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Pommie Pilgrimage takes its first steps

By the time you read this, the Palm Sunday Pilgrims' send off on the first leg of their walk to Derby Cathedral will be a distant memory. But Palm Sunday's start was truly memorable, not only because the rain stopped and the sun shone all day.

Youlgrave Silver Band played rousing marches, the WI choir sang "500 miles" and the bells pealed out. Dee's donkeys, Roo and Sally, behaved brilliantly with a sense of occasion; it was just one of those fabulous Pommie days.

About 50 hardy souls marched resolutely down Bradford, sustained by Peak Feast flapjacks, and over towards Robin Hood's Stride, Winster and Cromford. A special shout out for Florence, aged 6 and Ethan aged 7, who both walked the full 4 miles to Winster, and also to Atlas, aged 3, who walked nearly 2 miles.

The generosity of sponsors and donors meant that before a single footstep was taken, over £10,000 had been given to the appeal. Special thanks to the wonderful WI Supper Club cooks (plus some men!) who laid on an absolutely delicious



Pilgrims and well-wishers setting off down Bradford Road.

3 course meal the Friday before; great to have so many diners share a fun evening together in the village hall.

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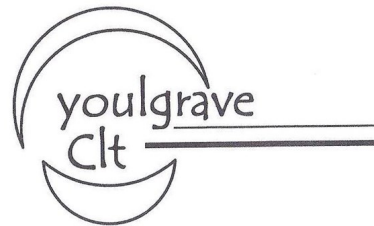
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volunteer 'pilgrims', so get in touch if you fancy doing a walk to one of England's magnificent cathedrals. The map in the church is regularly updated, so go and have a look or get in touch via pommiepilgrimage@gmail.com.

Plans are a-foot for a labyrinth to be installed on land in the centre of the village; this gives those with limited time or mobility, as well as our many tourists, a chance to experience the flavour of what a pilgrimage is about. Believe it or not, it is "World Labyrinth Day" on the 4th May, and this could put Youlgrave firmly on the map. More in next month's Bugle!

We regularly update FaceBook, Instagram and our Just Giving page with new postings and would love as many followers and sharings as possible. Publicity is vital to boost wider awareness and financial success, so please tell everybody you know, and help spread the word. If you have any skills to offer, or links to cathedral cities, again get in touch. Each and every contribution to the venture will be appreciated and greatly received. Please do what you can to help!



Above: Youlgrave Band serenades the Pilgrims as they set off. Below: The story made the BBC local news.

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Youlgrave: Walkers embark on pilgrimage to 42 cathedrals

10 hours ago

POMMIE PILGRIMAGE

The Pommie Pilgrims - named after the sound of the village band - are aiming to raise £42,000

By Will Jefford
BBC News, East Midlands

Walkers aim to trek 10 million steps in a fundraising challenge to connect their village church with all 42 Anglican cathedrals in England.

They are embarking on the pilgrimage to raise funds to modernise the Grade I listed All Saints Church in Youlgrave, Derbyshire.

New conductor for Youlgrave Band

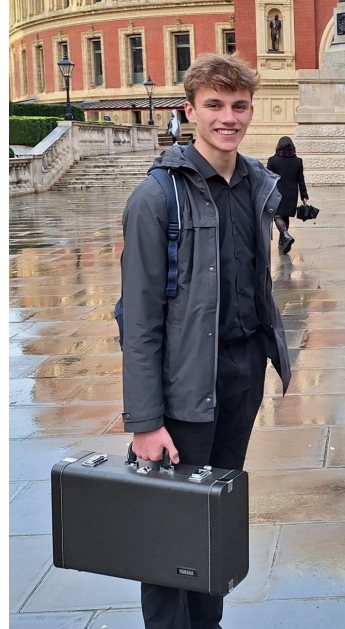
Band practice is back in full swing with our new conductor. You may recognise Harry from our cornet section and we look forward to working with him throughout the summer.

We are on the look out for new players! Rehearsals take place every Thursday night at Youlgrave Methodist Church from 7:30pm till 9:30pm. If you are looking to learn then don't worry, you can come to our learner band every Thursday at 7pm before normal practice – instruments are available. Everybody is welcome!

For any enquiries please send us a message on Facebook @youlgravesilverband or contact our secretary Judith on 07734 7142.

The 2024 concert list so far:

- ◇ Sunday 24th March, 11am, All Saints Parish Church service
- ◇ Saturday 25th May, late morning to early afternoon, Chatsworth
- ◇ Sunday 26th May, 3.30pm Ashford in the Water Well Dressing
- ◇ Saturday 22nd June, 2.30pm, YSB well dressing
- ◇ Sunday 23rd June, Wesleyan Chapel, Well Dressing service
- ◇ Wednesday 3rd July, 7.30pm, Bands in the Park, Bakewell
- ◇ Sunday 1st September, 7pm, Barringtons



New conductor Harry Houghton.

Youlgrave Parish Council report

Council met on 19th March and discussed three planning applications, received reports on the future of the sports pavilion, maintenance issues and the ongoing traffic and parking situation, with a contribution from our local PCSO.

We have a $\frac{1}{3}$ **allotment plot available** so please contact the clerk with your address in the parish if you are interested.

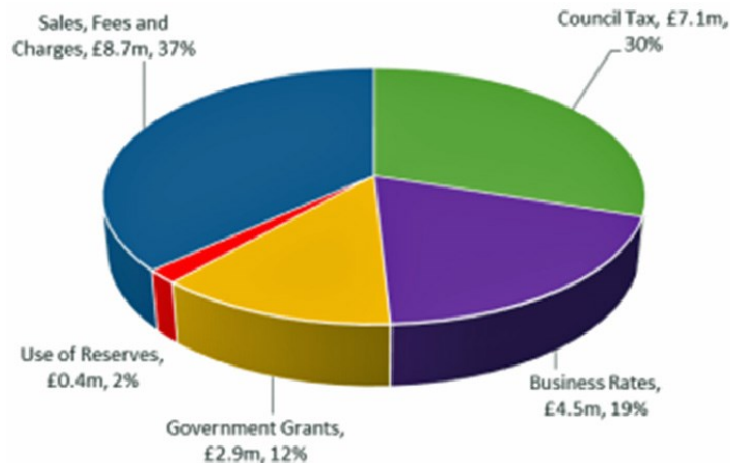
The Cricket club has had a small grant to improve the main room and needs the donated items for the disbanded Youth Club removing. If you wish to reclaim anything you donated please let us know as soon as possible.

The Annual Parish Meeting hosted by our Chair, who gives a report on the year gone by and where any matter can be raised by parishioners, is at 7pm on 30th April in the Village Hall. At the conclusion of this meeting the April Council meeting will commence.

Matthew Lovell, Youlgrave Parish Clerk

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Town Hall update from District Councillor, Laura Mellstrom



make any significant service cuts but, looking ahead, without more from central government, there will be a shortfall of about £1.1m for 2025/26 and £2.6m in 2026/27. Forecasting is difficult because central government grants are currently only announced at the last minute, for one year at a time.

District Council Budget 2024-25

March is budget time not just for national government but also for local councils. Even the national press is starting to catch on to the crisis in local government funding, with more and more authorities declaring that they can no longer provide even core services on the funding available.

The District Council should receive £23.6m in the coming year, funded from Fees and charges, Council Tax, Business Rates, and Government Grants, in the proportions shown in the illustration (right). Fees and charges include things like Council car parks, and the green bin garden waste service which has just gone up to £56 per year after being frozen at £50 for 3 years. (This is still slightly less than it costs the Council to recycle the green waste, so that the service is partly subsidised from other income sources.)

The District Council has balanced its budget for 2024/25 without needing to

Council Tax

The Council voted on 29 February to increase the part of Council Tax that goes to DDDC by 2.99%. This is the maximum increase allowed, and represents £6.88 for an average Band D property. However this is not the whole story. The District Council only keeps 11% of Council Tax revenue. Council Tax bills will be going up by a bit more than this because they include not only the District Council's money, but also County Council, Police, Fire Service and Parish Council precepts.

The amount of the Parish Precept varies between parishes and is set by the Parish Council. The highest is Ashford in the Water at £130.37 for a Band D house, and the lowest is £2.18 in Snelston. The average is £67.34. Youlgrave is at the low end with £53.13.

Double Council Tax on Second Homes from April 25

Approximately 8.4% of homes within the Dales are not being used as a

main residence. That is the average, so the figure will be higher in the Peak villages. Most of them are in Bands B, C and D, ie the smaller homes in the District. The Government has finally passed the Levelling Up legislation which allows councils to charge additional Council Tax on second homes, and the District Council has voted to do this by the full 100% allowed, with effect from next year. This is due to the concern in many parts of the Dales that popular areas are in danger of becoming ghost villages. In last year's public consultation, 63% of respondents supported the double rate for second homes.

There will be further discussion of possible exemptions before it comes into force, and the intention is that the funds raised will be ringfenced for the provision of affordable housing in the area. This does not affect holiday lets if

they are registered for Business Rates.

Please get in touch if there's anything you would like to discuss.

Cllr Laura Mellstrom

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Bugle letters: Panto praise

Dear Editor,

A line to say how much we enjoyed Dick Whittington Panto. To see all the children was delightful. Long may the Youlgrave Panto continue.

Caroline Dale-Leech MBE
Darley Dale



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Chair's Annual Report, Middleton & Smerrill Parish Council

It has been an eventful year with some very positive developments and also some challenges provided by the wet and stormy weather. The deterioration in the state of local roads and pavements has been a continuing cause for concern. There have been regular reports of potholes requiring repairs; a new village name sign has been requested for the Smerrill entrance to the village.

Litter has been less of a problem since the substantial collection of 80 bags was made in 2022. Volunteers regularly remove litter from the centre of the village and a major litter-pick takes place on the surrounding roads and paths each year in March.

Blocked drains have caused localised flooding on some roads. DCC has been asked to clear gully leaf blockages in The Rakes; and to remove leaves from roads and pavements when autumn leaf-fall is over. The drain at the triangle by the entrance to the Dale was completely blocked after recent storms and was cleared by Jamie Wigley.

Storm damage in December resulted in falling branches from two of the large trees in private gardens in the Square. No personal injuries were sustained, but a parked car belonging to a local resident was written off due to damage caused by a fallen branch.

The protracted work to improve the sewers in the Dale has caused significant disruption to the paths over the last few weeks. The information board at Bateman's tomb sustained some weather damage again this year but has been repaired. The pathway up to the tomb was improved last year. The area inside the railings around the tomb is regularly weeded and the pathway is mown and trimmed to ensure access for visitors.

The Middleton memorial trees (a beech tree for the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, and crab apple tree for the coronation of King Charles III), on the approach to Bateman's tomb, have been



Current Chair Dianne Jeremy with former Chair David Mallaband.

cared for and are growing well. Both trees are to be recorded and mapped as part of the Million Trees project.

The defibrillator in the telephone box in the Square has been regularly checked and new pads/batteries replaced.

DDDC is currently undertaking a public toilets review: District Councillor Laura Mellstrom supports our aim to have the Middleton toilets open all year and has asked DDDC to consider this option.

The Parish Council Climate and Nature Group has continued to meet weekly to maintain and improve the environment. A 'scented garden' area has been created adjacent to the shed in the playground. Additional snowdrops and daffodils were planted in the grass border at the side of the playground. The community herb garden is well-established in the Picnic Garden and the borders in that area now contain a variety of bulbs, flowers and shrubs which provide seasonal displays. The village planter is regularly renewed so that it is always attractive and since the removal of the dilapidated trailer from outside the Tor Farm wall there is a new wildflower area being developed. There is also a focus on supporting local wildlife. Middleton now has a thriving population of hedgehogs. Several residents provide suitable food, water and shelter for these

endangered creatures. It seems that the hedgehogs had a very successful year. There were numerous sightings, night-time video captures and reports of litters of baby hedgehogs being successfully reared. Purpose-built and naturally occurring shelters helped to support them. Efforts to alert motorists to their presence will continue and we hope that it will avoid fatalities this year.

Council regularly discusses planning applications and in line with our aspirations for the parish there is a preference for planning developments which would provide housing for permanent residents and affordable housing options. This year an application to convert historic barns into holiday lets was supported because it will preserve heritage buildings and also protect wildlife, notably a population of bats.

The parish council has raised grant funding to support improvements to the facilities in the area behind the Village Hall which is owned by the parish council. Some of the work to clear the site was started last year. Volunteers worked hard to clear the weeds and debris that had accumulated there. The old toilet block building has been re-roofed to make it safe and weatherproof. New doors have been fitted to ensure it is secure. It is intended that the renovated block will be put to community use, such as a storage facility in the first instance. A grant from County Councillor Simon Spencer was used to fund work on the toilet block. Another exciting development behind the Village Hall is the greenhouse for community use. The greenhouse is being built by the parish council's Climate and Nature sub-committee with help from other volunteers. This large greenhouse will be used to grow plants for the annual stall at the village market in May and will also be available for use by local residents. The greenhouse was funded by a grant from the Community Lottery Fund.

Additional items for the gardening work (two child-safe water butts and a heavy duty wheelbarrow) were grant funded

from Cllr Mellstrom's Local Project's fund.

The popular children's playground has also been improved. In addition to the new picnic tables, swings and exercise equipment installed last year, the playground has been resurfaced to remove the badly damaged tarmac.

The parish council receives regular reports from the Village Hall committee, some of whose members have also been actively involved in supporting the construction of the greenhouse and the development of the area behind the hall. The VH committee has invited the parish council Climate and Nature group to submit a proposal to support further the greenhouse and garden initiatives for community benefit. In order to strengthen the community's case for ownership in the future, the parish council has now acquired the 'Community Asset' designation for the Village Hall from DDDC. This assists the community's case for eventual ownership of the hall.

I would like to express my thanks to the members of the Parish Council, the Climate and Nature Group and members of the Village Hall Committee for all their work in supporting our community by giving their time, energy, offers of materials, transport and more.

Thanks also to our financial supporters this year – Cllr Laura Mellstrom, Cllr Simon Spencer, the National Lottery Community Fund. Thanks to PCSO Anthony Boswell for his regular reports to PC meetings. My special thanks to our PC clerk Matthew Lovell who provides all the essential support to ensure that the Parish Council can work effectively, has succeeded in obtaining the grant funding, and is always available to give advice and share his knowledge and experience.

It is very heartening to have so many people in the parish who are committed to preserving, developing and improving our local facilities and environment for everyone who lives here, or comes here as a visitor, to enjoy.

Dianne Jeremy, Chair, Middleton and Smerrill Parish Council

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From the Churches

Pilgrimage... walking at God's pace.

We enjoyed the launch of the 'Pommie Pilgrimage' on Palm Sunday – a time of celebration for our community in Youlgrave as we work together for the future of our beautiful Grade I listed church building. How wonderful to know that over the next months the centre and focus of our Christian life will be connected with Cathedrals around the country via our pilgrims.

Christian Pilgrimage seems to have gained many participants over recent years: there is the Cornish Way, St Cuthbert's Way in Northumberland which finishes on Lindisfarne, the Pilgrims' Way to Canterbury to name but a few. I wonder whether the discipline's popularity has arisen partly as a need for our modern culture to slow down our pace of life and catch up again with God? There are indeed many books written to suggest we do need to slow down - you may have come across *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry* (Comer) or *Be Still* (Heasley) which speak of a yearning for us to slow down, catch our breath and notice God beside us.

Pete Grieg, founder of the 24/7 prayer movement recently undertook a 300 mile Pilgrimage from Iona to Lindisfarne in the footsteps of the Celtic Saint Aidan. He reflects in *Lectio 365*, 'Isn't it extraordinary that Jesus never hurried? With just three years to save the world, He still made time for fishing

trips, picnics and parties....' Jesus walked, he didn't hurry he spent time with others and time with his Father. Perhaps these next months where the focus in our community is walking and pilgrimage we all might be reminded to slow down in order to catch up with God. Many of you will be cheering the pilgrims on from your homes because the walking isn't something for you. Remember that you are a valuable resource for all of us because your pace of life is much closer in step with the ways of God...and your prayers, wisdom and insights are often the things we need to hear.

I will follow with joy and anticipation the Pommie Pilgrimages of 2024 - I look forward to hearing the stories from the journeys and seeing all that the God who journeys beside us is inviting us to be.

Adele

The Rev'd Adele Barker
Priest in Charge of the White Peak and Youlgrave Benefices



Services for April

Sunday 7th

11 am Family Service 'Labyrinth'
6.45 pm Evening Prayer at Middleton

Sunday 14th

11 am Holy Communion

Sunday 21st

11 am United Holy Communion at
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YHA in the Youlgrave area: A short history

Long before the former Co-op Stores on Fountain Square became a youth hostel the YHA already had a presence in the Youlgrave area.

Youlgrave's first youth hostel was established at Newlands on Alport Lane as far back as 1934 (just 4 years after YHA itself was founded). The YHA's *Rucksack* magazine of Summer 1934 had this description:

"Newlands, Youlgreave (warden, Miss Trueman) is a delightful stone house at the entrance to this fascinating and interesting old-world village. The hostel overlooks the extensive village playing fields beyond which is the beautiful Bradford Dale, and behind it is the far-famed Lathkill Dale. Not far away is the Derbyshire 'Stonehenge' at Arbor Low. The hostel is provided primarily to break the long tramps between Hartington Hall, Overton Hall, and Derwent Hall. It begins with 16 beds."

However, by 1936 Newlands had ceased operating as a youth hostel, one of several of North Midlands Region's smaller adopted hostels that closed in favour of fully regulated additions.

Lathkill Dale and Elton youth hostels

In place of the short-lived hostel at Newlands came Lathkill Dale Youth



Conksbury Old Hall pictured when it was a youth hostel during wartime.



Elton Youth Hostel, which closed in 2003.

Hostel, which was open between 1939 and 1942. It occupied Conksbury Old Hall, about a mile out of the village off Back Lane. Conksbury Old Hall is a Grade II listed building dating from the early 18th century. Mavis Burton of Derby was a regular hosteller in the Peak District in the 1940s and recalled her visits: *"My first hostelling weekend was spent with Mary at Conksbury which had been a farmhouse in Lathkill Dale. Now it has reverted back to a private house. The beds were top and bottom bunks. We were always broke so we took our own food and cooked in the 'self-cookers' – it was cheaper. The toilet was across a field. Washing facilities were a little sketchy, a row of enamel bowls on wooden benches.*

After supper we decided to go to the nearest village, Youlgreave, for a drink at the local. The village was supposed to be blacked out. True to say all the shutters were in place but they were so badly fitting that, in the surrounding darkness, Youlgreave shone forth like a beacon. Small wonder that one night a bomb, dropped close by, it brought down the hostel ceilings."

As Conksbury Old Hall was closing so YHA opened a hostel at Elton Old Hall, off the village main street in Elton. This equally impressive 17th century building began taking guests in 1942 and remained a YHA hostel until as recently as 2003.

Youlgrave youth hostel

In 1974 YHA purchased the former village Co-op stores on Youlgrave's Fountain Square for the princely sum of £6,000. They then spent a further £30,000 converting it to a 48-bed youth hostel.

The village's Co-operative Society was formed in 1870 by Joseph Shimwell of Old Hall Farm, Tom Birds of Hall Farm and Joseph Smith. An ambitious Co-operative department store followed in 1887, comprising three storeys plus basement, built on the steeply sloping site of the original village school of 1762. The shop catered to much of the local population's needs. It also purchased instruments for the village brass (later silver) band and displayed them in the shop window shortly after opening.

The Society even supplied the village with electricity from 1910 until the nationalisation of the industry. In 1926 the Co-operative committed to supply ordered drapery and boots, and groceries and provisions of the best quality. Tinned fruit and jam were a speciality. By the 1920s, the controlling body was the Derwent Valley Co-operative Society Ltd, with branches at Youlgrave, Rowsley and Two Dales. Members were permitted to receive goods on credit, paying for them when circumstances improved.

In World War II incendiary bombs caused considerable damage in the

village. One such device slid down the ramp towards the basement of the Co-op and was kicked away by a guest from the Bull's Head!

Youlgrave Co-op finally ceased trading and closed its doors in 1968. Dave Allison, the Regional Manager for YHA's Peak District, describes how Harry Camm, a coach operator and developer, had bought the Youlgrave Co-operative Department Store when the Society was wound up in 1964.

The hostel was finally up and running in 1975 and has welcomed thousands of guests ever since. Managers have included Jon Cant, Debby Oley and John Tory, all still familiar faces in the village. Over the years there have been modernisations, of course. Gone are the linoleum floors, formica tables and large dormitories and now there are small and comfortable en-suite rooms.

In 2021 Youlgrave Youth Hostel was purchased by Colin Trigg under YHA's Enterprise scheme, but it remains a YHA hostel and very much part of the nationwide network. However, Colin's ongoing investment has seen an artisan bakery and coffee shop open at the hostel. And so the next chapter begins...



This is an abridged version of one of YHA's Illustrated Historical Profiles of its hostels, researched and written by John Martin (who runs YHA Historical Archive). It is reproduced with permission.

Pommie People

This month's interviewee is **Leah Goodwin** (38) who is married to Jack and they have two boys - Jack and Ben. Amongst other things, Leah is a Parish Councillor, Treasurer of the PTFA, administrator of the village Facebook group and involved in fundraising for Pre-school.

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

I was born in Chesterfield at Scarsdale Hospital. My memory is shocking but my earliest one is going to Leek with Nan and Grandad and coming back to Mum moving from Smithy Cottage to Brookleton, I was about 4 years old. I remember ice buns with green icing too!

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

I went to Youlgrave Primary School and then to Lady Manners. Believe it or not I was quite sporty at school so loved netball, hockey and rounders.

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

When I was younger I was lucky enough to cruise on the QE2. It was a fantastic experience and I loved every minute! Different foods and different places each day.

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

I work at DSF Refractories at Friden. I applied to work on reception and ended up getting a job as a sales co-ordinator.

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That was nearly 18 years ago!

How do you relax?

Sitting down with cuppa and a good crime series.

What living person to you most admire and why?

Mum, a strong independent woman.

Where's your favourite holiday destination?

Lanzarote, followed by Portugal as a close second. Many great memories from both destinations as a child and an adult.

What book are you reading and/or what music are you listening to at the moment?

I can't remember the last time I read a book to be honest, but I think it was a Jackie Collins one! I like listening to all Music... I'm rubbish at remembering what it is and the words!

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

Evening, especially a lovely sunny one where you can sit outside with a drink.

What's your favourite food or meal?

Love a lasagne.

What's your favourite sport and do you/ did you ever play it?

Netball and hockey at school.

Are you a cat or a dog person?

I love both, but I better say dog otherwise I'll be in Roxy's bad books!



What are you most proud of?

My family. All of them!

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

I'm sure there is a story about a water slide and a bikini somewhere but you'll have to catch me in the pub for the full rendition!

What's your most prized possession and why?

My boys (does that count?). They drive me mad but you gotta love em!

What skill would you like to learn?

Spanish language.

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

I do love Chatsworth, but there is still lots of places I'd like to visit.

What do you like about living in Youlgrave?

I love that everyone knows everyone and there is always someone there ready to help you.

What could be improved about Youlgrave?

Parking!



A very young Leah with Nan and Grandad (on the QE2!).

News from Youlgrave, All Saints' CE Primary School

New traversing wall

The children are enjoying their new climbing/traversing wall (pictured right) which has now been installed in the playground. It is a great addition to playtimes and is very popular!



World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

Staff and children at Youlgrave All Saints CE Primary School once again joined in with World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2024. Children were encouraged to dress up as an important historical figure and they also brought in a book about their character. We all had a chance to take part in lots of World Book Day activities such as completing our own book reviews and recommending our favourite authors to others.



Peak District Ambassador School

We are pleased to announce that we have achieved 'Peak District Ambassador School' status following a successful application. It is a great way to recognise the activities we do locally as part of our school curriculum and we thank our friends at the Peak District National Park for their help and all the work they do.

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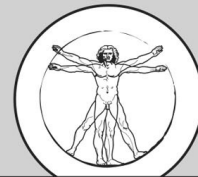
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Following her mother's death, a resourceful 12-year-old girl, Georgie (Lola Campbell), continues to live alone in their London-outskirts flat. She makes money stealing bikes with her friend, Ali (Alin Uzun), and keeps the social workers off her back by pretending to live with an uncle. It works like a charm until Jason (Harris Dickinson) shows up. Apparently, he's her father - so long estranged that she doesn't recognize him. Sizing him up as a rubbish dad (absent, messy, can't cook), Georgie wonders why he's suddenly taking an interest; especially when she's doing just fine on her own, thank you very much.

YOU LGRAVE VILLAGE HALL, 7.30 pm start.

Tickets cost £5 - cash only (please bring correct change if possible). Everyone is most welcome. Booking isn't necessary but if you want a particular seat, or have any queries, please phone Glenys on 636477.

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Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: March 2024

Spring is slowly arriving. At last, our first spring warbler, the chiffchaff, has arrived and has been chaff chaffing merrily down Holywell Lane and a Daleside garden.

Frogs have been depositing loads of spawn in garden ponds and newts have been doing their courtship dance. Most of our newts are smooth newts, but great crested newts have been photographed. This is the first time I have recorded crested newts from Youlgrave.

A bird that visits us at this time of year on its way to its nesting grounds is the curlew and there have been up to 17 flying over the village and feeding in the fields beside the New Dam. Their liquid warble has given pleasure to a lot of people. Other bird songs are only just getting going. Song thrushes have been belting it out from the treetops, chaffinches, robins, dunnocks and great tits can all be heard and are fairly easy to identify. A blackbird has just begun singing in our garden. Blue tits have been inspecting nest boxes. Apart from buzzards, sparrowhawks and red kites have been the main bird of prey interest. Kites are flying over the village most days. There have been several reports of sparrowhawks. One was watched for over 20 minutes as it slowly pulled its pigeon prey apart. Another landed on some decking then got rather confused by the glass surround and took a while to find its way out. It then sat on top of the bird feeder. Not a very bright bird. We had a large pile of wood pigeon feathers on

our lawn.

A barn owl was seen at the top of Moor Lane. Goosanders have been reported on the New Dam and river. Mandarin ducks, teal and a male tufted duck along with both Canada and greylag geese have all been on the New Dam. Dippers have been rather scarce along the river though a pair were seen displaying down at Alport. A heron was seen with a fish. Other notable birds have been nuthatch, grey and pied wagtails, meadow pipits and skylarks. We have lots of finches, greenfinch, chaffinch, siskin and goldfinch on our feeders which they are emptying very quickly.



Sparrowhawk (photo by Geoff Clay).

On my wildlife walk on 21st March I found 15 species of wildflowers in bloom. This compares with 13 in March 2023 with a similar species list. Kingcups and lesser celandines were very obvious and less obvious were our four tiny white flowers, spring whitlow grass, thale cress, hairy bittercress and rue leafed saxifrage.

Garden rock cress, probably native here in spite of its name, can be seen on local walls.

There were 2 pairs of mandarin ducks on the New Dam and a single male teal. This is quite unusual though common enough elsewhere. There were 5 curlew in the field beside the Dam.

My thanks to this month's contributors Ian T., Gill, Edwina, Charlotte, Pat, Simon, Andrew P., Maggie, Judith, Simon, Lisa, John, Geoff and Annabelle.

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Church Farm Diary, April

Over the last 12 months Dakin and family have planted over 4,000 trees and shrubs. These have been planted on rough ground and at the edge of fields and in corners, giving a wind break on some of the land. Not on the same scale as Picory Corner, but very good all the same.

The weather is still against us for getting on the ground. It's a good job the Joseph has a different process of muck spreading with something called an Umbilical. This is a long flexible pipe that is put on the fields and then the liquid manure is pumped out without going round the field as much as you would do with the tank.

When I was little my Dad would load the manure up with a muck fork onto the trailer, taking it onto the fields and dropping it off in heaps, then we would spread it manually on the land. Thank goodness when he finally had a muck spreader!

How things have changed in our lifetime. When we tell the grandchildren about what labour intensive work that we have done they don't believe that was how it was. It's all machines now and everything is done so much more quickly. It would take 4 or 5 days to get



the hay or silage, looking at the sky with crossed fingers hoping it wouldn't rain. Now the silage is got in a day or two.

It's nice to see that it's lambing time, as that was a job that I really enjoyed. I once went on a lambing course at Wormhill. The ewe's womb was in the form of a wooden box and the lamb was from the freezer (dead, of course). We had to get the lamb out of the womb in different forms, breach or its legs tangled up, and other various positions. After about 4 hours the lamb had defrosted and was about twice the length it was when we started! We all ate our sandwiches at the break hoping that no one had lamb in theirs. I never eat lamb because it smells just like the ewe when you are lambing.

Marjorie Shimwell

Recipe of the month: Chocolate Yogurt Cake

Ingredients

Shortcrust
5fl oz veg oil
5fl oz natural yogurt
4 level tbsp golden syrup
6oz caster sugar
3 eggs
8 oz S.R. flour
3 rounded tbsp cocoa

½ level teaspoon bicarb
½ level teaspoon salt
6 sugar cubes to decorate
Oven gas 3 325 f

Method

Place oil, yogurt, syrup, sugar and eggs in a large bowl and beat until smooth, then add the rest of the ingredients
Mix well and bake 1hr 30-40 mins



Youlgrave W.I. report

Oh what a night! On March 12th we hosted our other Lathkill Group WI's (Chatsworth, Monyash, Bakewell, Ashford and Great Longstone) in our welcoming Village Hall. The tasty vegetarian chilli and delicious cheesecake, clementine or chocolate cake with berries, received many compliments, all accompanied by wines on each table. Huge thanks go to Val for her brilliant organisation, all the helpers, wonderful catering team, and our two young washers up. The Two Lucys from history Wardrobe performed their 1980's 'Top of the Frocks' show. Power suits, ra-ra skirts, button through tops and those memorable exercise leotards caused much hilarity and thunderous applause. Congratulations still pour in for our great Team.

In April our members will receive information about renewing their membership . On April 13th we're holding our thoroughly researched Archives morning from 10 until 12 in the Community Room. Our records up to our 105th year will be available to view, including our Centenary, the Queen's Jubilee and the Coronation. Do pop in if you're visiting the Youlgrave Attic Sale as well in the main hall.

On March 23rd we held the last of our winter Saturday Crafting days, this time creating mixed media pictures using a variety of materials. Many thanks to Sandy for organising these lovely relaxing events. Many members organised and attended the alternative and delicious Supper Club which was an open supper to boost fundraising for the church Pommie Pilgrimage project, and the Choir sang on March 24th at the start of the inaugural Walk.



Above: 1980's Aerobics; and (below) the WI Group Supper.

All members will receive our new 2024/25 Programme with plenty of variety and a few extra events as usual.

The April meeting is on Tuesday April 9th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Judith Orchard will be speaking about 'Bees under attack', the dangers of the Asian hornet, Do come along if you'd like to try us out and feel the buzz.

Liz Hickman



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Derbyshire Dales
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