

The **Bugle**

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

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School thanks generous local community

The Governors of Youlgrave All Saints' CE (A) Primary School are delighted to see the successful integration of the Foundation Stage Outdoor Learning Zone into the daily school routine. Not only have these all-weather facilities at the front of the school substantially enhanced the learning environment for our younger children, but they also provide a bright aspect to the school building's façade.

Additional works such as alterations to the Reception/Year 1 classroom, refurbishment of the children's toilets (designed by the children), and overhaul of the guttering have also been completed, along with painting of the doors and windows in the school colours.

Being Governors of a Church of England Voluntary Aided School means that prior to undertaking any capital works, we need to access funds from the Diocese of Derby, and in order to do this, the Governors have to raise the first 10% of any funds required. As can be imagined, this is a substantial undertaking for a small school. However, members of all facets of our local community have once again given generously and willingly, enabling the school to achieve another step in its pursuit of excellence.

An evening reception was held in school earlier this year, not only to



Back row (l-r): Helen Holland, Jackie Priestley, Frances Percival, Cliff Percival, Philip Llanwarne (representing DSF Refractories and Minerals Ltd), Charlotte Bright (representing Youlgrave Music Festival). Middle row: Marion Frost, Janine Noon, Sarah Shimwell, Sarah Hill (representing Long Rake Spar Co. Ltd). Front row: Keith Harrop, Dakin Shimwell, Chris Noon, Simon Frost. Donors unable to attend were George and John Ede, Ruth Littlewood, Mabs Cockayne, Helen and Richard Gillingwater, Phil Wildbore (representing Youlgrave Music Festival), Paul Bristow, Harry Holland, Robin and Tony Stacey (R & T Stacey Plant Hire Ltd). Photo courtesy of Freyar Priestley.

enable Governors and staff to meet and personally thank our donors, but also to conduct an informal tour of the school – a 'first' for some guests, but a revisit for others.

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Chair of Governors

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MIDDLETON SOCIAL CLUB ANNUAL REPORT

Firstly, we began with a talk and demonstration about Aqua Boxes which the Rotary Club of Wirksworth organize and we donated a complete aqua box to this worthy cause. Following on throughout the year, we have had a variety of illustrated talks; outings to the National Memorial Arboretum; Royal Crown Derby; Bolsover Castle; Fanshawe Gate Gardens, etc. Also whist, games and quizzes. In the New Year we intend to organise a Coffee Morning/Stalls for Derbys/Leics Air Ambulance.

The average attendance has been 16 people, and we are pleased to say we now have one or two gentlemen attending.

As you may know, we meet every other Tuesday afternoon from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in Middleton Village Hall. The next meeting is on 8 December, when we propose making our own Christmas arrangements or whist/games for the gentlemen.

On Friday 18 December we are having our Annual Christmas Party (with entertainment), commencing 12 noon.

After the Christmas/New Year break we re-start on 19 January 2010 with an illustrated talk: The Story of Hulley's Buses.

Looking forward to seeing our regular and new members. Contact 636531 or 636527 if you would like to join us or to receive more details.

Peak Wind Orchestra presents

A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

All Saints Church, Youlgrave,
Saturday 19 December, 7.30pm

An evening of music from the movies, the theatre and your Christmas favourites

Tickets £6.00, including refreshments, from
Parkers butchers, Nick Stacey on 636485
or on the door

NEW GOALPOSTS

Youlgrave Utd Football Club has been successful with its application for funding from the Football Foundation towards new goalposts on their Alport Lane pitch. The players and organisers would like to say a special thank you to all their local supporters and well wishers for their much appreciated and ongoing backing.

A beautiful new 2010 **Village Diary** is now hanging in Figgies, ready for all our village events to be recorded. Clashes are sometimes unavoidable, but everyone seems to agree, the fewer the better.

The Bugle now takes its customary seasonal break. The next issue will be February 2010, the copy deadline for which is Friday 22 January. A Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year to all our readers.

JAMES & HANNAH TIE THE KNOT



The wedding of **James Parker** and **Hannah Lobban** took place on Saturday 21 November at 4pm in All Saints Church, Youlgrave. The service was taken by the Rev Ossie Post and the church was lit by candlelight. The reception was held at The Dome at Buxton and a great time was had by all. James and Hannah are to make their home in Rillamill in Cornwall, where Hannah is a vet and James works in a school in Plymouth with children who have behavioural problems. They would sincerely like to thank everyone in Youlgrave who made their day so special.

**★ ★ ★ Youlgrave Calendar ★ ★ ★
★ ★ ★ 2010 now on sale ★ ★ ★**

The new Youlgrave Calendar is on sale from village outlets, featuring photos taken by local residents. Priced at £5, all proceeds will be put back into the community to support local groups and organisations.

**It's the perfect Christmas
present for friends and
relatives!**

☆ If you can't get hold of a copy ☆
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 ☆ Healey of Youlgrave Carnival ☆
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Toddlers' Triumphant Tinsel Trot

Youlgrave Playschool's Tinsel Trot – which was held on the 29th November – was a great success. Lots of the playschool children, their big sisters, Mums, Dads, Grandads, Nannies and even a donkey! The Trot was a sponsored walk which began at the Village Hall



and went along the Dale to Middleton. At the park there were mince pies for the adults, and the children had to go around the park to find chocolate coins. The donkey wouldn't go across the bridge, but finally made it to the park along the road. We walked back down the road. Lots of money was raised, through sponsoring. Everyone had a lot of fun and even the rain stayed off for us!

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*** SOMETHING FOR JANUARY 2010 ***

Come along to the first ever

Youlgrave Village Local Produce and Craft Market
23rd January 2010, 10-12pm, Reading Room



FREE entry for everyone



FREE table space to sell your allotment surplus, crafts, chutneys, jams or arts contact Lucy Stirling on 630315 / Stirlinglucyb@hotmail.com or Jeni Edwards on 636550*

Run by the Sustainable Youlgrave Community Group

*All produce and crafts to be produced or made within the parish of Youlgrave.

Commemorating the Sherwood Foresters

Youlgrave Parish Councillors travelled to Ypres to attend the unveiling of a new memorial to a local regiment that fought in WWI.

Last year, Youlgrave Parish Council, along with all parish councils in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, were invited to contribute towards the costs of a permanent memorial to mark the contribution of the Sherwood Foresters in the conflict on the western front during WWI. In particular, it was to commemorate more than 11,000 men who died there between 1914 and 1918. The Sherwood Foresters no longer exist as a separate regiment and are now part of the Mercian Regiment.

Early this year, Youlgrave Parish Council received an invitation to attend the unveiling ceremony. Councillors Lillian Clark and Pat Coleman went to represent Youlgrave and this is their account of their trip.



The new memorial is unveiled.

We left Youlgrave at 4.30am on Friday 23 October and drove to Chetwynd Barracks in Nottingham to pick up our coach. The journey down through

England, under the Channel, across north east France and into Belgium was very good and by 3pm we were sitting in a café on the main square in Ypres basking in bright sunshine.

That evening we went to the Menin Gate, which is a memorial to all the British and Commonwealth soldiers who died in WWI battles in that area and who do not have an individual grave. There are thousands of names on this huge structure. Every night since the end of the war (with the exception of the years during WWII) a remembrance ceremony has been performed at 8pm, when the 'Last Post' is sounded. Huge numbers of people attend and it was difficult for us to see very much because of the crowds. However, we were pleased to have been part of it and we particularly noted the very young soldiers (girls as well as boys) who were part of the parade. We learnt afterwards that visiting the WWI battlefields and, specifically, attending the Menin Gate ceremony, is now part of the induction programme for all army recruits.

On Saturday we set off in the coach for Tyne Cot Cemetery and the unveiling ceremony. Tyne Cot was chosen as the location for the memorial because it is the largest Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery in the world. It was a very cold and wet day. Some people said it was appropriate for the occasion, but we would have preferred some sun. We spent some time looking round the cemetery at the huge numbers of



Pat and Lillian at the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery.

graves and then the service began, lasting for about an hour. Two young people – one from Derbyshire and one from Nottinghamshire – gave very moving summaries of the lives of relatives (a great grandfather and a great great uncle) who had been in the regiment and had died fighting in Belgium. There were speeches by the Deputy Colonel of the Mercian Regiment and the Deputy Prime Minister of Flanders, and the memorial was unveiled by the Lord Lieutenants of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. There were musical performances by the Band of the Mercian Regiment and the choir of Repton School and finally a Service of Remembrance, followed by the laying of wreaths on the new memorial.

The memorial is made of Derbyshire stone mined at Alport, near Wirksworth. The plaque on it was carved by a former pupil of Repton School (which has always had a close association with the regiment) and it depicts weapons and tools used by the troops, an oak tree which represents Sherwood Forest, a rat which indicates the conditions and a copy of the 'Wipers Times' (a satirical magazine produced

through most of the war which boosted morale and is perhaps the best known example of humour in adversity).

Following the service we attended a reception given by the small town of Zonnebeke which is close to the cemetery. A sapling from the 'Major Oak' was planted at the Passchendaele Museum in the town to commemorate the occasion and we had a chance to look round the museum. This was well worth the visit as it includes a very impressive and atmospheric reconstruction of the trenches, as well as lots of memorabilia.

On the following morning we were taken on a tour of some key aspects of the battlefield, led by Major John Cotterill, Chairman of the Memorial Committee and a serving officer in the Mercian Regiment. We set off in a long convoy of cars and coaches. We started at the place where the 'Wipers Times' was first published. Then we went to look at various points on the battlefield. It seemed incredible how close the opposing sides had been in their trenches – often a matter of yards – and it was really interesting to hear a professional soldier describing the tactics. Not all was plain sailing, however, as some of the route was fine for cars but proved impossible for coaches and some very difficult manoeuvring was required of our driver.

At 1pm we left for home – arriving back in Youlgrave after 10pm, tired but really pleased that we had made the trip.



In the last issue we published L. Parker's poem 'My Prayer'. In response, Eve Rodrigues offers this alternative perspective:

How ironic I must say
That 'Mt Prayer' of how the world is today.
'In chaos misery and decay'
Should face school garden in the Bugle lay.
This is the story of pleasant endeavour
Children having sown seeds for growing, implanted forever
Telling of people who loved and taught
About Bill Shimwell whose infectious knowledge was caught
The memories of Bill and Myra, Betty and John.
And the Ludlows, who the ceremony's based on.
There are the people who loved nature and flowers
And must have praised God for his amazing powers.

Eve Rodrigues, Youlgrave

Bugle letters: Bad luck in threes?

Dear Editor

It's been a bad month. First, my greenhouse blew down Bankside and finished up a mangled mess in the Wildlife Garden. The advice from a Greenhouse company: 'Why didn't I site the greenhouse in a sheltered spot not on a hill?' Then some stone walling collapsed, further crushing some of the remains of the greenhouse. Finally, and most seriously, I had a bad car accident on the appalling Long Rake road. The car was a write-off but I luckily emerged unscathed. A phone call to Youlgrave garage resulted in the appearance of the wonderful Graham within 5 minutes of the accident. I gathered from him that this road is a regular 'rescue' point for motorists. It is so badly damaged by heavy lorries, it barely justifies the name 'road' – cart track would be more appropriate. When will this road be improved? Or is Derbyshire County Council waiting for a fatal accident?

So maybe, after all, my luck was good. It certainly was in terms of having Youlgrave Garage to help me through, not only the accident but all the car and insurance issues that followed. Thank you to the best garage in Derbyshire!

Maggie Ford, Youlgrave

EDITOR'S NOTE: Youlgrave Parish Council has complained about the dangers of the Long Rake road to Derbyshire County Council on a number of occasions. The latest response, received last month, said that the Highway Inspector could find "no dangerous potholes in the carriageway" but did concede that "regular vehicle overrun" had caused the chatter previously used to fill the ruts at the side of the carriageway to come out. He assures us that these ruts will be filled with planings "in the next few weeks."

The World is Our Oyster

*Hell is just a shell
A darker side
For our mind to hide
Our thoughts to dwell
We rebel*

*Against our inner voice
But
We have a choice
Light or shadow
Enlightenment or sorrow*

*When we wake up
And realise
Gratitude and respect
To nurture
All that is good
In the Sky
In the Earth
In ourselves
In Each Other*

*All will be well
There will be no Hell
We will be at one
Then
The job will be done*

Sue Dillon, Youlgrave

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The Allotment Slot



This month we interview the Greenfingers Gardening Club at All Saints School, Youlgrave.

What has the Greenfingers Club grown that has been eaten at school?

Marrows, carrots, tomatoes, runner beans, lettuce, radishes, courgettes, chard, spinach, herbs and red onions

What else have you grown?

Lots of flowers sweet peas, marigolds, French beans nasturtiums, Busy Lizzies and daffodils.

How long has the Greenfingers Club been running? We started in 2008 when Mrs Jackson came to Youlgrave School – so one year.

Is there anything you wouldn't try to grow again and why? We would grow everything again, but make sure we plant the right seeds so that we don't end up with a courgette instead of a pumpkin! (We got muddled up.)

What are the hardest thing and the easiest thing you've grown? Carrots because they are tiny but still very tasty. Tomatoes have been a bit tricky because they keep falling down. Sweet peas have been easy because the more you pick them the more they grow!

Have you had any disasters? We planted some seeds thinking a giant pumpkin would grow and a courgette appeared instead.

Has anyone given you any advice about growing things? Mrs Shimwell, Mrs Ebbage and all our mums have helped us a lot. Our Grandmas and Grandads have given us advice too.

Have you got any advice you could give anyone? If you want big carrots or big swedes don't plant things too close together or there won't be enough room.



Greenfingers pupils with their produce.

Remember to water regularly.

Has being in the Greenfingers Club given you any ideas about growing things at home? Yes, we have grown things in lots of different containers. We have tried growing potatoes, tomatoes radishes runner beans and sweet peas.

What are the good things and the bad things about having the Greenfingers Club? The good things – we grow lots of vegetables so we will be healthy in school. We work hard together as a team and help each other. We learn how to grow plants. We entered the Horticultural Show this year for the first time ever. The bad things – sometimes the club clashes with other things.

How many hours or days have you spent on the gardens? We have spent a long time as well as half an hour each week. Lots of people have spent time organising and making the gardens too, such as Mr Frost, Mrs Jackson and Mr Shimwell.

What happened to the garden in the

summer when the school was closed? Who looked after the gardens? The Greenfingers Club organised a rota for each family to look after the school gardens – it worked really well and our plants stayed healthy.

Have you any funny stories about the Greenfingers Club? When the pumpkin emerged as a courgette! We also chose to have a 'Bathroom Garden' so now we grow tomatoes in a toilet, flowers in a sink and chard and other veg in a bath.

Where did you get all your brilliant containers from? Mr Dakin Shimwell brought the bath, which Mrs Jackson painted. Mrs Jackson brought the toilet from her house (she has replaced it!). Mrs Percival brought us a deep Belfast style sink and Mr Cork donated a pot sink too.

What do you enjoy doing most in the gardening club? Wearing our new gardening gloves, digging with our trowels and planting. Some of us like harvesting and some like watering. We love to see everything growing.

What are you doing in the garden now? Harvesting the last vegetables of the year. We have invited people from the village who have donated money for our school gardens into the school to show them our new gardens and signs. We hope they will enjoy looking at them.

*Interview by
Sandra Harrop*



Bankside Wildlife Garden

We have a small number of native trees available for planting, currently saplings in 10in pots. They are priced at £3 each. Please contact Val Cornish on 636420. Wild cherry (1), Spindle (1), Rowan (1), Crab Apple (1), Silver Birch (1), Hazel (2), Field Maple (2), Blackthorn (2).

YOULGRAVE & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Those of you who would like to do a 'spot of gardening' may be interested in buying your seeds through the Horticultural Society. This year we are using KINGS SEEDS and if we get sufficient orders as we did last year, we should qualify for a reduction of up to 50% on a packet of seeds. Brochures and Order Forms can be obtained from Dorothy Johnson, Wood bank House, Moor Lane, Youlgrave, tel 636895. Orders will need to be placed by the beginning of January.

CHASING BEETLES AT THE READING ROOM
We held a very successful Beetle Drive in September. It was great fun for adults and children, including some quite small ones. Another is planned for Friday 18 February 2010. Book the date and bring the family along.

DAIRY DATES FOR 2010

**Saturday 29 May:
Middleton Welldressing**

**Saturday 19 June:
Youlgrave Welldressing**

**Saturday 26 June:
Youlgrave Carnival**

ANOTHER GOOD YEAR FOR SHOEBOXES!

Nearly 200 shoeboxes were collected locally this year, both in church and in school (153 in church and 42 from school, plus others that kept dribbling in). A really incredible number – well done to Youlgrave, but we wouldn't have had that fantastic collection of boxes if it weren't for Paula and Robert Marchbank. They brought over 80 shoeboxes with them! Paula works at Bowmer and Kirkland and every



year persuades everyone there to do shoeboxes! Thank you both very much. Jane Simmonds, the local Samaritan's Purse organiser, talked to us during the Service, showing us inspiring photos and video clips of the pleasure we help to send to so many disadvantaged children throughout the world. Thank you all so very much for your contributions and thanks to the children who took part in the Service.

Barbara Scrivener

UK Christmas Last Posting Dates

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Friday 11 December
Western Europe

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A Happy New Year to you all from Roger & Jennifer.*



November news, a new logo and future events for the WI

We held our AGM in November and were delighted to see new members come on board the committee. We were then given a most moving talk by our very own Dorothy Jerman. She spoke about her story as a child evacuee to Canada. It was the most amazing story and we all felt very privileged to be able to hear it. It certainly gave us a great insight into what children had to go through being separated from their parents during World War II.

The WI is looking forward to a number of events during December. We have our trip to Chatsworth Farm shop on 3 December, which includes a tour round the shop, a chance to sample their food and do some Christmas shopping. In the spirit of Christmas, I am delighted to be supporting one of our local pubs – the Farmyard Inn – with our WI Christmas dinner on 8 December. Our annual Carol Service is on 11 December at 7.30pm at Over Haddon Church.

In 2010 we have a fantastic programme of events. We have talks on lavender

growing, the RNLI and Peakland Pubs. There are trips, such as a visit to a local lavender farm (following the talk), while craft evenings include one on making mosaics and another featuring a cookery demonstration. I hope that this variety of events will encourage you to come along and join the WI. If you do want to see for yourself what we're all about, we charge an entry fee of £2 to cover the cost of refreshments, but if you decide to join as a member this small cost is refunded.

Over the past six months, the National WI has been working on its image by finding out what members and non members think about the organisation. A new logo has been chosen and will be launched in 2010. It represents a more forward looking organisation and one that both inspires women and one which includes inspirational women too! You can judge for yourselves.

Lucy Stirling
President, Youlgrave WI



All Saints Parish Church Bakewell
Festival of Trees '09

In Bakewell Parish Church, 3-9 December

We look forward to welcoming you to see a spectacular display of Christmas Trees, decorated by local organisations, to give light and colour in the spirit of Christmas. Open 9.30am-5pm (Thurs from 10.30am and Sun from 12.30pm). Refreshments: 10.30am-3.30pm and at evening performances.

Thurs 3 Dec, 7.30pm: A 'Festival of Christmas' Carol Service and official opening by Bishop Alastair (Bishop of Derby) and Lord Edward Manners, in conjunction with the Bakewell Rotary Club.

Evening concerts: Fri 4 Dec, 7.30pm: 'Sheffield Folk Chorale,' £8. Sat 5 Dec, 7pm: 'Sing-along Messiah'. £4. Tickets from Bakewell Tourist Information Centre, or on the door.

Shadow and Shade – the art of Storytelling

Long ago, entertainment on dark winter nights would be magical, mystical and memorable – the art of the Storyteller.

In ancient times, Celtic tribes would employ the Bard or Seer to recount tales of battles, heroism and the genealogies of the Septs or Clans. More recently (before television) winter nights would see the drawing up of the old rocking chair placed before the orange glow in the black-leaded range, copper pans burnished by lamplight and fire crackle; heavy chenille curtains would be drawn to keep out icy blasts and leaves long dried-out would be heard skittering across the flagged yard outside like bony fingers rapping out some dark Requiem.

Favourite stories, especially of the village, would be endlessly recounted and sometimes a little embellished to emphasise the chill ghost stories. Time and again they would be told to an appreciative audience. Stories like the one of the 'Grey Lady' gliding up and down Moor Lane, wreathed in mist to disappear into some long-gone gate in a bricked-up wall. Stories of the Phantom Coach on the Devil's Tours, black foam-flecked horses galloping at speed down Mawstone Lane to plunge down Hole Mouth – the observer is not actually seeing the coach itself but would 'feel the draught' as it sped by. To see it would portend a fatal end – the draught was enough!

Tales of Roughwood Hollow and the Dale – my own ancestor 'saw' the ghost drift across the road to where the door is hidden like a secret in the ivy-covered wall. It was the figure of a nun, he said,



The so-called fisherman's cottage in Bradford Dale, now long gone, but what stories could it tell?

hovering a short distance before him. Three days later a family member died.

Then there is the screeching of owls along the Dale, or is it the 'Wild Hunt', Woden on his mission taking up all unbaptised souls, whipping them in fury. These old tales doubtless have their origin in Teutonic myth like the Boghart or Blackfoot (or in more modern times a black cat), prowling and following its victim.

A very well respected villager once told me that his parents out walking saw such a creature walking alongside them – they 'gave it the wall', in other words they did not hinder its progress, and it 'disappeared into the wall'. They felt compelled to allow it the space to merge into the wall on its ghostly transit.

And what of Wenley Hill, or Woden's Ley or Wildeye, on ancient parchment where at certain times the atmosphere is full of foreboding and no birds sing. A headless man walks Wenley Hill and it is said that a farmer of an ancient blood

line family hereabouts 'saw' this apparition although for myself I have only ever seen the 'fairy rings'.

There is Crimbles Lane where legend has it that 'something' passes the window of the cottages and a more recent relative, now sadly deceased, always 'knew' (she said) when it had 'gone past'. Further ancient tales say it is a white horse that passes the window, echoes of an ancient tribal religion perhaps contemporary with Arbor Low? Ghostly green lights flash in a cottage near the Bulls Head, witnessed in more recent times, and we must not forget the Black Dog that descends the staircase in another old cottage seeking the owner's money, long since hidden away.

A cellar with damp, musty, sinister scent or secret cellars, one of which belonged to a taxidermist and was full of stuffed animals; the aura left by cottages no longer here, pulled down long ago; ghostly white creeper that scaled a gritstone farmhouse whose occupants were extremely reclusive – all grist to our storyteller's mill, so to speak; and what of mills, corn mills, tape factories, hives of local industry, now all ruins and of lead mines and the 'knockers' or 't'owd man' whose ghostly booms underground shook a cottage and split its chimney breast – subterranean landslide or the knockers still at work? A woven tapestry of folklore the like of which we may never see again.

But before we go, heavy footfalls of studded boots stomping across the ceiling of an ancient farmhouse heard by several witnesses after attending Chapel on a Sunday. "Ah, I've often heard them" the lady of the house smiles. RIP local legends.

E. Ashmore

More haunted tales in the next issue

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS FORUM MEETING

Tuesday 5 January 2010
Youlgrave Village Hall, 7pm

Come along and raise and discuss any issues or problems within the Youlgrave and Stanton area. The panel will be made up of police officers, PCSOs, Special Constables and partnership members such as local councillors. This is your chance to say what you feel are the main issues in your area, such as anti-social behaviour or nuisance vehicles. The panel members then prioritise these issues for the next three months and set about tackling them. At the following meeting you can then feed back on how you feel the priorities have been dealt with in a rolling cycle of consultation.

Please come along to Youlgrave Village Hall and voice your concerns or simply learn more about neighbourhood policing.

Youlgrave Cinema presents

'CRASH' (cert 15)

Friday 11 December, 7.30pm
Youlgrave Village Hall

This Oscar-winning film from 2005 is a gripping story of the network of fate that reveals the city and modern life in all its mystery. Set in 36 hours in Los Angeles, lives are criss-crossed through interlinked stories, which are interwoven to make ironic and often paradoxical points about the victims of crime and racial oppression. If you would like to join Youlgrave Cinema please call Pat Cleaver on 636836 or Jenny Hunt on 636655. Members can order guest tickets (£5) by calling Bridget Ardley on 636611.

Memories of Wartime – part 2

Youlgrave's **Bob Skinner** resumes his account of his Second World War experiences with his first posting overseas.

We were about a fortnight on the water without incident, and were told that we were landing at Port Said in the Middle East. We didn't stay there very long. Then we moved to Ismalea, where we were billeted next to the Suez Canal, so we had a few chances of swimming. I was posted to 60 section of the 861 Mechanical Equipment Company.

Ismalea wasn't a very big place. It had an open-air picture house called 'Shaftoe's' and a cafe called 'The Blue Kettle' which was only used by the military. I remember one night very well. We decided to go to the pictures. We never had much money so about six of us would line up at the pay desk and point to the one at the back and say that he was paying and the rest of us would disappear into the audience. Anyway, this particular night, we went to the back where the seats were a bit higher and we could lean on the back wall. I felt something hit me on the back of the neck and when I looked up, a bloody great rat was running along the beam so you can guess what hit me in the neck! We didn't sit at the back any more.

From Ismalea, we moved to Quasasin to a workshop repairing machines, some of which had been recovered from the sea in ships which had been sunk by enemy action. While we were there, one of our lads driving a transporter turned out of our yard and King Farouk came flying along the road in a sports car and smashed into the transporter. I don't think he was badly hurt but the locals must have thought he was trying to kill the King as they then regularly stoned his truck. He was sent to another unit for his own safety.

After a convoy to Alexandria, our next destination was Naples, where we spent quite an eventful period. While we were there Vesuvius decided to erupt. Our machines where parked at the foot of it and we had to

move them in the night. The next day we were clearing lava off the roads with dozers.

We had a bit of fun with the local farmers while we were there. They used to take their oranges and lemons to the market on little donkey carts. The donkeys or horses knew their own way to the market, so the farmers set them on their way and had a little snooze. It was usually in the early hours, so if we were on guard we would creep out and just turn the animal round. It had normally gone about 50 yards the wrong way before the farmer would wake up and play hell with us, but it was all taken as a bit of fun.

My next move was to a village near Capua, where I met Ron Wood, who was later to become my brother-in-law. The first time I met Ron, he was cutting one of the lad's hair. You've never seen such a mess – you could walk up the back of his head! John Goacher, the officer's batman tidied it up for him. John was a grand lad, but everything used to happen to him. We were billeted in Nissan huts in the woods, and there were bugs crawling about all over the place. We made ourselves beds, and had to stand the feet of the beds in diesel to stop the bugs crawling up. We had to dust our blankets every day with carbolic powder, then shake them out otherwise the powder would burn your skin.



Bob Skinner in uniform.

This is where John comes in. He had forgotten to shake his blanket out, and as it was very hot had decided to sleep with nothing on. We were woken one night with such a commotion, we switched the light on, and there was John sitting on a fire bucket dousing his "you know whats".

We had a couple of days leave owing, so spent it in Florence – it was a beautiful city. When we got back, our orders were to take a 08 dozer and pull a Bailey Bridge over a river. We were to travel as far as we could in daylight, then take a short break and complete the journey by dark. We had just started our break when our despatch rider came and told us to return to base. Jerry had found the range and blown the bridge to bits. An hour or two earlier and we may not have been so lucky.

Mixed memories

Our next move was to Vernio, in Italy. This place has many memories, the most important of which was that this was where I first saw Peg's photograph. Ron and I were on detachment with dozer and crane. We were in our billet one night writing letters and showing photos and he showed me one of Peg, Eileen and Lilian (Ron was engaged to Lilian.) I said that I would like to write to Peg as a pen pal. It must have been a good letter... We've been married over 50 years!

Vernio was once the entrance to the Appenine tunnel, leading 12 miles through the mountains, but as he was retreating Jerry blew it up – he took an ammo train at both ends, the other end came out at Lagaro. Our job was to bulldoze at each end until we found where the tunnel was undamaged.

The saddest thing that happened at Vernio was that one of our lads was killed. John Gibson was taking a navvy to the next site. He had to go down a steep hill and turn on a bend halfway down. There are no brakes on a navvy and to turn it meant stopping one track, but he couldn't hold it and the machine went over the side - it was an American machine with the drive on the

right. He'd left it too late to jump and the machine hit him in the air and trapped him. (If it had been an English machine the drive would have been on the left and he would have been able to jump clear.)

On another occasion, I had to go to HQ for a part for one of the machines. All the transport was out so I decided to hitch hike. I collected the part and the first thing that came along was a Yank in a Jeep. The only thing was that he was as drunk as a skunk and I noticed two whisky bottles by his side - one empty, the other half full. I wondered how he had managed to get this far. Anyway, I found out where he was heading and it wasn't far from where I was camped, but I was a bit dubious about getting in. To my relief he said in a slurred voice "Fella, can you drive this goddam thing". You can bet I was soon in the driving seat. We hadn't gone far and he was snoring his head off. It was lucky for me that my camp was before his and by this time he had sobered up, so he dropped me off and went on his way.

When we had opened our end of the tunnel, I was employed for a time servicing the locos, which were being used in the tunnel. When we had finished our work in the tunnel, Ron and I were moved to Bologna. Gerry had blown a big viaduct and we were swinging girders up in place to rebuild it. This was to be our last job, as orders came that we were finally going home and we were returning to Blighty.



Bob and fellow soldiers on service in the Middle East.

BAKEWELL FLORAL ART CLUB

Bakewell Floral Art Club is proposing to form a Junior Club for young people between the ages of 8-17 years. The club will be run by members of Bakewell Floral Art Club who are CRB checked. The Junior Club will meet during the daytime in school holidays.

We are having a meeting at 7pm on Friday 5 February in the downstairs room of Bakewell Town Hall, for parents and young people to come along and find out more about our Junior Club.

If you would like to know any further details before this meeting, please ring Elizabeth Lomas on 01629 650451 or email elizlomas@btinternet.com.

CRIB SERVICE

Lisa and John Bingham have offered to be Mary and Joseph this year so it will be the first time we have a pregnant Mary! They are 'borrowing' April Oldfield for baby Jesus so if you haven't come to this event in the past, try it this year. It is a 'live' crib service, with a sheep, pony, and dogs. There is also live music. Please come ready to take part as well, if you wish. Come dressed up ready to be a shepherd, king or angel. Come to the area in church by the organ where there will be a few angel costumes, head-dresses (usually T-towels!) for shepherds and crowns for kings. The service is at 5pm on Christmas Eve in All Saints church. It lasts about 35-40 minutes and is lit by candlelight. Make sure to come early if you want a seat! BS

All Saints Church, Youlgrave CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 13 December

11am, Chistingle Service
6.45pm, Carol Service, *Middleton*

Saturday 19 December

Concert in Church, 7.30pm, tickets
£6.00

Sunday 20 December

11am, M.P. Christmas Praise
6.45pm, Carol Service

Thursday 24 December

5pm, Crib Service
11.30pm, Holy Communion

Friday 25 December

9.30am, *Middleton*
11am, Holy Communion

Sunday 27 December

11am, United Holy Communion

MEMORIAL CANDLES

A reminder that we light memorial candles in the Christmas services in All Saints Church every year. If you would like one please add your name and the name of the person you want remembered, to the existing list in church, which is on the table just inside the door. Candles cost 50p each. Put your money in an envelope, write your name on it with the amount of money enclosed, and give your envelope to Lisa Bingham (630358) Barbara Scrivener (636601), one of the Churchwardens or leave it at Parkers or Hollands. BS/LB

The Youlgrave Exchange

Canon Pixma iP2000 A4 printer with instructions booklet. Driver can be downloaded free. Good working order, just needs ink. Phone 636362.

Kenwood Bread Slicer SL250, circular blade. Tel 636420.

White radiator 110 x 46cm, heated towel rail 50 x 80cm, removed from newly-renovated bathroom but still in excellent condition. Free to a cold home. Tel 636125.

Cordless phones, 3 sets of base stations and several handsets; need new batteries. Window catches, brass style, 6 complete sets. Call 636241.

The Reading Room Coffee Morning at the end of October raised £325. Thank you to everyone who helped and came. Our new toilet block crept a little closer! The banner we made and use to advertise our Coffee Mornings can be hired for £3 by any other group. It's very easy to put up and just needs the date altering to suit.

Join a Writers' Circle

*It's proposed to start a **Writers' Circle** in Youlgrave. We'd meet every couple of weeks or so, bringing bits of our work to read out and have useful discussion and comments on. Advice will be generously constructive. Any kind of writing will do: fiction, poetry, journalism, autobiography, family history, and so on. We can help, advise, constructively criticise, have discussions, read-arounds. Meetings will be non-academic, informal, creative and fun. Interested? Give Chris a ring on 636863 or 07807751799.*

Christmas cracker jokes

Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?
A mince spy

How do Snowmen travel around?
By riding an icicle

Who looks after Father Christmas when he's ill?
The National Elf Service

Who says "Oh, oh, oh"?
Santa walking backwards

What did one snowman say to the other snowman?
Can you smell carrot?

What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?
Tinselitus

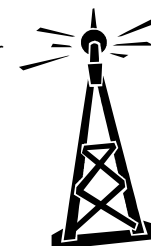


The Four Stages of Life

1. You believe in Father Christmas
2. You don't believe in Father Christmas
3. You are Father Christmas
4. You look like Father Christmas

EARLY WARNING!

The Digital Switchover for the Youlgrave area (that's Central TV region via the Stanton Moor relay transmitter) will start in 2011. More details from www.digitaluk.co.uk



Please support the Bugle in 2010

It's that time again when we invite local businesses, community groups and individuals to sponsor the Bugle for the year ahead. Rates once again remain unchanged at £25 for businesses and £20 for community groups and individuals, although donations of any size are always welcome! Every sponsor is important to us – this is our **ONLY** source of funding. Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

BUGLE ADVERTISING

In addition to annual sponsorship, we also welcome a limited amount of box advertising to offset production costs. Our rates are as follows:

- 1/4 page = £10 per issue (£8 discount price for existing annual sponsors)
- 1/2 page = £20 per issue (£17 with discount)
- Full page = £40 per issue (£36 with discount)

For more details call John on 636793.

BUGLE SPONSORSHIP 2010

- **£25** for businesses and local authorities OR
- **£20** for individuals and community groups

Name

Address/tel no

Optional one-line description & contact details:

*Please make cheques payable to **The Bugle** and send them, together with this form, to Ann Knowles, The Garden House, Fountain Square, Youlgrave DE45 1UR; or leave them with Roger at Youlgrave Post Office. You will be sent a receipt. Thank you.*

SATURDAY WASTE COLLECTION

Alport & Youlgrave: 12 December 2009, 9 and 23 January 2010

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: 5 December 2009, 6 February 2010 (none in January)

The Square: 9.45-10.45am

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REGULAR LOCAL EVENTS

Mondays Monday Club (Day Centre), Youlgrave Village Hall, 10am-3pm	Thurs 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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