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# New exhibition traces the roads and trackways of Middleton and Smerrill

Our Peak District villages and parishes have unique histories which are often reflected in the roads that run through them. This is certainly the case in Middleton and Smerrill; it not only boasts a 4,000 year old Neolithic highway which became a Roman Road and is now the parish boundary, but also roads that underwent a radical restructure at the time of the 19th century enclosures and the arrival of a new estate owner.

These stories are told in The Roads and Trackways of Middleton and Smerrill, an exhibition by Charles

Monkhouse in Middleton Village Hall during October.

"I've lived and worked in Middleton and Smerrill for over 30 years," says Charles, "and I've been amazed that a parish could contain Arbor Low Stone Circle, a Roman Road, Smerrill Medieval Village and Fullwood Castle. The same is true of the roads: a fast turnpike and a meandering traders'



Weaddow Lane, an ancient road that links Middleton to its Smerrill Pastures.

route; lanes to pastures and footpaths to work; and tracks as old as Middleton itself."

The exhibition tells the history of the parish's roads with maps and stories. Four estate maps describe the impact of the 19th century enclosures and a rebuild of the village, while stories

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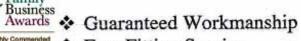
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Jeremy and Peter

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#### Friday 24th October

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Contributions to the address below.



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#### Scout & Community Hall Youth Hall mural unveiled

Phil Smith's latest labour of love, a mural on the front elevation of the Scout & Community Youth Hall was officially christened on 6th September with the ribbon cut by preschool manager, Kerri Flower.

The mural is made from 1,532 handmade tiles placed in a mosaic to form a tree, giving the title 'Bearing Fruit' (the purpose of the young peoples' groups who use the building) and took 16 months to complete. Many tiles bear words which illustrate the motives of the various groups, as well as the main personalities involved in the



Above: Youlgrave Band playing at the event and (below) Kerri Flower cutting the ribbon.

fundraising, the construction and management over the 32 years of its existence. The Trustees held an Open Day to celebrate the occasion and Youlgrave Silver Band provided stirring music including 'For he's a jolly good fellow' to thank Phil.



The front garden of the Hall was smartened up for the occasion with the removal of a tree bearing poisonous berries. In addition the base of the front wall was cleared and enhanced with a channel of new aggregate donated by Long Rake Spar. Inside were many displays from the 3 sections of the Guides. The preschool team were able to present their new sensory rooms. Magnificent cakes donated by Peak Feast were served with tea to many visitors who enjoyed a fun and informative afternoon.

Ian Bright

# Peak Advertiser deliverer to hang up his bag after 25 years

My name is Rob Scott and I have delivered 500 copies of the Peak Advertiser around the majority of Youlgrave for almost 25 years. I have decided to finish at the end of the year, and so if anyone is interested in taking over please contact the Peak Advertiser in Bakewell by calling 01629 812159 or emailing distribution@peak-advertiser.co.uk.

Thanks to Jean and Tony for the Christmas cards and Anthony for the coffees.



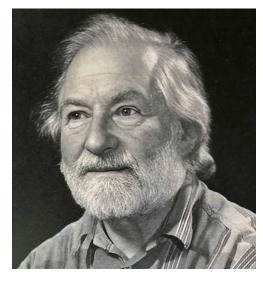
#### **Gordon Coupe (1934-2025)**

Gordon grew up in the Bolsover area coal was king and predominant employer was the NCB (National Coal Board). In later years he confided to me that from an early age he decided this traditional employment was definitely not for him. So he embarked on a course at Chesterfield Tech and then on to Sheffield to eventually reach his chosen calling in architecture. He did his National Service in the RAF, but his first proper job was with the MEB (Midland Electric Board) in the Birmingham area before taking up his next post which, ironically, was 'working for The Coal Board' close to his birthplace. Later on, his next and final post was with Derbyshire County Council in the architects' department where he remained until his eventual retirement.

The result of him taking this post was that the family moved to Youlgreave, which was a stroke of good fortune both for the family and for this village.

It cannot be stressed too much what Gordon has done for the village. He was a man of many talents and I cannot hope to even cover a fraction of his work here, but I can try. The Scout Hut he designed, oversaw the construction, and when the contractors went bust, he arranged for the workmen to finish the job. The new Bowls clubhouse, I am told, was designed and its building supervised by Gordon; the list goes on and on. I can only hope to mention a few of his achievements.

Gordon was on the board of Youlgrave Waterworks for some 30 years or more. One of his first jobs was to design the foundations and supervise the installation of the big holding tank up at the spring, which no one ever sees but is still operating



quietly to this day. When we wanted to move the treatment room to a field barn near the mine, he again did all the drawings, application, etc, and then when the powers that be demanded an archaeological report Gordon amazed everyone by doing that as well, informing us calmly that he had once done an archaeological course at Keele University. The report was submitted and it was remarked upon, again by the powers that be, how impressive and comprehensive it was.

So please, occasionally when you turn on the tap, think of the work Mr Coupe did to help get the water to your house.

To fill his spare time Gordon wrote a thesis on the structure and history of Old Hall and Old Hall Farm, where the owners kindly gave him full run of the two properties. One copy of this impressive tome is in the County Records office, the other he kept at home, safely I hope.

I cannot recall when our friendship started, in the 70s I would think, and

has lasted all this time and I cannot possibly cover all those years. Gordon, despite his quiet appearance, had a wonderful sense of humour and it seems he and I have been laughing together for a lifetime. Mr Coupe and I, over the years have, some would say unwisely, invested guite heavily in the hostelries of the village; in earlier years the Knoll Club, then as the years advanced and for some strange geological reasons the hill up to the Knoll Club began to get steeper, the Farmyard became more attractive. Eventually even that distance seemed to be remote, so the Bulls Head became the Sunday night roost, until finally we settled for propping up the snug room bar at the George as it was a similar toddling distance for us both.

It was here on a Sunday night that we selflessly gave our time to solving all the world's problems, and we thus became such a fixture, that we eventually received justified recognition for our public service when we were nicknamed Waldorf and Stadtler, after our likeness to the two grumpy old men hanging out of the theatre box in the Muppets. Priceless.

In Gordon's passing I have indeed lost a dear friend; however, the loss to the village of this true gentleman is of even greater significance.

Gordon and Hazel got married in 1956 and they enjoyed 69 years together. And last, but decidedly not least, throughout his illness Gordon was able to remain at home until the very last minute of his life, entirely due to the devotion of a lady who looked after both him and Hazel for so many years, and has cared for them in a manner that was way beyond the call of duty, so on behalf of Gordon and Hazel, a huge thank you to Danka.

Malc Stacey



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gleaned from historians, shared by parishioners or learnt by local farmers, complete the picture.

The exhibition is open 18-25th October between 10am-4pm on Saturdays and Sundays and other days by arrangement (call 07885 625834). Please note the first Saturday afternoon (18th October) is for Middleton Residents only.

The Old Roads and Trackways of

### **MIDDLETON & SMERRILL**

An exhibition by Charles Monkhouse



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#### **Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: September 2025**

Whichever definition you like, the Met office's convenient 1st September or the more descriptive Equinox, autumn is with us. There was even ice on the grass on the morning of the 25th. Last sightings of summer birds are always difficult, there were still house martins over the Bull's Head on the 25th, but big flocks of swallows and house

martins have been gathering on telephone wires throughout much of the month. Garden warbler, willow warbler and chiffchaff were present earlier in the month.

First sightings of winter birds are easy. There have been two reports already of fieldfare near the village and up to four little egrets have been sighted, mainly around the Bradford Bridge and

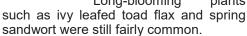
Coach Road areas. The kingfisher, which is usually more often seen in winter here, has been around for ages. Large flocks of goldfinches and chaffinches have been seen, a sign of a very successful breeding season.

Along the river occasional dippers, goosanders and dabchicks have been seen and there have been several herons, often quite tolerant of passersby. I have seen a few female mandarin ducks with the mallard, coots and moorhens. Four cygnets were photographed on the New Dam. Barn owls have been reported several times from the top allotments to New Road and Conksbury Lane. Kites have been seen quite often, up to three at a time, peregrines and kestrels have been present and buzzards are quite common. Two were soaring over Grove Place being mobbed by a jackdaw.

Families of hares have been around the caravan site at Alport and I saw two stoats near the sheep wash bridge. One of them totally ignored me and just trotted past very close. A buck and five does were spotted from Spring Lane. Butterflies have done much better than last year and a humming bird hawk moth

visited a garden as late as the 22nd.

On my wildlife walk on the 25th I was impressed the numbers of bv hawthorn and sloe berries there are Perhaps some will still be left in case we get big numbers of thrushes and. optimistically, waxwings. I found 33 species of wildflower in bloom but there were far fewer individuals than earlier. Long-blooming plants



There were over 100 greylags in the fields above the limestone way. I saw two little egrets and a heron just above Bradford Bridge and there were small heath and small white butterflies flying quite energetically. I found a fairy ring of what I think were fools funnel toadstools on the playing field and some big shaggy parasol toadstools further along the dale. So my trusty fungus app said anyway and apps are never wrong. Are they? The river is still very low indeed, in spite of recent rain.

My thanks as ever to this month's contributors Lisa, Kate, Tony, Ian T., Oliver, Simon, Christine and Thel.

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Little egret (photo: Pat and Tony)

# It's (Youlgrave) Show time again!

Last year was such a successful event. We raised a great deal of money which went to local school community causes. And everyone enjoyed themselves!

That's a hard act to follow. This year we were concerned that with our weather variances, we might not have the same amount of produce. O ye of little faith! Youlgrave surpassed itself. There were more entries than last year, and the incredible quality was both sustained and surpassed. The Photos by Kirsty Prince Photography village certainly made the judges



job harder in every category. Once again Dawn's great cakes were a big success with both locals and visitors. The café was full of chatter and congratulations. The raffle was well supported with some great prizes. And, as always, our crowning glory was Dougie, who ran the auction in his inimitable way.

Many of the vegetables and produce went to the Church Ale festival the next day. It was a great way to continue the celebration of produce and people. We hope to extend this collaboration next year.

Many thanks to the many residents of our incredible village who supported the event with their entries, their cake eating, their raffle tickets and their support.

It would not have happened without the numerous volunteers who helped make the event happen and go smoothly. If you would like to get involved next year, please get in touch at <a href="mailto:youlgraveshow@outlook.com">youlgraveshow@outlook.com</a>. Here's to next year, whatever the weather brings!







#### News from Youlgrave Parish Council

Youlgrave Parish Council have now taken possession of the Listed K6 telephone kiosk opposite The Old Hall and will be deciding on the ideas for its future at our meeting on 21st October. Please submit any final suggestions for its use before that date.

Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) have informed us that the Exclusion Order enforced by their dog wardens will remain in force and be renewed on 10th October for another 3 years. Both Youlgrave Coldwell End allotment plots, Coldwell End Play Area and the whole of Alport Lane Playing Fields are designated by DDDC to be Dog Exclusion Areas. Infringements can be reported direct on their website www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/

Council are exploring sectional building options for the new Pavilion to reduce the budget and will hold another village meeting to display plans and receive offers of assistance once these have been received.

Matthew Lovell, YPC Clerk 01629 636151 youlgraveclerk@youlgrave.org.uk

#### YOULGRAVE WATERWORKS

Youlgrave Waterworks continues to rely on our backup source to keep the village supplied, but fortunately its levels have not quite reached the point to need the expensive Severn Trent buy-in option.

Our planning application was successful and the second tank is due for connection to the system shortly to assist peak demand. Please continue to use water sparingly. Several leaks have needed repair which our team has efficiently sorted once notified, so we are grateful for your assistance in keeping your water flowing and informing us.

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#### News from Youlgrave All Saints C of E Primary School



We have had the most amazing start back after the summer

holidays. The children have returned to school so enthusiastically and have settled very quickly into their learning. We've been especially proud of the great start our new Reception children have made. It's good that we get to know them well before they start, due to our close relationship with Youlgrave Preschool.

The whole school travelled to Derby Open Centre for an important curriculum-based trip to learn about different faiths. Key Stage 1 visited a Hindu temple and Key Stage 2 learned about Islam and visited a mosque. The children enjoyed being able to see first-hand how people of different faiths worship and asked lots of questions.

The children have had some early sporting success with Years 1 & 2 and



Years 5 & 6 winning their respective football competitions in an event with other schools at Rowsley. The children were very competitive but most importantly showed fantastic sportsmanship too. A great time was had by all!

We've welcomed lots of visitors into school already. PC Dufton led important



One of the Youlgrave School's successful sports teams.

workshops helping the children learn about how to stay safe online. This is part of a year-long programme of events with community focus led by our local PCSO. Before the summer break, the children enjoyed reading to Red our therapy dog with her handler Pam who has popped in and will be visiting school once a month. Finally, the team



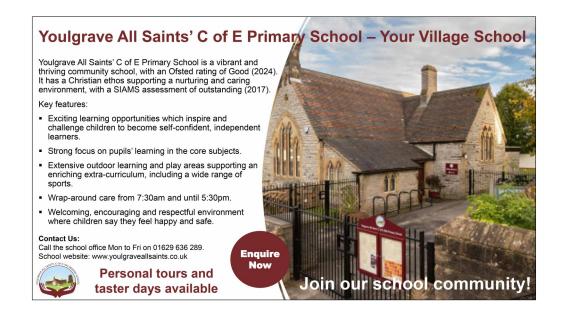


The children trying their hand (and feet!) at bowling.

from Compass have been working with our children to support wellbeing and mental health, thinking about making and maintaining friendships.

All of this is in addition to our exciting and broad curriculum in school – and we are only in week 3!

Please contact school on 01629 636289 if you would like more information about what is happening in school or want to make an appointment to visit.



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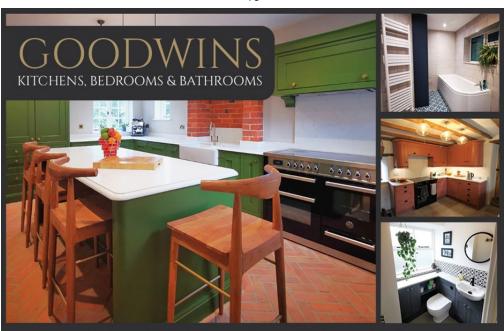
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### From the Churches

#### Whose church is it?

"Who owns the church?" That was my first question to each class from Youlgrave All Saints C of E Primary School when I showed them round the church earlier this year.

Every child who answered gave the right answer. Indeed, that is what we would expect from a school that scored the highest possible grading in its recent church school inspection.

The answers given were "God", "Jesus", "the vicar", "you [ie the churchwarden]", and "us [ie the schoolchildren and their families]". The last of those answers is closest to the correct legal answer. An even closer answer might be that the church is owned by the readers of the *Bugle*: it is owned by the people of the parish, though a few more pages of the *Bugle* would be required to set out the full answer.

No-one suggested that the church was owned by the bishop, the archbishop or the Church of England national institutions. England's ancient parish churches are not like branches of a supermarket, placed in a particular location and owned by a centrally run corporate body.

Parish churches were established and built from around the 900s by local people, often with the support of major local landowners, for local people. The levels of diocesan and national management came many centuries later.

Thus, just by living in a parish, people have rights to be baptised, married and given a funeral in their parish church. People come to church for many reasons – including to attend a service, to pray, to reflect, to look around, to sit quietly, to listen to music in church on a Friday, to use the community food

cupboard, to attend a concert or to drink beer and chat to neighbours at the recent church ale. Whether people come to church every week, occasionally, for special services or events or once in a lifetime, they are very welcome in the church which is theirs.



#### When will we get a new vicar?

The latest development is that it has been agreed that a full-time paid priest should be recruited for the parishes of Youlgreave and Middleton, Birchover, Stanton and (as a new addition) Monyash, with the priest being resident in the vicarage on Conksbury Lane in Youlgreave. If the recruitment process is successful, it will still be several months before a new priest-in-charge is in place. In the meantime, worship and all other church activities continue as usual, as further detailed on these pages.

#### **Christmas shoeboxes**

For many years members of the church congregation have organised the filling with gifts and collection of shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. This year shoeboxes will not be collected in church, but this initiative can be supported directly with the charity via <a href="https://occ.samaritans-purse.org.uk">https://occ.samaritans-purse.org.uk</a>.

The charity for this year will be <a href="https://aquabox.org">https://aquabox.org</a>. More details to follow.

Dan Cocker Churchwarden

#### Services for October

(at All Saints, Youlgreave, unless otherwise indicated)

#### **Sunday 5th October**

11am Family service, led by the Reverend Geoff Clay and the Reverend Jane Clay

#### **Sunday 5th October**

6.45pm Evening Prayer at St Michael and All Angels, Middleton, led by the Reverend Richard Tucker

#### **Sunday 12th October**

11am Holy Communion, led by the Reverend Richard Tucker

#### **Sunday 19th October**

11am Morning Prayer, led by Corrynne Osborne

#### **Sunday 26th October**

11am Holy Communion, led by the Reverend Dr Sue Leather

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

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# The Youlgreave 1914-1918 Community Group is appealing for information

This year is the centenary of the placement and dedication of the War Memorial in All Saints' Church, and so the Remembrance service on Armistice Sunday will be extra special.

The Royal British Legion Roll of Honour, currently located in the Knoll Club, was created in the 1970s listing some 243 names of those who served and fell in The Great War. Time has passed and more recent research indicates this record needs to be updated. In conjunction with the Royal British Legion, the Community Group is preparing to record the missing names.

At this stage we need more information. If you know of a relative or someone else whose name is not currently listed, especially regarding local women who may have served in The Great War, and you think you can help, please contact John Cooper on 01629 630282 or email on <a href="mailto:jlac784@hotmail.com">jlac784@hotmail.com</a>.

#### **NEWS FROM YOULGRAVE BAND**

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.

Rehearsals are back on every Thursday night at Youlgrave Methodist Church

from 7:30pm till 9:30pm. We're still on the hunt for more players. Everyone is welcome. For anyone wanting to learn, our learner band will start in October at 7pm on Thursday before the main band practice.

Our next concert is on Sunday 9th November at 12 midday. We join the church service to mark 100 years since the WW1 memorial was erected in the village churchyard and the end of the 191418 group who took us to Ypres. After that it will be a busy December with all our Christmas performances (more details to follow).

For more information visit our website youlgravesilverband.co.uk, Facebook page: youlgrave silver band, or contact our secretary Judith on 07734 714227.



Big man, big instrument, big sound! (Photo by Kirsty Prince Photography)



#### Youlgrave WI October report

#### A mystery photograph

Sorting through the Youlgrave WI archives, this photo was discovered. No date, no names! We believe it was taken outside the back of the Village Hall. If you're able to shed any light on this photo we'd love to hear from you. Contact Judith Rimmer, email judithrimmer@hotmail.co.uk

An abundance of events are planned for the Autumn. Past ones include the delightful dinner at Biggin Hall, and we had a successful crafting day preparing for our annual Winter Fayre (see separate poster). The next crafty day at the Methodist Church is on Saturday October 25th with more of a Christmas theme in mind. This is free to WI members. A £5 fee is charged to non-



Can anyone shed light on this photo?

members, to include refreshments. On Thursday October 16th we have a special evening entitled 'Pelvic floor and Prosecco'. Co-incidentally this was discussed at our September 'To pee or not to pee' meeting, along with many interesting gadgets and statistics proving how wide an issue this is for men and women, plus tips on squeezing and diet etc. Rachel Robinson is an NHS lead Nurse in Derbyshire for Continence, and delivered her talk with enthusiasm and hilarity to a large audience. The Choir sang a varied programme at the Church Ale event after the Harvest Service to a very appreciative audience. They will also be appearing on September 27th at the Village Hall Pitch Perfect evening show. As well as another River condition testing, a few members carried out a further litter pick.

Our September Supper Club was a warming vegetarian chilli followed by desserts. October Supper Club on the 23rd is School Dinner Night when a St Trinian's dress code is encouraged! At Matlock Record Office, a sellout Archiving session was represented by Youlgrave members. On 29th September, three ladies went to Wyaston for a Winter Table experience.

We are very sad to report the passing of one of our beloved WI members, Amanda Parkyn, who will be forever remembered as our announcer for the Jubilee Dambusters performance, and for so much more within the village and of course, the Choir, and book Group, poetry group, etc. A very special friend to all of us, and we shall always be indebted to her enthusiasm and kindness she showed to everyone.

The next WI meeting is on Tuesday October 14th, A colourful evening of African fabrics and crafts by the Gbowka Rwanda Trust Project. Visitors and potential new members are most welcome. We start at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. *Liz Hickman* 



# **Pommie People**

This month's interviewee is **Val Marks-Smith**, Chair of Youlgrave W.I.

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

I was born in Lincoln. My earliest memory was my 4th birthday. I was given a second hand record player with some discs and a doctor's kit.

Where did you go to school and what was your favourite subject?
I went to school in Sleaford,
Lincolnshire. I ended up Head Girl at the Kesteven & Sleaford High School for Girls. My favourite subject was maths. I had an amazing teacher who didn't mind me asking question after question till I understood.

What person has had the most influence on you?

My parents! They brought me up with strong principles and a great sense of right and wrong.

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

My Dad was a German POW based in Clay Cross. After the war ended his mum told him not to return to Germany as their sector was run by the Communists. So he settled in Derbyshire as a farm labourer near Staveley. Then his sweetheart managed to escape East Germany and found her way to England via a military flight. I still have the telegram advising dad where she could be picked up.

What do/did you do for a living and how did you get into it?
I used to be in financial services and

Very brave of her.











ended up working as PA to the head teacher of a secondary school in Dubai. When my husband Trevor and I decided to leave Dubai after nearly 20 years, we went to our holiday home in the Charente, western France. Whilst there I took up upholstery, and did a course near Matlock. Once I had the basics I was away! I started picking up bits of furniture at the markets and learned how to reupholster them. It's great fun and really satisfying. I have just started doing it again in our little shed.

#### How do you relax?

I love to read crime thrillers and always have a book on the go. I am currently reading novels by M.W. Craven. They are brilliant.

What living person do you most admire and why?

I really enjoy listening to podcasts while I am cleaning. My favourite is The Rest is Politics and I so admire Rory Stewart who presents it with Alastair Campbell. He is so knowledgeable and can explain really complex political situations so the listeners (and especially me!) can understand.

Where's your favourite holiday destination?

Having travelled such a lot over the years I just want to be in the UK now. There are so many places to visit that I have never been to.

What's your favourite food or meal? I love Mediterranean food. We eat a lot of fish and veggie meals. I particularly like Moroccan cuisine.

Are you a dog or a cat person? I have had both, but prefer cats because they are just so contrary! I love their spirit.

What are you most proud of?
I am most proud of my girls Katie and Rachel. I also have two step daughters, Laura and Hilary, and Trevor and I have seven grandchildren between us. Katie and Rachel have grown into wonderful women, so independent and strong. They get on so well with their stepsisters too. They are all lovely!

What's the most embarrassing thing that's ever happened to you?
This has got to be the kettle incident.
Trevor and I went to visit Rachel and Tom in their brand new apartment in London. We were helping them to unpack. I found the new kettle, filled it with water and put it on the hob to heat up. Only it wasn't that type of kettle and it wasn't an aga, so I managed to melt their brand new kettle! There was molten plastic dripping everywhere and black, acrid smoke. I will never live that one down!

What's your most prized possession and why?

I would have to say it's my membership of Youlgrave WI. When we moved back here in 2018 the first thing I did was join the WI and it's been the best thing ever. I have made so many friends and it really help me to feel part of the village.

What's your favourite local view/place? I love the view as you drop down Rowsley Bar. Seeing Pommie in the distance, and Minninglow on the horizon. Very special.

What do you like about living in Youlgrave?

The community is wonderful. If you throw yourself in to life here you are rewarded tenfold by the friendly folk in the village.

What could be improved about Youlgrave?

I wonder if a small car park at the end of Conksbury would be a good idea? I don't think there is an easy solution to the summer parking dilemma though.



Val with husband Trevor.



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#### **Church Farm Diary, October**

The family were discussing what was their favourite time of the year and Spring or Autumn seemed to be the best. Spring because everything is just waiting to burst into flower and the ground to green up after the dark winter months, but for me it is Autumn. Everything always seems to be more peaceful after the rush of the summer months harvesting and sometimes racing against the weather.

I always feel the atmosphere is calming and slower (though my son will not agree with that!) and usually the weather can be very kind. When the sun shines on the trees that are changing, the colours are gorgeous. Then everything changes when the clocks go back, bringing dark mornings (that is something I hate).

At the end of autumn, the cattle are brought in to the sheds for the winter, giving the ground a chance to recover and for the cattle to be under cover before the weather turns. When you can hear the rain and



Sarah's horse having a good laugh!

wind on the windows at night I always say how pleased I am that everything is under cover.

Most of our apple trees have done well this year. Our eldest grandson bought me an apple corer and peeler. I have found it very useful, taking the hint to make more apple dishes for him.

There are such a lot of apples in the village I thought that this recipe would make a change from crumbles, cake, tarts and eves pudding.

#### Marjorie Shimwell

#### Recipe of the month: Apple Drop Scones (makes 12)

#### Ingredients

2 eating apples coarsely grated

250ml whole milk

60g butter melted

1 large egg

3 tbsp caster sugar

150g plain flour

1 1/4 tsp baking powder

1/4 salt

½ ground cinnamon

2 tbsp sunflower oil for frying

#### Method

In a large bowl combine the apples milk, butter, egg and a pinch of salt.

Put the sugar in a separate bowl then shift in the flour baking powder, salt and cinnamon. Stir the flour mixture in to the apple mixture and combine.

Heat a large frying pan over a medium heat and brush the surface lightly with oil. Woking in batches, add the mixture in heaped tablespoons full and leave to cook for about 3 to 4 minutes until brown underneath

Flip over and cook the other side, keep warm while you cook the rest.

Serve the scones in stacks, drizzling with honey or golden syrup and some whipped cream.



# Sing-along to old school bangers with Pie and Pea supper



A sing-a-long to old school tunes accompanied by Nick Stacey on Piano



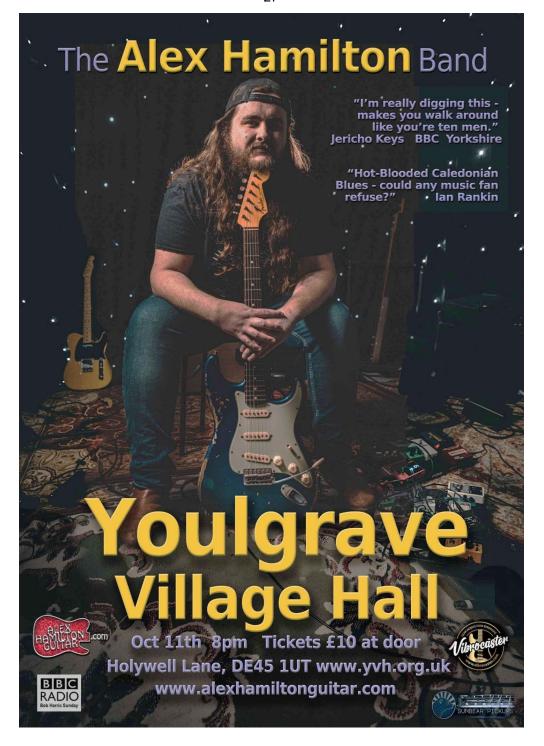
Redfern's meat pie, peas and gravy with apple crumble and custard

# Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> October 7pm Youlgrave Village Hall

Tickets £20 available in the village shops or 07855 056789

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# Winster Morris Dancers



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### **Winster Morris Musicians**

Youlgrave Village Hall Friday 21st November

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# **Keep the date**

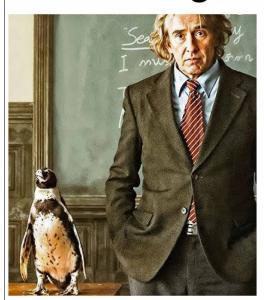
If you would like to have a go at dancing, come to a taster session in the Burton Institute in Winster at 8 pm Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October





# Next film Friday 10 October

# The Penguin Lessons PG 13



The penguin at the centre of The Penguin Lessons, a movie by Peter Cattaneo, is nothing if not hardworking. The film, adapted from the 2015 memoir by Tom Michell, uses the political turmoil of Argentina in 1976 as a backdrop for the personal transformation of an English teacher at a boys' school. Michell (Steve Coogan) is an idle curmudgeon when he rescues an oil-drenched Magellan penguin from a beach in Uruguay in an attempt to impress an attractive woman. She leaves, but he is stuck with the bird, whom he duly names Juan Salvador, and who thaws him out sufficiently to bond with students and colleagues, process past trauma and rekindle a political idealism.

#### 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 film on 7 November - Conclave



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