



The

# Bugle



**A chance to blow your trumpet for the villagers of  
Alport, Middleton and Youlgrave**

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## Wilf Lincoln Memorial Trophy match

This year's Wilf Lincoln Memorial Trophy saw Youlgrave's newly formed management team of Bacon and Hill bring a youthful squad looking to halt a fifth successive win for Bakewell Town. Ex Bakewell player Jack Boam lined up against his old teammates for the first time as Town fielded Asquith and Brissett who were signed by Town from the visitors.

Youlgrave started brightly as they adopted a high pressing game that smothered their opponents and deservedly took the lead on 24 minutes. Ash Crossley stole the ball, strode forward and thumped a shot into the top corner that left the home keeper with no chance. 0-1!

In the second half Mosley and Kelcey began to create problems for Youlgrave and Brissett shot low to Rodgers left and into the corner of the net. A few minutes later Baker made it 2-1 to Town, then in the last quarter they took charge with two more goals, which was rather harsh on Youlgrave who had played well.

The cup was donated in memory of Wilf Lincoln, captain of Youlgrave Football team in the 1950s. The match this year was well supported and amongst the crowds were three of Wilf's original team mates, Brian Coleman,



*Youlgrave's cup winners from the 1950s.*

Roy Boden and Ray Bacon. Derek Lomas, who played for Bakewell in the 1950s, was unable to make it this year, but sent along a cheque for the collection. Sadly Keith Taylor, who has attended the previous matches, died suddenly last year.

A collection was made on the night in aid of the Alzheimers Society and raised a magnificent £185 bringing the overall total to date to £842. Wilf's family would again like to say a big thank you to both Youlgrave and Bakewell players, without whom this would not be possible and for all the donations received.

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## Thank you Bull's Head!

Youlgrave Playschool would like to give a huge thank you to Vicky, Neil and all the staff at the **Bulls Head Hotel** in Youlgrave for their fantastic fundraising efforts over the Summer. Almost **£800** was given to Youlgrave Playschool by Vicky, the landlady at the Bulls Head, and the money is very much appreciated so we can buy some new games, books and toys for the children to play and learn with. Youlgrave Playschool is a small, local pre-school that offers excellent care and learning to local children aged two to four. All the children and their parents would like to say a special "thank you" to the Bulls Head and all its patrons who helped raise this money for us.



Vicky from the Bull's Head (right) with Playschool's Jodie and Lisa.

## Youlgrave Flu Clinics 2015

FOR PATIENTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE

**Thursday 8 October, 2pm-4pm**

**Monday 9 November, 2pm-5pm**

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## Craft Sale and Coffee Morning & Cake Sale in aid of Playschool

Sunday 11 October, 10am till 2pm  
at Youlgrave Village Hall

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## YOULGREAVE BOWLS CLUB

### A.G.M 2015

Monday 9 November at 7pm

Top room, Farmyard Inn,

All members are requested to attend

Women's Section, Royal  
British Legion

## POPPY SALE

Saturday 24 October

10-12 noon

Youlgrave Reading Room



*HAPPY ARRIVAL! April Karen Anne Wilson was born on 13th July weighing 8lb, a beautiful little sister for Ryan. Sam and Tracie would like to say thank you to everyone for the lovely cards and gifts.*

## Autumn tree-planting at Hannah Bowman Way Orchard – all welcome



Now is the time for us to get busy in the Hannah Bowman Way Orchard! On Saturday 24 October from 2pm until 5pm there will be a tree-planting demonstration in the orchard, followed by a talk by Julian Brandram, an orchard expert, on tree care and orchard management in the Reading Room. Tea and biscuits will be served during the afternoon. Anyone who is interested in fruit trees or thinking of planting one in their garden will find this afternoon useful and interesting. All are welcome. Children should be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Saturday 28 November will be our 'Grand Tree Planting Day'. Details of arrangements will be given in the November edition of the Bugle. We shall be planting 25 trees, many of which have been sponsored by people in the village. If you are interested in sponsoring a tree, perhaps in memory of someone, please ring Chris Powley on 01629 636994.

*Youlgrave Community Land Trust Orchard Group*

## W.I. In total harmony

Youlgrave W.I. Were in total harmony during their Sunday 'scratch' choir concert recently, led by the amazing Ann Osborne and which greatly impressed a full audience, judging by their appreciation and comments. This really brought our members and friends, and young Beth Elliott, together that day, along with home-made cream teas served by 'Jean's team', and our own much-admired craft exhibition. Thanks to all who took part in this unique event. Equally popular was our September meeting, when a large number of visitors joined in with Viki's excellent Pilates session, and a delicious array of cakes and goodies.

The new-look craft group will meet in the Committee Room at 2pm on Mondays 5 and 19 October. Please note our advert for the forthcoming Annual Coffee Morning event

Saturday 24 October

### W.I. COFFEE MORNING

10am – 12noon at the Village Hall

Great chance to buy before the Christmas rush! Refreshments, crafts, toys, books, bric-a-brac, lucky dip, cakes and preserves and much more.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES 2015

For those new people in the village, each year we collect shoeboxes, cover them with Christmas paper, and fill with all kinds of toys and goodies. They are then sent to needy children around the world. What happens to the shoeboxes is shown quite dramatically on a DVD. If anyone would like to borrow one, they will be on the table just inside the church with the leaflets explaining all about the Project. It is important to read the leaflet carefully, as it lists suitable items to go in the boxes and more importantly, things we are NOT allowed to send. Please make sure you collect a leaflet so you can stick the label in the leaflet on to your box, giving the age and sex of the child – this is very important! Then please put an elastic band round the box. If you would like to visit the warehouse in Chesterfield, where the shoeboxes are collected, checked and sorted, please ring Barbara on 636601. The filled shoeboxes should be brought to All Saints Church by Sunday 15 November for the 11am service. Thank you in advance.



Gloria McCaul thanks Ann Osborne and the 'scratch' WI choir.

on Saturday 24 October. Meanwhile, October Supper club is on Thursday 29th at 7.30pm at the Reading Room, when Andrea Willans will be sharing her great expertise on make-up, and the supper will be autumnal and warming! We shall also be visiting Bakewell for a Group Meeting which is always enjoyable, especially when Shepherd's Pie is on the menu! Next W.I. meeting is on Tuesday 13 October when James from Northern Tea Merchants will be changing tack to 'Growing and selling Coffee' for his talk, so do come along for 7.30pm and see what goes on in the Village Hall at our meetings. *Liz Hickman*



## What's On @ Youlgrave Village Hall

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Friday 6th November 2015, 7:30pm. Tickets £8

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## A local history tour, part 5: Middleton by Youlgrave

By *Peter Knowles*

The picturesque small village of Middleton has several buildings dating from the 17th and 18th centuries, including Smerrill Grange, Dale Farm, Castle Farm, Flaxdale House, Yew Tree Cottage, Corner Cottage, Green Croft Farm, The Garden House's Barn and Icehouse, the outbuilding behind Kings Croft (now called Oakstone House) and Mount Pleasant's cowhouse and outbuildings.

There followed much building in the early 19th century, mainly by three generations of the Bateman family. Thomas Bateman (1760-1847) bought the village estate of 2,500 acres in 1815. He lived at Middleton Hall which he built in 1825, replacing the old crenellated farmhouse (built in 1626 by Roger Bateman) which burnt down in 1824, south west from the Square. Thomas's son William Bateman (1787-1835) and grandson Thomas Bateman, the so-called 'Barrow Knight' (1821-1861) continued the building tradition. Thomas is best known for his archaeological digs, an interest started by his father, and for his collections of historic artefacts. These were displayed in Lomberdale Hall (1844), built in 1844



*Lomberdale Hall*



*Congregational Chapel*

and extended in 1856, which he designed specially to include them. Unfortunately his son Thomas William 'the wastrel' (1852-1895) sold the collections in order to meet his debts. Many items have been retrieved and are displayed in Derby Museum and Sheffield's Western Park Museum, in a display case entitled 'Early Life in the Peak District'. Bateman's Tomb is in a field behind the Chapel and is being refurbished by the Parish Council. (The excellent publication *Our Middleton* by the Middleton History Group (2001) devotes chapter 5 to the Batemans.)

Development in the 20th century included three council houses and four flats in the south side of the Square and three private dwellings near the Chapel and Village Hall.

The Congregational Chapel (1827) was built in gritstone, which the Batemans preferred to the more local limestone. It is a handsome building in the Gothic-revival style. The cellar room was the village's first School and later the Reading Room, with a Minister's house at the rear. The building is now private and called 'Chapel House'. (Thomas later built a Congregational Chapel in Youlgrave in

1853, also in gritstone, which is now the British Legion Club.) He was a strong Nonconformist, which may explain why Middleton (Church of England) Church was not built until after his death in 1865. It has a simple Gothic-revival style and steep tiled roof. It is not listed. The photo also shows the Barn (with the clock tower), one of the oldest buildings in the village. It incorporates large dressed gritstones, believed to be reclaimed from Fulwood's Castle, ruined during the Civil War in the



*Middleton Church*

1660s by Cromwell's soldiers after shooting the Royalist owner Christopher Fulwood down in the Dale.

A Primitive Methodist Chapel of timber construction stood on the playground site from 1850 until the 1960s, when it was removed to Middleton Mine. There is a plaque here to the memory of six Australian airmen killed when their Wellington bomber crashed near Smerrill Grange in 1944.

The Square forms a pleasant centre to the village, with its mature trees and attractive buildings. On the east side is Square House, built in gritstone and



*Square House and cottages.*

formerly called The Bateman Arms. There is a nice row of four cottages to the left side, behind which is the Smithy. Interestingly, the blacksmith in 1900 also offered dentistry as a sideline – extractions only?! On the west side are several rows of cottages, ranging from Corner Cottage and Yew Tree Cottage at the north, then two rows of south-facing cottages. Kings Croft is a handsome detached house with an arch doorway similar to the Square House and cast iron Gothic window frames. South east of the Square are Tor Farm and Green Farm, whilst to the west are the Gateway and Stables to Middleton Hall and Rock Cottage and the adjacent pair of cottages.



*South-facing cottages off the Square.*

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Cottages off the Square.

Also listed are the Water supply fountain opposite Corner Cottage and the Ice House in the grounds of the Garden House. The Telephone Box (now phone-less and awaiting the installation of a defibrillator) is adjacent to the playground. It is a K6 classic design from 1935 by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, the famous architect.

Altogether there are 31 listed buildings and structures of Architectural or Historical Interest in Middleton & Smerrill Parish as designated by Historic England (the new name for English Heritage). All are Grade II listed and underlined in this article. Several lie outside the core village but are within the parish, such

as Smerrill Grange, Woodside Farm, Mount Pleasant and its Cowhouse and Outbuildings. Lomberdale Hall lies within Youlgrave Parish.

*Any internal and external alterations to Listed Buildings have to be approved by the Peak District National Park Authority which administers the list. 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 Derbyshire Dales Building Control under Heat-loss and Ventilation regulations, unless the supplier/fitter is FENSA registered.*

My thanks to David Marsh, Philip Stone and John Youatt.



Kings Croft.

## Forthcoming Sheffield City Hall Concerts

Saturday 7 November

**THE HALLE**

**R. Strauss**, Till Eulenspiegels

**Saint-Saens**, Cello Concerto No 1

**Dvorak**, Silent Woods

**Beethoven**, Symphony No 7

Thursday 26 November

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**Smetna**, Ma Vlast: Sarka

**Beethoven**, Violin Concerto

**Dvorak**, Symphony No 8

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)



## 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 Ian 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.” 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) from Hollands Butchers or call 636580.

## What is Fistula?

The Barn Dance on 10 October is to raise money for the Freedom from Fistula Foundation (FFFF) which runs the Aberdeen Women’s Hospital in Freetown, Sierra Leone. This hospital treats women who have been ostracised by their communities because of a medical condition called fistula.

Fistula is caused during childbirth when the birth becomes obstructed. Labour can then last for days and usually results in stillbirth. During this time, damage caused to the bladder and/or bowel can lead to incontinence in either or both. The, usually quite young, women then lead miserable lives – often apart from their families. An estimated 2 million women in Africa are suffering from obstetric fistula. The Fistula hospital in Freetown offers free fistula repair surgeries and rehabilitation. The surgeons can repair the damage and give the women back their lives and their dignity. If you are interested in learning more about the incredible work done by the fistula surgeons we will be showing a DVD called ‘A Walk to Beautiful’ in the Reading Room on Friday 16 October at 7pm. This moving DVD made us want to support this life-changing work. Earlier this year we sent £500 and have been assured that “every penny sent will be used in Sierra Leone”. All of the money raised at the Barn Dance will help young women to “walk to beautiful”. Please come along and enjoy yourselves and support our event. [www.youlgravebangbutt.org](http://www.youlgravebangbutt.org)



Dear Editor

It’s the small minority who give us dog owners a bad name, so perhaps they should be reminded of the Dogs Fouling of Land Act 1996 (max penalty £100). Also, I would point out there is only one public footpath through the churchyard and there are signs at the entrances to asking people to refrain from exercising their dogs there.

R. Bosley, Youlgrave

## Bingo Night

As part of my Queen’s Guide award I must carry out a 12-month community action project and my chosen topic is mental health. I plan to raise money for Young Minds, a charity that supports child and adolescent mental health. On Sunday 1st November I am holding a Bingo Night at Youlgrave Scout Hall. You will have the chance to play for a variety of prizes, socialise and treat yourself to a selection of cakes! The event will take place from 6.45pm and is open to anyone, so bring your friends and family. There is an entry fee of £3 which includes all bingo games. I hope to see you there!

Billie Pursglove

## Annual Leprosy Mission meeting

This was held at the Methodist Church on Wednesday 23 Sept. It was good to welcome three new supporters to the meeting and the 16 of us had a fun time together, as our usual speaker, Pamela Levens, always says about her visits to Youlgrave! She gave us another very interesting presentation, showing us the many different ways in which our money helps the leprosy sufferers. She was impressed by the £326 we had recently raised, which was doubled by the government (£652!) and at the meeting we raised a further £118. Christmas cards and other Christmas items were also sold. We gave Pamela a large bag of the used postage stamps that we save in church. Many thanks to the many people who continue to bring stamps. If you are new to the village, we collect them in a box kept on the last pew at the back of the parish church. Please carefully cut around the stamps. We were amazed to learn how much is raised by selling stamps as well as other collectables, so please keep the stamps coming. Thanks yet again to the faithful supporters who always come.

Barbara and Mary

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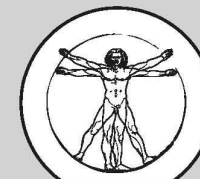
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## Youlgrave Horticultural Show 2015

The 76th Youlgrave Horticultural show on 5 September was a great success, despite the poor summer.

There were fewer entries in the flower and vegetable sections, due to the summer weather, but the level of entries in the children section was amazing and the baking section was really well entered.

The Silver Cup for most points in vegetables and flowers for a gardener residing in Alport, Youlgrave or Middleton went to **Tony Frost**.

**Sarah Hill** won the Litchfield Trophy with her winning vase of roses and the best exhibit in floral art was arranged by **Maureen Capewell**.

The D.A. & E. Wardle Trophy for most points in cookery & handicrafts was won by **Wendy Wilson**.

**Val Cornish** won the best exhibit in the baking section with her cheese scones.

The Plowright Cup for the best sweet peas in the show was won by **Nicola Walker** and the Mort Egg Cup for the best free range eggs in the show went to the **Frost boys** from Hopping Farm.

The best exhibit in the children's section was **Amy Bingham's** amazing drawing of a tiger. Well done to all the children who entered this section with their drawings and models, all were absolutely fantastic. Next year the children's cooking/baking class will be separated into age categories.

**Gordon Ollerenshaw** won trophies for the best exhibit in the flower section and gained the most points in

the flowers and vegetables sections. Gordon's tomatoes were also judged to be the best in show.

**David Orwin** won the trophy for the best exhibit in the vegetable section. Well done for a first time entry!

Unfortunately there were no entries in the bag of compost class this year.

The Horticultural Society would like to thank the village hall committee for allowing us to hold the annual show in the hall, all the entrants who spent the time and energy on their exhibits, all the people who visited the show to see the exhibits, Dougie Oldfield for auctioning the produce after the show and the crowd who stayed to buy it. A massive thank you to all the children for their brilliant entries – the judge had a really hard job. And thanks to everyone who

helped set up and take down the tables before and after the show, your help is very much appreciated!

If you have ideas for classes you would like to see in the show, please contact me on 630003. If you would be interested in joining our small show committee our meetings are held in the Reading Room and the next meetings are on 8 October or 10 March 2016 at 6pm. The committee usually meets four or five times a year, and meetings are very informal and don't take very long. We would welcome anyone who would like to join us.

Sandra Harrop



## The Village Show

Thursday evening. The empty village hall is transformed when a small, enthusiastic group erect every folding table and every trestle table they can find and cover them with pristine white until the room shines, waiting. On the stage a cluster of returned cups stand ready. In the Committee Room a line of ladies process the forms brought in by the hopeful. Each 20p entry is given a number and a card, faithfully recorded, ready.



Friday evening and Saturday morning. The entries arrive. Fewer fruit and veg and flowers this year, for the weather has not been kind. But the children have made up for that with monsters and cakes, pictures and Lego. Lots of eggs – chicken are in favour at the moment. The baking tables fill up at the last minute with bread and scones, cakes and jams. There are photos and crafts and flower arrangements, all carefully laid out. At 10am the doors are locked and the judging begins. The village holds its breath.

Saturday afternoon. At 2.15pm the doors open again and a surge of competitors, friends and family, as well as voyeurs, come to see who's won, and who's not. Young people hang around in the sunshine outside with bikes and banter while inside the quiet is transformed with chatter as friends and relatives meet up to have a look, and then to wander into the back room for a cuppa and a sharing of news and views. The hall is humming with life and activity.

At 4pm everyone is gathered together. The cups are presented, the raffle drawn, and any unclaimed entries are auctioned off, the marrow may be paired with herbs, or the onions with irises, to clear the tables. Anti-climax is setting in.

The general melée subsides and the final mess is cleared by the dedicated few. The hall is left warmer for the days of activity, but colder in its new emptiness. Until next year.

Jeni Edwards





## Looking back on Youlgrave Carnival 2015

Firstly, my apologies to everyone for the late write up on this year's Carnival – this year has gone far too quick! There were a few changes to this year's Carnival, kicking the weekend off with the Kids disco and tug of war on the playing fields. The weather was great and the turnout was even better! Lots of children and adults there to enjoy themselves. As always, Mick Discol and his disco went down a treat and I think we have our very own budding tug of war teams! Many bruises followed on the Saturday after plenty of fun with the heavy rope!

As Saturday dawned the fab weather carried on, and the rides, stalls and catering van opened up as the crowds slowly but surely arrived, followed shortly after by the floats! All the floats were fantastic yet again. First prize went to the World Cup float, second prize went to Postman Pat float and third went to Four Weddings and a Funeral float. The fancy dress categories also looked fantastic – we had a visit from Paddington Bear, Superheroes, Barbies, a truck of Dalmations and to keep everyone under control Pommie PD were out in force with plenty of back up from their smaller officers! Many thanks to this



years Judge, Graham Elliot, and some difficult decisions made as there were so many fantastic ideas.

Our 2015 Carnival Queen, Grace Hill, looked beautiful in purple. Her attendants Franchesca and Ruby also looked lovely. Thank you to retiring Queen Poppy for passing the crown along.

Poppy's attendants, Esther and Daniella, also looked great. The Carnival Committee would like to give a big thanks to all the winners who donated their prize money back into the Carnival fund - it is greatly appreciated.

We introduced some new ideas this year which were all enjoyed – the falconry display (once the bird decided to play) was very entertaining, learning about the birds and their natural habitat along the way. Madame Zucchini also made an appearance at the Carnival. Her act was making things out of vegetables, which was enjoyed by all who watched her act and during her walkabout.

This year we would like to thank Youlgrave School and especially the new head teacher, Mrs Stelling, for allowing the school children to dance the maypole for us. It has been a long time

since the school took part in Carnival and it was well worth the wait. The children were fantastic - very well done to all the dancers and teachers. Hopefully we will see them next year, too.

Carnival Committee made the decision again this year to hire out a small bar with pumps which again was preferred by all to the can bar we have done in past years. This will carry on in future years, we hope, along with the sponsorship of the local businesses who sponsored barrels. A big thanks to all this year's sponsors – it would not be possible without you.

This year's catering was done by Home from Home catering. Jackie and



the team had a busy day selling out of many items by mid afternoon! Thank you Jackie and Co for providing us with fantastic food.

The refreshment tent also saw a change this year as Youlgrave Brownies did a brilliant job of keeping everyone topped up with tea and coffee and selling some delicious cakes and biscuits. Thank you very much to Edwina and the girls - we hope you can get your baking hats on next year!

Many thanks, as well, to Sue at The Farmyard Inn and all her staff for yet another good night and Dead Elliot and co for getting everyone dancing! Our



normal compere, Mick Partridge was not able to be with us this year, so passed his microphone on to Ian Bright – thank you, Ian, as always you did a great job.

Thank you again to Ken Clayton from the Old Bakery for being this year's official photographer. A big thank you to all members of the committee who always pull together and organise a great day. Thanks again to all who helped in any way with this year's Carnival. If you have not been mentioned it does not mean we do not appreciate your help or involvement – it just means the list of our supporters is so long we cannot mention them all!

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*All photos by Ken Clayton*

## Youlgrave schoolchildren watch the Tour of Britain

On Friday 11 September all the children and staff from Youlgrave School piled onto a huge bus to visit Castleton to watch the Tour of Britain Cycle Race. The children were all very excited and joined in with lots of singing on the way. We arrived at Castleton and departed from the bus at the bottom of the Winnats Pass. We found a great spot on the hill to sit and eat our lunch and watch the race. First we enjoyed our picnic in the sunshine making sure we held on tightly to our apples so they didn't roll down the hill! The atmosphere was buzzing and everyone was excited to see the motor bikes, helicopters and supporting cars go down. Then finally the bikes arrived and they flew down Winnats Pass to the cheering crowds especially from Youlgrave School!



The behaviour of all the children was exemplary and a special well done to our Reception children who had only been in school 3 days before going out on a trip! We would also like to say a big thank you to all the parent helpers who came along with us.

A great day was had by all.

### Bankside Wildlife Garden

A number of Garden supporters gathered together last month to enjoy tea and a great selection of homemade cakes and scones. It was also the AGM. We shared photos of the Roy and Joy Stubbs weekend, which also helped to fund raise for the garden. Each year we need to have enough money to pay our Public Liability Insurance or the garden would have to be closed to the public. Over the year, we have seen a wide variety of visitors to the garden, including lots of visits by the Brownies, children with parents and many tourists who love Youlgrave and its 'secret garden'. We need to do some fencing repairs, as well as deal with the leak in the pond. The meadow area in front of the summer house is flourishing and we now have cranesbill growing – great!

We also need to give the garden an autumn 'haircut'. So we are having a working party at 10.30am on Sunday 25 October – helpers welcome! Children might enjoy pond dipping. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Do come and enjoy this haven above the dale. *Maggie 636189*



## Church Farm Diary, October 2015

The seasons are changing rapidly. When I walked down the fields this morning to check the stock there was a good layer of frost on the grass, this is the first that I have seen this autumn. I look across the valley to Raper Bridge and the trees are changing colour to lovely autumnal shades. I think that this view is one of the best in the world, I always appreciate it when I have been away on holiday to some of the dried out countries abroad.

The milk cows were turned into the fields for exercise for about an hour and were soon wanting to come back to the shed, one of them produced twins while they were grazing outside, this is the second set this year.

Now that Dakin and Sarah have a milk herd I do not get to go the Bakewell Cattle Market as often as I used to. The market was the highlight of the week when I was fattening up beef cattle. I would sell at Bakewell when the cattle were fat and very often go to Leek and Hope markets on other days to buy store cattle in to fatten up on our own premises. When I was little my Dad would go to Bakewell market and always bring me a little present home, so Monday was always the best day of the week.

**Marjorie Shimwell**

### RECIPE OF THE MONTH

#### **CHUNKY CHILLI**

This is a heart-warming recipe, now the nights are drawing in.

#### Ingredients

- 1.4kg braising steak cut into bite size pieces
- 100g plain flour seasoned
- Olive oil to fry
- 1 large onion
- 2 green chillies chopped
- 1 tsp hot chilli powder or mild if you don't want it too hot
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 2 tbsp tomato puree
- 2 x 400g tins of chopped tomatoes
- 2 tbsp black treacle
- 1 litre beef stock (I use Oxo)
- 400g can kidney beans drained and rinsed

#### Method

Heat the oven to 140 or gas mark 2, then put the beef into the seasoned flour. Heat the oil in a casserole dish and brown the meat in batches, remove the meat and add the onion and fry for a few minutes and then add the chillies and spices. Return the meat to the dish, adding the tomato puree, tomatoes, treacle and beef stock. Season and bring to the boil, cover the dish and simmer, then transfer to the oven for about 2 hours until the meat is tender. Serve with rice, crusty bread or potatoes of your choice.

Marjorie





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## My favourite book

Jill Griffiths tells Andrea Willans about ***The Island*** by Victoria Hislop.

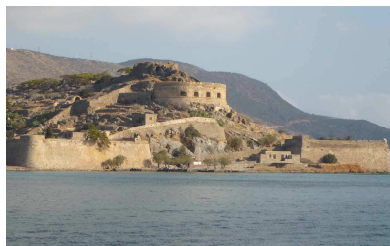
'The Island' of the title is Spinalonga off the North coast of Crete. It is a real place and was the main leper colony for Greece from 1903-1957.

The story opens with a snapshot of a young woman being taken by her father in a small boat to the island of Spinalonga. We don't yet know their names. The date is 1953. We then move to a scene in 2001 with another young woman, Alexis, visiting the island while on holiday. Having grown up in London this is her first trip to Crete, where her mother Sofia grew up. She is on her way to the village of Plaka to visit Fotini- her mother's oldest friend. She has a letter in her pocket from her mother to Fotini, asking her to tell Alexis the history of her family, something which her mother always felt unable to reveal.

We are then transported to 1939 as Fotini unravels the story of the family in Plaka, starting with Alexis' great grandparents and their connection with the nearby island of Spinalonga. It weaves its way through the family's story, the German occupation of Crete and the story of the leper colony. Stories of love, loss, hope, betrayal, partings and reunions unfold. We return to 2001 as Fotini comes to the end of her tale and Alexis' mother, Sofia joins them in Crete. The insights that Alexis has gained into her own history help her with her feelings about relationships and her priorities for the future. It is also a turning point for Sofia.

Victoria Hislop has a wonderful way of giving the reader a 'sense of place' and also of making her characters come to life. Her story is about a family divided and of a separate community whose inhabitants had to endure hardship, prejudice and rejection, yet who rose above it to create a place where life could be valuable and valued. It is all the more poignant because the island is a real place which holds many memories for real people.

I was so 'caught up' in the story that we visited Crete and had a very moving and atmospheric walk around Spinalonga. Victoria Hislop's book serves as a celebration of triumph over adversity and also a memorial to the people who never left the island because they didn't live to see a cure for leprosy.



*The island of Spinalonga.*

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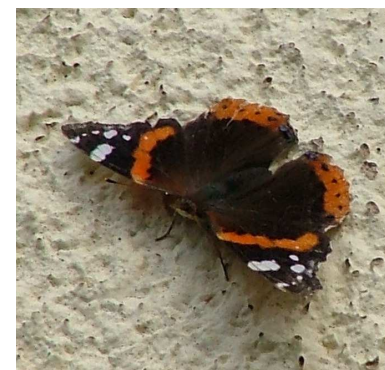
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## Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: September 2015

September seems to have given us some of the best weather this year. The butterflies have certainly been enjoying some nice warm days. On the 13th I saw five species, including wall butterfly and speckled wood at the bottom of Moor Lane, but the best report was from a passing butterfly recorder who found 10 species around lunch time on the 12th at the top of the Dale below Hopping Farm. This included some more unusual ones, such as dark green fritillary, comma, small copper and common blue. Humming bird hawk moths were reported from Crimbles Lane and Coldwell End around the 17th. Some very smart new red admirals were in the garden as I was writing on the 25th, along with a speckled wood.

Migration dates for our summer visitors are always much harder than arrival dates. There was a big exodus of swallows from Alport on the 12th after congregating on the wires for a few days, but there were still some over the New Dam on the 24th, presumably in passage. Similarly there were still a few house martins over the Dale on the 25th. The warblers were still around recently, with reports of a family of willow warblers in the Dale and chiffchaffs seen in gardens below the Youth Hostel and Grove Place. Birds of prey continue to be well recorded. Buzzards are often seen over the Dale. Peregrines were reported down the Dale on the 7th and the 10th. The latter was engaging with a raven, though who was attacking who was not entirely clear! Sparrowhawks continue to visit our

garden, with a collared dove kill on the drive. A candidate for bird on the month would be a goshawk seen over Lathkill Dale, though I was pleased with several sightings on chiffchaffs in our garden. Tawny owls have been hooting regularly; owls with a chick have been seen in the Dale and a sickly tawny was rescued from Youlgrave Moor on the 7th. Notable garden birds have been a woodpecker again pecking our telegraph pole, large numbers of greenfinches on our feeders, a flock of long tailed tits in the garden and nuthatches reported on feeders down



*Red admiral*

Holywell Lane. Hedgehogs have been reported from gardens in New Road and Moor Lane and the hedgehog under my wheelbarrow seems to have added more beech trimmings to its nest. I hope it will hibernate successfully. My pre-writing walk round the village found 45 species of wildflowers in bloom. Spring sandwort and

burnet saxifrage were plentiful on Icky Picky. Ivy leaved toadflax is still common on walls where it has been in flower since the spring. White deadnettle and red campion were common amongst deeper grass and both water mint and spearmint were in flower beside the Bradford and New Dam.

My thanks to all contributors, Keith, Simon, Peter, Michael, New Road Birders, Ruth and Lisa and, everybody, please keep the reports coming.

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## ARMISTICE EVENTS 2015

Armistice Sunday this year falls on Sunday 8 November, with Armistice Day on Wednesday 11th. There will be a Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance in All Saints Church Youlgrave at 10.45am on the Sunday morning and in the evening at 6.45pm in St. Michael & All Angels at Middleton by Youlgrave.

Last year a service was introduced on Armistice Day itself, with pupils from the school attending, along with members of the public, and this seemed very popular. A similar service will therefore take place on Wednesday 11 November this year at All Saints Church, commencing at 10.45am.

During the afternoon of Sunday 8th the Youlgrave 1914-1918 Community Group, with the support of Youlgrave Cinema Club, will be showing the 1981 film 'Gallipoli' in the village hall. The film, directed by Peter Weir and starring Mel Gibson and Mark Lee, runs for just under two hours and depicts the lives of a couple of young Australian lads who enlist in the Australian Imperial Forces and find themselves in the fierce fighting against the Turkish Army in Gallipoli. There will also be a small display on the Dardanelles Campaign where several local men served.

Light refreshments will be available and there will be a small admission charge for the event.

*The Youlgrave 1914-1918 Community Group are interested in researching the lives of local men and women during the Great War period. Whilst the Roll of Honour lists some 242 names of those who served, and the War Memorial names 24 who died, we are having difficulty in identifying the following fallen: Herbert Brassington, Horace Jones, Willie Thompson and Thomas Gill. If anyone can help us with these or any others we would be pleased to hear. Thank you.*

*(NB if any one has family who served in the Machine Gun Corps-MGC-please note that it was on 14 October 1915 that they were founded and there is a Church service and dinner in Grantham on 10 October this year to commemorate this event ([www.machineguncorps.co.uk](http://www.machineguncorps.co.uk))*

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