

The **Bugle**

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Alport, Middleton and Youlgrave**

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Happy Christmas from the Bugle

The Bugle now takes its seasonal break and the next issue will be February 2012. Please send your contributions to the address on the back page by Wednesday 25 January 2012.

Thank you to everyone who has sent in material or helped out over the last year – please keep the news, reports, photos, notices and articles coming in.

Special thanks goes to the volunteer deliverers who ensure that you receive a copy of the Bugle through your door every month. Without them we simply would not be able to cover the whole community and provide this service. So, stand up and be counted:

Alport: Peter Stone

Middleton by Youlgrave: Billie & Esme Pursglove and family

Youlgrave: Jeni Edwards, Jenny Brown, Peter Ryder, John Sutcliffe, Jean & Peter Webster and Grove Place neighbours, Martin Bristow, Pat MacLeod, Lisa Lovell, Joy Frost, John Fussey, Graham Elliott, John Youatt, Jack & Jayne Goodwin and family, Tricia Donnison, John Wragg and Louise Davis. And special thanks to Pam Partridge, retiring from delivery after many years loyal service.

Welcome new arrival



Jack James Goodwin was born at Chesterfield Royal Hospital on 8 November at 9.02pm weighing 8lbs. We would like to thank all our family and friends for their cards, presents and kind wishes.

Leah & Jack (and Baby Jack)

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If anyone would like to send a **YBVL Trading Post Gift Card** this Christmas please contact Dianne Hewitt 636580. There are cards available for maternal health projects and for water and sanitation projects in Sierra Leone. The cards cost £5, £10, or £20 and make a very good present for those "hard to buy for" friends and relations.

YOULGRAVE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

Whist Drive

In aid of the Poppy Appeal

on **Tuesday 6 December** at 7.30pm

£3.00 entry fee (including refreshments)

Good prizes & raffle

Please come and join us

Everybody is welcome

Thank you for a great night!

David and Denise would like to thank everyone who supported the fundraising evening on Friday 4 November with Twice Around. Thanks to those who attended, those who gave donations and raffle prizes, those who bought and sold raffle tickets, Sean and staff for the bar and to David Birds and the band who never fail us in providing a thoroughly enjoyable night out – the dance floor was never empty! The village hall is a great facility on such occasions.

CHRISTMAS FUN QUIZ



at the Farmyard Inn

On Friday 9th December at 9pm

Quiz & raffle

Mince pies & card bingo

Christmas sing-along

Question Master Mick Partridge



Teams of four

£2 per person

**LET CHRISTMAS
BEGIN!**

POTS FROM FRANCE

WINTER EXHIBITION 2011

Opening: Saturday 3rd December
at 2pm, then daily 10am to 6pm
until Sunday 24th December
(closed Mondays)

Last year's snow prevented many people visiting in December. I look forward to meeting you this year with a selection of useable and decorative pots, including work by a number of potters that I have not exhibited for a several years.

Jack Blackburn, Bankside Cottage,
Bankside, Youlgrave, tel 636689.



Dear Editor

Thank you to the people of Pommie and surrounding areas that came and supported the coffee morning and sale on Saturday 29 October in aid of the Air Ambulance and Lifeboats. The fantastic sum of **£1,410.65** was raised. Thank you to everybody who donated the raffle prizes, fruits for the jams and chutneys, goods for the sale, everyone who helped on the day and also the raffle ticket sellers – we could not have done it without you. Thank you all again.

Anne Prince & Janette Mather
Youlgrave

PS The sale of jams, chutneys and marmalades will continue to be sold in aid of the Parkinson's Disease Society. Ring 636883.



Dear Editor

I feel the need to write and share with you and our local community what a wonderful afternoon I spent on Friday 18 November at Youlgrave All Saints Primary School. It was Children in Need day and a 'Back to front day' was organised to raise money towards this worthy cause. The children and adults all dressed in back to front outfits for which they all donated money to do so and had all made games in preparation for an afternoon of fun with fellow schoolmates for a chance to win goodies and sweets again all donated by the children.

Every single child at the school showed fabulous spirit and enthusiasm as they all in turn went from game to game, the entire afternoon emphasised what a kind and friendly nature the children all have for one another.

Well done to them all and also the staff for giving them the opportunity to be aware of helping others. They should be very proud of themselves – a credit to both our school and community.

Mrs Sally Fraser-Smith

Youlgrave All Saints School Association Christmas Fayre

We would like to invite you all to spend an evening of festive frolics and fundraising.

At 6.30pm on Friday 16 December in All Saints School Youlgrave we shall be holding our popular annual Christmas Fayre. Treat yourself to mulled wine, mince pies, tea or coffee and take a chance on our fantastically supported raffle with many wonderful prizes kindly donated from within our community, including our giant Christmas food hamper.

There will also be games that the children have made, lots of fun activities for the little ones, alongside timeless favourites like the Tombola, cake and preserve stall (donations welcome) - and maybe you might pick up a few gifts as well or pay a visit to our Santa's grotto?

Why not come along and enjoy what promises to be a wonderful evening; and if you haven't been inside the school for a while the this could be a perfect opportunity to take a look round all the exciting changes that have taken place at our "Small School with Big Ideas!" Raffle tickets are on sale now and available from The George Hotel in Youlgrave. Thank you for your support and see you on Friday 16 December at 6.30pm in School.



Peter Boucher Cavendish (1925-2011)

Major General Peter Boucher Cavendish was born in Kashmir in 1925 and then moved to Middleton-by-Youlgrave in 1929. He was always destined to be a Cavalry Officer. In Easter 1943 he learnt that his father (Brigadier General Cavendish) had been killed in Burma. When he reached 18 he volunteered for the army. In 1943 he spent the next six months at Oxford University. He was commissioned into the 6th Armoured Reconnaissance Regiment in a role that he could scarcely comprehend. "Why would anybody choose to leave an aircraft that was totally airworthy thousands of feet above the ground, with or without a parachute?" His regiment was due to be dropped onto Tokyo Bay, until the atom bombs destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

With the war over, he was posted to the British Mandate of Palestine and changed role from fighter to peacekeeper – there seemed little difference between the two. He mediated between Arabs and Jews and got no thanks for it. Very little has changed today.

After a whirlwind romance in 1951 he married Marion Loudon and they had three children, Simon, Mark and Rupert.

He did a short stint supporting Libya

(before Gaddafi) and then was promoted to command the 14th/20th Kings Hussars. In 1976 he became Colonel of the Regiment. His last military roles were within a completely different arena at NATO. Here he revelled in the similarities and differences between nations. Of particular note were the Greek and Turkish representatives who loved each other's company but were never allowed to vote the same way. Again, so very little has changed today!

He was loved by his soldiers. On the websites there have been a large number of postings that show this love and respect. Peter retired in 1981. It was a recession, so he ceased job hunting and started his own business. He looked around and decided that the best business to be in was (of course) rabbits! Not just any old rabbits, but big juicy fluffy white ones that were destined for the

French dinner table. He began working for a number of voluntary organisations and institutions, especially the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Family Association. He was extremely proud to be appointed High Sheriff of Derbyshire.

Around the same time he gained a seat on the Peak Park Planning Board and became vice chairman. This was a relationship that had its ups and downs. He was trying to persuade the Peak Park



Peter and Marion at Rock Cottage.

to allow solar panels to be put on his roof when he died. They suggested that he put them in the garden. No thanks!

His life was enriched by shooting, but mostly by the people who made up the shoot. He used to delight in sending the youngest member of the shoot to the top of the hill – often his son Rupert. He particularly enjoyed shooting when Marion was able to accompany him. He never really recovered from her loss. He had meticulously planned his life. In his plan, he was due to go first.

He was astute in military affairs. He was a man of integrity, loyal, professional and a true egalitarian. He did not suffer fools gladly, but could always be relied upon for help. He was a great believer that respect had to be earned and was not a right. Some of his more senior officers did not always appreciate his forthright manner – and thus he was widely respected within both military and civilian circles.

He was a man of principle, duty and very high demands – the highest demands were usually self-imposed. Together he and Marion had a combined strength that made them a truly awesome force.

He was a true gentleman in all ways.

John Youatt adds: Peter also served in Middleton village affairs, as Chairman of the Parish Council; opening their lovely garden on well dressing Saturdays; good humouredly trying to sort out the Trabant saga. He's fondly remembered by us all, especially stalwarts Brian Sheldon and Jenny Simpson. He was the best of Peak Park Members, incisive and pragmatic, a supporter of local people in all decisions, earning as ever the staff's respect. I remember our long conversations, putting the world to rights. Peter said wryly: "As we set off, they told us the Israelis were the good guys and the Palestinians the bad. I found the opposite was the truth"

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Youlgrave Panto celebrates 50 years

2012 promises to be an exciting year, with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the London Olympics and, much nearer to home and heart, Youlgrave's celebration of 50 glorious years of pantomime! If Dick Whittington were to be writing this, I'm sure he would refer to it as a Golden Milestone – and so it is. By any standards this is a truly wonderful achievement by amateur players, who through the years have brought fairytale wonder, magic, romance and comedy to literally thousands of people.

In the late 20s, Major Mockett ran two or three pantomimes, but then they stopped. Thirty years later the Village Hall became in need of major renovation and in the late 50s, with Mr Carter as Chairman, this was undertaken by a band of enthusiastic volunteers. However, money was needed to help towards the running costs of the hall and after the Secretary, Norman Wilson, had written and produced two very successful revues, enjoyed as much by those taking part as the audiences, the by now famous 'Youlgrave Pantomime' was born in 1962. That pantomime, 'Babes in the Wood' featured a large cast and several choruses, many backstage workers, scenery painters, lighting technicians and seamstresses (nothing changes) and was planned to run for five performances. Such was the great demand from the audiences that the run had to be extended to eight nights. (This has since been extended twice more and is now 12 performances!) With this very talented band of willing helpers, Norman went on to write two more pantomimes 'The Snowbird' and 'The Frog Prince' and then brought his total of productions up to five, setting the very high standards for those who followed in his footsteps.



The last night of 'Babes in the Wood' from 1962, featuring Mary Hall as Principle Boy Robin Hood, Vivienne Wragg as Principle Girl Maid Marion and Norman as writer/producer.

Norman continued to take a great interest in the pantomimes, helping in the design of the programmes and posters until a year ago.

2012 will also be the Chinese Year of the Dragon and it is a happy coincidence that the pantomime will be 'Aladdin', written and produced by Jan Wilson, both as a tribute to Norman, who died in January 2011, and to celebrate 50 Years of Pommie Panto! Once again, Nick Stacey will be Musical Director and Choreographer, bringing his special talents and wonderful sense of humour to the fabled town of 'Pommiekin.' This production features a lively chorus of

local youngsters, some appearing in the pantomime for the first time. We are also delighted to welcome several new members of the adult cast, thus ensuring that the great tradition of 'Pommie Panto' lives on.

The Sewing Ladies, under the expert eye of Wardrobe Mistress Dorothy Johnson, are very busy with the design and creation of the many costumes, for which Youlgrave has become famous. We have many hundreds of costumes, some of which we hire out to other companies, using the donations they give us to help buy the materials for our next show. Janet Pryor is in charge of the Millinery Team, creating many stunning headdresses, tailored to fit each member of the cast. Phillip Smith is once again leading the Scenery team in bringing the author's vision to the stage in six wonderfully painted backdrops; and Carol Sutcliffe and Jean Youatt are busy sourcing the varied props. Harold Lowe and Eric Rush, who was the Stage Manager 50 years ago, are making the most magical stage furniture, whilst Adrian Rhodes, son of Tom 'Mighty fine' Rhodes is the Stage Manager with a fine team of helpers. Dave Brown and Paul Garton will be designing and operating the stage lighting, including our two new spotlights being used for the first time during this show.

Whilst writing this piece I have thought yet again about the love and dedication

which bring about this pantomime year after year, about all the families who have been in the show or helped with it backstage, many of them now into second and even third generations. It is more than putting on an amateur performance, albeit for 12 performances, making this one of the longest running shows in the county, if not indeed in the country. It is about the wonderful sense of community effort at its very best, each one helping wherever they may over the five and a half months to bring this performance to the audience. It truly is a wonderful coming together of so many talents freely given to make Youlgrave Pantomime the highlight of the year for so many people and I am very privileged to be a part of it.

We could not manage without our Bookings Management team – once again Mike and Ingrid Newman have agreed to do this for us. The show, which starts its 12 performance run from 24 Jan – 4 Feb, nightly at 7.30pm, matinees Sat 28 Jan and 4 Feb at 2.30pm. No show on Sunday or Monday. Booking from 5-19 Dec and 3 Jan onwards, Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm. Adults £6.00 Children £3.00. SPECIAL PRICE 24 JAN ONLY, Adults £3.00 Children £1.50.

A warm welcome awaits you from the Front of House Team and we look forward to seeing you there – OH YES WE DO!

Jan Wilson

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News from Youlgrave School

Harvest: Mrs Wildgoose's Class presented the Harvest Festival in church on Monday 10 October. They performed brilliantly with exciting additions from Class 1 and 2. It was a superb presentation of singing, story and rap. Well done, children! We raised £65.76 from the collection at church for the Bishops Harvest Appeal. We made a number of hampers from donated Harvest fayre, which were taken to the Whitworth and Newholme hospitals; and some were delivered by the children to Granby House, the Monday Club and various elderly, local school neighbours. All were very gratefully received.

Long Service: Mrs Hobson has been a member of Youlgrave All Saints' CE (A) Primary School family for 25 years. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her dedication and support she has offered to many, many pupils and staff during her long service. Derbyshire County Council hold a Long Service Awards presentation to which she will be invited. We hope she enjoys her evening. Well done Mrs. Hobson on such a great achievement!

Poppy Appeal: The whole school enjoyed a very special assembly when we were joined by Mr Camm, Mr Oldfield and Sergeant Nick Barnwell who told us all about the role of the Royal British Legion, their work today and the Poppy Collection. We asked many, many questions about the wars, uniforms, life then and now and would like to say a big thank you to our visitors for taking the time to share their experiences with us. We sold Poppies to help the Royal British Legion and held our own Remembrance Service at 11 o'clock on 11 November led by Class 3; and Miss Priestley played the Last Post on her Flugel Horn.

Tag Rugby: Class 3 joined a Rugby Festival at Lady Manner's School on Tuesday 8 November. This was the first time we have ever entered a Rugby competition, but thanks to Mr. Halsteads coming to school to train us we were able to take part. We beat Curbar Primary School 3-1 and joined in rugby activities to promote our rugby skills. A great afternoon was had by all.



YOU LGRAVE CINEMA PRESENTS

It's a Wonderful Life (cert U)

Director Frank Capra's classic bittersweet comedy/drama starring James Stewart as George Bailey, a compassionate but despairingly frustrated businessman, who is facing financial ruin and is seriously contemplating suicide. Bumbling angel Clarence Oddbody (Henry Travers) is sent down to earth to help George by showing him what life would have been like if he had never existed. 130 minutes

Friday 2 December, 7.30pm at Youlgrave Village Hall, free to members or £4 on the door, refreshments, all welcome



CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

A Carol Service presented by the children of Youlgrave All Saints' C of E Primary School on Friday 16 December at 2.30pm, All Saints' Parish Church

SCHOOL NATIVITY- 'ARE WE NEARLY THERE YET?'

presented by the children of Youlgrave All Saints' C of E Primary School. Afternoon Performance: Tuesday 13 December at 2pm, All Saints' Parish Church. Evening Performance: Wednesday 14 December at 6.30pm, All Saints' Parish Church

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR BOTH SERVICES

Please support the Bugle in 2012

It's that time again when we invite local businesses, community groups and individuals to sponsor the Bugle for the year ahead. Rates remain unchanged at £25 for businesses and £20 for community groups and individuals, although donations of any size are always welcome! Thank you for your continued support, which enables The Bugle to remain a free community publication.

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YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Youlgrave Parish Clerk reports on a site meeting with Derbyshire County Council (DCC) Highways Dept to discuss traffic and highways issues in the village.

Earlier this month Parish Councillors met with two DCC Highways Traffic Officers to discuss three issues concerning residents.

The visit commenced outside the School and looked at the dangerous blind spot opposite the garage. Highways have promised to come up with a scheme to narrow the traffic flow to allow pedestrians – especially children – to safely view vehicles approaching from Alport and if feasible will submit a report to DCC Cabinet to approve funding.

The top of Stoneyside was studied next, with a view to providing a hatched white lined area to indicate to drivers the width needed for ambulance access and prevent parked cars encroaching on this. Council is in separate discussions

with Derbyshire Dales District Council to have “Stoneyside” street signs erected at the top and bottom of the road.

The group then walked to the entrance of the estate on Mawstone Lane to discuss speeding traffic issues with concerned residents. It was agreed that the 30mph signs could be moved beyond the houses with a village sign erected and possibly further measures to indicate the start of a built up area, although speed bumps are not being considered at this time. Highways Officers apologised that moving the signs is a legal process that can take up to a year to implement but would get the process underway as soon as they can.

Officers also took the opportunity to look at other outstanding issues with the Clerk while in the village and visited: the entrance to New Road, following the recent clipping of the wall; the danger posed by speeding cyclists passing close to the doorway of the Farmyard Inn; the T-junction at the far end of Conksbury Lane, where it was agreed that improved signage was needed to heighten drivers' awareness; the entrance to Coldwell End Car Park; and the location of 30mph signs at the top end of the village.

Matthew Lovell

Cut out and pop on your fridge so you have all the dates for the year!



YOULGRAVE VILLAGE MARKET'S 2012

11 th February	18 th August
14 th April	13 th October
16 th June	8 th December

Youlgrave Village Hall: 10am – 12noon



Contact Lucy for a stall on 01629 630315 OR email
stirlinglucyb@hotmail.com



SAVE MONEY AND BE WARMER THIS WINTER

Insulation Forum: 10 Dec, Village Hall

One of the best ways to reduce your energy bill is to make sure that your home is properly insulated, and there is a scheme out there to help you do it without spending a fortune. At the Village Hall on Saturday 10 December there will be a display and advice available to help you decide the best way for you, courtesy of the new District Council initiative. Come along and find out more.

Village Market, 10 Dec, Village Hall

There will be the usual **Produce Stall** for the sale of your surplus produce, be it veg, fruit or plants (by selling plants over the year I have built up a useful fund to cover my seed and compost order for next year's veg). Maybe you could make some Christmas decorations from garden materials to sell for charity or your own funds? By using the Produce Stall you don't have to fill a stall all by yourself, but just bring along what you can and it will be sold for you.

Sustainable Youlgrave action

Sustainable Youlgrave is working for just what its name says, which means a greener, more carbon efficient community. Everyone can join in – by planting flowers and trees for bees, by growing fruit with the Orchard Group, by supporting the Village Market, by using Sustainable Youlgrave hessian bags for shopping. These are our everyday faces, but work continues behind the scenes on larger projects for energy production and to support village action. For example, SY sponsored the recent very successful meeting about the River Bradford and is committed to supporting any actions which may come out of that meeting.

Would you like to take a more active part?

On the practical front we need help in distributing Village Market posters around the area, and we have a splendid noticeboard designed to advertise things for re-cycling, but at present it doesn't have a site – suggestions please. And come along to the Open Space before our next Committee Meeting to put forward your ideas, criticisms, proposals and hopes for the future of our village. That's 7pm Thursday, 12 January in the Reading Room – make a note in your new diary! Hope to see you there.

Jeni Edwards (636550)



YOULGRAVE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS MARKET



Saturday 10th December
10am - 12noon, Village Hall



FREE ADMISSION

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Tea, coffee and **mince pies** served.

Contact Lucy on 01629 630 315 for more information.

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Order your garden seeds via Youlgrave Horticultural Society

Those of you who like to do a spot of gardening may be interested in buying your seeds through Youlgrave & District Horticultural Society. This year we are using 'Suttons' again. If we have sufficient orders (which we usually do) we should qualify for a 40% discount on each packet of seeds and 15% on non-seed items. Brochures and order forms can be obtained from Carol Normington (The Tower, Bradford Road, Youlgrave, tel 636795). Orders will need to be placed by the beginning of January.

George recounts his colourful life and times

Granby House resident, George Parkinson, recently turned 90 and asked family and friends for donations to Ashgate Croft Hospice instead of presents. A total of £350 was generously. But he has also taken the opportunity to reflect on his hugely varied life.

George started his working career on the railways, then flew Lancasters for RAF Bomber Command, completing 40 raids over Germany and France. After the War he became a coal miner in South Yorkshire, then 18 years later took up greengrocery in Denby



George Parkinson

Dale. Next he moved to Blackpool and opened a boarding house, which he followed by buying and running a pub high up on the Pennines near Marsden, called the Great Western. Frequently cut off by bad weather, he returned to shop-keeping near Huddersfield.

George has recounted his life and times in a book called *I just had to get on with it!* which will be on sale (priced £8.50) in the village

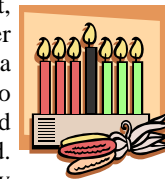
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 PEAK WIND ORCHESTRA
A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Saturday, 17th December 2011
7.30pm All Saints Church, Youlgrave
 Tickets; £6.00 (£4.00 under 12's)
 including refreshments
 Available from The Post Office or on the door

Christmas Memorial Candles in the church

Thanks to eight offers of help, the Memorial Candles will go ahead this year after all! So thank you very much to Catherine Birch, Margaret Pursglove, Doug Wardle, Joan Roper, Katherine Rhodes, Joy Frost, Mary Bartlett, Judy Taylor, Roger Easton and Louise Tindall. There is a new list on the table in church, as due to a number of bereavements and illnesses, some details had to be altered. Please check the list and make any alterations. Apologies for any mistakes but with nearly 400 candle names, labels, etc, mistakes do happen. Sorry, there was a misquote in the last Link – it is nearly 400 candles we have, not 600! But sometimes it feels like



6,000 with all the work involved. You can dedicate a candle to a loved one who is deceased, someone you know that is very poorly or just for family and friends whom you don't see very often. If you are new to this, just add your name & the name you want on your candle, to the list on the table in church. Put your 50p per candle in an envelope and give it to Barbara, Andrew or leave it at Parkers or Hollands' shops. **Please remember to tick the list in church that you have paid** or else you will continually be asked "Have you paid for your candle yet?" If you have any queries or want more information please contact Barbara 636601 or Lisa 630358.

CRIB SERVICE – ALL WELCOME

This year we welcome the 'new' Partridge family as Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus! Thank you Kate, Richard and Ethan for agreeing to do this. (Not sure if Ethan had a say in it!)

If you are a newcomer, a visitor or just haven't come to this event in the past, try it this year. It's a great way to start Christmas and one of the easiest ways to try to bring Jesus into your Christmas celebrations, especially for the children. It is a 'live' crib service, with a sheep, dogs, a donkey and not forgetting a real baby! 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. If you would like to borrow a costume, come to the area at the back of the church, under the tower, where there will be a few angel costumes, head-dresses (usually tea towels) for shepherds & crowns for kings. (Hopefully the vicar will at least wear a tea towel on his head this year if he wants to come as a shepherd!) No words to learn. The service lasts about 35-40 minutes and is lit by candlelight. *BS*

Shoebbox Service

The annual Shoebbox Service at church was, as usual, a happy and successful Service. It was very well attended and the total number of Shoebboxes collected was 176! Of those, 35 came from All Saints School and of the remaining 141 our friend Paula Marchbank, brought 73 from where she works! Many thanks to her and to everyone who filled boxes, which were then sent to needy children in Eastern Europe, Africa and Central Asia, to those children especially affected by war, disaster, and poverty. Operation Christmas Child Presenters, Helen and Pat Sabin, came to the Family Service and gave us a very interesting talk on what happens to our Shoebboxes when they leave us.

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River Bradford meeting – so where do we go from here?



The swimming pool – still dry in late November.

On Monday 7 November over 100 people crowded into the Top Chapel for a meeting organised by villagers to discuss the lack of water in the River Bradford this autumn. By then, parts of the river had been completely dry for 13 weeks and residents were questioning the likely causes and what possible action could be taken.

The meeting was chaired by Maggie Ford and began with a short presentation from Warren Slaney, Water Bailiff for Haddon Estate, who manages the river. He explained a little about the lifecycle of the river, including its precious wildlife such as the native white-clawed crayfish. There were further contributions from the National Park's Senior Ecologist, Rhodri Thomas, who said that the Authority wasn't aware that the Bradford had such an important population of this endangered species.

Four officers from the Environment Agency (EA) also attended the meeting and they explained that this year had been one of the driest on record. After analysing local data they said that a lack of rainfall was almost certainly the main reason for the Bradford drying up. However, they were challenged on some of their assumptions, not least the accuracy of their information on local borehole abstraction. Prof John Gunn, a respected hydrologist who has carried out research on problems with flow on the River Lathkill, said that not enough

was known about the Bradford catchment area and where the water actually goes. The role of the soughs dug long ago to drain the mines needs to be more fully understood, he said.

Directors of Youlgrave Waterworks also commented on the growing difficulties that they're facing with such a reduced supply of water. They said that the traditional spring has all but dried up and levels in the mine have also fallen considerably. There were questions from a number of residents, not all of which could be answered with any certainty! But it was agreed that more research was needed to better understand the Bradford catchment before any possible remedial action could be considered. There was particular concern at the likely effects that the disappearance of the water might have on local wildlife habitats, as well as on the long term future of Youlgrave Waterworks.

It has subsequently been suggested that a new, constituted partnership group or body could apply for funding to examine the issues in far more detail. Accordingly, a follow-up meeting has been arranged (see below) for all those who would like to take an active part in finding solutions and helping us all understand our river and the important role that water plays in our community – from wildlife to the Waterworks. Once more, it's an open public meeting and everyone is welcome. If you have any queries in advance of the meeting call Maggie Ford on 636189.

River Bradford – follow-up public meeting
Thursday 8th December
7.30pm at Youlgrave Reading Room



Youlgrave WI – “vibrant and buzzy”

This month saw our annual coffee morning on the 5th and themed accordingly with a red and black table for bonfire night! It was a great success and we raised a good sum of money for the WI. All the money raised helps in a variety of ways: educational and local trips for all our members, better speakers so that we can find out and learn more, and the chance to help out with supporting other causes close to the WI's heart.

Our AGM was very successful and it was reported that we have nearly 40 members and have found a new secretary and treasurer, after our long-standing post holders finally retired from their duties after 10 and 25 years respectively! Thank you again to Gloria McCaul and Margaret Deeming for all their hard work and support of the WI in these roles. We were then treated to an excellent poetry rendition from local man Simon Unwin, whose poems on parrots and politics were extremely entertaining!

On 16 November, four of the WI girls decided to 'Go Potty'... and paint and pot! Going Potty in Matlock Bath was the place where Christmas trees, fairies and snowman bowls were created. It was so much fun that we hope to organise a visit one evening next year by Anne from Going Potty to the Supper Club – watch this space!

We also had our Knit and Knatter – now renamed Craft and Chat – on the 23rd and it was excellent fun (as usual, more chatting than crafting took place!). The Supper Club enjoyed a trip to the Eyre Arms at Hassop too which was great fun, as always.

Over the next few months, the WI is busy with an evening trip to Chatsworth Farm shop on 6 December, its group Carol Service at Ashford in the Water on 9 December, and its Christmas celebration on the 13th, at which we are all bringing a plate of goodies,

dressing up in a Christmassy outfit (which will be judged) and having an evening of merriment.

Next year sees a host of new events and activities including: make up demo, candle decorating, Save the Children talk, making a will, breast screening (which is our January presentation from our own Cath Jones), poetry evening, trafficking (which, following the WI's campaign to legalise prostitution to protect girls – which will be extremely interesting) brown hares, local chocolate tasting walk and members' talent evening!

Going into my last year as President of the WI, I am especially proud of the WI in Youlgrave and all the new members who have joined and given us a go. We have become a really vibrant and buzzy group of girls and I so enjoy being a part of this. If you have not joined and want to come along and be a part of this buzzy, busy group – our Christmas celebration is on 13 December at the Village Hall at 7.30pm and our January meeting on 10 January. We hope to see you there.

If I don't see you before, have a fab Christmas and New Year.

Lucy Stirling

30 something WI enthusiast

To drivers on all roads (but especially on Church Street)

The rule of the road is a paradox quite
Both in riding and driving along
If you keep to the left you are sure to be right
If you stay to the right you are wrong.

Believed to be an old rhyme. Submitted by a Youlgrave resident.

Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: November

Firstly, another triumph for Bugle power! (*Good start to the article – Ed*) In my last article I mentioned a very promising but unconfirmed report of an osprey over the village. No sooner had the Bugle come out when I had a phone call to say that someone else had seen what they thought was an osprey, at the same time, but didn't think it could be. Oh yes it was and I was very pleased for all concerned.

The first week in November was very good for birds. I had a greater spotted woodpecker and two nuthatches on my feeder, a female sparrowhawk flying slowly high over the garden and a goldcrest flitting around the bushes. The woodpecker has continued to be a frequent visitor and I'm still getting the occasional nuthatch. I understand these are much more common on feeders as you go down Bankside. In the same week, large skeins of geese, almost certainly pink footed geese, flew over the village. These will be on migration from their breeding grounds in the Arctic to wintering areas on saltmarshes and fields near the coast in Britain. They pass over here every year.

On 7 November I finally finished grass-cutting the Playing Field Wildlife Area. There were lots of vole runs under the matted dead grass and I had a good view of some redwings. There have been occasional flocks of redwing and fieldfare over the village, but any reports of these in gardens would be appreciated.



Woodpecker damage – and remedy – on the Playing Fields Wildlife Area.

On 3 November I had my first good winter view of Orion over the Dale. This magnificent H-shaped constellation will be a feature of our southern sky for the winter months. Jupiter is still very obvious but, being a planet, does wander around.

On 10 November there was a youngish hedgehog on my drive in broad daylight. Although I love to see hedgehogs I am always worried by young ones out at this time of year, as they should be safely tucked up for the winter.

On 13 November I had a report of strange fungal growths in the fields below Hopping Farm. There are lots of these growing on grasses in the fields below the tennis courts too. They appear to be slime moulds.

Formerly classed with fungi, they are now in a group on their own and are very strange indeed. More on these next time.

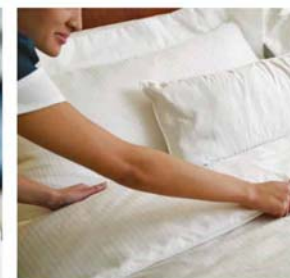
On 22 November two of us checked and cleaned the ten nest boxes on the Wildlife Area. Four of these had been badly attacked by woodpeckers opening up the entrance holes. One of these had a nest and we have now plated them. There were four good tit nests in the remaining six – a much better year, as there were only two nests last year.

My thanks to all contributors and please keep the reports coming in. It all helps to give a picture of wildlife around the village.

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Bankside's new green roof

The long sunny autumn has been very lovely in the Wildlife Garden, with dragonflies as late as 7 October! We decided to have a celebration of the garden with tea, photos and recordings of the concerts. This took place in the Reading Room and allowed some of us to recover from the morning activity of putting the substrate on the roof of the summer house in the garden. This now means we have a green roof on the building and all we have to do now is wait for the flowers and grasses to appear in the spring!



The new roof on Bankside takes shape.

Realistically it will probably take a few years to really become established. Maggie and Cath are already joking about having to get up onto the roof to do some weeding! Asa Cooper and his team did a great job of preparing the roof for us by strengthening the roof and installing the layers of lining. Getting the bags of substrate down Bankside and onto the roof was no mean achievement.

Our AGM reported back on the very successful children's sculpture project and the equally successful summer concert – now a must in the Youlgrave calendar. We are now compiling a list of friends and supporters of the garden so that people can be kept up to date with its progress and any events. Maybe a bat watching event next year? Please do contact Maggie if you would like to be added to the list.

We are about to add a solar panel to the building, which means there will be lighting in the interior. This will be particularly useful for looking at the interpretation material, as well as for the children doing some of the excellent 'Search for creatures' project supplied by newcomers to the village, Margaret and Marian. **Maggie 636189**



VILLAGE CAROL SINGING

*This will take place 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. On Monday 12th meet at the George at 7pm. The planned route (time and circumstances allowing) is: New Road, Conksbury Avenue and Bradford. On Thursday 22nd meet at the Bulls Head at 7pm. The planned route (time and circumstances allowing) is: Brookleton, High Street, Conksbury Lane, Moor Lane, Westcroft Close.*

*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 particularly appreciate hearing a few carols, or know of anyone else who would, please let Jayne or Simon know (636523 / 07706 956067). We look forward to singing with you or to you! **Simon & Jayne Northcott***

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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		

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