



The

# Bugle



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

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## Allotment shed break-ins

A number of sheds at the Parish Council-run allotments at Coldwell End were broken into recently. Police say that only one crime was reported, but it is believed that several were forcibly entered and items stolen.

PC Sandra Wetton of Bakewell Police advised allotment holders not to keep valuables in their sheds and to take adequate security precautions. "Shed alarms are available from Bakewell Police Office and via the Mobile Police Station at £5 each," she said. "Although the allotments are a little way out of the village, the piercing noise the alarm makes if activated may deter an offender. Good quality padlocks and chains to secure items within the sheds are also an idea." The Mobile Police Station visits Youlgrave weekly and can be found at the top of Holywell Lane on Thursday afternoons and in the Farmyard Inn car park on Saturday mornings.

The shed break-ins were mirrored by similar incidents on allotments in neighbouring villages. Allotment shed break-ins have occurred on a regular



basis over the last few years and is something that the Parish Council is getting increasingly concerned about.

Statistically, the Derbyshire Dales is one of the safest places in the country to live, with 27 crimes recorded for every 1,000 residents in 2008, compared to an average of 113 crimes per 1,000 for England and Wales (source: British Crime Survey). But try telling that to some allotment holders...

**If you suspect a break-in is taking place or see someone acting very suspiciously call 999. To report a break-in or other crime after it has happened ring 0345 123 33 33. See [www.derbyshire.police.uk](http://www.derbyshire.police.uk)**

## THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS, YOULGREAVE: PUBLIC NOTICE – VISITING BELLRINGERS

To mark the retirement of the Rev'd Ossie Post as priest in charge of the parish of All Saints Church Youlgrave with Middleton on Sunday 26 April, and to express the appreciation of the Church members for his ministry in the community, a team of bell ringers from the Derby Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers will attempt to ring a full peal on the bells at Youlgrave on Saturday 18 April commencing at 10am.

The peal, if successful, will take approximately three and a half hours to ring and will be the first full peal attempted on the



*Rev'd Ossie Post, who retires this month (sketch by John Marple).*

bells since they were augmented to a ring of twelve in 2007.

Although Rev'd Post's last Service is on Sunday 26th April he formally steps down on the last day of April.

On behalf of all the ringers, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Rev'd Post and his family for the support they have given to the ringers during his ministry at Youlgrave, and wish him and his wife Margaret a long and happy retirement in their new home.

*D W Camm  
Tower Captain*

## EASTER CHURCH SERVICES

*At All Saints, Youlgrave, unless stated otherwise.*

### Friday 10 April GOOD FRIDAY

10am Children's Activity Time  
11am Family Worship  
7pm United Service

### Saturday 11 April EASTER EVE

10am Holy Communion at Granby House

### Sunday 12 April EASTER DAY

8am Family Communion (CW2)  
11am Family Communion (CW1)  
6.45pm Holy Communion (BCP) at Middleton. *(This is Rev'd Post's last service at Middleton.)*

## YOULGREAVE 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.

[www.thebugle.org.uk](http://www.thebugle.org.uk)

[www.youlgrave.com](http://www.youlgrave.com)

## VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD



### 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



Youlgrave - Bangbutt  
Village Link  
(England - Sierra Leone)  
Registered Charity No. 116163

### BREAKFAST BISTRO

In the Reading Room opposite the church

**Sunday 26 April**

9.30am - 2.00pm

You could take the option of doing a guided walk of 5 to 6 miles before or after your meal. Combined ticket price of £10. Choose full English or vegetarian breakfast, plus as much toast and coffee as you like.

Booking essential.

Phone Carol or John on 636570.

## Youlgrave Village Hall AGM, 27 April 2009

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Committee will take place on 27 April. Every club, society or organisation in Youlgrave, Middleton and Alport has the right to nominate one member for the coming year, but we can also accommodate independent members too.

### Agenda

1. Welcome to nominated members of the committee
2. Chairman's report
3. Treasurer's report
4. Election of officers: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, President, Vice president, Secretary, and Auditors for the year 2009/2010
5. Any other business (which will include redefining some roles).

All Members of the committee (or 'Management Council' to give its legal title) have Trustee status declared to the Charities Commission. For more information contact Mike Newman, telephone 636084.

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## Guides continue fundraising for Iceland trip

RIGHT: Members of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes ('the Buffs') are joined by Youlgrave Guides, to whom they have donated £200 towards their expedition to Iceland this summer. Thanking the Buffs, Guides leader Penny McCloy said that the girls are continuing to fundraise and really appreciated the local support they are receiving, especially from the local community.



If you are interested in supporting contact Penny on 636125; and to know more about the Buffs call Sean Healey at the Farmyard Inn on 636221.



LEFT: The Guides receiving a cheque from Cllr Andrew Lewer on behalf of Derbyshire County Council. Cllr Lewer said he was delighted that that the Council was supporting such an exciting and worthy cause and he wished the Guides well for their trip in July.

Photo: Andrew McCloy

## No change in the Precept – but the charge still falls!

Despite an increase in charges by most local authorities, Youlgrave Parish Council has kept the Precept unchanged at £15,500 for the year ahead. The Precept is the part of your Council Tax bill that is levied by the Parish Council for local spending (on the likes of playing field maintenance, allotments, car parks, and so on).

Rather curiously, there is actually a 0.5% decrease from the previous year, which has puzzled some residents. A spokesman from Derbyshire Dales District Council told the Bugle that this is because the tax base for Youlgrave

Parish Council has increased for 2009/10, which results in a reduction in the Council Tax per dwelling. "For the parish charge to decrease, as it has done this year, this must be either due to an increase in the number of dwellings or a reduction in the amount of discount and exemptions applicable when the taxbase was calculated. It is inevitable that the tax base will vary slightly from year to year as people's circumstances change, affecting their entitlement to discounts or exemptions, new dwellings are built, old dwellings are demolished, etc."

## Bugle letters – a protest about “negative attitudes”



Dear Editor,

I want to make it clear from the outset that this is a letter of protest – and what I want to protest about is negative attitudes. We seem to live in a culture that takes pleasure in apportioning blame even if a mistake was innocently made – aren't we all human?: that likes to block change at every turn – yet without change we would all die: that complains eternally about 'them' and 'us' – never 'we': and enjoys being grumpy. Well, I must admit, sometimes so do I – but then I catch myself at it and feel ashamed.

Can I start off by looking at two local hot potatoes:

### Firstly, Affordable Housing.

Can't we begin to think in wider terms than just a few houses which might spoil our view, or whether there are enough local youngsters to move into them? I want to live in a vibrant village, a village that contains all sorts and ages of people. We need those willing to work for lower wages to do the jobs that need to be done and that people like me don't want to do – and they need somewhere to live. I want my village to have a thriving school full of kids who live locally, to have Brownies and Cubs, Guides and Scouts, as well as a youth club, music groups, and maybe a drama group. I want old folks to feel safe and cared for, and the 'in-betweens' to be able to live near their parents or children. Maybe not enough local youngsters will want the affordable housing, but we need more young people. Let's invite them in!

### And then there's sustainable energy.

I want to feel secure in my energy supply and I want my neighbours to feel the same. I don't want Russia to be able to turn off my gas heating system, or the Middle East sheiks to lord it over the oil supplies for cars and power stations – and I do want to try and encourage nature to survive and not to waste resources.

And what resources we waste! All that sunlight which could be heating our water and running our computers; all that water which used to run mills and now runs away unused; all that wind that blows freely around our hills... No, I don't want massive turbines on every hilltop, but with careful planning each village could have a cluster of two or three medium sized elegant machines which would come to be an essential part of Peak District's distinctive landscape – after all, I've never yet heard anyone complain about that tall structure that was dumped right in the middle of Stanton Moor over 30 years ago.

Water, air, sunlight – all free – and we're not using them. Shame on us. And as for the local woodlands – with careful management and community cooperation apparently they could provide enough fuel to heat all our homes. What are we waiting for! With a little imagination and cooperation, we could be almost self-sufficient in energy – and I haven't even mentioned using farmyard and household waste to make even more electricity.

### I could go on . . .

But I guess that's enough for now, although there is much to say about transport, shops, parking, nature conservation, tourism and so on. I'm not proposing that we welcome every suggestion or every crack-pot idea for change, but that we look at the future in wide and community terms, and work together towards positive outcomes. They may not suit each one of us individually, but they may be the best for everyone. If we think constructively and act creatively together, the future can be very exciting, but we need positive attitudes and lots of give and take.

In friendship,  
**Jeni Edwards**  
Bankside, Youlgrave

## YOULGRAVE BANGBUTT VILLAGE LINK REFLECTS

Anyone who's been following our progress in Bangbutt over the years will know that we started by helping to build a well, followed by latrines for every household in the village – 21 in all. These projects were designed to help the people who actually live in Bangbutt. As more projects have been carried out, we've realised that the benefits from them have spread further and further afield, continuing to help Bangbutt, but also helping the people in all the surrounding villages.

We supplied a number of **goats** and **training in animal husbandry** – the goats have multiplied vigorously and their offspring given to Bangbutt families and also to families further afield, who have undertaken the necessary training.

The **tailoring project** has proved enormously popular, well beyond Bangbutt, with women from other villages queuing up to join, to learn to sew and develop a useful and perhaps money making skill. School uniforms were on the production line when we last heard. (Uniform is a prerequisite of school attendance – the sewing group activities are making it affordable.)

The **literacy project** which we have part funded, has been of huge benefit to many villages, including Bangbutt. Barbara and Lottie, who visited in September, were very impressed by what they saw.

*"We watched a Learning Circle*



*Pupils in the new Bangbutt School.*

*session in Bangbutt using the Reflect technique and were very impressed. This technique combines learning to read, write and work with numbers, with developing a deeper understanding of many issues such as health, hygiene, legal matters, gender awareness, business skills, agricultural skills and human rights. The leader's job is to encourage participants to speak out and share their thoughts and concentrate on words connected with the chosen topic. In this session they discussed fire disaster, a common problem in the dry season where fires are frequent and may be started through carelessness. The session ended with an excellently acted role-play about fires – the people enjoyed the acting, and gained confidence and a better knowledge of a subject which can affect them all."*

The **Bangbutt Youlgrave Primary School** was officially opened in September. It was a very grand occasion attended by dignitaries from Sierra Leone, and was the main reason for Barbara's visit in September. This was a very proud moment for everyone involved with YBVL as we had at last fulfilled the villagers' wish to have a purpose built school in which to educate their children, as well as children from other villages in the area.

We sent money so that furniture could be built, but the school is not yet fully equipped and is short on books and

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materials. We were very lucky recently, and have been able to send out many boxes full of donated books in a shipping container with two vehicles which Sammy of SLYEO needed. We're very grateful to Phil Wildbore who transported them for free to the shipping agent for us.

We were also able to send out over 20 bicycles which we'd been given, for use by teachers who have to travel some distance from their homes to the school, and for people who need to travel between the villages. We're grateful to so many of you who responded to our appeal for books, toys and bikes.

The **clinic building** is finished. We've been told that a health worker will be funded by the government but have no more information at the moment. We're hoping that one or more people from the villages may be trained to work in the clinic.

### SO – WHAT FOR THE FUTURE?

We have a commitment to support the Literacy Project for a further two years. SLYEO have advised us that we need to continue to monitor and support in Bangbutt for at least a two year period, otherwise resources already provided may fail.

The people in Bangbutt have to learn



## YOULGRAVE BANGBUTT VILLAGE LINK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 25 April

2.30 pm in the Reading Room

Please join us for Bangbutt chat, school opening DVD, free hot cross buns - and a bit of official stuff to start with.

to rely on themselves and not expect that donors will constantly provide. They have set up committees to monitor the different projects and this should help.

How much support should we give to the school? Some of the teachers have not been paid for a long time. Should we partly fund one or more of them for an agreed period? We know they should be paid by the government but it isn't happening at the moment.

We want to continue working in Sierra Leone. Should we move to another area? Perhaps we should concentrate our efforts on providing wells and latrines for the many communities that still don't have these basic requirements.

These are the questions we are asking ourselves. What do you think? If you are one of Bangbutt's supporters we'd love to hear from you: Barbara on 636601, Dianne on 636580 or Glenys on 636477; or let one of us have a note about your ideas.

## Escape to Bankside Wildlife Garden!

Spring is here: The birds are busy mating, the pond has lots of frog spawn, leaves are appearing on the new trees and the wild flowers are just peeping up through the soil. Bankside Wildlife Garden is coming to life in the warm spring sunshine.

Why not come and discover this little paradise overlooking the dale? We now have a handrail on the path leading down to the garden, benches to sit on and, of course, the restored summer house where we have lots of information on the Garden's progress.

We had another working day on Sunday 29 March and wild flower seeds were planted in the area below the summer house. Half of it was planted last year and by mid summer there was a wonderful display of wild flowers.

Janet Skidmore has been active with the Playgroup and the Garden. An owl box has been made and trips to the pond to explore the inhabitants have proved very popular.

We need advice on the best place for the owl box, so any help on that would be welcome. We know there are lots of Tawny owls around. There are also plans for a moth-spotting evening in the summer, with a moth expert. So if you are interested, do let us



*Youlgrave Playgroup inspect the pond.*

know. We still need more volunteers and any fundraising events would be very welcome. Apart from a goodwill collecting box in the summer house, we have no ongoing funding and we regularly have to find finance for our public liability insurance. We will aim to have a plant stall over the Welldressing weekend, so is there anyone who can propagate some plants for that event?

But above all, come and spend some time in the garden. It's there for everyone.

Maggie, tel 636189

[www.youlgrave.com/  
Bankside\\_Wildlife\\_Garden.htm](http://www.youlgrave.com/Bankside_Wildlife_Garden.htm)

Can you help? This memorial slate was unearthed during building work on Stoney-side recently and seems to refer to members of the Mellond and/or Blore family. Do you have any information or ideas who they were? Please call Dawn on 636612.



## Youlgrave Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report 2008-09

Over the last 12 months the Parish Council has continued its busy schedule of work.

It was a pleasure to welcome back the Carnival to the Alport Lane playing field, which also hosted another successful Music Festival, while the football and cricket teams ensured that the playing fields were used the year-round. Once more, particular thanks is due to Philip Mosley of Haddon Landscapes for keeping the grounds in such good condition. The Council continued its programme of renovation for the pavilion, with the help of Youlgrave Lodge cricket team; and we have also installed new windows in the toilet block.

At the other end of the village we continue to maintain the well-used allotments, this year replacing one set of gates and adding another for easier and safer access. The Parish Council also pays for the upkeep of nearly all the public benches dotted around the parish, plus the Coldwell End car park, toilets and play area. We have instigated and partly paid for a new bus shelter on Grove Place (its light powered by solar panels) and have safeguarded the historic red phone box at Alport for the community. We have also made small donations to a range of worthy local causes, including Youlgrave School Association, Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport and a memorial for the Sherwood Foresters Regiment.

The Parish Council has also continued to support the work of the Village (or Parish) Plan group. We wholeheartedly share their aspirations to improve the village for everyone's benefit, including

better facilities for children and young people, safer streets for pedestrians and exploring ways in which we can make our community more sustainable and reduce its carbon footprint. In particular, Youlgrave Parish Council is fully committed to providing decent, affordable housing for local people, so that future generations can continue to make a home in the village and ensure Youlgrave remains a healthy and vibrant community.

In 2007 we commissioned an independent Housing Needs Survey that conclusively showed the need for affordable housing in Youlgrave. We then lent our support to the Village Plan team whose village-wide consultation, including two public events, again demonstrated popular backing for the position. The Parish Council has further reaffirmed its support by agreeing to be the applicant for the proposed affordable housing development being pursued by Peak District Rural Housing Association.

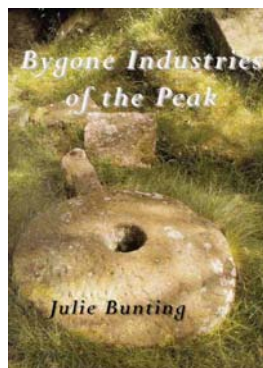
I am firmly of the belief that we, as both a Parish Council *and* as a village, need to take the long view. If we want our rural community to have a viable future – if we want Youlgrave to continue to be a strong and forward-looking community – we **MUST** provide high quality, affordable housing expressly for local residents. In particular, if we want our children and grandchildren to remain in the village and bring up families of their own we must be prepared to accept the principle of building new homes for them to live in.

*Andrew McCloy*

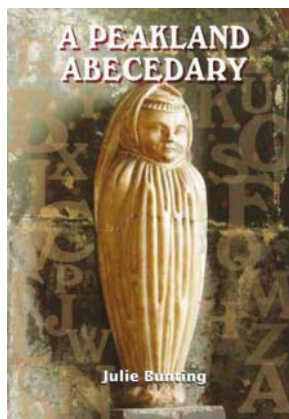
*Chairman, Youlgrave Parish Council*

## On the trail of the old, interesting... and odd!

**A Peakland Abecedar** (£6.95) is one of two new books by Julie Bunting, local author and well-known contributor to the Peak Advertiser. It's an alphabetical wander through 180 odd and unusual features of the Peak District, including many on our own patch, such as the River Daykin, Thimble Hall and Thomas Bateman's urn and memorial at Middleton. **Bygone Industries of the Peak**, on the other hand, owes much to responses from Peak



Advertiser readers, confirming a wide interest in the working lives of those who have gone before. Amongst a total of almost 40 industries are a number which provided livelihoods in and around Youlgrave, Middleton and Alport: the extraction of red marble and colour pigments, lead mining and smelting, paper manufacture, lace making, flax production, corn mills, a tape & bobbin mill and – from not too far away – 'Peakland Gold'! **Bygone Industries of the Peak** is published by Wildtrack Publishing priced £8.95. *Signed copies of both books are on sale at Youlgrave Post Office.*



*From A Peakland Abecedar (reproduced with permission):*

### Youlgrave, Youlgreave or what?

Depending on personal preference and the apparent whims of various authorities, here is a village with a record-breaking list of alternative spellings. Two versions remain in common use and residents have firm opinions as to which should prevail. Strangers, however, might be puzzled by a finger post pointing to Youlgreave on one side and Youlgrave on the other. Road signs show different spellings at either end of the village, while drivers leaving Newhaven are uniquely directed to Youlegreave.

The late Bill Shimwell compiled a register of nearly 50 different spellings of his home village, gathered over many years and dating back as far as 1086. The monks or clerics who compiled many early documents spelt names just as they were pronounced by the individual giving the information, so the list contains such as oddities as Hyolgrave, Oelgreve, Yolgreff, Iolegrave and Yograve. Youlgrave first appeared in 1492 and Youlgreave in 1595. Youlegreave, however, appears to be unique to the modern road sign referred to above (see photo).



## Pigeon Club receives gift in memory of George



Youlgrave Pigeon Club has been donated a brand new printer, thanks to a legacy from former member George Oldfield who died recently in New Zealand. The gift was presented to the club by his brother, Bernard Oldfield, who is pictured here with club members Colin Shimwell and Jeff Wilson.



**Parents/carers and children are invited to our OPEN DAY on Tuesday 28 April from 12 - 2 pm. Why not come in and see us? Places are now available for summer and winter term 2009.**

We have qualified, experienced pre-school staff to look after your child as they make new friends, find out about the world, share experiences and learn something new every day - all with an emphasis on play and having fun!

Playschool is open Monday - Friday 9 am - 12 noon. Youlgrave Scout and Community Hall, Alport Lane, Youlgrave, DE45 1WN.

Ofsted Registered Number: 206915

Contacts: Anne Croasdell 636887/ 07745 191366 or Saffron Baker 636768 Email: [youlgraveplayschool@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:youlgraveplayschool@yahoo.co.uk)



## BOOK REVIEW: *CHUCK US T'BALL BACK ME OWD DUCK* The ups and downs of a Derbyshire village cricket team by Trevor Sandell

Trevor Sandell has produced a charming and light hearted account of a Derbyshire childhood and sporting adolescence in the thinly disguised village of Yarlstone (ie Youlgrave).

The stories are in the tradition of Spike Hughes' 'The Art of Coarse Cricket' and Peter Tiniswood's 'Tales from a Long Room'. They are poignant in that they largely refer to an era long gone and yet curiously longed for – by some anyway. It was a time when pleasures were simple. How did we manage without batting helmets and pavilions without showers and cope with changing for football in the Bulls Head?

It is interesting in that the account is almost a direct reflection of those years for many of us of a similar age; indeed some may remember being actually present at some of the events. Many of the characters are recognisable and remembered fondly.

This is a noble effort in aid of the Ashgate Hospice, a very good cause and copies can be obtained free of charge from the author at 4 Sandiway, Walton, Chesterfield S40 3HG, on 01246 231415 or via e mail: [lynda.sandell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lynda.sandell@yahoo.co.uk) Let us have more in future please Trevor!

*Old Bosie (Cricket Correspondent of the Bugle)*

## YOULGRAVE LODGE CRICKET CLUB

The Club is soon to start its third season in Youlgrave and we hope to attract more local players from the village. So if you are young and fit (or young at heart and not so fit) and you love the game, come along and play with us this summer. There will be a league team, Sunday friendlies and mid-week evening games to choose from.

The Club is also looking for new local business sponsorship. If you would like to see the name of your business up in BIG LETTERS on match days (and on our website) then talk to us about being a match ball sponsor.

Contact Robin Abbott (07923 624643) or David Frederickson (01629 636586).

## SCHOOL SPONSORED WALK

Youlgrave All Saints' School Association (YASSA) has arranged a sponsored walk for the whole school on Friday 24 April. The walk will take place in the afternoon from school to Middleton by Youlgrave, stopping for refreshments and a play before heading back to school along the Dale. We are raising money towards some new laptops as the current ones are coming to the end of their lives, and for school trips. Please help us by sponsoring the children. This walk was done over 18 months ago and proved to be a big hit with everyone!

## Youlgrave School Nose Best



Staff and pupils at Youlgrave All Saints' Primary School have been busy raising money for Comic Relief. They raised £103 by selling red cakes, playing games with red noses and selling red nose quiz sheets. A special Red Nose day was organised by the School Council, which asked everyone to wear something red or come in a funny red outfit. The school then had a fashion show and lots of activities organised in House groups. They sold cakes and biscuits which had been donated by the parents and carers; in fact they had so many donated, they had to sell them after school as well! The School Council liaised with Mrs Wood, Cook Supervisor, to arrange a red themed lunch.

Headteacher, Mrs Jackson, said: "For a small school we have a tremendous amount of parental support and for that I am extremely grateful. Days like today

are very humbling and the children here are very caring and considerate. Everyone was very keen to raise money for such a worthwhile cause. The School Council have done a great job and we had amazing fun too!"

### **SPONSOR THE BUGLE IN 2009**

*The Bugle has no income apart from sponsorship by local businesses, community groups and generous individuals. Please show your support by making a contribution. Annual rates are £25 for businesses and £20 for groups and individuals – back page listing is entirely optional. Cheques should be made payable to 'The Bugle' and can either be left at Youlgrave Post Office or sent to Ann Knowles, Garden House, Fountain Square, Youlgrave DE45 1UR (tel 636362). Thank you.*

## Car and Journey Sharing: can we make

This is an update on these topics, following the attempted launch of Youlgrave Journey Share last October.

### Journey Sharing: What happened?

- Three people offered lifts. Nobody took them up.
- One person asked for a lift. Nobody offered it.

Not a great result, is it?

### Why didn't it work?



Is it because there's no need for car sharing? It is certainly true that the valley is quite well off for alternative means of transport. But the fact remains that the biggest transport divide is between those who have access to a car and those who don't.

There are plenty of people in the village who have never had a car. They might not feel it as a great lack, but they still might appreciate a lift from time to time. Others without a car may feel limited in their job opportunities or their leisure opportunities. The fact that they may have got used to that is no good reason for not seeking to change it.

Of course, some people with their own transport just want to keep it that way. But even those who like the idea of sharing in principle can find lots of reasons why they don't actually do it. For example:

1. Drivers making regular journeys (for example, to work) don't always leave at

the same time, aren't at their best first thing in the morning, can't find the time to deal with a car-sharing arrangement, worry about the effect it would have on their own travel time, are nervous about who they might end up taking, want to think about the day ahead and not have to chat, want to listen to the radio, don't want to be tied-down to a particular return time, don't want to change the habits of a lifetime, etc.

2. Drivers making occasional journeys (for example, to go shopping, see friends or relatives, have an evening out, take the car for servicing, go on holiday or on a one-off business trip) aren't sure what time they will be ready to leave, can't find the time to deal with a car-sharing arrangement, worry about the effect it will have on their travel time, are nervous about who they might end up taking, don't want to have to talk to a stranger, want to be able to stop on the way, don't want to be tied to a particular return time, don't want to change the habits of a lifetime, etc.

And prospective passengers find it equally difficult to 'take the plunge'. They are nervous about asking for a lift from a driver whose identity they don't initially know, don't like to be thought in need of charity, are worried that they might be asked to pay 40p a mile, are nervous about new social contacts, etc.

The older we get, the less inclined we feel to change the habits of a lifetime. The old might not need to. But the rest of us are going to have to, sooner or later. Greenpeace reckons that we have **only 20 years** before global warming is irreversible.

Immediately after the *Titanic* hit the iceberg, everything looked OK. But it wasn't.

## it work the second time around?

### Journey Share: A Second Attempt



Judith is going to start the scheme again, with John Sutcliffe again in support. It will be the same as last time, with notices of journeys offered and requested on the main notice-boards in Church Street, Coldwell End, Alport and Middleton.

The only difference we propose to make at this stage is that people offering lifts will be asked whether they want a financial contribution from a passenger and, if so, how much per mile. We will publish that. Then there will be no surprises for people looking for a lift. Don't forget that the people offering and requesting lifts won't have their names published on notice-boards. We will publish a detailed description of the way we will work in the May Bugle. Meantime, people can start offering and requesting lifts as soon as they like, for journeys beginning in April.

**Please ring Judith in the first instance on 630202. Failing her, John on 636570.**

### Other Forms of Car Sharing

Carol and John Sutcliffe have managed to change their motoring habits to the extent of reducing the annual mileage of their second car. We think we have got to the point when we are ready to reduce our car ownership down from two cars to one and a bit. Or maybe one car and a bit of a van. Or one car and a bit of a people carrier. Or one car

and a bit of a very small car. We don't really know which. Put another way, we think we can be flexible. Ideally, we would like to be able to do all the things we can do at present – but producing less CO<sub>2</sub> and, we hope, more economically.

So we are putting feelers out to friends who we think may be ready to share the ownership or running of a car or van – either one they've already got or one that we can jointly buy for the purpose of sharing.

Judith has halved her mileage from last year, uses the bus more, and wants to share her car or get rid of it and share someone else's. Hubby has swapped his car for one which does double the mpg.

John and Jean Youatt are also ready to review the future of Beryl, Jean's elderly car, possibly along similar lines. John is monitoring the electric car market. It's only a matter of time, allegedly.

If there's anyone else in the village who hasn't already made themselves known to Judith or one of the two Johns as a potential car sharer, please do so. We might end up with a village car, people carrier or van – if we can only make up our mind and get on with it.

**Judith Orchard & John Sutcliffe**



## All systems go for Youlgrave Carnival 2009

This is just an update on what's been happening since my last report.

We received letters from local clubs/organisations asking for a donation from the Carnival Fund. Due to the fact that this was our first year, we only had a small amount of money to give away, but hopefully as time passes, we should be more generous with donations in the future.

The donations we gave were:

- Youlgrave Guides £200
- Youlgrave Beavers £200
- Transplant UK £75 (this is for local people to help fund their trip to compete in the World Transplant Games)

Thank you to everyone who wrote to us.

### Youlgrave Carnival 2009

Due to the overwhelming success of last year's Carnival, we have decided to do it all again this year! We are currently organising this year's Carnival, which will be on Saturday 11 July 2009. so if you have any ideas or suggestions please don't keep them to yourself, and let us know.

### Can YOU help us????

We are looking for volunteers to help with this year's Carnival. The committee all worked very hard to ensure last year was a success, but we have learned a valuable lesson that we need more helpers on the day. So if you can spare some time, either to marshal, serve food, tidy up, make dresses, or just generally help

we would be very grateful to hear from you.

### Miss Youlgrave 2009

Would you like to be Miss Youlgrave, Miss Community or an attendant? For the Queen you must be aged 10+, the Community Queen aged 8 to 10 years, and Attendants (girls and boys) aged 5 years+.

Please can you contact Emma Wardle on 636265, and she will give you a form to complete. There will also be a poster in the School and Scout Hall with details. Please note that the deadline for entries is Monday 27 April.

We are hoping to hold a children's disco, so that the Queen and Attendants can be announced. There will be further details in the next issue.

For all enquiries, please contact Joanne Healey at the Farmyard Inn on 636221, or e-mail youlgravcarnival@hotmail.com

Many thanks

**Julie Bacon**

On behalf of Youlgrave Carnival



## An April day in Bradford Dale

- 5am. Backed by the calls of curlew and robin,  
Diva, the thrush, sends night on its way -  
Summoning light with her exquisite sobbing,  
Clothing the dale with the colours of day.
- 7am. Enter lone person, mindfully pacing,  
Awareness - of heron and dipper with chick,  
- of sparkling water and woodland embracing,  
- of wildlife photographer waiting to click.
- 9am. Now is the time for the four legged pack:  
'Walkies' and 'sniffies' for black, tan and white.  
While owners bemoan the rain, or its lack,  
Dogs dash at ducks and put them to flight.
- 11am. Away in the distance noise grows as it rolls  
And a crocodile winds its way through . . .  
The guided walk group, all boots hats and poles  
Comes chattering past, ignoring the view.
- 1pm. At the height of the day there's a hush.  
All noises are stilled, and the valley is filled  
With the song of the river, the thrill of its rush  
As it burls over dam, and surfs rock and rill.
- 3pm. Lovers stroll, hand in hand, in low conversation,  
Small child feeds the ducks with bread from her mum.  
The may blobs reflect in yellow profusion,  
- The squabble of jackdaws breaks up the calm.
- 5pm. Tired backpackers head for the hostel or home;  
Children and dogs are called in from play;  
Ramblers return from the hills where they roam.  
Its man's 'closing time', but nature will stay.
- After 7pm. The blackbirds vie with their song from the tree tops,  
The celandines close as the evening turns cool.  
Riffles on water and spatter of raindrops,  
And night watch is taken by badger and owl.

*Jeni Edwards April 2008*

## Youlgrave Playschool Dad runs for funds

Richard Bradbury, who came 46th at last year's Eyam Half Marathon, will be competing in this year's event on Sunday 17 May to raise money for Youlgrave Playschool. A 430-strong field completed the stamina-sapping Eyam Half Marathon last year, which takes competitors on a gruelling course involving over more than 1,200ft of ascent, but with stunning views over five counties.

Richard, who started running in 2007 when he decided to quit smoking for the good of his health and his children's, has run and cycled 2,600 miles in the last year. To get fit and kick the habit he halved what he smoked and started walking every morning. He soon realised he wasn't able to get far enough, fast enough, and moved on to running. Only 18 months later he ran his first marathon in Nottingham ("never again"). He now enjoys running local



*Photo left: Richard Bradbury in the Eyam Half Marathon 2008. Photo right: Steve Ovett in the Moscow Olympics 1980. (Well, we all have to start somewhere – Ed.)*

fell races, consistently coming in the top 20% against some tough competition, and can often be seen striding out around the country lanes.

If you would like to support Richard in his endeavour while raising money for your local playschool, you will find sponsor forms in the Youlgrave pubs, shops and at the Garage. We are aiming to raise £500 to go towards next year's running costs.



### FILMING IN YOULGRAVE: 'THE VIRGIN AND THE GYPSY' (1969)

In a previous issue we asked older residents to cast their minds back 40 years to when the Youlgrave area was used a film set for 'The Virgin and the Gypsy'. Thank you to Margaret Folley for supplying this photo of Raper Lodge taken during the filming. The building was turned into a vicarage for the film and its exterior given a false wooden cladding, as the story required a tree falling through it in a storm!



## New grant supports rural businesses

*Peak District businesses are set to benefit from a new funding programme. Phase one of the LEADER Rural Development Programme for England has already resulted in over £83,600 worth of grants being awarded to four local projects: a new osteopathy clinic in an old smithy at Eyam; fleece and fibre processing at an old mill at Sudbury; improvements to the bunk barn and campsite at the Royal Oak Inn at Hurdlow; and mixed uses at another old mill, including woodworking, 'greening' the site and a conservation consultancy.*

*The LEADER fund, which is available until 2013 and provided by the European Union and Defra, has been designed to improve economic productivity and quality of life in the Peak District Rural Action Zone and is aimed at giving financial help to very small rural businesses and social enterprises. Grants from £3,500 upwards are available and the fund is being delivered by Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership.*

*For further information about the LEADER project, grant eligibility and application forms, visit [www.ddep.co.uk](http://www.ddep.co.uk) or e-mail: [amanda.brown@ddep.co.uk](mailto:amanda.brown@ddep.co.uk).*

## News from Youlgrave WI

### Spring has Sprung

Our meeting on Tuesday 10 March (always the second Tuesday in the month) had a mixture of notices and updates. We fixed some dates for the diaries, including a trip to the National Memorial Arboretum in June and Chatsworth Farm Shop evening in October – come along to the next meeting to find out when the dates are and enjoy a visit and shopping experience with the Youlgrave WI girls.

This month's talk was given by yours truly on the work of Friends of the Peak District (a local charity protecting the countryside). I don't think I bored the WI members too much – no one fell asleep which is always a good sign! I think the prospect of hot cheese rolls and the most amazing chocolate cake I have ever tasted (bar my mother's) kept everyone going. It's more about cake than jam in WI.

Our President Jennifer did update us on the Annual Meeting for Derbyshire WIs, at which Jennifer received the award on behalf of Youlgrave WI for 90 years as an active WI group which is an excellent achievement. But we need to make sure it carries on for another 90 years. So if you want to know more about us and fancy an evening of cake and girlie gossip – come along to our next meeting or one of our trips above to find out more.

Our next meeting is on 14 April at 7.30pm and features the A-Z of Derbyshire. I bet 'W' will be well dressings and I hope 'D' is for Darcy (Mr) and then we can all dream about a scantily clad man in a wet white shirt... but you are going to have to come along to find out!

**Lucy Stirling** (30-something WI Member... still thinking of Mr Darcy!)

## And on with the housing debate...

Buying up the existing housing stock for affordable housing is an attractive idea but ultimately not realistic, says **Anne Croasdell**

I read Dee Frith's article in the February issue with interest. Many of the points she raises I've heard from other villagers, so I felt I should investigate and possibly offer some answers or at least further the debate.

There are quite a few holiday cottages in the village. They bring money into the village and offer a little employment in their upkeep and running. Most of these houses I would suggest are future retirement homes. They are houses that their owners need to keep control of, and letting them to a family who are settled in the village and expect to continue to live here, is inappropriate. Families renting homes need to feel secure. People who would want to live in the village short term might perhaps; have a short work contract in say, Sheffield; or may be between houses; or are perhaps at a crossroads in life and want some 'time out'.

There's much that could be done to ease the 'second home' situation, but I see these as issues of taxation that are out of our control as a community, as are laws about tenancy. The selling of council houses was, in my opinion, a crime and as Dee suggests, further reinforced our attitudes against renting property.

It is often asked "Why don't Housing Associations buy the cheaper cottages, bringing them into the rented sector?" Housing Associations don't have a bottomless pit of money. Buying these lower end of the market houses would bring them into direct competition with

the very people they were trying to help - those trying to get on the ladder. Such houses would need to be bought for £100,000 plus administration and £10,000 to upgrade. Such houses don't exist, even with falling prices. The proposed new affordable housing will be built to standards not required until 2011. To impose such standards on a new build is obviously cheaper than trying (if indeed possible) to upgrade an 18th century cottage.

However, five units were created in a barn in Earl Sterndale; four in an old school building; a barn at Warslow owned by Peak Park has also been converted. Such opportunities for development by Housing Associations are rare but satisfying.

Building companies, of course have to be a reasonable size and in the past companies like Wildgoose Construction of Ashover have been used. They then subcontract to local builders who access local skilled labour and materials. Local knowledge can mean reduced costs as was the case at Over Haddon.

"Affordable Housing' may not be the perfect solution to redressing the need for rented property, but it goes a long way to providing an opportunity of security of tenure to local permanent residents. The high specification will make it a beacon development. Youlgrave is, most definitely, leading the field.

**Anne Croasdell**  
Youlgrave Village Plan Housing Group



### Close Encounters at Arbor Low?

No, not an alien, but the redoubtable Nicky Dick of Upper Oldhams Farm getting into practice for forthcoming Triathlons by plunging into a cattle trough of ice-cold water. Last year Nicky competed for Britain at the Triathlon World Championships in Canada and came 16th in her class.

*Photos by Charles Monkhouse*



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Friday 17 April (7.30pm)

### THE DIVING BELL AND THE BUTTERFLY

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Friday 8 May (7.30pm)

### SON OF RAMBOW

This is the home movie made by two little boys with a big video camera and even bigger ambitions. Set over a long English summer in the early 1980s, this is a comedy about friendship, faith and the tough business of growing up. Funny, stylish, nostalgia for a simpler time, when hair was big, cell phones were bigger and Sylvester Stallone was huge. *Cert 12A, 96 mins.*

For members' guest tickets call 636611. *Film notes by Nicola Phillips.*

## Jokes of the Month

What is the difference between a crazy rabbit and a counterfeit banknote? One is bad money and the other is a mad bunny.

*Some flies were playing football in a saucer, using a sugar lump as a ball.*

*One of them said:*

*"We'll have to do better than this, lads. We're playing in the cup tomorrow."*

Last night police were called to a branch of Pizza Hut after a body of a member of staff was found covered in mushrooms, onions, ham and cheese. The police spokesman said that there was a strong possibility that the man had topped himself.



### The Youlgrave Exchange

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### Alport & Youlgrave: 25 April

*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: 4 April

*The Square: 9.45-10.45am*

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

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