

The **Bugle**

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Alport, Middleton and Youlgrave**

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Residents asked to be vigilant following local thefts

A large amount of high value lead has been stolen from the roof of All Saints Church – for the second time in 18 months. Ironically, the theft was of the new lead that replaced some of that removed in April 2010 and it was in the process of being painted with so-called 'smart water' to identify it if it was stolen. Although the Parish Church is insured against losses, the number of thefts lately has meant that there is a maximum of £5,000 that they can receive in compensation. In this latest incident, Derbyshire Police say that a resident recalled hearing a vehicle struggling to turn round in the road outside at 4am on the night of 28/29 September but was unable to provide any further details. Please be vigilant and keep an eye on our church by reporting any suspicious activity at any time of the day or night.

Separately, a bike was stolen from a shed at a Youlgrave property. The black-coloured Peugeot pedal bike was taken some time between 20-24 October. If you have any information call Derbyshire Police on 101 (crime number 55343/11).

Youlgrave Brownies enjoy a magic holiday

Recently 14 girls from 1st Youlgrave Brownies attended a residential holiday at Pax Tor in Darley Dale. Jade Murray wrote this about the holiday: "On Friday evening we arrived at 7pm and made up our own rules for the holiday and had some yummy soup. We woke up on Saturday very early and had breakfast. We made speels, jelly, biscuits and hats and wands. We went on a treasure hunt and we had a show and camp fire. On Sunday we finished a challenge and had dinner then we went home. We all had an amazing time."



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Youlgrave School Association

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festive evening of fun: stalls,
games, competitions, tasty
refreshments, raffle... and visit
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Happy new arrival

Richard and Kate Partridge are delighted to announce the birth of their son **Ethan Thomas Partridge**. He was born at Chesterfield Royal Hospital on Friday 14 October, arriving three weeks early but weighing a healthy 6lb 2oz.

We would like to thank all our friends and family for their kind wishes, messages of support and gifts.



ART EXHIBITION

Saturday 26 November

10am - 4pm

Youlgrave Reading Room

The members of Diane Kettle's long-established Youlgrave Art Class, which meets on Wednesday mornings at the Reading Room, are holding an exhibition of their work on Saturday 26 November between 10am and 4pm.

These amateur artists invite you to join them for coffee and biscuits at the Reading Room to enjoy their enthusiastic approach to their drawings and paintings. Admission is free. Any proceeds from the sale of refreshments will go towards Reading Room funds. Some of the paintings and drawings may be purchased at reasonable prices.



BUGLE LETTERS: GOODWILL AND CO-OPERATION

Dear Editor

I wonder if the people involved in the controversy over Upton's field thought through beforehand the likely wider consequences of their actions? We sometimes take for granted walking across fields, but they are not ours, they belong to someone else, if I were a farmer or landowner now and over the years had allowed the local residents to walk or exercise their dog on fields that had no actual right of way, I would be thinking very hard indeed if I should allow it to continue, as my field might be the next in line.

Youlgrave Waterworks depends greatly on the goodwill of several farmers and landowners, and indeed some householders under whose property and gardens our pipes are buried, and a thank you to them.

One of these fields is Upton's field on Conksbury Lane, where for many decades a pipe has crossed to The Avenue, probably originally with the permission of Billy Upton, John's grandfather. Some time ago we tried to improve the supply by putting a storage tank (a permanent underground one is planned) in Harry Holland's field roughly level with the spring, and to do this we had to dig up and lay pipes in John

Upton's field. When asked for permission to dig up his field John readily agreed, and here is my point - it is this sort of goodwill within the village that we have come to accept as normal, and long may it continue, but will this dubious action taken by some put future cooperation at risk the next time we ask? The answer we get may be no next time, and who could blame them?

Incidentally the tank has been a great success in smoothing out the high demand period and maintaining the pressure to the whole village but due to the location of the tank, the main beneficiaries of the improved supply are (you've guessed it) the people of Conksbury Lane and the Avenue in particular - irony indeed.

On another note, the last year has been one of the driest on record, so it has been most gratifying to see all those individuals and establishments displaying their thoughtfulness by trying to promote some sort of growth from the tarmac of the village by regularly drenching it with copious amounts of our hard earned drinking water. I am reliably informed by prominent horticulturists that soil gives better results.

Malc Stacey
Youlgrave

"Thank you"

Thank you to everyone who supported me in Ashgate Hospice's 'Wear-a-Wig' week. A total of £450 was raised. Special thanks to Keith for all his help in collecting sponsors.

Jack Goodwin

Editor's note: Over the last year the Bugle has received several anonymous letters for publication on such worthy subjects as road safety outside the school and dog fouling on the playing field. It is our policy not to publish letters that are anonymous, but names may be withheld by request in exceptional circumstances – please get in touch with the Editor at the address on the back page if this is the case.

So why did the water disappear?

By the beginning of October the River Bradford was completely dry in many places, but was it simply due to a lack of rain or were other factors at work?

We're all aware that shallow limestone rivers like the Bradford and Lathkill get very low in the dry summer months, even occasionally disappearing to a trickle on some occasions, but this year the river completely vanished above the Bradford Road bridge. Those with long memories said it hadn't been this bad for decades, so why did it happen and what have been the effects on wildlife?

Visitors and locals alike noted the bone dry river bed with curiosity, bemusement and genuine concern. The puzzled ducks might be able to move elsewhere, but the dead crayfish piled up underneath Bradford bridge weren't so lucky. At the end of September Environment Agency officials came out to see if any fish needed rescuing, but Haddon Estate's ever watchful River Baliff had already acted.

So what was the root cause of the disappearing river that marked it out as so severe from previous years? Was it simply a case of low rainfall, or were other factors responsible, like borehole abstraction in the valley catchment area?

The Environment Agency is the Government body whose principal aims are to protect and improve the environment. Over the last few weeks it has been carrying out an investigation into the disappearance of the River Bradford over the late summer. This has included looking at rainfall data, groundwater levels and licensed water abstraction in the area, as well as the local geology and other possible



The Bradford below the swimming pool – bone dry by the end of September.

contributory factors.

Their conclusion is that the low flow is "largely attributable" to the lack of rainfall and not other issues like licensed water abstraction. Their analysis of rainfall data has shown that that rainfall in the River Bradford catchment area in the last 12 months has been the seventh driest on record, and for the summer months alone the fourth driest on record.

The Environment Agency (EA) has also analysed groundwater level data and it says that there appears to be no

"reducing trend" in groundwater levels, although levels are very low. The EA is responsible for regulating the amount of water taken from surface water courses and groundwater by abstractors, which it does by issuing licences. As part of this recent investigation it has reviewed the location and amount of abstraction from the four nearest boreholes to Youlgrave, including those operated by the likes of local farms and Youlgrave Waterworks. It says that it believes that none of them are having a detrimental effect on the River Bradford's levels. It also points out that smaller abstractions of less than 20 cubic metres of water a day can take place without the need for a licence.

Another possible contributory factor is the complex number of old lead workings in the area and the effect that mining drainage channels or soughs might play. For example, 50% of the headwaters of the River Lathkill at Over Haddon go into the Magpie Sough and then issue out into the River Wye. However, the precise effects on the Bradford are unclear and it's likely to be minimal when compared to the reduced volume of water in the first place. It's also probable that the lack of rainfall may have been compounded by the effect of the local limestone geology which dictates a limited amount of storage of water within the rocks.

So how well will the river recover and what are the likely long term effects on the river's wildlife? The EA's Environment Manager for the Midlands Region (East Area), D R Lowe, says that the river should recover: "Whilst dry conditions and a lack of rainfall are a natural phenomena over which we have no control and it is agreed that this issue has had a dramatic effect on the river, we would expect to see recovery of the river flow following a period of sustained

rainfall." He also notes popular concern about the local wildlife. "The number of crayfish should recover as repopulation should occur from downstream when normal water levels return. We would also expect to see a similar recovery from the water vole population."

So much for this year, but will the disappearing Bradford become a regular occurrence if wider changes in climate are taking place and we experience drier, hotter summers? What will the long term impacts be on the river's biodiversity and the appearance of the valley? Or on the ability of Youlgrave Waterworks to source sufficient water for local needs? And even on the tourist trade?

To discuss these issues and hear the views of a local expert with direct experience of managing our local rivers come along to a free public meeting this month – see notice below. All are welcome, since there is much to pore (if not exactly pour) over.

Andrew McCloy

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE RIVER BRADFORD?

with
Warren Slaney, Water Bailiff

- The history of the river
- Where the water comes from
- The wildlife in and on the river
- The issues facing the river in times of drought

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News from All Saints School, Youlgrave

Children in Class 2 have written some super pieces of writing and poetry this half term. Here is small selection of their work.

Gentle Wind

O wind why do you rage?
Because when you are gentle you make the
flowers sway,
The leaves float to the ground and dance
upon the track around.
O wind why do you rage?
Because when you are gentle the trees will
blow,
But on a hot day a gentle breeze will cool
us down.
O wind why do you rage?
Eve Birch

On night I went into the barn and I heard a loud squeaky noise coming from the cowshed next door. I quickly ran from the cowshed and I saw a pale blue alien! His two heads were as round as giant footballs and his twenty eyes glowed like burning lava in the dark. His dark brown hands were as spiky as conker shells. He had one belly button and it was as slimy as an oily snake. His ten scaly legs had six sausage toes on each foot. The only words he could speak were 'I want more!' He was as greedy as a goat.

Max Harrop

One night I heard a swishing sound. I woke up and looked out of the window. There was nothing there. 'Hello,' said a squeaky voice. It was a weird creature. It had three green pointed teeth and slimy skin. It had horns that looked like swords. It was a pink as a pig and as fat as a pumpkin. His eyes were red. He had purple dots on

his skin and ten fingers. The alien was friendly!

Layla Copeland

One evening an alien walked into my bedroom. I looked in amazement. It had two circular horns that wrapped around its ears. It was as fat as a pig and as smelly as cow dung! It was taller than the tallest building in the world. It was shaped like a slug and it had a green eye in the middle of his head. It had spikes up his back and bottom. The alien had sharp, black teeth and its voice was like a snake. It was ugly!

Dominic Frost

Youlgrave All Saints' CE Primary School would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in the village who shopped at Tesco and Sainsbury's and donated their school vouchers to us. We have just received a delivery of the following items which will improve the children's playtimes and PE lessons.

Sainsbury's: Netballs of various sizes, a springboard, foam hoops, ribbon glitter sticks, cat's cradles, 2 cooking aprons, 2 packs of perforated balls, 2 stampabouts, juggling scarves, katcha cups, 6 skipping ropes, 6 soft shots, 6 soft discus' and a PVC rounders bat.

Tesco: Some multi-height hurdles, folding hurdles, foam javelins and a loud hailer.

Many thanks, these items will further improve the quality of provision for your children. Please continue to donate your Morrisons Let's Grow and Nestle Cereal Box Top vouchers to school.

Olympics and Cross Country!

On Friday 7 October Youlgrave School took part in the primary school cross country at Lady Manners.

All of Class 1 went and 10 pupils from Class 2 and 3.

In the race of Year 3 and 4 boys, Alex Frost came 3rd out of 100 which is amazing. Well done to him! Alex felt really proud of himself and because he did really well he got a bronze medal.

In the year 5 and 6 girls race, Libby Tabbenor came 3rd out of 100. She was very proud of herself and she got a bronze medal too, which is fantastic. Well done to her! Libby and Alex both got really good results!

The sports teacher from LMS and 2 pupils came to talk to us in assembly about the Olympics. We watched a video clip of talented sports people and looked at the Olympic values. These are Friendship, Respect and Excellence. The Paralympic values are Equality, Courage, Determination and Inspiration.

The Olympic mascots are called Mandeville and Wenlock. These were created from the last 2 drops of steel from the stadium.

By Libby Tabbenor

The Mascots:



Pictured right:

Libby and Alex,
Bronze medal
winners at the
Cross Country
competition at
Lady Manner's
School. Well done
to you both!

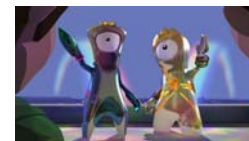
Olympic Torch

Last Monday, people from Lady Manners came to our school to tell us about the Olympics which will be held next year in London. On the same day the Lady Manners pupils gave us a replica Olympic Torch which had come from Monyash school. We have kept this torch for four days and then we passed it on to Stanton School. The torch will travel around all the Primary Schools in Lady Manners cluster.

They also told us about a Primary school cluster cross country race which we were going to take part in last Friday at Lady Manners.

Libby came third in the Year 5/6 girls race and I came third in the Year 3/4 boys' race, and we were awarded bronze medals.

The Olympic mascots names are Mandeville and Wenlock.



By Alex Frost



90th anniversary celebrations for British Legion

The Youlgreave Branch of the Royal British Legion, along with the Women's Section, arranged a 90th anniversary Thanksgiving Service in All Saints Church, Youlgreave, which took place on Saturday 24 September. Earlier in the afternoon the Royal Air Force Guild of Bell Ringers rang the church bells for the occasion.

The Rev Garrie Griffiths, Vicar of Youlgreave and branch chaplain welcomed everyone to the service and said his wish was that it would be a service of celebration and thanksgiving for the work of the Royal British Legion over the past 90 years, and to recognise that their work is as important today as it was 90 years ago.

The County Vice Chairman of the Royal British Legion, Mr Stuart Allen, attended the service along with



representatives from Bakewell, Brassington, Cromford, Hartington and Youlgreave and other organisations within the community, including the W.I. and Parish Council.

The service commenced with a hymn during which the Standard Bearers from the following branches took their Standard to be laid on the Altar: Bakewell Women's Section, Cromford Branch, Hartington Branch and Youlgreave Branch, accompanied by three young members of the Youlgreave Scouts and Cubs Association.

After the opening prayer, the chairman of the Youlgreave Branch read the Lesson this was followed with Thought for the Day when the Rev Garrie Griffiths begged the question - what's special to you about the Royal British Legion? He then invited members of the congregation to say a few words about what it meant to them, and what they thought the purpose of the Legion was in today's world. A period of responsive prayer followed.

Remembrance Sunday 13 November 2011

10.50am

All Saints Church,
Youlgrave

6.45pm

St Michael & All
Angels Church,
Middleton-by-
Youlgrave



CALLING OUR OLDER VILLAGERS



Now that winter is coming, maybe you would like to stay indoors, enjoy some company and a chat and have your mid-day meal made for you? So how about trying the Monday Club, held weekly at the Village Hall? Transport can be provided both from and back to your home, leaving home about 10am and returning soon after 3pm.

When you arrive at the hall, tea or coffee and biscuits are served and there will be time to chat. Then some people play scrabble or dominoes before a 2-course lunch is served (usually soup or casserole followed by fruit pie). After lunch there is a raffle and bingo, and sometimes some entertainment, and a cuppa before transport arrives to take you home. Club members pay £4 a week for all this.

The Club would also welcome more helpers for as much or as little time they can spare. They would be delighted to have offers from people who could entertain, perhaps with some of the old songs or memories of times past? Maybe someone could offer some activity for club members to take part in?

It is quite all right just to go along and see if you like it. To arrange transport contact Lise Marple on 636287.

During the second hymn the Standard bearers collected their Standards and stood before the chancel steps ready for the Act of Homage and Kohima Epitaph, which was said by Mr Harry Hutchinson of the Youlgreave Branch, followed by the singing of the first verse of the National Anthem,

The Vicar then asked the Chairman of the Youlgreave Branch, Mr David Camm and chairwoman of the Women's Section Mrs Joan Roper, to come forward and cut the 90th Anniversary Cake, which had been made by Peak Foods of Youlgreave specially for the occasion. Happy Birthday was then sung, followed by Three Cheers for the Royal British Legion.

The service concluded with a prayer of Blessing and the final hymn, during which a collection was taken for the Poppy Appeal and Branch Funds. Every one was then invited to have a piece of cake and a drink of wine or a soft drink to celebrate the occasion, which was served by the ladies of the Women's Section.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who attended and made it a very enjoyable time together. Our special thanks go to the Rev Garrie Griffiths for arranging the service and Mrs Jan Wilson for playing the organ. And last but not least the Branch Standard Bearers and Scouts and Cubs for their part in the service.

David W Camm

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Sustainable Youlgrave is five

Sustainable Youlgrave was set up in October 2006 and since then a group of dedicated locals have been working towards its aim "to reduce the environmental footprint of the community and achieve a sustainable structure and function for Youlgrave and the surrounding area". There have been two main strands of activity:

Creating and Using Our Own Energy

A house-to-house survey of the village asked about attitudes and support for renewable energy, and another survey looked at energy use in local public buildings and offered suggestions for conservation.

Feasibility studies had been undertaken into wind power and anaerobic digestion systems in our valley. The former found that a group of medium-sized wind turbines (not the enormous wind farm ones) could work well, and the latter set benchmarks for ways of assessing possible site on a national level. Unfortunately local planning policies and, now available finance, mean that although possible, both projects are looking less probable in practice. However, when the day of necessity comes, the Bradford Valley will be ready to act.

A Sustainable Community

The second strand is perhaps more obvious. The bi-monthly Village Market is moving into its second year with confidence.

Sustainable Youlgrave was the launch pad for the Youlgrave Bee Group and the Youlgrave Orchard Group. The Bee Group is thriving with four hives on its village apiary and several members now with their own bees. Many people benefited



Sustainable Youlgrave's 2008 event at the village hall raised awareness about climate change issues..

from the Bee Friendly seed distribution in spring 2011 and the group look to the village for ongoing support in planting bee-friendly plants for the years ahead. The Orchard Group planted up a small orchard of top and bush fruits which should start producing in 2012, and gave away an equal number of trees and bushes to interested villagers.

Practical Sustainable Youlgrave hessian shopping bags have been produced - get yours for only £1.50 at the Village Market - and holiday cottages have been circulated with fliers supporting local shops.

What Next?

All these projects are, of course, ongoing, but Sustainable Youlgrave has been assessing its progress so far and planning ahead for the next five years:

- An information and resource point for the villages will be set up.
- Questions will be asked as to how local woodland could provide a valuable energy source for valley heating systems. Ways of recycling things 'too good' to go the Darley Dale site are

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BANKSIDE WILDLIFE GARDEN

The wildlife garden is slowly winding down into autumn and winter. It's very mellow in the autumn sunshine and even had a dragonfly over the pond on 7 October! The sculptures are weathering and will soon look a permanent part of the garden. There has been a steady stream of visitors to the garden over the summer with quite a few children playing the willow 'instruments' and looking at the creatures in the pond. I have been collecting wildflower and grass seeds to scatter in the meadow part of the garden. I also started to cut that back to allow future seeds to flourish. This year has been the most prolific for wild flowers in the garden, so hopefully even more next year.

The green roof on the summer house is about to be installed. Asa Cooper has already strengthened the roof and a working party will be putting the substrate on the roof on Sunday 30 October. So do come down to the garden and have a look.

Maggie

being explored.

- With a series of energy forums alongside the Village Market and an intention to encourage, and possibly assist as needed, existing local groups with similar aims, the future five years look as busy as the last ones.

Get Involved

Much as been achieved - much more could be done, but only with your help. The more people involved, the more sustainable our community becomes. If you have ideas, comments, criticisms, suggestions and opinions, come along to our committee evenings and share them. From 7pm to 7.30pm, there will be space to discuss our joint sustainable future before the committee meeting proper gets going.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 15th November, 7pm at Youlgrave Reading Room.

Another way to support is to become a Friend of Sustainable Youlgrave. For just £5 a year you can help provide the necessary seed funding to develop all the ideas (and more), then grant funding can be sought to carry them out.

For more information and to contact us, phone Jeni Edwards on 636550 or go to our website at:

www.sustainableyoulgrave.org.uk

CALLING ALL PET OWNERS

In recent weeks I have come across two stray dogs in Youlgrave. One had no collar and the second did have a collar but no identity tag. I took both dogs to the vet to be scanned but no microchips were found. The first dog, a youngish fit animal, was left to be collected later by the dog warden and I was assured it would be re-homed. The second was elderly and more frail. I brought her home and kept her overnight. I put up posters and next morning toured the village with her and luckily she was identified and returned to her home. If I had not found where she was from she would have been collected by the dog warden after the weekend and given her age the outcome might not have been a happy one. If you love your pet please ensure that it has clear contact information on a tag or microchip.

Val Cornish

New 101 non-emergency telephone number for Police

Derbyshire Police has launched a new telephone number which will make it easier for people to get in touch with the force about issues that do not need an emergency response.

People will now be able to contact Derbyshire Constabulary by dialling **101**, which replaces the former 0345 123 33 33 non-emergency number.

It's part of a national drive to make it easier for people to contact police to report crime and disorder, with all forces using the number by the end of this year. The hope is that 101 will reduce the number of inappropriate 999 calls, allowing the force to respond to emergencies more effectively. By calling 101, you will be able to speak to the police force control room of your local

police service. Calls from landlines and mobile networks cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day you call or how long you are on the phone.

You should use 101 to report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response. For example:

- if your car has been stolen
- if your property has been damaged
- where you suspect drug use or dealing
- if you want to report a minor traffic collision
- if you want to give the police information about crime in your area
- if you want to speak to your local officers
- or general enquiries, like how to join the Special Constabulary or how to join Neighbourhood Watch.

Parish Council to meet Highway Authority to discuss roads issues

Youlgrave Parish Councillors are to meet Highway officers from Derbyshire County Council (DCC) in an effort to address ongoing problems over traffic in the village. They will be looking at specific issues such as pedestrian safety outside Youlgrave School and the Farmyard Inn, plus the dangers (highlighted by a recent petition from residents) of speeding traffic entering the village on Mawstone Lane. Councillors will also once more try to raise the seemingly insoluble problem of residents' parking in the village, including ongoing complaints from Bradford Road residents and most recently over a complete lack of roadside parking over a busy tourist weekend for particular householders at Coldwell End.



Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee

Should our community celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June 2012 in any formal way? Do you have any ideas or want to get involved in organising an event or activity to mark the occasion? The Parish Council is hosting a public meeting on **Monday 28 November** in the **Reading Room at 7.30pm** to hear your views and encourage debate. Look out for reminder notices around the village towards the end of the month.

Meanwhile, as Managing Trustees of the Alport Lane playing field Youlgrave Parish Council has dedicated the land under the official Queen Elizabeth II Fields scheme, which will safeguard the grounds for future generations in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. To learn more and show your support go to www.qe2fields.com



CAROL SINGING ROUND THE VILLAGE

We will be carol singing round the village on **Monday 12 and Thursday 22 December** in aid of Youlgrave Bangbutt Village Link. This local charity provides support to projects in Sierra Leone, West Africa – see their website at www.youlgravebangbutt.org

Everyone, especially children, will be very welcome to join us, whether you can sing in tune or not. All that is required is your energy and enthusiasm! We had great fun last year.

We will be meeting at 7pm (place to be arranged.) People are welcome to join or leave us at any point in the evening. Please bring warm clothes and a torch, and children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

If you would like to provide hospitality to the carol singers to warm their frozen parts, it would be much appreciated. Please contact Simon or Jayne and they will make sure that you are included in our route. (Whilst last year's slap up feast was wonderful, a simple cup of tea, sweets or a sausage roll just helps keep us outside and singing.)

We look forward to seeing you there!

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National Park Authority sets out views on direct elections

The Peak District National Park Authority, one of two national park authorities chosen by the Government to pilot direct elections, is recommending that all 22 of its council and parish members should be considered for election.

At present, the Peak Park is governed by 30 members, 16 of whom are councillors appointed by district, county and city councils within the national park, six elected by parish councils within the park, and eight appointed by the Government for their national expertise.

The Government recently completed a review of governance in all ten English national parks and asked for the Peak Park's views on how many council or parish members should be directly elected, without increasing the overall

size of the Authority. A majority of members decided it would be wrong to be selective about asking council or parish members to give up their seats, and therefore all 22 should be put forward, and it would be up to the Government to decide.

They also voted on the principles on which direct elections should be held, namely that local residents should achieve a greater sense of ownership of Authority decisions; that elections do not damage the working relationships with local authorities or parish councils; and that the most cost-effective and efficient process should be identified.

The Government has already ruled out elections for the eight nationally-appointed members chosen for their specialist knowledge of wider national park issues.



A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL



Saturday, 17th December 2011

7.30pm All Saints Church, Youlgrave

Tickets; £6.00 (£4.00 under 12's)

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Youlgrave W.I. is hip!

At our October meeting we entered the Village Hall with some trepidation. Would our evening's lithe and very fit speaker coerce any of us into her wonderful world of belly-dancing? The answer was – yes! Even those hiding at the back were handed veils, shawls and mini see-through jangly skirts and castanets after her a m a z i n g demonstrations, and somehow the beat of the music carried away any inhibitions as we swayed our hips, and we all agreed we had learnt so much whilst trying out the steps of this ancient dance-form, and had such fun in the process.

The following week, we were in for yet another spectacular treat at the Notty Hornblower costume Collection beyond Alstonefield. After coffee and ghostly tales in her cosy manor house, we trudged up to the Stables to view her mini 1940's museum (which many of us felt quite at home with!), and her fantastic range of beautiful dresses ranging from the Regency era up to the Fifties. You will have to visit her yourselves to appreciate the mass of wedding outfits, shoes, bags, and quite entrancing formal wear, which we were allowed to touch!

Additionally, some of us recently paid a visit to Great Longstone W.I., who hosted



Belly Dancers in full flow at Youlgrave W.I.

an excellent Group evening with the usual delicious supper (such wonderful trifles) and a thought-provoking and beautifully illustrated talk by an explorer of Laos and Vietnam, using air, sea and very local buses!

As part of our ongoing 'Supper club', we have so far enjoyed dining at The Cock and Pullet, Sheldon, and our own Farmyard Inn, with more venues to come.

Our next meeting on Tuesday 8 November is the AGM when our successes and future plans will be discussed.

New members are continuing to join our very friendly W.I. so please contact our President Lucy Stirling on 01629 630315 or 07880 541734 if you would like to 'have a go' or find out more.

Liz Hickman

Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: October

Wildlife interest for October has been dominated by birds. I was away at the end of September and beginning of October and missed the final departure of the swallows and the martins, so if anyone has a final date it would be good for my records. I received a report of about 600 swallows and martins feeding over the New Dam on the evening of 15 August. As dusk fell they dropped into the reeds to roost before continuing their journey south.

The middle of October produced a lot of sightings of birds of prey. Though not really local, I had an exciting view of a merlin chasing a meadow pipit above the Ladybower Nature Reserve on 13 October. On the 15th I had a report of eight buzzards soaring over New Road and saw a female sparrowhawk hedge-hopping at Coldwell End. I have had occasional visits from sparrowhawks in my garden since then and a report of a peregrine over the Dale. On the 16th I had a report of a probable osprey over the village. This is a very distinctive bird and I have seen them at Picory Corner and Bakewell Market in the past. They are also on migration at the moment so it was very possible. Any confirmation of this sighting is very welcome.

On the 22nd there were five buzzards soaring and making a lot of noise over Coldwell End. As the summer visitors depart the winter visitors arrive. I saw about 300 fieldfares near Taddington on the 16th with a few redwings and starlings and a flock of about 30 redwings



A redwing in Ian's garden.

on the Friden road on the 25th. These winter thrushes normally strip my holly tree of berries by the end of November, before they start on any cotoneaster berries left by the blackbirds. I will be looking for them around the village. Again, any sightings gratefully received.

On the 15th we had our first frost. I was beekeeping up at Coldwell End that morning. The bees started flying at about 10.30am as the sun came out. The Dale was full of mist almost to village level.

On the 11th I was working in Cheedale. The River Wye was in full spate and some of the river path was under water— but our river was dry. After the rain on the night of the 26th, I walked down Braemar Lane and was relieved to find quite a good flow of water. Walking upstream, however, I found that all of this was coming from the New Dam inlet, and the main river was still completely dry. I am looking forward to learning more at

the talk on 7 November (see item on pages 5-6).

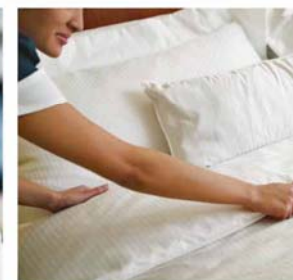
The planet Jupiter has been very visible this month and is by far the brightest object in the night sky apart from the moon. You can see several of its moons, with a pair of binoculars, in an almost horizontal line either side of the planet.

My thanks to all contributors and keep the reports coming. It doesn't have to be something rare and please don't assume I already know about it. I'm always pleased to hear from people.

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Area Community Forum

Tuesday 15 November, 7 pm
Agricultural Business Centre,
Bakewell

Come along and quiz Derbyshire Dales District Council, Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire Constabulary and the Peak District National Park.



Friday 11 November

MADE IN DAGENHAM (15)

A dramatisation of the 1968 strike at the Ford Dagenham car plant, where female workers walked out in protest against sexual discrimination. Rita (Sally Hawkins) lives in Dagenham and, like many local women, works at the Ford plant stitching together seat covers. It's intricate work carried out in sweltering conditions. So why, she wonders, are the workers paid the same as unskilled labourers? Is it because the work is unskilled? Or is it in fact because they are women? At some expense to their family lives, and with a little help from colourful political firebrand Barbara Castle (Miranda Richardson), the Dagenham women set out to overturn an age-old hypocrisy. 113 mins.

7.30pm, Youlgrave Village Hall.
Free to members or £4 on the door.
All welcome. Refreshments.

Renewable Heat Premium Payment Scheme

Households across the country can now apply for a Government grant of up to £1,250 to help towards the cost of installing renewable heat systems, such as biomass boilers, ground and air source heat pumps, and solar thermal hot water systems. Funding is also available to registered social landlords to improve their housing stock.

The scheme runs throughout Great Britain and focuses on homes **not heated by mains gas**. These homes can apply for grants for air source and ground source heat pumps, biomass boilers and solar thermal hot water systems. Grants for solar thermal are also available to households connected to the mains gas grid. There are minimum energy efficiency criteria which must be met before homes qualify for grants, and households must agree to monitor the performance of their heating system.

The Renewable Heat Premium Payment Scheme is scheduled to end in March 2012, but is cash limited. £15 million has been set aside to help households and social landlords under the scheme. Once the money has been allocated, no further funding will be available.

The scheme is being run by the Energy Saving Trust on behalf of the Department of Energy and Climate Change. For further information: www.energysavingtrust.org.uk.



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Mondays	Monday Club (Day Centre), Youlgrave Village Hall, 10am-3pm		Beginners class 7-8.30pm, The Barn, Greenfields Farm (636341)
Mondays	Yoga with Michele (815168), Village Hall, 4.55-6.25pm	Thurs	Youlgrave Silver Band, Methodist School Room, 8pm
Tuesdays	Yoga with Iris Pimm (636341), The Barn, Greenfields Farm, 7-9pm	2nd Mon	Mobile Library, Mt Pleasant 9.25-9.40am, Bradford Dale 9.45- 9.50am, Grove Place 9.55- 10.15am, Holywell Lane 10.20- 10.40am, The Pinfold, MbY 10.50- 11.20am
Tuesdays	Youlgrave Bell Ringers practice night, All Saints Church, 7.30-9pm		
Mon-Fri	Youlgrave Playschool, Scout & Community Hall, 9am-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	Bingo, Youlgrave Reading Room, 7.30pm		
Weds	Beavers and Cubs, Scout Hall, 6.30- 7.45pm (term time)	Last Tues of month	Youlgrave Parish Council meeting, Youlgrave Village Hall Committee Room, 7.15pm
Thurs	Bible Study and Fellowship group, Youlgrave Reading Room, 10am		
Thurs	Yoga with Iris Pimm, 9.30-11.30am		

LOCAL RECYCLING CENTRE

Instead of the District Council's Saturday morning waste collection service, which ended in the summer, you can now take your waste to a new public recycling centre at Harrison Way, Darley Dale, open daily 8.30am-6pm. It will take:

- furniture
- electrical items
- wood and chipboard
- green garden waste
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