



The Bugle



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A busy time for Youlgrave School

It's certainly a very happy new year at our village school! The children have returned from the break full of enthusiasm and are very engaged in their learning. There have already been some amazing activities going on.

In Class 2, our young scientists have been diving into the exciting world of States of Matter. They have been exploring solids, liquids, and gases through hands-on experiments and asking lots of questions. The biggest hit? Oobleck. This magical substance had everyone amazed as it acted like both a solid and a liquid – what a mystery! The children loved squishing, poking, and testing its strange properties while discovering how science can be full of surprises. Their enthusiasm and laughter filled the classroom as they learned through play and exploration.

We welcomed PCSO Boswell into school to talk about the role of the Police; and to everyone's delight were



Above: All Saints' young scientists getting stuck into the amazing substance of Oobleck. Below: Police dog training demonstration in the playground.

able to see a demonstration of the Police dogs and their handler at work in the playground. It was such a fantastic opportunity to see up close the level of skill and training involved. Again, the children asked lots of great questions and showed a great deal of curiosity. This session is part of a year-long programme designed to increase the children's knowledge and understanding of personal safety, as well as how the police work in the community. It is such an important relationship for school.



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Thank you

Youlgrave Waterworks



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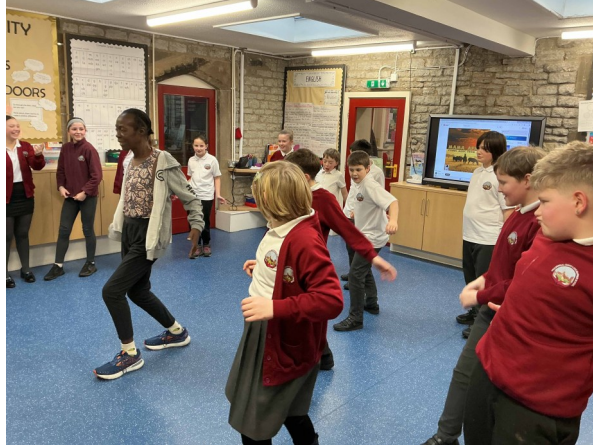
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School – continued from front page

This week we welcomed Bemma Akyeampong from African Ark into school. For many years she has worked to promote understanding of African art and culture and is a wonderful storyteller. In the last few years, she has focused on climate change and has written several picture books for children about the impact of pollution on the oceans and other environmental problems. The children enjoyed a lovely day with her, exploring African art and dance and listening to her latest book.

These are just some of the latest highlights, but it's fair to say there is always something incredible happening in school. We welcome visits to come and look around, especially from



African dance with Bemma Akyeampong.

parents and families. Please call 01629 636289 to make an appointment, everyday is an Open Day. Come and take a closer look!

*Teresa Nicholls
Headteacher*

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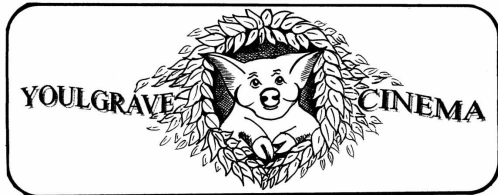
After a couple of years trying to sort out the Village Hall banking finances we are finally in a position (thanks to our outgoing treasurer) to ask anyone out there to take over this role. It's so important that we appoint a new treasurer as we **cannot operate without one!** It would be beneficial if somebody could start as ASAP so we can have a smooth change over in March. Please contact Graham below for a chat

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Next film
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13 February

The Roses 15



THE ROSES Life seems easy for picture-perfect couple Ivy (Olivia Colman) and Theo (Benedict Cumberbatch): successful careers, a loving marriage, great kids. But beneath the façade of their supposed ideal life, a storm is brewing - as

Theo's career nosedives while Ivy's own ambitions take off, a tinderbox of fierce competition and hidden resentment ignites. The Roses is a reimagining of the 1989 classic film The War of the Roses, based on the novel by Warren Adler.

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

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

Our film on 13 March - The Ballad of Wallis Island

New affordable housing on Hannah Bowman Way given the go-ahead



A 3D drawing of the proposed new housing (Manning Holden Architects).

The Peak District National Park Authority has given planning permission for the proposed scheme of nine new affordable homes for rent off Hannah Bowman Way, Youlgrave. It follows an earlier development of eight homes completed in Spring 2015.

The new scheme received unanimous approval by the Authority's December Planning Committee and will include one 2-bed bungalow, two ground floor 1-bed flats for older/less mobile people, two first floor 1-bed flats for younger people, two 2-bed houses and two 3-bed houses. They will all be for rent and all will have a strict 10-year legal clause attached to them, which means you will need to have had a minimum 10-year

connection to the village in order to be eligible.

The scheme was put forward Youlgrave Community Land Trust (YCLT), in association with East Midlands Housing Association (who will build the houses) and Peak District Rural Housing Association, a Registered Provider, who will manage and maintain the homes.

YCLT insisted that a local architect was used in order to influence decisions about the kind of build envisaged and to ensure it felt and looked right for the village.

In particular, YCLT wanted the same high-quality build as the earlier Hannah Bowman Way development, so the new homes will be constructed in natural local limestone with roofs of

Staffordshire Blue clay tiles, matching the buildings on Hannah Bowman Way. They, too, will all have solar panels, top insulation and water saving fixtures; and they will meet the new and higher environmental standards required for heating.

As requested by existing Hannah Bowman Way residents, YCLT wanted some vegetable plots, safe places for the children to play, reconfiguration of the rooms downstairs so that parents are better able to oversee on-line activity, and have office, hobby or snug space. They were also keen to fulfil the higher requirements for improving the biodiversity of the site through landscaping, wild areas and tree planting.



It is hoped work will begin in June/ July 2026 for completion in Autumn 2027.

Youlgrave Community Land Trust

*Above: The location of the new homes.
Below: Photograph of the site from Moor Lane.*



Update from District Councillor, Laura Mellstrom

Peak Cluster consultation

Peak Cluster is a large scale carbon capture and storage ("CCS") project which is running a public consultation from 12 January to 27 February. The plan is to drastically reduce the carbon emissions from the cement and lime industries in Derbyshire and Staffordshire by capturing the CO2 during the production process, and then piping it across country to permanent storage underground in porous rocks under the Irish Sea at a site called Morecambe Net Zero.

This involves the construction of an underground pipeline from Hope Valley Cement Works to the Wirral via Tarmac Tunstead Cement Works, Buxton Lime, Holcim Caudon Cement Works, and then across Cheshire to the west coast. It is intended that the project will be operational by 2032, but it is still very much in the planning stage and the precise route is not yet finalised.

Cement production contributes about 8% of global CO2 emissions, which cannot be eliminated by switching to renewable energy because the CO2 is released by the production process itself, not just by burning fossil fuels to power the plants. CCS is claimed to be the only way to make the cement industry sustainable but critics argue that it's expensive untested technology, quite apart from the environmental damage and carbon emissions involved in the construction of the pipeline and above-ground facilities.

The cost of the project is also unclear. When asked at a recent councillor briefing about the cost to the public purse, the answer was "there are no cheap and simple solutions...". We were told that making the industries pay would render them uncompetitive, so that "a level of public support" is

required. Find out more and have your say at the consultation site: <https://www.peakcluster-consultation.co.uk/>.

Local Government Funding

According to the Rural Services Network, people in rural areas pay on average about 20% more per head in council tax than urban residents. The annual council tax budget process is underway again at DDDC and it is likely that it will go up again by the maximum 2.99% as far as the District Council's portion is concerned. Despite early promises to the contrary, it seems the County Council will be also be seeking an increase in their share, which is collected by the District Council through the council tax bills and passed on to DCC.

Part of the problem is the reduction in recent years in the amount of money coming from central government. Following the Fair Funding Review, the available grants have been merged, with the focus now being on increased provision for areas of urban deprivation. There is no longer any additional help for rural councils facing extra costs of providing services to remote areas, so although some areas are getting a funding boost, Derbyshire Dales will be worse off.

The Rural Services Network is advising people to ask their MP to raise questions with Ministers over the Government's evidence on the additional costs of service delivery in rural areas ('the cost of remoteness') and how the new funding formula has been arrived at. Email Derbyshire Dales MP John Whitby: john.whitby.mp@parliament.uk.

Cllr Laura Mellstrom

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Youlgrave Show 2026 – details announced

Youlgrave Show 2026 will take place on **Saturday 12th September** and this year it will be held at All Saints Church.

Apart from the change of venue, all the other details will remain the same as last year. The Schedule will again feature over 80 classes across six sections – Vegetables and Fruit, Flowers, Floral Arrangements (locally grown), Baking and Preserves, Handicrafts, and Children's Work.

Exhibits can be dropped off at the church on Friday evening (6-8pm) and Saturday morning (8-10am). Look out for the full Schedule included in the Bugle over the summer, while entry cards will be available locally in the run up to the Show.

Everyone is welcome to submit entries, irrespective of where you live, and as usual with local Shows there will be a small fee per entry and prizes awarded by independent judges. Refreshments will be available on the day and the Show will finish with the ever-entertaining Auction of Produce.

Holding the Show at Youlgrave Church this year will mean it can play a central role in Youlgrave's annual Harvest Festival celebrations which, as before, will feature the Church Ale Festival the day after the Show on Sunday 13th September.

The show committee have been invited to view plans for an improved garden at school and look forward to funding a whole school trip this summer for this children to learn about all things horticultural, hopefully to be hosted by the Chatsworth Gardens team.

Youlgrave Show relies on a great team of volunteers that carry out all sorts of tasks. If you want to help out in any way, or if you have queries, please email youlgraveshow@outlook.com or call Edwina Cant on 07772 019385.



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From the Churches

At the Bakewell Bird Group the other day Mark Fellowes spoke about changing patterns in bird behaviour, mainly about birds that come from abroad, and return abroad, as migrants.

He used lots of technical graphs and words that not all of us understood. The main issue was global warming, affecting the food the birds eat, insects, plants, etc, that are appearing earlier than previously. If the birds arrive at the time as they usually did, the food has gone. It's something Chris Packham has been talking about for some time.

Mark's main idea, shown through lots of data, was that the birds are somehow readjusting and managing to come to terms with the changing world. Somehow they know to get here earlier.

I imagine that if some do not do this, they will disappear and be lost to us.

Life is full of change

All of us face change. Gender issues. Many mixed cultures. Issues of human sexuality. What it means to be loved by the person that is right. Political, financial, educational – change in every area of our lives.

There will always be some who resist change, those who cannot change, or some who believe that they have got life sorted.

Some people, some with faith and some without faith, feel that the world is alright as it is.

In the church, we have a historic faith, based on events of long ago. Yet over time, ideas, people and situations change. Our perception of God can change as well.

Can it hurt us to rethink our faith, especially as we now live in a world where so many negative and harmful and narrow ideas assail us? Our present has to be informed by the past. Yes. Yet

we need to have the life and energy to create a future that we all can live with.

The birds seem to be adjusting to how things are changing. In their way they should have a future. Let them be an example for us to follow.

God bless you all.

Geoff

Revd Geoff Clay

Life is full of change

While on the subject of change, I would like you to know that I have retired from leading worship and from preaching, from being 'up front' in church (but I will help in the Family Service).

I have wanted to do this for some time now. I am not retiring from village life, or from church, or from helping as I can. Do get in touch if I can help in any way.

I have loved being part of four really loving and encouraging congregations, within the wonderful villages that we are fortunate to live in.



Geoff and Jane before setting off on a leg of the Pommie Pilgrimage in 2024.

Church services for February at All Saints, Youlgreave

Sunday 1st

11am Family Service for Candlemas with Baptism
6.45pm Evening Prayer with Hymns at Middleton

Sunday 8th

11am Holy Communion

Sunday 15th

11am Morning Prayer

The Beginning of Lent

Ash Wednesday 18th

7pm Holy Communion with Ashing

Sunday 22nd

11am Holy Communion

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Also learn about journey planning, vehicle adaptations and keeping safe in the vehicle.

The next session is on Friday 13 February from 10am to 11.30am online on Microsoft Teams. It's 90 minutes long and costs £4.

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Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: December 2025 & January 2026

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White fronted geese (photo: Pat and Tony).

New Dam, mainly greylags but on Christmas day two Siberian white fronted geese joined them. This was a rare treat. There was a single male wigeon on the New Dam on the 18th of January. Our big fish eating duck, the goosander, has been an occasional visitor mainly to the New Dam. Kingfishers have often been seen particularly near Alport.

Our smallest British bird, the goldcrest, has been quite common, often right down by the river, but also in gardens. Stonechats have been regulars on the fence by the stream coming from the New Dam. A little egret has been seen occasionally both by the New Dam and higher up the river; and a dabchick has been seen on the river. Grey wagtails have been seen, but less frequently than usual. Dippers have been rather scarce recently, but I did see one right up below the Middleton track. Less common birds on garden feeders have

been greater spotted woodpeckers, nuthatches and long tailed tits. Goldfinches, greenfinches and chaffinches are frequent visitors to our garden, along with the usual dunnocks, wrens, blue great and coal tits.

Red kites were often seen, particularly in December, and buzzards are common with the occasional kestrel. A little further from home, on Haddon Fields, large flocks of lapwings have been reported. I recently got round to checking and cleaning my garden nest boxes. All three boxes had tit nests in them. I am pleased to report that our local swift team have identified 76 swift nests around Youlgrave. Unlike house martins, which are very messy, swifts make no mess at all and as they seldom visit the nests are often unreported, so a brilliant effort here.

Roe deer have been reported in Roughwood Hollow. A small white animal with some black on it was seen

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near Robin Hood's Stride. Could this have been a white stoat, otherwise called an ermine? I did see one once in Lathkill Dale many years ago.

The recent frost and snow seem to have totally finished our wild flowers. However, there are a few garden snowdrops blooming and on Christmas Eve there were still harebells blooming on Brookleton. My biggest hope for spring so far has been some ripe hazel catkins shedding pollen onto the tiny red female flowers that will become hazel nuts later in the year.

My thanks to the contributors for this article, Pat, Tony, Ian T., Erica, Edwina, Simon, Paul, Lisa, Andy, Rachel and Caroline.

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Right: Male and female hazel flowers



**Mark Tendall - 58 year old, semi retired builder.
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Church Farm Diary, February

I hope everyone had a nice Christmas and New Year, hopefully 2026 will be good to us.

Apart for a few days frost, the weather has been kind to us. When it's very frosty it causes a lot of extra work when the water has frozen and you have to cart water to the animals. It's surprising how much water a beast can drink, as no water = no milk.

Looking through some old photos the other day, I came across some of my grandfather Arthur Wardle. He apparently had the first taxi service in the village. He used white horses for weddings and black for funerals, then when motor cars came along he bought his car. I also have copies of his driving licences; the copies are from 1925 to 1927. Grandad Arthur died in his 40s, leaving my Nan with four small children. They lived in the cottage that is in the George Hotel car park. Some of you may remember my Uncle Charlie who was a plumber, then my dad Harold who went to live with his Uncle Tom at Church Farm? Auntie Marie and Auntie Dorothy were both well known in the village.

With Rowsley train station and Bakewell both active, I expect he was very busy transporting customers to catch their trains and be picked up; and before the car he would take the milk in churns to the station. Michael says that his father from Old Hall Farm used to take their milk in churns with the horse and cart to the station like many other farmers did in the area. I bet my grandfather would be appalled by the amount of traffic that goes through the village now!



Marjorie Shimwell

Community tree packs

The Woodland Trust is offering free tree saplings to community groups, including not-for-profit community groups, resident associations, sports clubs, local councils, faith groups, Scouts and Guides.

Applications are open from now until August for delivery of saplings in November 2026 so there is some time to plan.

The free packs of saplings on offer contain 15, 30, 105 or 420 saplings and are tailored to suit a variety of different purposes and locations. Each applicant can request up to four packs as long as the total number of saplings does not exceed 420. Each tree is 20-60cm tall, making them easy to transport, handle and plant.

If you are interested further information is available at **Community Tree Packs** <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/>



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Recipe of the month: Asian style fish parcels

Ingredients

4 spring onions
1 small carrot
4 small pak choi
4 pieces of skinned cod or fillet about 7oz
2 tsp oil for brushing
4 tsp dark soy sauce
Salt and freshly ground pepper
1 fresh mild red chilli deseeded and thinly sliced lengthways
1 tsp rice wine or white wine
2 tsp finely grated root ginger
2 garlic cloves
½ tsp caster sugar

Method

Preheat the oven to 230 fan or gas 8.
Slice the spring onions and slice the carrot into match stick pieces, cut the pak choi in to 4.

Pat the fish dry and set aside.

To make the parcels cut four 12in squares of parchment paper lined foil, lay them foil side down and brush with a little oil. In the centre of each paper lay the cut vegetables and then the fish, salt and pepper and a little oil.

In a bowl mix the remaining soy sauce with the wine ginger and garlic sugar and 2 teaspoons of cold water, spoon over the fish and parcel up the parchment, seal tightly.

Put the parcels on a baking tray and cook for about 15 mins, depending on the thickness of the fish.

Be careful when opening the parcels as they get very hot. Serve with rice.



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Youlgrave WI report

Youlgrave WI resolve to make

2026 even more welcoming and successful, with several new and potential members on board. The five National Federation of W.I.'s new Resolutions choices were relayed by Committee members, with all members being offered a vote for their preferred campaign.

For the icy early January, Nicola had arranged a revealing tour of Bakewell Town Hall. Mike, our lovely guide, led us into the Dorothy Vernon Masonic Lodge and the Council Meeting Room (also the Wedding room of two of our members years ago!). Through hidden passageways we found the Assembly rooms and the Missing Mural of Haddon Hall, painted by John 'Jack' Blake, a grateful billeted soldier from WW2. This was followed by delicious cakes in the former Court Room.

Our January meeting went to the rails as a good turnout raced to the great choice of pre-loved fashions for our clothes swap. Big coats, daywear, belts, shoes and scarves found loving new homes, with surplus items going to the Blythe house Hospice shop.

On January 28th at 7pm, we have a Winter Games night upstairs at The Farmyard Inn. BYO favourites or share the fun and games with cards, Scrabble, Cluedo etc. The Choir and Recorder Consort are enjoying a well-earned break, after so many really well received performances, with our own Lathkill Group Concert raising £133 for Ashgate Hospice.

Our Christmas Party atmosphere



The tour of Bakewell Town Hall.

buzzed as we created decorated swags, shared a lovely buffet, and sang and played together.

February should be Fab, with our usual Panto visit on the 6th, and our first 2026 free Crafting Day (a very attractive cross stitch bookmark) at the Methodist Church room, from 10-4 pm. BYO lunch, drinks and biscuits included, with a small charge for non-members.

Supper Club starts on Thursday 26th Italian-style, and Diane Bradwell lists an alternative that evening for a Theatre screening of 'The Audience' starring Helen Mirren.

On Monday February 23rd at 7pm in the village Hall, we have an OPEN MEETING (free admission) for anybody interested, entitled 'Let's talk about... Autism'. There will be a short presentation with time for questions and discussion.

Our next WI meeting is on Tuesday February 9th at the Village Hall at 7.30pm when local photographer Alex Hyde will share his experience and skill. Feel free to come along and meet us all.

Liz Hickman



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