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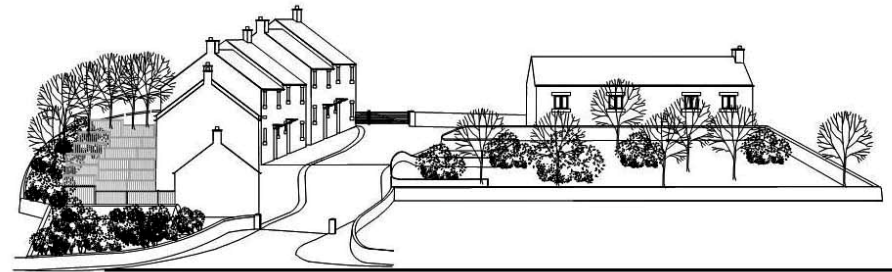


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Alport, Middleton and Youlgrave**

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Conksbury housing: building work begins



A drawing of what the new housing is likely to look like from the east (Conksbury Lane).

Building has now started on Youlgrave Community Land Trust's affordable housing site at Conksbury Lane.

The scheme will provide six houses and two bungalows for people who have a local connection with the area. The houses have been designed to blend in with the village and will be an attractive addition to the landscape. The houses will also achieve as high a level of sustainability as can be purchased with our limited budget and the site layout will provide space for an expansion of Youlgrave's community orchard. We hope the houses will be finished by the end of the year. Building works inevitably cause some disturbance to neighbouring properties, but the builder will strive to keep this to a minimum.

As everyone knows, the desperate need for affordable housing is an urgent political challenge for Government nationally. In the Derbyshire Dales too, public consultation has confirmed that affordable housing must be the Council's top priority and this has remained the case for some years.

Here in Youlgrave, the village plan consultations proved time and again the need for housing that would enable local young people to stay in the district rather than be forced to move away. The housing need survey, re-done in 2012, has shown that there are local people keen to be considered for the houses.

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YOULGRAVE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, 28 April, 7pm

The Village Hall Committee AGM will be held in the Social Room at the Village Hall on Monday 28 April at 7pm..

Every village club, society or organisation has the right to be represented on the Committee, whose existing members would welcome input from as varied and diverse groups as possible. Independent members may also be co-opted and Committee officers will be voted into post. Please come along and support the Village Hall, either as a representative of a village organisation or as an interested individual.

D. Frith, Secretary

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.

Defibrillator Sponsored Swim

Judith and Kath successfully swam two miles each at the Arc Leisure Centre on Tuesday 25 February. They would like to thank Gill and Pam for patiently ticking off the lengths, along with a VERY BIG THANK YOU to everyone who kindly gave their support and generous sponsor money. The total raised was **£470** towards the Defibrillator Fund – much appreciated!

Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 29 April, 7pm

Youlgrave Village Hall

Includes question and answer session with John Scott, Director of Planning, Peak District National Park Authority

All welcome

“Thank you”

A big thank you to all my very kind neighbours on Bankside who helped when I broke my wrist. The very lovely Gill and Brian – Gill for coming and doing my ironing and always checking on me. Liz and Cath for flowers and chocolates, old Bankside neighbours Pam and Nicky for help with lifts. What a lovely place to live – thank you all.

Rachel Flanagan

Continued from front page – work on Conksbury begins



New housing – likely appearance from the north.

YCLT's lettings policy will be in line with that required by the Peak District National Park Authority and Derbyshire Dales District Council. Properties will be let, firstly, to those with a local connection to Youlgrave and Middleton and, secondly, to those from surrounding parishes. Management and lettings will be carried out by our partners, Peak District Rural Housing Association, on behalf of YCLT.

We look forward to working with them

on this exciting project for the village.

YCLT and PDRHA will hold a turf-turning ceremony to mark the start of the build on Friday 11 April. If you would like to attend, proceedings will begin in the Reading Room at 11am.

David Frederickson
Chairman

Youlgrave Community Land Trust

Fundraising lunch raises over £500 for defibrillators

May we thank you all for your support in making the Community Lunch on Friday 7 March for the defibrillator fund such a success. Over 70 people came for lunch! In addition, lots of people gave a donation, for which we thank you too. We were able to pass on £503 to the Parish Clerk.

The Organising Team

LIVE at Youlgrave Village Hall

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All proceeds go towards the Village Defibrillator Fund. Come and join us for a night of swinging 60s music!

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Sylvia Wigglesworth (1920-2013)

Sylvia Wigglesworth lived a very long and fulfilled life in the Alport and Youlgrave area. Born in Alport, Sylvia Stevenson grew up in the village with her Mum and Dad and older sister Freda. She went to school in Youlgrave and when she left school she went to work in Bakewell at I.J. Rogers knitting company.

Friday and Saturday nights always involved trips to Bakewell or Matlock to the local dances and long walks home in the dark. At weekends Sylvia helped in her mother's café at Lathkill View, Alport. The café became a mecca for cyclists, and it was here she met her future husband, Dennis, a keen cyclist from Sheffield.

When the war came in 1939 Sylvia went to Swynnerton in Staffordshire to work at a top-secret munitions factory, along with several other local girls, including Marie Wardle (later to become Marie Evans). Just to give you some idea of the type of work involved at the factory, Sylvia was admitted to hospital on three separate occasions, because of the effect on her skin from the chemicals she worked with. She suffered with skin troubles until the 1970s.

After the war, Sylvia and Dennis were married and lived with her parents at Lathkill View. They had a daughter, Susan, who was born in 1948. Sylvia, Dennis and Susan moved to Youlgrave in the late 1950s.

Sylvia then got a job in the local knitting factory based at Granby House, where she met up again with Marie Evans who was the manager. As Marie said just recently, they had such happy

times working together at Granby House.

When Susan and her husband Eric moved to Norfolk in 1981, with their children Catherine and Tom, Sylvia became involved with the local playgroup. She was a Sunday School teacher at the Wesleyan Reform Chapel and even helped with Meals on Wheels.

After Dennis died in 1993, Sylvia eventually moved to Granby House, which had become an Abbeyfield Society home. To keep herself busy, Sylvia went weekly to listen to children read at Youlgrave school, and in later life greatly enjoyed the Monday Club in the Village Hall and the whist drives at Granby House, as well as continuing her life-long reading habit. (How on earth did I manage to keep her supply of books going?!) I suppose there were two main things that kept Sylvia going for so long. First, her love of life in Youlgrave – her married life, her working life, the

range of social activities she became involved with in later life; and especially the love and care she received at Granby House.

The other important thing for Sylvia was her love for her family. She always took a keen interest in what the various family members had been up to, spread out as we are in Norwich, Birmingham, Derby and Sutton in Ashfield. She was immensely proud and interested in what her grandchildren had achieved and her delight in her four great-grandchildren knew no bounds.

A very long and fulfilled life.

Susan Rowland



How will Youlgrave commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the First World War?

Together with David Camm and Eddie Oldfield, we have been thinking about this question and we are wondering how many others will have some good ideas and want to join in?

Of course, many will have personal memories and want to give thanks and pay respects individually, but let us just stop and think how much people across our community have to offer. We have already spoken to some who are involved with clubs or organisations in the village but we do want

to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to be included. Whether you simply want to throw in some ideas or are part of any group who would like to be involved, please get in touch with Anne or John Cooper on 01629 630282 or email us on jlac784@hotmail.com.

One good reason for getting together is that there is Heritage Lottery Funding available for ideas which have an

educational or heritage benefit for the community. We hope to be able to give regular updates through the Bugle as ideas and events unfold.

We will soon be appealing for memories of what people from

Youlgrave did in the Great War, either at home or at the Front. Another idea is to look at what the village might have looked like then and who would have lived here.

We have already received a very positive response from the school, because of all

the educational and creative opportunities this will provide. But this four-year period can be an inspirational time for all of us, young and old, for reflection and research, for thanksgiving and socialising, for one off events or a series of new ones.

Please get in touch with your thoughts and ideas.

Anne and John Cooper



YOULGRAVE CARNIVAL DAY: Saturday 28 June

Carnival Day this year is to be held on Saturday 28 June. The Carnival Queen and her Attendants will be chosen on 28 March and published in the next edition of the Bugle. We hope you have all got your thinking caps on for your fancy dress and float idea, lets hope the weather is the same as last year so we can all have a fantastic day! If you would like to help during Carnival day, would like a stall, help marshal during the parade or offer your services setting up, please contact us on 077451 48993 or at youlgravecarnival@hotmail.com. All help is very welcome. We hope to hear from you very soon.

Youlgrave Carnival Committee

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Report from Youlgrave Parish Council

The Parish Council met on 25 March to discuss current projects approaching completion and were delighted to learn that the footpath from Holywell Lane to King Street is now re-opened, thanks to the hard-working efforts of our Peak Park Ranger and his team of volunteers. They have freely given several days over the past months to cut new steps and surface this public footpath, which now gives an alternative access to Bankside Wildlife Garden. Council thanked the whole team.

Our new village website www.youlgrave.org.uk is almost ready to hand over to our village editors who will then take on responsibility for updating and expanding the site. If your organisation is not yet represented please email the clerk who can provide you with a template for supplying information; and also for joining our team.

Council has received queries regarding the apparently large percentage increase levied by the Parish Council Precept showing on your Council Tax bills. As stated in the November Bugle, this is the first real increase in the parish tax since 2008 and is to accommodate our new annual commitment to providing grit and a contribution to the next playing field project for a BMX trail. We have also made significant contributions to the new multi use games area and the new village website. In real terms the Precept has gone up by approximately £0.33 per month per property.

Defibrillator awareness training dates

Hopefully the four defibrillators will all be operational by the end of this month. A site on Mawstone Lane has been found for the Bradford box and we would like to thank the brewery Greene King for allowing The Farmyard Inn to put one up outside to cover Coldwell End and Grove Place. Further fund raising is continuing as we are conscious that four units will require maintenance at the same time. We are also planning a leaflet and displays to give advice and show the locations as well as provide further training. Two dates have initially been booked for the free awareness training:

- **Tuesday 15 April**, 7.30pm, Youlgrave Village Hall
- **Tuesday 27 May**, 7.30pm, Youlgrave Village Hall

Both sessions are FREE and open to all residents, but the maximum numbers attending each event are 40 people. You can sign up at Youlgrave Post Office for either evening on our registration boards. Further dates are being arranged.

Our Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 29 April is at 7pm in Youlgrave Village Hall and will be attended by John Scott, Director of Planning at the Peak District National Park who will be answering questions and hearing our views on planning matters. The next parish council meeting is on the same evening and will commence straight after the Annual Parish Meeting.

Matthew Lovell, Parish Clerk
youlgraveclerk@youlgrave.org.uk



Working defibrillator at Alport.

Youlgrave Carnival update: Auction of Prizes & Promises

The Auction was held on 25 January with proceeds to be split 50/50 between Youlgrave Carnival and Youlgrave Defibrillator fund. The event was a sell-out with many people being seated in the bar area at the Farmyard Inn for their Chinese Buffet. We managed to squeeze everyone in, plus more, for the auction itself which was a great success. All prizes and promises were bought, raising over £1,800.

We also ran a donating vote on the night. A total of four people volunteered themselves to be put forward to pose as a model in one of Diane Kettles life drawing classes and people put money in a pot to support the person they would most like to take part in the class. The four people were Sue Day, Phil Wildbore, Mick Partridge

and James 'Fish' Bacon. The clear winner was James Bacon, raising over £70 in votes – he's currently organising a date for his class and we hope to see a finished drawing soon! Thanks to all four for volunteering.

We would like to say a big thank you Phil Wildbore and Mick Partridge for the entertainment on the auction night, great laughs were definitely had. Thanks to Sue at the Farmyard Inn, Simon and the staff for providing a fabulous buffet and great service. The buffet was donated by the Farmyard Inn, which helped raise such a great sum of money.

The biggest thanks goes to all the people and local business that donated a prize of a promise for be auctioned.

Jogging on

The Saturday morning joggers have been lucky with the weather and not had rain since starting in January.

Launched as a part of the Jog Derbyshire initiative, which has seen at least 130 people having a go, we intend to carry on enjoying ourselves.

Catering for everyone, we meet every Saturday at the Scout and Community Hall at 10.30am and will only be stopped by ice or lightning. As the days get longer and warmer there's talk of evening runs as well – if that would suit you then please call me. A social as well as an active hour can be enjoyed by all and you are welcome to come along. No fee but lots of encouragement – just turn up! Contact Pete Tapping on 0775 2463918 for more information.



Youlgrave joggers: Angie, Brie, Elaine, Tanya and Sue with Wilson after a 3-mile jog.

Youlgrave Cinema presents
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Friday 4 April at 7.30pm,
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Supper Club gets moving!

On Thursday 27 February, 18 supper clubbers proved that we are not just about eating and drinking by attending a Zumba class. David (our own Mr Pyror) led us in his inimitable and enthusiastic style through a series of dances, jumps and gyrations to a fantastic selection of music including the wonderful "I wanna be like you" from Jungle Book. This had everyone swinging.

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fuses fitness, entertainment and culture into an exhilarating dance-fitness sensation... Zumba exercise classes are fitness-parties that blend upbeat world rhythms with easy-to-follow choreography, for a total-body workout that feels like a celebration". I looked that up so I think it's right, but from a participant's point of view Zumba is a really good laugh that keeps you fit. If you find the gym beneficial but boring this may be the way forward; I challenge you not to smile.

Of course, after an hour of such pounding we all dived into a superb spread provided by Jean and Sandra. Many thanks to all for a great evening. David's Zumba class takes place weekly on Tuesday at 1.30pm in the village hall. It is well-attended and enjoyed but sadly not by many fellas.

Pam Walker



W.I. Springs into action

Beginning with Biggin – our March lunch at The Hall was as usual excellent value and a lovely outing despite the rain. At the March meeting, the very experienced Debbie discussed hair care in detail, and demonstrated with skill how she transforms hair into a stylish hairdo with Irene, Judy, Kate and Wendy as models. Winner of favourite hair accessory was Gloria.

The Supper Club scented the Reading Room with beautiful natural soaps, lotions and creams from Anthony's Bakewell Soap Company. He kept us quiet as we were knowledgeably enlightened about skin structure, diet and especially sleep, and the qualities of soap. Along with Jean's delicious soups of asparagus and special butternut, we all agreed the evening had been a success, as usual.

April 24th Supper Club sees the return of kurling, always great fun, to be held in the village Hall. The speaker on the WI meeting on April 8th at 7.30pm will be of great local interest as Byron Makin talks about local mines.

Once again, five of us had a relaxing and amusing day at Baslow with Dru Yoga, dance exercises and a mini-picnic in Chatsworth grounds in the sun.

A variety of trips/events are always on offer at meetings for members to choose from, but Supper club is an open social evening. Please ask for details of our activities as due to popularity and the necessary organisation, all our events now have a list of all those wishing to attend. We also have our successful book and craft groups, the latter meeting on first and third Mondays at 2pm and open to anybody.



Judy Birds enjoys a stylish new 'hairdo' at the March meeting.

An imminent fundraising event (for our defibrillators) is the 'alternative' Beetle (**Bunny**) **Drive on Friday 11 April**. The venue is the village Hall at 7pm (see posters) and tickets are now selling fast at The Bull's head, Hollands, and The Post Office. A mere £4.50 will entitle you to a fabulous home-made pie and pea supper, and a fun and frantic 'drive' with great prizes, so don't miss out. Novices welcome, as rules will be explained!

Please drop in on us at the next meeting at the village Hall if you are thinking of joining in with our very active WI.

Liz Hickman

To read the Bugle in full colour, plus all the back issues and special editions (Bugle 2000, Mawstone Mine Disaster and World War II commemoration) go to
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Visit to the Church Tower

Children from All Saints Class 2 had an enjoyable and informative visit to the Church Tower on Friday 28 March, which was very kindly led by David Camm and Eddie Oldfield. Whilst in the tower, the children were shown how the bells were rung and each child in the class had a go at ringing one of the bells. They also all had a go at ringing the set of hand bells (see left). Hopefully we have some future bell ringers in the making! *NH*

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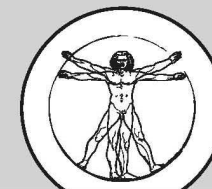
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Local youngsters put on Street Dance Show

On Monday 7 April at 6pm Derbyshire Dales Village Games will be hosting its first Street Dance Show in Youlgrave Village Hall for all parents, guardians, friends and family to come along to watch.

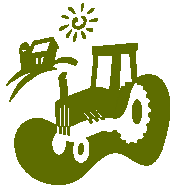
Over 25 children have been attending the classes on a Monday evening which only started on 24 February.

We would like to invite you to come along to see what the children have been up to during their lessons and for the children to show off their new moves!

The show will be in aid of The British Heart Foundation, so all the proceeds on the evening will go to the charity. We will be charging 50p per person on the night to watch but there will also be a bucket for donations and a refreshments and cake stall to help raise money for this great cause.

If you would like to come along and watch the short performance please contact becky@villagegames.org.uk





Church Farm Diary, April 2014

Working on the land is getting better as the weather dries up. Lots of muck spreading is taking place and gone are the days when my Great Uncle Tom would take the horse and cart to the field and tip the muck in to heaps all over the fields, then he would scatter it by hand using his muck fork. The spreader will hold many tonnes, taking the manual work from you and doing the work much more quickly.

Michael and Dakin have been building up some gaps in the walls as they have fallen down with the wind and rain and moles burrowing near the walls, as well as the sheep jumping over them. The sheep we had running on the ground for winter keep have gone back to their own farm to lamb.

Dakin has brought a special brush for the cattle to scratch their backs on and they love it. It is attached to the wall on a strong spring and they go and have a scratch whenever they feel like it – pampered cows!

It is nice to see the snowdrops and daffodils flowering after the dull days of winter. It must be a good year for snowdrops as I have them growing in places that they haven't before.

Marjorie Shimwell

Home-made sweet pastry

I had never been very good at pastry till I found this recipe, you can use it for all sweet dishes.

- 6 oz plain flour
- 1 oz ground almonds
- 4 oz chilled butter
- 2 oz caster sugar
- 1 egg (small)

I do mine in the food processor and then chill for about 20 minutes before use and try not to handle it too much as it is very rich. It can be easily doubled up in weight.

FOLK CLUB NEWS

The Colum Sands concert in March was the last to be held in The Bulls Head function room. Many thanks to Nic and Deanna for their help and support for the concerts over the last year.

There is no concert in April, but please make a note in your diary that we have booked **Anthony John Clarke** for Saturday 17 May in the Reading Room. Tickets are £9 in advance/£10 on the door and will be available from Hollands Butchers from mid-April, or online at wegottickets.com. Bring your own drinks. More about Anthony in the next Bugle.

Looking further ahead, Session Nights will also be re-starting in the Reading Room on 6 September and then on the first Saturday of the month. For any further information the club can be contacted by email at pommyfolk@gmail.com.

Sport Relief Day at All Saints' Primary School



On Friday 21 March children from Youlgrave School came dressed up in shooting, skateboarding and other sports clothes. We had a special assembly where we watched a film about what Sport Relief actually is and what we do to raise money for charity. In the afternoon we did an obstacle course, a goal shooting competition to see which team scored the most goals and a skipping contest. I did 304 skips. I had a lovely time. It was great. The cake sale was brilliant too! *Angus Broda*

When I got to school everybody was dressed up in sports clothes. I was dressed up as a downhill bike rider. After that we went into assembly and we watched a film about Sport Relief and then we had a parade. I paraded with Cieran - it was cool. In the afternoon we did some activities. We did an obstacle course, a skipping activity and goal shooting. After school we then had a cake sale. Sam O'Neal

On Friday 21 March it was Sport Relief Day. It started when we all came to school in sports clothes including running, tennis and biking clothes. I came as a ballet dancer. We went into assembly. It was a special assembly as we watched a film about a boy who lives in Africa. He has to work every day and only earns £1.50. In the afternoon we did 3 activities – skipping, shooting goals and an obstacle course. We did it in our house teams. Lathkill won. I thought it was a fantastic day. *Daniella Murray*

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Pommy HAS got talent!

After a quiet response, the event on 16 March was a great success, with participants and audience enjoying an afternoon of variety, talent and fun. Maggie Ford and her busy team of helpers cajoled and convinced several local performers to join a mixed programme of music, comedy, song, and drama.

Families came to the fore with the superb flute, guitar and singing from Gill and Garrie Griffiths who Flew to the Moon, John and Lillian Clarke both recited for us with aplomb, David and Janet Pryor and other Jungle Kings started us off with a Zumba number, and Joe and Tom Wilkin entertained us with great tuba skills and a McGough poem. Cath Jones and Maureen Levers sang their usual mix of ballad and folk songs with feeling.

Liz Hickman showed us her tonsils in prose and David Frederickson performed two amazingly graphic adventure tales from his repertoire.

Jeni Edwards read three of her original poems, ranging from family and nature to a clever observation of Lines. And Margaret Folly showed her amazing mouth organ and epic recital ability.

Via the new Applause Method, there were prizes for Grace Hill's beautifully played flute piece (thanks to Gill's own flute!), and the Overall Audience award went to John Clarke and his very Trusty Rifle!

A special thank you must go to the willing bakers, lighting, door and sales teams, and of course for the general setting up and clearing away.

The purpose of this event was to raise funds for ongoing costs for The Bankside Wildlife Garden.

Thanks must go to Maggie for this first 'Pommy's got Talent' and for her own moving poems and folk song. LH

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Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: March 2014

Spring is slowly arriving and the 9th to the 15th was almost summery. A yew tree in the garden looked as though it was smoking with clouds of pollen coming off it. The warmth also brought out the butterflies and I saw peacock, small tortoiseshell and brimstone in the garden and a comma not far away.

Early in the month I was asked by Lillian to look at a rather splendid beetle that turned out to be the longhorn beetle, *Leptura quadrifasciata*, no common name. The grubs feed on old trunks and logs while the adults feed on pollen.

Wild flowers are beginning to bloom with lots of spring whitlow grass and bitter cress on spoil heaps and the playing field car park, lesser celandines and daisies beginning to decorate lawns, big yellow kingcups at the top of the Dale and dandelions starting to provide a lot of nectar for honey bees.

Our birds of prey continue to do well with reports of a pair and even a family of five buzzards over the Dale (Simon and Cath), sparrowhawks in the garden and occasional kestrels around the New Dam area. There have been both dabchicks and tufted ducks in the Dale but I haven't seen them lately. Grey wagtails can now be seen, however, and one or two dippers. On the 4th seven curlews were reported flying over New Farm. Blue tits are starting to use nest boxes both down Holywell Lane and in our garden. Garden birds are singing well with a blackbird singing its heart out near our shed, a song thrush singing down the garden, dunnocks giving their

extended twittering song, great tits teacher-teaching and chaffinches singing their descending scale with the lovely roll at the end. All these would suggest that their nests are nearby.

Sparrows, greenfinches, goldfinches, chaffinches, blue tits and great tits have been regular users of the feeders and there have been occasional coal and long tailed tits. Very welcome visitors to the feeders were two siskins around for a few days and a female reed bunting was seen briefly on the 17th.

At around 10pm on the 17th I had a rather close encounter with six black fallow deer that ambled across the road in front of me near Hawley's Bridge. A final walk round the village before writing on the 23rd found the mauve ivy-leaved toadflax growing on lots of walls, the green dog's mercury in abundance in the woods and cowslips just beginning to flower

on the playing field wildlife area. The tiny green moschatel or town hall clock could also be found in the woods. On this walk I also saw and heard my first local chiff chaff of the year. Reports of warblers, swallows and house martins arriving would be very welcome.

My thanks to all contributors and please keep those observations coming in.

Stop press: a curlew flew over Main Street, calling, about 3.30pm on the 24th.

Ian Weatherley
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Long horn beetle

Derbyshire County Council brings in extra staff to tackle potholes

Roadworkers at Derbyshire County Council are working extra hours to help fix the backlog of potholes caused by extreme wet weather in the past few weeks.

Prolonged and heavy downpours battered roads across the county causing extensive damage in some places.

Over the past five weeks, the county council's Call Derbyshire contact centre received an average of 780 road-related calls a week, in addition to potholes reported online.

The county council carries out a rolling programme of road repairs but extra staff, including external contractors, have been brought in to help deal with the problem.

Councillor Dean Collins, Derbyshire County Council's deputy cabinet member for jobs, economy and transport, said: "Fortunately in Derbyshire we avoided the widespread flooding suffered by other areas of the country. But the extreme weather did take its toll on our roads.

"I can assure people that we're doing all we can to repair our roads as quickly as possible. We look after more than 3,000 miles of roads across Derbyshire so it's a massive job but fixing potholes is our number one priority at the moment.

"We're working through the backlog as fast as we can so please bear with us – and rest assured that if you report it, we will sort it."

So far this year, the county council has received 7,633 reports about potholes compared to 5,295 during



the same period last year.

Principal engineer Glyn Dutton explained why so many potholes have appeared on the county's roads in recent weeks.

"Potholes are caused when rainwater finds its way under the road surface through tiny cracks in the road. The sheer volume of water on our roads in recent weeks and the force it created pushed up the road surface from below breaking up the asphalt.

"The problem is made worse by freezing temperatures because the water expands in the cracks as it turns to ice and breaks up the road surface even further causing more damage."

If you spot a pothole report it and we'll sort it. Tell us online at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/reportit

Ed – this article was kindly supplied by Derbyshire County Council. If you think Youlgrave's roads need repairing and our potholes need filling please contact them via the website link above or contact Call Derbyshire on 08456 058 058.

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Thurs Yoga with Iris Pimm, 9.30-11.30am
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2nd Tues Youlgrave WI meetings, Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm (636353)
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