



The

# Bugle



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

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## **Our disappearing river: photos and memories needed**

Do you have any photographs which show the River Bradford in the past? Do you remember how the river used to be and how it may have changed in recent years? Do you remember times when the river dried up, as it did last year? If so, the new 'Bradford River Action Group' would like to hear from you.



The background to this, as reported in a previous article in the

*The so-called Fisherman's Hut on the River Bradford.*

Bugle, is the meeting in November held in the Top Chapel when over 100 people came together to hear about the problem of the lack of water in the River Bradford last year. A further meeting followed in December which fewer people attended but where there was sufficient interest to form a community group to start to investigate what is happening, not just to our river but to the flow of water into and out of the whole of the Bradford Valley and what action might be needed to sustain it. This is important for the supply to Youlgrave Waterworks, as well as for wildlife and our own enjoyment of 'The Dale'.

The group is still forming and others who are interested are very welcome to

join us. At present we are Maggie Ford (Chair), Jo Hepper (Treasurer), Pat Coleman (Secretary), Warren Slaney, Andrew McCloy, Dave Brown, Christine Gregory, Nicky Phillips and Fred Baker.

We shall be at the village market on Saturday 11 February where we will have a scanner to copy photographs on the spot. We do need to know in what year the photograph was taken and the time of year, if not the exact date. Alternatively, please speak to any member of the group. We also want to try and record on a map all the local names people use for different parts of the river and surrounding areas, and we hope you will be able to help us with this too.

*Pat Coleman (tel 636586)*

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### Royal British Legion Women's Section

Forthcoming events for the Legion are:

**Quiz and Cheese & Biscuits**

Thursday 2nd Feb, 7.30pm, at the Knoll Club

**Pudding Tasting**

Wednesday 7th Mar, 2pm, at the Village Hall

**Whist Drive** - back by popular demand!

Tuesday 20th Mar, 7.30pm at the Reading Room

Everyone is welcome

### ***Youlgrave Waterworks Limited*** **Change in methods of water rates collection**

Due to conditions imposed by our insurers relating to collections of cash and cheques, the Board has decided reluctantly that the twice yearly rate collections at the Village Hall Committee Room are no longer possible. Full details of how payments can be made in future, including details of the Waterworks bank account, will be included with the next water rate demand. Please note that provision will be made for those who wish to do so to continue with making payment in two instalments.

### Christian Aid

In 2011 Youlgrave, Middleton and Alport donated £1,120 to Christian Aid, which was a wonderful achievement. However, this collection didn't come easily. It involved the hard work of about 17 people, who go about delivering & then collecting the envelopes and many, many thanks to them. Similarly, hard work has been carried out for many years by Lisa Bingham, Dorothy Oldfield and Joan Roper. Lisa has been the main co-ordinator, liaising with Christian Aid centrally, and giving out the envelopes to the 17 collectors. Dorothy and Joan have been sitting at home counting out the money! It means opening all the envelopes, counting and recording the contents, and banking the money.

Lisa, Dorothy and Joan now need a well earned rest and our many, many thanks to them. We specially need to thank Dorothy, who has been treasurer and running her Christian Aid coffee mornings for more years than I'm sure anyone can remember! Thank you so much Dorothy.

It would be sad if Youlgrave and area were unable to continue this good work. We desperately need volunteers to carry on this good work. It does NOT need to be churchgoers or Christians. It is ONLY once a year. We need at least 4 helpers, two to carry on each branch of the work. For the first year both Lisa and Joan will work alongside the new volunteers. Please help! If you feel you could possibly help please ring Barbara on 636601. Thank you in advance.

## Welcome new arrivals



*Mark and Elizabeth Fisher (nee Shimwell) are pleased to announce the early arrival of **George James Shimwell Fisher**, weighing 6lb 13oz, on 28th December 2011. All are now doing very well.*



*James and Hannah Parker are pleased to announce the arrival of **Noah George Parker** on 19th December 2011, weighing 6lb 1oz. Both mother and baby are doing well.*



### **Thank you Pommie People!**

Dear Editor

My New year started with a painful bang; I went down with a particularly virulent dose of Shingles. The first thing I had to deal with in a haze of agony was finding alternative arrangements for a client. I run a Speaking and Presentation skills consultancy and was due to work with an anxious Head Teacher facing a gruelling interview. Help was at hand in the shape of a top consultant in the village, Nicky Phillips, who took on my client at less than 24 hours notice. Next major issue: the dog. Unfortunately dealing with an owner with illness had never been on her 13 year agenda and "2 walks please" was of course expected. Fortunately she is a very well behaved dog and the offers started coming in - even from one person who had never walked a dog before! And the neighbours? To die for! Shopping, fire lighting, hoovering, ironing, cooking delicious food, fixing the TV, taking me to the doctors - the list goes on! I had anxious phone calls from family in London wanting to know how on earth I was coping in a country village - no big city support? Youlgrave, of course, was wonderful. I feel so privileged and lucky to live here. Thank you ALL!

Maggie Ford, Bankside

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**To discuss your  
needs and for  
further information  
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Village Market on  
Saturday  
11 February.**

**For more details on  
a useful local  
insulation scheme  
turn to page 14.  
And for the Village  
Market see the ad  
on page 16.**



## Duncan Charles Nuttall (1951 - 2011)



### For Duncan

Tangled thoughts of when we met  
Of mixed emotions, fear and joy  
A scraggy tot with startling eyes  
Who laughed and screeched, a scary boy.  
A boy demanding this and that  
With fierce pluck and flashing smile.  
Determination was the word,  
He'd not give in or rest a while.  
He conquered hearts on his way through life  
Respect and admiration too  
Judo kids and ailing mates  
He gave his time and patience to  
Larger than life and energised.  
No calmness in his family life  
But Dunc meant everything and more  
To all his kids and Pam his wife.  
From bedside stories told by Dad  
A small grey mouse living up Moor Lane.  
He moved through rock and skiffle bands  
And bravely learned to suffer pain.  
Last orders, towels thrown over pumps  
We raise a glass of beery brew  
Here's to you, Dunc, and special cheers  
From all who loved and cherished you.

*Duncan Nuttall passed away at home with his family after a long battle with bowel cancer. The family wish to thank all family, friends and neighbours for all their kind thoughts and cards at this sad time. This poem was written by a family member and we thought it was nice reflection on Duncan and his life.*

### Bangbutt Village Link Carol Singing

Thank you to everyone who sang, listened, donated and provided sustenance on the two nights of carol singing this year. Apologies to all the houses we didn't manage to visit. Thanks also to Jeremy and Dianne Hewitt who provided the carol sheets and collection boxes.

A special thank you to the vicar and his wife, Eileen and Robert Lowe, and Phil Smith, all of whom fed and watered us. It may not have been as cold as last year but it was very welcome, and a wonderful way to finish the evenings.

Congratulations to all the carollers who braved the rain and wind on the first night, a truly heroic performance. It was wonderful to have the enthusiastic children on the second evening. They did a great job collecting the money. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. We raised £221.40 to help train maternal health promoters in Sierra Leone.

See you next year!

*Simon and Jayne Northcott*

## Eric Rush (1926 - 2012)

A quiet and truly gentle man, Eric died as a result of complications after a fall during the Christmas period. He was born at Westcliffe-on-Sea, Southend, into a family of Thames Estuary fishermen, even then a fast-disappearing occupation. He had early memories of an aunt, "a strong lass", rowing a little boat out into the Estuary waters so the men could fish.

He was evacuated to Mansfield during WW2. His aptitude for engineering was already apparent and he was apprenticed to the Royal Ordnance Factory in Nottingham when he left Mansfield Grammar School. Aged 19, he was called up for National Service which he spent largely in Trieste and Pula, in Italy, a country he loved all his life. He returned several times, visiting for the last time in 2010 with his sister, Christine.

It was in Nottingham that he met his wife, Beryl, a trainee nurse, at a Valentine's Ball, but it seems he had spotted her at the ice-rink sometime before. Her fitted, flared and very short skating dress may have had something to do with it. The couple married at St Giles' Church, Hartington, and at first lived at Friden, where their first son, David, who sadly predeceased his parents, was born in 1955. Moving to Youlgrave shortly afterwards, the couple owned a small cottage down Bankside, now demolished, where Peter and Simon were born, before becoming some of the first residents of Grove Place when building work was completed in 1964.

Eric worked as the sewing machine mechanic at Granby Garments, Bakewell, then, from the late 1960s at Cintride,

Bakewell, moving from the shop floor to management until his retirement.

An enormously gifted and creative man, Eric found an outlet for his talents in Youlgrave pantomime. He was Stage Manager for the first panto in 1962, a post he retained for several years. He and Beryl made the silver screen drop curtain still used today, and Jan Wilson remembers that he used to make a model for every scene in every panto to make

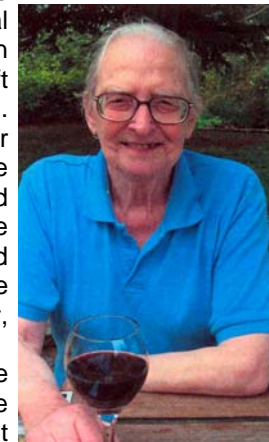
sure every set was correct to the smallest detail. In retirement, Eric returned to the back stage team, making props and assisting with lighting and special effects. He was busily engaged in making a set of 'vanishing boxes' for Aladdin when he died.

Essentially, Eric was a family man, enjoying the company of his grandchildren and re-establishing contact with his own family, disrupted by the evacuation. He was a member of the Village Hall Committee.

Retirement brought him the time for music, painting, model making and getting to grips with IT, but it will always be the panto for which he will be remembered. Whatever was required, Eric could make it, like the White Knight in 'Alice Through the Looking Glass', it was all his own invention, but unlike the White Knight, his inventions always worked.

*Peter and Simon Rush*

*The family would like to thank everyone who have sent cards and messages of condolence or otherwise expressed sympathy. They have been overwhelmed by this kindness and ask for everyone's patience and understanding if they cannot thank everyone personally.*



## Performance Poetry at School

*Class 2, led by Mrs Humphreys, has been looking at Performance Poems, those which are designed to be read aloud. This is a collaborative effort from all the children inspired by the story 'Alex and the Terrible, Horrible, Very Bad Day' by Judith Viorst.*

### A Very Bad Day!!

I woke up this morning...

My hair stuck up,  
I spilt my drink on the floor,  
And the dog ate my breakfast.  
I knew it was going to be a very bad day!

I slipped on some soap,  
I spilt toothpaste down my clean jumper,  
My toast got burnt,  
I knew it was going to be a very bad day!

I rolled out of bed,  
My trousers were covered in dirt,  
I tripped over the washing lying on the stairs,  
I knew it was going to be a very bad day!

I put my socks on inside out,  
My covers fell onto the floor,  
There was no milk left in the fridge,  
I knew it was going to be a very bad day!

My dog bit my big toe,  
The cat chased the postman.  
The zip on my trousers was broken,  
And yes, it turned out to be a very bad day!!

## Youlgrave All Saints' find fun in First Aid



Classes 2 and 3 at Youlgrave All Saints' CE (A) Primary School have achieved their Young First Aider Certificate. They spent a whole day with St John's Ambulance developing their skills of bandaging, resuscitation and first response.

Headteacher, Mrs Jackson, said: "In spite of being quite worried by the many cries for 'help!' that could be heard around the school and the number of pupils who sustained fake injuries on the day, the children worked incredibly well to support and care for all of their 'injured' peers. I was very proud of the positive comments the children received from the trainer, Mrs Pope, about their levels of questioning and their detailed responses to the given situations."

The children received a mixture of training through note-taking, listening, watching demonstrations, following instructions and hands-on practical experiences to develop their learning.

One pupil said: "It was an awesome experience and great fun. I learned lots of new things."

## Golden Boy James

On 30 November 2011 I went to St James's Palace in London to receive my Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The presentation was made in the presence of Prince Philip. I was among 358 others receiving their Gold awards. I was very fortunate to attend St James's Palace, which is never open to the public and is only used for D of E presentations and special royal receptions. I would thoroughly recommend doing D of E. It has taken me to many interesting places, meeting many interesting people.

**James Parker**

*Youlgrave D of E Group is really proud that James Parker has become the first member of the group to gain his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. This prestigious award takes a lot of commitment and hard work to achieve and James has definitely put this in. For his physical section, James has become a proficient climber, both on rock and indoor walls. James showed his ability with animals by gaining Horse Management and Handling. Without James's help we would have really struggled to keep the group going and he was able to use this for his volunteering section. As well as these three sections, Gold Participants are required to attend a residential course. James travelled to North Wales to complete a Mountain Leader Training Week, an intense week's course, both mentally and physically. Finally, the expeditions – participants need to complete both a practice and assessed expedition over mountainous terrain. This involves walking over 50 miles, carrying everything needed for camping and existing for the four days, food, fuel, clothes, tents etc. James completed his assessed expedition in the Lake District during an incredibly wet week when they did not have one dry moment. We'd like to thank James for his continued help and to congratulate him on his achievement – he truly deserves it.* **Penny McCloy**



YOULGRAVE CINEMA PRESENTS

## Black Swan (cert 15)



**Friday 10 February, 7.30pm at Youlgrave Village Hall**

*Free to members or £4 on the door, refreshments*

A psychological thriller set in the world of the New York City Ballet. Natalie Portman gives an Oscar winning performance as Nina, a ballet dancer who wins the lead in 'Swan Lake' and is perfect for the role of the delicate White Swan - Princess Odette. But Nina has a rival in the company, a new dancer who is ideally suited to the role of Odile, the Black Swan, and the two dancers become locked into a web of combative intrigue. (108 mins)



## News from All Saints School Association

Firstly, may we take this opportunity to say what a success our 2011 Christmas Fair was – a wonderfully festive evening was held in school on 16 December. There was great support from our local community who attended in droves to share in sipping mulled wine, trying their luck on our children's imaginative games and generously supporting our various stalls. Overall the evening managed to raise a fantastic sum of £1,200. This fabulous amount was helped along hugely by our generous local businesses and community, who donated prizes to our raffle including a £200 cheque donation from **Long Rake Spar Co**, £25 cheque donation from **Mark Shearing**, £50 voucher from **Derbyshire Aggregates**, **Monkee Genes** adult and child vouchers, £25 M&S voucher from **Omya UK**, **George Hotel** meal for two, **Holland's** butchers, **Youlgrave Parish Council** and much more – please accept our apologies if you donated a prize and we did not mention you, but be informed that every prize received is fully appreciated. The overwhelming response reaffirms what a strong and giving community we share. We still have a couple of uncollected prizes from the evening, so if you won the Hollands butchers voucher, Biggin Hall Luncheon Voucher or the Monkee Genes adult voucher please contact Sally Fraser-Smith 01298 687103.

**BLUE BAGS:** it really is that time of year again where the familiar blue bags will be dropping through your door. Our next collection will take place on **THURSDAY 22 MARCH (9am)**. As usual, your bags will be delivered shortly before this date and can be filled with any unwanted items of clothing, textiles, bags, shoes, belts and soft toys. The filled bags will be gathered from your gate and delivered to school from where they will be collected. The bags are then taken away and weighed. This has proved to be a fruitful fundraising venture and as always your support is thoroughly appreciated.

### Only Connect

*In the hall, Tuesday night, a meeting was held  
to explore the reasons our river ran dry.  
A lack of good rainfall and human's old footfall\*  
explained why nature had gone so awry.*

*On rising on Wednesday we turned on the taps.  
No water came out, so we raised hue and cry  
'cos we thought for a mo' that the stores were too low  
– the prognosis appeared very scary.*

*It turned out a pipe had burst near the source  
and water came back on the very next day,  
but the thought of the mess of a life waterless  
was a lesson that no-one could bury.*

*Each June in our hills we decorate wells  
to bless and pray for continued supply.  
The present position makes the ancient tradition  
an important one still to apply.*

*We ignore at our peril the truth we can see,  
what comes out of the taps first comes out of the sky.  
With no sign of the latter, no pitter nor patter,  
there's no flushing of loos howe'er hard we try!*

Jeni Edwards

*\*As you probably know, lead miners of yore dug  
drainage systems from their workings which are called  
soughs, and water is often channelled away from the  
closest river source by these tunnels.*

As Youlgrave Websight enters its ninth year, I'd like to know what needs updating

and refreshing. The site was created as a resource for people living in the village, and as an advertising tool for local businesses wanting to sell their products and services to visitors. At present, [www.youlgrave.com](http://www.youlgrave.com) is the first result on Google when searching 'Youlgrave' and [www.youlgreave.com](http://www.youlgreave.com) is not too far down the list when searching for 'Youlgreave'. Initially funded through grants, Youlgrave Websight was designed to offer a first year's advertising free of charge but to then go forward as a paid for service. Since then I have continued to manage the site (at no charge) and I extend that offer for the foreseeable future.

Living in Nottingham I rely on you to tell me if there is anything out of date on the site so that I can update it. Just provide the information and I'll do the work!

There are listings of accommodation and service providers, as well as the diversity of groups and events that the villages can be proud of.

Will village groups and organisations

## YOULGRAVE WEBSIGHT

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please submit material to me so I can develop a dedicated page for them. You'll

see examples for Bankside Wildlife Garden, [www.youlgrave.co/Bankside\\_Wildlife\\_Garden](http://www.youlgrave.co/Bankside_Wildlife_Garden) and Sustainable Youlgrave [www.youlgrave.com/Sustainable\\_Youlgrave](http://www.youlgrave.com/Sustainable_Youlgrave).

If your group or organisation would like a page on Youlgrave Websight, please send text in an email or text file such as Word along with good quality jpg or similar images to [emma@youatt.co.uk](mailto:emma@youatt.co.uk) (sorry, I don't get good results from images embedded in documents or from PDFs). Or simply put it in old-fashioned writing and drop it off with the Bugle editor (see back page for address).

I am reluctant to change the format of lists such as accommodation because I believe they are simple to read and a certainly easy to maintain. This can very easily include a link to a site that you look after, where you can include as much detail as you want.

So, look at the website to see what's already there. And if your village business, group or organisation isn't already listed, please get in touch!

Emma Youatt

Kate Partridge and the Lorains family would like to thank everyone that took part in and sponsored the fancy dress walk in aid of Blythe House Hospice, on 27 December 2011. In memory of Kate's mum, friends and family dressed up wearing something beginning with the letter P (for Pamela Lorains). If you were out walking along the Monsal Trail on that sunny Tuesday afternoon you would have been in the company of pigs, pandas, penguins, pea pods, pirates, parrots and many more interesting outfits. The Stable Bar, Packhorse Inn and Crispin provided well earned drinks along the way. The event was a huge success and raised over £3,000 for Blythe House Hospice! A huge thank you for your generosity and support!





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## The Councillor's Column



*This is the first of a regular column by Cllr David Frederickson, Derbyshire Dales District Councillor for Bradford & Lathkill ward.*

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### GET YOUR LOFT INSULATED CHEAPLY WHILE STOCKS LAST

I wrote about this in last September's Bugle, but I want to remind everyone of the new subsidised home insulation scheme being promoted in Derbyshire Dales. The Government will soon be moving the goalposts so I'd advise you to get in quick before it is too late. Derbyshire Dales Council is in partnership with Apex Carbon Solutions, a large national company, to promote 'Warmstreets', a new domestic energy efficiency scheme. It's funded by the energy companies and offers substantial savings. Prices start at £49 for loft insulation and £99 for cavity walls. And if you are over 70 or in receipt of benefits the work could be free. This offer is available throughout Derbyshire Dales and could be a good opportunity for residents of Youlgrave to make their homes more energy efficient at a heavily discounted price. Local people who have had the survey done say that they have been happy with the advice and assistance given to them so don't be afraid to ring up – you could be saving yourself some money. A free survey can be arranged by phoning: 0800 043 9569 or 0333 577 9569 (freephone for mobiles). There is also information on the *Warmstreets* website at: [www.apexcarbonsolutions.co.uk](http://www.apexcarbonsolutions.co.uk) or contact me, David Frederickson, on 636586 and [mail@davidfrederickson.com](mailto:mail@davidfrederickson.com).

## YOULGRAVE BEE GROUP

So far, this winter has been kind to our local bees. The group has taken four hives and eight associated hives – owned by members – through the winter. Due to the mild weather, as the colonies will have remained pretty active inside the hives, we've fed them. Nothing less than Christmas cake icing. Now's the time we're all thinking of what to plant for the coming year, so can I suggest a few additions for all the wildlife, but particularly our bees? After all, we'll all be treated as a result, with an abundance of honey, or so we hope!

1. Create a mini wildlife area in a corner.

2. Plant any of these for nectar and pollen for the bees. They are all fully hardy, disease resistant old varieties and you can save the seeds to plant again, remembering to leave some to flower:

Chives – *Allium schoenoprasum*  
Avis Hyssop – *Agostache Foeniculum*  
Borage – *Boago officinalis*  
Purple sprouting broccoli – any  
Coriander – *Coraindram sativum* – best Moroccan  
Courgettes best – *Nero di Milan*  
Squash best – Butternut  
Viper's Bugloss – *Echium vulgare*  
Sunflower – *Helianthus annuus* best  
Russian Mammoth  
Meadow Crane'sbill – *Geranium pratense*  
*Phacelia tanacetifolia*  
Woundwort – *Solidago virgaurea*  
Wild Pansy – *viola tricolor*  
Broad beans – best *Supe Aquadulce*  
Runner Beans – best Scarlet Emperor

3. We are continuing to collect your used 1lb HONEY JARS (only) at Figg's shop.



## Triple success for Youlgrave W.I.

Last December, 25 of us enjoyed a repeat of our previous delicious visit to peep 'behind the scenes' at the Chatsworth Farm Shop in Pilsley. Suitably bonneted and aproned, we split into groups for tours and talks in the spotless butchery, and a tasting of freshly cooked sausage, the fascinating fish counter, the amazingly productive bakery with suitable samples, and finally the mouth-watering deli, after which our drinks and extra cakes were served in the lovely restaurant, before shopping till we dropped after a very busy evening.

Our December meeting in the village hall proved to be the usual fun and games thanks to the Committee's hard work. Many of our growing membership enjoyed Jennifer's themed quiz, the Stand-Up bingo (yes, you can try this at home!), Dorothy's ways with napkins, and Liz McCloy's reading of an 'angel' story, not forgetting the marvellous fancy dress ladies, with the first prize going to Jean Stacey as a very bright rosy-cheeked elf! Thanks to Jill Griffiths for accompanying us during the carol singing, and again to the Committee's choice of truly wonderful raffle prizes. The excellent food and drinks were unsurpassed, and our Treasurer Kate's cupcake mountains were a delight of mint and lavender!



The January W.I. meeting advised members to produce 'unusual underwear' for the monthly competition, accompanying the more serious subject of Breast Screening, relayed by our own member, Cath Jones. With 35 years experience as a radiographer, Cath talked us through various statistics and scenarios, using 'films' of differing conditions, allaying any fears of the actual screening process which uses digital imaging to diagnose potential problems, and she explained the modern procedures of treatments available. As 128 women a day are screened in Sheffield alone, the importance of this life-saving screening facility was highlighted with factual sensitivity, and many appropriate questions were forthcoming after a very informative and valuable talk.

Our February meeting includes a talk on 'Save The Children' and March promises to be a meeting with a difference! If you would like to try a meeting and find out more about our W.I., our supper club, outings, and new Craft and Chat sessions, please contact our President Lucy Stirling on 01629 630315 or 0788 0541734.

Liz Hickman





## Memorial Inscriptions

Youlgrave Church now has a book containing a list of inscriptions on graves in the churchyard, on memorials inside the church, the Wesleyan Reform Chapel and in the Methodist Church up to 1998. And here's a plea – we could do with a volunteer to make a list of the graves since then... and perhaps be the contact for access to the book. Any offers? Contact Garrie for a look at the book or to volunteer on 630409.

*Cyril Rowland left all his music CDs and DVD collection to the Church, together with some bric a brac to be sold for Church funds. Many of the CDs & DVDs have now been sold. They are mostly classical and if you would like to look through the remaining ones please contact Barbara on 636601. Having one or two of them is a nice way of remembering Cyril. Amongst the collection were a set of 14 National Geographic 'Hidden Worlds', 14 'Wild Animals' and six 'The Natural World'. It was decided it would be a shame to separate them all, so they are being kept together and anyone wishing to borrow them, please contact Barbara on 636601.*



## YOULGRAVE WINTER VILLAGE MARKET



**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February**  
**10am - 12noon, Village Hall**



**FREE ADMISSION**

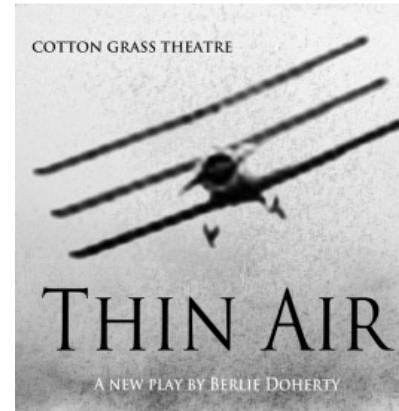
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**Contact Lucy on 01629 630 315 or [stirlinglucyb@hotmail.com](mailto:stirlinglucyb@hotmail.com)**

## Use Your Garden Stall at the Village Market

At the next Village Market on Saturday 11 February there will be the usual garden stall where we can sell on your plants and produce for you. But it being a time of year when plants and produce are not so abundant, this Market will see our first **ANNUAL SWEED SWAP AND SALE**. Bring along clearly labelled and safely packaged seeds that you saved from last year's plants, or unfinished packets of seeds you no longer want. All packs of seeds will be priced at 50p so you can bring and swap, bring and buy, or just bring or just buy. Obviously we can't say that the seeds are certified in any way, nor guaranteed to germinate, but locally grown plants will suit local conditions so there might be an advantage there. Do join in – and make a note to save lots of seeds from vegetables and flowers this year for next year's sale. If you have any queries contact Jeni Edwards on 636550.

Cotton Grass Theatre presents:



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## Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee

How should Youlgrave celebrate it?

In June 2012 it is the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and various ideas have been suggested to celebrate it locally:

### Picnic on the playing fields

Come and join in a village picnic on the Alport Lane playing fields on the afternoon of Sunday 3rd June. Bring your own food and drink. Perhaps local groups could put on games and entertainment?

### Jubilee Beacon

Beacons are being lit around the UK on Monday 4 June to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. Should Youlgrave have one and if so where should it go?

Already several village groups have indicated that they would like to take an active part in organising events, including the W.I., British Legion, Scouts, Church and Parish Council. If you would like to know more or get involved in any way please come along to an open public meeting on **Tuesday 7 February at the Reading Room at 7.30pm**. If you can't make it but would like to contribute in any way then contact Parish Council Chairman Andrew McCloy on 636125 or [andrew.mccloy@btinternet.com](mailto:andrew.mccloy@btinternet.com).

Already, 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 Jubilee.

## Your chance to influence DCC on off-roading

Derbyshire County Council is consulting the public on a new policy for managing off-road vehicles on the Peak District's green lanes. **Patricia Stubbs** of the **Peak District Green Lanes Alliance** explains what is wrong with the policy and what you can do to make it better.

Everyone living in the Peak District knows about the damage to the environment and the danger to other people being caused by off-roading. For years, we have had to put up with deep ruts, worn out surfaces, noise, pollution and danger. The Peak National Park Authority is at last waking up to the scale of the problem, but so far Derbyshire County Council (DCC) has done almost nothing about it.

As the main highway authority in the Peak District, DCC has legal powers which it can use to put an end to the damage and danger. It can use traffic regulation orders to close lanes to vehicles wherever off-roading is doing serious damage or is a risk to other people. DCC has had these powers for many years. What it has lacked is the will to act and the will to listen to what people living in the Peak District are saying.

Now, at last, DCC is showing signs of taking the problem a bit more seriously. It has written a new policy to help it manage off-roading and it is consulting the public on the draft. So far so good. But the new policy is too weak to make a real difference. So what's is wrong with it?

It ignores the existence of the Peak Park and the fact that DCC has a legal duty to help protect it. DCC is planning to spend taxpayers' money on repairing routes so off-roaders can go on using them. But there are no plans to spend money on keeping people safe or making sure lanes can be used by other people.

DCC is not owning up to the extent of its

powers to ban vehicles and it shows little signs of wanting to use them. DCC plans to liaise regularly with organisations representing off-roaders, but not with organisations representing residents, walkers, riders, and cyclists.

You can find the draft of the new DCC policy at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk). Put the words consultation and vehicles in the search box, then scroll down to 'Management of Motorised Vehicle Use in the Countryside'. If you want to make your voice heard on off-roading, please take part in this consultation. There is an on-line response form which you can use if you want to, but the form doesn't allow you to make the points which we think

are the important ones. We suggest instead that you email or write to Simon Spencer, the County Councillor in charge of DCC highways policy. You can write to him at Derbyshire County Council, County Hall, Matlock, DE4 3AG or you can email [simon.spencer@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:simon.spencer@derbyshire.gov.uk). Please tell him how off-roading affects you, your family and your village. Ask him to do his utmost to make sure DCC uses the full scope of its legal powers to ban off-road vehicles wherever they are a danger or make it impossible for other people to use local lanes and byways. The consultation closes on 14 March.

You can find out more about the Peak District Green Lanes Alliance at [www.pdgla.org.uk](http://www.pdgla.org.uk) or by contacting [pdgla@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pdgla@hotmail.co.uk).



## BANGBUTT BRANCHES OUT

What's happening with the Youlgrave-Bangbutt Group?

Well, we're excited by two new collaborations that will help us extend what we do.

One of our priorities has always been the provision of clean water and sanitation. We're now pursuing this in conjunction with WaterAid, a highly regarded charity working in the Pujehun and Kenema Districts of Sierra Leone. WaterAid's project there aims to provide water, sanitation and hygiene services to poor and vulnerable people in rural areas. This exactly matches our aspirations and we are co-funding a sanitation and well-building project through the charity. We see this as a way of helping other Sierra Leone villages in addition to Bangbutt where we've already provided, among other things, a well, latrines and a school. We will, though, keep up our contact with Bangbutt, supporting the school and helping to maintain its link with All Saints' School in Youlgrave.

Our second ongoing collaboration is with Health Poverty Action, a UK based charity which works to "strengthen poor and marginalized people in their struggle for health", concentrating on those missed out by almost everyone else. Sierra Leone has one of the worst infant mortality rates in the world and much of Health Poverty Action's work is focused on mother and baby health projects. We have regular and direct contact with Zoe Vowles a young British midwife who has worked for Health Poverty Action in Sierra Leone for a year. Zoe visited Youlgrave last September to talk to us about her work and collect our donation (raised from

the Table Top Sale) to fund the training of twelve Maternal Health Promoters. These MHPs work in villages in the Tambakka Chiefdom to help make childbirth safer for women and babies. Tambakka is one of the most remote areas of Sierra Leone and the Maternal Health Promoters there are involved in family planning, sexual health promotion and in helping prevent HIV being transmitted from mother to child. We are in touch with Kadi, one of these MHPs, to establish a direct link between Youlgrave and her village of Fintonia.

We're pleased to have established these collaborative ways of working which we are sure will benefit people in one of the world's poorest countries.

**WANTED:** A simple digital camera to send out to Boima in Sierra Leone so we can get some good photos taken in Bangbutt. Please call Dianne on 636580.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

**Sunday 15 April** – Breakfast Bistro

**Friday 20 April** - AGM

**Sunday 8 July** – Table Top Sale throughout the village

**Sunday 16 September** – All Day Café

**Saturday 10 November** – Barn Dance

Anyone wanting to know more about the charity or who is interested in joining the group can go to our website [www.youlgrave-bangbutt.org](http://www.youlgrave-bangbutt.org) or contact Dianne Hewitt 01629 636580.



## Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: December 2011 & January 2012

In my last article I promised some more details on the slime moulds (molds) that appeared round the village in November. The slightly disgusting looking yellow or white growths that appeared on grass stems below the tennis courts and elsewhere are the spore-producing stage of an organism that spends most of its life underground. One of these is called 'dog vomit slime mould' which pretty well describes it. They start life as single cells rather like amoebae.

These move around in the soil, eating bacteria. They can 'mate' and produce slimy masses several centimetres across that can still move. They hold the speed record for micro-organisms of over 1mm per second and can split to move round objects and reform on the other



*Slime mould, in Youlgrave in November*

side. When food gets short they crawl up onto the surface, harden and produce spores that begin the cycle again. What triggered this simultaneous spore producing activity I have no idea, but it was a very unusual autumn.

The river started to flow properly again on about 6 December and on the 7th both kingfisher and dipper were seen upstream of Holywell Lane. The kingfisher has continued to be quite busy, mainly between Bradford Bridge and Alport. Dabchicks were still present on the dams even before the river came back and are still present. A male goosander was seen on the dams and I was told about a water vole up there as well. More detail on this appreciated.

Sparrows and finches have been very active on my bird feeders. There has been a flock of over a dozen goldfinches around the Grove and five visited an upstairs window ledge feeder at one time. Good

numbers of greenfinches and chaffinches have been feeding and I regularly get double figures of sparrows. I had six blackbirds, presumably migrants, on my cotoneaster tree at one go but all the berries have gone now. Both greater spotted woodpecker and nuthatch have visited my fatball. I saw a single long-tailed tit in the garden on 14 January. There have been up to three buzzards at once over the village and a female sparrowhawk has spread dismay in my garden on a number of occasions. Fieldfare and redwing have been seen below the tennis courts and I have seen flocks of both recently at Smerrill. A song thrush was heard singing at the beginning of December, though the most likely bird to be singing at the moment is

the robin with the occasional great tit doing its "teacher teacher" call.

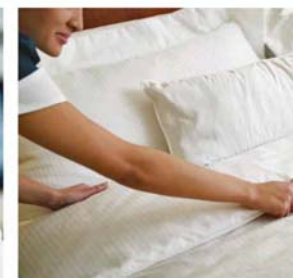
Though not particularly cold in the main, I recorded a low of -6C in the garden on 13 January. The clear nights recently have given excellent views of Orion over the Dale. If you follow the belt upwards you get to the little star cluster called the Pleiades and if you keep going you get to the 'W' of Cassiopeia. Jupiter continues to be the brightest 'star' in the sky. There is a lot of solar activity at the moment and the Northern Lights gave a very good display at Tan Hill in the northern Pennines on 23 January, so keep your eyes open here. Many years ago I saw a magnificent display at North Wingfield, through all the street lighting, so it's not impossible.

My thanks to all contributors and please keep the reports coming. This article would be nothing without your help.

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## Blue Box, Blue Bag and Green Bin Collection Calendar 2012



Blue Box and Blue Bag collections will be made fortnightly on the same day as Household Refuse collections, as shown on the shaded dates below.

Green Bins will be collected fortnightly on the days outlined below.

December 2011					January 2012					February 2012						
M	5	12	19	26	M	2	9	16	23	30	M	6	13	20	27	
T	6	13	20	27	T	3	10	17	24	31	T	7	14	21	28	
W	7	14	21	28	W	4	11	18	25		W	1	8	15	22	29
T	1	8	15	22	T	5	12	19	26		T	2	9	16	23	
F	2	9	16	23	F	6	13	20	27		F	3	10	17	24	
S	3	10	17	24	S	7	14	21	28		S	4	11	18	25	
S	4	11	18	25	S	1	8	15	22	29	S	5	12	19	26	

March 2012					April 2012					May 2012							
M	5	12	19	26	M	2	9	16	23	30	M	7	14	21	28		
T	6	13	20	27	T	3	10	17	24		T	1	8	15	22	29	
W	7	14	21	28	W	4	11	18	25		W	2	9	16	23	30	
T	1	8	15	22	29	T	5	12	19	26	T	3	10	17	24	31	
F	2	9	16	23	30	F	6	13	20	27	F	4	11	18	25		
S	3	10	17	24	31	S	7	14	21	28	S	5	12	19	26		
S	4	11	18	25		S	1	8	15	22	29	S	6	13	20	27	

June 2012					July 2012					August 2012				
M	4	11	18	25	M	2	9	16	23	30	M	The current Refuse Collection Contract ceases on 4 August. There will be changes to the current collection arrangements from 5 August. All residents will be advised in due course.		
T	5	12	19	26	T	3	10	17	24	31	T			
W	6	13	20	27	W	4	11	18	25		W			
T	7	14	21	28	T	5	12	19	26		T			
F	1	8	15	22	F	6	13	20	27		F			
S	2	9	16	23	S	7	14	21	28		S	4		
S	3	10	17	24	S	1	8	15	22	29	S	5		

**Christmas and New Year Working Arrangements** – all collections during weeks commencing Monday 26 December 2011 and Monday 2 January 2012 will be one day late.

Yes, please ✓	
<b>Green Bin</b>	<b>Garden Waste:</b> Plants, weeds, hedge trimmings, small branches, leaves, grass cuttings, bark, bedding from vegetarian pets (e.g. rabbits and guinea pigs). <b>Kitchen Waste:</b> Vegetable peelings, fruit peel and cores, cooked or uncooked meat, fish & bones, tea bags, coffee grounds, any other food scraps (cooked or uncooked).
<b>Blue Box</b>	<b>Glass Bottles and Jars:</b> green, blue, brown, clear glass
<b>Blue Bag</b>	<b>Paper:</b> Newspaper, magazines, postal advertising, brown and white envelopes, brown paper, telephone directories and yellow pages. <b>Cardboard:</b> Please flatten and where possible remove all staples and packaging tape. <b>Food and Drinks Cans</b>

To find out more about Derbyshire Dales District Council's waste and recycling services:

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Hall, contact Lise Marple	636287	Youlgrave Women's Institute	636479

## REGULAR LOCAL EVENTS

<b>Mondays</b>	Monday Club (Day Centre), Youlgrave Village Hall, 10am-3pm	<b>Thurs</b>	Beginners class 7-8.30pm, The Barn, Greenfields Farm (636341)
<b>Mondays</b>	Yoga with Michele (815168), Village Hall, 4.55-6.25pm	<b>2nd Mon</b>	Youlgrave Silver Band, Methodist School Room, 8pm
<b>Tuesdays</b>	Yoga with Iris Pimm (636341), The Barn, Greenfields Farm, 7-9pm		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
<b>Tuesdays</b>	Youlgrave Bell Ringers practice night, All Saints Church, 7.30-9pm	<b>2nd Tues</b>	Youlgrave WI meetings, Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm
<b>Mon-Fri</b>	Youlgrave Playschool, Scout & Community Hall, 9am-12 noon	<b>4th Wed</b>	Confidential Advice Sessions with Matlock & District Citizens Advice Bureau, Youlgrave Medical Centre, 9.30am-12.30pm
<b>Weds</b>	Drawing and painting classes, Youlgrave Reading Room, 10am	<b>Last Tues</b>	Youlgrave Parish Council meeting, Youlgrave Village Hall Committee Room, 7.15pm
<b>Weds</b>	Bingo, Youlgrave Reading Room, 7.30pm	<b>of month</b>	
<b>Weds</b>	Beavers and Cubs, Scout Hall, 6.30- 7.45pm (term time)		
<b>Thurs</b>	Bible Study and Fellowship group, Youlgrave Reading Room, 10am		
<b>Thurs</b>	Yoga with Iris Pimm, 9.30-11.30am		



## Recycling in All Saints' Church

A reminder for local people, as well as newcomers and visitors: at the back of the church, under and on the last few pews, we recycle a number of things – silver paper and tin foil, mobile phones, CDs/DVDs/CD ROMs, printer cartridges, postage stamps, spectacles, & religious books. Some of these go to different charities, some make money for the church Roof Appeal fund and some are just collected to help the environment. So please keep bringing it! Thank you.



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