



# The Bugle



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

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## **'Tis the season: the community comes together to celebrate Christmas in Youlgrave**

Despite two lockdowns and tight restrictions, including our village pubs being forced to close, Youlgrave's residents and community groups are determined to raise some Christmas cheer this month. Among the safe and socially distanced activities planned are:

- **Advent Village Trail** (page 6): Light up your Advent windows in your own homes around the village for all to enjoy during December.
- **Switching on Youlgrave's Christmas lights** (page 9): The lights on the village Christmas Tree in All Saints churchyard will be turned on at 5.30pm on Saturday 5th December – so why not switch on yours, as well, and light up Youlgrave?
- **Christmas Eve Nativity** (page 7): This year we will celebrate this popular and colourful event in a socially-distanced 'promenade' through the village to the church.
- **Youlgrave Band performances, including Christmas carols** (page 9): Enjoy your favourite village band playing traditional songs and carols on December 5th, 12th and 17th.



*Youlgrave Band gets ready to spread good cheer throughout the village.*



Seasonal greetings and a safe New Year to all our readers from everyone at the Bugle. The next issue will be out in February 2021.



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The Bugle now has a Christmas break and the next issue will be out in February 2021. **THANK YOU** to everyone who, over the last year, has given up their time to bring you the Bugle, including the editorial team, columnists and regular contributors, plus all the volunteer deliverers: Ian Bishop, Martin and Andrew Bristow, Geoff and Jane Clay, John Cooper, Louise Davis, Tricia Donnison, Graham Elliott, Joy Frost, John Fussey, Keith Hadwin, Kate Heath, Liz Hickman, Ann and Peter Knowles, Matthew Lovell, Pat MacLeod, Rob Meecham, John Orchard, the Pursglove family (Middleton), Peter and Margaret Ryder, Marjorie Shimwell, Peter Stone (Alport), Ian and Maggie Thurman, Richard Tucker, Mary Turner, the Turner family (Alport), Pat Vaughan, Youlgrave All Saints' Primary School, Youlgrave History Society, Ian Weatherley and John Wragg.

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## Santa visits Youlgrave!

Santa will be flying into Youlgrave on his sleigh for 3 days to visit and would love you to come and say hello.

I'm having a Christmas display in my garden which I invite you all to come and see. I'll have a safe one-way system, so you will be able to look around then see Santa before picking up a gift on your way out. He will be in his grotto Friday 18th, Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th December from 3pm till 6pm, but you may come and see the garden any time...



I will have a collection box for the food bank outside, so if any one can spare change door gifts or selection box this would be very much appreciated!

I raised £90 and lots of food when I had the Halloween display, so I want to thank each and every one of you who came along, had fun and donated.

I hope to see you again soon at **25 Grove Place, Youlgrave.**

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## Last posting dates for Christmas

*Friday 18th December: 2nd class*

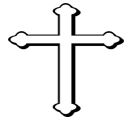
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## Youlgrave Churches: Comfort and Joy



'Comfort and Joy' is the theme the Church of England has suggested for this Advent and Christmas and we shall be basing some of our services in the Parish Church on this theme.

It is a source of great joy to many of us that our places of worship will be open again at the end of lockdown and I pray that if you are able to attend any of our services during December you will receive comfort as well as joy.

Our annual **Shoebbox** (Operation Christmas Child) collection and service took place in November and we gave 51 shoeboxes (11 of which were donated on line). Due to the lockdown the boxes will not leave church until 5th December.

Thank you. Your gifts will bring comfort and joy to the 51 families who will receive our boxes.

### Village Advent Calendar

Beat the COVID blues. Look out for the Advent Windows throughout the village between 1st and 24th December. It will be an inspiring and delightful preparation for Christmas. Thank you to the WI.

#### Services for December

6th December	11am	Advent Holy Communion (Family Service)
13th December	11am	Holy Communion
20th December	11am	Lessons and Carols for Christmas

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

24th December	5pm	Youlgrave Church Nativity (See below)
24th December	11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

25th December	11am	Informal Family Communion Service, beginning outside with Carol Singing (we hope).
27th December	11am	Christmas Praise, Middleton

### Come early for Christmas!

We are blessed with a Parish Church which is a wonderful large building and we can safely accommodate quite a big group of people while carefully adhering to necessary hygiene and social distancing precautions. But do come early to be sure of a place!

## Christmas Eve Nativity

Obviously many things are different this year.

We cannot have our usual Christmas Eve Nativity in the Church and so we are taking the story outside the church building where it really belongs! It will be a 'promenade' performance with Mary and Joseph walking thorough the village to the Church. **The Nativity starts at GROVE PLACE at 5pm on Thursday 24th December.**



Please watch them pass from the pavement before you follow, to ensure everyone has chance to see them and to enable social distancing to keep everyone safe. We don't want a procession. There will be marshals to help and you won't miss a thing by hanging back and giving everyone space. To help create the right atmosphere please dress up (if you'd like) as an angel or shepherd.

Please line the streets to create the hustle and bustle of Bethlehem at the time when the Roman Emperor Augustus ordered every man in the country to go back to the town where he was born to put his name on the tax register.

The shepherds will be down Bradford Lane at the bottom gate to the churchyard. Across the bottom of the churchyard you will find the three kings.



Finally, Mary and Joseph and the baby will be in the Church porch.

According to the new guidelines we shall even be able to sing some carols as we go!

The Christ Child will be in our hearts, in our homes, in our Church, in our village this Christmas time.

*MAY GOD BLESS YOU! GRAVE THIS CHRISTMAS*

## Memorial candles at Christmas

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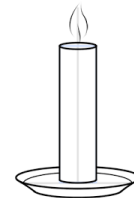
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*In memory of: Your loved ones name(s)*

*Sealed envelopes can be left at the Post Office or the Village Shop until 11th December.*

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

*If you have any questions please ring Catherine Birch on 01629 636083.*





## Seasonal surprises for Youlgrave W.I.

This December there will definitely be celebrations of the season, despite the ongoing pandemic. Our Committee and our members have thought about how to mark a normally very active time of year. There will be a virtual Christmas Party on December 8th with entertainment and fun for all. We shall participate in the exciting Advent Village Trail, too, and our Zoom speaker for January is Suzi Walker on the subject: 'Transforming healthcare with genomic technologies'. But other topics are already pencilled in and we can make good use of more Zoom speakers if necessary.

Our AGM was held in November. Sending out the business side and the voting information in advance worked well. Our Adviser received nominations for President, which concluded with Judith Rimmer as President, Lucy Barnwell as Treasurer and advisory Vice President, and Liz Hickman as ongoing Secretary. Accompanying this was a very colourful Quiz from Dianne Jeremy. The winner was Laetitia, with runners up being Nicola

Walker, Sandy Read, Karen Blackman and Jane Plummer.

In that same week, we thoroughly enjoyed our Sussex Prickles talk on their hedgehog rescue Lodges. Zoom has enabled us to book speakers from around the country on new subjects, and the 'audience' were very keen to know how the Centre had started, and its expansion into about 260 spiky residents. Many tips on helping these vulnerable creatures were handed out.

We were delighted to formally welcome three new members onto Committee, and thanked the three who were leaving. Our membership stands at 56 now, a healthy number of whom have volunteered to provide extra back up and practical help. Looking forward is now our shared mission, there are so many missed suppers, vital conversations and outings to catch up on.

We wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas, and a positive and much happier and healthier New Year.

*Liz Hickman*



### Countdown to Christmas with Peak Voices' on-line show

Following the success of their acclaimed live Christmas show in 2019, Peak Voices return this December with their cracker of an on-line show 'Countdown to Christmas!' The show will be available to view on Peak Voices' YouTube channel, Facebook page and Instagram page throughout December.

Filmed back in August in accordance with Government guidelines, expect yuletide favourites such as Winter Wonderland, Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas, White Christmas, Fairytale of New York and many more! So, pour yourself a glass of mulled wine and grab a mince pie as you get into the festive spirit with Peak Voices this Christmas. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z0zm5T3By0U>

## **Youlgrave Band will help everyone celebrate Christmas with festive cheer!**



Youlgrave's Christmas Celebrations Commence on 5th December and the Silver Band has combined with the Parish Council, religious organisations and WI to bring you some festive cheer – so long as we are allowed! We hope we can all be united at this time 'even when separated'. We hope the following events will happen, under the rule of 6, 'unorganised' or under changes according to new Covid 19 rules. So please switch on your lights, sing, listen and join us from your home vicinity, and later on bring your chair, and mug for hot soup.

### **SATURDAY 5th December 5.30pm: Switching on Youlgrave's lights**

There will be a Blessing of the village for Christmas followed by the switching on of lights on the Christmas tree outside All Saints Church at 5.30pm.

We hope everyone in the village will join in and switch on their Christmas lights and decorations at the same time. Perhaps those ahead of us can keep them off for 24 hours beforehand, especially for the lighting.

There will follow a group of band players and village singers who will visit all areas of the village to bring carols to your houses, so you can stay at home and still join in. You can expect to hear them near you at the times listed below:

#### GROUP 1

5.45pm – middle of Conksbury Avenue.  
6.00pm – the Orchard by Hannah Bowman Way  
6.15pm – Granby House on Alport Lane  
6.30pm – Outside 16 New Road  
6.50pm – Brassington Close  
7.00pm – Rock Cottages, Lower Bradford  
7.10pm – outside 5 Mawstone Lane  
7.30pm – Dale Cottages, Bradford

Finish with Mulled wine at Brookleton/  
Holywell Lane

#### GROUP 2

5.40pm – Fountain  
5.55pm – Farmyard Inn car park  
6.10pm – Methodist Church/The Gables houses  
6.20pm – Coldwell End  
6.35pm – Bankside parking/Chapel Cottages  
6.50pm – outside 30/31 Grove Place  
7.00pm – Chapel Close corner  
7.10pm – Cul-de-sac 20/21  
7.20pm – Dales housing  
7.30pm – end of Grove Place

### **SUNDAY 6th December, 2.30pm: Derbyshire Farmers' online' Carol Service**

<https://www.ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk/farmers-online-carol-service-2020>

**SATURDAY 12th December, 2pm: Outside Brass Band Carol Concert** (weather depending). Players from Youlgrave Silver Band (YSB) will play carols on the croft by the Wesleyan Chapel. We suggest you bring a chair to sit at a social distance and mug for hot soup.

**THURSDAY 17th December, 6pm onwards:** Youlgrave Silver Band will play **outside carols** along their normal Christmas route from Coldwell End to New Road.

*Youlgrave Silver Band Sec 07734714227*



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# Christmas Raffle

**Prizes include:**

- ❄️ **Cornwall Family Cottage Holiday (23-30 Jan)**
- ❄️ **White Peak Distillery Tour for 2**
- ❄️ **A Family Ticket for the Heights of Abraham**
- ❄️ **Chatsworth Gin and Peak Ale beers**
- ❄️ **A case of Beers from Thornbridge Brewery**
- ❄️ **An Outdoor family photoshoot**

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**Prize winners to be drawn on 13<sup>th</sup> December**



## The Pommie Plaque – anyone up for it?

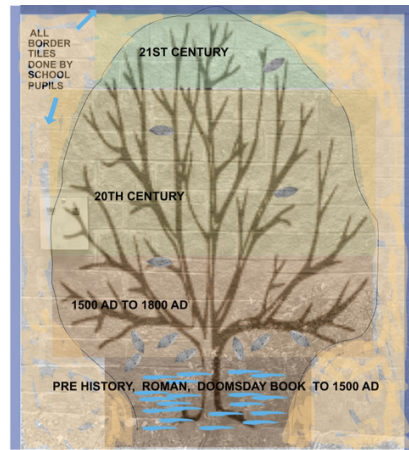
I've had an idea for a village mosaic attached to the wall of the Village Hall opposite the toilets. It will have a tree made of village handmade and fired tiles with different leaf shapes.

Starting at the bottom, probably with a reference to something in pre-history (geology) and then Domesday Book, and as we go up the trunk and branches different historical facts about the village. The leaves can have references to place names, local names, picture transfers depicting local wildlife, imprints of flowers, too. It won't be garish, done in warm browns and soft yellow and greens. On the border tiles I'm hoping the school pupils will be able to leave their mark by imprinting different objects or putting their initials on to the square and rectangular border tiles.

It will probably take at least a couple of years to complete, so I'm asking now to see who wants to help as it's too big for me to take it on by myself and I'd like YOUR ideas on what to put on. Obviously the local history group are going to be heavily involved.

If you're interested please give me a ring or email me.

The Village Hall has been contacted about using the wall and I'm still waiting for their approval.



### FUNDING – YES, FUNDING

We might get a bit of funding from various local businesses and groups or even a grant, but I'd really like the sponsor-a-tile idea myself.

Families or individuals could sponsor a tile of their choosing and imprint the clay with pre choices of text... any extra monies raised after the costs would go to the School and Village Hall, but I'm up for any suggestions.



Workshops could happen in the community room of the Village Hall.

Thanks for reading and please get in touch with me.

**Phil Smith**

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## Youlgrave Parish Council: parking frustrations

Youlgrave Parish Council continues to hold its meetings using Zoom technology and held its latest on 27th November. It received a reply from Derbyshire County Council (DCC) Highways that despite our and our PCSO's efforts to provide traffic control measures on Mawstone Lane, Highways is not prepared at present to implement this. To quote: "The provision of parking restrictions in isolated areas can just move the parking to other, and quite often less suitable, locations. In this instance, it is likely to create a greater parking demand within Youlgrave itself and increasing the demand for parking in residential areas where parking is already at a premium." The ever increasing need for parking both for residents and visitors is therefore not something that can be easily solved on the highway, unless paying permit schemes are requested which will cost households. Council therefore proposes to look into whether there are any suitable areas and willing landowners to provide more car parks.

Council agreed to raise the precept from April 2021 by £2.04 per household ie 4p per week, to enable us to continue to maintain and improve village facilities (including a refresh of the village website and children's play). Unfortunately at this time, grant monies are only available for Covid related, projects so replacements fall on our own efforts to fundraise, though it is hoped this is a temporary setback. The Waterworks was thanked for assisting Council in locating and repairing a leak on the playing fields and Council was pleased to support Youlgrave Silver band with a donation towards their efforts to bring Christmas cheer to the village. Other donations will be made from the small fund set aside at our next meeting, which is on 26th

January 2021 at 7:30pm. Once more it is by Zoom invitation – please email [youlgraveclerk@youlgrave.org.uk](mailto:youlgraveclerk@youlgrave.org.uk) for a link to attend once the agenda has been published in the preceding week.

We wish you a family a safe Christmas and New Year.

### ***DCC Highways Advice on Roadside Parking***

*It is important to note that roadside parking is governed by the Highway Code. A couple of excerpts are as follows:*

*242: You MUST NOT leave your vehicle or trailer in a dangerous position or where it causes any unnecessary obstruction of the road. Laws RTA 1988, sect 22 & CUR reg 103*

*243: DO NOT stop or park*

- *near a school entrance*
- *anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services*
- *at or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank*
- *on the approach to a level crossing/ tramway crossing*
- *opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space*
- *near the brow of a hill or hump bridge*
- *opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle*
- *where you would force other traffic to enter a tram lane*
- *where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles*
- *in front of an entrance to a property*
- *on a bend*
- *where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities except when forced to*

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Dear Editor

Many local people may not be aware that we were part of a 6-week badger cull zone this Autumn. The area covered by the cull was kept secret, as were the start and end dates. But a group of seven eminent vets including Dr Iain McGill, a former government scientist, and Prof Randal Munro, Chair of the independent panel on pilot badger culls, seriously questioned the validity of continuing to cull badgers on the assumption they are the main cause behind bovine TB.

A study which includes Derbyshire found only two carcasses were shown to have the clinical disease while two others had visible lesions leading them to claim that under 1% of badgers in the area might have been infectious. The studies were submitted to DEFRA in the summer of 2018 but only published at the end of last month – too late to prevent the slaughter of approximately 1,500 badgers in our area. Out of 313 dead badgers tested in Cumbria in 2019, only three were

found to be carrying BTB. This particular strain of BTB was also found in the infected cattle in the area which had been imported from Northern Ireland. So had the cows infected the badgers?

So what about the current skin test for TB in cattle? This has been described by one expert as completely inadequate. It can fail to pick up 50% of infected cattle. BTB is spread in the slurry to other cattle, let alone through cattle movement which is a major source of spreading infection.

Bovine TB costs the taxpayer over £100m every year. Killing badgers in an attempt to deal with it is described by leading government scientist Lord John Krebs as a 'crazy scheme' that isn't backed by science.

Another cull is planned for next September when a further 1,500 badgers will be killed.

For further information contact The Mid Derbyshire Badger Group  
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*rules of the Highway Code will not, in itself, cause a person to be prosecuted, the Highway Code may be used in evidence in any court proceedings under the Traffic Acts (see The road user and the law) to establish liability. This includes rules which use advisory wording such as 'SHOULD/SHOULD NOT' or 'DO/DO NOT'. The police are able to consider taking appropriate action for such offences whether or not the street is subject to formal parking restrictions, eg yellow lines. Cases of obstructive parking should be reported to the police on the non-emergency telephone number 101.*

## The natural world offers us hope and comfort in a difficult year

2020 has been an extraordinary year. For many a nightmare, but one thing it offered us was a great opportunity.

We are very fortunate that we can walk out in many directions from our home in Youlgrave, but this year we decided to cover the same ground for several weeks looking for signs of spring.

Our first sign was in Youlgrave churchyard where there were carpets of golden celandine which open wide when the sun shines. But today we left the village and walked down Raper Lane to the River Lathkill and followed it upstream. Among the first signs I've learnt to look for

are the clusters of bright golden marsh marigolds or king cups nestling along the river edge. These clumps seem to migrate to different places over several years, but are always present somewhere along the banks of rivers Bradford and Lathkill. Further along the path there is a certain spot where tiny white violets appear, before the more familiar blue ones show their faces under the trees on the hillside away from the river. We met a friend who said "Have you seen the fritillaries on the river bank?" We spotted them in bud, but the next time we passed there they were, a clear group of showy purple snakes head fritillaries which are a rarity and difficult to establish as a garden flower. During the following week white wood anemones were beginning to show under the trees on the bank and pink campion in sunnier spots as we climbed towards Meadow Place Farm. Here fields open out to a wide vista and already skylarks were singing and continued to for many months as we walked and

watched the grasses grow. As we sat on a stone step stile to drink coffee one day a cow showed great interest in my sunhat. I guess it must have looked a lot like hay!

This year it seemed as though we looked a long time for blackthorn to show its wonderful bridal white, but then it made a glorious sight. Bluebells began to bloom in sunny spots amongst trees and cowslips in the open meadow. At last trees were beginning to show the faint blur of green that makes it clear spring was really here.

We walked through fields gold with dandelions, but one day these had disappeared leaving a magical carpet of gossamer dandelion clocks. Then buttercups filled the fields but this year were not plucked to brighten our village well dressings. Before hayfields were mown, dog daisies adorned them. There was a rich display of wildflowers in the meadows along the old coach road from Alport. At last this first lockdown ended and many visitors came to share our lovely countryside.

*Carol Sutcliffe*



## Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: November

By the time you read this winter will officially be here. We've had some frosts in the last few days. Most of the leaves have now fallen, though some are hanging on. I'm just waiting for our apple tree to drop so I can do some pruning. I haven't done a serious wild flower survey this month as most flowers seen are just odd ones. Autumn hawkbit is still present along with some ivy leaved speedwell on the walls, some tatty looking sow thistle and occasional daisies. Berry distribution is very uneven this year. In our garden and much of the village the berries have largely been eaten, but cycling down Back Lane the other day the hawthorns were quite laden. A large area of toadstools have appeared on the playing field, but so far, I have failed to identify them.

I have seen some flocks of fieldfare and redwing over the village, but I'm not hopeful for any garden visitors as all our berries have gone. The bird of the month must surely be the kingfisher. This has been seen along most of the river and even fishing on the New Dam. I hope it was more successful than me lately. A very interesting bird, a brambling, was seen down Holywell Lane recently. This little arctic chaffinch can come in large numbers in the winter but has not been seen much in the area this year. Another bird that appears in large numbers in the winter is the starling and some quite large flocks, a couple of hundred, have been seen. Not quite a murmuration but displaying some of the aerial displays

of the real thing.

Along the river there have been the occasional dippers and grey wagtails, the usual coots, moorhens and mallards and the herons. Some of the herons are really quite tame and easily photographed. Our birds of prey have been plentiful. A kestrel was photographed sitting on a roof eating the mouse it had caught in long grass, sparrowhawks have been chasing birds in the garden and buzzards can often be seen and heard over the village. A barn owl has been seen and tawny owls can be heard calling.

In the gardens both greater spotted woodpecker and nuthatch made a rare appearance down Alport Road, the occasional goldcrest has visited our garden and coal tits seem especially abundant. Bullfinches, goldfinches and long tailed tits have all been seen. Large flocks of gulls, mainly lesser black backs, have been visiting local

fields. A small flock of stonechats can sometimes be found near the track to the New Dam. Along with them is one with a distinct eye stripe which does suggest a whinchat. However, any respecting whinchat would have migrated long ago so I feel, reluctantly, that it must be an odd stonechat.

My thanks to all my correspondents this year and this month's contributors: Simon, Leslie, Carol, Annabel, Pat, Edwina, John, Lisa, Helen, and Maggie. Here's to a successful Wildlife 2021.

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## Church Farm Diary, December

Who would have thought this time last year our lives would be controlled by a virus?

With Christmas just round the corner we have no idea what will be happening, certainly not the usual 14 sat round the table for Christmas dinner.

It must be awful for the turkey growers, because it is not a job that happens overnight, so I expect that a lot of turkeys will end up in the freezer this year. You can't say to the turkeys: "Hold on, don't grow anymore".

We are still missing going to the market, but the carol service will be on the website on the internet.

It's nice to know all the stock are in the sheds now the weather is turning. When the milk cows go out in the field it only takes a drop of rain to send them scurrying back in.

When my dad milked, the cows were tied up by the neck from about October to mid May, only let out to exercise on a dry frosty day. Each cow was fed separately and cleaned out by hand with a shovel and brush tipped into the wheelbarrow which was then emptied into the muck middin. It was then loaded into a trailer, taken into the field and then the manure was dropped into heaps around the field and then scattered with a fork.

There were no overweight farmers years ago. Then the machines arrived and made life a lot easier.

Let's hope that next Christmas we will look back and say "we did survive".

I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Take care.

**Marjorie Shimwell**

### ***Recipe of the Month: Baked chicken with rice and apricots***

*This could also be used with turkey*

#### Ingredients

*1 tbsp olive oil  
8 British chicken thighs  
1 onion thinly sliced  
2 large carrots coarsely grated  
2 cloves garlic sliced  
80g dried apricots chopped  
1 tsp ground allspice  
½ tsp ground cinnamon  
200g basmati rice well rinsed  
150g frozen baby broad beans or peas  
½ pack of dill roughly chopped  
400ml chicken stock  
1 lemon, juice of ½  
½ cut into wedges*

#### Method

*Preheat the oven to gas 6 or 200 c.  
In a large ovenproof pan or casserole dish heat the oil season the chicken and fry until golden brown.  
Remove the chicken from the pan and add the onion carrot and garlic to the pan and fry for about 5 mins.  
Add the apricots and spices, cook for 1 min. Stir in the rice beans and most of the dill then pour in the stock, Heat until bubbling, squeeze in the lemon juice and return the chicken to the pan.  
Bake in the oven until the chicken and rice is cooked, about 30-40 mins.  
Remove from the oven and scatter the remaining dill and serve with extra lemon and a fresh green salad.*

## **Inquiry into status of Over Haddon–Youlgrave route**

A public inquiry into the legal status of a route between Over Haddon and Youlgrave via Meadow Place Grange has found that the majority of it should be designated a public bridleway. This means that it can only be used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders and not motorbikes or motorised vehicles.

The route is from Over Haddon village to Back Lane, Youlgrave, via the clapper bridge/ford at the River Lathkill and the farmyard of Meadow Place Grange. The public inquiry was held in November 2019 and the inspector ruled that the majority of the route should be classified as a public bridleway; but the narrow tarmac lane leading downhill to the Lathkill from Over Haddon should be classified as an ordinary road (although it effectively becomes a dead

end for motor vehicles). Because of this the original order will need to be amended, so this decision has is interim.

There had to be a public inquiry because the Green Lane Association (GLASS), which represents off-road driver objected to Derbyshire County Council's original Order to make the route is a bridleway.

The inquiry heard compelling evidence from local residents, walkers, horse riders and landowners, including detailed historical evidence, that the route beyond the Lathkill has always been used as a bridleway.

The full report is available here: [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/912412/row\\_3222938\\_interim\\_od.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/912412/row_3222938_interim_od.pdf)



*This is a photo of my Dad with the last working horse we had on the farm. We kept the last two, called Darkie and Molly – this one is Darkie. They had a lovely retirement in the fields when the tractor came along to do all their work. I am pictured on the horse with a friend in about 1949. **Marjorie Shimwell***

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## Remembering Youlgrave's football legend: Wilf Lincoln

As reported previously in the Bugle, the 2020 Wilf Lincoln Trophy was played at the end of August at Buxton's Silverlands ground. This year's match marked the 10th anniversary of the match between Bakewell Town and Youlgrave and to date £2,000 has been raised for Alzheimer charities and for Meadow View Care Home in Darley Dale. We also thought you might like to know a bit more about the man himself.

Wilf Lincoln was born in 1928 and originated from Unstone, near Chesterfield. He had a natural talent for ball sports but also was a very keen cyclist, taking part in time trials all over the UK and abroad. He played for Chesterfield Tech College then Markham Works and New Whittington and his talents attracted the attention of

various professional clubs. He had trials for Port Vale, Burnley and Coventry City in the late 1940s, but decided that he wanted to get married and start a family, so gave up his ambitions to be a professional footballer to pursue a career in engineering.

He continued to play part time, however, and Bert Marsden, local builder and Chairman of Youlgrave FC knew what an asset he would be if he could persuade him to move clubs. He asked his Dad (otherwise known as 'The Boss') if he would rent his house on New Road to Wilf so he could come to play for Youlgrave and he agreed. He met and subsequently married Dronfield girl Ella Pinder in Dronfield Church in 1952. They had two daughters, Janice and Susan, and moved to a new bungalow on

Brassington Close where Ella still lives at the age of 90.

According to news reports at the time there followed the most successful period in the club's history with Wilf Lincoln as captain. In one year alone towards the end of the 1950s they were undefeated champions of the Bakewell and District League, as well as winning the Bakewell Cup, Bakewell Junior Cup, Bakewell Benevolent Cup,



*Youlgrave's team included captain Wilf Lincoln (back row, third from right) and goalkeeper Michael Shimwell (back row, centre).*



Stonebroom Charity Cup and Wirksworth Well Dressings Cup, scoring 212 goals and conceding just 63. No wonder it was said that Pommie's record was unrivalled by any other village football club in Derbyshire.

Unfortunately in later life Wilf struggled with ill health and, having battled against Alzheimer's for 12 years, he eventually passed away in 2009 at the age of 81. He often spoke

about the intense rivalry between Youlgrave and Bakewell Town and how competitive the matches were. Ella wanted to recognise his footballing achievements by establishing a trophy in his name for which Youlgrave and

Bakewell would compete annually. At the same time she wanted to raise money for Alzheimer support charities.

Unfortunately Wilf's grandson, Ben Rach, broke his toe the week before this year's game took place so, for the first time, couldn't take his regular position in the Bakewell team.

Despite his absence, Bakewell once again triumphed for the tenth year running but, as the score would suggest it was a close contest on a very wet night with little to choose between the sides. Despite the weather, the game was enjoyed by players and spectators alike, another £200 was raised for this very worthy cause and once again we remembered Wilf Lincoln and the footballing legacy he left behind.

# YOULGREAVE F.C. PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS



(Back (left to right) S. Calman, L. Chadwin, C. Ashby, M. White, G. Gregory, W. Lincoln (captain), M. Glazebrook, P. Marshall, B. Post, K. Taylor. In front: A. Harrison, A. Taylor (trainer), G. Boden, R. R. Marston (Chairman and Secretary) and A. Evans.



Little wonder Youlgrave F.C. players and officials were all smiles when the photographer called. The season just closed was one of the most successful in the club's history – and that is saying a good deal when it is realised that "Pommy's" record in post-war football is probably unrivalled by any other village soccer club in Derbyshire. They were undefeated champions of the Bakewell and District League, and gained six other awards and trophies – the D.F.A. Medals, the Bakewell Cup, Bakewell Benovolent Cup, Stonebroom Charity Cup and the Wirksworth Well Dressings Cup. In addition, they were runners-up in the Marshall Wood Peakland Cup. Altogether, over 90 individual cup replicas, medals and plaques were presented to the Youlgrave players. And they earned their awards by netting 212 goals, against 63 scored by opposing teams.

Local newspaper report from the late 1950s:

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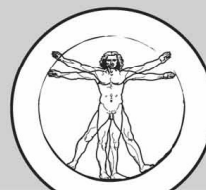
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## The Monastic Granges of Derbyshire

Author Sue Woore explains how medieval monasteries once ran a vast network of outlying farms and land across the county.

The evolution of this book was the happy consequence of many years tramping around Derbyshire, poring over maps and delving into archives to investigate previous topics of interest: tracking down Domesday manors, searching out the distribution of 'hay' place names and plotting medieval parks has all served to excite the imagination and focus our minds on 'the next thing'. This next project has not disappointed!

What were all these granges, scattered about the county and why were there so many? Were they all associated with religious houses and if so, what was their allegiance?

It soon became apparent that Derbyshire was a desirable destination for some 20 abbeys to establish granges. Few of the granges belonged to Derbyshire foundations, in fact the travelling distance from abbey to grange in most cases was arduous, in some instances astounding. The routes of travel from far flung abbeys of Dunstable, Bicester, Louth, Buildwas and Sempringham involving ancient trackways and river crossings have exercised our minds so much that we have called upon the expertise of Brian

Rich to provide some ideas and case studies to add colour to this part of the book.

We have found the distribution of granges to be woven into the history and geography/geology of the landscape. The Royal Forest of the Peak, often perceived as wild and forbidding, was the location for early clearances and enclosures with extensive cattle breeding together with several studs for horses. Here we found records of dissent, lawlessness and court appearances, as monks and lay brothers clashed with forest law, a situation repeated in Belph on the edge of Sherwood Forest and Dale bordering on the early Forest East of the Derwent.

### Meadowplace Grange

We were fascinated by the inter-religious bickering and wrangling over rights of land and income. However we should really feel grateful for such disputes, as one between Leicester Abbey and the tenants of the Duchy of Lancaster led to the production of the treasured, earliest map of Derbyshire, 1528, showing Meadowplace Grange and the surrounding River Lathkill in wonderful detail.

Apart from Roystone, near Parwich, little excavation of former buildings has taken place. However, having 'got our eye in' over the years, as far as reading the landscape goes, in the absence of buildings we began to feel confident in plotting boundaries of the grange lands. It surprised us to find old banks curving into the distance, ignoring present field patterns, huge walls with orthostat bases, remnants of sheepfolds and walls narrowing into funnels where management of stock had taken place.



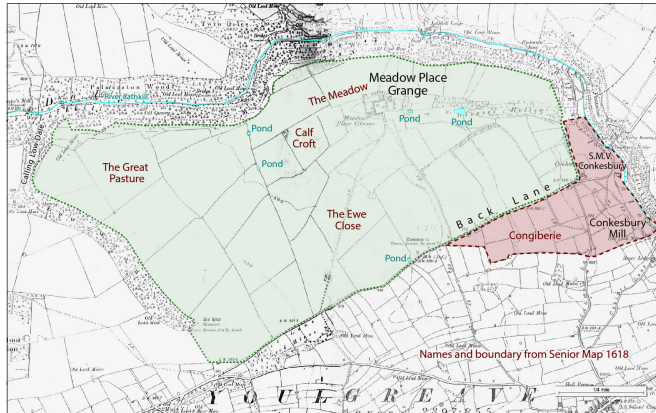
*Meadow Place Grange*

The over-riding feature, key to all these granges, and our first 'must have' find was a water source. On the permeable limestone, sites of many dew ponds abound either as lost depressions or as viable, current drinking place. To find a double sided dew pond was good, but to find a quartered one as at Pilsbury, still in use, structured to serve four enclosures, was wonderful!

Following an initial trawl through Kenneth Cameron's 'Place Names of Derbyshire' and 1st edition 6" maps for grange names, observing on foot was a must for us both. Supporting evidence from documentary sources completed the narrative.

### **The lost village of Conksbury**

Above the steep edge of the Lathkill Valley, a series of granges developed on the limestone plateau. The Domesday vill of Conkesbury was an outlier of the royal manor of Bakewell, sited alongside the ancient routeway leading over the 'Brid de Konkesbury'. This settlement was gifted, in 1143, together with the mill, to the Augustinian Abbey of the Blessed Lady of the Meadows at Leicester by William Avenal. The grange of Meadowplace or 'Newbyggyn' was established by 1251. As the grange flourished, so land was steadily stripped from what had been a large settlement of some 18 tofts; by 1618 the grange had 694 acres whilst the vill of Conkesbury had been reduced to 2 houses, a mill and 68 acres. The map reproduced on the cover of our book, mentioned earlier, also involved Callington and One Ash, the neighbouring granges of Roche Abbey, in Yorkshire. This map shows that Meadowplace and the important water sources shown, are on almost the exact



*Meadow Place Grange and 'Conksbury'*

footprint today almost five hundred years later.

One Ash Grange, adjoining Monyash, was possibly initially run in conjunction with Callington, by the Abbey of Roche, as a large sheep walk, given the Cistercians' skill and success in sheep rearing. One Ash was also a Domesday vill; an outlier of Bakewell, gifted slightly earlier, in 1101, than Meadowplace by the same William Avenal. No evidence either on the ground or in records has been found to show where this vill was or when it was either abandoned or re-located. The Lathkill, reached by a narrow stony path, was the most probable site of a mill, documented in 1328, used by certain tenants of Monyash. On a high water table there was the possibility of a sheep wash here too.

This is a brief view of some of the 52 Derbyshire granges which we have presented as a Gazetteer with maps, illustrations, time lines and historical notes. An detailed analysis of how granges were reached from the mother houses is given in an Appendix.

**Monastic Granges of Derbyshire** by Sue Woore (2019) is published by W & WP and is available by post from: Ashley, Belle Vue Road, Ashbourne DE6 1AT; or on-line from Amazon, Waterstones etc or local bookshops.

## **Youlgrave Branch of The Royal British Legion – Poppy Appeal 2020**



The coronavirus pandemic, along with the lockdown and social-distancing measures which accompanied it, have left many businesses struggling to make ends meet. Charities have also been hit hard, with many unable to run their usual fundraising activities. Nearly a third (31%) of 1,000 charitable organisations said they expected their income to fall by between 51% and 75% in the next six months - with 4.3% saying they feared their organisation might not survive.

This presented an immediate challenge to Chairman David Camm and the Youlgrave Branch of The Royal British Legion. No door to door collections were allowed for the Poppy Appeal Collections so they were calling on the public to support them like never before, because every donation counts. From donating for poppies through the post for neighbors and local community, displaying a poppy in your window, donating online or undertaking a virtual Poppy run, there were many ways to support the Poppy Appeal from home in line with Covid-19 restrictions. The results for Youlgrave were certainly better than expected with all village businesses and organisations stepping up to assist with collection tins being placed within their business premises. A final figure of £1,378.68 was collected which was an amazing total considering.

Your kind donations are a salute to the Service personnel past and present who are in need. Generous donations, like yours, make it possible for The Royal British Legion to answer over 205,000 calls for practical, emotional and financial support for families coping with the loss of a loved one, help at home to remain living independently, friendship visits for housebound people and recovery centres for injured personnel. Through your generosity at this special time they are here to help others in need.



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## ***News from Youlgrave School: Black History Month and Race Equality***

Pupils at Youlgrave All Saints have enjoyed participating in activities during October to mark Black History Month. During the month pupils looked at positive black role models of the past and present, as well as creating displays for their classroom walls. In addition, all classes received a virtual lesson from Bemma Akyeampong from the African Ark in Nottingham who shared ideas about different cultures by looking at foods and black role models. We even learnt an African song.

Class 3 were very knowledgeable about the Black Lives Matters movement that has been prevalent in



the news this year and we had some interesting discussions around the

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toppling of the statue in Bristol and whether this was the right thing to do or not. Alongside this, we focused on some leading figures in science and we particularly enjoyed learning about Mae C Jemison as she links nicely with our topic this term: she was the first female African-American in space!

After a technical glitch with the online link, we eventually got to speak to Bemma and her thoughts and feelings on sharing the world we live in and celebrating our differences really resonated with the children, especially

as we have discussed similar attitudes in Collective Worship, PSHE and Anti-Bullying week. Listening to Bemma's stories and attitudes to others was a lovely end to our Black History Month activities.

Class 1 also experienced in an African Art workshop, which featured a storytelling of an African story 'Handa's Surprise'. This included an interactive fruit tasting session, with our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children eating mango and pineapple!



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