

# The **Bugle**

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Alport, Middleton and Youlgrave**

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**June 2015**

## **Preparations for Carnival and Welldressing**

Friday 26 & Saturday 27 June:  
YOULGRAVE CARNIVAL 2015

Yes, that's right, it's nearly that time of year again! We hope you are all planning your fancy dress and float ideas. This year we will see Carnival Queen, Poppy, and her Attendants Esther and Danielle, retire after their reign. As Queen of 2014, Poppy helped open the new Youlgrave housing earlier this year - well done, Poppy!

Our new Queen will be Grace Hill and her Attendants are Francesca and Ruby – they are really looking forward to this year's Carnival.

There are a few changes to this year's events, so make sure you check the programme enclosed so you don't miss them! Tea, coffee and cake will be served in the marquee by Youlgrave Brownies, so if you would like to help out with baking please get in touch with Edwina Edwards on 636491.

Youlgrave Playschool will be running this year's tombola, so please donate any prizes that you can to make the best tombola yet! You can drop prizes off at the Scout & Community Hall any weekday morning.

As always, if you would like to help with Carnival in anyway please get in touch or if you have a stall or car boot you would like to hold let us know. Call 07745 148993 or email [youlgravecarnival@hotmail.com](mailto:youlgravecarnival@hotmail.com).

**MARSHALS NEEDED:** if can help marshal on Carnival Day (2.45pm till 3.45pm) please get in touch with George on 07830 215020.



*New Carnival Queen Grace Hill and Attendants Francesca and Ruby.*

### ***Youlgrave Welldressing 2015***

*Fri 5 June: Welldressing  
boards in the river, 6pm*

*Mon 15 June: Puddling, 6pm*

*Tues-Fri 16-19 June: Making  
of the Wells*

*Sat 20 June: Service, 2.30pm  
at All Saints Church*

*Sat-Thurs 20-25 June: Wells  
on display around the village*

*Fri June 26: Taking down of  
Wells*

*For full details see page 10.*

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### YOULGREAVE BOWLING CLUB Mid Summer Sponsored Bowling Marathon

A number of bowlers will be sponsored to bowl from dawn until dusk at Youlgreave bowling green to raise money for Youlgreave Bowls Club and Ashgate Hospice. Watch out for bowlers with their sponsor forms and give generously please. Midsummer's Day, Sunday 21 June, from 6am until 9pm.

Everyone is welcome to join us for a fun day – come along and support the bowlers and join in bowling.

Child friendly area, plenty of seating.

During the day there will be 'early' bacon butties and a BBQ, with hot and cold drinks and light music.

***CORRECTION:** In the last issue of the Bugle this notice suggested there would be a bar at the event – there won't be, it's only food and non-alcoholic drinks.*

### ~ Jog Run Youlgrove ~

Now the days are longer and in the hope that more people can come along, we're moving to **Tuesday evening at 6:30pm**. Jogging and running for absolute beginners and all runners.

Meet at the Scout and Community Hut (outside because it's Scouts meeting night). Every Tuesday from 18:30 to 19:30 - ring me if you'd like to get out at another time. Learn to enjoy jogging with a friendly group and trained leader - much easier than trying on your own!

Everyone welcome - free. Any enquiries contact Pete Tapping on 0775 2463918.

### Plants for Pollinators/Bees



On the village website there is now a complete list of all plants that encourage pollinators to your land, from the tiniest flowers to trees. Click on Groups/Youlgrove Beekeeping Group/Plants to encourage bees



### Music & Variety fundraising night

Come for a night of music and variety on Saturday 6 June at Youlgrove Village Hall in aid of Youlgrove Bowls Club and the upkeep of the Village Hall defibrillator.

Featuring Dave Birds, Mick Partridge, with guests Stuart Kirk and Lisa. Plus big raffle and bar. From 7.30pm till late.

Tickets £5 from David Figg's and Andrew Parker's shops.

### WANTED

Please does anyone have a *phormium tenax* (New Zealand flax) plant in their garden that they would be willing to "prune a little" in August? I need some leaves for a weaving course I am attending.

Dianne Hewitt 636580

### Youlgrove Silver Band – forthcoming engagements

- Sat 20 June, Youlgrove Welldressing Parade, 2.30pm
- Sun 21 June, Youlgrove concert, Wesleyan Chapel, 7pm
- Sat 27 June, Youlgrove Carnival (playing field), 3pm

We also need a percussionist and some cornet instruments, suitable for learners to use, so please get in touch if anyone can help. Also, it is not too late for anyone else who wants to learn an instrument to join us at the Methodist Hall, Colwell End, at 7pm each Thursday.

Judith Orchard (Sec) 630202

### All Saints' Church, Youlgrove Flower Festival, 20-25 June

All Saints' Church, Youlgrove, 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 Youlgrove has many people visiting the village to see our marvellous welldressings. We welcome sponsorship of our floral displays to celebrate someone's life or to celebrate a special birthday, anniversary or other occasion. We will put a label by the side of each display giving the name of the sponsors, unless anyone wanted their sponsorship to remain anonymous. If you would like to be a sponsor please call Elizabeth Lomas on 01629 650451 or Joan Roper on 01629 636498 or email Elizabeth on [elizlomas@btinternet.com](mailto:elizlomas@btinternet.com).



### Jack and Leah tie the knot

*ABOVE: Jack and Leah, the new Mr and Mrs Goodwin, were married at Ringwood Hall on Saturday 16 May. Thanks to all who wished us well – we had a fantastic day.*

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information at:  
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**JULY ISSUE OF THE BUGLE:**  
Contributions by Fri 26 June to the address on the inside back page.



## Youlgrave Parish Council : Chairman's Report 2014-15

The Parish Council has continued to manage the Alport Lane (Queen Elizabeth II) Playing Fields for the benefit of all age groups in the village. This wonderful asset is in constant use throughout the year by the local football, cricket and bowls clubs as well as the School, the Carnival committee and the occasional private hire booking. All these groups provide us with valuable income. Our contractors mow the field and the adjoining areas are maintained throughout the summer. In addition we provide funding to the Church Council to mow the village churchyard.

Projects approved for Alport Lane Playing Fields by this Council have awaited Spring to allow the ground to firm up and very shortly will see the laying a solid path from the pavilion to the recently constructed all-weather games area, which will also be provided with a shelter for users of the area and spectators; replacement of some equipment in the children's play area; and construction of a children's cycle trail along the edge of the wildlife area (this was a request by the children of Youlgrave School who submitted their suggestions and designs directly to the Parish Council). We would like to thank the trustees of the former Youth Club for providing funding towards this project.

As a result of the District Council's new Dog Order, Alport Lane playing fields, Coldwell End play area and the allotments have been listed for dog exclusion and the offence of dog fouling with a £100 fine from 1 April 2015.

Youlgrave Parish Council has also taken over the running of Holywell Lane toilet block which has been refurbished using funds provided by the District Council when the building was transferred. At the top of Holywell Lane we have re-erected our notice board (this is the one previously in Church Street, logistic problems having made the relocation necessary).

The Coldwell End play area, toilets and car park have been successfully managed

with the honesty box in the car park providing a valuable source of income as have the rents from the allotments.

Each year in November we meet to set the Precept. This is the levy charged by the Parish Council for services in the village included in the Council Tax. Knowing that the current financial climate has affected what our residents may have to outlay, we decided to once again to keep the precept unchanged whilst maintaining our commitment to the parish.

For the winter months we renewed our contract with Long Rake Spar for filling the extra grit bins provided by the Parish Council and we also provided discounted grit bags for parishioners on sale at Youlgrave Garage. A new set of LED lights was purchased for the Christmas tree and the Church Council have given us permission to erect a permanent tree for next Christmas which will be planted and serve for future years. Donations were made to Youlgrave School Association, Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport and Youlgrave Playgroup.

Over the past year the Parish Council has had regular communication or correspondence with the following bodies: *Derbyshire County Council*: perseverance and a number of site meetings with highways engineers have had some effect regarding serious road and pavement problems resulting from long term neglect. Progress regarding the hand rail fitting on the Churchyard steps in Bradford Road has been slow and a reminder has been sent in time to coincide with start of financial year. A claim to add a byway open to all traffic over a bridleway from Over Haddon to Conksbury caused alarm and the Parish council expressed its concerns to DCC and helped gather evidence. The claim has been dismissed although the claimants may appeal.

*Derbyshire Dales District Council*: problems mainly relating to bin collection contractors vehicle problems in respect to narrow roads and winter safety of

## YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

*The District and Parish Councils are reviewing whether the recycling area at the top of the village is still used by parishioners and would be pleased to receive your comments by our next meeting on 23 June.*

*It is noted that certain areas of the village are suffering with black rubbish bags being left out days and even sometimes over a week in advance of collection. DDDC are aware of the problem and we would remind householder's that this is a fortnightly service and to put out bags the night before wherever possible.*

*The first meeting of the new Parish Council welcomed back the eight returning councillors and welcomed our new members Richard Roper and Ralph Wilson. It elected Cllr Brian Wardle as Chair and Graham Elliott as Vice-Chair for this parish year. The meeting discussed problems with litter bins, recycling, forthcoming playing fields projects and other maintenance issues as well as commenting on three planning applications and approving its internal structure for this year.*

*The clerk still has available 2 half plots and an 1/8th plot on the Coldwell End allotments.*

*Matthew Lovell, Youlgrave Parish Clerk  
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tel 01629 636151*

### Youlgrave Parish Council election:

Clark, Lillian 300 ELECTED  
Humphreys, Nicola Jane 273 ELECTED  
Elliott, Graham 426 ELECTED  
McCloy, Andrew Brian 311 ELECTED  
Roper, Richard Thomas 371 ELECTED  
Moore, Glenys Ann 255 ELECTED  
Scott, Rob 305 ELECTED  
Wardle, Brian 384 ELECTED  
Wilson, Ralph Rowan Barrymore 319 ELECTED  
Wragg, John 376 ELECTED  
Croasdel, Ann 232  
Wilkin, Anthony Richard 199

vehicles. Perhaps DDDC should have been more vigilant when examining Serco's contract specifications. There have been problems with holiday cottage cleaners on Bankside leaving waste bags at the side of the path. Parish Council is liaising with DDDC officers and residents to resolve this.

*Peak District National Park Authority*: we are consulted on all planning applications made and we try to respond in the interests of the local applicants. However, sometimes decisions are made by PDNPA which make us wonder whether they take our views seriously or respect our position as residents. Excellent help by National Park Rangers in getting one of our footpaths from King Street down to the river restored. This has been resurfaced making it reusable again.

*Police*: Bakewell Police Station is to close. A visit is to be made to the top of Holywell Lane every 2-3 months by a crime prevention van. Parking problems are no longer a police matter since they are no longer the traffic enforcement body.

Reflecting on the achievements of the Parish Council over the past 12 months, I must first comment on the dedication and hard work shown by all of my fellow councillors and by the Clerk, Matthew Lovell. Their efforts on behalf of the villagers have achieved much and often go unheralded.

In last month's election for a new parish council two of our present councillors did not stand again. I would like to thank Sarah Shimwell, who only recently joined us, and Eric Goodwin (a splendid 19 years service) for all their efforts and wish them the best for the future.

Brian Wardle  
Chairman, Youlgrave Parish Council

## Derbyshire Dales District Council (Lathkill & Bradford ward) election:

Elliott, Graham 582 ELECTED  
Frederickson, David 352



I would like to thank you all for your support in both the District and Parish Council Elections. My office door is always open.

Cllr Graham Elliott  
01629 636943 (office), 01629 636318 (home)



On 7 May 7th I ceased to represent Lathkill and Bradford Ward on Derbyshire Dales District Council, so I want to say thank you to everyone who has supported me over the last four years. I also want to wish my successor, Graham Elliott, the very best for the next four years. It will not be an easy time, with local government everywhere reeling from serious cuts in grant - with more on the way from an unsympathetic Government. I was disappointed to lose my seat, but it is a substantial task, with the hours spent reading Council papers, attending committees and three Parish Councils to try to visit each month. However, it has been a tremendous privilege to represent my own village of Youlgrave and Middleton, Alport, Harthill and Monyash as well over the last four years, and to get to know so many people throughout the ward as I worked hard to improve the delivery of Council services.

As I made clear four years ago, my main aim when I became your local councillor was to ensure that the Conksbury housing scheme was completed successfully. So I must thank colleagues at Derbyshire Dales who came up with £300,000 of extra funding so that we could make it a more energy-efficient scheme, and thus bring a total investment of £1.2 million into Youlgrave. Given that that was what I set out to achieve, I think I can say - job done!

David Frederickson

## Cat's Whispers!

*In the wake of another memorable Youlgrave Pantomime last Winter, where a host of new young performers taking to the stage generated a wave of excitement in the village, rumours abound of a 'theatre club' where young and old could get a theatrical fix in the Spring, Summer and Autumn too!*

*If you feel a burning desire to dress up, slap on some make up and tread the boards - move aside 'Britain's Got Talent' - a 'Youlgrave Theatre Club' will need you! Initially presenting workshops and play-readings in the village hall to reveal the craftsmanship that takes place on the stage and behind the curtain, the 'club' is looking stage a performance of... well, watch this space!*

*So, for a chance to find out what it feels like to put a show together; to hold an audience in the palm of your hand; to learn how make-up transformed our Panto actors into foxes and fairies; to take a peek into the sumptuous Village Hall collection of costumes and how they are made; or simply to learn how the magic of lighting can transform an audience's emotions at the flick of a switch, we'd like you to hear from you. It promises to be great fun! And who knows, you too could become the star of a show (and the village)!*

*So let us know if you are interested by phone (01629 812276), email ([theatre-cat@yvh.org.uk](mailto:theatre-cat@yvh.org.uk)) or through the Village Hall website in order that plans can be put into action, so that our enthusiasm can become yours!*

Gus  
The Theatre Cat



## New Head at Youlgrave School

HEATHER STELLING began work as the new Head Teacher at All Saints School earlier this term. **Andrea Willans** finds out more about her.

*Where are you from?* I was born and raised in Manchester and lived there until I was 21. For the past ten years I have lived in Tideswell, having moved from Buckinghamshire.

*What attracted you to All Saints' school?* This is my first headship and I especially wanted to start my career as a headteacher in a village where the school and the church were at the heart of that community.

*What do you most enjoy about your new post?* Throughout my career I have been fortunate to work in successful schools. What I am most looking forward to in my new role is to use the skills I have acquired to lead All Saints to become an outstanding school.

*Have you had a chance to explore our village?* I have made a start! Since my appointment I have met with our vicar, Garrie, and had the pleasure of visiting some of our older community members at Granby House and some of our youngest members at our village playgroup. Earlier this month it was wonderful to celebrate the 70th anniversary of VE Day in church with so many parents and members of our wider community. Coming up, I am looking forward to becoming more acquainted with the village through community events such as the well dressings.



Heather Stelling with Youlgrave school pupils.

*What are your hobbies/interests?* I enjoy my weekends where I can spend time with my family. I am married to Andy and we recently celebrated our 27-year wedding anniversary! We have two grown up children, Jack (22) and Amber (19). We enjoy time with friends, walking our cocker spaniel dog Ralph, visiting the theatre/cinema and the occasional meal out.

*Did you have a favourite subject at school?* Yes, I loved English, particularly creative writing.

*What has been the best bit of advice you have been given in your teaching career?* BE YOURSELF!

*What hopes and dreams do you have for All Saints?* I wish for all of our children to have the happiest memories of primary school, whilst also preparing them to be independent, free-spirited and aspirational young adults who contribute to the community.



## Youlgrave Well Dressing 2015

**Boards in the river:**  
Friday 5 June, 6 pm,  
meet at well dressing  
shed\*

**Puddling:** Monday  
15 June, 6 pm, meet  
at the river.

**Making:** Tuesday to  
Friday 16 to 19 June.

**Service:** Saturday  
20 June at 2.30pm.

**Wells on display:**  
Saturday 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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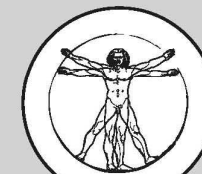
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## Tea and Variety for Youlgrave W.I.

The successful Bunny Drive in April allowed us to donate £250 towards the Church lighting – many thanks must go to all who attended and organised the event.

Our quiz team came a worthy fourth only four points behind the winners! April Supper club introduced a simple and creative method of weaving mats from lengths of material. To further celebrate the W.I. Centenary a successful tea party was held on a lovely day in early May. Several retired members attended and thoroughly enjoyed the company and the delicious cakes and sandwiches. Also present was our honorary member, Mr David Robinson, and Marie Evans cut the cake. A much larger Party in June will be attended by Joan Steed and Jacqui Hodgkinson, this time at Buckingham Palace for the Centenary Garden Party!

Also in June the NFWI Annual Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall will be attended by Jennifer Easton, our representative, and Judith Birds. Reports on these prestigious events will follow in the next issue. Our May meeting focused on the complex Resolution regarding long-term care, but was not passed by the majority of members present. Barbara Dakin gave a lighter-hearted talk on her own growing-up years. May supper Club on Thursday 28th affords us a chance to climb the Church tower and have a go at bell-ringing under the watchful eye of David Camm and his team. June Supper club is on Thursday 25th at the Reading Room, when we will be drooling over painting with chocolate! June craft session is on Monday 1 June at Jean Stacey's, as is the following one on the 15th, both starting at 2pm. Our book Club continues to thrive – please ask if you are interested in joining.

The June WI monthly meeting is at the Village Hall on Tuesday 9 June at 7.30pm when felt brooches and corsages will be brightening up the room. Please do come along to a meeting or ask any member about future events and our many activities. *Liz Hickman*



*Marie Evans cuts the cake at the Centenary tea party.*



## New George at The George

Youlgrave's George Hotel has recently undergone a facelift with smart new signs and fetching green paintwork. This includes the distinctive pub sign, which before offered a choice of four monarchs but now has just a solitary King George. But which one is it? We're fairly sure it's George I who ascended the throne after the death of Queen Anne in 1714. He was the first British monarch from the House of Hanover and ruled until his death in 1727. However, if any local historians think it may be a different George please let us know!



## Church Farm Diary, June 2015

As many of you will realise, who read these articles, farming is very repetitive though the seasons. It is now the silage season and this will carry on through till late autumn, along with harvesting the corn crops. This may sound boring, but it can be very challenging with the weather sometimes against you and the worst is the breakdown of machinery, so with fingers crossed this time things will go smoothly.

Lucy and Joseph have been to a Young Farmers Club rally at Matlock where they represented Bakewell as their club. Lucy and two friends went through with the cooking competition, so now they will compete in the Nationals. They made a meal suitable for a silver wedding anniversary.

Also congratulation to Lucy for passing her driving test the first time – thanks Elle for teaching her.

Lucy also went on the tractor driving competition, coming fourth in her class, and Joseph entered his tractor driving for his age group and he won, bringing home a silver cup.

The calves which have been reared this winter have been turned out to grass this week. They were very happy to have a field to run around in.

The cows are milking very well with the robot, but of course there is the issue of the milk price that is still far too low and still dropping. I do hope that the government will do something about it before it is too late for many farmers. We know we all like and want cheap food but there is a point where farmers have to cover their cost and not give away the milk knowing how much it takes to produce a pint of milk, the electric and corn being the main costs.

**Marjorie Shimwell**

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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### STICKY DATE AND MAPLE CINNAMON BITES

This recipe is by one of my favourite cooks, Lorraine Pascale. It is supposed to be healthy and makes 16 bite-sized pieces.

Gas 4, 350 F

Grease and line a 20cm square cake tin

1 tea bag  
259 pitted Medjool Dates  
300g plain flour  
100g rolled oats  
100g melted butter  
100g light brown sugar  
2 tsp ground cinnamon  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
1 tbs maple syrup

First make the tea up to 400ml boiling water, discard the tea bag after 5 mins and add the dates leaving to soak for 10 mins.

After they have soaked, drain the liquid from the dates and blitz them in a blender until as smooth as possible. Tip the date puree into a large bowl and add flour, oats butter, sugar cinnamon and vanilla and mix together to give a soft dough. Press into the baking tin and cook for 25-30mins until soft to the touch and just turning golden at the edges. Leave to cool before cutting.



## A walk through Youlgrave: Part 2 – Main Street west from the Fountain

*This is the second in a new series that takes a closer look at the buildings, the people and the history of Youlgrave, with Peter Knowles.*

The first building to look at is the smallest – **Thimble Hall** beside the Fountain, a Grade II Listed Building with only one room on each floor, 8' x 7' (2.4m x 2.1m). This once housed a family of eight. It was bought by a Chesterfield ice-cream maker at auction in 1999 for £39,500 with a view to restoring it as a visitor centre. The planning authority approved a scheme to add a glass box at the rear and a narrow stair at the side. Work started but unfortunately stopped part-way (see photo). The auction aroused



*Back of Thimble Hall*

national interest at the time and was the subject of a comic Sketch on BBC Radio 2's 'News Huddlines' - the script was printed in the Bugle in 1999).

Moving along Moor Lane, we reach **Old Hall Farm**, a superb 17th-century house with stone-mullioned (verticals) and transomed (horizontal) windows. A stone plaque over the door is inscribed 'IBFB 1630'. It was sold by the Duke of Rutland in 1921. It's a grade II\* Listed



*Old Hall Farm*

Building (the \* indicates high quality). The adjoining small **Barn** on Moor Lane is Grade II but this is "for group value only" (the large barn south of Old Hall Farm is not listed).

**Dove Cottage** on Moor Lane, 17th century, is also Grade II of group value. (see photo). To the northwest of Dove Cottage is a fine old limestone retaining wall to Arrowdale Farm (see photo). Such old walls in the village are important features in the street-scene.

The **Old Hall** on Main Street is a Grade II Listed Building formerly known as Hopton House. It is 17th century with later extensions, but the central low-



*Dove Cottage*

roofed section has the look of an earlier hall. It has stone-mullioned windows and an impressive position at the top of Holywell Lane (see photo).

Believe it or not there is an even smaller Grade 2 Listed Building than Thimble Hall – the **Telephone Box** on Holywell Lane! This is a K6 classic design from 1935 by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, the famous architect. His other works are slightly larger, such as Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, Waterloo Bridge, and Battersea and Bankside Power Stations. Holywell Lane has another Grade II 'building' - the footbridge over the River Bradford. It's an old 'clapper' bridge, so-called because of the noise that feet and hooves make when crossing it. The



*Wall by Arrowdale Farm, Moor Lane*

clapper bridge at the foot of Stoneyside is also listed Grade II.

Walking along Main Street to the west, I get an impression of the village's development over the years.

The older cottages were built singly or in small groups with small crofts in-between. These gaps were later in-filled in the 19th and 20th centuries by buildings such as Sonwell House, Freshfields, Crimble House, the Sunday School 1887 (now a house



*Telephone box and Old Hall*

opposite the Farmyard Inn), the Methodist Church 1807 (now a hostel next to the Farmyard Inn). Presumably the housing estate at Grove Place and West Croft Close were built on fields which accompanied the Farmyard.

There are many old cottages in the western part of Youlgrave, but none of them have been given Listed Building status. However a pair of cottages on Main Street west of the Old Hall are Grade II. These are Mulberry Cottage and Coniston Cottage (named in the official list as **Medway Cottage and attached cottage**, mid 18th century – see photo overleaf). Over time these have housed a shoe shop and a cobblers. The original building was a single elegant house, as can be seen from the raised copings at the ends of the roof, the stone-mullioned windows, the dressed-stone quoins (cornerstones) at the ends and around the doorway. The division into two cottages, the extensions at each end and the smaller second doorway were added later and the windows are modern. All the quoins and window and door surrounds project slightly which suggests that the walling was rendered, as was the fashion at the time ('stucco'), contrasting with the dressed-stone features. Interestingly, there is an almost identical Grade II cottage in Youlgrave – **No.1 Stores**

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**Cottage** behind the Youth Hostel, dated 1753 (see photo).

The Co-op was built in 1887, demolishing the left-hand end of this cottage in the process. Note the round-headed 'venetian window' at the right which shows that whoever built it was aware of national architectural fashion at the time. The original grand doorway on the left has been crudely altered and a new doorway added. I suspect that these two buildings (see photos) must have had the same designer and builder.

Altogether there are 31 Listed Buildings and structures of Architectural or Historical Interest in Youlgrave, as designated by Historic England (the new name for English Heritage). The



*Medway Cottage and attached cottage*

Peak District National Park Authority's 2010 publication 'Youlgrave Conservation Area Appraisal' lists them. Surprisingly, none of the 19th century Chapels are listed. Any internal and external alterations to Listed Buildings have to be approved by the Authority. Note also that the replacement of window(s) and external glazed door(s) to any house which is not listed has to be approved by



*No. 1 Stores Cottage*

Derbyshire Dales Building Control under Heat-loss and Ventilation regulations, unless the supplier/fitter is FENSA registered.

*Next issue: **Gordon Coupe** explores All Saints Church and Church Street.*



*The former Co-op, now Youth Hostel.*

## New fencing protects riverside and water voles

There is good news in terms of protecting the river and its wildlife. The area at the bottom of Bradford where the river flows under the road to follow the coach road is an area rich in wildlife. It is home to water voles and our very precious native crayfish. After extensive discussions with local farmers, the Bradford River Action Group (BRAG) and Haddon Estate have joined forces with riverside farmers to install a buffer fence. The fence will keep cattle from grazing the river plants and from stamping in its soft banks. Of course, the fence will also protect our water voles and river birds from dogs too.

Warren Slaney, Haddon Estate's River Keeper said: "Buffer fencing is the best thing we can do to protect rivers." Maggie Ford, chair of BRAG said: "I'm delighted, it's a wonderful way to use some of the profits that have come out of Christine Gregory's beautiful book *A River in Time*. We are also looking at flow issues and water seepage from the river."

Christine Gregory added: "This is such a positive development. Water voles are a critically endangered species and so anything that we can do to protect their



chosen habitat is really important. The fact that they have returned to the Bradford over the last few years after lengthy periods of absence is testament to the water quality of the river and the rich biodiversity that it supports. Water voles need dense margins of vegetation for food and for protection from predators and disturbance. We will all benefit by further encouraging these enchanting animals back to our lovely river."

*Maggie Ford*

### Joy and Roy Stubbs Memorial Weekend, 10-12 July

Villagers who worked with Joy and Roy Stubbs are planning events to celebrate the projects they led for the community and supported so successfully. These were: the creation of Granby House, the rebuilding of the Scout and Community Hall and the creation of the wildlife garden at Bankside. The current outline plan is as follows

**Friday 10 July, 6-8pm:** Procession from the Scout and Community Hall to Bankside garden Performance by folk group THE BIRDSCARERS

**Saturday 11 July, 3-5pm:** Afternoon Strawberry Tea at Granby House

**Sunday 12 July, 11am-3pm:** Summer Jazz and Buffet at the Village Hall

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### **Youlgrave-Bangbutt Village Link**

On Saturday evening 9 May the Youlgrave-Bangbutt Village Link group held a very successful 'Wine Tasting Evening'. Those who came enjoyed learning about German wines, customs and cultural activities associated with wine growing in the Ungstein area. The committee would like to thank all who came along and helped to raise £472.40, which will contribute to the different projects supported by the Youlgrave-Bangbutt Village Link in Sierra Leone. The committee would like to say a huge thank you to Chris and Richard for their hard work in organising this event. The next fund raising event will be on Sunday 19 July and will be an all-day cafe (10am-5pm) in the Reading Room. There will also be a Barn Dance on Saturday 10 October, 7pm, in the Village Hall.

### **Visit to the National Memorial Arboretum (Staffordshire)**

The Youlgrave 1914-1918 Community Group is organising a coach trip to the National Memorial Arboretum on Saturday 13 June. The 150 acre arboretum is home to the Armed Forces Memorial and contains over 200 significant memorials representing military, civil services, local and overseas organisations. It is described as 'a spiritually uplifting place which honours the fallen, recognises service and sacrifice, and fosters pride in our country.' The cost of the trip will be £8.00 per person (entry to the Arboretum is free). There is a Visitor Centre with restaurant and shop on site. Depart Grove Place at 8am. Back in Youlgrave approx 5.30pm. To book a place, please contact Anne & John Cooper on 630282 or email [jlac784@hotmail.com](mailto:jlac784@hotmail.com).

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## My favourite book

This month we begin a new series in which we ask Youlgrave residents for their favourite bedside read. To begin with **Chris Shimwell** tells Andrea Willans about *Mr American* by George MacDonald Fraser.

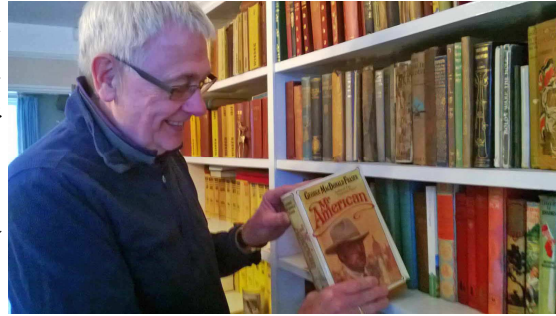
I have many books of which I am inordinately fond and which I read and re-read many times, but my absolute favourite is ***Mr American*** by George MacDonald Fraser.

Fraser wrote a series of books purporting to be the memoirs of the bully Flashman from the book *Tom Brown's Schooldays* by Thomas Hughes. In it Flashman plays a pivotal role in many of the seminal moments of British and world history in the 19th century, becoming a hero, but in reality acting as a coward and blackguard as he was at Rugby school.

Flashman plays a small, cameo role as a very old man in *Mr American*, recognising the hero Mark Franklin as a man with a past and something to hide, much like himself.

*Mr American* is set in Edwardian England in the days leading up to the First World War. Its hero, Mark Franklin, arrives in Norfolk via Liverpool and London to find the village from where his ancestors emigrated to America in the 17th century and uses his newly acquired wealth to buy the local manorial estate. He inadvertently finds himself in the society of King Edward VII and married into local aristocracy.

Franklin's secret is that he was a one time member of the Wild Bunch, a notorious gang of outlaws and kept company with such desperadoes as Butch Cassidy, the Sundance Kid and Kid Currie (the latter plays a pivotal role in the story) and that his wealth was derived from mining and striking a lode of silver ore.



The book covers two of my favourite subjects, the Wild West and the history of 19th and early 20th century Britain. It delves into all strata of Edwardian society from Music Hall, Women's Suffrage, Upper Class society, what to wear and how to behave, giving a worm's eye view of history and one not always seen in academic texts. It shows how at that time money could buy a place in society and help to bale out many of our impoverished aristocratic families.

Fraser's descriptive writing, with additional historic footnotes, really catches my imagination, inspires me into further researches and sends my mind into un-thought of and unexpected areas.

The book represents an alternative and entertaining way to learn about what can often be dry historical subjects and I recommend it wholeheartedly.

Chris Shimwell

*Do you have a favourite book you would like to tell others about? Please get in touch with the Bugle (contact details on the inside back page).*

## All Saints School commemorates VE Day

On Friday 8 May we celebrated VE Day, 70 years since the devastating World War 2 ended. There have been many celebrations taking place over Britain. Also on the radio there have been lots of soldiers talking about VE Day. Youlgrave School went to the church and parents, School Governors and local people came.

The three classes did something different. Class 1 did a washing dance next to 'We're going to hang out the washing on the Siegfried Line', which was very good. After that, Class 2 read out their diary entries and they were really emotional in all different ways. Delilah read out some of her great grandma's personal memories with Jon.

People were joyful and emotional. They were joyful because the war had ended but they were also emotional because they had lost their loved ones. Class 3 wrote special poems for the occasion. I was a bit nervous reading my poem with Emma because we were in the first set to read our poem. I went in the corner because I was doing the music with Emma and Ruby. Mrs Stelling, who is our school's Head Teacher, said a few words before the first song. I had a bit of a stomach ache because we were up to read our poem. After Emma and I read our poem, I was very relieved it was over!

At 3 o'clock, we had a 2 minute silence which was sad because I really had the picture what it would be like to lose someone special. Mr Hutchinson



*Class 3 pupils in good voice at the VE Day event.*


read some words which made me think about losing someone even more! I would be extremely sad.

After, we sang World War 2 songs. We sang 'We're gonna hang out the washing on the Siegfried Line', 'Run Rabbit Run', 'Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye' and 'We'll meet again'.

Finally, we went back to school and had a tea party where we all had lots of fun. We had cakes, rock buns, sausage rolls, shortbread, cheese straws and cups of tea, coffee and juice. The atmosphere was very busy with happy people chatting. We had lots of goodies and the tables were beautifully set out. The food was delicious but the non cooked chocolate cake was the best! The celebration went on for ages!

*Reports by Erin M, Charlie P, Lily B and Ruby H*





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## Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: May 2015

May weather has been rather disappointing, but the trees are now almost in full leaf and I saw my first May blossom down Holywell Lane on 12 May. The fresh green leaves are lovely, but have the disadvantage of hiding the warblers. However a chiffchaff was singing in full view down Holywell Lane on the 23rd and a blackcap can still be heard and sometimes be spotted near the cattle swing fence in the Dale.

The end of April gave some spectacular views of sparrowhawks in the garden. On the 27th a sparrowhawk hit a collared dove almost over my head resulting in a blizzard of feathers, but the dove managed to fly on. On the 28th a sparrowhawk was chasing finches in the garden. On 18 May I had a report of a peregrine killing a blackbird in a garden down Alport Lane. I had my first good view of house martins around their old nesting site at the Methodist Church on the 7th and saw my first swifts wheeling and screaming near their nest site on Main Street on the 8th. Other interesting, slightly unusual birds included mandarin ducks near the top of the river and a spotted flycatcher just above Alport. One delightful report was of a female goldcrest drinking at a garden fountain down Brookleton.

Dippers and grey wagtails have shown signs of nesting and there are lots of young mallards and coots on the pools. My big wildlife thrill for the month was watching brook lampreys spawning from the bridge at the bottom of Braemar

Lane. These primitive eel-like jawless fish, about 6 inches long, spend most of their lives as larvae in the silt of the river then head for shallow, gravelly places to spawn. They suck onto stones in pairs and thrash the fine gravel laying eggs and fertilizing them. Adult lampreys do not feed and die a few weeks after spawning. I first saw them after a tip-off on the 4th and they were still around on the 24th.

Slow worms are making an appearance down the Bank and have been seen mating. My walk on the 24th, prior to writing, found 61 species of flowers in bloom compared to 34 on the same route in April. Many of these are common everywhere and a number might be thought of as weeds. My definition of a weed is "a wildflower in the wrong place". My own lawn has lots of dandelions but they are very good bee food and they have now been joined by the lemon yellow dandelion like flower of the mouse ear hawkweed, not to



*Brook lamprey spawning.*

mention lots of violets. The rarest were the two leadworts, alpine pennycress and spring sandwort. These are rare nationally but quite common on the lead mine spoil heaps round here.

My thanks to Jan, Leslie, Jill, the New Road Birders, Andy, John, Ruth, Jackie and Lisa for this month's contributions and please keep them coming.

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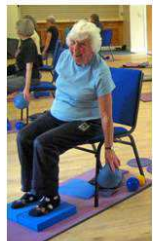
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