

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

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The editorial team are making new arrangements for the delivery of your 'Bugle'.

We have found volunteers who are

prepared to deliver to most areas of the village. We would like to thank everyone involved. We are prepared to pay 5p per copy delivered if required. Contact Ann (636362) or me (636241/636775) for further details.

Should anyone not get a 'Bugle' at any time, they will still be available in the local shops, pubs or at the doctors' surgery, as usual.

Over the last few weeks we have had a few days of really lovely spring weather. This brought with it numerous visitors, their cars and their dogs. Canine deposits are proving a real problem and can cause blindness when dogs foul children's playing areas – to say nothing of the horrible smell if you step in it! Can we all be responsible and clean it up?

Talking about messes, perhaps the nice weather will encourage the starlings to move on so we don't have to clean our cars quite so often.

Don't forget, this is that mad time of the year, so you need to remember be on the look out for practical jokes and pranks - I hope we don't cause too much trouble with ours!

CAR PARKING RELIEF AT LAST

Youlgrave and Middleton are being offered the chance to remove many of the car parking problems which seem at times to overwhelm local residents.

Cash from Brussels will be used to build a bypass for Youlgrave and an underground car park for Middleton. Plans now before the authorities have much support including the hundreds of car owners who have been extensively consulted over the past 15 months. The project manager says... " it is a victory for common sense and well worth the E\$7.3 (£3.145m) that the project will cost. With work starting almost immediately the project will be completed by the year 2002.

The most extensive change will be in

Youlgrave where (coming from the A6) a new roundabout will be built at Alport and the Relief Road will swing north following the line of the lower Lathkill Dale turning west to cut Conksbury Lane before continuing west to join Moor Lane and the Newhaven Road. This will mean that Heavy Goods Vehicles will at last be able to use the roads between the A6 and the A515 and allow the further development of the proposed new quarries at Pilsbury.

Feeder roads at both the East and West ends of the village will allow the centre to become a traffic free area. A separate scheme for open air cafes, a mini boutique mall and other tourist attractions is also being considered.

Meanwhile Middleton's car parking problem (mainly caused by visitors cars) is going to be met by an underground car park in The Square. Although the disruption is acknowledged, it was felt that the work, involving some limited blasting, will have long term benefits. However, the main problem has been to find suitable access. The current solution is to lay a new road across the fields at Castle Farm in the form of a "cut and refill" tunnel so that the pasture can be re-laid back on top of the excavation once the work has finished. A clover leaf entrance and exit will be built just below Lomberdale Hall where parking fees will be collected.

The company that won the contract for both projects, apologise for the closure of many local roads during the building phase and for the imposition of road charges to defray part of the capital cost. Even though local motorists will not be exempt it is hoped that they will feel that a charge of £2.00 per journey is well worth it.



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Millennium Fever (-or just a chill?)

There have been four meetings so far, to test the temperature of enthusiasm for any millennium events. After an initial flurry of ideas, it seemed our patient may have had hypothermia! However, as time passes things are hotting up a bit!

So far we have the bones of a series of concerts celebrating the music of the last century; the Parish Council has decided to provide commemorative mugs for all children in the Parish, and the school is looking at ways of doing a nature survey down the dale, assisted by the Park

Ranger. There is also a plan to make a fabric quilt hanging for the church, the work being done by the children.

Several years ago many of you may remember a pageant retelling the history of the village - a mammoth project undertaken by Jack Blackburn - an original script has surfaced making a re-run more of a possibility.

Other ideas still being nursed include trying to create some kind of water feature, an arts festival, a street party/family event, tree planting/garden, an oral history and re-printing a WI booklet on the village.

Winster has, in the past, taken village photos for posterity. How would that be?! A professional photographer would turn up outside the YHA and all villagers wanting to attend, to arrange themselves on the steps for a grand photo - copies of which to be given/sold to...?

Some of these ideas need groups or individuals to adopt them. There may be

funding via a project run by the Rural District Council called Project Leader which has been working for the last three years to draw up a plan for the village to promote itself and thereby create jobs. These include: creating a range of postcards (see March's 'Bugle'); a web site for the village; a children's after school club; information boards in the village outlining history/places of interest (similar to those found in Monyash and Eyam) and adequate signing of footpaths and facilities in and through the village.

This plan cannot proceed without a vote of approval from several villagers. It is proposed to vote on these matters and check our millennium patient on 14th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room.

If you would like further details of the projects being considered or to discuss other ideas, telephone Anne Croasdale (636887). We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.



The subject at the Youlgrave WI was "Fun with flowers" and it certainly was. Mrs Christine Oakley from Grindleford gave a very interesting and enjoyable insight into arranging dried and fresh flowers. She told members about all the different weddings that she had been asked to

decorate. She kindly gave a fresh flower arrangement for a raffle prize. The lucky winner was Mrs Dorothy Sandell (the colours going perfectly with her décor).

Arrangements to attend Ashford WI on 9th March were discussed. The competition will be an Easter arrangement on porcelain. Will ladies with any ideas please contact Mrs German.

Mrs Jennifer Easton read the report of the Council meeting at Buxton that she attended. We were then served delicious refreshment.

The subject at next month's meeting on 13th April will be "Edale Mountain Rescue" with Mr John Poulter. It would be nice to see some new faces, everyone is welcome.

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Youlgrave Primary School

Youlgrave School Association Spring Fair raised £340. Thank you to all who contributed.

The School had a nonuniform day for Comic Relief. The children were invited to make a

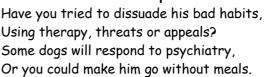
contribution to the fund and were allowed to wear their normal clothes but were asked to wear something red.

Representatives from the school will be competing in the District Primary School Swimming Gala in Bakewell Swimming Pool. We wish them well.

Clean it up!

When your Fido insists on his walkies, Does he cock his left leg on car wheels, Then embarrass himself on the pavement, Or in doorways, or school playing fields?







Sites of Meaning

As we explained in the February 'Bugle' one of Middleton and Smerrill's Millennium projects is titled 'Sites of Meaning'. We intend to place stones with carved inscriptions marking each site where a right of way crosses the Parish boundary.

As well as money, we need a small, but very significant, contribution from our Parishioners. Don't worry folks, it's not your money, or even much of your time. What we want are your words. We are holding a 'Sites of Meaning' launch event on Friday 7^{th} May in Middleton Village Hall.

It is vitally important we get the people of Middleton together, this project is about recording thoughts of the people of Middleton as expressed in their favourite quote, song line or other repeatable statement. We'll explain the project in more detail (but not too much detail), have a drink and a chat about ideas and play some games with words to get our brains moving. We'll then send you away to find out what you'd like 'writing in stone' as part of this Millennium celebration.

Hopefully we'll be able to have some fun with this, we look forward to seeing you there.

1999 An Octogenarian's reading of "The Seven Ages of Man"...



All the world's a stage.

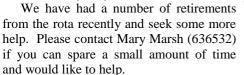
And all the men and women merely players: They have their exits and their entrances; And one man in his time plays many parts, His acts being seven ages. At first the infant, Mewling and puking in the nurse's arms. Then the whining schoolboy, with his satchel, And shining morning face, creeping like a snail Unwillingly to school. And then the lover, Sighing like furnace, with a woful ballad Made to mistress' eyebrow. Then a soldier, Full of strange oaths, and bearded like the pard, Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel, Seeking the bubble reputation Even in the cannon's mouth. And then the justice, In fair round belly with good capon lin'd, With eyes severe, and bears of formal cut, Full of wise saws and modern instances; And so he plays his part. The sixth age shifts Into the lean and slipper'd pantaloon, With spectacles on nose and pouch on side, His youthful hose well say'd a world to wide For his shrunk shank; and his big manly voice, Turning again towards childish treble, pipes And whistles in his sound. Last scene of all, That ends this strange eventful history, Is second childishness, and mere oblivion, Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything. As You Like It, II.vii.

William Shakespeare (1564 –1616)

...Verdict "If the cap fits wear it" or "Nothing changes, does it?" J. W. Shimwell

Middleton Parish Church

Is there any willing volunteer who would like to take responsibility for cleaning the Church and doing a few flowers for one month (usually only one service)?





Clerk to the Parish Council

Middleton and Smerrill Parish Council seeks a suitable person for the position of Clerk with effect from April 1999.

Duties include: -

- Completing minutes for both Council and open meetings
- Maintaining good records
- Maintaining financial accounts and preparing year-end accounts
- Dealing with and writing correspondence as required by the Council
- Being available by arrangement for Interim Meetings as necessary
- Computer skills would be helpful but not entirely essential

Annual salary £300 (payable March annually) plus agreed expenses.

Applications in writing please by 30th April 1999 to Peter Cavendish, Chairman, The Rock Cottage, Middleton by Youlgrave, Bakewell, Derbyshire DE45 1LS.



baskets, but it's a good place to start...

Youlgrave Parish Council is looking for a volunteer to run the "Best Kept Village Competition" for this year.

The Derbyshire Best Kept Village, a competition established in 1970, encourages communities to take more responsibility for the care of their villages. Some of the villages more actively involved have literally blossomed.

With the changes to rural communities in mind, as well as the original competition, there is now a 'Derbyshire Village of the Year' competition too, supported by The Derbyshire Building Society. In this judges will be looking for projects which contribute to village life and not just physical features. Things like social car schemes, running groups for carers and creating wildlife schemes – perhaps the existence of a free community newsletter will stand us in good stead.

If you're interested please contact Ingrid Newman on 636084 as soon as possible. The Parish Council will of course pay the registration fee.

Remember, all the improvements that go with the schemes and increase in the number of visitors will effect not only the business owners but also the villagers in general as there will possibly be more likelihood of keeping the shops and businesses we've got.



Millennium Special



To celebrate the end of this Millennium, 'The Bugle' will, in December, publish a special eight page edition. We'd like the extra material to come from you!

What we're after is your views. We want you to write up to 20 words about things you find interesting . . . your likes, dislikes, memories of specific occasions, games you like playing, music you like listening to . . . anything really! These, along with photographs or artwork, will be an interesting insight into the lifestyles we lead at the end of this thousand year period - and for as far back as we can remember.

Nobody is too old or too young to have something relevant to contribute. We need you to send items in over the next month or so in order to make this special record of what things were like in 1999 and before.

Written items and pictures can be sent to Emma or Ann as usual, or via Roger Easton at the Post Office. Both Black and white and colour material is welcomed. We understand that your photographs are precious and will therefore, by appointment, scan them in 'while you wait'.

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 10th April Coffee Morning and 'Bring and Buy Sale', proceeds for Youlgrave Village Hall Fund.

Granby House (Abbeyfield), 10.00am – 12.00pm.

Tuesday 13th April Youlgrave Women's Institute, Edale Mountain Rescue. Village Hall, 7.30pm. Wednesday 14th April Saturday 17th April Millennium meeting, Youlgrave Village Hall Committee Room, 7.30pm. 'Bits and Bobs' Sale, coffee and biscuits and all the usual stalls.

Youlgrave Wesleyan Reform Sunday School, 10.30am.

Youlgrave Carnival Fundraising Sale. Youlgrave Village Hall, 2.30pm.

Saturday 24th April Friday 7th May Sites of Meaning launch. Middleton Village Hall.

Wednesdays Life drawing classes with Diane Kettle. Middleton Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Wednesdays Theatre Workshop with Jack Blackburn (tel. 636689 or 636043). Greenfields Farm Barn, 7.00pm. Thursdays Peak Rural Welfare Rights Project 'Benefits Advice'. The Doctors' Surgery, 10 - 11.30am.

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

Please let us have more details of events for the next edition. The Publishers accept no liability for the accuracy of the information given.

From the Cookhouse Door: April Fool

Ingredients 1 lb. cooking apples

1 tablespoon sugar

1 dessert spoon water

1 teaspoon ground ginger

1 heaped dessertspoon ginger conserve

1/4 pint whipping cream

1 pot yoghurt

Demerara sugar

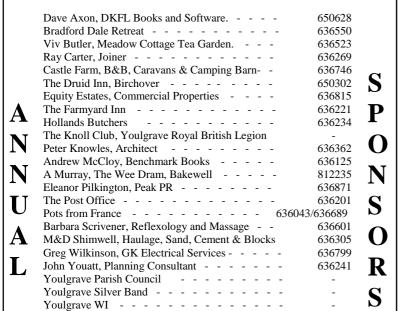
1 large onion

Method

Stew peeled and cored apples with sugar and water until very soft. Allow to cool and then add conserved and ground ginger, mix thoroughly and put in the bottom of a serving dish.

Whip cream and fold in yoghurt, spread over top of apple mix sprinkle with a layer of demerara sugar and put in the fridge for an hour.

Large onion? - only joking - April Fool!!



If you would like your business listed on this page, please contact Ann Knowles (636362) or Emma Youatt (636775). Annual 'Bugle' sponsorship is only £10, your details will be listed on every edition we publish (usually ten per year) for the year.

Lupus Awareness Week

10th - 17th April. Have you heard of Lupus? Lupus is incurable, although controllable, and is thought to affect 40,000 people in the UK. World-wide it is believed to effect more people than Leukaemia, MS or Muscular Dystrophy.

The immune system of someone with Lupus creates antibodies, which instead of protecting the body from bacteria, viruses and other matter, attack the person's own body tissue. This can cause many symptoms and may result in miscarriage or the destruction of vital organs.

SLE - Systemic Lupus Erythematosus - Hard to say -Harder to live with.

For further information contact: LUPUS UK, St James House, Eastern Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3NH. Tel: 01708 731251 Fax: 01708 731252

Local Girl Done Good!

On 13th March Elizabeth Shimwell from Church Farm, Youlgrave, along with Kimberly Read from Tideswell and Lisa Gill from Barlow, successfully won the Young Farmers East Midland Area Junior Speaking Competition at Skegness. Competing against them were teams from Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire. They will now go on to the National Finals which will take place at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire on 2nd October.

MIDDLETON by YOULGRAVE

Welldressing and Village Market Saturday 29 May 1.30pm

