



# The Bugle



**A chance to blow your trumpet for the villagers of  
Alport, Middleton and Youlgrave**

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## New arrangements at Youlgrave Surgery

In the coming weeks Credas Medical will have to drastically change how it runs in order to deal with the current Covid-19 crisis.

From Friday 20th March the doors to the Surgery at Youlgrave have been and will remain locked in an attempt to reduce footfall through the practice to protect both our staff and patients. Surgery staff will still be on site and available during normal opening hours.

### **Patients wanting an appointment:**

You should call the surgery as normal on **01629 636207**. You will be offered a telephone appointment on the day if the ailment is urgent or the next routine slot if not. A doctor will then call you to assess you over the phone. If it is deemed necessary you will be asked to attend surgery. All patients who are unwell with any infective symptoms will be assessed at Darley Dale Medical Centre in the Red Zone. This does not mean people with Covid-19 symptoms, they must remain self-isolated and if unwell and unable to manage at home then contact 111. Youlgrave and Winster will remain Green Zones so we keep unwell patients away from the dispensing sites.



### **Patients ordering prescriptions:**

You are encouraged to do so by phone, email or via SystmOne online, rather than dropping a repeat slip off at the surgery. We have been asked not to issue extra scripts to protect the supply chain. Please only request medication if you need it. We will not issue scripts if not due, requesting early will only serve to waste staff time.

### **Patient collecting prescriptions:**

You are asked to call the Surgery on arrival and someone will bring the prescription out to you (we soon hope to have a functioning intercom system). We are asking patients who pay for their

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prescriptions to purchase a Prescription Prepayment Certificate if they are able, in an attempt to reduce contact with staff. These cost £104 for a year or £29.10 for 3 months. Please visit [www.ppa.org.uk/ppc](http://www.ppa.org.uk/ppc) or call 0845 850 0030 to register for this system of payment.

As per Government guidelines we are encouraging all patients over 70 or who are vulnerable to self-isolate. For this reason we are asking for volunteers who would be willing to help us distribute medications through the village to make sure that no one will go without their medication while self-isolating. If you would be interested in volunteering, and haven't done so already, please send an email to

[Carrie.Poole@NHS.net](mailto:Carrie.Poole@NHS.net), a member of staff will then contact you

How we are managing the situation is changing rapidly and on a daily basis and we will attempt to keep patients up to speed with this, but please do bear with us. We are working under extreme pressure, in unknown territory and would appreciate people's kindness and patience in these uncertain times.

As a final note, please practice social distancing and stop going out unless it is essential; we are around two weeks behind the crisis in Italy. This is not just the flu. It does not just affect the elderly, as young fit and healthy people have already died from this, including teenagers.

**For more information on-line:**

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/)

[www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public)

If you have an urgent medical problem and you're not sure what to do:

- **Call 111** and speak to a fully trained adviser (available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week)
- **Go to the NHS 111 website** <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/> where there are questions about your symptoms for you to answer



Because of restrictions on public movement and work, as well as a respect for the health and well-being of our deliverers and readers and a desire to minimise the risk of spreading infection, the Bugle is not presently available in its usual printed format. We apologise for this and are making efforts to get information to those local residents not able to view it on-line. We will continue to publish monthly issues as normal, posting pdf versions at [www.youlgrave.org.uk](http://www.youlgrave.org.uk) until such time as it's safe and expedient to resume printing. Please keep sending in your contributions to [andrew.mccloy@btinternet.com](mailto:andrew.mccloy@btinternet.com). Thanks, Andrew McCloy (Editor)



19th March 2020

Dear Editor

I am going to stop watching the news bulletins about corona virus at 5pm each night. I have never felt so upset and scared in my life I am not ready to die, I don't feel old enough to leave this lovely place I live in and worst of all leave my wonderful family. I want to watch my grandchildren develop into wonderful adults,

I go for a walk down the fields most days and look round to see the most wonderful unspoilt countryside. This morning all I met were rabbits, birds including pheasants, ducks, a lonely swan and a robin picking a worm up. There was not a vapour trail in the sky. It feels as though the whole world has shut down. Michael and I are trying to self-isolate or at least not walk into trouble, but it is so sad that it has come to this.

But in some ways it is also quite nice. No rushing about the whole day to do what we want, but I am missing cuddles from the grandchildren and I know they are too, given the tears we have had from the younger ones. Thank goodness for Face Time, WhatsApp and all the other electronic devices!

One of our son-in-laws who used to go down to London every week and also could visit at least four countries in a week is now sat at the kitchen table



using it as his office unable to travel. I am quite pleased about this it will help him slow down his life and see his family more (maybe too much, now the schools are shut).

I am talking to my friends on the phone and emailing, etc, just to keep up with everything, but it is not the same as sitting round the table having a good natter. But as long as we keep in touch and keep our morale up, I think we will survive.

We all look forward to when this horrible grey cloud has lifted and we can resume life again, but I hope not at the fast pace that we have been used to. Do we really need 3 holidays a year, as Michael and I haven't had one for 3 years? After all, there's no place like home.

Keep washing your hands and smiling.

Marjorie Shimwell  
Church Farm, Youlgrave

If you want to share your thoughts, feelings, hopes and fears with the rest of our community write to the Bugle via [email andrew.mccloy@btinternet.com](mailto:andrew.mccloy@btinternet.com) or by post to Englemere, Brookleton, Youlgrave DE451UT. Contributions may be edited for length.



# Peak Feast 630000

During these uncertain times, we will remain open for as long as we possibly can, to offer all we can to our amazing community

Our current opening hours are 09:00 – 12:00

Please message or call us with your order, so that we can do all we can to reduce social contact

Your order can then be collected from the bakery, or where possible we will provide a doorstep delivery service

### **Pies**

Homity Pie (available Gluten Free / Vegan - individual serving) **£ 2.75**

Homity Pie – (family size serves ) **£10.00**

Mushroom & Chestnut Pie (Vegan – individual serving) **£2.75**

### **Luxury Ready Meals – all £ 3.75**

Sweet Potato, Mushroom & Spinach Curry (Gluten Free / Vegan)

Mushroom & Puy Lentils in Red Wine (Gluten Free / Vegan)

Butterbean Stir Fry (Gluten Free / Vegan)

Chilli NON Carne (Gluten Free / Vegan)

Chickpea Samba (Gluten Free / Vegan)

Vegetable Dal (Gluten Free / Vegan)

Homemade chutneys & pickles - **£ 2.50**

### **Sweet**

Flapjacks – Slice **£ 1.65** / Traybake **£ 14.00**

Chocolate Brownies – Slice **£ 1.75** / Traybake **£ 15.00**

Bakewell Tart – Slice **£ 2.00** / Mini **£ 3.00** / 8" case **£ 8.00**

**We are still having fresh bread delivered daily – advance orders preferred**

**Payment can be arranged via bank transfer or cheque – please call for details**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE CALL US – WE WILL DO ALL WE CAN TO HELP.**

[www.facebook.com/Peakfeast](https://www.facebook.com/Peakfeast)

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

**Bakery – Cafe – Kitchen** Moor Lane, Youlgrave DE45 1US

## *Order by telephone for free delivery from village shops*

### **Youlgrave Post Office & Stores**

We are offering a delivery service of papers at this time to save customers having to come out. We can also deliver any other product we sell to anyone who needs it at this time, including food and drink, confectionery and a range of household items. We are doing our best to keep the shop fully stocked at this time. For a delivery or anything please call Amy on 07799 880740; or the shop on **01629 636217**; or email [amyt@icloud.com](mailto:amyt@icloud.com)



### **Youlgrave Village Shop**

We are offering doorstep deliveries with cash, cheques or BACS payments and we can collect items from other village shops, doctors, etc – just phone the shop on **01629 630208**. No minimum spend, free deliveries. The shop continues to sell hot and cold snacks, drinks, cheese, meat, fresh fruit and vegetables and baking products, as well as a range of high quality deli items. Stay safe, Jade



At **Peak District Deli** we have an online shop where you'll find food and drinks. All of these have been produced in the Peak District. We provide a convenient delivery service with your order too, think of us like your local farm shop on wheels.

You can place your order and have it delivered two days later. From Tuesday through to Saturdays we will be leaving food, drinks and other essentials in safe places or on doorsteps. The website is easy and safe to use and we don't need to have any physical contact.

We have also just launched a wide choice of ready meals where you'll find vegetarian dishes from Dawn at Peak Feast, our own... and, coming soon, fresh egg pasta and homemade sauces.



If you know any vulnerable people, families or those who don't use the internet please tell them about our services and we can find a way to help. There's never been a time more important to help those around us whether it's businesses or people in isolation.

Thank you for your continued support, Lauren and Ralph

<https://peakdistrictdeli.com/>

## **Middleton events cancelled**

*Middleton Village Hall Committee has decided, in view of Government requirements, to cancel our scheduled events for May. This covers well dressing, village market and trails scheduled for Saturday 23rd May, the teas for 23rd and 24th May, and Middleton Rocks on Saturday 30th May. We will review the position when circumstances permit.*

## **YOULGRAVE SILVER BAND NEWS AND AGM**

As with most of the country, with regret the band has cancelled or postponed all performances until a safer time. However, we do have a website now at [youlgravesilverband.com](http://youlgravesilverband.com) It will be kept up to date to let you know what is happening.

### **AGM - a quick summary**

The meeting was well attended on 27th February, and the only change of committee was to welcome our new treasurer Pete Halson, who replaces Paul Cartwright after some years of good service to us. Finances are reasonable and will keep us going through the rough year ahead. In her short time as conductor, Caty explained that she hoped to expand the selection of music to entertain and has more hopes for the year's development.

Everyone gave thanks for the efforts and progress made by Helen and Sandra and the Learners in the training band, which has progressed so marvellously.

AOB included a big thank you to Albert Shimwell's family from everyone in the band for their kind donation of instruments and music in his memory.

I will place the complete minutes on the website for a period of one month for anyone who wants more detail.

Over the next few months it's important that everyone in the band and especially the Learners continue to practice regularly and to try to increase the length of practice each day. This will increase skills and enjoyment.

*Judith 630202*

The W.I. ladies will greatly miss seeing all their friends, whether members or not, and look forward to better times in the future. There is much help on offer within our village for those that need it. Stay safe everybody.



## **Spring Attic and Craft Sale**

Saturday 18th April, Youlgrave  
Village Hall

**THIS EVENT HAS NOW  
BEEN CANCELLED**

## INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS OF YOULGRAVE GARAGE

Due to the ongoing uncertainty around the full impact of Coronavirus, we will now offer an additional service to local customers with regard to car repairs, servicing and MOT tests, should they be concerned at this difficult time.

Park as near as you can to the garage, put your keys, contact details, address and any other information together and put them in the letterbox in the shop doorway.

Once repaired, we will return your car to your home address and put the keys and invoice through your letter box.

Payment can be made by either phone call or BACS payment.

We hope that this will ensure we can continue to serve and keep your wheels turning during this difficult time.

## YOULGRAVE GARAGE

**Tel. 01629 636943**

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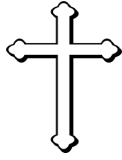
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**[www.youlgravegarage.co.uk](http://www.youlgravegarage.co.uk)**

## CHANGES TO LOCAL BIN COLLECTIONS

Derbyshire Dales District Council has announced that collection of **green bins** for garden waste will be suspended until further notice. **Food waste** will now be collected fortnightly - with household waste - rather than weekly. Dales residents are being warned to expect further disruptions as some staff are self-isolating and, where working, the crews are observing the Government's social distancing guidelines, meaning two rather than the usual three staff on each truck.



## Coronavirus and the churches

The Coronavirus pandemic is affecting every part of our lives. The crisis is showing up the tremendous strength of our village community. Groups have sprung up like flowers in spring with impressive speed, including a Facebook group to support the elderly and vulnerable. The churches do not need to duplicate this, but rather to recognise that the village community is following Jesus's teachings to care for the needy and look after (not in this case visit, of course) the sick.

You may have heard that the Church of England and the Methodist Church firstly suspended public services and have now closed all churches completely for as long as necessary. On most normal Sundays, the churches in the village are a small number of people meeting for worship and prayer on behalf of a larger community, local and worldwide. We want to ensure that the church continues to meet the spiritual needs of our community as well as we can, without holding public services or permitting individual visits or private prayer.

For a few days while the parish church remained open, the clergy and wardens said prayers with a Psalm and a Bible reading in the church at 6pm each evening. This has now had to cease, but you may want to join in prayer each evening at home. Please email Jane Clay if you would like a copy of Evening Prayer for Lent and the readings for each day. More material will be issued for Holy Week, which begins on 5th April.

We can pray for our parish each day, area by area, and for those we know of who need prayer. If you know of anyone with specific needs who would not mind their name (no other details, of course) being mentioned on Jane's email circulation please let Jane know and we will make sure they are included. If you feel lonely or worried and want to talk to any of us on the phone, please feel free – our contact details are below.

Normally we would welcome many of you in church at Easter, even if you do not attend week by week. We are still working out how we can celebrate Easter without gathering in church. Details will go to all on Jane's email circulation and will be on the church gate notice board in due course.

Alongside praying for our own safety and that of our neighbours and loved ones, let us pray that the village community will be strengthened and deepened as we go through this crisis together.

### Clergy:

Rev Geoff Clay [geoffclay@me.com](mailto:geoffclay@me.com) 07833 252803

Rev Jane Clay [ejaneclay@icloud.com](mailto:ejaneclay@icloud.com) 07802 630877

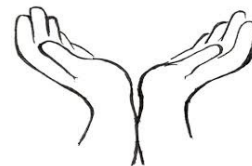
Rev Richard Tucker [rev.richardtucker@gmail.com](mailto:rev.richardtucker@gmail.com) 01629 636074

### Church Wardens:

Andrew Parker [andrewparker10@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:andrewparker10@yahoo.co.uk) 01629 636757

Brenda Harrop 01629 636638

*Richard Tucker and Jane Clay*



## **UPDATE FROM YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL**

Youlgrave Parish Council has suspended public meetings until Government advises it is safe to hold them again; this also affects the Annual Parish Meeting which will no longer be held at the end of April. Fortunately all councillors are on email so we will remain in communication and take a majority decision online should any new urgent matters arise.

Council has also closed all its public toilets and the pavilion, as we are not equipped to keep them to the high daily hygiene routines required at this time. With regard to our open spaces we are encouraging local people to still use the playing field as it provides useful outdoor exercise for residents AS LONG AS they respect social distancing. However we are informed

that the virus can survive for up to 3 days on the smooth surfaces of gym and play equipment and have put up notices that the playgrounds are shut and not to use gym equipment.

The playing fields will continue to be regularly mown but official sport has ceased for the time being.

Council is ready to engage with other authorities as required and is looking into other methods of remote communication to assist self-isolation.

Please follow Government advice: social distance (keep at least 2 metres apart) and where practical use our village shops and community businesses (and use their delivery services). Please assist those self-isolating, respect our Key Workers and only travel where absolutely essential.

## **Youlgrave Waterworks news**

The Annual General Meeting of Youlgrave Waterworks Ltd is to be held on Monday 19th October 2020 at 8pm to hopefully avoid any clash with lockdown restrictions. The system will be monitored every day of the year as normal during this crisis – water from the spring flows without human contact to your taps, unless leaks cause us to interrupt and repair sections which we notify you of locally. DDDC Environmental Health will continue to independently monitor us. The Directors would like to thank our Engineers for their 366 day turnout.

We have had a year of major investment and the new link that completes the ring main has been a great success, improving flow to the outer reaches of the system but investing over £60,000 in this essential project, with added benefits to routine maintenance and provision for less disruption when older sections need replacement has used up a large proportion of the pot. Future plans for additional improvements will need us to gradually rebuild our reserves. We are your community Not-for-Profit company providing spring water on tap 24/7 at under 60p a day and all monies are reinvested in keeping the water flowing – bar the wasted costs chasing late and attempting non-payers – County Court N1 claims are to be sent out on 6th April. At its February Board meeting Youlgrave Waterworks agreed to raise the Domestic Charge from £210 to £217 for the year commencing 1st April 2020. Bills for the new year will be arriving late March and there are the usual options for payment of 1,2 or 7 instalments from 1st April, with all payments due in full by 30th October 2020. Please see the new bill for full details.

## Mary Bartlett (1928 – 2020)

Mary spent her childhood in Coniston in Cumbria, where her father was the bank manager. From there she gained a place at Oxford to study history. She was told by her college Principal there that they gave her a place at least, in part, because they were so impressed by her getting herself successfully from Coniston to the interview through some of the worst snowstorms in living memory. She liked to tell this anecdote against herself, but it makes sense. Her grit got her there.

Her father was a keen hill walker and through him Mary was instilled with a love of hill country. I know her ambition made her sometimes wish she had been introduced to rock climbing at an earlier age, or even alpine climbing – she did some of the former when my brother and I were introduced to it at the age of 10 or 11. But walking was good enough really, because it was the environment she loved. It took her to the Himalaya several times with a variety of companions, some of whom dropped to their knees after a few days whilst mother continued doggedly on over the horizon. On one of those occasions, reduced to her own company and trekking through forest, she stopped in a glade for lunch and saw a red panda emerge from the shadows and shuffle through a patch of sunlight before disappearing. The red panda is a rare animal and it lived in mother's memory as one of the great moments of her life – utterly happy, but also perhaps enlightening, suggesting to her the meaning of life, or at least the limits to



its discernible meaning.

It was at Oxford that mother met my father, and started to imbibe his cultural and artistic preferences. Dad introduced her to classical music, and in particular to string quartets.

She helped him in his career by becoming an archivist, particularly in those early years of their married life at Carisbrooke Castle on the Isle of Wight. She worked as a school teacher, and some of it she enjoyed. But she wanted more, and reinvented herself as a freelance lecturer for the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies, recently rebranded as the Arts Society. One knew she must be good, as she did two successful lecture tours of Australia for them.

After my father died she carried on lecturing for a number of years, suffering a stroke on one occasion whilst waiting on a station platform before a performance. She didn't know it was a stroke, only that something, somewhere, was wrong. But she carried on and gave the lecture just the same.

As for walking, she carried on that pleasure forever, becoming ever more like great Aunt Hilda – white-haired, birdlike, but surprisingly tough.

But for all the triumph of an Oxford education, when she and Dad quit the Sheffield suburbs some years before Dad retired and moved here, to Youlgrave, I believe she was returning to a life closer to her real self, as well as

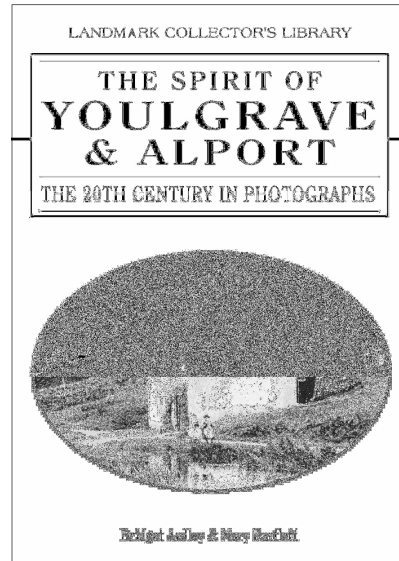
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closer to her childhood. And it was a move she never regretted. From her welcome in the first weeks of living here to her wonderfully humane care at Granby House, she felt herself lucky to be part of a community like this one. Thank you, on behalf of my mother and all my family.

She was stimulating, energetic company, she had enthusiasms, and she wanted to share them. She remained forever interested in the natural world, and curious about human ideas and aspirations. She sought to understand, to see. She gritted her teeth and carried on.

Phil Bartlett

*Pictured right: Mary collaborated with her long time friend, Bridget Ardley, to produce a wonderful book of historic local photographs.*



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## News from Youlgrave History Society

A walking group from Wales, the Newport Outdoor Group, contacted the History Society through the Bugle, and asked if anyone would be interested to spend an afternoon leading them on a guided walk around our village on Friday 13th March. It was to be their 60th Anniversary Hostel weekend, staying at Youlgrave YH, and they were keen to learn more about the history of the village and surrounding area. Ian and I offered a guided walk for them, starting from the tea shop at 2pm, and set off with 14 walkers who had arrived first. We set off down Brookleton, along Bradford Dale and across by the New Dam and over to Harthill cottages. We then took the road into Alport, and back along Bradford Dale to the bottom of Holywell Lane. A few of them headed back for tea and cakes in the village, while the rest walked with us along Middleton Dale and back into the village by Spring Lane. They were very interested in the lead mining history of the village and had lots of questions. They also bought some of the village trail leaflets in order to explore the history of the houses and buildings in the village at their leisure. Ian and I really enjoyed meeting them and sharing our love of the area, and we received a lovely thank you message of appreciation for our time 'in making the afternoon interesting and informative'.



Helen Knight  
Youlgrave History Society

## News from Youlgrave School: Charity Sleepover

On Friday 28th February the junior children of Youlgrave All Saints' Primary School slept at school in aid of the 'Manicaland, Zimbabwe Project' run by Derby Diocese. This charity helps to raise money for building materials in Manicaland. Here are some comments made by the children:



"We started the sleepover with a group meeting in the hall to discuss the plan for the evening. First, we went outside to play a fun blind-folded musical game in the dark! By this time, we were all getting very excited for the night ahead. We voted for our two favourite films (which were Sing and Despicable Me 3). Everybody settled down in their comfy spots to enjoy the films with Mrs Prince and Mr Scully. Children also had the option to draw, paint and play some games in Class 1 with Miss Eaton."

"During the films we were very lucky to be given a hot chocolate with marshmallows and biscuits! Thank you Miss Bown."

Later, the children got ready for bed and brushed their teeth. Lights were turned off at 9:30pm and the children were hopefully sleeping before midnight!

"In the morning, Miss Bown and Mrs Stelling opened their breakfast cafe, serving toast, crumpets and juice. We enjoyed watching Tom and Jerry whilst we waited for our parents to collect us."

The School Council children have described their experience at the sleepover:

"It was fun!" "exciting" "mysterious" "marvellous" "different" "magical" "peculiar" "spectacular"



We raised over £200 for the charity! Thank you to everyone who took part.

*Written by School Council children and Miss Eaton*

## Alport Lane to be closed in April for resurfacing work

Derbyshire County Council (DCC) has given advance notice that part of Alport Lane will be closed for a period between the dates 6th-17th April to allow for carriageway resurfacing. They have indicated that this will be a full road closure and a diversion will be in place.

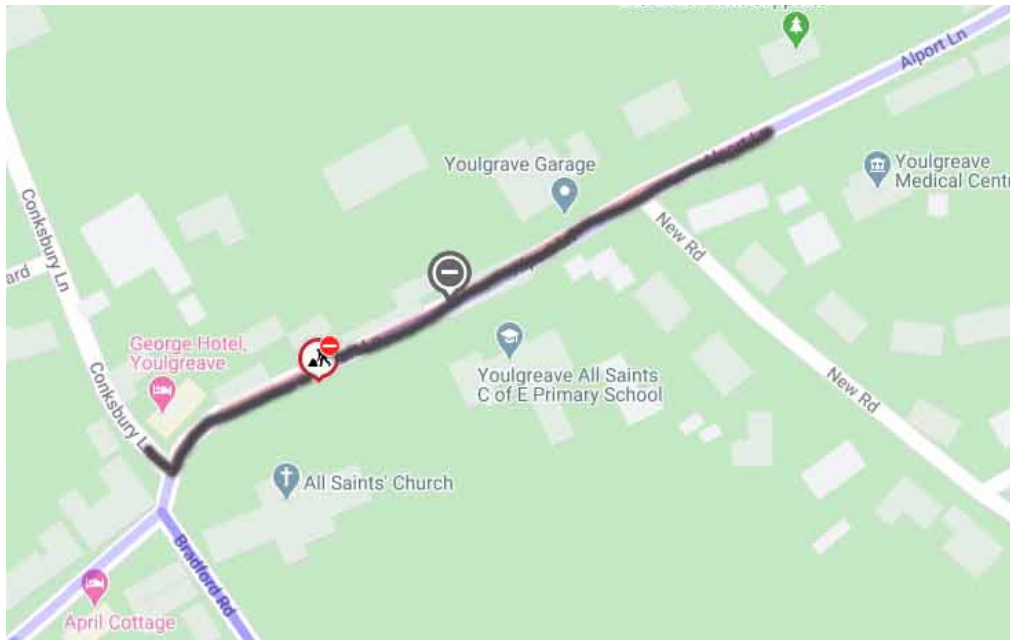
DCC say that access will be maintained whenever reasonably possible, and that the closure will apply between the hours of 8am and 4pm.

The road will reopen when the work

is finished, which may be earlier than advertised.

The affected section is shown as being from Youlgrave Surgery to Church Corner and includes the junction with Conskbury Lane.

DCC apologise for any inconvenience caused while this work takes place. Anyone needing further information should ring Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190. To view the formal order go to: <https://one.network/?tm=116504790>



*The road closure notice applies to the section of Alport Lane highlighted here by the bold dark line. It is due to run for a period between the dates 6th-17th April, and between the hours of 8am-4pm.*

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## Church Farm Diary, April

**Health and Safety:**  
Sometimes I wonder

how we managed to live to this age when you learn about health and safety. I think common sense could cover most of the things that we are told about. When I think of all the thing that we used to do as children especially on the farm it would make the authorities shake in their boots. Such as hay-making time, when my dad would make a hole on the load of loose hay for me to sit in while we travelled on the roads. Nothing was strapped on, riding on the cross bar of the tractor just holding onto the seat of the tractor, riding on the bale sledge making sure that the baler was knotting correctly, and of course climbing up onto the high barns when full of hay or straw and making dens, just hoping that they didn't fall in on top of you.

Not to mention the cattle and sheep, or mad cows when they have just calved, or when I petted a ram lamb and he grew up and turned into a monster, knocking Michael off his feet.

I think that the worst experience I had was when I was driving the tractor and loader with a trailer down Haddon Bank and the brakes went, so with the trailer pushing me down the hill I just prayed that nothing was coming the other way – if so, I would have landed in the river. I managed to get home safely, got out of the tractor and my knees collapsed under me.

When Dakin was about 2 years old Michael and I delivered a load of straw to a neighbouring farm. It was small bales about 8 high. I had left Dakin who was



playing happily and Hannah who was only a baby in her carry cot in the cab. I went up a ladder to the top of the load and Michael was in the barn stacking the bales that I was throwing off. I had only thrown a few off and suddenly a little voice said hello mummy. It was Dakin – he had somehow got out of the cab and had climbed up the ladder. My heart sank, did you rush to him or gently say hello and then help him onto the straw load? I did that latter and passed him to his dad where it was safer. There are many other incident that I won't say!

We are in the throws of this virus and I am trying to isolate, talking on the telephone to friends and family because emails, etc, are OK, but it's nice to hear a voice and have a proper conversation. I am sure that when it has passed we will appreciate everyone a lot more. Bagshaws at Bakewell have asked that only buyers and sellers attend the markets, hopefully this will help contain the virus, but we are missing all the company we meet on Mondays.

*Marjorie Shimwell*

## Recipe of the Month: Beef and Shallot Hotpot

This recipe is for ingredients that we have in our cupboards and freezer, because shopping is harder now; and it also fills the kitchen with a lovely comforting smell!

### Ingredients

2lb stewing steak cut into small chunks  
1 tbsp veg oil  
3-4 oz butter  
14 shallots peeled and left whole or 2 large onions cut into chunks  
1 tbsp plain flour  
7oz red wine  
1 pint beef stock  
2 lb potatoes peeled and cut into thin slices  
Salt and pepper

### Method

Pre heat the oven to gas 3 or 170  
Place the oil and half the butter in a heavy based frying pan over high heat. When the butter is bubbling add the beef

a few pieces at a time and fry until brown on all sides. Remove when ready and place in a casserole dish, then add the onions to the frying pan until lightly brown, stir in the flour and then add the liquids and season.

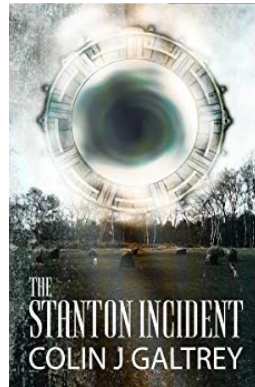
Place all into the casserole dish and then arrange the potatoes slices on the top overlapping, season with salt and pepper and dot the potatoes with third of the butter. Cover with a lid and place in oven for about 2 hours.

After about 1½ brush the potatoes with the remaining butter and turn the temperature up, take the lid off for the remaining last 30 mins.

Serve with fresh vegetables.

## New book from local author: *The Stanton Incident* by Colin J. Galtrey

*Jake Ingis made a mistake the day he entered the Stone Circle known locally as The Nine Ladies. From that day forward everybody he loves will be affected. How can a normal fun-loving young man be pulled into this life? Who is Cynbel and what was a warrior from the past doing on Stanton Moor? Nothing made sense. Share Jakes emotion of fear, love, hatred and the need to protect his loved ones. With no explanation, in the beginning, was he just dreaming? Has time goes on Jake's life is turned upside down over and over again. How Jake wanted his normal life back in the little village of Wensley. I guess there comes a time in everyone's life when we have to face the unknown and fear is the beast we have to conquer. Jake's time is soon coming and he knows it's time to stand up or be swallowed up in the heartbreak that is waiting for him. Is all lost for Jake Ingis and his family?*



For more information on this book and others by Colin go to [www.colingaltrey.co.uk](http://www.colingaltrey.co.uk). You can order the book via Amazon, where you can also read a sample chapter <https://www.amazon.co.uk/STANTON-INCIDENT-Colin-J-Galtrey-ebook/dp/B084FR3LL8>

## Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: March 2020

It is 23rd March. There is a heavy frost on the grass, but the sun is shining. There has been no rain for several days and the ground is drying up. I did my usual end of month walk yesterday. There were 19 species of wildflower in bloom, just 2 more than the same time last year. As well as the tiny white hairy bitter cress, spring whitlow grass and rue leafed saxifrage, there were yellow lesser celandines, plenty of daisies and some cowslips. The wych elms had lots of purple flowers releasing pollen when I took a closer look. Spring has arrived, even if the temperature could be somewhat higher.

Bird song is increasing, though a long way from a real dawn chorus. I have heard lots of dunnocks and some robins,

wrens, chaffinches, great tits and even the occasional song thrush. Blackbirds and greenfinches have been carrying nesting materials into our hedge. The drying soil means I have done some much needed weeding, always accompanied by a robin that will grab small worms almost off my fork and some interested blackbirds.

There have been several reports of kites around the village this month. On the 21st a kite flew slowly over the New Dam, causing panic amongst the geese which retreated to the water making a terrific din. The same kite was seen a few minutes later at Alport but this time being mobbed by crows. A sparrowhawk killed a collared dove down Brookleton, and there have been lots of buzzards, a raven and a few kestrels.

Early in the month a number of curlews were seen and heard, but I haven't seen them lately. On the 22nd two large flocks of swans flew over, about 30 in one 'V', 16 in another. Dippers have been scarce on the river, though present, but there have been grey wagtails, herons and even a dabchick. Goosanders have been on the river and the New Dam. Woodpeckers have been drumming. Garden birds have included bull finches and up to 15 long tailed tits.

A hare was spotted just out of the village and frogs and newts have been returning to garden ponds. There was a brimstone butterfly in the garden on the 16th. On the 19th, 5 large, pale and rather aggressive birds arrived at Alport, They turned out to



*Cowslips below the playing field*

be peahens that had left their usual home after an attack by a fox that had killed 3 of their flock. They are being slowly rounded up, but 2 re-appeared at Alport on the 23rd. I went down to see them and failed, but did see 2 red legged partridges as I cycled down Alport Hill. As I am now largely unemployed I have decided to improve my knowledge of mosses. The trouble is they all have very long Latin names and few English ones. For example, the moss in your lawn is probably *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus*. You see my problem.

My thanks to Doug, John, Pat, Simon, Judy, Andrew, Gill and Keith for their contributions.

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## A celebration of local dialect – Youlgrave in the 1950s

Bugle reader Martyn Gillie recently came across a survey of recorded English dialects which was carried out in the 1950s and is now featured in the British Library Sounds collection. Among the collection was a recording of **Thomas Birds**, a farmer from Youlgrave. Thomas was born in the late 1880s and the recording was done in 1955. In it Tom recalls the lead mines of the area and other things relating to the village. To listen to the 3-minute recording go to:

<https://sounds.bl.uk/Accents-and-dialects/Survey-of-English-dialects/021M-C0908X0051XX-0500V1>

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