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Over Haddon–Youlgrave disputed route confirmed as bridleway

After an exhaustive legal process stretching back to 2018, a route used by the public between Over Haddon and Back Lane, Youlgrave, has finally been confirmed as a public bridleway and Derbyshire County Council will now modify the Definitive Map (the legal record of public rights of way in England and Wales).

The section in question stretches from the ford over the River Lathkill below Over Haddon village up through Meadow Place Wood. It then crosses a field to Meadow Place Grange where it joins a surfaced driveway to Back Lane at Conksbury. Recreational vehicle users had claimed that the legal status of the route was unclear and as such it could be used by motor vehicles and motorbikes.

A lengthy legal process led by the Planning Inspectorate ensued, involving submissions of evidence from different parties that drew on historical documents as well as public testimonies (including from local residents). The Planning Inspector eventually confirmed the order to dedicate the route as a public bridleway, which means that it



The route through Meadow Place Grange.

may only be used by people on foot, bicycle or horse – not by motorbikes or motorised vehicles (except for farm vehicles).

The order will eventually be published at www.gov.uk/guidance/2020-rights-of-way-order-information-decisions-and-maps.



For Christmas notices and events, including the Crib Service and other Church services, see pages 14–21.



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When: Saturday 16th December

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VILLAGE NEWS

Village meeting on parking issues

Report by Cllr Anne Blenkinsopp & Cllr Andrew McCloy

On 16th November Youlgrave Parish Council organised a public meeting to discuss parking problems in the village. Around 30 people attended and there was a constructive and thoughtful discussion.

Facilitated by parish councillors, the meeting worked in groups to consider specific problems, possible solutions, barriers that need to be overcome, information or data that was missing, and so on. There were residents from all parts of the village and we considered parking problems at specific locations, as well as a taking a village-wide perspective. At the end of the evening each group fed back their priority actions to take forwards and there was considerable agreement:

- Creation of a 'No parking/drop off point' in the lay-by outside the School gates;
- Concern at the storage of camper vans/motor homes throughout the village (when not in use), which could potentially be stored on farms or similar;
- The overall need for more car parking, with some priority for residents located strategically within the village - and at the edges of the village for visitors (to reduce volumes of traffic through the village); it was felt that there is currently insufficient capacity in the village for safe and sensible parking of residents' and visitors' vehicles.
- The introduction of thin double



The public meeting at the Village Hall.

yellow lines (as we see in the Lake District) at specific locations where dangerous parking obstructions are repeatedly taking place, notably Church Corner/very top of Bradford; at strategic points along Bradford Road; opposite the entrance of Barnes Lane/Post Office and around Fountain Square.

- Introduction of short term parking/waiting outside shops on Church Street (ie intended for shop customers only).

Other issues that came up included: parking over pedestrian white lines, especially outside the top chapel; parking on pavements which forces pedestrians to use the road; irresponsible parking on Grove Place that is damaging verges and obstructing pavements; indiscriminate holiday home parking at the top of Bankside/Coldwell End; signage to discourage traffic down Bradford Road; creation of Electric Vehicle charging points; and

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encouraging bus operators to run a 'hoppa' visitor minibus for visitors that would run between local villages and discourage car use.

The Parish Council also clarified that residents are welcome to use village car parks but not store unused vehicles in them. Visitors are strongly encouraged to use the car parks and contribute to their upkeep through the honesty box. The concept of a residents' parking scheme was raised and discussed, and met with some interest (approximately 50%). This discussion should continue.

The Parish Council will share the meeting's findings with Derbyshire County Council as evidence of the community's priorities for tackling parking problems in Youlgrave and as a call for action - we appreciate that some activities would need to happen in parallel to avoid compounding the issues, e.g. we cannot introduce significant parking restrictions without creating additional parking capacity. DCC's response will be reported to the Parish Council and through regular Bugle article updates.

Parish Council report: Precept, play equipment, footpaths and parking

Youlgrave Parish Council met on 28th November and set the precept for the coming year. This is to be an increase of £2,061 on the previous year, which will amount to an extra £4.35 per household (or 9p per week). Whilst costs are rising, we are also embarking on a major project to replace the sports pavilion on Alport Lane Playing Fields, and although most of this will be determined by a funding application we will incur costs getting there.

Our recent success with an Awards for All application will see the junior play tower on the playing field replaced this winter with a modern clamber stack.

Council is still collecting evidence for the use of the footpath from Alport Lane along New Road to Bradford Dale FP14, and from the church gate to FP14 and Alport Lane via New Road, and will be pleased to receive your evidence on the official Derbyshire County Council Highways Forms being circulated prior to our next meeting.

Following the recent traffic meetings, including the public meeting that we organised (see report on previous

page), the top concern is for the area outside the school, and we have met with DCC Highways officers to recommend that the first three spaces outside the school from the church gate be made a bus stop or a school no parking zone. This would mean that the 'swimming' bus would not need to block the road, the school's deliveries could temporarily park there, and an extra passing place be available for the narrow section by the Reading Room. Most importantly, though, it would create a safer zone for children, with far greater visibility for all users. Council will therefore be pleased to receive your views on this, as Highways need us to carry out a survey before they will consider implementing it.

We next meet on 23rd January 2024 in the Reading Room at 7:15pm. Please remember to ask in our Post Office for the '20s Plenty' wheelie bin stickers to support our campaign.

Matthew Lovell
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Pommie People

This month's interviewee is **Andrew Parker**, Church Warden and Youlgrave's former Butcher and Sub Postmaster.



Where were you born and what's your earliest memory?

I was born in Darley Dale in 1952. One of my earliest memories was playing in the old trucks belonging to Toft and Tomlinson's haulage contractors. Also the drop hammer at Firth Denhons (as it was known then).

Where did you go to school and what was your favourite subject?

We moved to Youlgreave in 1957 and I started school in Mrs Lees' class. From there I went to Bakewell Boys School till I was 15. I then went to Chesterfield College part time studying meat technology. I enjoyed maths and history at school.

What person has had the most influence on you?

My father had the most influence and he taught me that if you've got £1 in

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your pocket and manners you can go anywhere, lad.

Tell us something about you that not many people will know.

I nearly went to Australia on a £10 passage. I also wanted to join the Navy.

What did you do for a living and how did you get into it?

I worked in my father's shop as a butcher for over 40 years, then had a career change turning the shop into the village Post Office.

How do you relax?

Walking my dog, shooting and fishing.

What living person to you most admire and why?

My wife Alison for being by my side for the last 44 years.

Where's your favourite holiday destination?

Cornwall.

What book are you reading at the moment?

'Ravenspur: Rise of the Tudors (The Wars of the Roses)' by Conn Iggulden.

What's your favourite time of the day and why?

Morning, when everything is fresh.

What's your favourite food or meal?

A good steak, cooked medium and not too rare.

What's your favourite sport?

Rugby.

Are you a cat or a dog person?

Dog – I have a 7-year-old Black Lab called Tilly.

What are you most proud of?
My family.

What's the most embarrassing thing that's ever happened to you?

Hiring a boat in Salcombe. The outboard motor broke down and I was crashing into expensive boats. The harbour master finally rescued me.

What's your most prized possession and why?

A mini mouse keyring belonging to my late daughter Helen.

What skill would you like to learn?
To play a musical instrument.

What do you like about living in Youlgrave?

I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. People are so kind and friendly and pull together in times of need.



Andrew and his father Fred in the family shop.

What's your favourite local view/place/location?

From my garden and watching the season's change.

What could be improved about Youlgrave?

Definitely our parking problems!

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

This is regularly used and it would be wonderful if we could offer a few Christmas treats as the festive season approaches.

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Alan Fawcett

It is with great sadness we have to inform you of the death of Alan (Al) Fawcett. But I prefer to focus on the happy times we have enjoyed in Youlgrave and the surrounding countryside.

As many of you know, neither of us can claim to be 'local'. Al was a Londoner, the accent being a bit of a give-away. I am a Rochdalian, arrived in Youlgrave via Yorkshire and 'the South'.

I am sure many of you have heard Al's tales of "being bombed out of London by Hitler" resulting in his family moving out to Essex. Some 40 years later, a lot of water having flowed under both our bridges, we found ourselves mucking out horses in adjacent stables where our mutual love of animals and countryside began our friendship.

I didn't like Essex and more and more weekends were spent travelling to Derbyshire, which I had grown to love as a student in Sheffield.

By the time our working lives in the South came to an end we felt established in Youlgrave with its wonderful community and countryside which confirmed for Al that its not all "grim up North". We were both very aware how lucky we were to be here.

You are all invited to raise a glass and share happy memories of Al in the Farmyard Inn, Youlgrave, on 7th December, 3-5pm. This is just an informal event for you to pay your respects and for me to thank you all for your friendship and support. Pam



Youlgrave immortalised in Grayson Perry artwork



In November I visited the Grayson Perry exhibition in Edinburgh, which was a phenomenal display of all his work up to this present day. One of his latest pieces on display was a vase he had made... and I noticed on the info he mentions a 'Derbyshire village'. On closer inspection it had a photo decal of Youlgrave's notice board on it. Wow, I recognise that, I thought! It included a poster for the Pommie Plaque, Knoll Club and a fun day on our playing fields. Although it's not exactly clear, you can see from the photo it's still recognizable. It was a bit of a shock, though, and a bit of kudos for our village, don't you think, immortalised in one of Grayson's art forms for ever? Also on the vase was a Yuk sign, which I think is ours, too. **Phil Smith**

(Part of an episode in 'Grayson Perry's Full English', a 3-part Channel 4 series broadcast earlier this year, was filmed in Youlgrave – Ed)

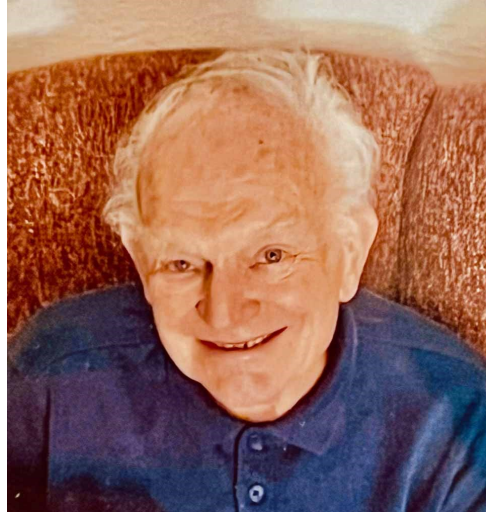
Mike Newman

I've been asked by Mike's wife, Ingrid, to write something about Mike, since he was a long standing and incredible past Treasurer and Chair of our Village Hall.

Mike was born in 1935 in Carlisle and brought up in Hull. His father was a signwriter and his mother a clerical registrar at the main hospital in Hull.

He was keen on classical music and played the cello from an early age. He was chosen to play in the National Youth Orchestra, but after going to grammar school in Derby decided to take up a career in engineering. Being around trains must have influenced his decision to become a design engineer and later a Chartered Engineer. British Rail thought he was so good that they sent him to study at Cambridge.

One of many projects he was involved in was the design of a tilting train which now resides in York National Railway museum; and later he was heavily involved in the design of the EuroStar train.



Retiring in 1993 here in Youlgrave, he obviously couldn't slow down and jumped into the Treasurer's role at the Village Hall; then, when Ingrid retired in 1995, she took over that role and Mike became Chair.

Over 12 years the Hall improved somewhat as he reined in quite a few small and large grants to feed this hungry building – new kitchen, showers and the history boards situated around the hall, until finally he finished in 2005.

The Heritage Lottery grant was applied for twice, the first time unsuccessfully, but that wasn't going to deter Mike and he managed to secure an amazing £180,000 grant to reclad the roof and outside.

What a sorry state our Hall would have been without Mike and being supported by his wife in their duo role!

Thank you, Mike, from the Committee of the Village Hall.



Some of the highly-acclaimed village history and well-dressing panels at the Village Hall.

Phil Smith

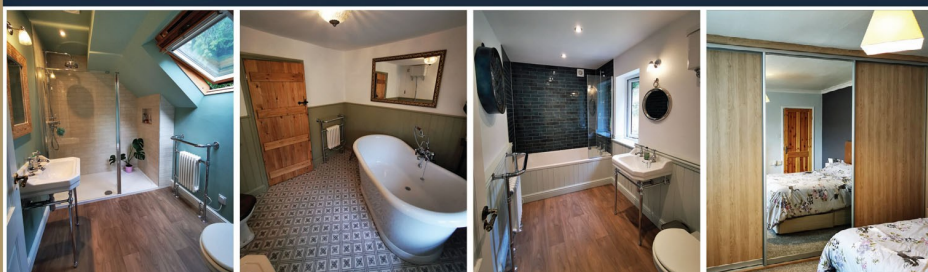
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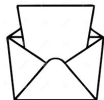
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A big thank you to all.

All these young people can trace their ancestry back to Grandparents and Great Grandparents born in Youlgrave.

Doug and Annette Oldfield would like to wish all their family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Christmas at Fountain View Bakery



This Christmas Fountain View Bakery will be taking orders for bread and festive goodies. From mid-November a Christmas menu will be available so that customers can place advance orders for assorted Yuletide treats as well as our house sourdoughs, ciabatta and speciality loaves. Please ask in the bakery for more details.

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From the Churches

Through the month of December the rest of the world – including us churchgoers on weekdays, if we're honest – moves towards Christmas with presents and cards, parties and social events. Meanwhile the church marches to an older drumbeat: we prepare for Christmas by remembering the hope of Christ's second coming on Advent Sunday; we recall the prophecies from centuries earlier that Christians have always attached to Christ, we see how God prepared a woman, Mary, and a people for his coming, and we prepare ourselves as best we can to receive him afresh.

Why are we so determinedly out of step with the contemporary world? Because we want to remind ourselves and others of why God had to send Christ to us: to bring light into this world's darkness, which we see all too easily in wars, injustice and environmental damage; and to call a people to himself to live out the goodness of God's love and share it with others.

This year our Christmas services are spread over two weekends. The carol service is on the evening of 17th. Then, on Christmas Eve, back by popular demand - the return of the much loved Crib Service combined with the Nativity Procession. So at 5pm on Christmas Eve bring your torches and lanterns and join us at Grove Place. Led by the star,

Mary and Joseph (and perhaps even a donkey) will visit the three inns of the village and finally find a stable in the church where the baby can be born.

After entering our church through the great west door, we shall meet the angels, the shepherds, the wise men and wicked king Herod as the story unfolds in the words of the play which we have used for many years. We shall sing carols and you can come dressed as a shepherd, an angel, a wise man or

even a sheep and take part in the play yourself (no words to learn). Finally before you go home you will see Mary, Joseph, the baby Jesus and the other people and animals in the story assembled in the stable (the church porch). What a great way to begin Christmas!

We need some willing people to help marshal this event and make sure folk are safe as we

process through the village on our way to the church. Would anyone willing to help contact Charlotte at brightfive@btinternet.com?

In recent days we have had the sad news of the death of Brenda Harrop. Brenda was a woman of real goodness and deep Christian faith, who was serving as Church Warden at the time of her death. She will be sorely missed throughout the village and beyond. A full tribute will appear in the next issue.

Richard Tucker and Jane Clay



Services for December & January

Sundays:

3rd December

11 am Family Service for Advent
6.45 pm Advent Evening Prayer at Middleton

10th December

11 am Holy Communion

17th December

11am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Lessons and Carols by candlelight, with scratch choir

Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th

11 am Holy Communion
5 pm Nativity procession from Grove Place, Crib Service in church – see details above
11.30 pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

11 am Christmas Family Service at Middleton

31st December

No service at Youlgrave; 11am Holy Communion at Hartington

7th January

11 am Christmas Praise
6.45 pm Evening Prayer at Middleton

14th January

11 am Holy Communion

21st January

11 am Morning Prayer

28th January

11 am Holy Communion for Youlgrave group



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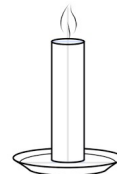
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Back by popular demand – the return of Youlgrave Crib Service

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Finally, before you go home, you will see Mary, Joseph, the baby Jesus and the other people and animals in the story assembled in the stable (the Church Porch)

What a great way to begin Christmas! So, we need some willing people to help marshal this event and make sure folk are safe as we process through the village on our way to the Church. Would anyone willing to help? Contact Charlotte brightfive@btinternet.com.

What: Nativity Procession and Crib Service

Where: Grove Place and then into Church

When: 5pm Christmas Eve

Who: Everyone!



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Sunday 3rd Dec, 6pm – Elton Christmas lights

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Monday 11th Dec, Rowsley, 6.30pm – carols (Peacock Hotel)

Thursday 14th Dec, evening carols around Youlgrave village

Monday 18th Dec, Stanton Lees Chapel, 6.30pm – carols

Thursday 21st Dec, Farmyard Inn, Youlgrave – carols

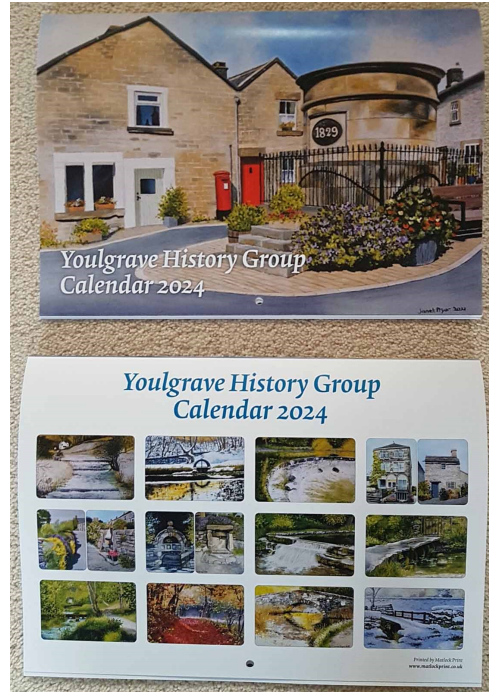
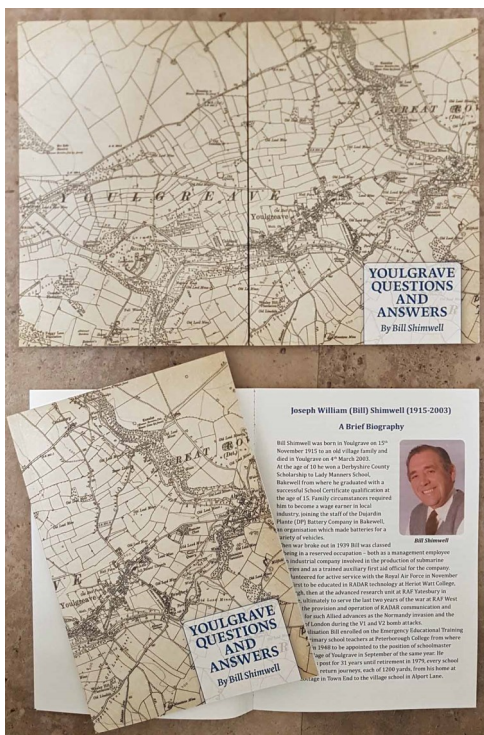
Sunday 23rd Dec, Bakewell Farmers Market, 10.30am–12.30pm

Come and join your own village band to celebrate Christmas with us!



Gifts for Christmas from Youlgrave History Group

Youlgrave Calendar 2024 is packed with colour photographs showcasing paintings by our very own village artist, Janet Pryor, taken from her 'Little Corners of Youlgrave' series which depicts well known and unusual viewpoints from around our lovely village.



Youlgrave Questions & Answers by Bill Shimwell Is a newly extended and edited booklet featuring a biography of the author by his sons, new colour photographs and additional questions and answers and editorial notes. An interesting and entertaining read and an invaluable source of fascinating and quirky information about Youlgrave.

Both will make excellent Christmas presents for Youlgrave residents, visitors and those who have an interest in our village.

Available to buy in Youlgrave Post office or order your copies direct from Youlgrave History Group by emailing yhgenquiries2@gmail.com

Youlgrave History Group – Church Tiles Project Update



Frederick Garrard tiles in Youlgrave Church.

We are delighted to report on more exciting developments with the Church Tiles Project!

Following our article published in the November issue of the Bugle, you will now be aware that in October a section of the wooden panelling in the chancel of Youlgrave Church next to the altar was removed to expose some of the wall tiles hidden behind. This gave us the opportunity to photograph the tiles and begin research to establish the tile designer and their state of preservation.

We contacted the Tiles and Architectural Ceramics Society (TACS) and sent them photographs of the tiles from Youlgrave Church. We are excited to tell you that Mr Chris Blanchett, Tile Historian, has not only been able to identify the designer of the tiles as Frederick Garrard, but also that they are a rare and interesting find!

Below is a section of Chris's letter to us:

Re: All Saints Parish Church, Youlgrave

Following recent correspondence with Barbara Scrivener and Amanda Hall, I have been asked to put in writing my opinion on the recently uncovered tiling on the East wall of the above church:

a) I can confirm that the manufacturer of the tiles was Frederick Garrard of the Millwall Pottery, corner of West Ferry Road and Ferry Street, Millwall, London (c1870-1910).

In addition to the fact that your

"spare" tile is actually marked "F GARRARD" the body, style and techniques are all consistent with his manufacture. I can also confirm that the rectangular "field" tiles are a previously unrecorded design, probably made specifically for your church. Your loose, marked tile is only the second recorded example with his imprint; one previous example turned up on eBay some years ago, of which I only have a poor quality image. All his other tiles are unmarked although certain characteristics have been noted which enable us to identify his later work. (see my article in TACS Journal, Vol. 19, 2013.)

b) The tiles would have been made at the time of the re-ordering of the church by William Norman Shaw, a known associate of Frederick Garrard, in 1870. This was just at the start of Garrard's work as a tile maker and is confirmed by the type of clay used, visible in the image of the back of your loose tile which was sent to me previously. Early examples of



Church square border tile back signed 'F. Garrard.'

his work are very rare and few can be dated with great accuracy, so your tiles are an extremely interesting find.

c) The rectangular field tile appears to be a unique design which I have not come across before in 40+ years of collecting. It is also interesting as being a Spanish-style cuenca or arista design which does not appear to have a Spanish exemplar as all previously known Garrard "Spanish" tiles have had.

d) In conclusion, I would like to emphasise that these tiles are so interesting and unusual that I would strongly recommend that they be left on display rather than being covered up again with the later wood panelling.

How exciting is that! It seems we have something rather special.

Since we revealed the tiles, many people have visited our church to view them and write their thoughts in the Comments Book. The overwhelming response has been astonishment at the beauty of the tiles and a wish to have all the tiles permanently on show. Here are just a few of the many comments:

"The tiles are uplifting". "They are wonderful and given their history deserve to be seen by all". "I find the tiles beautiful and when considered as a whole with the window they look complete". "From an historical and aesthetic point of view they should all be uncovered". "Such beautiful and

unique tiles should be left uncovered for all to see [as] they are part of the history of this church". "The tiles are exquisite and a work of art designed to aid worship". "It is wonderful to see the complementary design of the tiles with the window and the carpet". "Please uncover all the tiles". "The tiles are wonderful" "Wow, wow, wow!"

If you haven't already done so, please do go and view the tiles and leave your comments.

Amanda Hall



Mary Turner and Barbara Scrivener from Youlgrave History Group read the comments book.



Church Farm Diary, December

With Christmas quickly approaching you wonder where time has gone and what have we achieved in the last 12 months. Well that's quite easy for us to look back, we are still alive and kicking, we still have the pleasure of having our family around us – and I think that is very important. The next thing will be Charlie who is in his final year at school and will soon be off to university. He can't wait, as long as they have a football team where every he goes he will be happy!

He will be the first to break away from farming, a bit like his mum Hannah who never really enjoyed it but would always come out to help if needed. Whereas Elizabeth loved the farming, especially lambing. In fact, for years she always said she would be a midwife, having helped to bring many lambs into the world. She ended up training as a teacher, but specialised as the woodland leader, keeping her love of the outside.

I would have loved to go the Broomfield Agriculture College when I left school, but my mum said no, because she had had to stay on her parent's farm at Congreave when she left school and thought that I shouldn't be tied down to farming. But it has been my only ambition to farm, so as soon as I could I started to farm on my own.

I started to rear calves to store size, that is not fattening them up to full weight. I would sell them in Bakewell Market and buy some more, mostly from Hope market. The buzz you get from buying and selling cattle is marvellous, especially when the buyers come up to you and ask you for your own cattle. I always went into the selling box and held up luck money, this is to give to the buyer to give them



luck on the cattle they have just bought (just an old tradition, but still used now).

There is a Christmas market on 3rd December this year; along with the show cattle there is also a carol service taking place. It is a lovely start to the Christmas season and has a wonderful atmosphere, I hope we can make it this year.

In the carol service we have readings from the bible; in past years Michael was asked and Elizabeth and Joseph have read.

I have started to take Michael to the market on Mondays, just to see all his old friends and acquaintances. It does you good to have a social time with likeminded people and catch up on the news, talking is very important and socialising and getting out of the house.

Our kitchen table is often full of friends sat around putting the world to rights. I don't think a day goes by without someone coming in for a coffee or tea with a piece of cake. We love it and anyone is welcome. Joseph often turns up with his friends and work colleagues; it's nice to hear the younger generation talking about what they are planning to do and where they have been.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Marjorie Shimwell

Recipe of the month: Nigella's Christmas Rocky Road

You can't have a Christmas without Nigella's Christmas Rocky Road!
Makes 25 bite size bars

Ingredients

250g dark chocolate
150g milk chocolate
175g soft butter
4 tbsp golden syrup
200g amaretti biscuits
(not the soft ones)
150g shelled Brazil nuts
150g red glacé cherries
125g mini marshmallows
1 ml icing sugar



Method

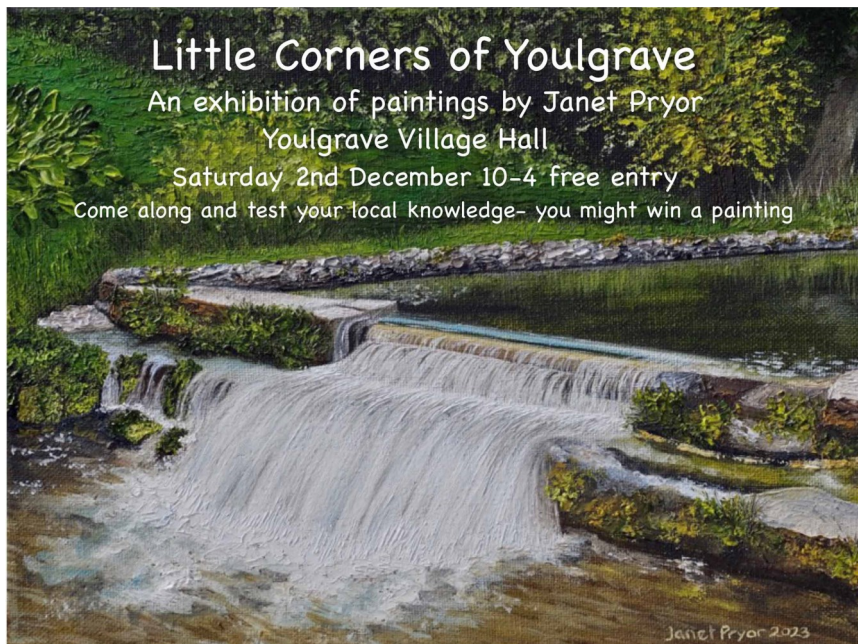
Chop both sorts of chocolate and melt with the butter and golden syrup.
Put the biscuits in a plastic bag and bash them with a rolling pin to get big and little size crumbs.

Bash the Brazil nuts.

Take the pan off the heat and add then rest of the ingredients, taking care to make sure everything is covered with the chocolatey mixture.

Tip into a tray and flatten as best as you can and refrigerate for 1 –2 hours.

Turn out and cut into bite size pieces.



Little Corners of Youlgrave 2

One year and 100 paintings later and I'm all ready for another 'Little Corners of Youlgrave' exhibition! (Youlgrave has so much to offer and luckily this includes lots of corners!) As last year, the exhibition will be held in the Village Hall (Saturday 2nd December, 10am–4pm). Entrance is free and one of the paintings will hopefully be won by someone on the day. The rest of the paintings will be for sale, but please just come down and have a look – and see how many of these new scenes from around the village you can recognise. **Janet Pryor**

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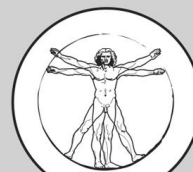
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New from Youlgrave All Saints' CE Primary School



Children In Need Appeal – another generous effort

Once again, children from Youlgrave, All Saints' CE Primary School participated in the fundraising appeal for Children In Need. We raised an incredible £280.90 with an own clothes or spotty clothing day in school.

All Saints are Tag Rugby Champions!

Children from Youlgrave All Saints' CE Primary School celebrated as they were crowned Tag Rugby Champions. The year 5/6s had a wonderful afternoon at a tag rugby festival held at Longstone School. Our team who played in the competition, proudly gained first place with a last minute 'Golden Try!'



Road gritting this winter

There's lots of info on our website and a map which tells you when a road was last gritted. We grit around half of the roads in the county, with our gritting routes split into primary, secondary and tertiary routes. Primary routes are treated during the day and night and we will 'pre-treat' before bad weather hits. Gritting continues 24 hours a day if necessary, as previously. They cover around 1,000 miles of road. Secondary routes cover around 550 miles of road and are generally only treated in the day with the first run being completed by mid-morning. This helps overcome problems of parked cars getting in the way of gritter vehicles doing their job on residential roads at night. Go to: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads/roads-traffic/road-maintenance/snow-info/gritting/gritting.aspx



Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: November

The big event this month was the arrival of three whooper swans on the New Dam. These swans, distinguished from our usual mute swans by the yellow on their beaks and the distinctive call that gives them their name, have come all the way from their breeding grounds in the far north. Unfortunately they didn't stay long, as the greylags apparently intimidated them and they soon flew off. This was a pity as the greylags tolerated our local swan that was killed very well and it often associated with them.

Woodpeckers, long tailed tits and nuthatches have been reported on the Dale side of the road. We seldom get either in our garden, but recently a woodpecker has been a visitor to our feeders. A sparrowhawk visited a feeder down Holywell Lane but missed the blue tit it was aiming for. We have also had a bullfinch and the usual tits and finches have been emptying the feeders almost as fast as I can fill them. The heron has been seen by the river and there have been plenty of dabchicks on the Lathkill around Raper Bridge and Conksbury Bridge. I was lucky enough to watch a barn owl being mobbed by two jackdaws in the cutting on the trail near Parsley Hay one lunchtime and there some big flocks of fieldfare down Back Lane.

On my rather early wildlife walk on 18th November we found 18 species of wildflowers in bloom. Yarrow was quite common, but there were some good



This brown fungus was spotted growing on the playing field, but can anyone name it?

patches of ivy leaved toadflax on the walls, daisies on the playing field and musk thistle along the top of the Dale. There were a couple of large patches of a brown fungus on the playing field. If anyone can identify this (see the photo) please let me know, as my usually reliable fungus app got it wrong and I can't find it in my fungus books.

There were over 60 mallard on the New Dam, four male mandarins with one female and four female goosanders with one male. Buzzard and kestrel were also seen. We seem to have had a lot of ladybirds in the house recently.

My thanks to this month's contributors, Caroline, John and Simon

Ian Weatherley
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The Cheese Factory at Gratton – from food to film set

By Jonathan Snodgrass

The Cheese Factory at Gratton was built in 1885 by the Stanton in Peak Estate. It operated until the Second World War, producing large cheeses and also pigs which had been fed on the whey. After the War it was a milk depot and later used for indoor caged hens. During the early 1970s it was used by Yorkshire Television in a series called *Country Matters*. The film was set in a pre-war pub, The Black Dog.

The Factory, including The Manager's House, was then sold by Stanton Estate to a property developer. In 1975, whilst on a week's Disembarkation Leave from BAOR (British Army of the Rhine) to Windsor, my wife Jane and I found it by accident whilst enroute to Elton to look at a cottage for sale. The Cheese Factory was NOT for sale... However, in the space of just three days we had talked again to the Manager of the Westminster Bank in Bakewell and had a larger loan approved (£6,000), found



The 1973 film starred Jane Lapotaire and Stephan Chase and told the story of a man who falls in love with a woman he meets on holiday, but who has a tangled relationship with her father.

'THE BLACK DOG'

A film set around The Cheese
Factory, Gratton

To be shown in Elton Village Hall

Friday 19th January 2024

At 7:30pm

All welcome. No charge. Bring
your own refreshments.

and met the owner and persuaded him to sell for the maximum that we could afford (£10,500), written a cheque for a 10% deposit, received a key to The Manager's House and were in our sleeping bags on the bare floorboards. (NB All done on the strength of a handshake. No estate agent, no solicitor, no survey, and certainly no Energy Proficiency Certificate! "*The past is a foreign country; they do things differently there.*")

The Manager's House was barely habitable. It had a cold tap but no

electricity. There were two open fires but the 'Gloworm' open fire range in the kitchen was beyond repair. There was a toilet on the landing which was not functioning. However, in a shed there was a two seater earth closet. This had no door so it had a fine view up the fields. By Army 'field standards' very adequate! And for two young people in their first year of marriage, very companionable...

The Cheese Factory, however, was semi derelict. Standing amongst the trees growing in the main production room, we could look through the first floor and the roof and see the sky. The Factory interior was still set up as pub film set, and all the windows were faux sliding sashes with plastic instead of glass. On the front was a very large Black Dog pub sign with a picture of a black lurcher. We took down the sign. For decades afterwards people would tell us: "*It was a pub you know...*"

We learned that in the making of the film local people had been employed as extras. With the arrival of home recording of television in the late 1970s, someone recorded a repeat showing of the film on TV and showed it in Elton village hall. Jane and I were abroad, but we heard that there was much spotting of the extras, and also some extras were in attendance. The extras in the film ranged from grown men playing farmers, probably actual farmers with their own cattle, to a couple of young boys. Much of the film was shot in or around The Cheese Factory, so extras certainly came from Gratton or Elton. However, some of it was shot at Conksbury in Lathkill Dale, so extras may have come from Youlgreave.

It was some years before Jane and I



The Cheese Factory today.

saw the film when an army friend kindly recorded it and posted the VHS cassette to us in the Middle East. I recently found that VHS cassette. A group in Elton have kindly been arranging activities in the village. So I have had the film converted onto a DVD and a memory stick and it can again be shown in the village hall.

What would make it special would be if we could find out anything more about the local people involved in its making, now over 50 years ago. The two boy extras would now be in their sixties. The extras who were then mature farmers may no longer be alive, but there may still be relatives or friends who know of their involvement and perhaps may be able to spot them in the film. Or maybe **you** were present at the previous showing of the film?

So, if you have any knowledge of the making of the film including the extras employed or remember its showing in times now well past, we would be pleased to hear from you and/or to involve you. If so please contact:

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Youlgrave W.I. report

Bumper crowds at Coffee Morning

We enjoyed the great taste of success at our annual Coffee Morning last month. The butties and good 'proper' coffee brought in the crowds thanks to our kitchen team, along with many lovely stalls with crafts, Christmas goods, tombola, superb raffle, plants, bric-a-brac, home-made bakes and chutneys, and Name the Teddy, all organised by our members.

On November 26th we had another afternoon Litterpick from the Fountain. Frankenstein has now returned to his lair so all is quiet on the bench – at least, for now.

We shall have another Craft/Christmas table at the Christmas Craft/Attic Sale on December 9th in the Village Hall, in case you missed us in November.

Our AGM was also extremely well attended on November 14th. Cheese, wine and Ceilidh dancing steered by Di Bradwell followed a brief meeting. Many thanks were given by our President Val, to the Committee, to our Treasurer Lucy, Secretaries Janet and Nicola, and three new Committee members were welcomed.

Supper Club on November 30th will be a winter warmer hot dish, more of this feast in the next issue.

Our busy Choir has the following



'The Ceilidh Huddle'.



Coffee Morning cake corner.

forthcoming events: Lathkill Group Carol Service at Ashford in the Water December 8th; WI choir and Recorder consort at Underhall Respite and Resource Centre, December 12th; also December 12th at our own Christmas Party evening; again, on December 15th at Granby House, and on January 7th at All Saints Church Christmas Praise Service.

The WI Christmas Party is on Tuesday December 12th at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Ladies are encouraged to wear their Christmas jumpers/attire and will be bringing savoury dishes to share, plus their own glass, plate, and cutlery, please. A surprise activity will accompany the food and wine.

In January, we're holding another crafty day at the Methodist church to learn the art of Quilling.

The January meeting is on Tuesday 9th when Adrian Murray from the Wee Dram will host our exciting 'wee tipple and Scottish delights' event to start off the New Year.

We wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Liz Hickman

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Wyns Tor Singers Christmas Concert

7.30pm Saturday 9th December, St Helen's Church Darley Dale

Wyns Tor Singers invite you to start your festive season with a concert of Christmas music in St Helen's Church. The choir will be singing a good range of seasonal delights, from traditional pieces by John Rutter, John Tavener, John Gardener through to more modern works by Will Todd, Morten Lauridsen, and some newly written arrangements by local composers Andrew Marples and Peter Malcolm.



Elfair Grug Dyer – Harp virtuoso

Our guest artist will be young Welsh harpist Elfair Grug Dyer, who will accompany the choir for some of Ben Britten's carols, as well as her own solo pieces. Elfair has joined us on several occasions in recent years, and has always been a joy to listen to – don't miss this opportunity to see her again!

The concert will support two groups meeting at St Helens – Chill and Chat for parents with pre-school children, and Open Door services for all, including those with complex needs or disabilities.

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Fountain View Bakery, artisan bakers of bread, cakes & pastries baked on site, and served in our newly renovated café + Dark Woods speciality coffee with over 70 Great Taste Awards.

Building and Interior Services & Supplies

Michael Arthur Supply, design and project manage installations of kitchens, bedrooms and bathrooms, 01629 258090 www.michaelarthur.co.uk

Goodwins Design, supply and project managed installations of kitchens, bedrooms and bathrooms, 01629 258500 michael@goodwinskbb.co.uk

Derbyshire Aggregates 636500 www.decorativeaggregates.com

Long Rake Spar, large selection of decorative stone for all your garden projects, 636210 www.longrakespar.co.uk

Marsh Brothers Engineering Services, bespoke repair, renovation and replacement of cast and wrought iron components (gates, railings, etc), 636532, info@marshbrothers.co.uk

T. Nutt & Sons Supply and fit carpets, vinyl, wood, laminate and karndean, 01246 863148, www.nutt.co.uk

Other Local Services

Jo Copeland, mobile professional hairdresser, precision colouring, perming & styling 07711 255004

Kathi Roche, Woodwind instrument repairs 636179, kathirepairs@hotmail.co.uk

Phil Smith, mosaic artist, large or small, outdoor work, 630018, grouchygrouter@btinternet.com www.grouchygrouter.co.uk

Youlgrave Garage, Motor engineers and MOT Test Station, 636943

Judith Orchard, Beekeeping & collecting swarms / Sewing repairs & alterations, 07734 714227