



The

# Bugle



**A chance to blow your trumpet for the villagers of Alport, Middleton and Youlgrave**

## Back to School

As September comes in, gardeners and farmers alike prepare for their busiest time. Thanks to all that lovely rain the fruit crops flourished – and how! At one time visitors to the Square House were given fruit ‘to take home’ - whether they wanted it or not! The quality of exhibits at the horticultural show was as impressive as ever. A full list of winners

will be published next edition.

Now the holidays are over and the children back at school, Lady Manners’ students will be deciding upon their next moves following another successful year of A-level and GCSE results. We wish them luck in their chosen futures, be it a continuation of their education or employment.

As the nights now draw in, the evening classes start and everyone will have the chance to add a new string to their bow, whether it’s adding to traditional qualifications like A-levels, learning new computer skills or simply taking advantage of the excellent sporting facilities at the school. Details of events

at Lady Manners School and other educational establishments can be obtained from the library in Bakewell.

The mini Bowls/Boules competition was enjoyed by all. Not surprisingly, the Farmyard Boules team beat the Bowls team at Boules 6-1 and the Bowls team beat the Boules team 6-1! Helen of the Boules team had better watch her back as I’m told the Bowls team are after her talents.

There will be a Bowls Club Fun Day on Sunday 20th September on the playing field to help raise much needed funds.

## And They’re Off!



Youlgrave All Saint’s School Governors are holding a Cinema Race Night to be held in the village hall on Friday 16 October at 7-30pm prompt to raise funds for the school.

The evening will consist of a series of 8 races each with 8 horses, there will be a pie and pea supper, a licensed bar and a raffle.

The whole evening being overseen by your hosts BOB AND NEIL (the Peter O’Sullivans of South Yorkshire). Under Bob and Neil’s stewardship we have the racing certainty of a great night of family entertainment. Come along and hear Bob’s eloquent commentary on the evening’s proceedings and help the governors to raise much needed money for the school.

To ensure a successful and entertaining evening the governors are offering sponsorship of the horses in each race. Sponsorship costs £2 per horse and the winning owner in each race will receive a prize. The number of horses is limited so to get yours now, contact the school on 636289.

We are also looking for sponsors for each race, £10 will put your business name on the race card. If your business would like to sponsor a race please contact Christine Eley on 636538.

If you are unable to come along but would like to support the evening we require prizes for the raffle - anything will be gratefully received at school.

Tickets are only available in advance from School, Governors and other outlets in the village. They cost £3 for adults and £2 for children under 14 and include admission, your race card and supper.

## Granby House Outing

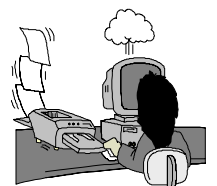
Abbeyfield residents and friends enjoyed a pleasant trip for their monthly outing. After lunch at The Bluebell Inn at Tissington, they took a ride around Parwich and Milldale. The afternoon finished with a visit to Cromford Mill for tea and shopping.

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# BOOK REVIEW

The autumn sunshine is ideal for taking advantage of Andrew McCloy's new book of circular walks, 'Walking in Youlgrave'. Living in such lovely surroundings we tend not to explore our own patch but this book might whet the appetite once more.

The walks vary from short 'before supper' strolls to an 11-mile walk to Monyash. This book is a real eye-opener for visitors to the village as it not only

describes walks but also touches on a number of interesting local features we are lucky enough to have as well as items of local history.

The walks also take in other highlights



such as Robin Hood's Stride, Haddon Hall

and the stone circle at Arbor Low.

Andrew lives in Youlgrave and, as well as being part-time Assistant Warden at the Youth Hostel and caring for his three-year-old daughter, he writes for local and national publications such as 'Peak and Pennine', 'The Great Outdoors' and 'Country Walking'. A member of the Ramblers Association, he has written several walking books including another of local interest, 'Walks Around Buxton'.

The book, published is available from 'Benchmark Books', Greystone Cottage, Bankside, Youlgrave, DE45 1WD. Priced £3.50 plus p&p or from local bookshops

## The Derbyshire Hills

The Derbyshire hills, the Derbyshire dales,  
The River's cool between.  
The silent stones, the leafy lanes.  
The summer fields all green.

The bustle in the market place.  
The dressing of the wells.  
The Morris dance, the carnival.  
The Sunday morning bells.

The stately homes, the castles  
The caverns and the spas.  
The tourists and the hikers  
The teashops and the bars.

The cottages and farmyards.  
The cattle crossing signs.  
The hidden shafts half buried  
Of long forgotten mines.

The top country in winter  
When snow falls thick and fast.  
We think that spring will never come  
Until one day at last

The hawthorn and the buttercup  
Open in the sun,  
The cuckoo calls, the sky is blue,  
And summer has begun.

When birds sing in the daybreak  
At pink and misty dawn,  
And light creeps up the lanes  
Over hayfields gold and warm.

Then deep in limestone country  
Far from sea and sails.  
Who could ever leave them,  
The Derbyshire hills and dales.

Jill Tait

## AUGUST CROSSWORD SOLUTION

### Across

2. SAUCE 4. APPLE PIE 6. BRAISING 7. FLOUR 8&15. GRILL PAN  
9. LEMON CURD 12. CORNISH PASTY 17. TEA 18. DINNER  
19. LUNCH 20. SIMMER

### Down

1. BAKING BLIND 2. SEASON 3. CAKE 5. EGG 6. BEAT 10. BOILING  
11. POACH 13. POTATO 14. SCALES 16. FRY

**PLEASE NOTE** – The bugle Editorial Team are always looking for articles. If you would like to write for us please get in touch with Emma Youatt 636775 or Ann Knowles 636362 - no job too small!!

## Reader's Letter Reader's Letter Reader's Letter Reader's

Dear Bugle,

As a new resident to the beautiful village of Youlgrave (eave) (Pommie) I must confess to being in a confused state.

This is not to do with the fine pint of Pedigree available at The Bull's Head, but rather the name of the village.

The Village Hall spells it Youlgrave, the sign on the edge of the village spells it Youlgreave, and to finalise my confusion, the locals call it Pommie?? Please can you help with this dilemma? What is the correct spelling of the village and where did the other versions originate from?

A Confused Reader,

Dear Confused

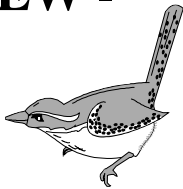
How delighted we are that you've opened this particular can of worms. So much so that we dare not even begin to answer the 'grave/greave' question for fear of upsetting either 'camp'.

We therefore invite the opinions of our readers. so come on all you local historians, let's hear the arguments and share the stories with some of our newer villagers and visitors.

The 'Pommie' issue is a little simpler. It's a nickname that has its origins in the band. It is rumoured that a pig sat on the wall when the band was passing and joined in with the 'pom pom pom'.

Regards, Emma

## VALPO VIEW - VIRTUAL LIVING?



1998 is proving to be ONE OF THOSE YEARS. You know what I mean? Like in the garden, life is full of bramble patches: every which way you turn you get scratched by unreasonable bills, pricked by other peoples' sharp edges or jabbed by the unfairness of it all. Or it's like the wet grassy slope. You take one step forward, slide two steps backwards, fall sideways and end up sitting on a hard rock. If it doesn't get better soon I will sink into a boggy patch and vanish without trace.

I was thinking all these things, of how much hard work life is, when we visited a local garden centre last Sunday. "Fish in a tank, how lovely" said my friend. Eagerly we examined the exhibit. Six large bluey fish, the like of which I had never seen

before, were swimming lazily in and out of the weed. Gliding easily, moving gently, no stress - idyllic. Underneath, a label announced - 'suitable for offices, restaurants etc., no mess, no maintenance, no water, no fish.' "Virtual fish" - now there was an idea. Perhaps I could exchange my cat for a hologram. No more half-dead mice as presents, no more regurgitated fur balls or smelly food bowls, just a purry presence and relaxation.

We went for a coffee in the restaurant. "£1.60 for a potted shrub!" I exclaimed, catching sight of the label. "It must be rare." Unbelievably we traced its trunk down to an empty, soil-less pot. Care instructions read 'wipe down with a warm damp cloth.' A glorious vista stretched out. No more battles with slugs, no more weedy infestations, just a garden under complete control and time to enjoy it. Ah, bliss.

The dream continued to build. Perhaps all of life could be so contrived. If fish and shrubs, why not work and friendships? Maybe the garden analogies could work

the other way around. A heaven on earth beckoned through the allure of labour-saving technology and the call of progress to do away with drudgery.

Monday morning and I was back on Valpo. It was a rare day for 1998, the sun came out! Suddenly the brambles offered up succulent berries for the picking, the runners that had survived the slugs provided edible beans. There was an immense satisfaction in the harvest.

I began to remember again how, more than anything else, I **do not** want to live in a world where I cannot see the stars for the glare of streetlights, or hear the sound of rain and birdsong beyond the triple glazing. I will **battle not to be** so cocooned and sanitised that I can no longer breathe anything but filtered air, be forced to drink only milk that has been pasteurised, or be immersed in a tidied-up and sanitised environment. In fact - I **demand** the right to experience my bramble patches and to fall over on the slippery slopes of life. Ah - I feel better now ...

Jeniwren

## A quick chuck!!

I was sitting in the Farmyard Inn one wintry night in February 1995. The rain and sleet were beating at the windows when suddenly Tony Howarth, ever the innovator, said, "Do you fancy playing in a boules team? We could make a court at the top of the car park and I think there's a local league on a Sunday night." I had played a bit with the kids on holiday in France, so regarding it another excuse to visit the pub, I replied, "Why not?"

Spring arrived and Tony, true to his word, soon created the necessary playing area and paid our subs to join the league. The court was hard and fast in the European style and on a nice evening one could almost taste the sangria or pastis, depending on where your imagination took you.

Our first game, however, was away and we were totally unprepared for the six-inch deep gravel pit that confronted us. "Not much like France or Spain," we would comment. "Better suited to being a

cat's toilet than a boules court!" Also we were unprepared for the attitude of some teams. Ruthless tactics and even blatant cheating were encountered. We thought it was just a friendly Sunday night out.

In our first season, to put it mildly, we underachieved but 1996 saw a dramatic improvement in both play and tactics. We were no longer naive and won the Loire division in some style, gaining promotion to 'the Brittany' to play amongst the so called 'experts.' In 1997 we just managed to hold our own, but 1998 promises better things.

We maintain our fast pitch, remaining true to the European roots of the game and have twice been "on tour" to southern Spain. On the first occasion we played some ex-pats who were extremely boring



The Boules team on tour in Spain 1996

and cheated a lot. If that's retirement, count me out. It was much more fun down at the park in Fuengirola. The locals are very skilful and the language of boules is international.

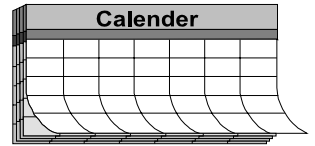
Our current players are: - Tony (Croucho with the eccentric headgear), Gordon (der Bomber), Graham (with the best line in expletives that I've ever heard), Psycho (master of sarcasm), the ex-captain (prone to bouts of red mist), John (leader of the Von Trapp family), Phobe (with an expert's eye for measures), Martin (if you can't beat her join her) and last but not least our three ladies, Jenny the Captain (better looking than the last one), Helen (better than any of the men), and Anne (new girl).

We are a varied bunch and strange sometimes but we play in the right spirit and have a laugh. We even have a second team now, where the players are much younger and prettier than most of us.

Although the weather has not been conducive lately, on a warm night I very often look up the road towards the pub and see Tony standing outside. He motions with his right hand in the approved manner and shouts, "Ey up Chris, are you coming for a quick chuck?"

CJS

# Forthcoming Events



**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

Youlgrave Bowls Club Fun Day. The Playing Field.  
 Youlgrave Scout and Community Hall Management Committee AGM.  
 The Scout and Community Hall, 7.30pm.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

Youlgrave All Saint's C of E Primary School Race Night.  
 The Village Hall, 7.00pm.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

Scout and Community Hall Management Committee Coffee Morning. The S&C Hall, 10.00am

**Wednesdays**

Outdoor Painting classes with Diane Kettle. Middleton Village Hall, 7.30pm.

**Wednesdays**

Theatre Workshop with Jack Blackburn tel. 636689 or 636043. Greenfields Farm Barn, 7.00pm.

**Thursdays**

Peak Rural Welfare Rights Project 'Benefits Advice'. The Doctors' Surgery, 10 - 11.30am.

**Fridays**

Yoga with Iris Pimm at Greenfields Farm Barn, 9.30 - 11.00am.

## Please let us have more details of events for the next edition

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## Does anybody know this man?

If you can identify this boules playing, toothless wonder from an early mug shot, send (or deliver) your answer (on a postcard or stuck down envelope) to the Square House or to the Post Office.

The Bugle is offering a £5 prize for the first correct answer drawn. Closing date 17<sup>th</sup> September.

If you have a mug-shot you'd like to embarrass someone with, let us have it, and we'll see about publishing it. Prizes will be allocated at the discretion of the editorial team.

## Can You Help?

- Help your local community and meet new people! New **Meals on Wheels** drivers and helpers are required from October. Only once a month 11am – 1pm Tuesday or Thursday. A rate of 33p per mile transport costs paid. Please contact Bridget Ardley **636611** as soon as possible.
- Youlgrave Primary School are looking for volunteers to help with a variety of jobs. If you'd like to contribute in any way, contact Sue Barradell at the school, **636289**
- If you'd like an entry in this column we invite public interest advertisements of up to 30 words. Items are published at the discretion of the editorial team.

## From the Cookhouse Door

### Chicken Jenny

(To serve two)

2 chicken breast fillets, sliced

½ large onion, chopped

¼ lb. mushrooms, sliced

1 pot crème fraîche

2 teaspoons mustard, assorted

flavours, (e.g. German, wholegrain, English, French, etc., mix whatever you have to the required quantity)

Salt and pepper to taste

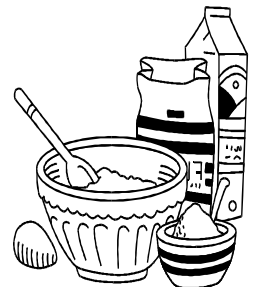
### Method

Put a little oil in a frying pan and soften the onion and mushroom - put in a dish to one side.

Gently cook the chicken pieces in the pan until cooked through.

Meanwhile, mix the mustards into the crème fraîche and add to the pan along with the onion and mushrooms.

Stir together, season to taste, and when hot, serve with rice and vegetables of your choice.



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