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School supporters buy new laptops for children

Youlgrave School Association and the Friends of Youlgrave School have between them funded the purchase of 30 new laptops for All Saints School. The School Association decided to put in all the money they raised last year and Acting Headteacher Glyn Julian said it was a terrific contribution that would have a "big impact on the children's learning" for a long time to come.

Blue Bag collection

It's almost that time again when a blue bag comes through your door, hoping to

be filled with all your unwanted clothes and paired shoes and soft toys. If you need more bags just use ordinary bin bags and if you want them collected from your house because you have lots and lots of bags please contact the School Association. The bags will be collected from outside houses on MONDAY 27 APRIL – please put them out for 8.30am and they will be picked up with a smile and many thanks. Last



Youlgrave School Association – fundraising to help the pupils of All Saints.

year from two collections the Association made over £500 – and, with all the money going into equipment like laptops for Youlgrave schoolchildren, let's see if we can beat that figure this time! If you have any queries please call Karen at the School Association on 636536. Thank you once again.

Bumper 28-page April issue!

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SWIMATHON – 17 APRIL

I'm afraid I went a bit mad last month, and entered a 'Swimathon' at the Arc Leisure in Matlock to raise money for the Marie Curie charity for terminal care. Now I have to actually swim it! A whole 5km – or 200 lengths in one go. Pam Walker has kindly offered to share it, should I sink. So if you'd like to sponsor us, you can (1) go to http://my.swimathon.org/sponsor/judithorchard or (2) fill in the form at Youlgrave Post Office or (3) call at my house, Brambleside, Brookleton.

Thanks, Judith Orchard.

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VILLAGE MARKET

Saturday 11 April

A shortage of stalls means this <u>won't</u> <u>now</u> happen. But we'll try again in the Summer. Let me know if you'll be interested, Glenys 636477.

Children tell the story of Easter

This Easter time the church will again be filled with six displays depicting the story of Easter from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. However, this year Youlgrave School have offered to produce three of them, which is very exciting! Please support the School and church by visiting the church. Follow the white footprints round the church in order to view everything in the correct order. The displays should be up from Wed 25 March to Friday 10th April. The church is open daily from approximately 9am to 5pm. Happy Easter!

Badminton

A group of badminton players meet at 10am on Thursdays in the village hall for an hour of fun and exercise with rackets and shuttlecocks... we even connect the two sometimes!

We are a friendly group of mixed ability – beginners, players and returners – and we would welcome all to join us.

Although we all like to win, it is not a pressured event, just good fun. So dig out those rackets and come and give it a try.

Either just turn up or call Pam on 636032.

Youlgrave Playschool

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TREASURER

We are looking for a local person to volunteer in helping with the management of Youlgrave Playschool finances from September 2015.

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Your help is gratefully received.

Youlgrave Playschool Committee



CONCERT TRIPS TO SHEFFIELD CITY HALL

The next Concert Trip to Sheffield City Hall will be on Friday 10 April at 7pm

Manchester Camerata

Adi Brett (Conductor/Violin

GRIEG Holberg Suite HAYDN Violin Concerto No.1 SIBELIUS Rakastava (The Lover) DVORAK Serenade for Strings

Community transport will pick up at the top of Holywell Lane at 5.30pm and 5.35pm at the George Hotel. We will be returning home immediately after the concert. We hope you will join us.

Joy 636868, John 636721

YOULGRAVE CINEMA

Due to an issue with licensing we have had to change April's film selection – apologies for any inconvenience, but we think you will like the replacement!

The Imitation Game

(Cert 12A)



Nominated in the Oscars earlier this year, the film is set in the darkest days of the Second World War and tells the real-life story of Alan Turing who, with his expert team of code-breakers at the Government's top secret Bletchley Park, are involved in a nail-biting race against time to decipher the enemy's codes, save Allied lives and ultimately shorten the War. An intense and haunting portrayal of a brilliant and complicated man, played by Benedict Cumberbatch, and also starring Keira Knightley, Rory Kinnear and Mark Strong. 114 mins

Friday 17 April, 7.30pm Youlgrave Village Hall Free to members or £5 on the door

Next film: The Book Thief (Friday 8 May)

Connie Knowles (1915 – 2015)

Living next door to Connie Knowles for 43 years has been a joy and a delight, which has increased over the years.

Connie and Walter discovered Youlgrave when they visited their son, Philip, who was here on scout camp. This led to many visits, all by bus, with Walter at his easel painting, and

Connie walking reading. They lived in Chesterfield, in a house tied to Walter's school caretaker job. and knew they needed a home to to in move time. Laburnum Cottage was bought and was their ideal home. It was used vears two at weekends and moved permanently in into September 1972. We arrived three months later, and so began our lovely friendship. Bill and I counted ourselves so fortunate to have such clever, competent, lively,

generous neighbours – we spent many happy hours gardening alongside them on our allotments across the lane, learning from their vast experience. Walter ran art workshops in his studio and Connie cooked lunch for the students. She drew and painted, herself, and in later years, had revived that interest and joined the Tuesday art club.

A strong and selfless lady, Connie cared for Walter for some years as his health deteriorated, and he died in 2002. After he died she had her bad knee replaced and then she could walk up to the village shops again.

Connie has given master-classes to lots of us, passing on skills in scone, lemon curd, jam, chutney and

marmalade making, and was still producing lemon curd aged 99 years. Nine of the last 10 jars left in her fridge went on sale in the village and were eagerly snapped up by her admirers – I have one treasured jar left.

Connie had a strong faith and was a

keen member of the Methodist Chapel. attending Sunday service and selling her preserves at the Coffee Mornings. All profits she made went to the chapel her favourite charities. She was a strong supporter of the Monday Club, always full praise for the organisers and cookers of lunch. She loved her Scrabble and was a fine plaver.

Connie always had a string of visitors – there was a warm welcome, and a genuine interest in

everything and everyone. She was a wonderful listener who didn't butt in, and gave kind, thoughtful advice. She remembered what you'd been doing, and always enquired how you'd got on. She had a lively sense of the ridiculous, saw a joke immediately and her laughter was lovely to share. She was open to new ideas, always trying out new tastes and recipes, and carried on cooking for herself. She really appreciated the Community Bus, and the help the Co-op in Bakewell gave her, supplying a wheelchair and personal shopper as she became too

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frail to shop alone. She is one of the chirpiest, most resilient people I have ever met, refusing to give in to pain or ill health, instead getting out of her chair and making another batch of lemon curd.

Connie often talked about how fortunate she was to have lived in Youlgrave, surrounded by beauty, among many friends. She blessed the day she and Walter found Laburnum Cottage, where she was convinced she could not have been happier.

Glenys Moore



TEAMS TO BE EMAILED NO LATER THAN 26TH APRIL TO:

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Bangbutt wine tasting evening

Sat 9 May, 7.30pm, Youlgrave Village Hall, £10.00 - bring your own food.

May sees a completely new venture from the Youlgrave–Bangbutt group. Group members Christine and Richard Powley are organising a **Wine Tasting Evening** in the village hall. There will be eight different wines to taste including sparkling, white and red varieties. All are German wines from Ungstein in the Pflaz, where wine making was introduced by the Romans some 2,000 years ago. In addition to offering wines to sample, Christine and Richard will talk about the Pflaz region and the various wines to be tasted. Many are surprised by the quality and variety of German wines, ranging from very dry whites and reds to sweet dessert wines. Riesling is the major grape variety of the area and Weissburgunder (Pinot Blanc), Grauburgunder (Pinot Gris), and Spatburgunder (Pinot Noir). Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon are also common.

MORE BANGBUTT DIARY DATES

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Youlgrave Parish Council report

The Parish Council meeting began with a visit to view the cheerful new colour scheme of the redecorated toilet block on Holywell Lane. Its ceilings and walls now have a washable coating and all fittings have been replaced where necessary using the Derbyshire Dales District Council grant given to us when ownership of the block was transferred to us. There was a presentation and thanks to Eddie Oldfield, who has done most of the voluntary work, and Council also thanks our local plumbers and electricians for responding to work around the coatings contractor so efficiently. Externally the paving has been levelled and a ramp installed at the top end and hand rails will be fitted within the next month to complete works. Council hopes the colourful scheme will encourage users to donate generously to the Honesty Box to help meet the running costs of the facilities.

The meeting finalised other imminent plans. The parish noticeboard is to be installed to the left of the trough at the top of Holywell Lane within the next two weeks to enable the Election details to be posted. The existing bench is moving to the right of the trough. Council still hopes to eventually return the board to its historic position on Church Street but has to meet its display obligations for the elections.

Following the much appreciated works by the Peak Park Ranger Service to reopen the footpath below King Street, Council is currently working to resurface the section alongside the river to complete this footpath to the foot of Bankside.

At the QEII Alport Lane Playing Fields, the solid footpath is to be extended to connect the back path at the pavilion to the toilet block and on to the multi use games area (MUGA). Spoil will be taken to the old wildflower area, along with a section of the bank by the MUGA, that will make way for a new shelter, and materials removed will form the basis for the cycle track based on designs from children at Youlgrave All Saints Primary School.

The meeting welcomed a visit from PC Hyde who discussed the recent increase in overweight/oversized vehicles through the village. He noted that ringing 101 and giving the licence plate and name (if shown) of the vehicle and its direction of travel at the time will result in a response if officers are available. There is a link to Trading Standards on the village website Local Government Service Links page and a form where you can submit this information after an incident.

Council has applied to replace the missing Conksbury Lane street sign opposite the church.

Reports were received from the Village Hall, Community Land Trust and Reading Room and a planning application commented on. Vacant allotments are being placed with those on the waiting list currently.

The final meeting of this Council is on 28 April following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm in the Village Hall (Hall or Social Room depending upon attendance numbers)

Matthew Lovell
Clerk to Youlgrave Parish Council
youlgraveclerk@btinternet.com
Tel 01629 636151

ELECTION REMINDER

If you wish to stand for election to the Parish Council please download forms from Derbyshire Dales District Council website and deliver them by hand to the Town Hall, Matlock, by 4pm on 9 April. Go to www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/your-council/elections/2015-elections/town-and-parish-council-elections. Lists of candidates for Parish, District and national elections will be posted on the noticeboard at the top of Holywell Lane when received. Election day is Thursday 7 May and the Polling Station is Youlgrave Village Hall. You will be handed slips to vote in all three elections. PLEASE USE YOUR VOTE.

Youlgrave Well Dressing 2015

Summer may seem a long way off, but Youlgrave Well Dressers are already planning for this year's festival. Well Dressing Saturday falls on 20 June and as ever we are grateful for any help anyone might be able to offer – not only in the making of the well dressings, but also in the heavy work of preparing the clay, putting the boards in the river, puddling, putting up and taking down (see dates below). While this work can be quite strenuous, it is usually followed by a compensating pint in one of the village hostelries.

At this year's AGM Peter Pimm announced he would like to step down as Secretary of the Well Dressing Committee, a role that he has held for 17 years. The committee would therefore like to hear from anyone who would be interested in becoming our new secretary.

Youlgrave has a deserved reputation for producing some of the finest well dressing in Derbyshire and while well dressing requires a certain amount of funding to replace old boards, pay for materials and other expenses, we make sure that any surplus funds are donated to worthy causes connected to the village. This year we were in the unusual position of not having been approached by any of the village societies for a donation. While our surplus funds are not immense the Well Dressing committee would like to hear from any village organisation that is currently seeking funding.

Fred Baker, Well Dressing Committee Chairman fredbaker@me.com & 07590 122969

Welldressing dates for your diary:

Clay preparation: Saturday 16 May, 10 am, meet at welldressing shed* Boards in the river: Friday 5 June, 6 pm, meet at welldressing shed* Puddling: Monday 15 June, 6 pm, meet at the river. Making: Tues to Fri 16 to 19 June. Service: Saturday 20 June at 2.30pm. Wells on display: Sat 20 June to Thurs 25 June. Taking down: Friday June 26 afternoon

(* The well dressing shed is located in the field next to the allotments at the Middleton end of the village.)

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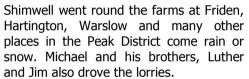
Church Farm Diary, April 2015

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How things have changed with regard to collecting milk

from farms, now the tankers come every other day.

In the war years and before that time Michael's father had eight lorries based at Old Hall Farm that collected the milk every day and took the milk to Chesterfield, Manchester or Sheffield dairies. He and the men who worked for Luther Shimwell Snr and his brother William Dakin



Before the lorries the farmers took their own milk to Rowsley station on carts pulled with horses, and later there was a dairy at Rowsley that was built by Mr Wall (later to be bought by Dairy Express) who shipped the milk to London by rail and road tankers.

The rail tankers were fastened onto the back of passenger trains.

Even though there were Shimwell lorries in Youlgrave, my Uncle Tom and Dad's milk was picked up by Mr Peter Rowland form Middleton who also ran a milk lorry. The testing for fresh milk that was done at the dairies was by a man sniffing the milk in the churns as they came past him on a conveyor belt. He just lifted the lid and sniffed, he must have had a good sense of smell. The milk that failed the test would be brought home and sold to farmers at a cheap price for the pigs to drink.

The way to keep the milk fresh was to



make sure that it was cooled straight from the cow. The first cooler I remember looked a bit like a wash board — it had water running inside it and you had to lift the buckets up and tip the milk to run over the cold surface then run into the churn (I had to have to stand on a milking stool to reach). Then we had in a churn cooler, which was a paddle that fitted on the top of the churn that was full of milk. Water was piped into the paddle which made it turn and cool the milk, then the water spilled out on the outside of the churn through little holes.

In the 1960s the arrival of the bulk lorries meant the end of churns. These days you have a refrigerated bulk tank that takes away all the worry of getting the milk cooled.

The picture shows Luther Shimwell Snr loading up one of his milk lorries with 17 gallon churns. If they were full they would have weighed over 200lb each these had to be manually lifted on.

Can anyone identify where the picture was taken?

Marjorie Shimwell

Back to the theme of milk – the recipe this month is called **Hot Milk Cake**. It has been tried and tested and approved! *Marjorie*

<u>Ingredients</u> <u>Method</u>

Beat the eggs and sugar until light and fluffy

4 eggs Add essence

255g sugar Gently heat the milk and butter until the butter melts

2 tsp vanilla essence Beat into the egg mixture 255g S.R flour Add flour and baking powder

2 tsp baking powder Grease two 8in tins and line with paper as the mixture is quite 230ml milk runny, bake in the oven about gas 4 for about 30 mins or until

30g butter the cake springs back on top when you test them

Fill with your favourite filling and enjoy

Granby House still going strong after 25 years

On 9 March Granby House residents celebrated 25 years of operation with a small party. Exactly 25 years earlier, in 1990, when the house was officially opened by the Prince of Wales accompanied by the Princess of Wales (see pictures right), the celebration was on a grander scale. On that occasion Alport Lane was lined with onlookers as the royal party walked from the playing field, where their helicopter landed. to Granby House for informal get together with the residents and committee. Later they walked on to the school where the formal opening ceremony was performed.

This year's celebration was rather quieter, but Housekeeper Tracie Brown produced a beautiful cake decorated with the society's logo for the residents and guests to enjoy and a good time was had by all.







All Saints' Church, Youlgrave

FLOWER FESTIVAL

20-25 June 2015

All Saints' Church, Youlgrave, will be holding a Flower Festival in June with the theme "Inspired by...."

The aim is to enhance the beauty of our Church with flowers at a time when Youlgrave has many people visiting the village to see our marvellous welldressings.

We would welcome sponsorship of our floral to displays celebrate someone's life or to celebrate а special birthday, anniversary or other occasion. We would put a label by the side of each display giving the name of the sponsors, unless anyone wanted their sponsorship remain anonymous.

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Easter Eggstravaganza!

Report by Class 2, Youlgrave All Saints School



We have had an extremely busy half term at Youlgrave All Saints' Primary School, from raising money for red nose day to the book fair and not forgetting the Easter performance!

On Thursday 26th of March we performed our Easter story play to triumphant applause. We have been busy practising for the last two weeks choreographing routines, creating props and learning our lines. When we interviewed Miss Blood she said "I am immensely proud of Class 2 for all their hard work!" We would like to thank class 1 and 3 for being our choir and supporting us through our songs. Our Easter celebration didn't end there with a fantastic performance by the school cheerleaders and the recorder club. The whole class really enjoyed taking part and we can't wait for next Easter!

Youlgrave Guides – news and activities

Guiding in Youlgrave is still as strong as ever and this term we have welcomed four new members. meaning that we have 29 girls meeting every Thursday. The patrol leaders are great at organising activities. This term their patrols have enjoyed evenings making fortune cookies, looking at Fair Trade, and activities relating to disabilities, as well as fun and games. One of our Young Leaders ran an evening relating to mental health issues facing young people - how to deal with them and organisations available for such issues. It was a difficult topic but a very interesting, informative and indeed fun evening.

A few Guides joined with Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from the District to celebrate Thinking Day, an annual event where the Guide movement all over the world remember that we are a worldwide organisation. This time we celebrated the Chinese New Year.

Earlier in March we took 20 Guides away for a spring weekend to Consall Scout Camp in Staffordshire. We began the weekend with a Wide Game on the Friday night, followed by shelter-building and fire-lighting on the Saturday. The Guides made some tasty



Fire-lighting at the Spring weekend.



Youlgrave's three BP award-achievers.

orange cakes on the fires, simply by filling an orange skin with cake mix, wrapping it in foil and baking them in the embers. Sunday morning saw the Guides participating in a Blind String Trail with several gooey substances for them to identify by touch! We finished off with crafts inside; there are a lot of artistic girls.

On the last evening of the term we welcomed the County Commissioner to present three Guides with their Baden-Powell Award, the highest award a Guide can achieve. The carried out a wide range of activities from five different areas: Healthy Lifestyles, Global Awareness, Discovery, Skills & Relationships. and Celebrating Diversity. These girls have not only worked hard to gain their award but also given a lot to the unit in the five years they have spent with us. We are really proud of their achievements and wish them well in the future.

Penny McCloy
1st Youlgrave Guides leader

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Seconds out... Nicola lands a winning blow

Youlgrave's Nicola Crowther (nee Bacon) recently donned boxing gloves and entered the competitive ring – all for a good cause.



Why did you take part in a boxing match?

My friend runs the National Hereditary Breast Cancer Helpline and is constantly looking for challenges to raise money. She mentioned the 'ultra white collar boxing event', an organised contest designed for novice boxers, and I said "OK, let's do it!"

How long did you train?

I trained five times per week boxing and ran once a week for three months prior to the fight.

Did you ever consider giving up the challenge?

No... I doubted myself a lot but never considered giving up. Once I commit to something I follow through with it.

What were your levels of fitness like

before and after the Challenge?

I consider myself quite fit anyway and train a lot, but during pre fight training I was at the fittest of my life.

Did you win your fight? Yes!

Any injuries?

None from the actual fight, but during training endured black eye, split lip and general bruising.

How much money did you raise for the National Hereditary Breast Cancer Helpline? A total of £660.

Would you box again?

No fights, but I've continued with my boxing training at the local Original Jesters Fight Club.

What was your title in the ring? Nikki 'smokin' Bacon!

Interview by Andrea Willans

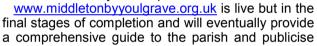


Middleton and Smerrill Parish Council report

Recent months have seen several projects gather momentum:

The Defibrillator Kiosk – we have now purchased the ex-telephone kiosk in Middleton and are turning it into housing for the new defibrillator. We have received free paint from a manufacturer and are looking for volunteers to sand down, undercoat and top coat the kiosk prior to installation of the unit.

Batemans Tomb – Council has finally secured title to this monument and is working in conjunction with the Peak District National Park Conservation Team to seek grants to restore it and the access leading to it. The first step has been to remove the trees damaging the tomb and crown lift the rear yew tree. We can now survey and get prices from stonemasons and ironworkers to repair the structure. As part of this process we are seeking old photos that show the tomb and the railings as they were originally installed. Please get in touch if you have any, as the local studies library and County Records have only recent pictures.



the events, as well as agendas and minutes of the Parish Council. Parish businesses are welcome to have their details displayed with a link to their own website. Information can be sent to the new parish email address below.

Finally can we remind parishioners that local council elections take place on 7 May for the five parish councillors.



The newly crowned yew at Bateman's Tomb, now in the care of Middleton by Youlgrave Parish Council.

If you are interested in standing you will find a link to the DDDC downloadable nomination papers on the Parish Council Meetings page of our website or go to www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/your-council/elections/2015-elections/town-and-parish-council-elections.

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The old phone box off The Square at Middleton – soon to be home to the village's new defibrillator.



What's on

at Youlgrave Village Hall

From 2nd Apr 6 - 7pm

NEW: Extra Zumba class with David Pryor, every Thursday evening at 6pm, starting 2nd April 2015. Only £4.50 a session.

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Great exercise to brilliant music - no need to worry about being able to dance - just follow along and have fun. For more information contact David at dpryor@supanet.com

From 13th Apr 5:30pm

Whether your child/children are budding performers or want to try something new, Premier Performing Arts dance/cheerleading clubs can suite every child.



Youlgreave Village Hall. Monday evenings (every week of the school term) 13th April- 18th May 2015, 5 weeks (excluding May bank holiday-4th May), 5:30pm-6:30pm. £22.50 for the 5 weeks. To book visit www.premierperformingarts.co.uk or for more information contact Emma Robson- 07772420984

15th Apr 7:30pm

High Tor Players: Duets by Peter Quilter. Four sets of characters, four crucial moments; A gloriously funny examination of the chaotic world of love, relationships and why the grass is never greener. Duets is an hilarious tribute to the strength and madness of the human heart



Tickets £8 including refreshments. Box Office (01629) 733407

17th Apr 7:30pm Youlgrave Cinema Club: The Imitation Gane (Cert 12A). During World War II, mathematician Alan Turing tries to crack the enigma code with help from fellow mathematicians. Watch the trailer at yvh.org.uk/whats-on/

18th Apr 10am -

noon

ATTIC SALE

Including Tombola, Cake Stall

Entrance 50p with a free Tea or Coffee.

The last few tables are still available, call Judith on 01629 636 492

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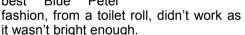
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Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: March 2015

If you were thinking that spring is a little late this year then you are probably right. The latest County Butterfly Survey said that this has been the coldest March since 1962. There are a few wildflowers out, lesser celandines, hairy bittercress and spring whitlow grass, but in very small numbers. In my article for March last year I wrote "the 9th to the 15th was almost summery" and there were lots of flowers. On 4th March last vear seven curlews arrived at New Farm. This year seven curlews were

reported at New Farm on the 16th.

The cloudy conditions did give excellent views of the eclipse. however, as you could watch through the veil of cloud without using eve protection. In fact mv carefully constructed pinhole camera made, in Mandarin duck best Blue Peter



The birds are still giving lots of interest. The little egret was still around in the first half of the month. My last report of it was it flying past the bottom of Holywell Lane on the 13th. On the river there have been dippers, grey wagtails and tufted ducks. I saw seven male tufties with females on the 23th. Two pairs of mandarin ducks were present on the top dam on the 22nd.

The longer days have started the birds nesting, in spite of the low temperatures. In the garden blue tits have been in and out of the nest boxes and a female blackbird has been busy gathering dead grass and heading into the hedge.

There is not much birdsong yet, but the dunnocks are singing well with robins. chaffinches and blackbirds making some effort. There are still small flocks of chaffinches in the garden. I always look carefully at these are they are sometimes joined by less common birds and, on the 18th, I was rewarded with a reed bunting.

A woodpecker has visited telegraph pole again recently, but seems to be pecking for insects rather than drumming. Birds of prey have been

plentiful. A kestrel was reported down Holywell Lane on the 14th and the 16th. I had a male sparrowhawk in the garden on the 17th and there was one with prey down Holywell Lane on the 23rd. There have been a few buzzards, but the bird of the month must go to a red



kite reported recently from New Farm. These impressive birds can be very common near introduction sites, but are still guite an unusual visitor here.

Swallows, martins and wheatears have all been seen along the south coast, so we should start seeing them here soon. My first report of swallows in Youlgrave last year was on 9th April and I saw swallows, house and sand martins over the New Dam on 18th April so please keep a look out.

My thanks to Keith, Simon and the New Road birders for their contributions. All reports gratefully received.

Ian Weatherley iweatherlev@tiscali.co.uk or 636350

Youlgrave Community Land Trust Annual Report

Conksbury Housing and Community Orchard

So we have completed our first project – the new houses are finished. The opening ceremony is on 10 April and we hope village people will want to come and celebrate the achievement. This project has meant a lot of determined hard work over a number of years and we will have an opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us.

So in its first two years YCLT has already brought £1.2 million of investment to the village. Many people have commented how well the houses look in the street scene. The new residents will bring new life to the village and strengthen the local economy. The new road is to be called Hannah Bowman Way, in honour of the woman who first brought a piped water supply to the village. The landscaped part of the site will be initially seeded as a wildflower meadow, then managed by YCLT as a community orchard. We hope this will be a broad community project involving many local groups. We have offers of tree donation from a number of people, some of whom want to dedicate a tree to the memory of a loved one. Another idea is that trees might commemorate the men of the village who died in the two world wars. Planting will commence in the autumn.

Assets of Community Value (ACV)

So far we have registered two buildings as 'assets of community value' under the Localism Act 2011: the Scout and Community Hall and the Bull's Head Hotel. The Board wanted to

support the SCH Trustees who aim to make it available for all community groups in the village. In the case of the Bull's Head we were concerned that after the last closure that Marstons might sell it to a developer. This is what happened in Bamford, where the village community has saved the Angler's Rest and re-opened it as a pub, cafe and post office. Happily, the 'Bull' re-opened with Vicky and Neil as the new tenants and we wish them every success.

Finally, I must thank CLT Board members for their commitment. Particular thanks go to Malcolm Ramsay who has left us following his move to Sheffield. Thanks also to all our 202 members for their constant support and we hope to see everyone at the ribbon-cutting on 10 April.

David Frederickson Chairman of the Board of YCLT





Youlgrave W.I. blossoms out

A welcome to all of our new members and we hope they will enjoy our many and varied activities this Spring. The pots from February Supper Club painting evening were returned to "ooohs" of admiration. Four members enjoyed the Centenary Year DFWI Council meeting at the Winding Wheel with a morning speaker from 'The biggest Loser' Doctor, Ian Campbell, ably demonstrating the importance of nutrition in today's Society. And, secondly, Peter Snow entertained us with his lecture on how the UK burnt The White House in the 1812-14 War!

Our March meeting welcomed Vivienne, a former local teacher, who spoke about her ambition to teach women and children in India, improving their life skills, and giving an insight into the vibrant and chaotic life in Delhi. The hard facts and poor conditions were illustrated by her wonderful slides and obvious dedication.

The lunch at Biggin Hall was a success, as usual, with much chatter and friendship filling the lovely dining room.



Lunch at Biggin Hall



The W.I. Perform Chorus Line

Fitness was the theme for our March Supper Club, as Katie Robinson led us through the paces of a Broadway number and we danced as if born to it, all rounded off with a really super healthy buffet.

April abounds with activity – Craft group meets on Easter Monday, and on 20 April, both at 2pm. Many of us will visit Great Longstone on the 16th for a Group supper and a talk on the Utility Style by Youlgrave's Louise Page. We have a team for the 30 April regional Quiz, and Supper

Club, also on the 30th, at the Reading Room, involves Rag Rugging and a finger buffet. Our April meeting, at the Village Hall on Tuesday 14th, will be a practical evening of flower arranging for us all to enjoy.

Please contact any of us to find out more about trying one of our events, or pop along to the meeting this month and say hello.

Liz Hickman



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Christian Aid Week 10-16 May

There will be the special Christian Aid Service this year in the Parish church at 11am followed by lunch in the Reading Room on Sunday 10 May from 12 noon-2pm. For newcomers, this is a friendly, chatty and informal event, sharing soup and rolls and delicious desserts(!) in good company, and yet remembering those who have nothing much to eat or perhaps only a small bowl of rice once a day, if they are lucky. Help is needed on the Sunday and also on Saturday afternoon 9 May to get the room ready and chop vegetables for home made soup. Offers of vegetables (especially locally grown!) suitable for soup, home made bread and desserts very welcome. Please contact Eileen Lowe on 630020 if you can help in any way by being a distributor or helping with the lunch. Christian Aid envelope distributers and collectors are urgently needed. The more we have, the smaller the area to cover for everyone. Please offer help if you can, as the group of helpers is getting smaller and smaller each vear! Call Eileen 630020 or Barbara 636601.

Village Hall update

We have been working to modernise the way in which the village hall is managed. Until now we have been constrained by the original trust deed from 1933 but during 2014, with the permission of the Charity Commission, we amended our charitable objects to modernise them and bring them into line best practice with for community buildings. At the same time, they also agreed the removal of an original covenant in the trust deed that prohibited alcohol on the premises (of course the sale of alcohol will still be subject to licencing laws).

We have now made a further change to modernise how the management committee formed and operates. In simple terms, we have opened up the eligibility to nominate а representative on the committee to any group who hires the hall for more than 20 hours a year, coupled with a simple election processs at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to enable broader representation on the management committee.

This year, our AGM will be on 18 May, starting at 7:30pm. We will shortly be publishing more detailed information on how the process will work: the closing date for nominations to be a member of the management committee will be 11 May. For more details contact us on 01629 828215 or email Mike@vvh.org.uk

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Zumba with David Fantastic exercise to brilliant music

"But 9 can't dance" Don't worry! "9've got two left feet" It just doesn't matter! Just come along and have fun!

Youlgrave Village Hall Tuesdays 1.30 - 2.30pm and, starting 2nd April, Thursdays 6-7pm

Medway Centre, Bakewell Tuesdays 7 - 8pm South Darley Village Hall Wednesdays 6.30 -7.30pm

All sessions £4.50, no booking, just come along and join in!

For the latest information on dates and times visit

www.davidpryor.zumba.com Contact dpryor@supanet.com



REGULAR LOCAL EVENTS

Mondays Monday Club (Day Centre).

Youlgrave Village Hall, 10am-3pm

Tuesdays Art Club. 10am-12 noon, ring 630407 for details of venue

Tuesdays Yoga with Iris Pimm (636341). The

Barn, Greenfields Farm, 7-9pm

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Tuesdays Youlgrave Bell Ringers practice night, All Saints Church, 7.30-9pm

Tuesdays Scouts 7-8.30pm. Scout &

Community Hall

Youlgrave Playschool, Scout & Mon-Fri

Community Hall. 9am-12 noon Drawing and painting classes. Weds

Youlgrave Reading Room, 10am

Weds Bingo. Youlgrave Reading Room.

7.30pm

Weds Beavers & Cubs. 5.30-6.45pm .Scout

Hall, 7.45pm (term time)

Thurs Yoga with Iris Pimm, 9.30-11.30am

Beginners class 7-8.30pm. The Barn, Greenfields Farm (636341)

Thurs Youlgrave Silver Band, Methodist

School Room, 7.30-9.30pm (learners at 7pm), all welcome

2nd Tues Youlgrave WI meetings, Youlgrave

Village Hall, 7.30pm (636353)

2nd Fri Mobile Library, Grove Place 3.30-

4pm

4th Wed Confidential Advice Sessions with

> Matlock & District Citizens Advice Bureau. Youlgrave Medical Centre, 9.30am-12.30pm

For more local information go to www.youlgrave.org.uk

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