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No. 268

September 2024

Youlgrave Show returns after 9-year gap

Get your prize veg, colourful blooms and kitchen delicacies at the ready – Youlgrave Show is back! The village's annual horticultural show returns this month and whether you're displaying, competing or just enjoying the array of local produce and crafts, all are welcome to attend.

The show will take place on Saturday 14th September at Youlgrave Village Hall and this year there will be a total of 83 classes covering Vegetables and Fruit, Flowers, Floral Arrangements, Baking and Preserves, Handicrafts and Children's Work.

An independent panel of judges has been lined up and there will be trophies for winners of specific categories. Public viewing will begin at 12 noon and refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon, culminating with the entertaining auction of produce to raise money for the running of the Show.

Entry cards for exhibitors are now available at Youlgrave Shop and Post Office if you want to complete them in advance (one per exhibit with your name and class). Payment of entries and display set-up will take place the evening before the Show (Friday 13th September, 6-8pm) and on the morning of the Show itself (Saturday 14th, 8-10am) at the Village Hall.

For a full timetable and Schedule, as well as details on how to enter and the Show Rules, go to: www.youlgrave.org.uk/youlgrave-show.

For queries please call Edwina Cant on 07772 019385 or email youlgraveshow@outlook.com.



Youlgrave Show: Sat 14th Sept, Youlgrave Village Hall, 12-4pm

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AUTUMN ATTIC & CRAFT SALE

**Saturday 21st September
10am – 1pm**

To book a table call Judith on 01629
636492. £8 per table. Free entry.

Refreshments available

Fund raising for Youlgrave
Village Hall.

Youlgrave Parish Council – cleaner wanted

Youlgrave Parish Council is seeking a cleaning contractor for our three public toilet blocks in the village, commencing 1st November.

Our schedule is for one clean per week at Coldwell End and Holywell Lane during the winter 1st November to 31st March and two cleans per week 1st April to 30th September.

Alport Lane toilets are open seasonally normally 1st April to 31st October with one clean per week scheduled. Please note the varying Easter school holidays may necessitate an earlier start when Easter falls early and closure is usually the clean after the end of Half Term week.

If you wish to apply please contact the parish clerk by 17th September with your price per clean and a copy of your PL insurance by email
youlgraveclerk@youlgrave.org.uk



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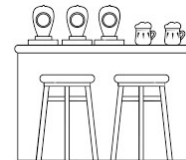
SATURDAY 21st September
6pm to Midnight
At Middleton Village Hall



Come and meet up with Middleton and Youlgrave friends and neighbours at the Bateman Arms to celebrate the end of summer.

Middleton's pub reopens for a second evening this year!

- ◇ Wines, traditional ales, lager, cider, soft drinks, crisps and nibbles
- ◇ Darts and dominoes
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Gold band wedding ring
9th August

Reward

Phone 01629 636350

Winter Words in Youlgrave

As winter approaches and the prospect of long, dark evenings loom, I was wondering if anyone would be interested in forming a group to play Scrabble? I propose to hold it in the Reading Room so that no-one has to drive. If you are interested please contact Pam on 01629 636032 or email @pamzpeople@hotmail.com.

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in touch with

Joan Roper (636498) or
Glenys Moore (636477).

Youlgrave's supporting Macmillan

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Auditions for pantomime 2025 – everyone welcome

Yep, its that time of the year again. Auditions for our pantomime 2025 will be held in the village hall. Junior cast auditions are on Sunday 15th September at 2pm and auditions for the senior cast are on Sunday 22nd September at 2pm.

Could you help with dance routines and singing? We would really appreciate help in these areas. If you can help please come along to the auditions and speak to us.



A poster for the 2025 Pantomime Auditions. At the top is a large pink five-pointed star with the words 'Panto 2025' in white. Below the star, the title 'Hansel & Gretel' is written in a large, red, stylized font. Underneath that, 'Youlgrave Pantomime Auditions at the Village Hall' is written in a smaller, red, italicized font. The poster then lists the audition dates and times for children and adults, followed by rehearsal dates and times. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold and italicized fonts.

**Panto
2025**

‘Hansel & Gretel ‘
Youlgrave Pantomime Auditions
at the Village Hall

Children (8 years and over)
Sunday 15th September 2 – 4 pm

Adults
Sunday 22nd September 2 – 4 pm.

ALL WELCOME

Rehearsals
on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**
starting in early October
6:30 pm until 8pm
with a break for Christmas.



Open Mic Night,
7th September

Doors open at 7pm.
Come along to listen
to amazing Pommy
talent. There will be
a bar. All in aid of
village hall funds.

Horticultural Show

Don't forget the
Horticultural show on
Saturday 14th
September.

Attic sale

Our next attic sale is
on 21st September,
watch the village
notice boards for
more information.

Hire charges

The hire charges for
Youlgrave Village
Hall have increased
recently. New hire
charges per hour –
see below:

	Local	Non-local
Main Hall	£10	£20
Social Room	£6	£10
Community Room (minimum charge £8)	£4	£8
Kitchen per event	£20	£30

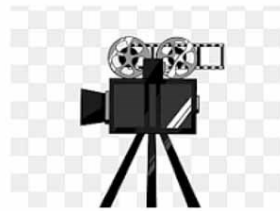


Bouncing back into action

Hello - it's that time of year again and we're gearing up to show our first film of the season, "One Life". While BASH (Bakewell and Ashford film club) has, sadly, folded, Youlgrave Cinema is as bouncy and spritely as ever, and raring to go.

So do consider coming along to one or more of our films. We're welcoming and friendly. If you have Bakewell friends, please let them know about us. We cost £5, with ice creams around £1.50 - £2.

Forthcoming films:



4 October, Back to Back
8 November, Till
13 December, The Holdovers
10 January, Wicked Little Letters
14 February, Io capitano
14 March, The Colour Purple
11 April, La Chimaera
9 May, A surprise, still to be chosen.

We really look forward to welcoming you. ***The Cinema Committee***

Did you know that Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport offer a community car scheme?



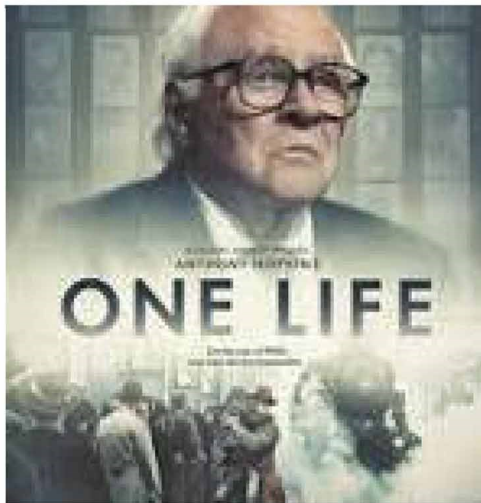
This volunteer led service provides door to door transport to medical appointments for anyone living in the Derbyshire Dales and Hope Valley and provides a valuable service for those who would otherwise struggle to attend essential healthcare appointments.

A little of your time can make a huge difference to someone's health and quality of life – there is no regular commitment required; it's completely flexible to suit your availability. A friendly approach and access to a suitable car is all that is required and mileage expenses are reimbursed. Many of the journeys are to rural surgeries.

If you would like information about using the car scheme or are interested in becoming part of this valuable rural volunteer service please contact us on 01629 641920 or info@bect.org.uk or call into our office at Great Longstone Business Park for a chat.



Next film Friday 6 September



One life

Based on the book, "If It's Not Impossible...", The Life of Sir Nicholas Winton by Barbara Winton, ONE LIFE, tells the incredible, emotional true story of Nicholas 'Nicky' Winton (Flynn), a young London broker who visits Prague in December 1938. In a race against time, Winton convinces Trevor Chadwick (Sharp) and Doreen Warriner (Garai) of the British Committee for Refugees in Czechoslovakia to rescue hundreds of predominantly Jewish children before Nazi occupation closes the borders.

Fifty years later, Nicky (Hopkins) is haunted by the fate of the children he wasn't able to bring to safety in England. It's not until the BBC show, "That's Life!" re-introduces him to some of those he helped rescue that he finally begins to come to terms with the guilt and grief he carried – all the while skyrocketing Winton from anonymity to a national hero.

YOU'GRAVE 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.

And ice creams are served before the film starts - £1.50 and £2.

Pommie People

This month's interviewee is **Jade Stacey**, owner of Youlgrave Village Shop.



Where were you born and what is your earliest memory?

I was born at the Whitworth, Darley Dale, and I can remember going to Playschool in the Village Hall. I've still got the book I received when I left for school ('The River Bank').

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

Youlgrave All Saints and then Lady Manners. Pottery and textiles were my favourites after break time. I'm not academic at all!

What person has had the most influence over you and why?

My parents, both for very different reasons.

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

I used to teach swimming at Bakewell Pool. I have shire horses as field ornaments! I studied Childcare at Buxton College.

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

I own Youlgrave Village Shop. I had a moment of madness when the Bingham's gave it up and thought I would give it a go. Luckily, I have Tanya or I would never have been able to do it – or still be doing it almost six years on. She is my hero!

How do you relax?

With a bottle of Peroni in the bath.

What living person do you most admire and why?

Well, after Dakin Shimwell for being handsome, it would have to be my Nanny Mary. She just cracks on and hardly asks for help (which can be frustrating). I hope I'm as active as her at that age, although she can get up off the floor better than I can now.

Where's your favourite holiday destination?

What's a holiday?! I would love to go to Italy one day. It looks beautiful and for the food and drink.

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

I'm a morning person. In bed by 9 and up at 5. I love walking my dogs around 5 -5.30am when hardly anybody is around. I love the sunrise/moonlight and all the wildlife that's around at that time. I saw a kingfisher the other day. It's very peaceful and sets me up for the day.



What's your favourite food or meal?

I love all food (clearly). My favourite is pasta and if I had to choose one meal it would be carbonara.

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

I'm not really into sport. I played netball at school. I did get into the Olympics this time, though.

Are you a cat or a dog person?

Dog. I have two, but we do have cats at the horses to keep the rats down and I really love them, especially Val.

What are you most proud of?

I embarrass myself daily, usually with a bad joke, although I'm sure my friends could tell you a few stories from our nights out.

What's your most prized possession and why?

My animals. They get me out and provide a good way to relax and the end of the day. Nothing beats a sniff in a horse's neck. Animals are always pleased to see you – even if it's just for food.

What skill would you like to learn?

I've always fancied being a butcher.

What's your favourite local view, place or location?

I love all the local views. We are so lucky



Jade has owned and run Youlgrave Village Shop for almost six years.

to live in such a beautiful place. My favourite would have to be where the horses are at the top of Middleton, looking down over the village (and much further).

What do you like about living in Youlgrave?

Pommie people. It's nice to drive through the village and be able to wave or pip at most people because we all know each other. We are lucky to have so many shops, pubs and a school and garage, compared to some other villages.

What could be improved about Youlgrave?

The parking, especially outside the shop. If those spaces are left free for the use of the village shops (all of them) then you can see how much better traffic moves through. Parking on the lines is a pain, but unfortunately has to be done to use the shops. And of course it helps businesses. I could go on about this all day...!

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From the Churches

We had a new vicar, John, in our church in Wakefield, when Jane and I were both teachers.

The door bell rang one day, John told us, and he opened it to find a 60-year-old man wearing rolled up jeans, sandals and no socks and wearing a donkey jacket (remember them?) and leaning on an ancient bike. John assumed it was the window cleaner and asked how much he owed. It turned out to be the bishop! Richard, the bishop, was a remarkable man. He could read a book or document and remember all the text. He was terribly 'posh' with cultured voice, absolutely 'top drawer'. He could mix with anybody, was great fun to be with, but also very challenging to all in the church who did not really want to do the things that Jesus would have us do. He was, to a degree, responsible for changing my world, and Jane's, and made the church and the faith vital and powerful.

Miss Jones was the new English teacher when I was in the third year at the grammar school. After some time she offered to take a group rock climbing. I had no interest in climbing, but did fancy a day in her company! Her fiancé, Mr Jones, had organised the day with some experienced climbers to help introduce us to 'safe' climbing. At the time my family was falling apart, my unpleasant father was in the process of leaving home. Over a period of time Margaret and Dave Jones began to get more involved in my life and became something of the family I lacked. They lent me books that were stimulating and wonderful, and took me on holiday. I spent a night a week at their house (all

terribly illegal now, of course) and we became friends, more important to me than my mother and father. My life was changed, I would say, saved, by their life shared with me.

I became a Christian when I was 16. They were shocked, because they were very confirmed atheists. It made no difference to our friendship.

Whether we are people of religious belief or not, we all face the task of changing the world. Our world and the world of others in need.

Whether you stand outside the church or inside, it is a work that we can, and should, do together.

Bless you all, Geoff

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Services for September

Sunday 1st
11am Family Service
'Esther, Queen of Persia'
6.45pm Evening Prayer at Middleton

Sunday 8th
11am Holy Communion

Sunday 15th
11am Morning Prayer

Sunday 22nd
11am Holy Communion
With Birchover, Middleton and Stanton

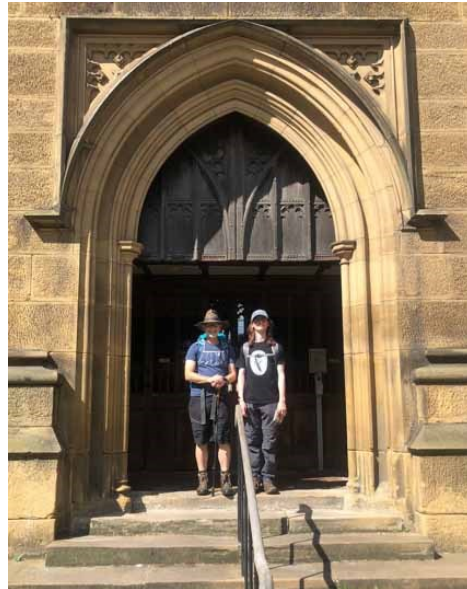
Sunday 29th
11am Holy Communion
Joint Service for the Youlgrave and the
White Peak Parishes
Time tbc: Evensong for Pommie
Pilgrimage from Sheffield to Youlgrave



NEWS FROM THE POMMIE PILGRIMAGE

The Pommie Pilgrims are a community pilgrim group, most of us living in the village, some from all over the country with connections to Youlgrave. Some of us have a faith, some do not, but all of us have been making discoveries and having new experiences on our walks or on our arrival at one or another of the 42 English cathedrals, and some of those could be described as spiritual. For some, the pilgrimage marks a poignant event. Charlotte is covering Bury St Edmunds to Norwich in memory of her sister who died 5 years ago. My sister Sue is walking from St Paul's Cathedral to St Albans in memory of a dear friend who died a year ago, and in company with his widow and other friends.

For the nerds, or the factually minded: as of 22 August, 112 walkers had participated in walks to 24 cathedrals, 2,675 person-miles had been walked, representing a magnificent 6,292,460 steps walked (thank you Ian for producing these stats). The funds raised online have now topped the £30,000 mark. During the summer months pilgrims have reached the cathedrals at Coventry, Blackburn, Hereford (from Worcester), Bristol, Truro, Lichfield, Birmingham,



Billy (right) with his Dad at Newcastle Cathedral after his walk from Carlisle.

Portsmouth, Newcastle, Sheffield, Wells and Rochester. Even Peel on the Isle of Man has been covered!

We are grateful to all our walkers and glad they each feel their effort has been repaid and they have discovered something new. Two walks have struck me as heroic:

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Youlgrave WI: 105 and still smiling!

WI enjoyed an active August, despite no official meeting. Back in July, we had great fun mastering (or not) the twists and turns of Maypole dancing. Then we had a superb buffet for our 105th birthday, at the Sycamore Inn, Parwich.

On August 10th, some of us enjoyed an Edensor coffee morning with Chatsworth WI. Our trip to Melbourne Hall on the 13th involved a very thorough guided history of the Hall and its families throughout the centuries, and the connection to the founding of Melbourne, Australia. We also explored the lovely peaceful gardens and a courtyard of shops and coffee cabin. On the following afternoon, several of us met at Lucy's

allotment to see the fruits and veg of her labour, meet the chickens, and enjoy the natural surroundings and conversation. Her mindfulness walk to Middleton and along the Dale to Youlgrave revealed the poetry and prose of the Sites of Meaning stone inscriptions, which were made for the New Millenium. We then turned uphill via Bankside to the Farmyard Inn, where we relaxed with refreshments



Above: A sunny visit to Melbourne Hall. Below: Our 105th Birthday celebratory lunch at Parwich.



and plenty of friendly chatting.

Our Choir and the Recorder Consort were favourably received at Rowsley WI in the summer, with a donation made to the Pommie Pilgrimage Just Giving page. Rehearsals will resume on September 11th for the 'Canticle of the Sun', a work composed by Sandra Akerman based on the words of St Francis of Assisi, to be performed on November 3rd at All Saints Pommie Pilgrimage Service. Women of any age, including non-WI members, are most welcome to 'try before you buy' with an annual sub of only £10. If you are interested please contact nicolajhumphreys911@gmail.com.

Supper Club on August 29th will be a tasty curry evening with some spaces available at the moment. The following Supper Club, on September 26th, will be on a French theme.

September 14th is the welcome return of the Village Show, our chance to enter and judge some categories, and on September 16th there is an extra event, entitled Women's Health, which is open to all women in Youlgrave.

EARLY NOTICE for your Diary: Our annual Fundraising Coffee Morning with refreshments and browsing thrills will be at the village Hall on Saturday November 16th, details TBA.

Our September meeting will be a hard hitting talk by Nicola Shimwell on the subject of Modern Slavery on Tuesday the 10th at 7.30 in the Village Hall. We are always welcoming new or potential members. Just come along if you'd like to try us out.

Liz Hickman

Pommie Pilgrimage – continued from p. 17

Harriet walked about 130 miles from Exeter to Truro over 8 days in July, solo and mostly tent camping, carrying a 13 kg pack. Her route took her across the north side of Dartmoor, then followed the Coastal Path along the south coast of Cornwall. Harriet says: "Two things I learned on pilgrimage: churches recharge more than one type of battery, and always partake in first breakfast, second breakfast, elevenses, luncheon, afternoon tea, dinner and supper."

Billy, aged 16, walked the Hadrian's Wall Path from Carlisle to Newcastle, a distance of 70 miles over 4 days, solo but with discreet support from his family. Billy's cool-as-a-cucumber and matter-of-fact attitude, as well as his stamina, are admirable.

Lots more walks are planned for September and a few for October, and we are thrilled that walks to all 42 English cathedrals are planned or

already in progress. We kicked off in March with a mass walk from Youlgrave to Derby Cathedral over 3 days. We want to round off the main walking season with a similar walk from Sheffield Cathedral back to Youlgrave, over the 3 days Friday 27 to Sunday 29 September. We plan to set out from the cathedral on Friday afternoon and walk to a pub on the fringes of Sheffield. Saturday's longer walk will take us down the Edges as far as Baslow or Edensor, and Sunday's goes via Chatsworth and Haddon Hall to Youlgrave, where drinks, cake and Evensong will await us. If you are interested in joining all or part of the walk, please email Petra at pommiepilgrimage@gmail.com.

Finally, please 'save the date' for Sunday 3 November, when we are planning an all-age All Saints Day celebration service with visual aids. In churchy terms, this will be our patronal festival.

Richard Tucker

Granby House, Youlgrave

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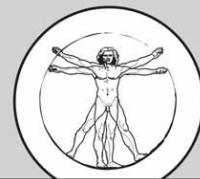
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Update from Derbyshire Dales District Councillor (Youlgrave ward), Laura Mellstrom

The District Council is back in business after the general election quiet period, and has launched Year 2 of the Progressive Alliance administration with a Nature Delivery Plan and 2 public consultations.

Nature Delivery Plan:

All local authorities now have a 'biodiversity duty' to not only conserve but to enhance biodiversity. The District Council has approved a plan aimed at becoming leaders in championing nature conservation and enhancement. It covers 5 areas: Council services, the Planning system, Flooding, Agriculture and Ecotourism. You can read the full plan here:

<https://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/documents/environment/nature-delivery-plan>

Car Park review consultation (closes 18 September):

The Council runs 40 car parks across the district, all of which now offer payment on the PaybyPhone App or by a telephone call. Payment methods are not part of this consultation, which is focused mainly on the issue of differential charging rates, facilities for disabled drivers and motorhomes, and whether there should be a free 30 minute option.

You can access the survey here, or paper copies can be obtained from the Town Hall in Matlock: [https://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/your-council/have-your-say/consultations/traveller-sites-consultation-2024 - Derbyshire Dales District Council](https://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/your-council/have-your-say/consultations/traveller-sites-consultation-2024-Derbyshire-Dales-District-Council)

Traveller sites consultation – closes 22 September 2024

The search is ongoing for suitable land to build permanent Gypsy & Traveller sites. Unusually, Derbyshire Dales has no such designated facilities, and external agents have been commissioned for this search. In the meantime, two Gypsy families with connections to the area are currently situated on car parks in Matlock Bath and Matlock Station, and have been stuck there for several years now. The Council is therefore looking to identify alternative temporary options on land which the Council already owns, in 6 possible locations. If you would like to comment, the link to the survey is at:

<https://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/your-council/have-your-say/consultations/traveller-sites-consultation-2024cil>

Holiday lets:

The previous government floated the idea of changing the planning laws to make holiday lets a separate 'Use Class' from normal homes, so that local authorities can use the Planning permission system to control the numbers of holiday lets. That proposal didn't make it into the Levelling Up & Regeneration Act, so the Council has voted to write to the Deputy Prime Minister urging her to introduce the necessary legislation without further delay, and will be urging the Peak Park and other local authorities to do the same.

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

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Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: July & August 2024

The weather has continued to be very variable and not very summery. This has particularly affected butterfly numbers which seem to be well down this year. Large whites, heading for the cabbages, are fairly common at the moment and I have seen peacock, gatekeeper and comma recently but numbers are low. Cinnabar moth caterpillars have stripped the ragworts near Hollow Farm and the adult moths have been spotted.

Some other very interesting insects have been reported. Photos of a hornet mimic hover fly and a red listed (endangered) necklace ground beetle were sent in. Some very large spiders have been invading a house down Alport Lane.

As for mammals, black fallow deer have been seen near Raper Bridge, Hawley's Bridge and towards the Via Gellia. A hedgehog has been a frequent visitor in Alport and droppings have been found on lawns. There have been several sightings of hares.

Twelve people came on the village Swift Walk on the 2nd July. There were very few swifts to be seen, but we did identify around 20 nests. Some of the sites were new to me. Towards the end of the evening swifts were seen visiting their nests. The swifts left us in the first week of August. The best count was over 20 in the air. House martins seem to have had some success. More than 60 were seen at Alport recently, though about 20 sitting on overhead wires

seems more typical. Perching swallows were in similar numbers and there have been flocks of both birds over the New Dam recently.

Birds of prey have been well reported. Apart from our usual buzzards, kites have been seen regularly, peregrines occasionally and sparrowhawks have been made several kills in local gardens. We watched one from our kitchen window, dissecting a collared dove. A

barn owl has been seen once again hunting between Alport Lane and Raper Lane. A heron has been fishing at the New dam and there have been plenty of mallard and mandarin ducks. I counted over 60 greylag geese there. A sedge warbler and redstarts have been seen near the Dam.

On the river there have been lots of young ducks, moorhens and coots, the occasional heron and even a kingfisher. Dippers have been establishing territories. The swan has apparently moved to the

Lathkill. In the gardens jays and woodpeckers have been big consumers of bird food. We have lots of blackbirds and young robins have been getting their red breasts. Several families of blue tits have visited, but there seems to be a shortage of goldcrests and other finches.

On my monthly wildlife walk on the 24th I found 65 species of wildflower in bloom. Many were at the end of their season, but rosebay and great willowherbs were very colourful below the playing field and there were lots of



Horbet mimic hover fly (photo by Gail Revill).

mints and both fools and normal water cress in the river. I saw a kingfisher on the third dam. My final orchid count on our lawn was 19. Some of the older ones didn't bloom this year, but there were several new groups. Knapweeds have appeared for the first time.

My thanks to my correspondents over July and August: Geoff, Gail, Karen, Lisa, Ian, Maggie, Erica, Simon, Pat, Edwina, Helen, Richard, Laetitia, Andrew and Anne

Ian Weatherley
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Necklace ground beetle (photo by Karen Shelley-Jones).

Go Pommie-Granites!

Move over the Lionesses, we are the Pommie-Granites, Youlgrave women's softball cricket team. Formed in June 2023, the team now has eleven regular players who train on the sports field on Wednesday evenings. During the summer we pit ourselves against other teams from around the county in friendly festivals full of music, fun, raffles, prosecco (occasionally a Zumba warm-up) and a spot of cricket.

On August 11th the team organised a family fun day at the sports field with cake stall, tombola, bouncy castle, barbeque and mixed cricket matches, raising £663 towards the cost of replacing the old Astroturf. We even secured our first women's team sponsor in Goodwins kitchens bedrooms and bathrooms in Wirksworth.



Softball cricket is about getting out and playing, maximum fun, minimum fuss. No pads, no hard ball, no heavy bat. It's a game for everybody, no matter your skill level, fitness or age. The team is friendly and supportive, with players from Youlgrave and surrounding areas – Alport, Bakewell and Alstonefield. We welcome new players from the age of 13 upwards to join us.

If you'd like to find out more about joining or sponsoring the team please contact info@youlgravelodgecc.co.uk.





Church Farm Diary, September

I hope you have had a lovely summer! The gardens have been wonderful with the weather, as the rain and sun have helped the growing time. As you can imagine, the crops have been in abundance – no sooner have you mown than it's grown again. We are so lucky in England with the weather. We might moan about it but, we never get terrible extremes.

I used to worry about the weather, but my Dad would always say 'what goes up always comes down, lass'. And he was right.

I think all the agricultural shows have been a success, though we were unable to go ourselves. Some of the family went and had a good time. I send them on a quest to get me free pens and note paper!

Now the family are busy with drilling the land and reseeding, gapping the walls up, and so on. There is never a moment when you can say that all is done, with farming the work goes on forever.

The cattle are doing well and of course with the robot milking it is a pleasure. I am not saying that it is all going fine, because if there is a power cut it sends a message to Dakin and Sarah to say that something has gone wrong. But on the whole it's a wonderful machine, and as I have said before the cows are very relaxed and milk very well.

Marjorie Shimwell

Recipe of the month: Pear Treat

With lots of fruit on the trees at the moment here's a Pear Treat.

Ingredients

3 ripe pears peeled and cored
200g SR flour
75g light brown sugar
3 ball of stem ginger from a jar
chopped into small pieces,
plus 2tbsp of the syrup
150ml whole milk
1 large egg
100g butter melted
Icing sugar for dusting.

FOR THE TOFFEE SAUCE

150g light brown sugar
100g butter
100ml crème fraîche
3tbsp syrup from the jar
You will also need a 1litre shallow sided
ovenproof dish.

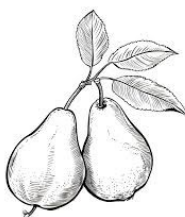
Method

Preheat the oven to 180 (160 gas)
Make the sauce by heating all the
ingredients together in a pan until all
the sugar has dissolved, pour 150ml of
the sauce into the ovenproof
dish.

Cut each pear into eighths, sift
the flour into a bowl add the
sugar and ginger pieces.
Whisk together the milk, eggs,
syrup and butter, add to the
flour all but 6 pieces of the pear.
Spoon into the dish and arrange
the remaining pears on top,

Place into the oven on a baking sheet
for about 45 mins,
Reheat the rest of the sauce and lightly
dust the cooked pudding with the icing
sugar.

Serve with the warm sauce, it is also
nice with ice cream.



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Winster, explore this historic village & walk the Limestone way



Elton, alight here for a walk to Gratton Dale and Long Dale.



Alight in Birchover or Elton for Robins Hood's stride



Rowtor Rocks, alight at the Druid Inn, Birchover.



Nine Ladies stone circle, Stanton Moor.

Stanton Moor lies between the villages of Stanton in Peak and Birchover. Using O/S map OL 24 walk from Barn Farm camp site, Birchover to explore the beautiful heather moorland where our ancestors lived 4,000 yrs ago.



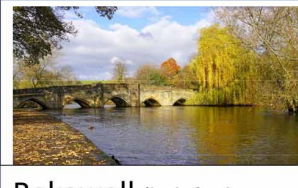
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