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# Bugle



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## Youlgrave Panto: an uplifting experience



Congratulations and 'thank you' to everyone involved with the pantomime for what was, for me and my parents, a truly uplifting evening on the last Saturday. I loved every minute of it – oh, yes I did!

As a teacher, the successful 'inclusion' of such a wonderful and diverse cast really impressed. There were many children the youngest only 7, many who had never been in the pantomime before, who charmed and entertained so professionally. And then the show stealing ghost, Lillian, proudly approaching her 80th birthday, who told me weeks ago that she had wanted to be in the panto for the last 50 years and had never been brave enough. Her performance was hilarious and never to be forgotten – at least by me. Not forgetting all the other wonderful actors and actresses who worked so hard and gave their all. Thank you yet again and long live our pantomime!

*Jayne Northcott*

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All Saints Church, Youlgrave with  
St Michael's Middleton

### New Church Electoral Roll

The Church of England Representation Rules require a completely new church Electoral Roll to be prepared every six years. This falls due in 2013. A new electoral roll needs to be prepared for All Saints Church Youlgrave and Saint Michael's Middleton for the annual parochial church meeting in April 2013. All persons who wish to have their names entered on the new Roll, whether their names are entered on the present Roll or not, are requested to apply for enrolment not later than 31 March 2013.

Application forms for inclusion on the new roll will be available in church and should be returned either to the church, the Post Office, or to the church's Electoral Roll officer, Roger Easton, at Post Box House, Fountain Square, Youlgrave, DE45 1UR. If you know of anyone who would like to be on the register and can't collect a form from church it would help if you could take one for them.

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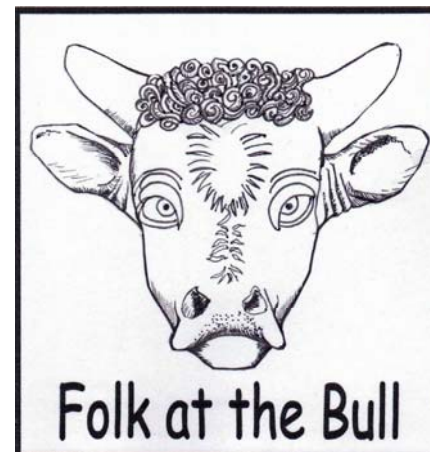
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## Doreen Blackwell (1928-2013)

Doreen grew up in Pommy and lived happily here her whole life. She took up hairdressing on leaving school and her Granddad paid £10 for her to do an apprenticeship in Bakewell. She used to tell me about how she and Stella Boden would cycle to work and back each day. She explained that the bus fare would cost half her wages and that she had much better things to spend the money on.

Doreen took a break from hairdressing when I was born and later resumed after having my brother John. Our kitchen was often full of ladies with wet hair.

She had such a positive outlook on life. She thoroughly enjoyed laughter and had a wonderfully wicked sense of humour. I have a photograph of her peddling away on an exercise bike, with her best friend Dorothy Oldfield, her sister, close by on a running machine – not so unusual you may think, but at the time they were aged 77 and 82 respectively! I have another photo of her relaxing in a sauna at a similar age. Both good examples of Mum's happy outlook on life, and her willingness to try anything, at least once.

Doreen was a selfless lady with a heart of gold; she never had a bad word to say about anyone and always saw the best in people. She was a kind, generous woman who always put others first.

She was extremely sociable. A long-standing member of the Royal British Legion Women's Section for over 30 years and President of the Youlgrave Branch for from 1999 to 2006. She regularly attended the Darby & Joan, and was a member of the Chapel here for most of her life, helping with the flowers and cleaning and the Chapel sales.

She enjoyed the village Pantomime and plays and coffee mornings, and loved a good Whist Drive at the Reading Room,



Abbeyfield and Middleton.

Se was a very charitable person, supporting Ashgate Hospice, the RSPCA and the village Bangbutt project. She collected for the Leprosy Mission for 30 years and also spent many hours collecting for Christian Aid and the Poppy Appeal, often with Dad chauffeuring her around the village in all weathers collecting the envelopes.

Doreen thought the world of Dennis. Last year they celebrated 61 years together. In the last few years Mum's illness meant she could no longer make new memories so she regularly spoke of times gone by. Reminiscing about her weekend jobs when she was still at school... how she would make up a breakfast tray each morning for Mrs Kaffy (?) at Alport, having had to boil the kettle on the range... and later cooking beans on toast at Stevenson's Café in Alport for the walkers and cyclists.

Never wanting to be a bother or cause any fuss, Doreen was always very grateful for the help she received during her last year, from neighbours, fellow villagers, the Royal and Whitworth Hospitals, the carers and of course her family.

We will be eternally grateful that Mum still knew us towards the end. She was always pleased to see us and always had a smile. She was a lovely Lady and we thank her for sharing her life with us.

*Heather Birds (Daughter)*

## Janie Whitehead (1943-2012)

Janie was born in Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, moving to Harlow in Essex soon afterwards. Her great love was the sea. In her early twenties she started taking holidays on the *T.S. Foudroyant*, an old frigate moored in Portsmouth harbour. This was a wooden war ship from Nelson's navy. She progressed from being a holiday trainee to being a holiday instructor and she gave up full time work at the bank to go temping so she could devote more time to this.

In the early 1990s it was proposed to decommission the ship and Janie was a founder member of the Foudroyant Trust that keeps the ship afloat today and is still giving young people the chance to experience living on a fighting ship and learning the skills to crew a square rigger.

In 1982 she got the opportunity to sail on a square rigged clipper ship. They took it via Norway, The Azores and Bermuda to New York. She took part in many of the tasks including setting the sail (which entailed climbing the rigging) and the part she loved best was steering the ship at night by the light of the stars. She would have certainly joined up, if girls had been allowed.

She was an accomplished horse woman and was persuaded to join the Essex Fox

hunt. However, after only one hunt, the sight of the dead fox turned her into a life long opponent of field sports, cruelty and mistreatment of animals, in the name of



entertainment. She respected all animal life and gave generously to many animal charities, even though she couldn't really afford it. Passionate about many things, she was a tireless campaigner for what she believed in and would give of herself unselfishly.

Janie came to live in Youlgrave in 2002 and made many friends. She was a very private person who valued her independence, but always helped any of her close friends in need. She always saw the best in people and, for this reason sometimes people took advantage of her. She was extremely articulate and artistic and this showed itself in the letters and poems she wrote, and the subjects she painted.

At the end of her cremation service the hymn was sung that celebrates all life on earth, with all its wonders, a song of which Jane would approve, 'All things bright and beautiful'. And guests went out to the Sailor's Horn Pipe!

### **A Coffee Morning and Gathering to remember Janie Whitehead, Saturday 16 March, 10-12 noon, Reading Room**

Janie died in December and, sadly, the sudden snowfall on the day of her funeral prevented some people from attending the celebration of her life. Her possessions were carefully sorted by her family, friends and other helpers, and many items reflected her intense love of all creatures. Her brother and sister-in-law were keen that Janie's possessions should be sold to benefit some village charities and those she supported, like the PDSA and WWF. Some of her things (interesting, beautiful, unusual items) will be on sale at this coffee morning, so come along and buy a memory of Janie, and support her charities, the PDSA and WWF.

## OXFAM SUPPORTS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY – AND SO DOES YOULGRAVE



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## Youlgrave Rainbows make their Promise



From left to right, back row: Tilly, Yasmin, Lucy, Esther, Sarah. Middle row: Ruby. Front row: Suzy, Velvet, Caitlin, Daniella

On 14th February, 1st Youlgrave Rainbows all made their Rainbow Promise. All 10 girls individually made their Promise and each received a Promise certificate and a Promise badge. Congratulations to all the girls!

**Jade Murray**

### Youlgrave School Report

## Christingle

Singing and rejoicing, Youlgrave School celebrated a fun and exciting ceremony – Christingle. It took place at Youlgrave All Saints Church on Friday 25th January. The reason we did this was to raise money for the National Children's Society. A Christingle contains an orange, a candle, ribbon, 4 cocktail sticks with fruit and sweets on them. The Orange represents the world, the red ribbon represents the blood pain of Jesus, the candle represents that Jesus is the light of the world and the cocktail sticks represent the 4 seasons and fruits of the world.

All the Christingles were made by Year 6. Although there were few of Year 6 and a lot of the children we still made them all. We had to make 70 altogether. Furthermore, we all had jobs to do like fastening the ribbon on, pushing in the candles, making the cocktail sticks and sticking the cocktail sticks in. The service was led by Class 3. We all sang songs and read Prayers together. But best of all we lit our Christingles. We sang 'sing christingle' to the tune of 'Sing Hosanna.' Overall The Christingle was a big success and we raised over £47! Well done everybody.

*By Isabelle, Class 3*

### YOULGRAVE SCHOOL REPORT: A visit by a Polar Explorer

Enjoying a visit by Helen Turton – a Polar region explorer – we looked at the type of clothing Helen would have worn at the Poles. She came on the 31st January to tell us all about her adventures and expeditions and how they managed to keep warm.

After a bit of learning about the Poles, some volunteers dressed up in the Arctic and Antarctic clothes she had brought with her. Such as: thermal jumpers and thick, woolly coats with wolverine rimmed hoods and, of course, her sledge. One of the volunteers was Dominic from year 4 and here is what he thought: "I really enjoyed dressing up in the real clothes that have been to the North and South Pole. The clothes made me really warm and I was sure to be safe in the severe coldness." We all really enjoyed our visit and it inspired us to make our dreams come true.

*By Grace, Class 3*





## Church Farm Diary, February 2013

It's lovely to see the snowdrops and the green shoots of the daffodils coming up, a good sign of spring; and the mornings and nights are notably a lot lighter. You can always tell this is happening because Dakin stays out working while ever there is daylight. It's good that we have dark nights to give him a rest and Sarah and family to see more of him. Michael used to be like this, but has slowed down with age, even though he still leaves the house with Dakin every morning before 6am.

All the cows have had a clear TB test, even though there are some badgers about. A barn owl has been seen in the Longrake area, which is good news as a dead one was found last winter and Dakin and Joseph have seen one while they have been digging in a local barn. It was just sitting on the beams looking down at them.

The cows will soon be calving and some have started springing (this is bagging up with milk, not jumping in the air!), so they need watching a lot more. If Dakin is out working, Sarah and Lucy or Michael go up to the moor buildings when there is a cow about to calve. Mostly they will calve on their own, but sometimes a little help is needed in the form of a calving aid. This is a implement that fits on the cow and enables you to ease the calve out. We only use this if it is necessary. What we don't want is a vet performing a caesarean operation to get the calve out – this is not good for the cow or your pocket!

Dakin has sold 39 heifers and steers at Bakewell Market and was pleased with the price. It looked a bit like a family outing, as there were seven of us: Dakin, Sarah, Lucy, Joseph, Michael and me and baby

George. Dakin took Lucy and Joseph into the box to hold up the luck money. We all had tea, coffee and sausage rolls after the sale at the B&B tractor stall. George slept through it all in his pushchair.

A theodolite has settled an argument between Dakin, Henry Holland and Charles Ede about water going uphill. Charles thought he knew the answer because as he has been around since the 60s! (This was to do with some land drains.)

Michael's lorry has been very quiet these last few weeks. Hopefully it will pick up as the weather improves and people start to build agricultural sheds and house alterations. It has given them chance to get the lorry ready for the yearly test.

Another forage harvester has arrived to replace the old one. It came on a snowy day, getting to us with a bit of difficulty from Oswestry. Michael and Dan manage to get it off the lorry with the help of the driver, but were unable to get the old one loaded and the trailer was left overnight ready to load the old harvester. Dakin was away at Longcliffe on a course for heavy goods driving and was unable to come out of the room during the exam – he has to 35 hours in the classroom to pass his CPC (Certificate of Professional Competence). This enables him to continue to drive heavy goods. Dakin is now servicing the machine ready for the off in the spring when he starts the silaging season again.

The last of the muck-spreading has been put on the Old Hall ground at Longrake, the rest will come down to the village land. The reason they are not putting any more on the moor ground is that it will give the manure the chance to rot and also the birds will peck in it and scatter and break it down, so that it will go into the ground before the silage season.

I can't finish without mentioning the horse meat fiasco. Maybe now people will use their local butchers (David's) and not the supermarkets. This is something that I have always told my friends: you know what you are getting at the butchers so please support them. What annoys me is the fact that all cattle have to have the correct passports before they can be sold for traceability. They can't be sold for human consumption before the correct withdrawal time if they have had drugs; and they are even rejected if the passport has the wrong sex on it. So how do the horses get through all this red tape and into our food chain? Always make your own food from fresh meat if you can – it also tastes a lot nicer.

**Marjorie Shimwell**



Dear Editor

I am researching the graves of veterans of the American Civil War (1861-5) or their widows buried in the UK, and have been told of a Captain Abraham Hunter of the 23rd Ohio Volunteers, from Derbyshire, who was killed in action at the battle of Cloyd's Mountain, West Virginia, on May 9, 1864, but who had left money so that, in the event of his death, a stone could be erected to his memory in Youlgreave. He was buried in the National Cemetery in Winchester, Virginia. Are you, or any local historians, aware of whether such a memorial exists in Youlgreave?

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Dear Editor

I read in the last edition that the Parish Council was "actively pursuing" dog fouling on the playing fields, and I applaud this, but I must point out that dog fouling is a problem all through the village. I have mentioned it to two parish councillors, and was given the same answer both times: "get some evidence, and we can present it to the District Council." I take this to mean photographic evidence of the offending dog and OWNER at the scene. This seems to me to put myself and fellow complaining villagers in a quandary. If one of us was to attempt to photograph or video a dog being allowed by its owner to defecate, and then left there, would the Parish Council defend us against any human rights claim regarding photographing or videoing without their consent? I am willing to give some of my time to watch and photograph offenders.

The District Council has signs put up through the village warning of fines as punishment, but obviously the dogs can't read and, it seems, neither can the owners. Myself, I think both councils are tip-toeing around the issue... and the general public are tip-toeing round the growing amount of defecation. I walked from Westcroft Close via Moor Lane through the village to Bradford Lane, then back via Grove Place, and I counted 15 separate heaps of dog poo, plus two bags of the same hung in a tree.

I would like to suggest that the Parish Council forms a working party to try and find a solution to the growing anti-social and DANGEROUS disease-ridden problem.

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## Poetry from Youlgrave School

Pupils from Class 3 have been writing poems using personification.



### Time

My ears are the secrets I have heard,  
My hands are the lives I've touched,  
My heart is the ticking of the clock,  
My eyes are for all of the good memories I have seen.  
My tears are for all the tearful moments I have witnessed.  
For I am time.

*By Luke Parker*



### Tractor

My voice is the deep rumbling of the engine,  
My engine is my heart,  
My linkage is my arms,  
My tyres are faster than my leg,  
My breath is the warm fumes,  
My bonnet is my clothes,  
I am the time saver,  
For I am the tractor!



### Snow Plough

My arms are strong and powerful so they push the snow away,  
My coat is the armour protecting me from the cold,  
My legs are the tracks determined and keeping me going over the long miles ahead,  
My heart is the engine pumping fuel around my body,  
My tears are the grit that protects the road from ice,  
and all move before me  
For I am snow plough.

*By Matthew and Tommy*

### The Universe

My brain is the Earth that sees generations pass by,  
My blood is the Meteor rushing around,  
My eyes are the stars looking down on all,  
My face is the moon that smiles radiantly,  
My children are the planets that spin around the sun,  
My cloak is the blackness of Space,  
My heart is the sun giving life to all,  
My body is the Universe – powerful and everlasting.

*By Poppy Prince and Eve Birch*



## Youlgrave Parish Council news

At its meeting on 26 February 2013, held at the Village Hall Committee Room, the Parish Council discussed the poor street cleaning service we receive with our District Councillor. We will request a clean by DDDC as soon as possible.

The planning application for Apple Tree Cottage on Bradford for a replacement extension was discussed and supported.

Council was dismayed to learn that last month central Government changed the parish tax base used in calculating the Precept. This means that our efforts to keep our tax levy in the Council Tax bill you receive unchanged, when we set our budget back in November (it has remained at the same level for three years) will now result in an increase to your bill of £3.91 this year, even though we have not increased our own funding requirement.

Council has received requests to provide grit bins in two locations in the village – one on Conksbury Lane and one on Grove Place. We wish to make parishioners aware that the County Council no longer supplies new bins and whilst all bins are labelled with a County reference number they will only refill their own bins for free and charge the Parish Council for refills they make to bins we provide. Any new bins will therefore have to be paid for and refilled at the Parish's expense which will inevitably result in an increase to our Council Tax levy on parishioners. We are currently investigating options and even considering a bulk purchase scheme, so that households could buy their own bags through us to take advantage of the cost savings.

The absence of the village noticeboard is keenly felt by the whole community and Council would like to assure

### Forthcoming Youlgrave Parish Council meetings:

Tuesday 26 March  
Tuesday 30 April (Annual Parish Meeting)  
Tuesday 21 May (Annual General Meeting)  
Tuesday 25 June  
Tuesday 16 July

Meetings begin at 7.15pm and are held at the Committee Room of Youlgrave Village Hall (below the main hall). All are open to the general public.

parishioners that the official board (paid for with a generous donation from Derbyshire Aggregates a few years ago) is to be re-erected in the near future.

Council resolved to proceed with plans to create a Parish Council-led Village website and wishes to form a small group of interested parishioners to have direct input into the creation and running of the site for the benefit of all aspects of village life. We are investigating grant sources to have the site professionally created but then intend a small number of interested local users to maintain and develop the content so that it is continually refreshed and updated. We are keen to hear from anyone wishing to be actively involved in the creation, running and updating of the site – please contact me in the first instance.

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Youlgrave Cinema presents



## Potiche (Cert 12)

Set in a provincial French town, Potiche is a free adaptation of the 1970s eponymous hit comic play. Vatherine Deneuve plays a submissive, housebound trophy housewife (or 'potiche') who steps in to manage the umbrella factory run by her wealthy and tyrannical husband after the workers go in strike and take him hostage. To everyone's surprise, she proves herself a competent and assertive woman of action. But when her husband returns from a restful cruise in top form, things get complicated. Also starring Gerard Depardieu as a former union leader Suzanne's ex-beau, who still holds a flame for her. *83 minutes*

**Friday 15 March at 7.30pm**

**Youlgrave Village Hall**

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Youlgrave Bangbutt Village Link News

## HOT CROSS BUNS, COFFEE AND AGM

Saturday 23 March  
Reading Room, 10am to 12 noon

The Bangbutt Group will be holding a coffee morning and bazaar. There will be a range of stalls including bric a brac, books, cakes, jams and other foods, a raffle and tombola with coffee, tea and hot cross buns. The group's volunteers would appreciate donations of goods for any of the stalls and the raffle. These can be taken prior to the day to Carol Sutcliffe at The Old School Hall House, Main Street (opposite The Farmyard), call 636570; or dropped off at the Reading Room by 9.30am on the day. It would be very helpful if items for sale could be labelled with their prices.

Proceeds will go to Water Aid and The World Day of Water

At approximately 11.30am the group will hold its Annual General Meeting. All are invited to attend.

### MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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## Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: February 2013

Quite a short period to be reporting on this time, but plenty has been going on. The snow and cold weather may be inhibiting most wildflowers, but the snowdrops seem to have been developing even under the snow and there are some nice patches around. The occasional dandelion, daisy and lesser celandine have been seen.

There have also been some very interesting bird reports. A lapwing was seen apparently sheltering in its own snow hole. I've seen ptarmigan do this in the Cairngorms, but this did seem unusual. Any other information about snow holing birds? A barn owl was heard calling near Hopping Farm and I have heard occasional tawny owls from the garden. There has been a single dipper and a pair of dippers fairly consistently in the Dale, plus a single dabchick and occasional grey wagtails. There were two male and one female tufted ducks in the Dale on the 22nd. There was a pair of goosanders on the New Dam on the 11th and they were still present a week later, along with over 40 Canada geese. Goosanders are a large fish-eating duck with a slightly hooked serrated bill. The male is mainly white with a black head while the female is duller but with a pronounced backward pointing crest. They were still present on the 23rd.

A kingfisher was reported between Bradford and Alport on the 11th, being watched by an uncomfortably close kestrel – less hazardous than a sparrowhawk however. I recently saw what I thought was snow falling in the garden. It turned out to be collared dove down, but I didn't see what was probably a sparrowhawk kill. I found only a lot of down and some wing feathers, but there was a blackbird with its breast eaten out on the lawn around the same time. There



*Goosanders on New Dam.*

have been both kestrels and buzzards down in the Dale.

Our winter visitors are still around, with flocks of fieldfare and redwing and on the 1st there was a dead redwing under a holly bush in the garden. There was no obvious cause of death, however. Greenfinches, chaffinches, goldfinches and sparrows have been frequent visitors to the feeders with regular robins, dunnocks and blackbirds scavenging underneath. Bullfinches have been seen occasionally adding some colour. I hope they don't regard my apple and plum trees as an additional feeder. Blue and great tits seem to be much less regular visitors since the January snow and the coal tits seem to have deserted altogether. We did have a flock of long tailed tits on the 11th.

A song thrush was a very welcome visitor on the 11th. You are much more likely to see and hear the larger mistle thrush round the village nowadays than the once common song thrush. A tree creeper was reported climbing up the side of a house at Alport.

My thanks to all contributors and please keep the observations coming. You can help give a much broader view of village wildlife.

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## Youlgrave W.I. marches on and on...

We received five new members in February, so a big welcome to them all, and to some first-time visitors.

Our enormously successful Thursday Supper club concluded the month with a visit by Sally Moseley, well-known walker and writer for the Peak Advertiser, plus a lovely shared supper.

In March we visit Biggin Hall for what promises to be another superb lunch, and our meeting on 12 March will serve up another treat from the Pampered Chef. Another Dru Yoga and dance day takes place at Baslow on 20 March. Monyash W.I. are hosting us again for another interesting gathering on 27 March and our exciting new book group has already attracted several members. (Our monthly book stall is a great way of donating and finding new books to read too, for a very small fee.)

Our February speaker was Sarah Foster, who gave a very detailed talk on the workings of the Peak District National Park Authority, and explained the various categories of National Parks worldwide, of which the United Kingdom currently has fifteen. The planning application process, awarding or refusing permission and the appeals process were highlighted. Naturally, many of our members with experience of their own planning issues were keen to raise questions and hopefully some of the complexities of the overall purpose of the National Park Authority were clarified to our audience of 32 members. Craft group continues to grow, and next meeting at Annie's is at 2pm on Monday 4 March.

At each W.I. meeting we have a competition, usually relating to the speaker. The February competition was won by Wendy Hilton for her superb rainbow

photograph, with Jill Griffiths second with the Church embraced by winter trees. We vote for the items with pennies, and the 'Pennies for Friendship' scheme was explained in detail to us. This is briefly a scheme whereby pennies, or two-pennies, collected in our meetings mount up and make a real difference to the lives of women worldwide. Various projects throughout the world were funded by Derbyshire W.I. members collection of £4,989 last year, so your pennies certainly do make those essential life-changing pounds!

The competition in March is to bring a 'Useful kitchen Gadget'.

The Supper club on 21 March at the Reading Room and features chocolatier Rachael Limer and a nibbly supper – this is open to anybody, not just W.I. members.

Please contact any W.I. member if you would like to know more about us, or just come along to the next meeting on 12 March at 7.30 at the Village Hall, but please note that we shall be 'seeing red' and wearing something in that shade to support Comic Relief!

Liz Hickman

## Christian Aid Week 12-18 May 2013

This year the Christian Aid Service will be held on Sunday 12 May at the Methodist Church, at 10.30am, followed by lunch. Last year, a new team of helpers offered to 'save the day' and carry on the work of supporting Christian Aid in Youlgrave. A total of £1,743.05 was raised, which was brilliant. A 'Get-together' for envelope distributors and collectors is planned for Thursday 14 March in the Reading Room at 7pm for nibbles! Please bring your own wine/drink.





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| <b>Tuesdays</b> | Scouts 7-8.30pm, Scout Hall   | <b>Last Tues</b> | Youlgrave Parish Council meeting,   |
| <b>Mon-Fri</b>  | Youlgrave Playschool, Scout &<br>Community Hall, 9am-12 noon          | <b>of month</b>  | Youlgrave Village Hall Committee<br>Room, 7.15pm  |
| <b>Weds</b>     | Drawing and painting classes,<br>Youlgrave Reading Room, 10am         |                  |   |
| <b>Weds</b>     | Bingo, Youlgrave Reading Room,<br>7.30pm                              |                  |   |
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