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## Youlgrave Youth Hostel sale – latest news

Advance negotiations are underway over the sale of the 42-bed Youlgrave Youth Hostel, with a potential buyer telling the Bugle that he is keen to make the hostel a community-focused business.

The YHA (Youth Hostel Association) has an established network of hostels

across England and Wales operated not just by inhouse YHA managers, but also by independent business owners under a franchising scheme. Recently the organisation has been looking for a buyer to take on the business at the historic former Co-op stores on Fountain Square Youlgrave.

The potential buyer is Colin Trigg, a retired bank Youlgrave Youth Hostel manager from the Wirral.

He says he spent most of his 44-year career providing business advice, which has given him an appetite to become an entrepreneur himself. Thirteen years ago he set up a bike hire business in Liverpool and ten years ago he opened a bike shop in the city.

Colin told the Bugle that, subject to a successful deal, he won't be moving permanently to the village but instead wants it to be a community business

offering employment to local people in the first instance.

"My immediate need is for local people to help me to operate the hostel during the 'group hire' season which finishes at the end of March," he explained. "I hope to take over the

> hostel some time in February. So it's a short term need, but if the model stavs the same I will have the same need next autumn and winter."

> He says that if a local family or group of friends could be key holders and welcome visitors to the hostel that would be his preferred choice.

> "During that period there's also a need for two or three people to change the beds and clean the

between bookings. Hopefully the same family or group could do both," he added.

The busy season starts in earnest in April and Colin plans to deliver leaflets throughout the village with information on the sorts of roles on offer.

If anyone is interested please call Colin on 07725 426450 or email colintrigg1@hotmail.co.uk to discuss hours and rates of pay.







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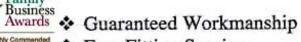
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Youlgrave Community Land Trust

## **AGM**

Monday 9th March 7:30pm, Reading Room All welcome, especially members

## **Brenda Smith (1925-2019)**

Brenda was known by many village residents having lived in Youlgrave and more recently in Middleton for over 60 years. Sadly she passed away peacefully on 23rd December.

Elaine, Tad and family would like to thank everyone for their support and kind tributes. Brenda lived life to the full and we hope you will have many fond memories of times spent with her. Our thanks go out to everyone who attended Brenda's funeral and the kind donations made to the RNIB.

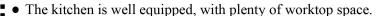


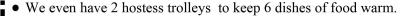
## WHAT CAN THE READING ROOM OFFER YOU?

Our village is so lucky to have a selection of community rooms for us to hire and use. I reckon we have 5, without counting rooms in our pubs.

One of the rooms we have is the **Reading Room**, next to the George and opposite the church. I'd like to tell newcomers, and remind everyone, what this lovely room has to offer.

- The room is warm, comfy, welcoming, carpetted and curtained.
- We can seat 42 very easily for a meal, without a single chair or table having to be moved.
- That leaves plenty of table space for serving food, crockery, cutlery, etc
- The food-serving tables are a few steps from the kitchen.





A number of grown-up (I hesitate to say "adult") parties and get togethers have been held very satisfactorily, both afternoon teaish and evening gatherings, with hot food.

If you'd like to know more, or see the room, phone Glenys Moore 636477.



## "Thank you"

Dear Editor,

To the couple who brought home our cat, Spencer, after he had been injured in the road outside our house on 28th January: Thank you so much. I didn't have my wits about me to get your name or contact details at the time, but we are enormously grateful to you.

Sadly Spencer's injuries were too serious for the vet to save him, but I am very thankful that you gave us the opportunity to look after him in the last hours of what had been a long and very happy life for him.

Thank you again.

Jane & Stuart Ide, Candlemas Cottage, Alport Lane

# Welldressing planning meeting

Wednesday 11th March 7.30pm Village Hall Committee Room

## All welcome

Requests for agenda items or donations to: <a href="mailto:fredbaker@me.com">fredbaker@me.com</a> or contact 07899 920204

## Youlgrave Welldressing 2020 Saturday 20th June – Thursday 25th June

Working dates for this year will be published in full in next month's Bugle.

## The Virgin and the Gypsy

This year, in June, marks 50 years since the release of the film of DH Lawrence's story, *The Virgin and the Gypsy*, in 1970. Many of you will know that this was filmed in and around Youlgrave in the summer of 1969 - and quite a few of us were lucky enough to have been involved as extras!

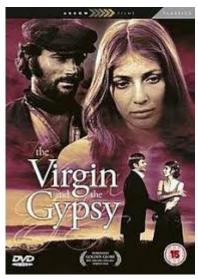
If you have any memories or photos of that summer of filming, either taking part, chatting with the film crew and actors, or just watching the filming in the village, I would love to hear from you. It has been suggested that I put together a

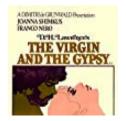
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collection of these anecdotes and shared experiences of that memorable summer for an entry in the *Bugle* in June, to commemorate this 50th year.

If you would like to reminisce and share your memories, please get it touch.

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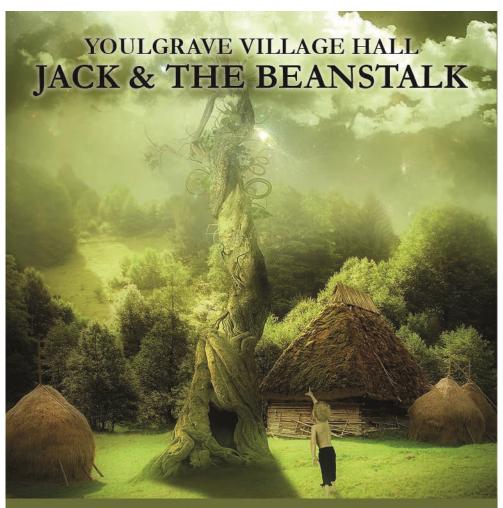


Youlgrave Cinema presents: Yesterday (Cert 12A)

Friday 14th February, 7.30pm, Youlgrave Village Hall, Free to members or £5 on the door

Comedy/fantasy/music: Imagine there's... a world without the Beatles. Perfect for Valentine's day, this romantic comedy follows an unsuccessful songwriter whose life changes when a freak global accident leaves him as the only person who remembers the Fab Four. With a little help from his childhood friend, Ellie, Jack 'borrows' the songs and begins his route to stardom. 116 mins





Performances on 30th, 31st Jan, 1st, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th Feb Start 7:15pm, Saturday Matinees 2:00pm

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£4.50

Tickets available from 14th December at the Box Office from Mon, Weds 6-8pm or call 079 26 28 38 38 Reg Charity No 520538. A fundraising event for Youlgrave Village Hall.

# Looking after the River Bradford

**Jan Hobot** is the River Keeper for Haddon Estate, which includes the River Bradford. He tells Andrew McCloy what this involves and what he is trying to do with the river, as well as why he believes it is one of the best in the country.

## Where do you cover?

I have worked for Haddon Estate for 13 years and look after four local rivers and their corridors, or at least the Haddon-owned parts of them. This includes all of the Bradford, the Lathkill to just up above Conksbury Bridge, the Wye from below Bakewell to Rowsley and the Derwent from Beeley downstream to Stanton Lees.

## What does a River Keeper do?

In summer I carry out routine maintenance duties like removing weed and cutting back willow, look out for and organise the removal of invasive species like Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam, respond to poaching and pollution incidents and maintain riverside paths. I also interact with visitors and lead river tours. In winter I mend fences, restore river banks and beds, and carry out fish habitat work like clearing gravel for the fish to spawn.

# What's your approach to managing the Bradford?

The river falls into distinct parts. The lower Bradford from Alport to Holywell Lane is really good for fish-spawning, with overhanging trees and branches offering protection and fences keeping people and animals out of the water. The habitat here supports plenty of juvenile fish which is important for both the Bradford and lower Lathkill.

## What about the swimming pool stretch below Brookleton?

At the moment, because it's so accessible, this section is failing wildlife and fish and we could just fence off the



river. But we appreciate its amenity value and its historic role as a swimming area, and we would like to work with the local community to look after it in the best way possible.

### What about further up the Dale?

Upstream from Holywell Lane is completely different. Historically we used to stock the dams (or pools) with fish, but that stopped in 2004. However, as a habitat it wasn't working for wild fish. The deep pools were fine for adult fish but the younger ones needed shallower water. So as people will have seen, we have drained three of the six pools to provide a better environment for both fish and wildlife.

#### So has the habitat improved?

The second pool, in particular, has done very well. There's good gravel and water crowfoot, which is ideal for a range of insects like caddis fly, mayfly and blue winged olives, which in turn supports not just fish but a whole range of birds. The blue winged olive, in particular, is a key indicator of healthy, functioning habitat, so this is really good news.

#### What about the river's other wildlife?

The Bradford and Lathkill are two of only a handful of local rivers that have maintained populations of native white-clawed crayfish and kept the invading American signal crayfish at bay. Water voles are still present, but their numbers fluctuate dramatically and have been badly affected by winter flooding which destroys their bankside burrows. People can help them by keeping their dogs under control and minimising their impact.

# Will any more dams in the upper part of the Dale be dismantled?

There are no plans to any of the drain remaining pools. I'd like to emphasise that this is a long term trial and nothing is set in stone. I understand that some people are concerned about the changes to the dams and weirs, but please get in touch with me and we can talk about these things constructively.



# What other issues do Jan Hobot, River Keeper you face?

There were no reported cases of poaching on the Bradford last year, but we know it does happen and I would like to encourage people to get in touch with me straight away if they think it's occurring. Hopefully the commendable efforts of BRAG [the Bradford River Action Group] to persuade Severn Trent Water to completely repair the riverside sewer will help the river from drying up in the future, although we know there is also natural drainage and water disappearing down the mine soughs.

#### Can anyone fish the River Bradford?

Dry fly trout fishing on the Bradford is on a

membership basis, and you can also get day tickets to fish on New Dam. Get in touch with me if you want to know more.

#### What state is the river in?

I studied fishery management at college for four years and regularly talk to other river keepers about their issues and problems. As a result, I can confidently say that the Bradford is in the top ten of the most healthy rivers in England. Since we stopped stocking the river with

fish and made habitat improvements the Bradford is now looking after itself really well. We're sustaining wild fish that are regularly spawning. Our fly-life is really good and there is very little pollution.

# What's are Haddon's long term plans for the Bradford?

For some time now, Lord Edward has taken a conservation-minded approach to his estate based on the concept of 're-wilding'. This has meant a more natural and 'hands-off' way of

running both the land and the rivers, as shown by the decision some years ago to stop artificially stocking fish. Haddon is also keen to liaise with the local Youlgrave community to see how or whether it might get involved in caring for or even managing aspects of the Dale, such as the open swimming pool section.

#### How can people contact you?

Email riverkeeper@haddonestate.co.uk or call me on 0771 8636128. I'm always willing to have a chat, explain more about what we do and listen to your views and ideas.

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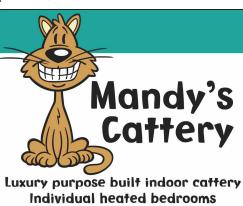


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## **Churches in Youlgrave: Farewell to Louise**

Louise's final service at All Saints' on 12th January was a moving occasion, with a full church. All four churches from the benefice were well represented. Louise and Richard were given a card, flowers and a

cheque from the church family, as well as a picture. A bring and share lunch in the Reading Room followed.

Almost 20 members from Youlgrave and Middleton attended Louise's licensing and installation as Priest in Charge of Hope, Castleton and Bradwell on 22nd January at St Peter's Hope. Bishop Libby Lane assisted by the Archdeacon of Chesterfield and Colin Pearson, our Area Dean, conducted the service with full Church of England formalities. Richard and Louise will be very much missed but they go with our prayers and good wishes.

With Louise's departure we have spread the load by setting up a network of contact points. Please get in touch with them in the first instance.

**Wardens**: Andrew Parker, 01629 636757, andrewparker10@yahoo.co.uk (general enquiries, funerals). Brenda Harrop, 01629 636638

Baptisms: Andrea Willans, 01629 636004 or 07942 922307,

mrswillans@gmail.com

Weddings: Denise Figg, 01629 636526, denisefigg.wed@gmail.com

## **Please Pray**

For all in our community and for the continuing life of the church.

For peace and good relationships following on from Brexit.

For Louise and Richard as they settle into Bradwell Vicarage. For Louise as she works to build up the church life of Hope, Castleton and Bradwell after a vacancy there of two years.

Laetitia Tucker

## Carol Singing raises money for Sierra Leone charities

In December a group of people enjoyed an evening of singing Christmas carols around Youlgrave. Donations were collected for two charities which work in Sierra Leone. Health Poverty Action provides health care for women during pregnancy, giving birth and antenatal care by training local Maternal Health Promotors. 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. A magnificent sum of £245 was collected on the night and other donations have been received, meaning it has been possible to send £200 to each charity. Thank you!

## **SERVICES IN FEBRUARY**

See church noticeboards or websites for further details

## **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February (Candlemas)**

9.30 am Stanton Morning Prayer 4.00 pm Youlgrave Family Christingle Service NO MORNING SERVICE IN

## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>February

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9.30 am Stanton Holy Communion 11.00 am Youlgrave Morning Prayer 6.30 pm Youlgrave Holy Communion

## Sunday 16th February

9.30 am Birchover Holy Communion 11.00 Youlgrave Holy Communion 6.30 pm Youlgrave Evening Prayer

## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

9.30 am Birchover Morning Praise 11.00 am Youlgrave Holy Communion

## Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>February

7.00 pm Youlgrave United Ash Wednesday Communion With optional 'ashing', applying a cross of ash to the forehead

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March

11.00am Youlgrave Family Service 6.45pm Middleton Evening Prayer

## Other regular Sunday services

10.30am Youlgrave Methodist (contact Margaret 636558) 2.30pm Youlgrave Wesleyan Reform (contact Isobel 636251)





## Crowing from the church tower

A couple of weeks ago the new cockerel weather vane for All Saints Church was delivered and is to be installed on top of the 100ft tower. Photos by Philip Smith.

## Peak Feast – flavours you'll never forget

In the second in our series on local businesses, Ian Thurman met up with **Dawn** and **Paul Skinner** of Peak Feast to find out more about the centre of village baking.

### A busy bakery

'The Workshop', as it's known, might be a small space, but the merry band of Peak Feast bakers amazing produce an amount of baked goods. Over 200 cakes and 400 homity pies are freshly baked every week, never mind the curries, quiches and other vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free treats. The business has gone from strength to strength and they now supply over 40 cafés, tea shops, farm shops and restaurants.

Peak Feast will be celebrating 25 years in 2020. Dawn has managed the business for 11 years and the Skinners bought the business in 2014 after the previous owners retired. All those cakes and pies don't make themselves, of course. The bakery employs three full-time staff and two Saturday workers, as well as Dawn, Paul and their occasional helpers, Max and Archer.

#### Coffees, cakes and house sales

As well as keeping us all well-fed and having the coffee machine at the ready, for locals and visitors alike, Peak Feast fills some other important roles. If you want to sell your house, it's best to let Dawn know. She's probably sold more houses in Youlgrave than most estate agents. If potential buyers have viewed



Paul and Dawn Skinner

a house it's likely they'll need coffee and a cake to mull over the options and find out what it's like to live here. Rely on Dawn to encourage your buyers!

For many visitors Peak Feast is part of their holiday. The family group who walk over from Harthill think of the bakery as one of their essential annual events. The chap who comes over to the Peak from Dublin on his scooter each year always includes a homity pie in his itinerary.

### Every walk deserves a treacle tart

For many walkers, cyclists and motor-cyclists, a visit to Youlgrave means Peak Feast. Many first-timers arrive due to word of mouth, or by reading review websites such as <a href="www.happycow.net">www.happycow.net</a> and TripAdvisor. As the reviewer 'sparkledust' describes the place, "Great cakes in a stunning location. Lovely staff, helpful and friendly."

Many of our visitors renting holiday cottages get introduced to Peak Feast as soon as they open their cottage door. Dawn and Paul provide welcome packs and gift vouchers to many holiday rentals in the area. After all, you can't beat a treat to start your holiday.

## Part of the village fabric – from dahlias to manure

As many will know, Dawn and Paul's connections are more than just the bakery. Life has come full circle as Paul's Grandpa occasionally worked out of 'The Workshop' as a young man and his great aunt Barbara and great uncle John had the Old Bakery opposite the post office. In fact, Paul is almost a local as he grew up in Monyash (only almost!).

Like all of our local businesses. Peak Feast looks to support village activities such as the pantomime, carnival and the bonfire. The support really paid off last year thanks to Saffron Baker's eye for a opportunity and the fund-raising marketing and Skinner's aentle persuasion. As a result, the school gained £550 from dahlias that were going to be dumped at the end of the Chatsworth RHS show. However the Peak Feast frontage doesn't always smell of flowers. There was the time that a herd of cows had taken up overnight



residence after being spooked by wedding celebrations in Alport. As ever, the Peak Feast show must go on and, with help from the Walkers, the smell of cakes rather than cow-pats was soon wafting down to Main Street.

Here's to the next 25 years of Peak Feast.

## **News from Youlgrave Waterworks**

Advance notice that the valve at the top of New Road needs replacing, but as we will need to cut off from the next valve, this work will have to take place out of school hours and probably on a Saturday in the near future. Signs will be displayed giving notice when a suitable date is set.

Please note that your Waterworks is pursuing late payers with final demands going out to the final homes who have yet to pay. Any payments still outstanding will be listed at our Board meeting on 16th March and be sent to the debt collectors/courts to recover. Payment is due in full by 31st October each year in accordance with our rules. With the major investment in the infrastructure, as well as the ongoing upgrades, we appreciate prompt payment from all our members.



### Unusual feathered visitor to New Road

Last month we were amazed to see a parakeet, pictured left, on our feeders – such a bright green [apologies, this photo does look better in colour! – Ed]. It returned over the next two days. Ian Weatherley and others confirmed that it is a ring-necked parakeet. One other sighting has been reported in Pommie. They are naturalised in the south east and the nearest reports previously have been in Derby. Ours might be an escaped pet or on holiday or prospecting.

Bird surveys: I always do the RSPB's one-hour survey, but it frustrates me because so few turn up in that hour. So, this year I've compiled a one-year report of daily average sightings for 17 New Road DE45 1WP (the garden adjoining the playing field) over 2019.

Estimated number birds/animals occupying/visiting (from memory), average per day: Sparrows 8; goldfinch 8; jackdaws 4; collared dove 4; pigeons 4; blackbirds 4; tits various 4; chaffinch 4; cats 4; starling 2; dunnock 1; pheasant 1, robin 1, crow 1 Less than one per day: Wren, squirrel, hedgehog, parakeet, long tailed tit, sparrow hawk, partridge, woodpecker

John Youatt

## Youlgrave Concert Group – upcoming concerts

We are arranging to attend two concerts in Sheffield City Hall. We meet at 5.30pm at the top of Holywell Lane and the community bus also picks up passengers from outside The George.

6th March 2020 English Chamber Orchestra playing

Mozart - Symphony No.35 'The Haffner'

Mozart - Oboe Concerto

Penderecki - Capriccio for Oboe and strings

Mendelssohn - Symphony No.4 'Italian'

Conductor and oboe François Leleux

21st March 2020 The Hallé playing

Beethoven - Symphony No.5

Butterworth - Six songs from Housman's "A Shropshire Lad" arranged by Roderic Williams

Vaughan Williams - Symphony No. 9

Conductor Sir Mark Elder, Roderick Williams, baritone

Tickets and coach travel cost £33 per person, per concert. For further information or to book contact lan Bishop, tel 636168, <a href="mailto:contact@bishopi.plus.com">contact@bishopi.plus.com</a> or Peter Ryder, tel 636266, <a href="mailto:ryder908@btinternet.com">ryder908@btinternet.com</a>

## Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: December 2019 & January 2020

I thought I would start this article with my highlights for 2019. Our nesting barn owls gave a great show and tawny owls were frequently heard. Red kites were seen, up to four at a time, over the village and I had two good local sightings of ospreys.

This winter there have been lots of redwings and fieldfares feeding on the excellent berry crop. Redstarts were again seen around the New Dam.

The largest number of wildflower species recorded on a monthly survey was 77 at the end of June. My wildflower

highlights were a new me) patch maiden pinks and the orchids in our lawn. The best thing of all for me though is the wealth of wildlife present around the village and the contributions so many people make to bring this to our attention through the Bugle. The

thrushes.

particular interest in our garden during these two months was the redwings. They were present from 15th November right through to 13th January and finally departed when all the berries were gone. They were present in several other village gardens too and widespread, with fieldfare, around the area. In various village gardens there were greater spotted woodpeckers, nuthatches. bullfinches and long tailed tits with lots of sparrows. areenfinches. aoldfinches. other tits, blackbirds and occasional song

There were 70+ greylag geese near the New Dam early in December and nearly 100 on 15th January. A pair of goosanders have been on the New Dam recently. Along the river there were dippers, showing courtship behaviour, grey wagtails and a heron or two as well as the usual mallards, coots and moorhens. No kingfishers reported, though. I did see a goldcrest at the bottom of Braemar Lane.

Last year's cygnet is now a swan and there was a swan with two cygnets on the swimming pool. Two swans flew over on the 27th. A heron seemed to be stalking the sheep!

Buzzards have been very common with the occasional sighting of sparrowhawk and kestrel. A kite was spotted near

Picory Corner recently, so perhaps a repeat of last year's local breeding success? The barn owl is still being seen and tawny owls have been very vocal. There was a necked parakeet seen on New Road and other places (see John's article opposite page). I did



The cygnet is now a swan.

the RSPB garden bird watch on 25th January. Though not entirely typical, I did get 12 species in the hour. They have to land or I could have added buzzard and raven. It was pouring with rain, windy and very gloomy.

Wildflowers have obviously been scarce through much of the period, but garden rock cress, possibly native on our local limestone, crocuses and snowdrops are already coming into bloom. Finally, the woodpeckers are drumming. Spring is on the way.

My thanks to the contributors to this article, Lisa, Paul, Pat, Jane, John and Laetitia.

lan Weatherley 48iweatherley@gmail.com News from Youlgrave, All Saints' C of E Voluntary Aided Primary School

## Class 3's wonderful musical experience

September last year, Class 3 (and 2) both got the news that they would be getting their very own brass instrument. On the second of the week autumn term both classes met their music teachers Chris Simon. and trombonists. For



They are both Pupils performing in All Saints Church.

the first few weeks we learnt some songs, like coca cola, bluebottle and many more. These were to help us develop our musicianship skill and to hear the different music notes. After 5 or more weeks of learning songs, we were finally asked what instruments we would like to play. There was a choice of trumpet, cornet or trombone. In Class 3, 6 people chose trombone, 11 chose trumpet and 5 chose cornet.

We were very pleased that we had the chance to learn a brass instrument, but before we could take our instruments home our parents had to sign a form to say they would help us look after the instruments. The first note we played was a C and our first song was called Fish and Chips. For that we needed to know how to play a D and a C. We have our lessons on Tuesday afternoon and now we are in the Spring term we know how to play the notes C, D, E, F and G.

At the end of each term we get to play a mini-concert for our friends and family. At the end of last year Chris and Simon taught us how to play 'So here it is Merry Christmas'. For that we needed to be able to play the notes C, D and E. We performed this in church where we played all of the other songs we know too. Our teacher, Mrs Prince, is also learning to play the trumpet with us and she can also play the clarinet and piano.

On the 19th December Class 3 went to Lady Manners to listen to their pupils Christmas concert. There were trumpets, trombones, saxophones and a lot more instruments. It was noisy but fun to see what we might be able to do with our instruments in secondary school if we keep learning to play. Our next concert will be on the 6th March when we will get to perform at Lady Manners.

By Natalie (Y6) and Emma (Y5)

## A visit to the National Memorial Arboretum

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November Classes 2 and 3 (year 3, 4, 5 and 6) went to the National Memorial Arboretum because our topic is Fallen Fields (WWI). Did you know that Arboretum means lots of trees and there are 30,000 trees there?

The first site we saw in the morning was the Greens Howards, the regiment won 18 Victoria Crosses. Then we walked to the Armed Forces Memorial with 16,000 names of soldiers who have died since the end of WWII. There is also room on the Memorial for another 16,000 names to be added. It was a huge memorial and it has a slit in the walls to let the sun shine through onto the centre statue on 11th November; it was beautiful.

In the afternoon we went to a little classroom to learn about the Dickens medal. The Dickens medal is a medal for animals. There were four main



animals given the medal: dogs, horses, pigeons and a cat – the cat's name was Simon. One of the dogs was called Stubby. He saved people's lives from gas attacks and warned them when the enemy was coming. We also got to design our own medals as well.

I would recommend going to the National Memorial Arboretum – it was very interesting. If you look hard enough you may even find one of your relatives on a memorial there.

By Eleanor, Class 3 (Y5)



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## Latest news from Youlgrave W.I.

and a new era as the W.I. start their second century, with a busy year behind them and many new plans and activities to come.

The party at Christmas was a success as usual, with laughter and singing — our Choir performed one of many 'gigs' for us, with a resplendent feast with wines, lots of games and so on. The Competition Cup was won by Dianne Jeremy and



Centenary Christmas choristers

members are encouraged to try the monthly suggestions as they produce some amazing entries. The January competition, won by Sheila Pryor, was to design a New Year party dress, and the artistry from the entries was admirable. A contestant from The Sewing Bee programme entertained us with her amusing and informative talk explaining the workings of a studio, and the timing and tension of filming this popular genre. Her examples from the shows ranged from 1960's mini plastic dress to an ornate sari.

Our Resolutions choices will be sent to the local Federation shortly, the chosen campaigns are: Stem Cell treatment, the need for donors; providing more female crash test



Tracey Symmonds, Sewing Bee

dummies; ending Slavery; protecting our precious helium; and opening up discussions on death and dying – quite a varied range of subjects, one of which will be voted in by all W.I.s and announced at the Annual Conference, to which we are sending four delegates.

Craft Group will meet on Mondays February 3rd and 17th, and March 2nd and 16th from 1pm in the Community Room. Book Group meet at Amy's Tearooms monthly.

Members will as usual be looking forward to Youlgrave Pantomime. Crafting workshops are planned this year, as well as several trips and events regularly advertised at our Meetings.

The February meeting, on Tuesday 11th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, brings the Plague to Youlgrave as the Plague Doctor of Eyam will be appearing to give us all goose pimples, with no rats in tow, hopefully!

Liz Hickman

## **Church Farm Diary, February**

We are getting on with the winter weather wonderfully, no snow as yet, plenty of rain

(too much) and it hasn't been too cold, though sometimes I think some frosty weather would kill some of the germs we have that are doing the rounds.

It's good to see the snowdrops out and

the daffodils appearing, spring is just round the corner.

As I write this we are still waiting for BREXIT to happen and all the consequences from that outcome, and as we all know various other news has taken the pressure from that.

The heifers that were running down here all summer and are now in the milk sheds. They have all calved easily and the bull that was used proved to be good.

In America they are having trouble with water been poisoned.

Here in Youlgrave we take it for granted that the water will come out of the tap perfect and we have to thank Youlgrave Waterworks for that — and of course nature.

Carbon off-sets: If we plant two billion new trees over 20 years (270,000 a day) it will cover 5% of Britain that is currently used mostly for cattle and sheep production. The hope is that people would stop eating red meat. Unfortunately only 1% identify as vegan and 6% vegetarian. 91% cent of British households still eat

red meat. However, if that continues we will have to import even more red meat from abroad than we do now to make up the shortfall of available grazing land and home-grown meat.

That would encourage farmers in poorer parts of the globe to cut down their forest to increase their red meat

production for us. Even if we do reduce red meat consumption, 0.4 hectares (one acre) of broadleaf trees will absorb 120 tonnes of carbon over 50 years, but an Airbus 350 on a return flight from London to New York emits 234.5 tonnes of carbon.

It will therefore take 50 years for 0.8ha (two acres) of trees to offset one return flight.

I came across this letter in the Farmers' Guardian last week and thought it was very true. It was from a beef and sheep



Our cows apparently like biscuits!

farmer.

"If I went on the BBC's *Dragons Den* and said: 'I am going to produce a product which will take a year to 18 months to make, then I will sell it, but I do not really know when I will be able to sell it or for what price', what do you think they will say? Yes, this is what farmers do, year in year out. Why? I ask myself, regularly."

Marjorie Shimwell

## **Recipe of the Month: Sunshine Soup** (to cheer us up in the dark days!)

## *Ingredients*

1 yellow pepper

1 orange pepper

2 teaspoons garlic oil or plain oil

1 litre veg or chicken stock cube

500g frozen sweetcorn niblets (I have also used tinned sweetcorn, this doesn't need to as much cooking)

salt and pepper to taste

#### Method

Remove the core and seeds of the peppers, cut into strips and place on a

baking dish shiny side up, sprinkle with the oil and roast in the oven for about 25 minutes.

Pour a litre freshly boiled water in to a pan adding the stock cubes. Add the frozen corn and bubble for about 20 mins.

Set aside about a cupful of the corn; add the peppers blend the corn and peppers but not to smooth and then add the whole corn back again, season to taste.

Serve with fresh chunky bread and butter.

Marjorie Shimwell



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Dates or times may be subject to change, so please check with the organiser/venue.

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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	7-9.30pm
		room)	
Tues	Zumba	Village Hall	9.30-10.15am
	Pilates Movement	Village Hall	10.30-11.30am
	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	The Barn, Greenfields,	7-9pm
	class)	Alport	
Wed	Confidential advice sessions	Youlgrave Surgery	9.30-12.30am
	with Citizens Advice Bureau		
	Tai Chi Chuan	Methodist Chapel	10-11am
	Diane Kettle's Art Class	Reading Room	10am-12 noon
	Coffee Morning	Wesleyan Reform	10am-12 noon (3rd
	B.1	Chapel	Wed)
	Pilates	Village Hall	5-6pm
	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	Term time only
	Yoga with Iris Pimm	Youth Hall, tel 636125	7-8.30pm
	(beginners' class)	The Barn, Greenfields,	7.00.0.00
	Salsa Dance Class	Alport	7.30-9.30pm
	Youlgrave Silver Band	Village Hall	7.30-9.30pm
	. ca.g.ara cirror band	Methodist Chapel	(learners 7pm)
Fri	Pilates	Village Hall	10-11am
	Mobile Library	Holywell Lane	3.15-3.30pm
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