Kingman, a former pupil of Lady Manners School founded the organisation.

Since then, Village Aid has come a long way but it continues to work across West Africa, providing access to the tools and resources that people need to break the cycle of poverty and move beyond aid. We work towards three key priorities – peace building, caring for the planet and sustainable incomes, the organisation works to empower people to take control of their own lives and forge independent futures for themselves and future generations.



Mariama Abe, shea butter producer in Northern Ghana.

After finishing university, I (Annabel) decided to become involved with Village Aid as I wanted to learn more about the organisation's work and its community-led approach to international development in West Africa. Having grown up in the Peak District, I see Village Aid as a wonderful and unique asset of the Peak District community. It's brilliant to be able to support an International development organisation so close to home.

Village Aid focuses its events and fundraising efforts all across the Peak District.



Ashong Dialogue Platform, North West Cameroon.

In the past the organisation has even been supported by the Youlgreave-Bangbutt Village Link. From all of us here at Village Aid, we'd like to say a huge thank you to all those who have supported the organisation over the years, we couldn't do what we do without you. Here's to the next 30 years!

If you would like to find out more about Village Aid please visit www.villageaid.org or look out for us at the Bakewell Monday Market throughout the summer, the Bakewell Blessing of the Wells and the Bakewell Show.

Birchover Open Gardens, Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th June

This year we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of this event. In 1994 Birchover was the first village in Derbyshire to open their gardens to the public. Each year this has been the main fund-raising event to help support the Village Hall and our local church. We always offer a warm welcome to visitors on this weekend. A ticket, costing just £4 (children under 14 free), gives access to 20 gardens. Plants, handmade crafts and local art are on sale. Home-made refreshments are available in the Village Hall and also some of our gardens.



Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: May 2019

I was in Scotland for two weeks during May so I am especially grateful to those who kept me up to date with local wildlife.

Our beech arch started bursting on 26th April. On our return I had to trim it quite severely so the car would fit underneath! A most anticipated summer visitor, the swift, was first reported on 11th May below New Road. This was followed by several other reports from all over the village and as I am writing on the 31st there are a number feeding high over the Dale. The future of this wonderful bird is uncertain, so last year a national **Swift Awareness Week** was organised. This year it is from 22nd to 29th June. I was contacted by both the national organiser, who is from Derbyshire, and Bakewell Bird Group, to arrange a walk round the village to monitor swifts nesting sometime during that week. I would be really grateful for any information from those of you who have swifts nesting on their houses or know of nesting sites to contact me so that Youlgrave can make a real contribution to our knowledge about this bird. I will email details later to my contacts and put up posters when the arrangements are known.

House martins, too, have been declining. They were first reported here on 11th May and there haven't been that many reported since. Other exciting summer visitors have been redstarts both near Hollow Farm and, in the village, whitethroats near Greenfields and blackcaps both in the Dale and in a garden. Swallows have been nesting in local barns, blue tits have been reported fledging from nest boxes and we have a greenfinch nesting in a small yew near our lounge window.

Judging by the songs, both blackbirds and song thrushes have been nesting near us. A probable marsh tit was seen near the top dam. Buzzards can be seen soaring over the village, the occasional



A may bug on my finger!

kestrel can be seen near the New Dam and sparrowhawks have been swooping through the gardens. One ended up in a conservatory giving the owners a closer than usual view!

Both barn and tawny owls have been seen and the tawny owls have been hooting. The raptor of the month, however, was a goshawk over the Dale, well described as a sparrowhawk on steroids.

As well as the usual butterflies, especially orange tip, I had a holly blue in the garden. A cockchafer or May bug ended up on its back in our porch.

On my pre-writing walk round the village I found 57 species of wildflowers in bloom. Highlights were both lead worts (alpine pennycress and spring sandwort), water crowfoot forming white carpets on the river and mossy saxifrage in the Dale which is magnificent this year. The cygnet on the river continues to turn white and there were speckled wood and brimstone butterflies in the Dale.

My thanks to Pat, Simon, Cath, Ian, Laetitia, Peter, Ruth and Debby for their help.

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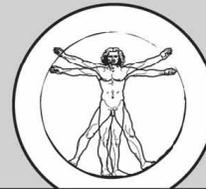
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Mon	Monday Club	Village Hall	10am-3pm
	WI Craft Group	Village Hall	2-4pm (1st/3rd Mon)
	Pommie Patchworkers	Village Hall	1-4pm (2nd/4th Mon)
	Stained Glass Group	Village Hall (carpentry room)	7-9.30pm
Tues	Pilates Movement	Village Hall	10.30-11.30am
	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	6-7pm
	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, 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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