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Celebrating Youlgrave Women's Institute



Members of Youlgrave W.I. posed for this splendid group photo at their Christmas party last December. For a full report see page 13. (Photo by Wendy Barton)



Jog Youlgrave Report from the first week:

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VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

Middleton by Youlgrave **Defibrillator Appeal**

Middleton and Smerrill Parish Council is fund-raising to buy and install one publicly accessible defibrillator in the village that will help victims of sudden cardiac arrest - and may save lives in the future. It is looking to raise £2,500 to cover the purchase and maintenance of a unit that will be located centrally in the village. A leaflet is being dropped throughout the parish and if you wish to donate please make your cheque payable to 'Middleton and Smerrill Parish Council' and send to Middleton and Smerrill Parish Clerk, Christmas Cottage, Church Street, Youlgrave DE45 1WL (tel 01629 636151).

YOULGRAVE PANTOMIME 2014

'Babes in the Wood'

Wed-Sat 29 Jan-1 Feb, Wed 5-Sat 8 Feb

7.30pm each evening & 2.30pm Matinee performances on Saturdays. Adults £6, children £3. Bookings tel 01629 630202, email pommypanto@yahoo.co.uk. Box Office open 10am-6pm, Mon-Fri.

ATTIC SALE

Youlgrave Village Hall, Saturday 12 April. 10am to 12 noon

To book a table ring Judith on 636492. £6 per table. There will be a cake stall and tombola. Entry 50p includes coffee/ tea and biscuits. For Village Hall funds.

LOST: Small silver cross, 3 inches long, Celtic design. Lost somewhere between Barnes Lane and the churchyard on Boxing Day evening. Reward offered. Contact Hazel and Gordon Coupe, tel 636411.

Thank you for your support

Dave Birds would like to thank everyone who came along to his concert in the Village Hall before Christmas. £600 was raised, which will be divided between Youlgrave Bowls Club, Church and Rainbows. The performance was Dave's last as a member of Twice Around, but he will continue to play solo.

Come for lunch – to brighten the winter days!

Soup and tasty rolls, various puddings, tea or coffee and a chat

On Friday 7 March

Come at 12 noon for 12.30 In the Village Hall. Transport can be arranged. Cost £5. Tickets available from the Post Office, Joan Roper (636498) or Joy Frost (636868).

In aid of the Defibrillator Fund

LOST: Child's 'Hello Kitty' bag, pink, containing empty purse, in church at end of Nativity service. Call 636125.

VILLAGE NEWS

Wilf Lincoln Trophy match

Fierce rivals Youlgrave and Bakewell football teams went head to head at Bakewell Recreation Ground on 23 November last year, the teams once again contesting the Wilf Lincoln Memorial Trophy, established in memory of one of Youlgrave's top footballers. The match had the added spice of a competitive league fixture thrown into the mix for the first time Wilf's Youlgrave team from the 1950s. since its inception in 2011.



The game had been end to end when a penalty was awarded, Ben Rach stepped up, sending the keeper the wrong way, for a 1-0 lead. After a hard competitive second half Baba scored in the 58th minute to make it 2-0 to Bakewell Town. Five minutes was added to the scoresheet and another penalty was awarded. Ben Rach scoring to make it 3-0. Bakewell secured the three points to retain the Wilf Lincoln Memorial Trophy for the third successive year. Town's largest crowd of the season had witnessed a full-bloodied 90 minutes with no guarter given.

A collection during the match for the Alzheimers Society raised £253.73. £100 was donated by a local lady. Mrs Lincoln would once again like to thank both Youlgrave and Bakewell football teams, Ross Davies for managing an exciting match and all the supporters who came to watch and donated to this worthwhile cause. Also thanks to Keith Taylor and Ray Bacon, two of the original players who played with Wilf Lincoln in the 1950s who came and supported the teams.

Scrap metal stolen from two sites in Youlgrave

At approximately 5.40am on Tuesday 7 January various scrap metal items were stolen from a barn at premises on Moor Lane. Youlgrave. The offenders were disturbed in a white Ford Transit van at the premises. They attempted to drive away in the van which got stuck in a field, then they left the area on foot and may have headed towards the Bakewell area. The vehicle has been seized. The first male has been described as white, aged in his late teens to early 20s and wearing a hat. The second male was white, aged between 25-30 years, bald or receding fair hair and walked with a limp. He was possibly wearing a grey coat. Enquiries are continuing, but anyone who may have seen these males in the area should contact Derbyshire Police on 101 quoting crime number 1393/14.

Around a week later the long, black metal bench on the roadside at the top of Spring Lane, opposite the top allotments at Coldwell End, was also stolen. It was well used by locals and visitors alike and had been maintained by the Parish Council. The Police are investigating and any information on the whereabouts of the bench would be most welcome (call 101 quoting crime number 3077/14).

Carol Sampson (1947 – 2013)

Carol Sampson (née Tabbenor) was born in the farmhouse on Barnes Lane and never lived anywhere else but Youlgrave. She went to Youlgrave School, then to Highfields Girls School in Bakewell. Her first job was at Mr Mill's Shoe Shop and after secretarial training she worked at the Bakewell Show Office.

Carol was very much a people person, possessing a very quirky sense of humour, and entertained many of her

friends with stories of her early family life. Whether playing on the moors, down in the river or in the fields around the farm at Barnes Lane. She was a true 'country girl' at heart. She always enjoyed farm life, animals and especially horses. Since the late 1950s riding was very dear to her heart and over time she enjoyed teaching the younger members of the family to ride. For many years she would lead Peter the donkey up

from the Dale to Youlgrave Church for Palm Sunday and the service on Christmas Eve. She was devoted to her old horse, Flash, and rode him until he was over 30 years old. She also loved the many dogs she had throughout her life, especially Jack, the friendly rescue beagle, who she adored (and spoiled!). She very much loved walking, and engaging in brief chats with various other dog walkers around the village.

In 1972 Carol jointly established Ambrose Printing in Bakewell. The business was a very important part of her life and many people have fond memories of visiting Carol in her front office at Granby Croft and being entertained with general chat, cups of tea and many stories – through a haze of cigarette smoke!

A highlight of her life was, of course, meeting Colin Sampson, whom she

married and had a son, Michael. Although apprehensive to begin with, Carol was a wonderful mother, although she admitted that at first she had no idea what to do with this little new baby! Of course she took to motherhood admirably and was quite proud in her early fifties to be the oldest mother at the school gate.

Despite the tragic loss of Colin, Carol made a beautiful home for her and Michael and settled into retirement. She



since she was the first to admit she hated cooking! These nights were usually followed by a glass of whisky, much laughter and giggles.

Carol was a cheerful, optimistic and 'no nonsense' person who called a spade a spade. She made people laugh at her wise, down to earth attitude and was always a reliable, caring friend. She will be deeply missed by many.

I would like to thank all of my family, friends and the community as a whole for their kind messages and support over the recent months. I know that many of us will all look back and remember her cheerful, smiling face, and reminisce about her often. I will miss you dearly, my best friend, my mother. I will forever cherish the precious memories that we shared together.

Michael Sampson

Christmas revelry in Middleton

Pictured right: The good people of Middleton were treated to some surprise visitors at their Christmas supper this year. Introduced by a good looking man in a tuxedo, in came three tall-ish blondes, a dainty fairy with size 12 boots, an elegant cow (Fresian of course), three elves all called Dick, that rogue Father Christmas, and, in her best designer dress, the famous Dame Wildbore. The singing grew louder, the mulled wine flowed, and the crowd went wild!



Thank you to The Bull's Head from Youlgrave Playschool

All the children and their families at Youlgrave Playschool would like to say a big "thank you" to Nick and Deanne at The Bull's Head Hotel for their generous donation of all the books that were presented to the children by Father Christmas at their Christmas party. It was a lovely gesture and the looks on the children's faces as they opened their gifts was amazing. Thank you again on behalf of the Youlgrave Playschool Committee and staff.

Coffee Morning success

Youlgrave Playschool's Coffee Morning, held last November, was a huge success, raising over £600 towards the purchase of new equipment for the group. Many thanks to all who helped, donated, bought raffle tickets and supported the event in any way. It is great to know that with so many fundraising events taking place local people are always willing to support the youngsters of the village.

Youlgrave Cinema presents

The Great Gatsby (Cert 12A)



An adaptation of F. Scott Fitzgerald's 1925 novel of the same name, the film was co-written and directed by Baz Luhrmann and starts Leonardo Di Caprio, Tobry Maguire and Carey Mulligan. It follows the life and times of the millionaire Jay Gatsby and his neighbour Nick, who recounts his encounter with Gatsby at the height of the Roaring Twenties. 142 mins

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New Head Teacher at All Saints

All Saints School, Youlgrave, has moved into a new and exciting period with Charlie Luff starting as its new Head Teacher in January.

Although Mr Luff was born in Worksop, he comes to Youlgrave from Devon where he has been Head of Teaching and Learning in a small village school. Married with a 10-yearold daughter, he's moved north partly so that his wife can be closer to her family, but also because Derbyshire is. as he puts it, "a particularly beautiful part of the world." So why choose All Saints?

"I love the 'small school, big ideas' approach," he says. "This is a great school where I've already been impressed by the fact that the children are so polite and engaged, the teaching staff so committed and enthused and the community really supportive." He also says the involvement of the Church is important, which is particularly relevant to him as both his parents were vicars!

The Luffs have bought a house on the edge of Buxton, which is handy for exercising their three dogs and indulging his love of walking and running (he's also a keen tennis player). However, perhaps Mr Luff's greatest passion is music. He both plays the piano and writes music, including hymns, songs and even school Christmas musicals. His personal taste in music is wide ranging. he says, from 1970s rock through to folk and country.

So what are his aspirations for Youlgrave School? "I want to build on the work done by my predecessors," he explains, "not just Mrs Jackson but also from Mrs Wildgoose and all the other



Charlie Luff

excellent teaching staff. I think it's important that we try and realise the potential of every child, so that they feel valued and a special part of our school community. I want to help them raise their self-esteem and self-worth, so that they feel they are being listened to." He says that it will take time for this to develop and people shouldn't expect any big changes in the short term.

"Children also need to take ownership of their learning," Mr Luff adds. "It's important that children and staff alike develop together." One of his ideas that he would like to progress is reciprocal reading, where the act of reading is broken up to allow the children time to focus on questioning and reflecting, bringing into play other skills like editing and evaluation.

"I also want to be seen as an accessible and approachable Head Teacher," says Mr Luff. "I've already enjoyed meeting parents, grandparents and carers in the playground and on the school gate. It's important for me to have an open and positive relationship with the children and their families and I look forward to developing this is in the coming months."

School pupils enjoy a Greek banquet!

Children in Class 2 have been learning about Life in Ancient Greece as part of their History topic. To conclude the topic the children had an afternoon where they all dressed up as Greek Gods and Goddesses and enjoyed eating some Greek food.

Finally the Greek Banquet Day had come. At lunchtime we We got dressed into our Greek costumes. I was Hades. We had our picture taken and after that we had a parade around Class 1. We then went into the dining hall for the Banguet, Ceiran, Ben, Sam, Jon and I all sat on the same table. We ate tzatsiki and loads of different Greek foods. I didn't have a favourite as I loved it all! For pudding we had dried apricots, fresh figs, Greek yoghurt and Greek honey. It was the best day! Max



In the afternoon it was our Greek Banquet. I was so excited! First I got changed. I was Hera because she was my favourite person. After that we had some food. There was tzatsiki, humous. taramasalata, Greek green olives, black olives and pitta bread. It was such fun and we had a good afternoon and I learned about some of the Ancient Greek names. It was fantastic and I really want to do it again. Mrs Humphreys was the one to teach us about Ancient Greeks. It was awesome! Yasmin

all got changed into our Greek costumes. I dressed up as Artemis. We went into Class 1 to parade and show off our costumes. Then we feasted on a selection of different Greek foods. There



was feta cheese, pitta bread, green and black olives, breadsticks, tzatsiki, humous and taramasalata. Then for pudding we had dried apricots, fresh figs, Greek yoghurt and honey. Finally for a drink we had white or red wine! I enjoyed myself with all the delights on the table but I didn't like the green or black olives! Delilah

It was Greek Banquet Day. I was Aphrodite with a white dress with black flowers on I was so excited then we had a parade into Class 1. We then sat down in the dining room. The chairs and tables were already out for us. Mrs Humphreys called our table first. I choose pitta bread olives and black olives. When I ate the olives they were horrible! I went up for pudding. There was loads of lovely food. Then I went up for second helpings before I had my pudding. We had some red and white wine with our food but it did not taste like wine - it was fruit juice! **Megan**

Would you believe it?!

Nobody enters these prize draws you are offered today, do they? The prizes don't exist anyway. Well, when I last took my car to be serviced at Youlgrave Garage, together with my invoice Richard gave me a flyer to enter a national Autocare parts company draw. Coincidentally, and more importantly, I was emailing about some football tickets, so for once I did actually register. Incredibly, six weeks later, and with 8,000 entries, somebody rang me to tell me I was one of the ten winners. I didn't even know what the prize was! Before this I have only ever won



dodgy unwanted Christmas presents in raffles (quietly sending them on to the charity shop as discreetly as possible).

For the prize I had a splendid weekend away in Jersey with Raddison – great coastal walking, though the German wartime defences and millionaires' yachts were a weird mixture.

Many thanks to Richard, Graham and the team at Youlgrave Garage for keeping me rolling all these years and even giving me the invoice! The Caribbean would be nice when you next fix my brakes, please.

Jon Cant

SPONSORED SWIM FOR DEFIBRILLATOR APPEAL

On Tuesday 25 February Kath Blackshaw and Judith Orchard will swim four miles at the ARC Matlock, in relay, to raise money for the village defibrillator fund. Sponsor forms are available in the village shops and at the Youth Hostel.

Two years ago, both ladies could swim no more than a few lengths. One could swim one slow stroke, and the other wouldn't even get her face wet! This is the result of tackling fears and learning.

Kath and Judith will personally collect the sponsor money after the swim, so thank you for your support. Please remember to leave your contact details on the form.

GRAND SALE

Friday 14 March Saturday 15 March Sunday 16 March

Early notice of a grand sale of lots and lots of stuff, to be held by the Reading Room, in the Reading Room.

> 10am – 4pm Refreshments

Report from Youlgrave Parish Council

Owing to the deadline for the February Bugle, this report is written just prior to our January meeting. The Multi Use Games Area is installed on the playing fields but will not be marked up until the weather improves. Negotiations to take over the Holywell Lane Toilet Block from Derbyshire Dales District Council have been finalised.

Defibrillator update: The fantastic response means that four defibrillators will shortly be installed around the village. Fund raising continues as these units will have consumables that need replacing, as well as training and production of an explanatory leaflet, so that Council wishes to build a reserve fund to ensure that we are able to replace units as necessary.

Website: Work on preparing the new village website is gaining momentum with members of its steering committee contacting the groups, clubs and facility providers for their details. It has already submitted an initial package of information to the designer, so it is hoped a first draft will be returned shortly and once agreed will go live.

Grit bins reminder: The 16 parish bins are now marked up and full and labelled with the clerk's contact number for residents to report when they need refilling. Please note that bins not marked with a Youlgrave Parish Council number are directly refilled by Derbyshire County Council and will need reporting to them when empty. Our stock of grit bags available for parishioners to purchase at Youlgrave Garage at the discounted price of £2 per bag is steadily disappearing. Please note once this pallet is empty, a price increase will be inevitable on the next pallet due to the manufacturer's seasonal increase.

The Leprosy Mission and used postage stamps

(Please, no adhesive Post Office beige posting 'stamps')

The support for this very worthwhile charity was started over 30 year ago by Doreen Blackwell. The work is helped by the sale of used stamps which we collect in this village in the church (on the back pew). Help is now needed to keep this valuable work going. Mary Turner is treasurer and sorts out all the money details. We now need someone to just organise the annual meeting in September, when usually a Leprosy Mission worker is free to come and talk. The venues for these meetings are shared between the three churches but it does <u>not</u> have to be a church person doing this job. The stamp collecting is another problem. It is always requested that the stamps are cut neatly round to about ¼ inch but many people seem to forget this! So there is an on-going job needed to help to cut round the stamps. Would somebody or some bodies please come forward to help? Neither job is very onerous. Thank you in anticipation. Please ring Barbara on 636601.

Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: December 2013/January 2014

This is a very quiet time for plants, but already some spring flowers are coming into bloom. The snowdrops in our garden are well advanced and some are nearly in flower. The tiny white four-petalled spring whitlow grass is now blooming on the playing field car park, a very good site for early flowering plants, and the hazel catkins are well open.

Birds again give the most interest. There have been big flocks of starlings around the village and large numbers of lapwings have been seen above Alport (Brenda). On 1 December a song thrush was in full song down Holywell Lane

(Joy) and the 2nd had a very good selection of garden birds down including Brookleton. tailed tits. long bullfinches and greater spotted woodpecker (Mick). On December two redwings took residence in our garden and remained until all holly the berries cotoneaster after were gone Christmas. They were

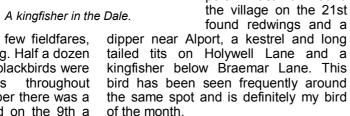
joined on the 20th by a few fieldfares, but these did not stop long. Half a dozen or so, probably migrant, blackbirds were also on the berries throughout December. On 8 December there was a raven over the Dale and on the 9th a sparrowhawk sat on a branch near our bird feeders and there were collared dove feathers on the lawn.

The year started well with reports of a tree creeper down the Dale on 1 January (Kate and family), and a buzzard doing its tumbling display flight (Joy). On 14 January there was a report of both greater spotted and a green woodpecker below Bankside (Chris),

and a variety of birds including nuthatch, bullfinch, kestrel and herons below Holywell Lane (Simon). Also on the 14th there was also a report of two tree creepers down Crimbles Lane (Anne). Though not rare, these tiny barkhugging birds with their pale grey breasts and little curved beaks are difficult to spot and I haven't had many sightings in the village before.

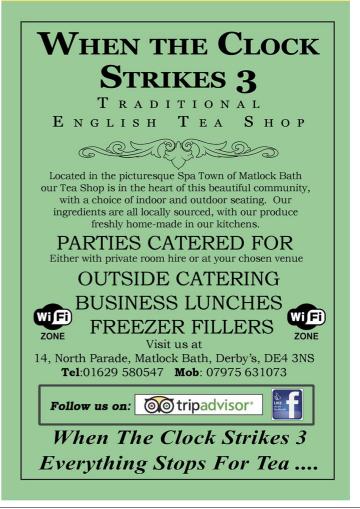
There have been two dabchicks on the river and the occasional dipper for some time. In our garden there have been very large numbers of greenfinches, chaffinches, goldfinches,

sparrows and more than usual bullfinches. Great and blue tits are frequent visitors, but there has been a lack of coal tits lately. Five hen and one cock pheasant have been cleaning up under the feeders and raiding my caged feeder. The woodpecker continues to visit our telegraph pole. A last walk round the village on the 21st found redwings and a



I have enjoyed receiving a lot of reports over the last two months and I thank all contributors. These reports give a much fuller picture of wildlife around the village than just my sightings, so please keep them coming in

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Sheffield City Hall Concerts

Date of next concert: Saturday 15 March at 7 pm

The Halle: Karl-Heinz Steffens – Conductor, Jennifer Pike – Violin.

Wagner Overture: Rienzi Bruch Violin Concerto No.1 Mendelssohn Symphony No.3 Scottish

Tickets cost £27 each and includes the Community bus. Pick up at the top of Hollywell Lane at 5.30 pm, then outside the George Hotel.

To book your seat(s) please phone Joy on 636868 or John on 636721.

Early payment would be appreciated. We look forward to seeing you.

Welcome to 'Pommy's Got Talent'!

Can you sing, play an instrument, recite poetry, act, dance, juggle – or <u>anything</u> that would entertain an audience? If so, **Pommy's Got Talent** on Sunday 16 March is the event for you! Bankside Wildlife Garden is hosting the event as a fund-raiser for the garden and as an alternative entertainment to the summer concerts in the garden. There are six different 'talent slots'. The winner of each will be judged by assessing the volume and intensity of the applause in response to each performance. The final arbiter will be a panel of judges. So come and cheer for your favourite act! It will take place at **3pm** on **Sunday 16 March** in the Village Hall. Entry (includes refreshments) will be £3.50 for adults and £2 for children age 5-12.

There will be six possible entries for participants:

- 1. Under 13 (performance of choice)
- 2. Solo song with or without an instrument
- 3. Singing group or duet
- 4. Recitation poetry, story, drama, monologue
- 5. Musical instrument solo or up to four instruments
- 6. Surprise talent!

Multi entries accepted. Entry fee for each class £1. Deadline for entries is 9 March. Complete the entry form below or pick one up from Hollands or Parkers. For further information contact Maggie (636189) or Cath (636161).

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	POMMY'S GOT TALENT – ENTRY FORM Youlgrave Village Hall, Sunday 16 March at 3pm				
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	Estimated timing of performance minutes				
	Participant's phone contact Entry fee £1 per entrant per category Please leave completed forms at Hollands or Parkers				

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Youlgrave W.I. — old and new for 2014

Looking back on 2013 varied and fun. but often serious, as well as active and thoughtprovoking. Our December Party brought merriment. minstrelling, making stuff and munching things, and a very 'Full House' enjoyed the Special Bingo and our harmonious own handbell ringers. They played for us again at the Carol Service, hosted in Youlgrave Parish Church for our W.I. Area with readings from each village.



The W.I. Christmas 'do' – bell ringing (above) and party games (below).

Looking forward, old traditions will still carry on with many new ideas to come. Book Club and Craft Group will continue with the next Craft afternoon on Monday 3 February and Monday 17 February.

Supper Club, on Thursday 23 January at The Reading Room, following the raucous December 'do', was no less amusing, as Mick Partridge hosted an evening of humour, surprises and noisy Bingo with a wonderful pie and pea supper courtesy of Jean Stacey, Joan Steed and Sandra Oldfield.

Our January meeting welcomed Ingrid Newman who recounted her childhood in Occupied Germany. She and Mike have produced a memorable book which some members purchased after a very moving talk.

The February meeting will be on Tuesday 11th with the title of 'Horses and Hounds'.

February Supper Club on Thursday 27th also breaks new ground, with a Zumba evening hosted by our own David Pryor who runs a hugely popular Tuesday Zumba group in the village.

Future events and talks range from mining to pilates, and kurling to wine-tasting, not forgetting our very popular 'Winter' lunch at Biggin Hall in March.

If the New Year prompts you to try the W.I. and dip a curious toe in the water, please just come along on Tuesday 11 February for 7.30pm at The Village Hall where you will be most welcome.

Liz Hickman



THE BULL'S HEAD YOULGRAVE SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY (Doors open 7.30pm, start 8pm)

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Our listings for 2014 are filling up: Saturday 29 March - Colum Sands Saturday 12 April - tbc Saturday 17 May- Anthony John Clark



Don't forget the acoustic music sessions on the last Saturday of each month in The Bull's Head. Call Maureen on 07714 402978 if you're thinking of bringing along a tune or a song.



Have your say on the District Council's spending plans

Local residents are being invited to have their say on Derbyshire Dales District Council's spending plans for 2014/15. Council Leader Councillor Lewis Rose OBE said: "I have gone on record as saying this council is facing the most serious challenge I have experienced in almost 40 years of local government. The squeeze of local government finances could seriously impact on the services we offer, with £2.9 million additional savings needed in the next six years."

You can learn more about the cuts and air your views at the Area Community Forum at Bakewell Agricultural Business Centre on Monday 17 February.

It starts at 7 pm and anyone who can't attend in person can email questions in advance to communityforum@derbyshiredales.gov.uk or via the District Council's Facebook and Twitter pages @derbyshiredales.

North Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group will also be presenting its development plans at the same meeting.

Youlgrave's Food Bank in **Hollands shop**

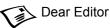
Just before Christmas, a full box of vital groceries was taken by Jennifer and Roger Easton to Matlock Food Bank (run by the Church in the Peak). The groceries were very gratefully received and so it has been decided to continue the project.

It is sad reflection on our present day society that 500,000 people nationally are reported as using food banks. The press and the government seem to present differing opinions concerning food banks, but the truth of the situation is the stark reality that they are needed. Many people are suffering, trying to make desperate choices between food, rent, heating and clothing. If there is anyone in that situation in our village, or if you know of someone, then they should contact one of the referring agencies, eg surgery, social worker. school, etc.

So what is needed? No fresh food, but plenty of non-perishable foodstuffs (and in date for at least three months): tinned food, cereals, rice, pasta, sugar, biscuits, tea, coffee. long-life drinks, etc (the list is endless!). And don't forget the occasional toiletries such as soap, toothpaste and shampoo. PLEASE KEEP THE SUPPLIES COMING. THANK YOU. BS

READING ROOM: A BIT OF GOOD NEWS

At our January meeting we discussed our room hire charges and whether we ought to raise them. We're delighted to say that our prices will remain at the same level they have been for a number of years - that's £15 for a morning, afternoon or evening session, or £5 per hour for a shorter meeting. We hope this will be good news for all our users. Please contact Glenys on 636477 if you'd like to discuss using the Reading Room for an event.



I would like to bring to the attention of your readers the following incident.

On 16 November one of our little Balwen sheep was attacked by a dog. There was only one lamb involved and one bite site. This is unusual for a dog attack so I believe someone may have called the dog off. No one reported the incident and the lamb was left untreated for several hours. The lamb was taken to Bakewell vets where it was euthanased because of the extent of its injuries; it had a hole in the thigh muscle into which I could put half my fist and the ioint was smashed and the vet was able to insert the tip of his finger.

The Countryside Code calls for all dogs to be on a lead or under close control when walking in the countryside. This is not our first incidence of worrying and always it is out of character for the dog. Young lambs and those newly parted from their mothers are particularly vulnerable as they tend to be skittish and run away from people where an older sheep would stand its ground. Please put your dog on a lead when walking across the fields; it really isn't worth chancing your dog being able to overcome its natural exuberance to chase and bring down a sheep.

Charlotte Gilbert Rheinstor Cottage **Alport**



Church Farm Diary, February 2014

On the Sunday before Christmas we all went up to Sheldon where

Elizabeth lives. George, who was nearly 2 years old, was playing the part of Joseph at the carol service. This starts at the Church and ends up in a barn at the top of Sheldon, everyone singing carols as they go up the hill. The first stop is at the pub (Cock and Pullet) were someone knocks at the door to see if there is any room at the inn. At the end of the procession in the barn a manger is placed in the straw with Mary (Eliza aged 2) and Joseph hiding the doll in the hay. After prayers and carols the hot mince pies and mulled wine are served. All this took part with a turkey who sat on top of the barn gobbling away to the singing, thankful that he had escaped the oven. This was a lovely start to Christmas.

Afterwards we went to Elizabeth's and Mark's for hot soup. This is the recipe for this month - it is lovely and warming. When I made it I didn't have any fresh ginger, so used ground ginger and it still worked just as well.

On the farm the calving has started with the suckler cows. Most of the bought-in calves have been weaned, so work is a bit easier with the calves, but there's more work with calving cows.

Michael's lorry is due for its annual test. This was always a bother, as to find the time to get it ready when the test was in the spring, so it was altered Once the onion is soft add the squash, to the winter.

Dakin has been making calving pens and putting concrete beams in the building to form a wall round the shed.

Marjorie Shimwell

Roasted butternut squash soup with chilli and ginger

Ingredients

- 1 medium butternut squash unpeeled and deseeded and cut in half from top to bottom
- 1 clove of garlic (optional)

2tbsp olive oil

Salt and pepper

50g butter

1 large onion peeled and diced

1x2cm of fresh ginger peeled and finely grated

Pinch of dried chilli flakes or 1 chilli finely chopped

900ml of liquid chicken stock

Method

Preheat the oven to gas mark 7.

Put the butternut squash halves on a large roasting tray with a whole garlic, slash the squash with a knife then drizzle with a tablespoon of olive oil and season well. Roast in the oven for about 30 mins or until the knife slides through easily and is nice and soft.

While the squash is roasting, put the remaining tablespoon of oil and the butter in a large pan over a low heat, add the onion and season and leave to soften stirring occasionally.

Remove the roasted squash from the oven and leave to cool a little, as soon as it is cool enough to handle scoop the flesh from the skin and set a side, discard the skin.

ginger, chilli and stock and squeeze out the garlic, discarding the skin. Bring to the boil then take off the heat.

Blitz in a food blender and bring back to the heat, serve piping hot with crusty bread.





So, where's the Reading Room?

It all started when a new member joined our committee. She said: "Why isn't there a sign up saying Reading Room?" We all looked blank surely everyone knows where the Reading Room is? But she sowed the seed and when the Buffs made us a generous donation we decided to use it to have a sign. It had to be a substantial sign, perhaps polished limestone, and Richard Bean was generous too – he donated the piece



of stone. Then followed some ummming and arrrring over style of lettering and size of lettering and whether the letters should be picked out in black, and whether we should have a book on it. Then it was delivered and there was a bit more ummming and arrrring about how to fix it to the wall. Then Ben Tabbenor came along with his tractor, hoisted Eddie aloft in his bucket, and our beautiful, polished limestone sign was fitted to the Reading Room wall.

So now, everyone will know where the Reading Room is!



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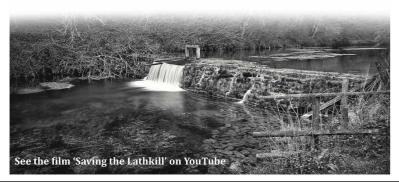
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Monday February 10th 2014

Village Hall, Youlgrave

Join us for a presentation by The White Peak Rivers Group to discuss the decreasing flows in the River Lathkill and how these flows can be restored.

The Haddon Estate, The Environment Agency, English Heritage, Limestone Research Consultancy, Natural England, Peak District National Park Authority, Trent Rivers Trust.



CHRISTMAS AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH: The Crib Service was another happy, chaotic family occasion! Many thanks to all those who took part, especially Emma, Andy and baby Koru, the delightful 'Holy Family'. They really stole everyone's hearts! And many thanks to Dee who nobly walked her donkeys Noah and Blue all the way from Middleton and then back again on Christmas morning. A total of 472 Memorial Candles were donated this year and we had a new and hopefully better way of naming those people to be remembered. Thanks to Catherine Birch for all her hard work on the computer! Many thanks to those who gave donations towards the red candles in church. Happily all the cost of the candles was covered and we have over £100 towards the candles for next year. BS

New spots to see starry, starry nights

New information panels have been installed in locations near Youlgrave to give stargazers a better guide to the night sky.

The Dark Sky panels, which will be changed seasonally, can be found close to Arbor Low stone circle and Minninglow burial mound, where the position of the stars seemed significant to our neolithic ancestors more than 4,000 years ago.

To help people appreciate the relation of these special sites to the stars, the panels are positioned at nearby car parks which are easily accessible and on clear

nights provide good conditions for stargazing.

The car parks are both beside the High Peak Trail at Parsley Hay, off the A515 near Hartington; and at Minninglow, off the A515 at Pikehall.

Interesting objects to look out for in the February southern night sky include the constellation Orion and planet Jupiter. Orion the hunter is easily recognisable by his belt and sword, a line of three stars with three stars that 'hang' beneath it, while Jupiter, the largest planet in our solar system, appears as a bright pink star to the left of Orion.

The panels were erected by the Peak District Dark Skies Group via the National Park Authority. The group includes professional and amateur astronomers with a keen interest in safeguarding the night skies in and surrounding the national park from inappropriate lighting.



For more information visit www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/darkskies.



Carol Singing success, despite the elements!

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.

Despite the wind and rain we had an amazing turn out: 18 on the Friday and up to 40 on the Monday. The small group who started early on Friday at Granby House had a warm and enthusiastic reception and much enjoyed Brian's story and the mulled wine and Christmas cake!

A special thank you to Granby House, Lillian and John Clark, and Eileen and Robert Lowe (and helpers) who fed and watered us. After the cold and wet it was very welcome, and the finale at Eileen and Robert's was, as always, a wonderful way to finish on Monday evening.

Congratulations to all the carollers who braved the elements and many thanks to

the enthusiastic children on Monday – they did a great job singing and collecting the money. We hope you enioved it as much as we did. We raised £217 for Youlgrave Bangbutt Village Link. This local charity provides support to community projects Sierra Leone, West Africa.

See you next year!

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	Youlgrave Village Hall, 10am-3pm	Thurs	Yoga with Iris Pimm, 9.30-11.30am
Mondays	Yoga with Michele (815168),		Beginners class 7-8.30pm, The
	Village Hall, 4.55-6.25pm		Barn, Greenfields Farm (636341)
Tuesdays	Art Club, 10am-12 noon, ring	Thurs	Youlgrave Silver Band, Methodist
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Tuesdays	Yoga with Iris Pimm (636341), The	2nd Mon	Mobile Library, Mt Pleasant
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Tuesdays	Youlgrave Bell Ringers practice		9.50am, Grove Place 9.55-
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Tuesdays	Scouts 7-8.30pm, Scout Hall		10.40am, The Pinfold, Middleton
Mon-Fri	Youlgrave Playschool, Scout &		by Youlgrave, 10.50-11.20am
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Weds	Bingo, Youlgrave Reading Room,		Matlock & District Citizens Advice
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Weds	Beavers 5-6pm, Cubs 6.15-7.30pm,		Centre, 9.30am-12.30pm
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