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September 2015

Silver Band hit the right note

Firstly, on behalf of all the band members I want to give a enormous "thank you" to John Roper for giving us his time, commitment and energy through the season since January, at some cost to himself. At little notice, we were left with no conductor, and he gallantly stepped in and worked very hard to give us different music and enjoyment, playing with a relaxed atmosphere.

He took us to Buxton in April, and the village celebrations in May and June, all whilst continuing his other commitments as conductor

and player in two other bands. Enjoy your well deserved rest, John, with our good wishes.

Alongside this, the band's learner's section is developing rapidly, with Helen Mellor, assisted by other members. Ranging in age from six years upwards, they played a first piece at the Methodist Church concert in May, and further pieces at the Well Dressing Sunday evening concert (see photo).

We have seven youngsters and three adult learners, and welcome more if



The Band's learner section at the Well Dressing concert.

you feel you would like to join us in a creative and relaxed atmosphere. Please call me on 630202 if you are interested.

Our conductor Paul Harding has now returned with enthusiasm for the next season, as well as new music and improved playing, so come, support and enjoy listening to us at our next concert which we expect to be in November (see future issues of the Bugle).

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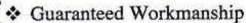
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and help us support these important charities. Donations gratefully received, phone 636477.



AFTERNOON TEA AND CAKES

The Reading Room Saturday 26 September at 3pm

Bankside Wildlife Garden will be hosting tea in the Reading Room with photos and information about our 'hidden' garden! We have been surprised at the amount of people in the village who don't know about the garden and have still to pay a visit. We have recently had a hedgehog in the garden who hopefully will stay. Unfortunately he/she's too busy to come for tea!

So join us for tea – this will be followed by an AGM for BWG.

Youlgrave Flu Clinics 2015

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News from Youlgrave Parish Council

A number of improvements are taking place on the Alport Lane Playing Field to help people enjoy this valuable village facility:

The access path from the end of the parking area to the pavilion has been extended down to the Bowling Green and play area. A smart **new shelter** with seating has been installed next to the multi use games area (see photo). Unfortunately there has already been some vandalism to it within days of it being in place. It has been paid for by YOUR money and is there for YOUR benefit, so please respect it. If anyone is caught defacing it we will report them to the Police and press for a prosecution. The popular toddler swings (see photo) have been replaced. An exciting new BMX bike circuit, devised by Youlgrave schoolchildren, is being created below the play area. Look out for more details in a future issue of the Bugle.





Dogs now banned from play areas and allotments

Official **DOG EXCLUSION ORDERS** have come into force on the Alport Lane Playing Fields, the play area by the Coldwell End car park, and the Council-run allotments in the village.

Derbyshire Dales District Council introduced the new regulations earlier this year in order to ensure that public places remained safe and enjoyable for the public to use, especially children. In Youlgrave, despite asking people not to take their dogs on to the playing field, the Parish Council has received numerous complaints about dog mess, including on the football and cricket pitches. It is now an offence to take a dog on to these named sites and District Council workers have the powers to issue fixed penalty notices to offenders.

Please respect the new regulations – and remember that there are still plenty of local paths and open spaces where you can continue to enjoy walking your dog.

Thank you.

Recycling at Coldwell End

Thanks to all those who signed the petition to save the recycling facility - and to the many who would have signed but did not get the opportunity. There were in excess of 400 signatures from Youlgrave, Alport and Middleton with very few, under 40 in all of those approached, choosing not to sign. The Parish Council listened and voted unanimously to carry out the necessary resurfacing of the site and to request that the District Council did not remove the facility. The District Council has agreed to retain, for the time being, the facility at Coldwell End but is reviewing the future of its recycling facilities. I have been assured that there will be a period of consultation and we will need to express our views very strongly at this point.

Peter Cork

David Robinson (1928-2015)

David was born in Bakewell, the youngest of seven children. He left school at a young age to become an apprentice carpenter at a local builders. He was too young to fight in the Second World War but was called up for National Service in the late 1940s and served with the Army in the Far East during the Malayan emergency conflict.

On his return he got his job back at the builders (on the same wage as before!) but eventually he started his own business with his partner Don. David retained his carpentry skills, making small tables and boxes until a late age.

In 1952 David married his wife, Ann, in Youlgrave Church. They set up home in the village, where they remained for the rest of their lives (Ann died in 2006). All Saints Parish

Church played a big part in both their lives. David was a Church Warden, described by Youlgrave's former Vicar, Rev Ossie Post, as one of the most outstanding he had ever worked with in 20 years of Parish Ministry. David was also Tower Captain and a bell ringer, Crucifer for the Choir and a Choir member.

Elsewhere in the community David was Veteran Chairman of the Horticultural Society, often entering shows with vegetables, cake and bread – and sometimes winning! He also had a close involvement with the village

Carnival and Well Dressing. In particular, he had a long association with the Youlgrave branch of the Royal British Legion where his committee responsibilities included being Bar Steward for many years.

In later years David had more restricted mobility, but he and his friend Cyril were known at the Legion as the

'Hell's Angels' for their motorised chair riding activities through the village!

David read a lot and was always up to date on current affairs — anything from politics to football. Despite his failing health he never complained, retaining his good humour and interesting

conversation, and was active until the end. Even fairly recently he was making his own bread, cakes and meat pies (to a Paul Hollywood recipe from

TV). He would often have a fresh sponge cake to share when people called in, but it was a standing joke that he was very proud and protective of his meat pie!

As a builder/joiner, David also leaves a tangible legacy. Look for the bookshelves as you leave the church on the left; the Village Hall extension (in partnership with Don Oldfield); a bungalow on the way into Middleton; and aspects of Middleton Church itself. He was a very practical, very prayerful, very determined, friendly and faithful man.

Margaret Folley (1935-2015)

I have been privileged to know Margaret who shared with me a great love for the history of this village, its church and its ancient bloodline families, with their monuments in the church. Indeed, she accompanied me to the Record Office in Matlock weekly for years. I bowed to her vast store of knowledge. She was a lady of great spirit and, disliked bad behaviour and held principle over controversial topics, which was the way our generations were brought up.

She took pride in keeping and maintaining beautifully the interior of the church and having been enlisted by the late Canon Roberts who kept the churchyard like a huge garden (planting trees, shrubs, bulbs, etc) she carried on his dedicated work, clearing, weeding and cutting away ivy and undergrowth. She had a great pride in both the church and the churchvard - and indeed the Christmas tree was supplied for years by both Margaret and John from Haddon Estate. Being most loval to the Estate and the local senior families was how they lived.

I know of her many trips to London

where she was very well known – and very plucky in diving on to underground trains and off fast-moving buses. She took my son to the Natural History Museum to see the largest Blue John vase ever made. She made her last trip to the sea of poppies at the Tower of London, taking many photographs.

She was approached by people writing books and articles or finding out family history. For example, an American General and an Australian professor, both of whom I met with her. I spent many hours in the church with her whilst she worked and together we compiled a history of all we knew and lots of old photographs which we copied with care. She knew more about the church and its history than any other.

She adored her little dog. The last project we had was in finding out the history of the smelting works at Alport and the London Lead Company. I was proud to be associated with Margaret. Few understood how loyal she was. I valued her greatly.

Elizabeth Ashmore

The Pommie Play has been showing in the History and Mystery Exhibition in church over the Bank Holiday weekend. A number of people have bought a DVD copy of it. If you were at Youlgrave School in 1986 and took part in the play you might like to see what you looked like/sounded like nearly 30 years ago! Or perhaps your children would like to see it?! Copies can be bought (£5) from Barbara on 636601.

Bowls Club "thank you"

On behalf of Youlgreave Bowls Club, I would like thank the family of the late Frank Harrison for the kind donation of £212.75 which we received from J.W. and J. Mettam as instructed by the Harrison family. We as a club valued Frank as a player and a friend, he will be sadly missed.

Mick Partridge, Chairman

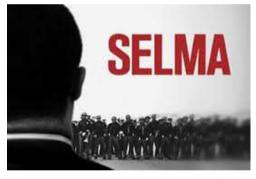
Youlgrave Cinema unveils 2015/16 season



Youlgrave Cinema embarks on its 13th season of films this month with the screening of the Oscar-winning The Theory of Everything (Friday 25 September) starring Eddie Redmayne, depicting the remarkable life of Stephen Hawkings and his lifelong battle with motor neurone disease. Next up is **X** + **Y** (Friday 23 October) which tells the story of a teenage mathematics prodigy who had difficulty understanding people, but finds comfort in numbers. '71 (Friday 20 November) takes place over a single night in the life of young British soldier in Northern Ireland – a gripping and intense film. We finish the first half of the season with The Lunchbox (Friday 11 December), a wry and gentle comedy set in India which centres on a romantic liaison conducted through notes left in a lunchbox.



The New Year starts with a bang as we screen the acclaimed Selma (Friday 15 January), telling the true story of a 3-month period in the Civil Rights movement of 1965 that changed the face of America forever. Hard hitting but at the same time utterly compelling and inspirational. (Friday Francaise Suite February) is set in occupied France during World War II and is a heartrending tale of love and loyalty in wartime, and the almost impossible choices a young woman faces. The next film is **Pride** (Friday 18 March), an entertaining film based on a true story that took place during the mineworkers' strike of 1984 when a



group of gay and lesbian activists from London decided to travel to south Wales and lend their support. The final movie is our 'mystery film' (Friday 15 April) - the identity of which will be announced nearer the time!

Membership costs £20 for the season of six films (unchanged for the third year in a row), or you can simply turn up on the night and pay £5 on the door. For membership details contact Pat Cleaver on 01629 636836 or email patriciacleaver1@gmail.com.

Youlgrave Guides at Peak 2015

We often hear "I went to Peak 85 or 90 or activities such 2000, or even earlier" - well, this year Hovercrafts.

saw 7,000 Guides and Scouts from all over the world attend Peak 2015 at Chatsworth.

We arrived, along with all the other campers, to pitch tents and explore the camp and begin making new friends. The camp began with an opening

ceremony on the Saturday evening followed by the first disco of the week. The activities (and rain) began on Sunday and there were so many to choose from. Throughout the week we

had girls caving, raft-building. canoeing, crate-stacking, trying the adventure course, landzorbing and bungeetrampolining to name but a few. For those who less of an wanted adrenaline rush, there were clocks to make. soldering to learn and so many crafts. Several visited Guides the international tents to learn

about the issues faced by Guides in other countries. There was a disabilities awareness centre where wheelchair basketball and the Guide dogs were popular.

The girls also had to fit in evening activities which included a cinema tent and a neon disco, as well as cover bands and 'Peak's Got Talent'.

Some of the older girls chose a 50/50 option, which meant that they were helping run and organise the activities, as well as trying even more adventurous



Billie Pursglove did the most amazing job of catering for the 38 Youlgrave Guides and leaders camping with us – no easy feat, I'm sure you'll agree, so well done

as Segways

for providing the gas. On the last day,

Billie! Thanks again

to Graham Elliott and

Youlgrave Garage

Honey and Emily made their Guide and Young Leader promises, half way down the abseil tower, photographed by Poppy (not particularly easy for any of them due to fear of heights!).

So Peak finished with fireworks and more dancing at the disco, then sleeping out under the stars for some – despite the rain.

Thanks to the parents who helped with transporting gear and pitching of tents and, as always, the leaders. We had a great week, the girls were all fantastic, there were very few

complaints, even following a night that saw a frost in July and no showers for a week! They were always cheerful and made the most of all opportunities.

Penny McCloy 1st Youlgrave Guides Leader





Youlgrave Leprosy Mission meeting 2015

The annual meeting is Wed 23 September at the Methodist Church at 2.30pm. Pamela Levens is again coming to talk to us and she is always a very interesting speaker. She will bring her usual beautiful collection of Christmas cards. calendars. advent calendars, prayer books, etc. If you would like a please contact Barbara (636601) or Mary (07765 671844).

Many thanks to all those people who have already brought their collecting boxes or given donation- so far we have collected £326 (and you can still make donations). The amount will be **DOUBLED** bv the Collection government! boxes are available is vou would like to host one.

Hope to see you at the meeting! Barbara & Mary

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Just a little warning that it is getting near shoebox time again! Shoebox Sunday is 15 November. More information in the October issue of the Bugle.





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A walk through Youlgrave, Part 3: All Saints Church

In the latest of our series of articles taking a closer look at the history of Youlgrave through its buildings, we explore Youlgrave Parish Church, with Gordon Coupe.



The Parish Church (dedicated to All Saints) is the only Grade I listed building in the village. In the first half of the 12th century Robert Colle (grandson of the Saxon owner) gave the manor of Youlgrave with lands including Gratton, Middleton, Stanton, Elton and Winster to the Abbey of St Mary of Leicester, Youlgrave being the mother church. The church dates back to the first half of the 12th century. There is a strong possibility that there was a Saxon church on the site, although it is not mentioned in the Domesday survey.

The Medieval Inheritance

The church building is thought to date from about 1130-1150, The only surviving Norman feature is an arcade of larger pillars and arches which divides the nave from the south aisle. The size of the pillars indicates that the Norman church was not insignificant. The pillars and arches dividing the nave from north aisle are Early English; the fabric of the north and south aisles is thought to date

from 1250-1275, although the lower fabric of the north aisle is thought to be Norman.

During the 15th century considerable alterations and extensions were made; the chancel was rebuilt and certain windows were inserted; the nave was lengthened; the large tower erected and the whole structure re-roofed.

The Post-Medieval Period

The appearance of the church appears to have remained relatively unchanged from the time of the 15th century alterations until the church restoration. The parish records show that a loft was erected for singers in 1746; it was sited at the back of the church. At the end of the 18th century pews were set apart for the tenants of the Duke of Rutland (Lord of the Manor) and the screens across the chancel arch were removed and not replaced.

In 1838 the Norman font was bought from the chapelry at Elton where it had been discovered, discarded in the churchyard. An item in the parish records reads "paid expenses in ale to the people who assisted in unloading the faunt and setting it up." During the years 1869-70 a major restoration of the church was carried out. Norman Shaw A.R.A., the eminent Victorian





The East Window by Burne-Jones.

architect, supervised the work which included the removal of the singers' loft, the removal of the box pews and replacement with existing pews. New flooring was laid, a heating system installed and the roof repaired. Two new windows were inserted in the south wall of the chancel, designed by Kempe. The large east window was installed by Morris & Co. To the design of Edward Burne-Jones, the famous Pre-Raphaelite artist. It depicts Christ, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The cost of the restoration work was £4,050 and was paid for by the Duke of Devonshire.

During the restoration of the church the existing five bells were taken down. In 1870 a new set of eight bells was installed, gifted by Mr and Mrs Thornhill of Stanton Hall. The metal from the old bells was used in the casting. In 1994 the bells were removed for re-tuning and new frame was fitted in the belfry. In 1995 the bells were re-hung. Subsequently more bells were added. making a total of 13 bells, very popular with visiting bellringers. The two-manual organ was built by Kirkland and Jardine (Manchester) in 1862; before the 1972 restoration it was in the north aisle.

Photographs of paintings in the church show the interior as it may have looked prior to the restoration, with the box pews and curved altar rail.

The external appearance of the church

has changed little since the major rebuilding took place in the 15th century.

Church Monuments

An effigy of a man holding a heart across his breast carved in sandstone lies along the north wall of the chancel and is said to be dedicated to Sir John Rossington. In the centre of the chancel is a raised monument carved in alabaster to Thomas Cockavne dated 1492. The Gilbert Monument, also carved in alabaster, is at the east end of the north aisle. A small brass dedicated to Fridesweda Gilbert dated 1604 is fixed to the wall at the east end of the north aisle. A monument to Roger Rowe of Alport is mounted on the north wall of the north aisle. Later monuments inserted since the 1870 restoration include two war memorials commemorating the two World Wars, sited on the north west wall of the nave. Two family memorials are found on the north wall of the north aisle: (1)



Effigy of Thomas Cockayne.

a window with stained glass from Ypres, to Rennie Waterhouse killed in WW1 and (2) a tablet to Brig. Cavendish and Sgt. Dawson killed in WW2.

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When the font from Elton was erected in the church the original fount was repositioned on a base near the porch doorway. It was upturned and a sundial was fixed to it. The sundial was stolen in the 1980s. The sun-font is Grade II listed, along with the east and west gates and their supports. A Grade II stone obelisk six feet high removed from Fountain Square to make way for the water conduit was re-erected in the churchyard. It was re-sited again in the southern area of the churchyard in the 1990s.

Right: The Altar and East Window.



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'Back to school' for the W.I.

It's back to school for Youlgrave W.I. as we reconvene after a busy summer.

We shall be learning how to sing together on 20 September 20 (see advert) and hope to see many of you that day at our concert, also for teas and the craft exhibition. Our July meeting was professionally and sensitively delivered by Drs Sandy Taylor and Josie Solomon on the subject of Child Protection in the community, and members were able to participate, discuss and

question the facts so expertly presented to

July Supper Club was a mouth-watering night at The Red Lion in Birchover. We pummelled and stretched our mozzarella blocks and filled them with pesto, oil and olives and just ate and ate! Six intrepid members spent three nights at Walesby Scout Camp, meeting 494 other members from throughout the UK. In a nutshell, we excelled at archery, tomahawk throwing, rounders, feasting and beer tasting, and were certainly bitten by the camping bugs – still scratching! The campers also raised £3,000 for the women's charity Refuge!

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W.I. members at Wentworth Castle.

A follow-up invitation for September by Sheffield Sevenhills W.I. should be the start of a long friendship. Five of us joined other groups for a lovely day in Worcester, enjoying the riverside walks, cathedral and the china museum.

In August, a day out at Wentworth Castle gardens proved to be a treat, this fascinating area and its family history surprising the members who had never visited before.

Our annual walk/quiz and supper at the Farmyard Inn was great fun and slightly noisy, as 32 ladies munched Sue's welcome supper and were 'controlled' again by Brain Wardle as quizmaster. Craft group has expanded so much that we now meet at the Village Hall committee room. Next meeting is Monday 7 September at 2pm, and all are welcome to a bauble making session that afternoon. First session for any new attendants is **free**. The Centennial fair takes place in Harrogate this month, also a more local patchwork day.

Our Coffee Morning with stalls is not far away, on Saturday 24 October, so please make a note of that.

A unique, free W.I. reminiscence workshop, courtesy of Pomegranate Playwrights and Louise Page, a renowned writer from the village, takes place on Friday 25 September at the Rose Theatre in Chesterfield, and up to four members may attend.

At our next meeting on September 8th you may like to join us for a gentle Pilates session and discover what makes our W.I. tick. Just come suitably dressed to the village Hall for 7.30pm

Liz Hickman

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BANGBUTT BARN DANCE Saturday 10 October

Youlgrave Bangbutt Village Link will be holding a Barn Dance in the Village Hall on Saturday 10 October. Doors are open from 7pm and dancing to the very popular lan Carter – The Caller will begin at 7.30pm. Ian says his barn dances are "suitable for everyone to join in. And even if you're not dancing you can still have a good time. I make sure you can enjoy the music but still hear yourself think." This is a 'bring your own food and drink' event with cutlery, crockery and glasses provided.

Tickets are £8 (adults) and £5 (16 and under) and will be available from the beginning of September from Hollands Butchers or by phoning 01629 636580. Feedback from one of lan's previous dances promises an evening not to be missed: "Thank you for a brilliant night on Saturday, the whole village hasn't stopped talking about it all week!"

Proceeds are for the charity's Sierra Leone projects. www.youlgravebangbutt.org

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ORCHESTRA
Smetna, Ma Vlast: Sarka

Beethoven. Symphony No 7

Smetna, Ma Vlast: Sarka Beethoven, Violin Concerto Dvorak, Symphony No 8

Saturday 12 March 2016 ORCHESTRA OF THE AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT

Bach, Sinfonia from Cantata No 42 **Bach**, Mass in G Minor (Lutheran Mass

No 3)

Bach, Brandenburg Concerto No 2 Bach, Mass in G Major (Lutheran Mass No 4)

Friday 20 May 2016 MOSCOW STATE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Stephen Johnson, Behemoth Dances **Rachmaninov**, Rhapsody on a theme of Paganini

Shostakovich, Symphony No 5

As usual, the coach will pick up at 5.30pm from the top of Holywell Lane, Youlgrave, then outside the George Hotel. We look forward to seeing you.

Joy (636868) and John (636721)

Roy and Joy Stubbs – their legacy to Youlgrave

Our village has been exceptionally lucky to have had such innovative contributions from incomers over the years, but few can have achieved so much in so shorter time as that endearing couple, Roy and Joy Stubbs. Therefore it was more than appropriate that a weekend of three charming events should take place in their memory to successfully raise funds for the Bankside Wildlife Garden to cover insurance, repairs and other maintenance costs.

Friday evening started with an informal walk through the village starting at the Scout and Community Hall where we could see the foundation stone inscribed With Roy and Joy's name laid by them on 30 November 1992. This project for the specific use of the young people of the area was very much Joy's personal project and was achieved in remarkably short time, with Joy's drive to replace the old uninsured 'Scout Hut' that burned down some 20 years earlier.

The Brownies were representing the young people and recited poems to reflect the evening and launch the evening's wonderful entertainment by the 'Bird Scarers' in the magical setting of the Garden. The Folk Club generously donated a substantial sum to underwrite the weekend's entertainment costs. This talented group consisting of Granny, Granddaughter Daughter and provided music and song with most amusing lyrics and harmony which was enjoyed by a sizeable audience, including overseas visitors from the Youth Hostel. Roy, who was immensely supportive in Maggie Ford's generous gift to the village (which is particularly enjoyed by our younger generation), would have been thrilled to see the results.

Saturday afternoon saw an industrious team of ladies ably led by Chrissie Baker



The Bird Scarers perform on Bankside.

and Barbara Scrivener providing a veritable feast of afternoon tea with strawberries and cream at Granby House. Much memorabilia of the project of creating another successful village asset, where Joy had played an important part, ably assisted by Roy, was on show, and together with the company of the residents, many visitors mingled for a nostalgic trip down 'memory lane'.

The Village Hall became quite a sophisticated venue for a Jazz Brunch on Sunday lunchtime. Again, another magnificent team of helpers with the added skills of Dawn of Peak Feast succeeded in providing a delightful. leisurely feast, whilst being amused by poignant readings by Jeni Edwards of her own poems and Rov's very individual poems read by Maggie. We then revelled in the relaxing and superb recital of Jazz piano from the very talented Dorian Ford. The lucky bunch of diners with a mix of locals and those from further afield were treated to a brilliant rendition of great jazz. It is sometimes hard to believe that all these wonderful things take place in little old Youlgrave!

Ian Bright

Church Farm Diary, September 2015



This summer has been a very good growing time. Some of the fields at Church Farm have been cut for silage

three times without the help of any fertiliser and there could be a fourth cut in some places. I expect that many of you have had to mow your lawns more often, too.

The calves that are out to grass are growing well and the dry cows (they are cows that are not in milk, just waiting to calf) look a picture of health in the field near home.

The milking is doing very well – a pity I can't say the same about the price of milk.

In August the W.I. enjoyed a look round the milking set up. I think we were able to answer all the questions and Sarah was a very good tutor and host.

We have all been to the local shows: Ashover, Ashbourne and Manifold. They were very good shows and like a good country show should be. Michael and I went to Bakewell Show (never again!). I think it would be a good idea if the Ashover management told the Bakewell Show how to go on before it is too late.

Apart from Bakewell, I met many of my relations and friends. It is always a good time to catch up with the news. This year the main topic was the milking situation and how Dakin's robot was getting on.

This summer has flown by with all the grandchildren arriving to play and be looked after. It will soon be school time again, some happy about it and some not too pleased.

Our trees are full of apples so I have chosen a recipe with apples in it.

Marjorie Shimwell

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

HASSLEBACK AND APPLE CINAMMON CAKE

Ingredients

250g self raising flour 150g crème fresh 75g wholemeal flour 75g soft light brown sugar 75ml sunflower oil 50g butter 3 eggs 2 tbsp milk 2tsp baking powder ½ tsp vanilla extract

Decoration

2 eating apples cut in half and cored 1tbsp maple syrup

Method

Preheat the oven to Gas 4 180c. Grease a loose bottomed cake tin and line with parchment paper. Put all the ingredients for the cake in a

large bowl and mix everything together until well combined Then simply pour into the cake tin.

Take ½ the apple and place it cut side down on a work surface and slice into 1cm slices. Place the slices lightly on top of the cake, repeat with the rest of the apples, there is no need the press the apples down.

Bake in the oven for about 40-45 mins. When the cake is baked remove from the oven and brush with the maple syrup. Let the cake rest and cool a little before removing from the tin. Delicious eaten warm with ice cream, or

Delicious eaten warm with ice cream, or cold with a cup of coffee.

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My favourite book

Our series asking Youlgrave residents for their favourite bedside read continues with Margaret Ryder, who tells Andrea Willans about For Whom the Bell tolls by Ernest Hemingway.

The book I have chosen is **For Whom** the Bell tolls. by Ernest Hemingway. My copy is a much-read Penguin Edition, priced at four shillings and sixpence.

During the Spanish Civil War, Hemingway, an American, was a War

Correspondent in Spain and this experience inspired him to write the book.

On the title page is a quotation from the sixteenth century poet, John Donne, which finishes, 'And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls: It tolls for thee.'

The chief character is Robert Jordan, an American, who has left his job as a college instructor to go to Spain to fight on the

Republican side. The Command has sent him to blow up a Facist controlled bridge in daylight, part of a larger offensive. He has to join the guerrillas hiding in the mountains and is taken to their hideout, a cave, by two members of the group, Anselmo, an old man who hates killing and Pablo, their leader. From the start, Jordan doesn't trust Pablo and is afraid he may sabotage the mission.

On reaching the cave, Jordan soon realises that the real leader is not Pablo, but his wife, Pilar, a gypsy woman. She reads Jordan's palm, but

refuses to tell him what she sees. He also meets Maria, a girl the group rescued on a previous mission. Jordan does not believe he has time for women in war, but Pilar pushes the two young people together and although the action takes place over a very few days, their

> relationship develops into a beautiful. moving love story.

Jordan sets the men

watch t h e movement of Facist vehicles and tanks on the road and he realises that they are moving their troops and armaments away from the ridge, where they had gathered and which t h e Republicans intend to bomb. He sends Andres, a voung guerrilla, with a letter to Headquarters

suggesting the attack be cancelled.

From this point, tension builds. The chapters begin to alternate, Jordan's preparation for blowing up the bridge and Andres journey to Headquarters, which is constantly thwarted - by men on the Republican side!

Does Andres reach his destination in time? And what does Jordan do when he wakes to find Pablo has stolen his explosives? The excitement grows; but remember the book's title - it hardly suggests a happy ending!

Margaret Ryder

Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: July & August 2015

In spite of the very mixed and often cold weather this summer, there do seem to be a lot of young birds and animals about. Both kestrel and buzzard have fledglings that have drawn attention to themselves by their very noisy behaviour around the Dale. Immature peregrines have also been reported. In the garden greenfinches seem to have a particularly successful year, judging by the amount of black sunflower seeds they are eating from my bird feeders. Blue and great tit families have also been frequent visitors. along with baby robins and blackbirds. Sadly a robin's nest in the garden was abandoned with three cold eggs. Families of long-tailed tits, very early

nesters, have also been seen in village gardens and young grey wagtails seen down the Dale.

Other interesting birds have been kites at Birchover and Lathkill. spotted flycatchers and redstarts on the Limestone Wav. sandpipers common which didn't stop long as they were bullied by coots, and a kingfisher near the third dam on 4th August. A big Maiden pink disturbance at the back

of the garden attracted me to a sparrowhawk with a blackbird kill. Most of the swifts, which also seem to have bred well, left soon after 9th August, although there was the odd one about a week later.

Some young brown hares have been seen around the village. Two hedgehogs called attention to themselves at 3am down Holywell Lane on 26th June, an adult and young were rescued from New Road and a single one was seen on the Wildflower garden. I had a surprise when

I turned my wheelbarrow over on 26th August and found it was full of hedge cuttings. These were warm to the touch and buried in the middle was a large hedgehog, presumably just using it as a home, but I hope it will hibernate there.

In spite of the cold, butterflies and moths have been well reported. A humming bird hawk moth was reported from Coldwell End. I saw a painted lady down Brookleton and a walk up Moor Lane on 8th August found gatekeeper. meadow brown, peacock and small skipper. Peacocks and small tortoiseshells are already starting to move into the Church Tower for hibernation. My walk up Moor Lane also

> found 29 species of plant still in flower, which is a recommendation for the late mowing up there. Plant highlights for this have period been maiden pinks and spring sandworts at Icky Picky, 24 common spotted orchids in a clump down the Dale, with tway blade orchids well distributed along the Dale. My prewriting walk round the village on the 28th found few birds but a lot more flowers than expected.



Altogether three of us found 68 species in bloom. The high numbers were probably due to many normally early plants hanging on to join the later ones.

My thanks to Ruth, Simon, Jayne, New Road Birders, Brenda, Rosemary, Paul, Maggie, Lisa and Rachel for their important contributions.

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