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The

Bugle



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

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March 2009

Fun and games in the snow

Last month's heavy snow shut
Youlgrave School, caused local
traffic problems and gave plenty of
people an unexpected day or two
off. So, what better way to spend it
than wrapping up warm and
enjoying some fun and games
outdoors in the white stuff?

Toboggans were much in
evidence on the slopes of Bradford
Dale (top right). The more adventurous types took to snow
boards and skis, like Ian Weatherley (bottom right, on Harthill
Moor). There was a surprise new pupil at Youlgrave School
when the pupils returned (right). And in a variation of the
standard snowman, Isabel and James Lovell (bottom left) built
their very own 'Snow Dalek'.



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Historic Alport phone box saved for community by Parish Council

Youlgrave Parish Council has stepped in to save Alport's red phone box from the axe, after BT announced that it was one of a number of loss-making public pay phones in the district that would be permanently removed. Under a special agreement, the Parish Council has purchased the classic red box, otherwise known as the K6 model and designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott in the 1930s. Unfortunately, the cost of keeping the actual phone equipment was prohibitively expensive, but the much-loved box itself has been safeguarded for the community. The Parish Council welcomes residents' help in keeping the box clean and tidy. It is hoped to install some community and visitor information in the long run.



Above: Alport residents showing their support for the red phone box last summer.

NEW ALLOTMENT GATES

Left: Youlgrave Parish Council Chairman Andrew McCloy tests the new gates that he helped install at the Council's Coldwell End allotments. In addition to replacing the original metal gate, a new pedestrian entrance was created from the adjoining car park to allow for safer off-road access for allotment holders. Thanks also to Kevin Shimwell and Parish Clerk Matthew Lovell for their efforts.



Youlgrave Beavers, Cubs & Scouts

Last issue we reported on Youlgrave's new Beaver pack that meets at the Scout and Community Hall on Wednesdays. In fact, they also have several Cubs and two Scouts. If anyone is interested in joining please call **Melanie Marsh** as it is now being opened up to other villages and two have already joined from Birchover.

Melanie Marsh 636605

Car boot sales in aid of
Lady Manner's School
Parents' Association

2009

Sun 26 April
Sun 10 May
Sun 7 June
Sun 12 July
Sun 13 Sept
Sun 4 Oct

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www.sustainableyoulgrave.org	636241	Youlgrave Village Hall , available for parties and
Youlgrave Bell Ringers	636484	events 636084
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www.youlgrave.com/Youlgrave_Cinema.htm		Youlgrave Women's Institute 636479
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Youlgrave Parish Church	636285	have renewed their support for the Bugle in 2009. If
Youlgrave Parish Council	636151	you are a local club or community group and would
Youlgrave Playschool , 9am-12 noon, Mon-Fri, for		like to sponsor the Bugle please complete the form
ages 2 to school	636768	on the opposite page or call Ann on 636362. And
Youlgrave School Association	636605	don't forget to send us your news and information
		for inclusion in future issues.

REGULAR LOCAL EVENTS

Mondays	Monday Club (Day Centre), Youlgrave Village Hall, 10am-3pm	Beginners class 7-8.30pm, The Barn, Greenfields Farm (636341)
Tuesdays	Yoga with Iris Pimm (636341), The Barn, Greenfields Farm, 7-9pm	Thurs Youlgrave Silver Band, Methodist School Room, 8pm
Tuesdays	Youlgrave Youth Club, Scout & Community Hall, 6.30-8pm	Fridays Gentle Yoga, Scout & Community Hall, 3.30pm
Tuesdays	Youlgrave Bell Ringers practice night, All Saints Church, 7.30-9pm	2nd Mon Mobile Library, Greenfields Farm, 9.30am; Alport, 9.45am; Abbeyfield, 10am; Bradford, 10.20am; Rock Farm, Middleton 10.40am
Mon-Fri	Youlgrave Playschool, Scout & Community Hall, 9.15-12 noon	2nd Tues Youlgrave WI meetings, Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm
Weds	Drawing and painting classes, Youlgrave Reading Room, 10am	4th Wed Confidential Advice Sessions with Matlock & District Citizens Advice Bureau, Youlgrave Medical Centre, 9.30am-12.30pm
Weds	Parent and Toddlers Group, Reading Room, 1.15-3.15pm	Alternate Thurs Mobile Library, Grove Place, 2-4.30pm, Holywell La 5-6.30pm
Weds	Darby & Joan Club, Youlgrave Village Hall, 1.30pm	2nd Fri Mobile Police Station, Holywell Lane, 12.30-4pm
Weds	Bingo, Youlgrave Reading Room, 7.30pm	Last Tues of month Youlgrave Parish Council meeting, Youlgrave Village Hall Committee Room, 7.15pm
Weds	Beavers and Cubs, Scout Hall, 6.30- 7.45pm (term time)	
Thurs	Ecumenical women's Bible study and fellowship, Youlgrave Reading Room, from 10am	
Thurs	Yoga with Iris Pimm, 9.30-11.30am	

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SATURDAY WASTE COLLECTION

Alport & Youlgrave: 14 & 28 March

Alport: 7.45-8am, Youlgrave School: 8.05-9.30am, Bradford & Mawstone Lane: 9.35-10.10am,
Grove Place Police House: 10.15-10.30am, Grove Place other end: 10.30-10.45am

Middleton by Youlgrave: none in March

The Square: 9.45-10.45am

VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

YOULGRAVE VILLAGE HALL

Attic Sale

Saturday 2 May

10am-12 noon

To book a table please ring Rita on 636663. £6 per table.

Also cake stall and tombola.
Refreshments available. Proceeds in aid of Village Hall funds.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

WHISKY TASTING EVENING

by The Wee Dram

On Saturday 7 March

At the Farmyard Inn

Time: 8pm

All proceeds to Youlgrave School



Coffee Morning

Saturday 9th May

at 10.45am

The annual Coffee Morning for Christian Aid will be held at the home of Mrs Dorothy Oldfield, Coldwell End, Youlgrave

There will be the usual stalls

All welcome



Laura Childs, née Knowles, with Daniel William born on 19 January in Swindon. Laura and Mark live near Swindon, where Mark works as an electronic engineer. Laura worked for the NHS Mental Health in Chippenham. She still enjoys regular horn playing and is looking forward to Youlgrave Band at Welldressing this year!

YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 31 March at 7pm

Youlgrave Village Hall Committee Room

Everyone welcome

Mary Walker (1915 – 2009)

Mary was born at Stanton in Peak on 12 April 1915. She was the eldest daughter of Henry and Sarah Holland.

In 1925 the family moved to Stanton House, Church Street, Youlgreave, to be near to his business (Holland's Butchers). She only lived for ten years at Stanton but her loyalties to Stanton Cricket Club never wavered. She also liked Derby County to win at football.

After attending Youlgreave School Mary helped in the family business until 1937 when she married Tom Walker of Haddon Fields Farm, Alport, where they lived for the next 61 years.

Mary and Tom had two children, three grandchildren and five great grand children of whom she was immensely proud. Alport will always be remembered for the big family gatherings and tea parties on the lawn when the weather permitted.

Mary was a founder member of Youlgreave Darby and Joan Club which was formed in 1957. After many years of service as a helper and well into her eighties, she was finally told to become a

member! In 1978, she was awarded the WRVS long service medal.

Mary was confirmed at All Saints Church, Youlgreave. After her marriage she attended the Wesleyan Reform Chapel where she became a regular and valued member. The last service she attended was the carol service on 21 December 2008.

After Tom died in 1998 she moved to Chapel Close and for the last three years of her life at Granby House, Alport Lane.

She was a much loved lady who will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Mary's family say they have been overwhelmed by the sympathy and support they have received from so many people.

The generous donations which are in excess of £1,300 are to be shared between the Wesleyan Reform Chapel, All Saints Church Roof Appeal and Granby House, where she was so well looked after and happy whilst keeping her independence.

R.A. Walker & C.M. Camm



SUSAN LOMAS

Elizabeth and Richard would like to thank everyone for the support and love given to Sue, especially during her brave fight and appreciate the loving kindness, support and sympathy shown to them in their sad bereavement. Thank you for the very generous donations totalling £1,750.00 received in memory of Sue. These have been given to the 'Sue Lomas Fund', a special trust fund set up in memory of Sue to support Young People connected with her work at 'Aspire'. This will help to give extra opportunities to young people, between the ages of 16 and 21, in Derby and Derbyshire who have been in care.



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Post Offices

Securing their future

The House of Commons Business and Enterprise Committee is conducting an inquiry into the future of Post Offices.

Its MPs have set up an online forum to listen to the views of individuals and businesses who use Post Offices.

Please visit the forum, register, and share your views at:

<http://forums.parliament.uk/post-office-future/>

The forum will run until 10 March 2009.

For more information about the Committee's inquiry, please visit the Committee's website at:

www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/berr/becpn6_0809.cfm





Friday 6 March (7.30pm)

QUIZ SHOW

Robert Redford stars in the true story of a quiz show scandal that rocked American TV in the 1950s (133 minutes, Cert 15). Members and guests only.

Saturday 7 March (2pm)

DRIVING MISS DAISY

A matinee showing of this gentle classic from 1989, starring Jessica Tandy and Morgan Freeman, about the relationship between an elderly Jewish American woman and her black chauffeur (99 minutes, Cert PG). Admission £2 non-members, YC members free.

All films shown at Youlgrave Village Hall. To join the film club contact Pat on 636836 or Jenny on 636655. For members' guest tickets call 636611.

Future films:
The Diving Bell & the Butterfly (17 April)
Son of Rambow (8 May)

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Jokes of the Month

Who is the most famous Russian snooker player?
Inoff The Red

What is the difference between a Pommey allotment holder and a snooker player?

One minds his peas, the other minds his cues.

What happened to the hyena that swallowed an Oxo cube?

It made a laughing stock of itself.

As told at this year's Youlgrave Pantomime.



Area community Forum

Monday 2 March, 7pm

Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell

Topics for public discussion include:

- Measures that the District Council is taking to help the local economy and support local businesses
- What you think about the service provided by Derbyshire County Council's library service



The Youlgrave Exchange

**WANTED: 1 or 2 bed flat or
cottage to rent. Call 630294.**

Bangbutt re-visited

You may remember reading in the December Bugle about Barbara Scrivener's visit last September to Sierra Leone for the opening of Bangbutt School, to which so many of you contributed. Well now is your chance to hear and see more about her exciting trip. There will be a talk, photos, maybe DVD and refreshments in the Reading Room on Friday evening, 27 March, at 7.30pm, and again the next day, also in the Reading Room, at 2.30pm (for those who don't like coming out in the evenings!). It's FREE and all are welcome.

Early warning notice

Saturday 25 April: Bangbutt AGM AT 3pm in the Reading Room.

Sunday 26 April: Bangbutt Breakfast Bistro in the Reading Room, with guided walk option.

More information in the April Bugle.

SOS FOR SIERRA LEONE

Many people have generously given books, toys, bikes, computers, printers, etc, in response to the notices put up round the village and in December's Bugle. The result was a van full of goodies taken to a shipping agent in Essex by Phil Wildbore's driver, Howie, on Tuesday 10 February. Many thanks to Phil and especially to Howie, as the weather wasn't brilliant and there were some problems about the delivery! To those who contributed items, many thanks. More offers have since been made. If there are enough things to warrant another consignment they will be sent in early March. So please keep offering, until 28 February. Ring Barbara Scrivener 636601 for more information.

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BAKEWELL FLORAL ART CLUB

Are you interested in learning the art of flower arranging? During 2009, Bakewell Floral Art Club is organising four one-day workshops, supported by grant funding from the Derbyshire Community Foundation. They are suitable for both beginners and those who have done some flower arranging.

The first workshop is to be held on Saturday 4 April, from 10am to 3pm at the Agricultural Business Centre in Bakewell. The tutors will be Jill Bewick and Judi Cripps, who are both NAFAS Area Teachers. There is no charge for the workshops, although those attending will need to bring flowers and foliage. For more information or to reserve a place please ring 01629 650451.

If you would rather watch a flower arranging demonstration, our first demonstration of the year is on Wednesday 11 March at 7.30pm in Bakewell Town Hall, when Carol Middleton will present a demonstration entitled 'Springtime Splendour'. Visitors are very welcome - sit back, relax and watch a professional demonstrator arrange flowers.

Providing local homes for local people

Bringing empty properties back into use could and should be one answer, says **Dee Frith**

New-build homes for Youlgrave is an exciting prospect. Well and sensitively situated, well designed and - hopefully - well built, they will surely be an asset to the village, helping to give local people good quality homes at affordable prices. But, in these cash-strapped times, are they strictly necessary?

Before the yells of protest start, I do not mean that people should be left struggling to find somewhere to live, forced to move to Darley Dale, Matlock or Chesterfield for affordable accommodation, but looking around the village, is there not a wealth of potential housing right here on our doorstep, that would house all those in need of housing with some to spare?

In my little bit of road there are six houses. Three are lived in full-time by local families, one is a holiday home whose owners hope to make it their primary residence in under ten years' time and two are standing empty. The owners of one of these can apparently afford to keep the property in good repair and well aired, but let it stand empty for over a year, the other was bought by developers for renovation but now, it seems, is a victim of the Credit Crunch. A little further along the road is a wonderfully restored but woefully under-used larger, older property and, turning the corner, two or three houses in full-time use by local people, including an extremely well-built small extension, a pair of well run and well marketed holiday cottages which attract a steady stream of visitors, a holiday cottage that has taken many years to

restore and complete - and was originally much-vaunted as a permanent family home - and the eyesore that is Thimble Hall.

The story of my little patch must be repeated village-wide. If empty properties and under-used holiday cottages were put to proper use, there would be enough to accommodate all local people needing local homes - and plenty to spare. Already some property owners have seen the light and little used weekend cottages and houses originally for sale are now being let on a long-term basis. Compulsory purchase of empty properties might seem distasteful, but some sort of public-private scheme whereby local authorities help private owners/developers renovate empty houses to agreed standards with the agreed aim of letting them to local people at reasonable but fair rents makes perfect sense. The scheme would also create, or at least guarantee, a certain number of jobs in the building and associated trades, all of which would have a positive knock-on effect in the local area.

At the same time, central government would have to revise letting and tenancy laws, bringing them in-line with European - and, indeed, American - legislation, giving a much clearer cut picture to both sides and more rights but also more responsibilities to the tenant, a generally more 'grown-up' landlord-tenant situation.

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- the eaves height does NOT exceed 2.5m
- the capacity of any oil or gas container is NOT more than 3,500 litres
- it does NOT include a microwave antenna (see Part 2 of this guide)
- it's NOT a dwelling secondary to the main dwelling
- it does NOT include a veranda, balcony or a platform raised more than 300mm above ground level.

For other items, such as fences, gates, boundary walls, means of access to a highway, consult the PDNPA.



Solar panels

The installation, alteration or replacement of 'stand alone' solar PV or thermal in a curtilage is PD if (assuming it's the only one):

- it is NOT more than 4m high above ground level
- it's NOT in a listed Building curtilage
- it would NOT be visible from a highway if within a Conservation Area
- it's NOT within 5m of a boundary
- it's not bigger than 9sq.m surface area & no dimension is more than 3m
- it's sited so as to minimise its effect on local amenity and if no longer needed it shall be removed asap.

Phew!



Heat pumps

The installation, alteration or replacement of a ground source or water source heat pump

within the curtilage of a dwelling house is PD if it's sited so as to minimise its effect on local amenity and if no longer needed it shall be removed asap.



Hard surfacing

Hard surfacing sited within the curtilage for any purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling is PD, whether new or a replacement.

However, if it's located between the dwelling's principal elevation and a highway then it's PD only if its area is

NOT more than 5 sq.m unless it's made of porous or permeable materials, or if water can drain away within the curtilage. (Note that 5 sq.m is too small for most vehicles, so the usual tarmac car-standing may require planning approval. This new regulation is intended to reduce flooding from the curtilage onto an adjacent highway.)

Metric conversion

300mm = 0.3m = 12"
 2.5m = 8'3"
 3m = 9'10"
 4m = 13'2"
 5m = 16'5"
 20m = 65'8"
 5 sq.m = 54 sq.ft
 10 sq.m = 108 sq.ft
 3,500 litres = 770 galls

Disclaimer

Neither the author nor the Bugle can accept liability for this information, which is intended solely as an introduction to a complex subject. For official confirmation of PD rights ask a planning officer at the Peak District National Park Authority, tel 01629 816200, www.peakdistrict.org/index/living-in/planning.htm If your proposal doesn't comply with PD limits you need to apply to PDNPA for planning permission. The application fee is £150 plus any professional fees for producing drawings and filling in the forms.

Planning law changes – part 3



PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT (PD): ALTERATIONS TO A DWELLING HOUSE - includes a house or bungalow but not a flat/flats.

Part 1 of this guide (in the Dec/Jan Bugle) explained the PD limits on extending your house. Part 2 (in the Feb Bugle) dealt with roofs, chimneys, TV antenna, etc – read previous issues on www.thebugle.org.uk. They explain what the Planning laws allow you to do to your dwelling **without Planning Approval**. Here is the third and final part covering garden structures. It is written by a local architect and relates to our National Park location (PD rights are slightly easier outside it).

Acts of Parliament govern the work of each local planning authority, and in our case it's the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA). One of these laws, the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order, generally known as **PD rights**, sets out what can be done without Planning Permission. It's a complicated, legal document which is not easily understood. You should be aware of the PD limits otherwise the planners may take an interest after the building work is done. Unauthorised work may be liable to enforcement action, so knowledge of your PD rights is essential before starting the work - it's a lot cheaper to sort things out on paper first! A new edition of these PD rights came into effect on 1 October 2008 and is summarised very briefly in this article.

You should be aware of what you are allowed to do. **If it's not PD then you'll need to apply for Planning Approval.**



GARDEN STRUCTURES AND HARD SURFACING

There is a limit on the **total ground area** covered by buildings, enclosures and oil or LPG containers on the dwelling's curtilage, including a house extension built since 1948, which must not exceed 50% of the total curtilage (excluding the ground area of the 'original house' as first built after 1 July 1948 or as at that date if built before then – yes, it's complicated!). Your new garden shed, etc, will need planning permission if it exceeds this limit.

The provision of any building or enclosure, pools or container for domestic fuel is PD, if:

- 'it is incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling' - this includes the keeping of pets and livestock for domestic needs and enjoyment only
- it is NOT in front of the principal elevation of the dwelling
- it is NOT between the side of the dwelling and the boundary of the curtilage
- it does NOT exceed one storey high and the eaves height does NOT exceed 2.5m
- the total ground area covered is NOT more than 10 sq.m (if it's more than 20m from any wall of the dwelling)
- it is NOT within the curtilage of a Listed Building
- the height of any enclosure, container or building with a dual-pitch roof is NOT more than 4m; or NOT more than 2.5m if within 2m of the curtilage boundary; or NOT more than 3m in any other case.
- the height is less than 3m in any other case

There has to be a shift in perceptions, too. There is almost a social stigma attached to renting or being a tenant. Why? It is simply not so in other parts of the world and many of our European counterparts have saved enough money through renting accommodation to buy or build themselves their dream home for retirement or when they are generally well established, saving themselves the drudgery of paying a hefty mortgage much earlier in life when careers have to be forged and young families financed.

Although we should not oppose new building in the village for the sake of holding back the clock or through purely selfish "anywhere near my property" motivation, we should bear in mind that land once built on rarely if ever goes back to pasture or plough and that, particularly in these difficult times, we cannot afford to squander our existing housing stock. It obviously is easier to build new houses, even given planning nightmares and building regulations, than it is to invent new legislation for acquiring, restoring and then somehow marketing existing houses but in the end, what is more environmentally viable and better for the survival of the village as a living community?

Could this not also be a beacon development in housing for other communities, both urban and rural, to follow? The debate is only beginning - Youlgrave could have the chance of being a leader in the field, a truly self-sustaining community.



Above: Fountain Square on *The Virgin and the Gypsy* film set.



Memories of filming in Youlgrave

Nearly 40 years ago a film was made of DH Lawrence's novella, *'The Virgin and the Gypsy'*, and most of it was shot round Youlgrave.

Some scenes are instantly recognisable - the Co-op, the Fountain, All Saints' Church, Alport Mill and Raper Lodge. There is also a scene further afield at Derwent Dam, but some scenes are harder to place. For instance, where was the hilly area where the gypsy camp was located, and where was the lake in which the swimming scene took place? Does anyone have any memories of the filming, which took place over the summer of 1969?

The film, which was released in 1970, is now obtainable on DVD, and I wonder if it has ever been shown at Youlgrave's local cinema, and if not, wouldn't it be a good idea to celebrate its 40th anniversary with a showing?

David Sissons
15 Ratcliffe Road
Sheffield S11 8YA

Youlgrave Panto review: SINBAD THE SAILOR

This year's Youlgrave Pantomime was another colourful and entertaining affair, turning the Village Hall into Pommy-el-Nile for a couple of weeks.

It was also, in many ways, a triumph over adversity, with a number of unforeseen setbacks prior to production. Several people had to drop out, most notably Mick Partridge, Youlgrave's popular leading Pantomime Dame, who was taken unwell and briefly hospitalised. He is due to have an operation on his back any time now and we all wish him the speediest of recoveries. But perhaps the biggest blow came with the passing away of Sue Lomas, for nearly 30 years a designer of the most fabulous costumes and an ardent supporter of Youlgrave Panto. She will be missed by everyone.

Fortunately, there were some willing stand-ins who ensured that the show would go on – and how! Ralph Wilson as Dame Fatima Tinbad stole the show, with his bawdy repartee, showmanship and general flouncing, while John Orchard dispensed with both beard and stethoscope to play the genial fool called Dimbad. Sinbad himself (herself) was solidly played by Louise Wallwork, and there was the usual commanding performance from Jeremy Bacon as Caliph O, whose staring eyes appeared to induce hilarity and terror in the audience in equal measure.

Prize for the most booming voice went to Mitch Blythe as Jarful the Joker, an Evil Genie, who almost made the rafters wobble with his impressive deep tones. Perhaps the silkiest voice was provided by Rheanne Smith, whose solo drew a genuinely appreciative round of applause.

The Chorus once again provided a fine spectacle, with eye-catching costumes and some fine dancing and singing (if rather inaudible at the back). It was especially heartening to learn that for 11 youngsters in the cast this was their first Panto – which surely augurs well for the future. Special mention must go to George Marsh for his bravura performance as Mr Crocodile, whose wildly snapping jaws caused some mild panic in the 3rd row (and must have given the head-banging Mr Marsh Jnr something of a headache?).

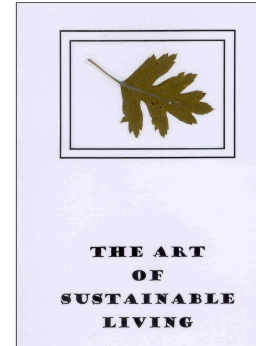
As for the production team, Nick Stacey tootled away on his clarinet and Anne Croasdell caressed her cymbals with the usual finesse, all under the watchful eye of Jan Wilson, who once more took the duties of writer and producer completely in her capable and unflappable stride. Adrian Rhodes made a solid start as Stage Director, helped by a backroom team who covered everything from the scenery and lighting to make-up and costumes. It's worth reminding ourselves that as many as 70 people are involved in making the Panto happen.

Indeed, the various costumes drew murmurs of admiration throughout the performance, especially the dazzling stars and stripes to accompany the Caliph Ornia (groan) routine. But it was fitting that two wonderful props – the camel and the silver dragon – were brought out of retirement and used in this year's production. They were designed by Sue Lomas.

Olefin Berber

(third cousin twice removed of the late lamented Wilton Shagpile)

YOULGRAVE AUTHORS CREATE!

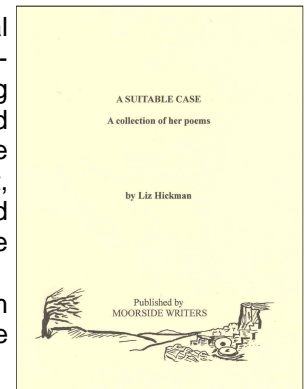


Youlgrave neighbours Jeni Edwards and Liz Hickman, from Bankside, have both recently produced two quite different but equally interesting 'small press' books.

Jeni has self-published **'The Art of Sustainable Living'**, which takes an honest look at the need to rethink our lifestyles, readjusting towards a philosophy of quality of life mixed with contentment. Her blend of prose, poetry and even the odd recipe ("cheap and cheerful hummus" sounds very tasty) aims to lead the reader to a sense of personal achievement and a desire to re-evaluate and take time out to just think. Jeni has many years of experience in writing, editing and mentoring.

Liz Hickman has produced her own caustically personal collection of poetry and prose, following 20 years of play-and sketch-writing, collaborating in anthologies and running workshops. **'A Suitable Case'** follows her varied life and observations from her Sheffield beginnings, through the agony of schooldays to the lure of the Peak District, combining personal traumas, romance, foreign travels and plenty of humour, as well as a continuous search for the meaning of life!

Both publications are priced £4.99 and are available from Jeni on 636550 or Liz on 636845; or alternatively from the Bakewell Bookshop.



News from Youlgrave School

New projector stuns school

All the children arrived back at school on Wednesday after a day off playing in the snow to a pleasant surprise. In the dining room there was a big white board with surround sound speakers and all the wiring for a digital projector.

This new projector has given us the opportunity to show the words from the songs we sing in assembly and to show good work from the computers.

This wouldn't have been possible if the School Association hadn't saved up £1000 for the projector. We would like to say a great big thank you to the School Association for the money.

By Tyrone and James

BIBLE EXPLORER

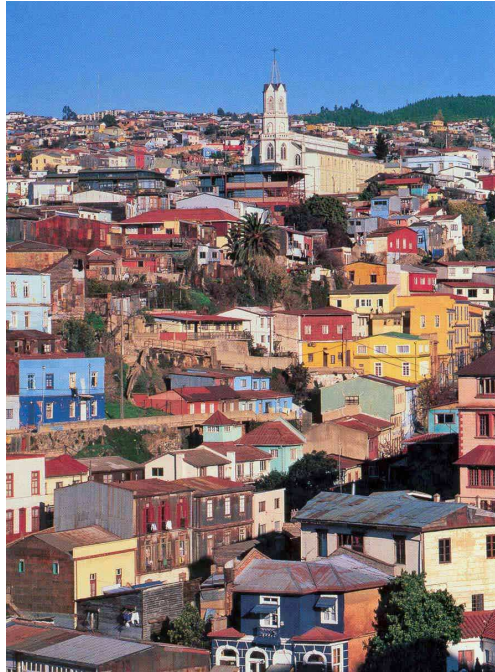
James Coates and his wife, Christine, have been coming weekly to years 5 and 6, teaching us about the Old Testament... Rosie said: "It's a better way of learning about the Bible, because you can take part in the lesson."

When he comes he brings props and costumes and he lets us interact in the lessons by learning actions and acting out the scenes, which makes it so much more fun than just listening. The lessons are fast and furious, it's amazing that we have learnt the whole of the Old Testament in actions in four hours, one hour each Thursday. It would be fantastic if all our lessons were like that! All the children from years 5 and 6 would like to thank James Coates and his wife, Christine, for coming to our school every week. *By Sophie and Billie, Year 6*

Have you ever wondered why the terraced gardens towards the bottom of Bankside are sometimes called 'Valpo'? Well, Bridget Ardley decided to go all the way to Chile to find out...



Top left: Bankside 150 years ago. Bottom left: Bankside today.
Main picture: Valparaiso, Chile. Spot any differences?



YOULGRAVE SCHOOL'S WILD WEATHER QUIZ

1: When and where was the largest avalanche?

- a) 18 May 1980 at Mount St Helens
- b) 13 February 1990 at San Francisco
- c) 6 August 1967 at Alaska

2: When and where was the biggest rainfall?

- a) 27 March 1965 at Iceland
- b) 15 December 2008 at Australia
- c) 21 July 1999 at England

3: In what year was the last heaviest snowfall recorded?

- a) 1993
- b) 1963
- c) 1991

4: Where was the tsunami?

- a) Jamaica
- b) Thailand
- c) Africa

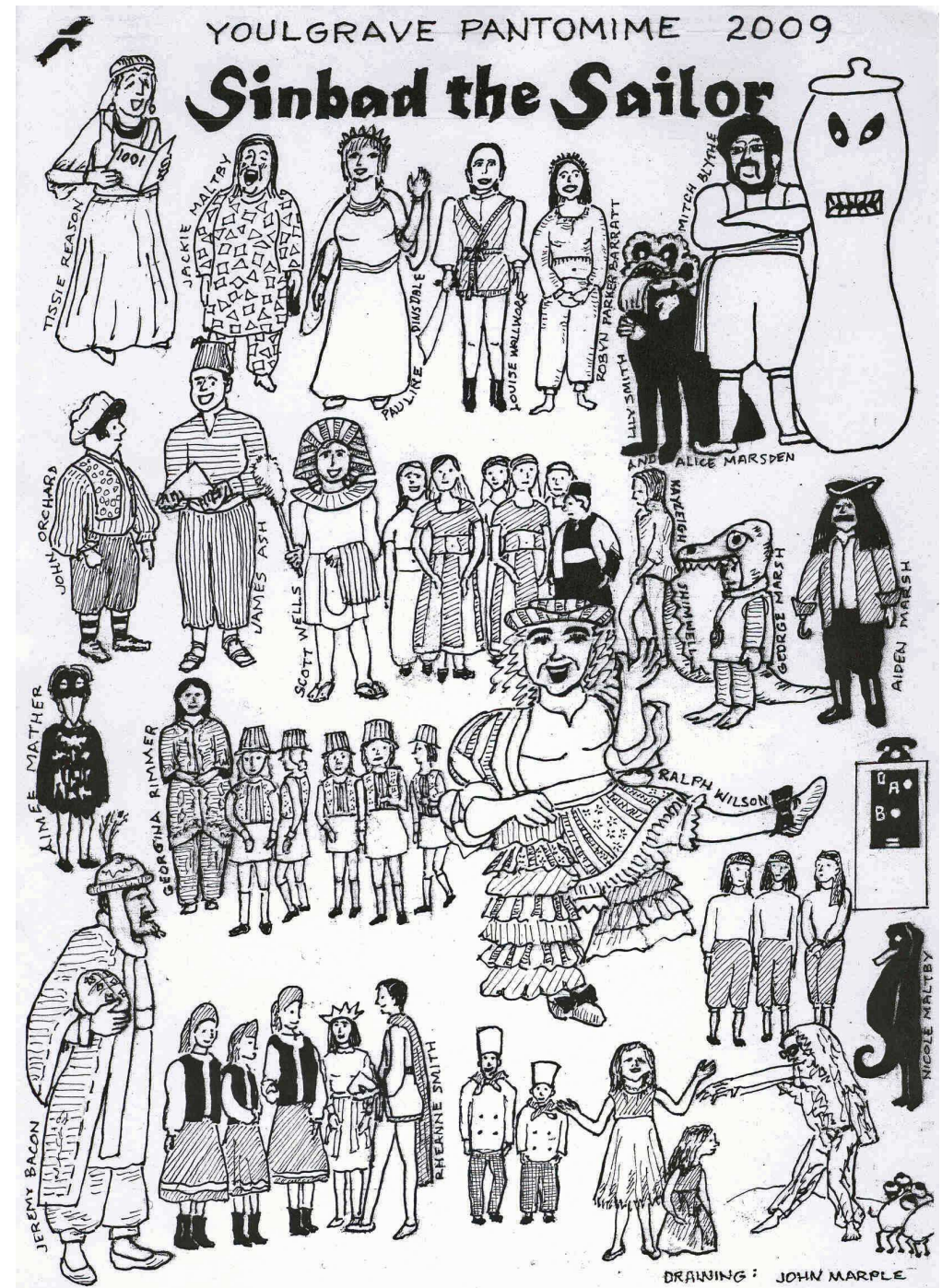
5: What was the name of the hurricane that did lots of damage in America?

- a) Katrina
- b) Santa Claus
- c) Billie

Set by Sophie and Billie



Answers: 1=A, 2=B, 3=C, 4=B, 5=A



Sustainable Youlgrave to consult on plans

Sustainable Youlgrave has successfully bid for money to find out if anaerobic digestion (AD) is commercially viable in our valley. If it is, it could help our farmers improve their businesses. The Peak District National Park Authority and East Midlands Development Agency have jointly grant-aided the research and SY is putting in £5,000 of its own funds.

An AD plant uses farm slurries and other wastes to generate biogas, or electricity and heat, for use or sale - thereby cutting carbon. It also produces safe farm digestates to replace artificial fertilisers and reduces the need for costly slurry storage on farms.

The consultants (led by Vicky Heslop

of Methanogen Ltd) have begun their work by interviewing local farmers about slurry production and the needs of their farm. The result of the work will be a report which assesses the commercial possibilities for AD, what sites might be suitable and what sort of organisation might be set up. The report will have wide implications because it will provide a model that can be repeated elsewhere. The researchers will be consulting the whole village about AD during the study, so everyone will get the chance to learn more about it and say their piece. The first public meeting is planned for Wednesday 18 March in the Village Hall - see local notices nearer the time.

Cotton Grass Theatre presents:

Alan Bennett's TALKING HEADS

Friday 13 March, Youlgrave Village Hall
'A Chip in the Sugar'

Graham's comfortable life with his elderly mother is shattered by a blast from the past - the reappearance of an old flame - upsetting his fragile Guardian-reading, cathedral teashop world. How will he deal with the ghosts that come to him in the night?

'Bed Among the Lentils'

Susan is a respectable and dutiful vicar's wife - on the surface! But she confides to us things that she can never tell a soul - least of all her unsuspecting clergyman husband. And you thought flower-arranging was an innocent pastime!

Alan Bennett gets beneath the surface of conventional middle-class life in the north. His award-winning *Talking Heads* are popular with audiences because they are funny, yet at the same time, searingly poignant.

Tickets cost £8/£5, available on the door or in advance by calling 630202.

A fundraising event in aid of Sustainable Youlgrave



Starring Susan Daniel and Youlgrave's David Frederickson.

Fun and Friendship in Freezing February

The WI held its second meeting of the year and we welcomed a new Youlgrave resident to the meeting, which is very exciting - thank you for trying us out and we hope you will come back next time!

We had a great talk from Tamzin Brookes on various health issues and we even got to do a few exercises - it's not all talking at the WI, you know. Afterwards, we all had the chance to have some girl-time and catch up with all the news and gossip over a cup of much needed warming tea and choccy biscuits (my favourite and another good reason to join WI - yummy home cooked treats and choccy biscuits from the clever WI girls).

Would you believe it, but this year is the 90th anniversary of Youlgrave WI which is an amazing achievement! Even after 90 years the WI is never more relevant than now (and let me dispel one myth - there is no mention of jam, *ever* - in fact, the only jam tip I have ever received in Youlgrave was from a helper at the Youth Club!). In this fast-paced, computerised world that we live in, it is a great place to experience and enjoy some fun, friendship, gossip, relaxation and warmth (especially this month), a chance to catch up on the village news for those who are not as mobile or a few hours of relaxation for people like me

after a long day at work. It has survived 90 years and seen a lot of change, but the basis of its success is the women who make up its voice.

We want to make sure Youlgrave WI continues for another 90 years. So... all you women reading this article now.... your WI needs YOU. We welcome all shapes and sizes, young and old, newcomers to the village and those who are 'part of the furniture' of Youlgrave to our meetings and events - just as long as you are of the female variety. Meetings are held in the village hall on the second Tuesday of each month from 7.30pm.

Our next meeting is on 10 March and features a talk on protecting your local countryside of our oldest and most popular National Park; and on 14 April we have the A to Z of Derbyshire customs.

We are also planning a few events this year including an historical walk around Youlgrave, a trip to the National Arboretum Museum and a behind-the-scenes visit to Chatsworth Farm Shop kitchens, which will feature some shopping time afterwards (happy days)!

Why not try us out and come along and have some fun - you never know you might enjoy it/us!

Lucy Stirling (WI Convert & press girl)

And it WAS fun...!

The meeting about a possible exercise class happened, a small group of us decided to get on with it, and now we're up and running - and jumping - and stretching - and weight lifting - and twisting - and balancing - and skipping - and probably aching as well. We get together on Tuesday afternoons in the Reading Room, at 1.45pm to set up our equipment, and then we exercise on and off between 2pm and 3.30pm. At our first group meeting today, we laughed a lot, groaned a bit, got hot, and gave ourselves a good workout. There's room for a few more women to join us. If you're interested, why not phone Barbara on 636601 or Glenys on 636477?