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Welcome from new-look Bull's Head

The Bull's Head Hotel has new tenants and they are keen to welcome local people and visitors alike. Donna and her husband Steve, together with their daughter Abbie and her partner Tom, have moved in and are busy improving the premises and making sure the pub remains a thriving and welcoming business.

"There's been plenty to do," says Donna, "but we now have four letting rooms up and running and are serving food from Wednesday through to

Sunday, although hopefully week-round in the months to come. We're offering a traditional menu that's deliberately concise rather than a great long list, and with an emphasis on things like street food – easy, enjoyable and sharing food."

There are five hand-pull real ales currently available, such as Timothy Taylor Landlord, Wainright Wanderer and Robinsons Dizzy Blonde, and local breweries are to be approached so the pub can also stock local beers.

The popular pool table is once more in place and it's hoped that pool and darts teams will return to the pub. Quiz night is about to start again and already



Donna, Abbie, Tom and Steve at the Bull's Head Hotel

there's been live music events.

Donna and Steve used to run a pub and taxi business in Cambridgeshire and before that Donna served in the Army. "We've moved to the village for the long term," says Donna, "and we're really grateful for the warm welcome and support from local people. If you haven't been in the pub for a while please pop in and say hello, you'll be made very welcome."

The pub is open daily 12-11 Monday to Thursday, 12-midnight Fridays and Saturdays, and 12-10.30pm on Sundays, although times may vary slightly in quiet periods. To contact the pub call 01629 385297.



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- Grove Place
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Please contact the Editor (details below) if you would like to become a volunteer deliverer for any of these locations and do your bit for the community. Full instructions will be given!

Thanks to the Turner family of Alport and (the late) Andrew Bristow for their efforts and dedication.

Youlgrave Surgery

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8.30am-12 midday
2-6pm
8.30am-1pm
8.30am-1pm
8.30am-12 midday
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David Marsh

Mary Marsh and family are sad to announce the death of David Marsh of The Garden House, Middleton by Youlgrave. David died peacefully at home last month. A service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held at All Saints Church, Youlgrave, on Tuesday 22nd July at 2pm. All welcome.

> Youlgrave Village Hall (Charity No 520538)

AUTUMN CRAFT & ATTIC SALE

Saturday 20th September 10am – 1pm

To book a stall ring Judith on 01629 636492. £8 per stall. Free entry.

Refreshments available

Fund raising for Youlgrave Village Hall.

MOBILE LIBRARY: Friday 4th July Friday 1st & 29th August

3.15-3.35pm Holywell Lane

& 3.40-4pm Grove Place, Youlgrave

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Youlgrave Parish Council report - telephone kiosk ideas welcome!

Youlgrave Parish Council met on 24th June and resolved to support the Waterworks planning application and discussed proposals for several projects at Alport Lane Playing Fields, including repairs to the toddler play tower. The report on the pavilion will be published on the website shortly. It also authorised the Clerk to sign the contract to take possession of the Holywell Lane BT Kiosk for £1 and will be pleased for any further ideas for its use once the telephone equipment has been removed by BT. Our other Kiosk in Alport housing the defibrillator needs a refresh and Council is setting up a volunteer working party to clean and repaint it – please let us know if you would like to assist. Council wishes to thank the village for its support in fundraising for the Defibrillators – we have raised £3,935.66 from your generosity and will begin to replace the defibrillators as they reach end of life to ensure this vital service is continued. Council also thanks the Pommie Panter for its donation of £1,045 which is being added to last year's donation to provide an outdoor table tennis table to enhance sport provision. *Matthew Lovell, YPC Clerk*

"Please continue to use water sparingly"

Youlgrave Waterworks continues to monitor levels from our two sources and notes there has been no increased flow from the spring, so our hosepipe ban remains in force. We are hopeful of a decision from the National Park Authority this month on the balancing tank project and will install the second tank as soon as permitted to assist in maintaining the flow at peak times. Please continue to use water sparingly.

The Annual General Meeting of your Waterworks takes place on Monday 14th July at 8pm in the Reading Room to which all connected are welcome to attend. YWW

RIGHT: Youlgrave's hosepipe ban briefly made national news last month, with Amy Young even interviewed on BBC TV!



Youlgrave Juniors Update

Thank you to everyone who has wished us well so far and to those who have made donations to get us kick-started.

We have had lots of questions, so we hope they can be answered below! Please bear with us as decisions are still being made.

At this present time, the Under 10s are currently the only official team under Youlgrave Juniors, with games starting in September. Players are still needed, so if your child is keen on football and under 10 on 31st August this year why not bring them to join us?

Training will also commence in September for under 10s, Under 8s and Under 6s.

The aim is to feed the future of Youlgrave Juniors by starting them early, hopefully they stick with us and move on to the official teams.

If anyone wishes to start an under 12s team, we are happy to help you get set up.

Please get in touch to find out the details.

We are in the middle of ordering our new kit and other bits needed to complete the equipment – corner flags, goals posts, balls and much more! Keep your eyes peeled for updates.



Youlgrave Show 2025

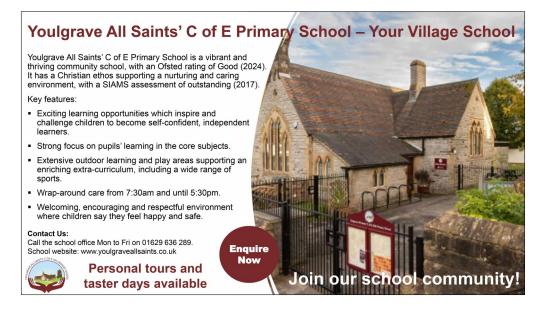
Saturday 13th September, Youlgrave Village Hall

The village's ever-popular horticultural show returns this autumn with a packed Schedule that includes everything from fruit, veg and flowers to cakes, beer, artwork and even compost!



The insert inside this issue of the Bugle includes the full Schedule, including Show rules and the timetable covering set-up and submission of entries on the Friday and the Show day itself on Saturday 13th September (open from 12 noon, prize giving at 2pm, auction of produce at 2.30pm).

There will be more details in the September issue of the Bugle and also online at www.youlgrave.org.uk/youlgrave-show/. Entry cards will be available at village shops and other local outlets nearer the time of the Show.



Next issue of the Bugle

The Bugle now takes a month off and the next issue will be out at the beginning of September. Please send your contributions to the address below by 28th August. For more local information go to:

www.youlgrave.org.uk

www,middletonbyyoulgrave.org.uk



A summer afternoon with Abbeydale Singers

Musical Director Lucy Joy Morris

Saturday 12 July 3.00pm All Saints Church in Youlgrave

Church Street, Youlgrave, Bakewell DE45 1WL

Tickets £10

Students and accompanied children under 18 free Book online: www.abbeydalesingers.org.uk or pay on the door You are welcome to join us for tea, coffee and cake at the end of the performance. There will be no interval.

Classical Sheffield - 8 -



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.



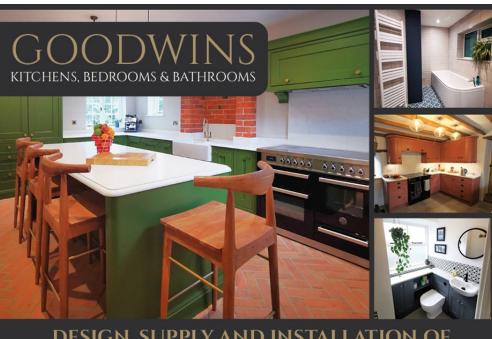
At Granby House you can eat meals cooked by the staff, and visits from carers can be arranged if you need extra help. But Granby House is not a Care Home.

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 granbyhouse@gmail.com and look at our website www.granbyhouse.org.



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Join us for a fantastic day of fun and cricket at Youlgrave Lodge Cricket Club!

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Everyone is welcome at Alport Lane Playing Fields for a community celebration packed with activities for all ages.

Softball Cricket Games:

- Ages 5-8: 11:00 AM 12:00 PM
- Ages 8–12: 12:00 PM 1:00 PM
- Ages 12+ & Adults: From 1:00 PM onwards

No experience or equipment needed – just come along! Our friendly coaches will be on hand to guide and support new players.

More than just cricket!

Enjoy a BBQ, bar, cake stall, book sale, face painting, bouncy castle, and much more – there's something for everyone!

Can you help?

We're running a tombola and would be very grateful for any prize donations – bottles, chocolates, gifts, or other goodies are all welcome. Please get in touch if you can contribute.

Interested in hosting a stall? We welcome community stalls for a small donation to the club. Email us at <u>info@youlgravelodgecc.co.uk</u> with details of your stall.

Come along, bring your friends and family, and enjoy a day of sport, food, and fun in a beautiful setting!



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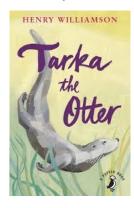


From the Churches

Dear Friends.

'Self interest is the prime mover in all humans.' A statement from a US economist called James Buchanan from the 1980s, whose work is currently being 'reviewed'.

What do you think of that?



We are on holiday in the West Country where Henry Williamson wrote *Tarka the Otter* The book thrilled me when I read it as a 14 year old. We were here 30 years ago and followed some of the 'Tarka Trails'. This time I looked again at the

maps of the area and saw that many of the places Tarka spent his life were now 'domesticated', ie had footpaths, recreation land or were simply built upon.

The wild places are disappearing, we all know this. Even if we designate them nature reserves we know that wherever humans are, in numbers, animals will not want to be there. Add to this the growing importance of getting people outside, to walk and exercise, for the good of their health, and this will mean less space for nature.

There might come a point where natural spaces or created spaces are set aside where humans simply do not go, so that nature can really thrive. This would mean a great loss to humans and certainly fly in the face of self interest. How many of us could cope with that? How, indeed, would it be managed?

As a Christian I see in Jesus a human with no self interest, only the good of

others. (While mentioning animals occasionally he did not make any plea to help them!) You perhaps have your own heroes of self giving and self sacrifice. Martin Luther-King, Gandhi, Mother Theresa.

You can think of famous, selfless people you know, or have heard of, and there will be such people who are not famous but are known to you.

People of faith and of no faith so often refute the idea that self interest is the prime mover in a human life. I hope that we all see that, and as we can, we can somehow make room for all that this world has to offer.

God bless you all.

Geoff Clay.

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~ Sunday Services ~

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July

6th July 11am Family Service
6.45pm Evening Prayer at Middleton
13th July 11am Holy Communion
20th July 11am Morning Prayer
27th July 11am Holy Communion for Youlgrave group of parishes



August

3rd August 11am Family Service
6.45pm Evening Prayer at Middleton
10th August 11am Holy Communion
17th August 11am Morning Prayer
24th August 11am Holy Communion for Youlgrave group of parishes
31st August 11am Holy Communion

September

1st September 11am Family Service 6.45 pm Evening Prayer at Middleton

Great response for Christian Aid collection



An amazing £1,750 was collected in this year's Christian Aid collection. Many thanks go to all those who made it happen, the excellent team of distributors who posted envelopes through the doors of residents of Youlgrave, Alport, Middleton and Stanton, those of you in the community who generously donated to the cause, the Wesleyan Reform church who held the Sunday soup and pudding lunch and those who organised and supported the coffee morning on Saturday 16th June at the Reading Room.

Many thanks to Amy and Emma at the Post Office and Chloe and Tanya at the Ginger Nut Shop for hosting collection buckets. Thanks also to Peak Feast, The George, and YHA and all who donated raffle prizes for the coffee morning.

An overriding theme of Christian Aid fundraising over the past few years has been the impact of climate change on communities around the world and the role of the main breadwinner for the family, often the women, taking responsibility, and adapting and embracing new practices so they can grow and sell surplus crops to keep themselves and their communities healthy. These issues are no longer relevant just to LEDC's but impact on all farming communities across the world. We have witnessed the rollercoaster of extreme weathers over the last few years, with the summer of 2024 being the wettest on record in some parts of the UK and now we are experiencing the driest and warmest spring in 2025. A timely message perhaps to cherish our landscape and support the people who look after it. A helping hand from one little corner of the globe - Youlgrave, Alport, Middleton, Stanton and Birchover – makes a positive difference to people's lives. Thank you again for your acts of kindness.

The Christian Aid Team

Pommie People

This month's interviewee is **Nicola Humphreys**, leader of Youlgrave WI Choir, parish councillor and former teacher at Youlgrave All Saints School.

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

I was born in Wisbech, Cambridgeshire which is where I lived and grew up until leaving when I was 19 to live in Matlock. Some of my earliest memories were helping in my grandfather's bakery shops. At an early age I used to love serving the customers, going into the bakery and helping the bakers bake the bread and decorate the cakes.

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

I attended the local primary school before going to Wisbech Grammar School. My favourite subjects were music, history and sport. My music teacher at the time was a King's Singers fanatic and many of our lessons were spent listening to their albums!

What person has had the most influence on you?

It would have to be my Mother. At 93...and a half years old, she has an incredible 'can do' attitude. She still plays tennis, looks after her horse, and tends to her large garden. I've only recently persuaded her to get somebody in to clean out her gutters!

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

I was a child model! I used to model children's clothes for the local department store's fashion shows. I also modelled for a brochure advertising touring caravans – I still have the brochure.







Nicola and her horse Truffles.

What did you do for a living?

I was a primary school teacher and throughout my career taught at many local primary schools in Tideswell, Chesterfield, Matlock, Hartington and Great Longstone. The last school I worked in was Youlgrave All Saints'. I have very fond memories of the many pupils I taught there during my time working at the School.

How do you relax?

I have to admit that I'm not very good at relaxing! I find that there's always something that needs doing. However, I do enjoy being outdoors and walking our Labrador dog. I'm a member of the village drama group 'Chariots' and after a 2-hour session I'm completely chilled. We have such a great time. I also find singing relaxing and enjoy running the WI Choir with a great group of women.

Are you a cat or dog person?

Besides being a dog person l've also been a horse person. l've always enjoyed horse riding. For many years l was a member of Derbyshire Endurance Group, a long distance horse riding group. My horse and l have ridden most of the bridleways in Derbyshire.

What living person do you most admire and why?

David Attenborough. He is such an inspiration to people of all ages. At 99 years young he still has the enthusiasm and energy to try to make our planet a better place, tirelessly campaigning and supporting environmental causes and issues.

What's your favourite time of the day?

First thing in the morning and last thing at night. I'm both an 'Early Bird' and a 'Night Owl'!

Where's your favourite holiday destination?

It would have to be Scotland, particularly the west coast. We've recently been to Colonsay and the Isles of Harris and Lewis and I would love to visit all of the other islands. It has nearly everything – the scenery, the wildlife, the beaches but unfortunately not always the weather and sometimes the midgies!

What book are you reading at the moment?

I am a member of Middleton Book Group. I've just finished reading *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett and am about to start *Yellowface* by Rebecca F. Kuang.



Nicola and her Labrador dog, Ebb.

What's your favourite food or meal? I have to admit I'm a lover of all food. If pushed to choose a favourite meal, it would be a good curry, but not too spicy.

What's your most prized possession?

My photographs. They capture memories and are a visual reminder of my life experiences so far.

What's your favourite local location?

Haddon Hall. I am lucky enough to work there. It is such an incredible place, steeped in 900 years of history.

What do you like about living in Youlgrave?

My husband and I moved to Youlgrave in 1986 from Matlock. It's a wonderful location, with numerous walks from the doorstep. It's also the people that make Youlgrave such a special place – it has so much to offer for everyone. It really is a very special community. - 18 -



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YOULGRAVE SCOUT & COMMUNITY YOUTH HALL

Another major step forward in saving energy and reducing our carbon footprint has been achieved in the Hall recently. With the help of a grant from Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service, we have been able to cover the bare breeze blocks on the inside of the two extension rooms with thermal boarding and plastering. Then, thanks to weekend and inset day working, the brilliant Preschool team turned the two spaces into state of the art sensory rooms by decorating, carpeting and furnishing, ready for use immediately after the half term break.

At the same timeb on the outside of the building, Youlgrave's master Grouchy Grouter commenced installation work on his biggest mosaic in the village on the front elevation, facing the road (see photos below).

All our Guide Groups, Duke of Edinburgh Group and Preschool are flourishing and we are opening up the Hall on 6th September in order that the various activities can be shown off, including a tombola and raffle, giant Jenga, games and refreshments, as well as official unveiling of the mosaic at 2.30pm.

Ian Bright

Philip Smith writes:

Starting this project last May we are finally getting round to finishing and installing it by the end of August. We've made over 1,000 tiles and with our own Anne Croasdell sculpting the illustrations into the clay tiles, much of the work celebrates the people who initiated the first Scout Hut and also the ones who fund raised and organised the rebuilding after it burnt down in 1971. It took over 20 years for it to finally emerge from the ashes, so to speak.

I personally feel honoured that I was asked to make a mural the size of which is big enough to involve scaffolding. Hopefully it will be enjoyed by children and adults alike. I'm looking forward to the official opening on 6th September.





News from Youlgrave, All Saints' CE Primary School

School Games Gold Award

Youlgrave, All Saints' CE Primary School have achieved the School Games Mark 'Gold' award for the third year running, for its contribution towards physical activity and school sport. This involves providing equal opportunities for all our young people, ensuring that every child gets 60 active minutes per day, alongside opportunities to take part in competitions and events that provide positive experiences tailored to students' motivation, confidence and abilities.



Visit from the Archdeacon

Archdeacon Nicky Fenton's visited Youlgrave All Saints' Primary School, offering students and staff a deeper understanding of her role. The children were able to ask questions and Archdeacon Nicky led a Collective Worship in Church with the children.

Well Dressing

Youlgrave, All Saints CE Primary School chose VE Day as their theme for this year's Well Dressing. Following on from our wonderful VE Day remembrance with our parish and village community, every child and member of staff contributed to the Well Dressing. Crafted with natural materials, including petals, bark, seeds, leaves, and clay, the display honours the courage and sacrifice of those who served on the front lines and the home front and stands as a symbol of remembrance, learning, and hope for peace.





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YOULGRAVE VILLAGE HALL Presents

A Perfect/Pitch

*Youlgrave WI Choir *Winster Garden Singers *Ukuladies + 1

7 - 9:30pm BYOB

Sat 27th Sept-

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In aid of the Village Hall and the Pommie Pilgrimage toilet fund



Church Farm Diary, July

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I will start this month by saying how upset I was

when I read an article in Farmers Guardian about Ukrainian farms still being hit. There have been more than 5,000,000 cows killed and 1,241 Ukrainian agricultural enterprises have ceased to exist since February 2022 due to the Russian aggression.

In the Kharkiv region a farm was attacked by a drone on April 28th with another attack less than a month later. This is the third time it has suffered destruction. It is one of the leading milk producers in the region and the losses already



The Well Dressing choir from around 1958. I am at the front on the right.

amount to more than £3m. Along with the potato and wheat farms the losses are incredible. Here in peaceful Britian, we are getting on with the harvest and we are lucky that the grass has grown as much as it has, though it's noticeable the bales are down from last year.

The shortage of water is very concerning. I have started to preserve the water that usually gets discarded at the kitchen tap to water my plants. You do not realise just how much you can preserve. Thanking the powers that be for water has a real meaning this year at the well dressings because of the drought.

Many years ago, when I was young and in the church choir, my mother used to crochet my white socks. Every time at the Well Dressing parade I would come home with ruined socks because the heat of the day would melt the tarmac on the roads. It has started doing it again this year, but luckily I do not wear white socks any more. *Marjorie Shimwell*

Recipe of the month: Sausage Rolls ("very moreish")

Makes about 24, very nice for picnics.

<u>Ingredients</u>– for the flaky pastry 175g butter 225g plain flour Pinch of salt

For the filling

450g good quality pork sausage meat 1 medium onion peeled and grated 2 level teaspoons chopped sage

1 egg beaten

Method

Pre heat the oven to mark 7 or 425F The butter needs to rock hard, so weigh out the required amount, wrap in a piece of tin foil, then return it to the freezer compartment for 30 mins. Meanwhile sift the flour and salt into a mixing bowl. When you take the butter out of the

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Farming Life Centre Befriending

The FLC's befriending service connects farming community members with passionate volunteers who understand rural life. Support includes face-to-face visits and encouragement to join local groups, aiming to build friendships and combat isolation.

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fridge open it up and use some of the foil to hold the end with.

Then dip the butter into the flour and grate on a coarse grater placed over the bowl of flour. Keep dipping the butter down into the flour to make it easier to grate. At the end you will be left with a pile of grated butter in the middle of the flour, so take a knife and start to distribute it into the flour (do not use your hands try to coat all the pieces of fat until the mixture is crumbly). Next add enough cold water to form a dough that leaves the bowl clean, using your hands bring the dough together. Put the dough into a bag or cling film and chill for 30 minutes.

Mix the sausage meat with the sage and onions.

Roll out the pastry and form an oblong as thin as you can. Cut this oblong into 3 strips and fill each one with sausage mixture, brush the side with beaten egg and fold over. Make little marks on the top with scissors.

Bake for about 25 minutes. Very moreish.





A Summer spectacular for Youlgrave WI



In June, we had a visit from Molly Scott, a Promoter and writer of podcasts and blogs for

businesses usina social media. She explained the craft of correct presentation to attract business for individuals, restaurant groups, Derbyshire events and more; plus 'Musings with Molly' she writes for Derbyshire Life. We also chatted in groups about our own micro-blog ideas.

Val reported from the National Federation of the WI AGM, which was on Zoom this year. She enjoyed the story of ceramicist Emma Bridgewater and her success. Also the 2025/26 Campaign 'Bystanders can be Lifesavers' was approved. On June 25th, the WI Choir entertained the residents of Burton Close, and on July 23rd they will hold an evening of cake and entertainment, along with the Recorder Consort, at the Weslevan Chapel at 7pm. Donations to be split between WI and the Chapel.

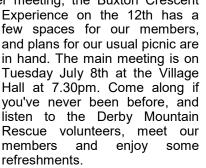
June Supper Club was a delicious and popular Greek experience, and at our WI

wanderers. meeting Maggie Thurman was thanked with flowers for her hard work on the supper team as she takes a well-deserved rest. The outdoors beckoned for our June walk with Sue Weatherley, starting from Minninglow and followed by an extremely generous supper at the popular Sycamore Inn at Parwich. Her July meadow walkers meet on July 3rd at Hartington for an evening stroll.

A welcome return visit to Renishaw Hall is on July 9th, meeting up with other WI Derbyshire friends, and on the 11th, we have a few intrepid candidates for a Derbyshire House Confidence Building Day.

On to August, and despite having no summer meeting, the Buxton Crescent





Liz Hickman



Above: The WI Choir at last month's

Welldressing. Below: Minninglow

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After lots of drv weather our Well Dressings' requests for water were granted and we had plenty of showers. I was wondering if the dry weather was going to affect the orchids on our lawn, but we are now up to 18. Quite a few are in different parts of the lawn and we are only spotting them when they flower, so one or two have had a lucky escape from trampling. In the Dale, a single common spotted orchid has been flowering on the third dam. Higher up the Dale, the trackside grass cutting has enabled us to find 25 twayblades. Last year we struggled to find any of these attractive green orchids.

There have been some interesting insect reports, particularly a ruby tailed wasp. Tiny, but brightly coloured. I seem to have far more squashed flies on my windscreen than for many years. Although butterflies have been scarce, both mullein moth and cinnabar moth caterpillars have appeared on and around mulleins and ragwort. Dragonflies and damsel flies have been visiting our garden pond and the damsels appear to be laying.

Hedgehogs seem to having a good year with poo on the lawn and a few sightings, but some road casualties, too. The village swift survey is well underway and we seem to have even more nests than we previously thought. I will give more details later in the year. There seem to be a lot of swifts in the air benefitting from the large numbers of insects. A water vole was reported twice in the swimming pool area of the river. This is the second time these have been seen this year, but they don't seem to have settled.

Hopefully this has been a good year for birds nesting. The blue tit nest by our kitchen window successfully fledged and a whole family of woodpeckers have been visiting a garden feeder. There are lots of young coots, moorhens, mallard



Common spotted orchid on our lawn.

and mandarin ducks in the Dale and I have watched both dipper and grey wagtail fledglings down there. Cuckoos have been heard on Stanton Moor and one was heard from the village. After a lack of kites they are now being seeing regularly round the village. Tawny owls have been calling and a barn owl has been reported several times flying in the Dale. Chiffchaffs have been very vocal recently, with one at the top of Holywell Lane and somewhere in our garden. linnet Redstart, whitethroat, and whitethroat have been seen locally.

On my wildlife walk on the 25th I found 80 species of wildflower in bloom. The highlight was a very colourful patch of maiden pinks. I also saw eight species of butterfly including ringlet and speckled wood. There were yellow and black cinnabar moth caterpillars on ragwort.

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Electoral Register update

We will be sending around 36,000 canvass letters to Derbyshire Dales households around mid July. If the form the household receives states that a response is required, or if the information contained in the letter is incorrect or requires updating, you should respond as soon as possible. Full instructions on how to respond can be found within the form.



If there are new electors in a household their names should be added to any response. Households should remember to add the names of any 16 or 17 year olds as they can and should register to vote (but they will not be able to vote until their 18th birthday).

If any households are unsure as to what to do or need any help completing their response they should contact the District Council by calling 01629 761335 or emailing electoral@derbyshiredales.gov.uk. If we do not receive a response to our initial canvass communication we have to send a reminder, therefore a response to the initial communication would be appreciated.

Postal Vote renewal

Changes brought in by the Elections Act 2022 mean postal votes now expire every 3 years and need to be renewed. If an elector applied for a postal vote before 31 October 2023 they must renew it by 31 January 2026 to keep voting by post. If they don't renew it, they will need to vote in person at their polling station.

Due to the volume of postal voters who will need to make a new application by 31 January 2026 we are asking that they do so as soon as possible.

How to renew

Visit the government website: www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote. They will need:

- Their national insurance number
- To upload a photo of a handwritten signature in black ink on plain white paper

All electors who are required to make a new application before 31 January 2026 will be sent a paper form later in the year. Electors do not need to contact the elections team to request this.

A copy can be downloaded by visiting www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote

Completed forms should be returned to Electoral Services, Derbyshire Dales District Council, Town Hall, Matlock, DE4 3NN or email to electoral@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

Please get in touch if you need more information.

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A 3 mile walk along winding lanes, through lush fields, and by the river in Bradford Dale The Plot: 'A Talent Show...To Die For'. Contestants in a TV reality show are baffled when top judge, Simeon Lewok, is found dead in a locked room. Among the curious characters under suspicion are Bendy Bess the Contortionist, Hypno Bob the Hypnotist and Slinky Selena the Snake Charmer.

Youlgrave, Tuesday 1st July

Meet at the top of New Road at 8pm. Duration about 1 hour. As part of this national event to find out more about



Swift Awareness Week

the present status of the swift, you are invited to join in a gentle stroll round Youlgrave, looking and listening for swifts and possible nest sites. All welcome.

The Bonsall Narrowboat 'Burland'

Burland is a 50-foot, 6-berth narrowboat, professionally fitted out and fully equipped. It is owned by the Bonsall Boat Club, which consists of 11 families from villages in Derbyshire who each have a share. After the boat leaves its winter mooring each family picks it up wherever it happens to be on the agreed handover day. There are two costs involved: the cost of buying a share - which is refunded when the share is sold - and the non-refundable annual running costs (including the CRT licence, insurance, servicing and any repairs). It is much cheaper than hiring a canal boat. This year, a 4-week shareholding has become available. For more details contact Jane Smith on 01629 540428 or <u>churchgates@yahoo.co.uk</u>

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Bradford River Action Group, water sustainability in the Bradford valley, 636189 www.riverintime.org.uk

Granby House, Housing for older people, 636836 www.granbyhouse.org

Middleton & Smerrill Parish Council 636151

parishclerk@middletonbyyoulgrave.org.uk www.middletonbyyoulgrave.org.uk/parishcouncil

Middleton by Youlgrave Village Hall 07854 432101 peterjworrrall@aol.com

Youlgrave Bowls Club, contact Ken Clayton, 630005, kenclayton@mail.com

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www.youlgravecommunitylandtrust.org Youlgrave History Group, contact yhgenquiries2@gmail.com

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Youlgrave Preschool, 07494 522615 enquiries@youlgravepreschool.org www.youlgravepreschool.org/ Youlgrave Scout & Community Youth Hall, 636887

Youlgrave Silver Band, Thurs 7.30pm Methodist Hall, Learners 7pm, 07734 714227 www.youlgravesilverband.com Youlgrave Village Hall,

enquiries@yvh.org.uk, www.yvh.org.uk Youlgrave Welldressers, 07899 920204

www.youlgravewelldressers.co.uk/ Youlgrave Wesleyan Reform Chapel, 636251

Youlgrave Women's Institute, 07377 586330

Youlgrave Waterworks Ltd James Bacon (leaks) 07866 365610 Admin matters: 01629 636151 waterworks@youlgrave.org.uk

Do you struggle to get to healthcare appointments?

Do you worry about relying on family, friends and neighbours?



Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport co-ordinates a car scheme and our team of friendly volunteers use their own vehicles to provide individual journeys from your home to medical appointments – including hospitals, clinics, dentists, doctors and opticians.

If you haven't previously travelled with BECT then it just takes a 5 minute chat on the telephone to register and once registered you simply need to telephone to request each journey – a minimum of 7 days notice is required, more if possible.

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. Call 01629 641922 (Tues– Fri, 9am–5pm).

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www.farmyardinnyoulgreave.co.uk/

George Hotel 636292 georgehotelyoulgrave@outlook.com

www.georgehotelyoulgrave.co.uk/

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Kingfisher Cottage, Matthew & Monika Jacobsen, 07440 530745 www.kingfisher-cottage.uk **The Old Bakery** B&B and self-catering accommodation, Church Street, Youlgrave 630005, kenclayton@mail.com www.theoldbakeryyoulgrave.co.uk/

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River View Cottage 2 double bedroom self-catering cottage facing the river Bradford,

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Amy's Dairy Fresh glass bottled milk & orange juice, free range eggs, cream and yogurts, 636639 & 07799 880740

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Youngs of Youlgrave Post Office & Village Store, newspapers, magazines, cards, stationery & groceries, plus free cash withdrawals and deposits, 636217

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

Building and Interior Services & Supplies

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

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Youlgrave Garage, Motor engineers and MOT Test Station, 636943

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