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May 2025

Middleton-by-Youlgrave Market 2025

Saturday 24th May - DE45 1LS

- Opens: Midday; Closes: 4pm.
- **Parking**: free parking in field opposite Castle Farm.
- Well Dressings: in Square from Sat 24th May until Sat 31st May.
- Stalls: Plants very large selection of vegetables, flowers, shrubs, hanging baskets and cottage garden perennials; Vintage/Pre-loved; Cakes and



Bakes; Bric-a-Brac; Gluten-Free Cakes/Bakes/Food; Books - big selection of categories of books/CDs/LPs (especially for Country and Western fans).

- Winster Morris Dancers: we welcome them back for two sessions.
- **Explore Middleton**: visit the latest selection of Open Gardens and many other features. You'll need to have the **Explore Middleton** map available in gardens and at the Information point in the Square.
- **Middleton's History**: a historic Peak village see the Middleton history information boards arranged around the village on the Explore Middleton trail.
- **Children's Wildlife Trail:** Free children's hunt in the village to find where the garden minibeasts are hiding! Recording sheets available from Information point.
- Church: flowers and music, open until 4pm.
- **Raffle**: a very good selection of prizes in the Grand Prize Draw.
- **Tombola**: in the Square, **Skittles**: in the playground, **Barbecue**: Burgers in the Square.

TEAS: Village hall teas open until 4pm.

(Card payments can be made at the Card Payment and Raffle Point in the Square) Sunday 25th May

- Teas for Well Dressing visitors: 10am-4pm, with plant sales outside the hall.
- Church: open.
- Blessing of the Well: 6.30pm in the Square, followed by Evensong in St Michael and All Angels' Church.



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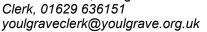
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Defibrillator fundraising update

Youlgrave Parish Council is pleased to announce that we are well on the way to reach our target, with £3,264 donated so far for the replacement village defibrillators and further promises received. Thank you to everyone for your prompt support so far. We now await the tell tale bleep from the boxes this coming winter to announce the end of battery life and will order replacements as each starts to fail - most are expected to last until their actual expiry date next year. Matthew Lovell, Youlgrave Parish





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A huge thank you to Youlgrave's Sean Cable (above), who ran in the Chester Ultra in April and raised over £400 towards defibrillator funds (and he has to pay 35p per donation as its not a charity).

Youlgrave Surgery		
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OPENING TIMES		
Monday	8.30am-12 midday	
	2-6pm	
Tuesday	8.30am-1pm	
Wednesday	8.30am-1pm	
Thursday	8.30am-12 midday	
	2-6pm	
Friday	8.30am-1pm	
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MOBILE LIBRARY:

Friday 9th May & Friday 6th June

3.15–3.35pm Holywell Lane

& 3.40-4pm Grove Place, Youlgrave

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Youlgrave Welldressings 2025

Saturday 17 May:	10am	Clay preparation commences (volunteers please)
Friday 6 June:	5pm	Boards in River (Meet at the Welldressings Shed)
Sunday 15 June;	2pm	Puddling at bottom of Holywell Lane
Mon 16 - Fri 20 June:	Various	s Making of Welldressings in various garage
Saturday 21 June:	6am	Boards go up
Sat 21 - Fri 27 June:		Welldressings on display
Saturday 21 June:	2-4pm	Road Closure
Saturday 21 June:	2.30pm	Procession and Blessing of the Wells
Sunday 22 June:	6pm	Service in Wesleyan Reform Chapel followed by
-		outdoor concert by Youlgrave Silver Band
Friday 27 June:	2-5pm	Boards stripped and dismantled
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For queries or more information contact Ian Knight, email ianknight@xymail.co.uk.

Youlgrave Welldressing Parade – marshals needed

Youlgrave Welldressing Parade will take place on Saturday 21st June .We are seeking two people, ideally from the village, who would be prepared to act as 'Marshals' on the day, between 2– 4.15pm.

Responsibility would include liaising with the 'Chief Marshal', on the day to ensure that the parade can move safely on the roads within the village.

You will be provided with a hi-vis jacket and full instructions will be given to enable you to carry out the role. If you would like to volunteer for this role, please contact Ken Clayton, email kenclayton@mail.com or call 01629 630005.



Youlgrave Waterworks – latest news

Youlgrave Waterworks welcomes the change in the weather, as this 6-week dry spell has had an adverse effect on the spring flow with the reserve supply already assisting. This has not been helped by further leaks and we will be pleased if you will continue to be vigilant and report damp patches and noises, as some leaks can take a while to come to the surface so need attention straight away.

Our planning application for the second tank and building to house it will be submitted shortly, which will further assist daily needs.

The bills for this year should have arrived with all our members by now and those who haven't completed paying for last year need to do so, as the debts with be passed to TDR to chase up in early May.

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News from Youlgrave, All Saints' CE Primary School

Class 3 Residential visit to Willersley Castle

Children from Class 3 attended a fun packed residential visit to Willersley Castle in Cromford before the Easter holidays. They took part in various activities including canoeing, grass sledging, zip wire and bush craft skills. We all enjoyed the activities and the weather was perfect for our time there.

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Dental health visit

Children from Youlgrave, All Saints' received a visit from our local Women's Institute who talked to the children about dental hygiene as well as giving each child a dental pack to help keep teeth clean. We are very grateful to Youlgrave W.I. for the packs.



Class 1 and Class 3 visit to Peak Wildlife Park

Children from Class 1 and 3 visited the Peak Wildlife Park as part of their class topics. The children enjoyed seeing the animals and learning about their habitats and a keeper from the wildlife park led a talk about the animals.





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7 -7:45PM - JUNIOR SOFTBALL CRICKET (8 YEARS +):

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- 8 -Have your say on the future of the playing field tennis court

Youlgrave Parish Council is asking for your thoughts on the future of the tennis court on Alport Lane playing fields. It's been under-used and neglected for some time now, with the tennis club folding many years ago. So, with the surface and perimeter fencing in need of upgrading, are there other options for this village resource? For instance:



- Extend the multi-use games area next to it so that it becomes a large all-weather general games area?
- Convert it into a fully fenced mini astroturf pitch marked out for football, tennis and other sports, for use all year round?

Or keep it as a tennis court and bring it up to a decent standard? If you are keen on any of these options or have other ideas please speak to a parish councillor or contact the Parish Clerk: email youlgraveclerk@youlgrave.org.uk or phone 01629 636151. Also, any of these options will incur significant costs, so if you know of funds the Council could apply to or generous benefactors it could turn to, please let us know!

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Wyns Tor Singers summer concert

Saturday 7th June at 7.30pm in All Saints' Church, Youlgrave

A varied evening of choral music in aid of the church kitchen & toilet

appeal

Further details in next month's Bugle



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New Youlgrave Juniors football team launched

We are pleased to announce the start of a new Youlgrave Juniors Football Club from September 2025!

The boys and girls are now in an under 8 team playing for Bakewell in the Derwent Valley League, but from September they become an Under 10's team and will be moving to Youlgrave Playing Field, becoming Youlgrave Juniors FC Under 10's

Sam Smith, their current coach, is keen to bring junior football back to the village, along with other parents. The team is already made up of several players who live in the village and a few more whose parents originate from Youlgrave, so the move makes perfect sense.

We would like the under 10's to be the start of something bigger, so anyone wanting to introduce any other age groups to Youlgrave Juniors are welcome. The FA regulations will need to be followed but we are more than happy to help get you started.

Our Under 10's will be sponsored by Longbow Venues and Stacey Concrete, who have made a generous start to our club by sponsoring our home and away kit.

However, we are still looking for donations to help kickstart our fund for next year to cover training, matches, ensuring



Sam Smith, football coach.

safeguarding measures and FA registration.

If you would like to help us start this journey any donations, big or small, will be greatly appreciated.

We are really excited about this new venture, please do contact us for any more information or to offer your support. Many thanks

Youlgrave Juniors FC

Email YoulgraveJuniorsFC@gmail.com

East Midlands Mayor visits Youlgrave

Claire Ward made a recent visit to Youlgrave to see the Peak District Rural Housing Association housing at Hannah Bowman Way to see for herself the quality of the housing provided and understand its importance in maintaining vibrant and sustainable communities. The Mayor enjoyed a walk around the village, chatting with residents and meeting our shop owners. The effects of excessive numbers of holiday homes and second homes raised, and how it eventually has a negative effect



on the cohesion of a community. Providing housing for all sections of the community, such as housing for older people to downsize to releases housing for families; flats, two and three bedroomed houses enable a better quality of life for us all. YCLT

Granby House, Youlgrave

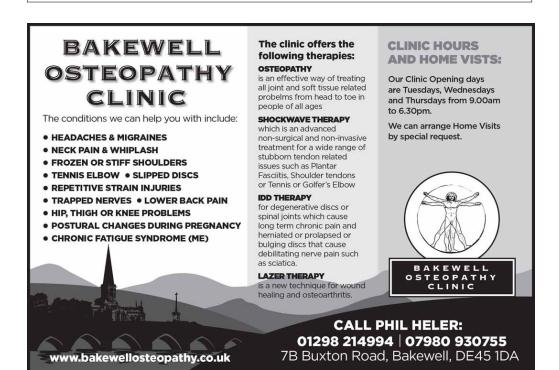
Do you feel the need for more company or support, but don't want a care home? Or do you have an elderly relative who wants to be closer to you? Granby House could be the answer.



At Granby House you can eat meals cooked by the staff, and visits from carers can be arranged if you need extra help. But Granby House is not a Care Home.

We recognise that a move to Granby House is a big step. So come and visit us and have a look around. We then offer a two week trial to ensure that Granby House is the right choice.

If you or a relative would like to consider Granby House please contact Ian Webster on 01629 636836 or speak to the housekeeper at Granby House, on 01629 636264. You can also email <u>granbyhouse@gmail.com</u> and look at our website www.granbyhouse.org.





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Chair's Annual Report: Youlgrave Parish Council

As usual, my report begins at the top end of the village.

Following suggestions from both locals and visitors, we have introduced QR codes on Parish-controlled areas in the village. This enables contributions for both parking and toilet facilities to be made via mobile phone by visitors who don't carry cash.

The results have proved successful and, together with our honesty boxes, finance their upkeep and help with minor village projects.

Both the picnic and play areas at Coldwell End continue to be well used by both locals and visitors, even more so since we moved everything to a safer area at the top end of the field.

Our green-fingered members planted more bulbs and shrubs around the border areas and what a show they have been! Simon Skinner was able to provide another free load of wood chippings for our use at Coldwell End.

Allotments are all active and the waiting list has now been reduced to single figures. One of the larger trees on the top plot is diseased and work is in hand to sort it.

Holywell Lane toilets remain in good order and continue to be well used. The electronic locks have been a bonus and have also increased security during the night hours.

Moving on to Alport Lane playing field, I can now report that the Parish Council have taken over ownership from Fields in Trust guaranteeing its use as a playing/sports field for generations to come.

Most will be aware that we are looking into ways which will enable us to replace our ageing Pavilion. This is a long-term project and any developments will be shared and published in the Bugle. In the mean time, we have had to replace some unsafe timber flooring to enable its continued use.

One piece of gym equipment around the perimeter of the field has suffered corrosion damage and is now fully repaired, thanks to Paul Young's skilful welding. Repairs are in hand to make it safe to use again.

The Diamond Jubilee Oak tree continues to thrive and is looked after as usual by Rob Scott.

The pathways were cleared of weeds and the Multi Use Games Area and Bike Track tidied. A decision has yet to be made over the future of the tennis courts.

Unfortunately, the electronic lock on the ladies toilet at Alport Lane has been forced open from the locked position. We are not sure when, but the locks operate from 10pm to 8am so it was either a late nighter or an early morning vandal.

We are still plagued with dog fouling both on the playing field and the path down to the Pavillion. It's a dog free zone and owners can be fined up to $\pounds100$ by Derbyshire Dales District Council.

All the Parish-owned seats, benches and noticeboards that needed a refurb have been completed and the grit bins monitored and refilled as required.

Our 4 lifesaving village defibrillators financed by your donations 11 years ago are coming to the end of their life. We need to replace them within the next 2 years. QR codes specifically for defib contributions are now displayed on the village noticeboards allowing us to expand the way we take donations. As expected, your generosity has come to the fore and we have already started to receive contributions, so thank you. Today's cost is about £900 per unit plus the ongoing cost of chest pads which require replacing after use or every 2 years. The initial cost is considerably less than previous, as we intend to use the original cabinets to house them. If you feel you could contribute or fund raise in some way

please contact our Parish Clerk Matthew Lovell. Just to reassure you, all monies donated towards the defib units is ring fenced and cannot be used for anything other than intended.

A reminder to all that CCTV Cameras on our 3 sites operate 24 hours a day 7 days a week and have the benefit of being able to see in the dark. All of which have police access if required.

We have a great team of dedicated councillors and a wizard for a Parish Clerk who has just completed 20 years service to the village. Well done Matthew and our thanks. I also want to thank members for their hard work throughout the year and our volunteer litter pickers who do a great job in helping to keep everywhere as litter free as possible.

A new contractor took over the cleaning of our village toilets earlier in the year and I'm happy to report that standards have been maintained. Rest easy, Eileen.

We need to keep our village at the top, and with your continued support we will.

As always, I look forward to next year's challenges.

Councillor Graham Elliott

Chair, Youlgrave Parish Council



'Call for Sites' – future land use discussion

Last month's 'Call for Sites' meeting, held jointly by the Parish Council and Community Land Trust as part of the public consultation process for the Peak District National Park's new Local Plan, came up with plenty of suggestions for future land use in and around the village. At this early stage it is only about identifying possible sites, which included:

- Affordable housing sites in and around the village for small-scale housing specifically tied to local needs
- Open green space small parcels of undeveloped land within the village
- Business opportunities possible sites for rentable lock-ups, light manufacturing, shared business space
- Renewable energy opportunities- sites for small scale possibly communityowned renewable energy generation
- Allotments land where new or extended public allotments might be developed
- Car parks opportunities to create new or possibly extend existing car parks in and around the village to provide extra spaces for residents and visitors and so alleviate current problems

Other suggestions included a dog exercise field, tree planting for every child at the village school and planting wild flower areas. If you have any further suggestions please contact Anne Croasdell on 636887 or email annecroasdell@yahoo.co.uk as soon as possible.

~ Youlgrave Show 2025 ~

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This year's event will take place at Youlgrave Village Hall on Saturday 13th September and all are welcome, whether to exhibit your prize fruit and veg, show off your kitchen skills or handiwork, or simply come along and be part of an enjoyable community event.

Anyone will be able to submit entries, irrespective of where they live, and as usual with local Shows there will be a small fee per entry and prizes awarded by independent



judges. The Schedule with all the classes is shown below and we will provide regular updates (including rules, timetable, etc) in the Bugle between now and September and at www.youlgrave.org.uk/youlgrave-show.

Youlgrave Show relies on a great team of volunteers that covers all sorts of tasks, both before the event and over the Show weekend. If you want to join us and help out in any way, or if you have queries, please email youlgraveshow@outlook.com or call Edwina Cant on 07772 019385.

Youlgrave Show 2025 Schedule

Section A: Vegetables and Fruit

- 1. Potatoes, 3 any colour
- 2. Leeks, 3 with roots (50mm)
- Cabbage any type, with roots (70mm)
- 4. Carrots, 3 with tops (70mm)
- 5. Cauliflower with root (70mm)
- 6. Broccoli head 1
- 7. Peas, 6 pods
- 8. Beans any variety, 6 pods
- 9. Longest runner bean
- 10. Beetroot, 3 with tops (70mm)
- 11. Onions dressed, 3 from seed or set
- 12. Garlic, 3 bulbs with quarter top
- 13. Cucumber, 1
- 14. Courgettes, 3 maximum length 15cm
- 15. Any other squash, 1
- 16. Cherry tomatoes, 6 with calix
- 17. Tomatoes, 5 with calix
- 18. 1 different type of vegetable not otherwise in this section
- 19. Youlgrave Top Tray Collection of vegetables on a tray. 3 distinct

kinds only (2 of each). Tray not exceeding 45cm x 60cm

- 20. Cooking apples, 3 with stalk
- 21. Eating apples, 3 with stalk
- 22. Stone fruit, 3
- 23. Soft fruits, 6
- 24. A bunch of mixed herbs in water
- 25. Any unusually shaped vegetable
- 26. Bag of compost. 500g of
 - homemade compost in sealed (zip lock) bag

Section B: Flowers

- 27. A specimen rose
- 28. Calendula, 5 blooms
- 29. Dahlia, 3 blooms any variety
- 30. Antirrhinums, 5 spikes
- 31. Asters, 5 blooms
- 32. Gladioli, 3 spikes
- 33. Phlox, 3 stems
- 34. Chrysanthemums, 3 blooms
- 35. Sweet peas, 6 blooms
- 36. Specimen pot plant in flower. Not necessarily grown this year.

- 37. Specimen pot plant, non-flowering. Not necessarily grown this year.
- Specimen pot plant grown from pip, stone or nut. Please label. Not necessarily grown this year.

Section C: Floral arrangements (locally grown)

- 39. A vase of dried seed heads, flowers & grasses
- 40. An unusual vessel of any cut flowers
- 41. Youlgrave Top Vase Vase of cut flowers

Please note - buds count as flowers.

Section D Baking and Preserves

(All entries in Classes 42 to 52 to be covered please)

- 42. Loaf of bread, hand made only
- 43. Loaf of bread made in a bread machine
- 44. Savoury scones, 3
- 45. Fruit scones, 3
- 46. Flapjack, 3 pieces
- 47. Fruit cake.
- 48. Sandwich cake
- 49. Decorated cake (not to be tasted)
- 50. Cup cakes, 3 decorated
- 51. Apple pie
- 52. Biscuits, 6 undecorated
- 53. 1 jar of jam
- 54. 1 jar of marmalade
- 55. 1 jar of fruit curd
- 56. A jar of chutney
- 57. A jar of pickles all varieties
- 58. A jar of honey
- 59. Free range eggs, 3, on a plate
- 60. Home brew wine, beer or fruit liquor (bottled)



Section E: Handicrafts

Every exhibit must have been made by the exhibitor and must have been completed in the last 12 months)

- 61. Hand knitted article of any kind
- 62. Crochet work of any kind
- 63. A mended garment
- 64. A handmade garment
- 65. Handmade jewellery
- 66. An embroidered article
- 67. Picture any medium less than 90cm x 75cm
- Photograph of flower(s), vegetable (s) or garden
- 69. Photograph of local scene
- 70. Photograph of animal(s), bird(s), fish, insect(s) etc
- 71. Pottery of any kind less than 80cm
- 72. Woodwork any article

Section F: Children's Work

(For children aged 16 or under. No entry fees in this section.)

- 73. Vegetable or fruit monster less than 30cm
- 74. Floral arrangement less than 50cm.
- 75. Miniature garden in a shallow container.
- 76. Picture or Design, any medium, under 5 years old.
- 77. Picture or Design, any medium, 5 to 10 years old.
- 78. Picture or Design, any medium, 11 to 16 years old.
- 79. A photograph. Any subject.
- 80. Model in any craft medium, i.e. not a kit.
- 81. Baking biscuits, cakes, cup cakes etc. 3 pieces
- 82. Homemade birthday card.
- 83. Handwriting, poem or prose. For children 11 years or under.

More information on how to enter, the Show timetable and Rules of the Show will follow.





Selena the Snake Charmer.



From the Churches

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The late Pope Francis

The Roman Catholic Church is not very visible here in Youlgrave. The nearest Catholic church is in Hassop, serving Bakewell and district. But the Roman Catholic Church is a considerable force worldwide: with 1.4 billion adherents, it is the single largest Christian Church in the world. That marks the Pope out as a significant figure, and especially so when he speaks out as much and as boldly as the late Pope Francis did.

Francis, as you will know, died on Easter Monday, 21 April, aged 88, after being in office for 12 years. His papacy was notable for several reasons. As an Argentinian, he was the first non-European Pope for more than a thousand years. He was greatly loved, as was shown by the crowds attending his lying-in-state and his funeral. There he was described as 'a pope among the people with an open heart towards all' - including outsiders of all sorts. His natural humility led him to reject the pomp and ceremony that traditionally surround the papacy. His pastoral heart also caused him to question some areas of traditional Catholic moral teaching.

Like Francis, the saint whose name he took on being elected pope, he had a great love and care for creation. For him, climate change, migration and global poverty were all connected. In his 2015 encyclical, or teaching document, Laudato Sí, he showed how the carbon emissions and pollution produced over the past two centuries or so have led to global heating and other signs of environmental breakdown such as desertification, loss of soil fertility, warming of the sea, a rise in sea levels and more extreme weather conditions of all sorts. These in turn are leading to some areas of the world becoming less



The late Pope Francis.

habitable and fuelling migration from tropical or less developed areas to temperate or developed areas including Europe. We have a duty and a shared responsibility towards our common home.

Popes are elected at the conclave, a secretive process where those cardinals aged under 80 gather in Rome. This time 135 will gather early in May, drawn from a wider geographical spread than ever before. Some of you may have seen the recent brilliant film of that name, showing a fictional conclave leading to the election of an initially wildly unlikely candidate. There is speculation that the next pope to be elected may be drawn from a region such as Africa or Asia, where the Catholic (and other Christian) Churches are growing rapidly, rather than from Europe or North America, where the faith is in decline. If we are people of faith, we can pray the cardinals will be given God's wisdom.

Beating the Bounds, 25 May.

Walkers/runners etc. will be 'beating the bounds' (travelling around the parish boundary, which runs to 17 miles) on Sunday 25 May. More details to follow.

Richard Tucker

Services for May

Sunday 4th

11am Family Service 6.45pm Evening Prayer at Middleton

Sunday 11th

11am Christian Aid service at Wesleyan Reform Church, followed by light lunch 6.30pm Evening Prayer - said

Sunday 18th

11am Morning Prayer

General enquiries:

Dan Cocker, Church Warden dan.churchwarden@gmail.com.

Funerals:

Andrew Parker, 01629 636757, andrewparker10@ yahoo.co.uk

Weddings:

Denise Figg, 01629 636526, denisefigg.wed@gmail.com

Sunday 25th

11 am Holy Communion for Youlgrave Benefice 6.30/6.45pm Middleton well-dressing service

Sunday 1st June 11am Family Service

Retired clergy:

Revd Geoff Clay 07833 252803 geoffclay@me.com

Revd Jane Clay 07802 630877 Ejaneclay@icloud.com

Revd Richard Tucker 01629 636074 rev.richardtucker@gmail.com

For services at other churches: Methodist: Margaret (636558)

Wesleyan Reform: Isobel (636251)

Youlgrave Band – forthcoming 2025 performances (to date)

- ♦ Sunday 1st June, 7pm, Barringtons, Darley Dale
- ♦ Sunday15th June, 3.30pm, Ashford in the Water Well dressing blessings
- ◊ Saturday 21st June, 2.30pm, Youlgrave Well dressings blessings
- Sunday 22nd June, 6pm service, 7 pm concert outside Youlgrave Wesleyan Chapel
- ◊ Wednesday 2nd July, 7pm, Bands in the Park at Bakewell Park
- ♦ Saturday 6th Sept, 1:30pm, opening of the Mural, Youlgrave Scout Hut

We are still on the look out for a new musical director of the Band. If anyone would like to lead our little village band or know of someone then please don't hesitate to drop us a message or contact our chairman Dereck on 07790 786863. And we are also still on the look out for more players. We offer a learner band for all ages who want to learn and meets at 7pm on Thursday nights before main practice Main rehearsals are every Thursday night at Youlgrave Methodist Church from 7:30 -9.30pm.

Pommie People

This month's interviewee is **Elaine Harrop**, who lives in Youlgrave with her partner Phil. They have 4 teenage children.

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

I was born in Scarsdale hospital in Chesterfield. My earliest memories are playing in the yard and hay barn at Hall Farm on Conksbury Lane. We moved to New Farm at Alport when I was 7 years old.

Where did you go to school and what was your favourite subject? I went to Youlgrave Primary followed by Lady Manners School. The lessons I disliked the least were English, Drama and Art.

What person has had the most influence on you? Apart from my parents and grandparents, someone who influ

grandparents, someone who influenced me a lot when I was younger was Susan Lomas, our village Girl Guide leader. Many ladies in the village will remember her. It's because of her I'm keen for my daughters to continue Guiding and accept as many opportunities that come their way as possible.

Tell us something about you that not many people will know. I was once on first name speaking terms with Robert Plant, the lead singer with Led Zeppelin

Where's your favourite holiday destination?

Anywhere with my mates and plenty of rosé wine lined up. Crete is quite special to me. Scotland is somewhere I'd like to explore more of.





How do you relax? I enjoy walking our Whippet, Sid.

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

The last book I read was about Tideswell people and I shall be reading a Gdansk tour book shortly. We went to see The Reytons recently, they're good. I'm also back into listening to The Lathums.

What's your favourite food or meal? I like all food. Tripe soup was something I had to draw the line at, though.

What skill would you like to learn? Like lots of others – to read music and be able to play an instrument. Maybe we should have group lessons at the village hall?

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What's the most embarrassing thing that's ever happened to you? I have many. My children say I'm very embarrassing. They will love seeing this!

What's your most prized possession and why?

Aside from my health and my family, it's my friends. I have a group of 7 mates and we've been friends for many years We have lots of memories. They mean a lot to me. They're a big part of who I am. I've also got a really good pair of tweezers that I've managed to keep out of my daughters' hands so far.

What's your favourite local view or place?

Top of Moor Lane. I have worked at the Lathkil Hotel for nearly 20 years and I never get bored of the view. I love working there.

What do you like about living in Youlgrave?

I love that Phil (my partner) and I have generational history here. It's very much home. It's still a proper working village with farmers and local industry keeping it real. There's a real sense of tradition and community here with so many things to get involved in. Walking up the street I always see someone, maybe a relative or someone who I have known for years or maybe not so long. to have a word with. I love it.

What could be improved about Youlgrave

Just an idea, but I think the cricket pavilion could be a fantastic village sport and social club with a bar, stage, decking, etc that could replace the village hall. In the village hall's place we could have a proper pay and display car park with funds going back into our village. It would be a big change though.

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We have had some good weather in April and Spring really has arrived. The blackthorn along the Coach Road is covered in white blossom and I can't recollect ever seeing so much alpine penny-cress, a rare lead-tolerant plant, flowering on the spoil heaps at Icky Picky and above Hollow Farm. Meadow saxifrage, too, is coming into flower.

There have been two particularly exciting sightings in the river. On the 9th a water vole was spotted twice in two different places along the swimming pool section. So common here at one time this, is the first report I have had since 2018 when several were seen. Water voles are highly endangered by habitat loss and predation by mink. As the river habitat here has changed very little since their abundance, even improved, I can only assume that it is predation that has all but exterminated them. The other sighting, again the first for many years, was of a brook lamprey spawning near Braemar bridge. Sadly, this old spawning ground is very exposed to disturbance by dogs, but I am hopeful that we may see more.

After a rather dismal year for butterflies last year this year's sunshine has brought them out, but numbers have still to recover. Derbyshire has one of the best monitoring systems in the country, which contributes to a national database, and I am pleased to say that Youlgrave now has its own butterfly transect where the route is walked every week during the summer and the butterflies are recorded, along with information such a sun and temperature. So far this year peacock, orange tip, brimstone, specked wood and comma have all been recorded.

Our three principal warblers, chiffchaff, blackcap and willow warbler are all singing well and the first swallows were seen from 3rd April. The masses of frog spawn in our pond has hatched



Alpine penny-cress, a rare lead-tolerant plant with clusters of small white flowers that grows around Youlgrave.

and the pond is seething with tiny tadpoles. The newts are still there, presumably with lots of food, and I watched a female carefully laying her eggs, wrapping each one up in a separate pond plant leaf. I have had several reports of very large hedgehogs in gardens and a slowworm was seen basking in the sun. Deer have been seen further up the Dale.

Mandarin duck, both male and female, have been common both on the river and the New Dam. Some reed buntings were seen by the New Dam. Herons are being seen occasionally by the river, coots are nesting and the occasional dipper and grey wagtail can be seen. Curlews can be seen and heard above the village and one recently flew over our garden.

On my wildlife walk on the 21st I found 31 species of wildflower in bloom, approximately double the number in the survey this time last year.

My thanks to this month's contributors Geoff, Simon, Pat, Gill, Lisa, Edwina, Leah, Charlotte and Andy.

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District Councillor Report

The problem of second homes and holiday lets, and their effect on house prices, continues to be a major concern for the District Council, the Peak Park and local groups. I attended a public meeting in Youlgrave in December on this issue, at which local residents, and some owners of second homes in the area, were able to express their views.

Housing was also a major issue in the National Park's Local Plan consultation in the Autumn. I attended the recent "call for sites" meeting in Youlgrave to gauge local views on future land use in the village.

Double council tax on second homes is now in force, with some exemptions for particular cases. It will undoubtedly cause some hardship to people who will be forced to sell, but overall the policy seems popular in the area, given the shortage of affordable housing.

The government's plans to regulate holiday lets have not yet made it into legislation so at the moment the Council is not able to regulate the use of homes as holiday lets.

Public Toilets

The District Council's review of public conveniences has resulted in more investment in specific sites, plus the reinstatement of the scheme under which businesses that allow the public to use their toilets can apply for a grant. Also, in recognition of the pressure on communities which took over the running of public toilets in Council owned buildings, a fund has been set aside to provide financial support of up to £1,000 towards stock and cleaning materials. Middleton by Youlgrave toilets will stay open for 12 months under a trial period with a footfall monitor in place, so that a decision can be made later as to whether year round opening should be made permanent.

Platform Housing

In Youlgrave, my regular pleas and complaints to Platform seem to have had some limited success with the resurfacing of Westcroft Close, and the recent repair of the stone wall at the top of Moor Lane (although very badly done in my opinion, with cement rather than dry stone walling). Some repairs remain outstanding to homes on Westcroft Close, but I heard from residents last week that Platform's contractors have been out recently to look at what needs to be done.

Local Government Reorganisation

Two separate interim proposals have been submitted to government. The County Council wants a single large unitary authority to take over the whole of Derbyshire except Derby City (the "doughnut" proposal). All the District and Borough Councils together with Derby City propose a North/South split of the county.

Final proposals go forward to government by November 2025 but the timetable after that is unclear, as is the number of councillors that will sit on the unitary authorities.

As councillor for Youlgrave Ward I am answerable to an electorate of 1,800. The average County Councillor has an electorate of about 10,000. The unitary council areas are likely to be somewhere in between, so the new councillors will have a lot more people, and parishes, to answer to.

Councillor Laura Mellstrom, Derbyshire Dales District Council





Church Farm Diary, May

The weather has perfect been for lambing, even though we have no sheep I always think about all those long nights and early morning going round the sheep to check for any difficulties in the lambing. I do miss it.

Dakin's cows (pictured right) are successfully calving and this bull is throwing a good batch of calves. You will see some of

them in the fields down here later on this year, after the fields have been silage. The grass is starting to grow, but we need some rain (sorry!) and less cold wind. It will sort its self out, it always does.

The lads have been busy digging out slurry pits. All farmers must have a pit by law and these are not a cheap thing to make. Slurry must be kept in a pit that is big enough to hold the amount of slurry you are making when you are not able to go on the land.

Non-British food on supermarket shelves is not something that farmers like



to see. New Zealand lamb is one example, it is cheaper than home produced lamb.

We are all annoyed by Reform UK's backing of chlorine-washed food imports deal with Donald Trump. Customers should know where their food comes from, but often forget the high standard and sheer effort that goes into producing food when it comes to choosing items off the shelf.

If anything, the chlorine-washed issue should remind us to buy British and support the British farmer.

Marjorie Shimwell

Recipe of the month: Quick Beef & Broccoli Noodles

Serves 4 Ingredients 3 x blocks egg noodles 1 head of broccoli cut into small florets 1 tbsp oil 400g beef strips Sliced spring onion FOR THE SAUCE 3 tbsp soy sauce 2 tbsp oyster sauce 1 tbsp tomato ketchup Garlic clove crushed 1 thumb size knob of ginger peeled and finely grated

<u>Method</u>

Start by making up the sauce. Mix the ingredients together in a small bowl. Boil the noodles according to pack instructions. A minute before they are ready tip in the broccoli. Meanwhile heat the oil in a wok until very hot, then stir-fry the beef for 2-3 mins until well browned. Tip in the sauce give a stir and let simmer for a moment, then turn off the heat. Drain the noodles, stir into the beef and serve straight away, scattered with spring onions.



Our wonderful

Christian Aid Week 11th–17th May 2025

How could my collections help?

Your support is urgently needed to ensure we can be there for families who are bearing the full force of the climate crisis.

In Guatemala, gruelling heatwaves and extreme weather are ravaging the farms of Indigenous communities. That includes Aurelia, an inspirational farmer and leader who belongs to the Q'eqchi' community of the Alta Verapaz region.

Aurelia's farm, first and foremost, feeds her family. She tries to grow a range of crops so she can provide them with a balanced diet that contains the vitamins and minerals they need to thrive. In this way, Aurelia can protect her loved ones from malnutrition and ill health. But as increasingly intense conditions kill her crops, Aurelia's ability to safeguard her family slips away.

She worries deeply about how much harvest the family will have to eat and sell: 'Climate change has been killing our crops, and this is our food.'

The roots of this cruel injustice run deep. Indigenous communities like Aurelia's have done the least to cause the climate crisis, yet they endure its impact the most.

But the unstoppable power of hope is in the hands of farmers like Aurelia, as she leads her community in the fight to overcome the challenges they face.

> Aurelia with grandchildren (L-R) Daily and Sheny, both 9, Karla, 7, Nestor, 13, and Andy, 8.

Now Aurelia's combining both ancient and modern agricultural methods to cultivate native seeds that are more resilient – a specialist skill she's gained through training with our partner, Congcoop.

Aurelia's also learned how to make organic fertiliser to enrich her soil, and conserve precious water. It's valuable knowledge that she hopes will reap results beyond her own farm, as Aurelia lends a helping hand to other women: 'I really give my life to my neighbours, sharing my knowledge.'

Together, they're protecting their farms and futures, so one day, no family will worry about their children going without food.

It's vital that our programme with Congcoop continues, so more farmers like Aurelia can build their resilience to extreme weather and take back control of their harvests.

Your collections can fund vital agricultural training and tools that unlock climate resilient farming methods. Together, we can support people like Aurelia to protect their communities from hunger and poverty.



distributors will deliver a CA envelope to your door in the lead up to CA week. If you would like to make a donation please return the envelope to the collection buckets in the Post Office or Village Shop by 17th May. The church service to celebrate CA week will be held at the Wesleyan Reform Church on Sunday 11th May at 11am. It will be followed by a soup and dessert lunch at 12.15pm. All are welcome. A coffee morning will take place on Saturday 17th May at 10am at the Reading Room with coffee, tea, cake, tombola and raffle. Please support these great events. Many thanks for your support in anticipation.

The Christian Aid team

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It's Pommie Panter month!

Just a couple of weeks to go before race day – Sunday 18th – there's still time to get into elite fell goat shape. Everything you need to know, including pre-entry details, is on the Youlgrave Harriers website (entry on the day will also be available).

On race day, there'll be a bit of disruption around the village. Parking will be on the playing field, and the race starts up Moor Lane at 11am. Expect the playing field to be busy from 11am-1pm and Moor Lane full of runners between 11 -11:15am (don't worry — they've been instructed to bag and bin their poop+anybody spotted posing for insta pics will wrapped on the shins with blue piping). After Moor Lane, the route is all off-road, so village life should carry on as normal, unless you're a cow who doesn't like runners.

Runners return to the village via Holywell Lane from about 11:30am, so Main Street will be busy from 11:30am to 12:30pm. The finish line is on the pavement between the village shop and HQ (The George).

If you're about, please do come out to run/support/marshal – it would be great to see lots of villagers involved. Helpers are always needed, so if you can lend a hand, please get in touch at <u>youlgraveharriers@gmail.com</u> or 07960 637500. (If you've already offered to help, thank you. I'll be in touch soon with more info.)

Hopefully we'll see lots of you on race day. I'll be the stressed-looking one with a megaphone and a pint!

John W and Youlgrave Harriers Below – the race route





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From Bakewell Safer Neighbourhood Team:

Door-to-Door Sales

Following reports pf doorstep sellers we are issuing the following safety advice;

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- Arrange appointments for callers to come back when you have a friend or relative with you
- Always ask for ID and check it carefully, photograph it to check out with their employer / police
- If in Doubt KEEP THEM OUT
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Do you worry about relying on family, friends and neighbours?



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There is a charge for each journey which will be confirmed at the time of booking; there is no charge for the time the volunteer waits whilst your appointment is taking place. For more information and to register call 01629 641922 (Tues– Fri, 9am–5pm).

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April blossoms into May at the WI

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The Group meeting with the Air Ambulance at Ashford was most enjoyable, raising a

record £334. The Choir resumed rehearsals at the Wesleyan Chapel on Wednesdays and they are performing on May 2nd at the Agricultural Centre for the Parkinsons support group. Their new digital piano will be a valuable asset. On April 26th another of our Litterpicking sessions took place in the village with several willing volunteers.

The April WI meeting welcomed David Spencer who brought a collection of artefacts for his talk on 'Indians of the Wild West'.

Those who joined in with Chatsworth WI on April 3rd agreed that their speaker, Edwina Currie, proved to be very entertaining. Supper Club on April 24th received much praise for the delicious and delicate chicken and mushroom pie, followed by tiramisu or white chocolate cheesecake, chocolate biscuit cake, and chocolate and raspberry pavlova.



The Wild West comes to Youlgrave.

The May Murder Mystery evening has soon filled up, and has now been rehearsed by several members who cannot make the actual date. Wine will be



Mouth-watering puddings at the WI.

make the actual date. Whe will be included in a very special WI price, and participants will bring savoury food to share. Subscriptions were due last month, and can now be made by BACS which is simpler and avoids the queues of yesteryear.

Our next WI is on Tuesday May 13th at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. We shall be welcoming the Chariots Drama Group who are presenting their new show - 'Somewhere by the Sea'. We have a wide variety of meetings and extras too in our new Programme. Do come along on May 13th and meet us as we watch the local thespians perform their exclusive play.

Liz Hickman



A Complete Unknown 15



New York, 1961. Against the backdrop of a vibrant music scene and tumultuous cultural upheaval, an enigmatic 19-yearold from Minnesota arrives with his guitar and revolutionary talent, destined to change the course of American music. He forges intimate relationships with music icons of Greenwich Village on his meteoric rise, culminating in a groundbreaking and controversial performance that reverberates worldwide. Timothée Chalamet stars and sings as Bob Dylan in James Mangold's A COMPLETE UNKNOWN, the electric true story behind the rise of one of the most iconic singer-songwriters in history.

YOULGRAVE 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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Our next season starts in September.

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you ever wondered how schizophrenia can turn an ordinary man into a determined killer?

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