



The

Bugle



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

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Youlgrave Playschool Easter Fun

Pictured right are Youlgrave Playschool children showing off their Easter Bonnets at the end of last term's Bonnet Parade. So many wonderful bonnets – well done everyone! At the same time Playgroup received some very exciting capes that were created from scraps of animal fabric by the sewing ladies of Village Hall fame. Our grateful thanks to all of them.

Playschool also organised an Easter Egg Hunt on the Alport Lane playing fields. The parents came to meet the children early and there was a long procession to the playing fields. Once there, the children (and the adults!) had great fun searching the playground and the wildlife area for Easter bunnies. This was followed by a picnic in the



glorious sunshine. Parents were given cups of tea from the pavilion, the children given their prizes and an excellent time was had by all. A big thank you to the staff and parents who gave up their time to help out.

If you would like to know more about Youlgrave Playschool call Anne on 07745 191366 or Aurama on 07897 252360.

In this month's bumper Bugle: Jubilee and Welldressing previews, Broadband campaign, All Saints School news, Bradford River Action Group latest, Women's Institute report, Wildlife Notes, Councillor's Column, Bankside Wildlife Garden...

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Middleton-by-Youlgrave Market Day and Well Dressing

On Saturday 2 June from 1pm in the Square, Middleton.

Featuring the huge plant stall (seedlings ready to plant and more), beer and cakes, tombola, bouncy castle and all the usual attractions. Teas in the Village Hall from Saturday to Tuesday. Well blessing on Sunday 3rd at 6.30pm and Well Dressing on display for the following week.

CALLING YOULGRAVE WALKERS

Would anyone be interested in forming a walking group based in Youlgrave?

Walks/ambles to be held twice a month, one on a weekday and the other at the weekend. The walks would be up to five miles and led in turn by a group member. Picnics, cafes or pubs could be included along the way. Please ring Liz McCloy on 630244 if interested.

Help the Scouts to help the village

During 14-20 May it's Scout Community Week, when Scouts across the country go out into the community to help in some way and hopefully raise some funds for their group through sponsorship. In Youlgrave we are proposing a village tidy week, where we will do some litter picking, general weeding or tidying up of public spaces in Youlgrave. Do you have any suggestions about local places that need tidying up or help in some way – and are you willing to sponsor us? Please call Steve Marsh on 636605 or 636292.

DO YOU ENJOY CLASSICAL MUSIC ?

If so, you might like to join us for an evening trip to hear the

HALLE ORCHESTRA

At Sheffield City Hall
on Saturday 26 May

The programme is:

Wagner - Prelude and Liebestod
from Tristan and Isolde
Mahler - Ruckert Lieder
Shostakovich - Symphony No.9

The Community Bus will pick up from and return to Youlgrave. The cost will be £22 per person. The concert starts at 7pm and a pick-up time of 5.30pm will give us time to settle in and have a cup of coffee, glass of wine, etc, before the start, with no rushing about!

EVERYONE will be welcome, so if you would like to book a seat please 'phone Jane or John on 636721 by 18 May.

Youlgrave Bangbutt Village Link

Breakfast Bistro on Sunday 15th April: Thank you to everyone who helped or came for breakfast (or both!). We raised over £650 for our projects in Sierra Leone. We also hope to see you at our other events this year:

- 8 July Village: Table Top Sale
- 16 September: All Day Café
- 10 November: Barn Dance

"Please do not take dogs on to the Alport Lane playing fields"

Youlgrave Parish Council is urging residents and visitors to respect the strict 'no dogs' policy' on the Alport Lane playing fields after All Saints pupils, who regularly use the grounds for exercise and games, recently returned to school from the playing fields with dog excrement on their shoes.

"This is totally unacceptable," said Parish Council Chairman Andrew McCloy. "Dogs are not allowed on the fields under any circumstances precisely to prevent this kind of thing happening. It's disgusting and dangerous to all users of the playing fields, including the sports teams. Since there are plenty of other places to exercise dogs we're asking people to comply with the rules and not to go on to the playing fields with their dogs."

At the recent parish council meeting councillors made it clear that they are prepared to take further action if the problem continues, including seeking the assistance of the District Council which has the power to issue fines of up to £1,000. If you want to contact the Parish Council about this matter call Parish Clerk Matthew Lovell on 636151 or email youlgraveclerk@btinternet.com.



Dear Editor,

I would like to write in support of the mum who wrote in the March edition of the Bugle regarding dog poo. I have a young daughter and I also have a dog and take care about clearing up any mess it leaves. I believe that as dog owners we have a duty to the environment and society in which we live. Recently, while walking my own dog, I've noticed a disgusting amount of dog poo in certain areas of the village which is, I would like to reiterate, illegal. I constantly worry about my curious daughter ending up with dog poo on her hands, let alone us coming home with it on our shoes and on her buggy. For those that need more persuading to pick up their dog's

faeces, here are some things that we can catch from it:

- Toxocariasis (causes asthma and partial blindness)
- Campylobacter and salmonella (cause diarrhoea and vomiting)
- Giardia and cryptosporidium (cause diarrhoea and severe stomach cramps)

Dog poo is especially hazardous to the health of young children, so please just take a poo bag with you when you walk your dog, pick up the poo, and put it in a bin. It goes without saying that if I ever saw someone leave their dog's poo anywhere in the village I would report it to the police.

Janine Shearing
Youlgrave

Public toilets vandalised

Police are appealing for information, following extensive and wanton damage to the toilets and skylight of the public toilets at Coldwell End, Youlgrave.

The damage to the Parish Council run toilets took place over the weekend 20-23 April. If you saw anyone hanging around the area over the weekend or have any information, please call Derbyshire police on 101 – quote crime number 18130/12.



Invites you to the

Last Night of the Proms

*In celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty
Queen Elizabeth II*

Programme Includes

Land of Hope and Glory – Elgar

Jerusalem – Parry

Crown Imperial – Walton

Saturday 2nd June

7.30pm

Youlgrave Parish Church

Tickets - £7

Includes refreshments and flag



Tickets available from Nick Stacey, Youlgrave Post Office and on the door



Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee

Local events and activities to celebrate the occasion

Village picnic on the Queen Elizabeth II (Alport Lane) Playing Fields

Sunday 3 June, 12 noon-5pm

EVERYONE WELCOME – FREE OF CHARGE

Please come along with your family, neighbours and friends to enjoy a sociable and relaxed afternoon on the playing field.

Bring your own picnics, tables and chairs, or even barbecues (on the car park hard stand, please). Maybe a gazebo to shade you from the sun!

Among the attractions:

- Performance from Youlgrave Silver Band
- Face Painting
- Bouncy Castle
- Refreshments from Youlgrave WI
- Games for the children, including penalty shoot-out
- Ice cream van
- Musical set from Dave Birds

See local posters nearer the time and June's Bugle for further details, including who to contact if you need help getting to the playing fields on the day.

Sorry, no dogs on the playing fields.



Final details of all events in June's Bugle

Thursday 31 May

- Cream Tea Afternoon, All Saints School

Saturday 2 June

- Last Night of the Proms Concert with the Peak Wind Orchestra, All Saints Church, 7.30pm

Sunday 3 June

- Jubilee Service, All Saints Church, 11am
- Village picnic on Alport Lane Playing Fields, all welcome, 12 noon–5 pm

Monday 4 June

- Lighting of Jubilee Beacon, top of Moor Lane, 10pm

See local notices for details of other events.

As we were...

A special music and nostalgia event is to be organised by the Royal British Legion (Youlgrave branch) later in the summer – date and venue to be confirmed.

All about water at All Saints

Last term children in Class 2 learnt 'All about Water' as part of their Geography topic. They visited Bradford Dale with Mr Pete Bush, an Area Ranger for the Peak District National Park Authority. Activities included learning about the Water Cycle, learning how the limestone was formed, completing a water clarity test and river dipping to demonstrate the health of the river. Needless to say, from all the many, many creatures that were found, the River Bradford is indeed very healthy!



Mr. Pete Bush and children from Class 2 river dipping in the River Bradford.

Mr Malcolm Stacey also visited the school to talk to the children about Youlgrave Waterworks. Mr Stacey kindly brought in many photographs (past and present) to help the children to understand all about the history of the Youlgrave Waterworks and how it operates today. The children found it a fascinating talk and had lots and lots of questions that they wanted to ask.



Mr. Malcolm Stacey and children from Class 2

Following Mr Stacey's visit, Matthew Oldfield and Nichola Milner wrote:
Mr Stacey told us lots of really interesting facts about Youlgrave Waterworks. There are two kinds of water – the soft water comes from the spring and the hard water comes from Mawstone Mine. The mine is 58 metres deep – that is the height of two Youlgrave churches! Did you know that the people of Youlgrave got their water from the Fountain Well in 1829 which came

from the spring? Spring water was very important to the village. There are only a few places in England that have their own water supply.

The children recently visited Mawstone Mine with Mr John Hancock. This was an extremely interesting visit and brought to life everything that they learnt in the classroom about the Youlgrave Waterworks, helping them to understand how important and unique this water supply is.

The children and staff of Class 2 would all like to say a very big thank you to Mr Bush, Mr Stacey and Mr Hancock for all their help in making the Water topic so interesting.



Mr. John Hancock showing the children what happens in the meter pit on Mawstone Lane.

Sport Relief

*Pupils at Youlgrave All Saints' CE (A) Primary School took part in Sport Relief this year by running a mile around Youlgrave Recreation Ground wearing Olympic colours. The School Council, which organised the event, would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who took part in the Fun Run and to everyone who contributed. We raised a fantastic **£742.20** for Sport Relief! Thank you and well done to the School Council for their organisation.*



Pupils ran for a mile around Alport Lane playing fields.

*In addition we would like to say a big 'well done' to another one of our pupils, **Libby Tabbenor**, who represented the Lady Manners Cluster Partnership in the recent Cross Country Championships. She came 10th out of 100 runners!*

Get involved in Youlgrave Welldressing

Last year, in April, we predicted a dry summer, worrying about whether there would be enough water to float and soak the boards. Little did we know that the river would be empty and dry by July. This year's spring is unlikely to result in the same problem, but it is interesting that we now have a Bradford River Action Group looking at what happened down there last year and how our delicate limestone river functions.

Water is so important to us in Youlgrave, whether it be in our rivers and streams, falling on our fields and gardens or that which flows from our very own water company. It is therefore no wonder, then, that Youlgrave has water at the heart of one of its main festivals - Welldressing. Youlgrave Welldressings are some of the oldest and the best and, like our Water Company, something which we can be very proud of.

If you would like to be a part of this noble tradition then we would very much welcome your help. Any of our five teams would welcome you with open arms, whether you fancy trying your hand at the ancient craft of petalling, or if heavy lifting is more your thing - all help is gratefully received.

This year we would like to extend the invitation to any of you who might be willing to join the committee. We only have two meetings a year (so a lot less onerous than other village committees!) but it's important that each well is represented and that there is a hard core of people who will ensure that all the side jobs associated with welldressing happen - including who we donate our monies to.

At the welldressing AGM last month, it was decided to donate to Youlgrave Rainbows, and to the Carnival Committee for a marquee/gazebo. Any surplus funds once the accounts are finalised will be given to the Church Roof Appeal.

Get in touch with Peter Pimm on 07977 451339 or Fred Baker on 636768 if you'd like to get more involved.

Dates for your diary

Boards in river: 6pm Friday 1 June
Meet at welldressing shed (by Coldwell End allotments)

Puddling: 6pm Monday 18 June
Meet at the river (bottom of Holywell Lane)

Making: Tuesday 19 to Friday 22 June
(venues around Youlgrave)

Service: 2.30pm Saturday 23 June,
from All Saints Church

Wells on display: Until Thursday 28 June

Taking down: Friday 29 June
PLEASE HELP (bring paint scrapers)

Other events around Welldressing:

Ecumenical service: 6pm Sunday 24 June, Wesleyan Reform Chapel
(outside weather permitting)

Youlgrave Silver Band concert: 7pm Sunday 24 June, following the Service

All Saints' Church, Youlgrave FLOWER FESTIVAL, 22-28 June

All Saints' Church Youlgrave will be holding a Flower Festival from 22nd to 28th June with the theme 'Church Festivals'.

The aim is to enhance the beauty of our Church with flowers at a time when Youlgrave has many people visiting the village to see our marvellous welldressings. We would welcome sponsorship of our Floral Displays to celebrate someone's life or to celebrate a special birthday or anniversary. We would put a label by the side of each display giving the name of the sponsors, unless anyone wanted their sponsorship to remain anonymous.

If you would like to sponsor one of the Floral Displays, please ring Elizabeth Lomas on 01629 650451 or Joan Roper on 01629 636498.

Friday 29 June 2012 Olympic Torchbearer route

(Before: Matlock 1:45 to 3:06pm)

Darley Dale 3:13 to 3:20pm

Starts: Dale Road South (A6) near Warney Road junction. Travels along: Dale Road south (A6). Finishes: Dale Road south (A6) near Green Lane.

Chatsworth 3:37 to 3:57pm

The Torchbearer will run from the third set of gates to do an exchange in front of the house.

Bakewell 4:23 to 4:39pm

Starts: Baslow Road (A619) near B6001 junction. Travels along: Baslow Road past Newholme hospital and over bridge, Buxton Road (A6). Finishes: Buxton Road near Mill Street junction.

(After: Buxton 5:03 to 5:30pm.)

YOULGRAVE CARNIVAL Saturday 14 July

Youlgrave Carnival Committee would like to say a big thank you to the new members who have been to the last few meetings - your support and ideas are greatly appreciated.

We are still in need of people who are able to give us their time by joining the committee, attend meetings or give their help on Carnival day or the week leading up to Carnival day. Even if its just new ideas and suggestions for events.

If you are able to help marshal on Carnival day or would like to hold a stall or game, or even just advertise your enterprise, then please let us know. We are also looking for raffle and tombola prizes. If you are need any more information please contact Leah on 077451 48993 or email us at youlgravecarnival@hotmail.com.

Art Club: new members are welcome at the Club on Tuesday mornings, 10am to 12 noon, in the Reading Room.



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Long term flow problems on the River Bradford – but is it really just down to the drought?

You may be forgiven for thinking that with the recent rainfall everything is hunky-dory with the River Bradford once more and water levels are back to normal. But for how long? Despite April's prolonged showers, the Midlands has been declared a drought area and overall rainfall totals are still below the average with two exceptionally dry



The River Bradford is, for now, fully re-charged.

winters in a row. So if, as seems quite possible, the Bradford dries up again later this year, do we simply shrug our shoulders and say it's down to the drought – or is there something we can do about it ourselves?

As most of you know, a local action group has been formed to try and address these problems, in particular as it affects our precious Youlgrave Water supply and the threat to the river's wildlife. So what's our approach? Well, for those of you who have garden ponds, I'm sure when the water levels were getting low you would do two things: check to make sure there were no leaks in the liner and then top up the pond with water (preferably rain water). Exactly the same action is needed for the river. We have now identified several areas where there is leakage and damage to the river bed, the banks and the dams. Warren Slaney, the head water keeper for Haddon Estate, has already started work to address these

issues. Local knowledge, some gathered at the open meeting last November, has proved invaluable. A conversation with Don Bateman also revealed that as recently as 1964 water was being pumped up from the Bradford to properties in Middleton. Any observer of the river in the last 20 or even 30 years would find that hard to believe!

So why has the amount of water in the river reduced so dramatically? There seem to be several probable and inter-related reasons: the geology of the valley and the porous limestone; the mining legacy which saw soughs (underground drainage channels) dug to deliberately remove water; prolonged spells of dry weather with rainfall below the average for successive years; and possibly the effects of local abstraction.

We have met with the Environment Agency (EA) to look at the likely remedies for the Bradford. Apart from the repairs to the river's banks which have already begun, there is the

possibility of diverting more water into the Bradford from other sources. Another suggestion, which again the EA is prepared to entertain, is to sink a shallow and impervious gully into the river bed between the first dam and the Holywell Lane clapper bridge to encourage a consistent and reliable flow and prevent water from simply disappearing into the leaky ground. And a further idea is to examine the extent of water loss along the French Drain which carries the sewer that runs under the path beside the river. It's possible that this may be inadvertently draining water away from the river, and although it will again require an engineered solution it's

worth remembering that the River Bradford has, for many centuries, been a 'managed' river whose flow and direction has been controlled by human hands. Perhaps now it's time we applied some rather more sensitive and careful management to preserve its long term good health?

We will aim to have another public meeting when hopefully we shall have some positive news – and more importantly action to report! Please continue to give us any information about the river, its wildlife or its history.

Maggie Ford

636189, maggie.springrites@virgin.net



Report from Youlgrave Women's Institute

Our April meeting coincided with Easter Tuesday, but a healthy turnout of members and new friends attended a very worthy talk by Det. Inspector Duncan from South Yorkshire Police on the subject of human trafficking. Actual cases of victims of trafficking, very close to our region, were used to illustrate the complexities and concerns over this very disturbing area of crime, and a short film highlighted the intentions of UNICEF to eliminate this type of corrupt activity.

At the 'business' meeting we reported back on a superb lunch at Biggin Hall, accompanied by glorious sunshine in the lovely gardens.

The competition table displaying wonderful crafts from our members was also a success, as were the delicious refreshments.

Returning to the subject of food, several of us were entertained to a wonderful night out at Bakewell Group meeting on 19 April. A lovely quiche supper, followed by a representative speaker from Barlow WI prepared us nicely for a marvellous female quartet to round off the sociable event.

On Saturday 21 April, a few of our ladies enjoyed the unique 'Inspiring Women' Day at the Chesterfield Winding Wheel. There we were offered a host of choices of activity and information ranging from fashion shows to 'Kurling', Belly Dancing to curry tasting, and we certainly learnt the art of mostly patient queuing due to the event's popularity!

Next Meeting is Resolutions night at Stanton, discussing the decreasing number of midwives, usual refreshments, and some unusual readings from the Pomegranate Playwrights.

For our fortnightly Craft and Chat sessions, please see the main noticeboard.

The monthly Supper Club, a new venture open to anyone, is to be a special event on 26 April, where members can literally go potty, and a report will appear next month! To find out more about our WI (and maybe *your* WI?), please don't hesitate to ring Lucy Stirling on 630315 or 07880 541734.

Liz Hickman

Broadband speeds to get worse in Youlgrave - unless we ask for a better service

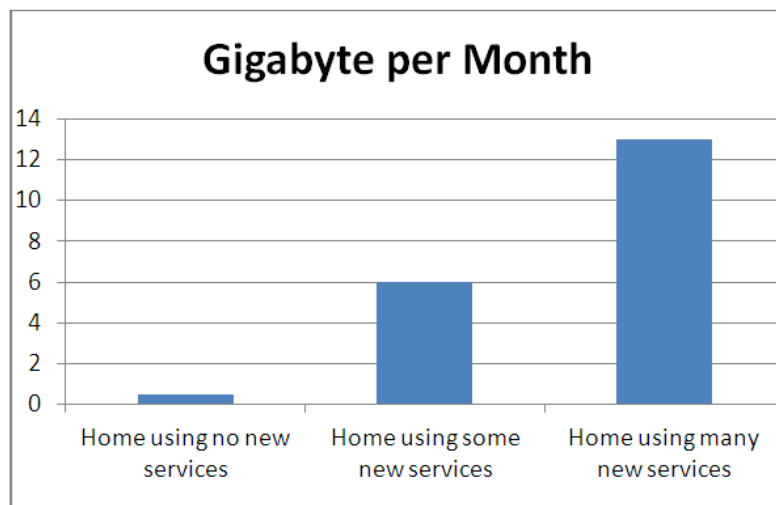
Now that the village has gone digital many people, me included, are watching TV via IPlayer or a commercial equivalent. These services can be used on some digital set top boxes and are a great way to watch TV as it is 'TV on demand' and all it needs is a cable between your set top box and your modem/router.

Now, leaving aside minority services like radio broadband provided w3z, there is only one broadband 'pipe' that links Youlgrave to the Internet. It is owned by BT and is shared by us all.

As we use more and more Internet hungry applications (YouTube, online gaming, Skype, online radio, etc) the speed for us all will drop and continue to drop until we get an exchange upgrade. According to PlusNet's information on the Youlgrave exchange (<http://usertools.plus.net/exchanges/>) there is no date set for an upgrade.

A recent survey by ISPReview.co.uk found that:

- 80% of people thought broadband was "critically important" to home life
- 80% would be put off buying a new



home if it didn't have a good broadband connection

- 57% would pay more for a property with superfast broadband (more than 25Mbit/s)

As with lots of other things utility-based, we seem to be overlooked due to the low return on any investment that might be made by the utility companies. However, there is money being made available from Derbyshire County Council and central government to the tune of £14 million. I am concerned that if we do not register our interest we will be left behind. I took this information from <http://www.cable.co.uk/news/derbyshire-stumps-up-7m-super-fast-broadband-cash-801302847/>.

To illustrate the point I have drawn a graph (above) of three example ways

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The Councillor's Column

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A COMMUNITY LAND TRUST FOR YOULGRAVE

Like many Peak District villages Youlgrave is subject to external pressures which create a need for change. Over the years shops, post offices and businesses have closed leaving villages like our own without the local services they need to thrive. We saw this recently with the closure of our post office. Fortunately, for the time being, its future has been secured elsewhere in the village.

The Youlgrave Village Plan, agreed in 2009 after widespread consultation, places a high priority on maintaining a vibrant, working village through community regeneration schemes and the provision of affordable housing. So in order to generate funds to implement the plan, we are proposing to set up a community land trust. This is a legally incorporated body through which we can seek out and distribute grant funding and also own land and property for the benefit of the community in perpetuity.

It will be run by a Board elected by all members of the community who support its aims and want to join. It will be 'not-for-profit' - so any surplus it makes will be ploughed back into other community projects. In the future such a Trust might run community buildings, support community projects and look after other community-owned assets. In the long-term it could, for example, maintain the post office or local shops, like in Winster, where the community now owns and runs the village shop and has saved the post office from closure.

The first thing we will do is hold a village-wide public meeting to establish support for the idea of the community land trust. This will take place on Thursday 14 June in the Village Hall when we will provide information about how the trust will work and ask for your support to set it up. I hope you will be able to attend and find out more about this exciting initiative for Youlgrave.

that households might use the internet. It shows that compared to a household not using the newer services, the amount of data used is increased by either 12 or 26 times (depending on the amount of extra usage).

The calculations used here were taken from this website; <http://www.zen.co.uk/business/broadband/business-broadband/broadband->

[download-usage-guide.aspx](#)

I shall continue to monitor the internet access and urge all to take the Derbyshire County Council broadband survey at <http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/your-council/consultations/broadband-survey> - if only to register your interest.

Dave Brown

Brownies go cooking!

On Saturday 21 April some Youlgrave Brownies went to Buxton College to take part in a Go Cook It! Competition. Our Six called Foxes first won the heats at Brownies before going to Buxton and coming second. **Eve Birch, Georgia Redfern, Grace Baker and Betsy Day** were in the competition.

We had to design our own menu, prepare, wash up and present our food in an hour. Our theme was the Jubilee and first on our menu was Buckingham Palace cocktails, which were made from pineapple juice, apple juice and orange juice. The next thing was celebration salad which was a ham salad. After was cheesy jubilee sarnies which were mini pitta breads filled with



cheese. A piece of cucumber in the shape of a diamond was stuck on with mayonnaise. Finally, diamond fruit salad, which included apple, kiwi, tinned pineapple, grapes, strawberries and freshly squeezed orange.

The presentation looked amazing and we were really pleased to come second.

YOULGRAVE CINEMA PRESENTS

Africa United (cert 12A)

Friday 11 May, 7.30pm at Youlgrave Village Hall

Free to members or £4 on the door, refreshments



The extraordinary story of three Rwandan kids who walk 3,000 miles to be at the Soccer World Cup opening ceremony in South Africa. Using a sack load of ingenuity and sass (and a World Cup wallchart for a map), our pint-sized protagonists set off through the endless horizons of Africa in pursuit of an unlikely dream. As they walk, they gather a tribe - a ragamuffin team - of broken and brilliant characters who encounter an Africa few people ever get to see; experience the hard reality of an epic walk through seven countries; as well as the joy, laughter and hope - 'the ubuntu' - that comes from making an incredible journey together. *88 mins.*

Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: April 2012

Firstly, I would like to thank the Bugle for its good wishes after my recent accident and Simon Northcott, Cath Jones and Sue Weatherley for keeping me up to date with local wildlife events.

April is a month of great change. Winter visiting birds are leaving and the summer birds are arriving. The wild flowers are starting to bloom in abundance. After a heavy snowfall on the 4th, a flock of departing fieldfare was seen from the Friden Road. On the 7th I watched a dunnock visiting its nest in a yew bush, blue tits in and out of a nest box and a wild cherry almost visibly bursting. In the next couple of days I counted 16 species of birds in the garden. The highlights were a pair of bullfinches and a pair of reed buntings. The female reed bunting could be mistaken for a large sparrow at a casual



Cowslips on the Alport Lane playing field wildlife area.

glance, but the male has a very striking black head and both show conspicuous tail flashes. Sparrows, greenfinches, goldfinches and chaffinches have been plentiful and a huge, almost black, cock pheasant has been cleaning up under the feeder. Greater spotted woodpeckers have been drumming off and on for most of the month.

Very early in the month smooth newts were seen displaying in a garden pond. The male, with full crest, spots and orange belly, dances before the female before she wraps each egg individually in a pondweed leaf.

As the fieldfare depart so the summer visitors arrive. I saw the occasional single swallow over the garden on the 10th and there are now several, particularly at Alport. A chiff chaff was singing in the

Dale and a cuckoo was heard on the 16th. On the 19th a willow warbler was singing near Braemar Bridge. Heavy rain rescued the river and grey wagtails and a dipper were seen after some absence.

Yellow was the colour of the early April flowers. Kingcups are blooming by the river, lesser celandines and dandelions are decorating our lawns and now the cowslips are doing well on the Playing Field Wildlife Area. Do not despise the

humble dandelion. They are a very important early food source for honey bees allowing the colonies to grow and, in a good season, I have had good crops of pale yellow dandelion honey by early May. The bluebells seem very early this year and by the 20th there were plenty more or less in flower near Picory Corner. In the next few weeks look out for the white meadow

saxifrage on the left as you go down Alport Hill and the similar looking lady's smock in the damper meadows. The saxifrage has five petals and the lady's smock four. I would love to hear of the first house martins and swifts in the village and both garden warbler and blackcap will soon be singing in the Dale. The songs are very similar but if it goes on for more than three seconds it's probably a garden warbler. This bird has few distinguishing features and is the classic LBJ (little brown job to the birders). The blackcap male has a smart black cap and the female a brown cap. All observations gratefully received, even more so until I can get back down the Dale myself.

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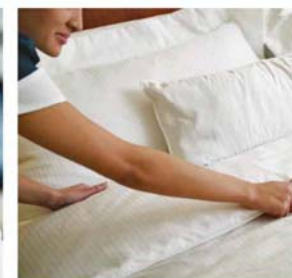
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Bankside Wildlife Garden: Willow Weaving, Sat 10 June

Bankside Wildlife Garden is coming into its spring life after the winter. Cowslips are in flower and the bluebells are starting to flower and of course the trees and shrubs are coming into leaf. The pond is full of tadpoles. At the last reckoning probably about 500!

The newts of course think it's a feast specially laid on for them. The willow and stone sculptures are weathering well though most of the small 'owl' pieces are slowly turning into natural pieces of wood merging into the garden. The Green roof which was installed last autumn is starting to green and more wild flower and grass seeds have been scattered on the roof. So hopefully poppies and cranesbill will appear? A sundial is being added to the garden as well as magnifying glasses to allow closer inspection of insects. There are also fishing nets to explore the pond wildlife as well as containers to allow you to identify your finds before carefully

putting them back!

We are delighted to welcome Carole Beavis back to the garden in June where she is going to create a beehive shaped willow structure to nestle in the trees at the Bankside end of the garden. This family willow weaving event will take place in the garden on Saturday 10 June. A maximum of 6 people in each of 2 groups – morning and afternoon – will be able to discover willow weaving skills with Carole. Anyone of course will be welcome to come and watch. If you are interested in being part of this activity please contact Maggie on 636189 and reserve your place. In the event of rain, there will be an inside venue so that the willow weaving can still take place.

If you have still to discover this Youlgrave secret garden, pay it a visit. Sit on a bench in dappled sunshine, listen to the river and birds – and enjoy!

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Youlgrave's Christian Aid Programme

Saturday 12-19 May: Envelopes delivered around the village for personal contributions, and collected in, by our team of distributors.

Sunday 13 May, 11am: Christian Aid United Family Service at All Saints Church.

Sunday 13 May, 12 noon onwards: Christian Aid Lunch at the Reading Room. Home-made soup, bread and desserts - absolutely delicious! Everyone most welcome. All money raised from contributions for lunch goes to Christian Aid.

Thursday 17 May, 10am-12 noon: Christian Aid Coffee Morning at the Reading Room. Come and relax with a coffee, tea, scone, toasted teacake, piece of cake, croissant, toast, preserves. A chat with friends. A quiet read with a newspaper.

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Mondays	Yoga with Michele (815168), Village Hall, 4.55-6.25pm		Yoga with Iris Pimm, 9.30-11.30am
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Tuesdays	Yoga with Iris Pimm (636341), The Barn, Greenfields Farm, 7-9pm	2nd Mon	Youlgrave Silver Band, Methodist School Room, 8pm
Tuesdays	Youlgrave Bell Ringers practice night, All Saints Church, 7.30-9pm		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
Tuesdays Mon-Fri	Scouts 7-8.30pm, Scout Hall	2nd Tues	Youlgrave WI meetings, Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm
Weds	Youlgrave Playschool, Scout & Community Hall, 9am-12 noon	4th Wed	Confidential Advice Sessions with Matlock & District Citizens Advice Bureau, Youlgrave Medical Centre, 9.30am-12.30pm
Weds	Drawing and painting classes, Youlgrave Reading Room, 10am	Last Tues of month	Youlgrave Parish Council meeting, Youlgrave Village Hall Committee Room, 7.15pm
Weds	Bingo, Youlgrave Reading Room, 7.30pm		
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