

# The **Bugle**

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

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## End of an era at Holland Butchers

As David Figg retires at the end of this month he reflects on four decades as a Youlgrave shopkeeper.

Well, doesn't time fly when you're having fun?! It seems only a blink of an eye away from the day that Denise and I arrived on a cold February day in 1974. We were just 20 and 22 years old. The shop, which had been established for well over a hundred years, was owned by Harry Holland, known as 'Father Harry'. We worked alongside him for a short while, giving us time to get to know the customers and to learn the everyday running of a village butcher's shop. In those days the village was very tight-knit with virtually no 'outsiders', and so it was a little bit daunting. However, the Holland family took us under their wing and made us feel like one of the family.

There was a lot to learn. We killed all our meat on the premises in those days; it was a lot different to the town shop I came from. There was also a huge delivery round to get to know, which encompassed the outlying farms and villages of Middleton, Stanton, Biggin, Pikehall, Darley Dale and Rowsley. We went out four days a week, two of which we 'hawked' the meat (cut the meat up from the back of the van) using a small wooden block and Avery scales. Because there were only two of us, Denise undertook all of these deliveries, sometimes not returning until 10 o'clock at night.



*David Figg*

Biggin was always the challenge in winter. We can remember delivering to Mrs Birds's then wooden bungalow, only to find that she had to dig a snow tunnel from her front door to get out! On another occasion, we had a tricky time getting to Stanton-in-Peak. It snowed incessantly all day, so we decided to take the orders that evening instead of the next day. Denise and I set off with the aim of getting as far up Stanton hill as possible. It was single track with snow all around, probably 10ft either side. We were pleased with ourselves, we had reached topside the church. Our smiles soon vanished when, to our horror, the back doors were swinging open and not an order to be seen! We had been so intent on looking forward that we hadn't noticed the orders

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## \* \* WINTER RAFFLE \* \*

Youlgrave All Saints School Association and Youlgrave Playschool are joining forces to bring you **the Raffle of the season**. It will be drawn on Friday 4 December at 3.30pm and prizes include cash prizes, luxury hampers and more. Tickets can be purchased from school or playschool. Please call Lisa on 07855 856948 if you would like some tickets delivered to your house. They are £1 for five tickets.

If you have any new or unopened items that we could use in our hampers we would appreciate your donations. We are creating three luxury hampers, a Toy Hamper, a Pamper Hamper and a Foodie Hamper. Please leave any donations either at Youlgrave School or Youlgrave Playschool.



Thank you again!

## Youlgrave wins regional building award

Youlgrave Community Land Trust is delighted to announce that the Hannah Bowman Way residential development, which was completed in March this year, has been given an award by the East Midlands Region of the Forum for the Built Environment. The scheme was judged not only best residential development of the year but best development of the year overall.

The judges' citation points out that the scheme is the culmination of many years work by the local community and has been provided through a partnership between Peak District Rural Housing Association, Youlgrave Community Land Trust and East Midlands Housing Group, with great support from Derbyshire Dales District Council. The development was constructed via a design and build contract with Lindum Construction, who built six houses and two bungalows (for affordable rent and shared ownership by local people in housing need) using limestone and slate tiles and employing traditional building methods. The judges were impressed by the good design of the homes, their energy efficiency, the local sourcing of materials and trades by Lindum, and the care they had taken to develop good relationships with the local community during the course of the build. The award was presented to Lindum and EMH Group at a dinner in October.



## SNOWMAN DRIVE (same rules as a Beetle Drive) AND BINGO

At the Scout Hut,  
Youlgrave

Friday 27 November at  
7.30pm

Everyone welcome

£2.00 per person

Proceeds to Playschool  
funds

## Grand Planting Day: Hannah Bowman Way Orchard

Saturday 28 November

Between 11am and 4pm we will be braving any weather that November can throw at us and planting the trees, most of which have been sponsored, in the orchard in Hannah Bowman Way. It is an opportunity to get and stuck in and help or just to come and see what is going on. If you would like to help please come armed with a spade and gardening gloves and wear wellies or boots. Hot drinks will be available. We hope to see you there.

Youlgrave Community  
Land Trust Orchard Group

## Carnival's donation to Brownies



Youlgrave Carnival Committee has given the Brownies a donation of £300, which will go towards activities and events that they put on all through the year. In the summer the Brownies ran the tea and biscuit tent at the Carnival, which was very popular. The Brownies would like to say a really big "thank you" to everyone at the Carnival.

By Caitlin McCloy

## Botanical Art – Christmas Card Designs with Shelley Jones

Saturday 21 November, 10am – 2.30pm  
at Youlgrave Reading Room



Make your own Christmas cards using seasonal leaves and flowers to create unique botanical florals. For further information and bookings call Bakewell Adult Community Education 01629 813747 or email [bakewell.ace@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:bakewell.ace@derbyshire.gov.uk)

## You're invited to join us at another GRAND 3-DAY SALE at the READING ROOM

Fri, Sat and Sun, 13th, 14th and 15th  
November

10 am - 4 pm

Masses of varied goods for sale, new items added each day. All-day refreshments – pretend we're a cafe. Free entry – please come along.

In aid of the Reading Room

## 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: THE PRAGUE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA - **Smetna**, Ma Vlast: Sarka, **Beethoven**, Violin Concerto, **Dvorak**, Symphony No 8

Contact Joy (636868) and John (636721)

## Youlgrave Flu Clinic

FOR PATIENTS WHO ARE  
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**Monday 9 Nov, 2pm-5pm**

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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



## Royal British Legion Women's Section receives awards

The County Conference was held at Allestree on Saturday 3 October. Four members from Youlgrave attended. At the end of business several awards were presented. Youlgrave members Jean Wragg and Janice Bacon were given a Certificate of Appreciation for meritorious service rendered to the Legion. Youlgrave Branch was also awarded a Certificate for giving one of the highest totals of money to the Purse Fund, which Joan Roper collected. A proud moment for us all. Thank you, Angela Swift, for putting our Branch forward.



**Two happy arrivals!** On Thursday 1st October, at 15.50, our wonderful son Felix was born. Three minutes later, his beautiful sister, Scarlett arrived (both pictured left). It is typical of Youlgrave that we have received overwhelming support from so many people with best wishes, cards, gifts, help and offers of help. We truly appreciate it. Thank you. The whole family is doing well we're looking forward to introducing them to you soon.

Lauren and Ralph (Wilson)

## Statement from Middleton & Smerrill Parish Council regarding Middleton Village Hall

Contrary to the statement given out at the Village Harvest Supper on 2 October that we were 'very close to getting ownership of the Village Hall', M&SPC wish to state that whilst it is their desire to obtain the freehold for the Village Hall the Waterhouse Estate trustees have made it clear that they would not give us this. It is now over nine years since the lease expired and council have had various attempts at either gaining ownership or renewing the lease. With the kind help of Simon Brister we have now renewed this request of either obtaining the freehold, our preferred choice, or if this fails to at least renewing the lease. The current situation is that the request of a freehold has been refused once again, but a strong possibility exists that a long term lease will be granted. Negotiations are ongoing regarding legal costs and the final terms of the lease and it is hopeful that a satisfactory outcome will be announced shortly.

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David's headline-making haggis, from 1983.

slipping silently into the snow behind us! Back in the van we jumped, picking up the orders from the middle of the track on the way back down – and right at the very bottom sat the butcher's basket! We then decided that Denise would take the village orders by sledge and I would go to the outlying cottage at Pilough. Miss Wain was an old lady, living alone. I trudged through the snow which was, at times, up to my hips, eventually arriving in pitch dark, wet through with snow filling my wellies. I knocked and, thankfully, the door soon creaked open. Miss Wain greeted me with a smile, exclaiming "eeh lad, I could have managed!"

Christmases – oh, we've had fun – and nightmares! I remember one year it being so cold that when we collected the fresh turkeys from the farmer they had frozen solid in the barn and we couldn't dress them. Luckily, the weather eased a little and everything was OK. Christmas is a hard and worrying time, but customers come in, always happy and smiling and that keeps you going.

There are so many great memories – particularly of people – customers of great character. To name but a few: Jo Birds, Norman Purslove, Daisy Arden and Violet, Alice Wragg and Ethel, Rita and Eva Birds, Max Brindley, Bill Shimwell, Alan Oldfield. Jo Birds was the biggest

tease of them all – he used to pretend to jump the queue to annoy the customers behind, then he'd scurry out of the shop laughing, leaving me to pick up the pieces! I think Anthony Wragg went to the same school!

As my retirement approaches (Saturday 28 November) I admit to feeling very emotional. My customers I regard as my friends. I certainly will miss them and the banter over the counter most of all.

We have been very lucky with the staff we have had, they have been amazing. The hours are long, the shop cold, and the bakehouse dark at 5 o'clock on a winter's morning. Those of you know who you are – from shop staff, bakehouse staff and my Saturday helpers down the years – Denise and I want to thank each and every one of you for your dedication, reliability and sense of humour (main requirement!). We have been very, very fortunate.

Most of all, I have been blessed with a loving wife who has been my rock and support all the way through the tough times and the good times and who has given me two wonderful children who are always there for me. Having a shop in Youlgrave, which is filled with so many lovely people, has been a privilege and I feel lucky to have served you all for 42 years.

David Figg

## A Youlgrave history walk, part 6: Church Street (north)

By **Gordon Coupe**

We start at the church corner junction with Conksbury Lane and a terrace of three dwellings originally built as four cottages. **Church Corner Cottage** has been extended and now incorporates the next one. The second two cottages are mainly as they were built externally. The end cottage was built to and incorporates part of an earlier property (probably 17th century). They are



*An early photo of Church Street, Youlgrave – note the wider pavements and oil lamp.*

constructed of rough coursed limestone with gritstone quoins, lintels and dressings to doors and windows. The windows are casement and later sash windows. The roof covering is stone slate and the later chimney stacks are blue brick. Grade II listed.

**Lathkill House** is an early Victorian house built about 1840 for a local businessman, William Teasdale. The building is constructed with coursed squared gritstone with dressed gritstone quoins, wedge lintels and dressing to doors and windows, and having a slated double roof with a valley gutter and gritstone chimney stacks. The Teasdale family are recorded in the 19th century as grocers, druggists, drapers and post masters. In the 1970s the house was locally known as Bank House because of its use one half day per week by a branch of the RBS in Bakewell. In the 1980s the bank moved to the Bull's Head. Grade II listed.

**Auburn House** is a three storey house built in 1734 for the Coates family, with a dated stone plaque bearing the initials T&G Coates. The building was constructed using dressed gritstone with

sash windows, having a slated roof and gritstone chimney stacks. The Coates family is recorded in the 19th century trade directories as coopers, school academy owners and farmers. Grade II listed.

**Turret House** is a 17th century building, re-fronted in the 19th century with the addition of an Edwardian bay window at ground floor level. Progressive extensions carried out over many years can be seen on the east elevation overlooking Auburn Cottage. On the west elevation is a blocked 17th century window and an attached cottage built in the 19th century with an arch over, which is additional accommodation. The main building is constructed of coursed limestone with gritstone quoins, lintels, dressings to door and window openings. It has a stone-tiled roof with gritstone chimney stacks. Note the unique stone chimney pots on the western stacks. The windows are vertical sliding sashes. Grade II listed.

*The tour continues along Church Street next month.*

## Youlgrave All Saints' School – Year 4 reports on Tag Rugby tournament



Year 3 and 4 went to Lady Manners School on Friday 16th October. We went to play some Tag Rugby tournaments. Miss Blood and Mrs Coupe came with us too. Miss Blood put us in two groups. I was in Youlgrave team B. We played many different schools. We played Curbar, Great Hucklow and even Youlgrave A! Also someone played them while we cheered them on. After some more matches they announced the winners, Youlgrave A won the small schools matches and Youlgrave B came 5th in the small schools, but still it was great fun. My favourite part was all of it. **By Daniella**

Year 3 and 4 went to a tag rugby tournament at Lady Manners School on Friday 16th October. We travelled on a mini coach and Miss Blood and Mrs Coupe accompanied us. Firstly we played Curbar and we lost. Afterwards we had a game against Great Hucklow and eventually we played against Youlgrave A. Once we had played against Youlgrave A we sat down with Miss Blood and Mrs Coupe while Youlgrave A played against Great Hucklow B. meanwhile we were cheering them on even though they were winning against Great Hucklow. Lastly we played Curbar. Youlgrave B came 5th in the tournament. We finally went back to school to get changed back into our school uniforms and I told my mum and dad all about it. **By Esther**

Last week on the 16th of October year 4 and year 3 travelled to Lady Manners School. When we were there we sat down and watched toy motor cars, there was a turbo car.

When we started we played Curbar A meanwhile the other Youlgrave team played Curbar B. In Curbar A there was Matilda from my swimming class. We played Curbar, Great Hucklow and even our own school. When it got to the winning and losing bit I knew my team had lost but the other team won. **By Freya**

The years 3 and 4 went to Lady Manners School to compete in a tag rugby tournament and my team came 1st! We travelled there in a mini coach and Miss Blood and Mrs Coupe accompanied us. When we got there we watched some kids drive remote control cars. When we played our first match we played Curbar B and we won then we played Curbar A and we won again! My team only lost one match against Great Hucklow because they had a girl who was a great scorer.

On our third match we even played against Youlgrave B and... we won! My team came first in the whole tournament and team B came 5th. I thought that everyone played well and fairly. We had a great time!

**By Max**



Finally the bell rang for us to go into class 2. We were really excited but at the same time really nervous because we were going to a tag rugby tournament at Lady Manners School. Miss Blood read out the register and after that we

were ready to go. We only had to wait a minute and the next moment there was a mini coach there.

Eventually we started to play tag rugby. First we played Curbar B and we won! After that we played Curbar A and they had a superb player. Luckily we won 3-1. Next we played Youlgrave B and we won again! Later we started playing Great Hucklow and whilst we were playing a girl in my team got head butted! Luckily Youlgrave B were watching and we had a replacement. Even though somebody got injured we still won! It was the last game but we watched Youlgrave B against Curbar A but they lost. It was the ceremony. Youlgrave B came last but guess what? We came first! I was expecting to come second. On the way back we were all talking about how Youlgrave A won! I really enjoyed tag rugby. **By Caitlin**





## Youlgrave Parish Council report: launch of village's new BMX trail

The Parish Council was informed, just in time for the meeting, that a survey is being undertaken online by Derbyshire Dales District Council regarding all its recycling areas with a deadline of 9 November. You should have received a letter with a printed copy of this survey through your door, which can be handed in at either of the shops by noon by 5 November, or you can respond online at [www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/environment-and-waste/waste-a-recycling/2084-local-recycling-site-bank-consultation](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/environment-and-waste/waste-a-recycling/2084-local-recycling-site-bank-consultation).

Council also discussed the completion of the new BMX Trail which will be officially opened, in conjunction with a tree-planting ceremony of the Diamond Jubilee Royal Oak Tree, by the High Sheriff of Derbyshire on Friday 6

November (1.15pm) at QEII Alport Lane Playing Fields. It will also be attended by representatives from Hope Construction Materials, whose generous contribution made this possible. Children from Youlgrave All Saints who designed the layout will also attend.

Council received reports from village organisations and continues to pursue Derbyshire County Council Highways over the deteriorating state of the footpaths and pavements in the parish. The seasonal closure of the toilet blocks at Coldwell End and the playing field will be on 9 November. Holywell Lane toilets will remain open year-round.



### **Recycling at Coldwell End – don't give up now!**

*As we had expected, a consultation process has begun to review the District Council policy on the provision of recycling facilities. There is a questionnaire that can be completed on line at [www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/recyclingsites](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/recyclingsites), but the Parish Council has agreed to fund the printing of 400 paper copies to be distributed in the village. These need to be returned direct to the*

*Council Offices in Matlock before 9<sup>th</sup> November or handed in at either Parkers or Hollands by 5 November. Please make sure you complete and return a questionnaire either on paper or 'on line' and encourage others to do the same and think carefully about your answers.*

*Questions 7, 11 and 12 are clearly designed to favour the removal of the facilities. Q7 does not allow for the possibility that if the local recycling facility were removed you might put recyclable waste in the black bin. If this is a possibility use the two lines at the bottom to explain.*

*Q11 Kerbside collection is obviously convenient, but what if you have too much to fit in your bin and what of second home owners who may not be in the village on collection day? Do we want them to leave recyclable waste on the pavement for several days? You are only allowed to tick one box so it might be an idea to write a comment next to the question.*

*Q12 Again is some comment a good idea? Is it a question of 'either/or'? Does the amount of use our recycling facility gets indicate that we need both kerbside recycling **and** the facility at Coldwell End?*

*Any letters pointing out the importance of the facility to the village may help and should be attached to your questionnaire.*

*Thanks, Peter Cork*

## Sign the Petition to save the Community Bus

I am writing to ask for your help with a very important issue.

For several weeks I have been campaigning to save the Community Bus. I am asking local residents to help by signing our petition against Derbyshire County Council's proposals to withdraw funding for the Community Transport Service.



The Community Bus serves hundreds of communities across Derbyshire by helping the elderly, disabled, disadvantaged and vulnerable get out of the home to reach essential services and, perhaps more importantly, healthcare and hospital appointments. Derbyshire County Council are planning to withdraw the vast majority of funding for this service which will no longer take people to hospitals and other health facilities.

The loss of this service will cause great harm to thousands of people who depend on it across Derbyshire. So we are now hoping to force a debate at County Hall on this matter by gathering 7,500 signatures through our petitions. We are incredibly tight for time. So I am asking you for your help by doing any of the following...

1. Signing the petition on Derbyshire County Council's website. Please go online to [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/have\\_your\\_say/Petitions/](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/have_your_say/Petitions/) and sign the petition titled 'Opposition to proposed withdrawal of funding for Community Transport in Derbyshire'. Please remember to confirm your signature by clicking the link in your email account.
  2. Encouraging others to sign the petition online by emailing your contacts and through word of mouth.
  3. Sign a paper copy of the petition available at local shops.
- Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport's buses are a lifeline to many people and we only have until 20 November to reach 7,500 signatures, but with your help I am sure we can do it. Please sign the petition today and ask others to sign it as well.

Colin Swindell

**Red candles to light the Christmas Services.** As last year, we are making requests for offers to help buy the 500 red candles we need every year to decorate and light the church. Please contact Barbara Scrivener 636601 or Garrie Griffiths 630409 if you are able to help.

**The Memorial candles list** will soon be in church. You don't have to be a church-goer to order a candle. Anyone in the village, or visitors, is welcome to join in with this very beautiful way of remembering people. The candles are displayed all down the side chapel in church. If you are new to this, all you have to do is add your name to the list on the table in church and the name of the person/s you want remembered. Put 50p per person in an envelope, with your name & the name of the person/s to be remembered on it, and give it to Barbara, Andrew or leave it at the Post Office.

**Please remember to tick the list in church that you have paid** or else you might be asked 'Have you paid for your candle yet?!' Any queries please contact Barbara 636601.

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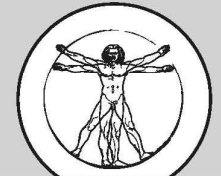
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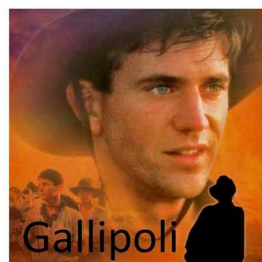
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### When We Are Married

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The Youlgreave 1914-1918 Community Group

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## Church Farm Diary, November 2015

I have just come back from the fields where I have been checking the calves and the in-calf cows, and the colours are beautiful down near the river Lathkill. The trees are red, copper and lots of different greens. I always like this time of the year when the crops are in and everywhere is a bit quieter, with less holiday makers around. But you can see why they like coming to Derbyshire, we have everything except the sea!

Last week the calves were wormed. This is to get rid of any lung or bowels worms they may have picked up during the grazing season. Already they are looking fitter and their coats are glossier.

Dakin has a device that is temporarily attached to a cow's tail that will alert you when the cow will calve. This is a good time-saver as you can be looking at the cow for hours when they start to get ready for calving.

The milk cows are all in good health and are happily using the robot milker with no trouble.

There has been no change in the price of milk, which is causing a lot of concern and there will be a lot of farmers having to give up their lifetime of farming if the situation does not alter.

**Marjorie Shimwell**

### RECIPE OF THE MONTH

#### Christmas Cake

This month's recipe is for Christmas Cake. I usually make mine around Bonfire night time, then it has time to mature.

#### Ingredients

12oz plain flour  
 1 teasp each Cinnamon, salt, mixed spice  
 4oz candied peel  
 2lb mixed dried fruit (1lb currants, 8oz sultanas, 8oz raisins)  
 4oz chopped blanched almonds  
 4oz glace cherries  
 4 large eggs  
 2 tbsp sherry or brandy  
 10oz butter  
 10oz moist brown sugar  
 1 level tbsp black treacle or golden syrup  
 1oz ground almonds

#### Method

Grease and line a 10in cake tin. Cream butter and sugar together and add eggs and brandy or sherry, add flour and all the dry ingredients and fruit, combine all together and put into the prepared cake tin (I damp my knuckles with water and dab the top of the cake to prevent burning and over cooking). Bake in the oven for 1½ hrs at gas mark 3 and then lower oven to gas 1 for 2 hrs, insert a needle in centre of cake to see if it is cooked and listen to hear if the cake is singing (Michael thinks I am mad when I do this but it works).

Feed the cake with brandy weekly by making little holes in the top, and store in an airtight tin until you are ready to decorate.



## Repairing the river – please help

Throughout the dry summer of 2011 the River Bradford became dangerously low. On Friday 12 August 2011, it dried up through the village and didn't return for four months. Over 100 people attended a village meeting to find out what could be done so it wouldn't happen again. As a consequence of this meeting the White Peak Rivers Group was set up, to address this and other problems with the rivers in the area. Jenny from the Environment Agency was asked to investigate water being lost from the Bradford, into what some of the residents suspected was the sewer. This 9in main runs from Middleton to the sewage works at Picory Corner. She reported to us at another village meeting in November 2014 that a mobile camera had been sent up a short section of the sewer pipe opposite Spring Lane. The results showed 28 separate breaks in the pipe, with clean water rushing in (see photo) and another 14 areas of damage.

As the year turned we began to chivvy the authorities to get some work done on the sewer. With increasing concern, requests for action became more and more desperate. The result of being ignored is that so much water is being lost



that the entire river at the bottom of Holywell Lane now takes 10 seconds to fill a 3 gallon bucket!

Severn Trent Water want to put flow meters in the sewer and have no plans to stop the leaks this year, so I am afraid the river will almost certainly dry up again. Please take photos of the river in its sorry state and forward them to me. These will be used to encourage Severn Trent Water to carry out sewer lining, now at least 19 months over-due.

Warren (Haddon Estate), tel 07801 457225, email [waterlines@live.co.uk](mailto:waterlines@live.co.uk)

## New Bakewell gallery offers arts showcase

Nestled within the 16th century stone building next to the Rutland Hotel in Bakewell, you will find the new White Peakhouse Gallery. Owners Cheryl and Lee designed the cool, elegant, Mediterranean-inspired interior. Opening their summer season with a jaw-dropping collection of original Chagall's, they have continued to impress us with a glistening exhibition by Keith How and Cheryl Jenkins. This inspiring collaboration featured large scale mixed media work using lavish colour palettes and wonderfully exciting contemporary loose brushwork.

November will offer us a chance to buy the work of Ella Rosinkrans, Icelandic international glass artist. She is adding bespoke Christmas decorations (perfect Christmas gifts) to her collection of sculptures and wall art. This promises to be a beautiful exhibition and not to be missed! Opening hours are Wed-Fri, 11am-6.30pm (5pm on Fridays) and Saturdays 10.30am-4.30pm. *Andrea Willans*



## Report from the Bradford River Action Group

River Bradford Action Group (BRAG) was formed following the drought of 2011 which caused the River Bradford to dry up. This caused concern and sparked an interest among local people about climate change, leakage from the river, water flow, the use of the local water and if it was possible to prevent the same happening again. As a direct result of this concern and following the formation of BRAG, a book entitled 'A River in Time: the story of a Peak District River' was written by Christine Gregory and was published in 2013 by Grafika Ltd. This superb book is illustrated by stunning photographs of the river and how the river may be restored to provide a continuous flow of water all year round. The book is on sale locally, including Youlgrave Post Office.

The sale of the book has generated funds which have been used to fulfil the aims of the group, namely to promote good water management and sustainability of the water. It is easy to see if the river is flowing or not, but to gain a better understanding of it the flow must be measured. This aspect has been undertaken primarily by Richard Powley with input from Warren Slaney (Head River Keeper for Haddon Estate) and Professor John Gunn. Richard told me: "Depth rulers will be installed at some strategic points in the river, so that the changes in the flow pattern can be recorded through the year. It is also hoped to establish a continuous flow record near the Holywell Lane ford"

The river banks below Mawstone have been fenced, paid for by BRAG and Haddon Estate, which will help water vole nests and hopefully allow the endangered crayfish to breed successfully once more.

In the future we intend to produce information boards along the bank to explain about the ecosystem of the river.

The Sheepwash at the Middleton end of the Bradford was cleared of vegetation during the Spring of 2015, following



*Youlgrave pupils on the River Bradford.*

consultation with Warren Slaney. Middleton Parish Council had requested our assistance here and we were happy to get involved.

In July we spent a few hours with Years 5 and 6 from Youlgrave Primary School. The weather was superb for this event and the children who had first walked the lower part of the River Lathkill with Peak Park Ranger Pete Bush came to join Ken Clayton and Carol Fletcher at the clapper bridge, where they were able to investigate the freshwater invertebrates of the river. They learned about mayfly nymphs, freshwater shrimps and caddis fly larvae that carry their homes with them. Unfortunately we found no crayfish, but who knows what we could find in the future! The children were so enthralled by their work that they took all the data back to school and recorded it. Thanks to Youlgrave School and all the helpers who made the day such a success.

In early 2016 BRAG will hold another public meeting which we hope will encourage people to ask questions and hopefully join us on the committee, as new members are always welcome.

*Carol Fletcher*

## Remembrance Sunday 8 November 2015

10.30am outside All Saints Church,  
Youlgrave, for parading, 10.45am start of  
Service

6.30pm outside St Michael  
& All Angels Church,  
Middleton-by-Youlgrave, for  
parading, 6.45pm start of  
Service



### **The Bull's Head Support Fundraising for Refugee Children**

Cherry Cross and Mandy Cooper, two sisters from near Nottingham, would like to express their thanks to Vicky, Neil and Caroline of The Bull's Head, Youlgrave. The Bull's Head offered generous support to the sisters on their sponsored walk, organised to raise money for Refugee Children. They were given free accommodation for the night of 7 October at the pub, and received a warm welcome from the staff and locals, which was greatly appreciated. Cherry and Mandy walked almost 50 miles on The Limestone Way and completed the walk at Castleton, raising £2,000 for Save the Children.

## 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 the Cinema Club, will be showing the 1981 film 'Gallipoli' (PG 12) in the village hall. The hall will be open from 2pm to 5.15pm with the film starting at 2.30pm. 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 an admission charge of £5 for the event.

## FROM THE NEWS ARCHIVES (supplied by John Cooper)

With the First World War entering its second year in the autumn of 1915, problems were being encountered with harvesting, due to the shortage caused by men from the Territorials being called for duty and others enlisting into His Majesty's Forces. The following announcement was reported in the *Derbyshire Advertiser* to try and address the shortage of farm labour:

### Employment of Troops: Harvest Season

The Board of Agriculture and Fisheries have been informed by the Army Council that, in view of the possible shortage of agricultural labour for the harvest, furlough will be given, at the discretion of the military authorities, to a limited number of soldiers of the Regular and Territorial Forces for work in the harvest as circumstances may permit. The furlough granted to each soldier will only last for such number of days, not exceeding 4 weeks, as he is actually required for harvesting.

The employment of soldiers in the harvest will be subject to the following conditions:

- 1) That suitable labour cannot be obtained in the locality.
- 2) That the farmer will undertake to pay each soldier sent at the farmer's request to any of the following counties;

(a) Cambridgeshire, Essex, Huntingdonshire, Isle of Ely, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Rutland, Soke of Peterborough, Suffolk, the East & West Ridings of Yorkshire, 6 shillings a day of ten hours (exclusive of 2 hrs to be allowed for meals) if the soldier provides his own board and lodging, or 4s. 6d. a day if board and lodging are provided by the farmer, and 6 pence an hour for overtime.

(b) For the remaining counties of England and Wales 5 shillings a day of 10 hours (exclusive of 2 hrs for board and meals) if the soldier provides his own board & lodgings, or 3s. 6d. a day if board and lodging are provided by the farmer, and 5 pence an hour for overtime.

The above rates to be inclusive of all allowances, and to be paid wet or fine, but in the event of wet weather the soldier may be put to other employment on the farm.

- 3) That the farmer will provide conveyance from and to the nearest railway station.

No charge will be made to the farmer for travelling expenses.

Every endeavour will be made to ensure that the men released have been accustomed to harvest work, but no guarantee to this effect can be given, and if the farmer wants his son or one of his former labourers, efforts will be made to arrange accordingly.

Applications from farmers who desire to employ soldiers in the harvest must be made as soon as possible to the Board of Trade Labour Exchange, where the application will be transmitted to the military authorities.

**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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## My favourite book

Jeni Edwards selects the poetry of **Robert Service** (1874-1958).

Before the traditional gap year going east was invented, I emigrated to Canada to find some adventure. In August 1969 I was in Whitehorse working as a journalist for the Yukon Daily News. That was where I discovered the writings of Robert Service, an Englishman who had also emigrated at the age of 21 and had written his way through life in the frozen north at the end of the 19th century.

I could relate to this English ex-bank cashier looking at the weirdness of a wild, cold, inhospitable land. He made poetry from its rough and ready contradictions: from bar room ballads recited to hard-drinking miners in return for food and drink, to elegies on its remote beauty where the dregs of humanity tended to end up.

In a varied life, Service also served as an ambulance man in the First World War. His poems from the front bring home its poignancy and useless waste of life. The range and accessibility of his straight-forward work is an encouragement to anyone like me who likes to read and write poetry.

I have recently discovered the joy of being able to key into the internet with remembered lines or titles or names, and, hey presto, it's there. Why not look up *The Ballad of Blasphemous Bill* or *The Cremation of Sam McGee*? When you have found one, read it out loud – dramatically – to your friends, or family, or children. Touch the tough romance of the gold prospecting era and get involved in the enduring fascination and entertainment that words can bring. Robert Service may

*It's the beauty that thrills me with wonder,  
It's the stillness that fills me with peace.*

(From the last two lines of *The Spell of the Yukon* – which could just as much relate to our own much-loved hills.)



### **SHOEBOX SUNDAY, 15 November**

Remember it's only TWO WEEKS before D- Day for your shoeboxes to be finished! If you're not sure what to put in your box, get a brochure from one of the shops or from the table in the parish church. You **MUST** put on the outside of your covered shoebox a sticker from the pamphlet showing the age and whether it's for a boy or girl. Preferably put an elastic band round the box. Either bring them to All Saints church on Sunday 15 November for the 11am Family Service, always a fun occasion, or leave them in church on the pew behind the bookstall on Saturday 14th. We started in 2001 with only 8 boxes and our best year so far was 2011 with 178! I wonder what this year's total will be? Thank you to the many of you who help to brighten a child's otherwise rather bleak Christmas. *BS*



## A vintage years for Youlgrave W.I.

It was a vintage year for the W.I. who excelled again at their annual coffee morning, with an even greater variety of handmade and home-made goods, which were snapped up by visitors and locals alike. The ladies wore 'heritage' clothing (see photo) which added to the fun. At our regular October meeting, we welcomed the return of James, from Northern Tea Merchants, with his expertise and enthusiasm for coffee and

the processing of the beans, (which apparently come from cherry pips), and facts about harvesting, local conditions on the coffee farms, and the benefits of Fairtrade. An outing to Crown Derby was most enjoyable, and two members attended a Derbyshire Federation meeting and heard the author of 'Jambusters' speaking about this successful series.

Andrea Willans brought her skills with make-up to Supper Club – more in next Bugle – and our Book Group continues to thrive. Craft group, now in the Committee Room, will meet at 2pm on Mondays November 2nd and 16th.



*Youlgrave W.I. In period attire at their recent coffee morning.*

The November WI meeting, on Tuesday 10th, is our all-important AGM with some floral artwork, and the supper Club on Thursday 26 November in the Village Hall will be a really super event with line dancing and a shared supper. Looking ahead, to whet your appetite for December, there will be our Christmas Party, a trip to Chatsworth, Carol service etc. If you would like to find out more about us, or come to a meeting, please contact any member for details.

*Liz Hickman*



### **Are you in Year 9 or 10? Are you up for a challenge and trying something new?**

If so, come and find out about Youlgrave's Duke of Edinburgh Award Group.

We will be having an introductory meeting at the Scout & Community Hall on **Monday 16 November** at 7.15pm, followed by a presentation from our current Silver and Gold groups. All welcome. For further information contact Penny McCloy on 636125 or email [oliverbear@btinternet.com](mailto:oliverbear@btinternet.com).



## Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: October 2015

What a difference a few weeks can make! From an almost summery September we are now in a distinctly autumnal October. Our lawn and car were covered in frost on the 12th, but gardeners tell me that most plants survived. Our autumn fruiting raspberries are certainly still producing nicely. There were a few butterflies, red admiral, speckled wood and small tortoiseshell to be seen on the 8th, but the only butterflies I'm seeing now are the hibernating small tortoiseshells and peacocks in the church bell tower.

Dragonflies have also been reported, though dead, after laying their eggs in a garden pond. All the summer visitor birds have long gone, but the winter visitors have just started to arrive. I saw a flock of 30 or so redwings flying over the village on the 18th. I haven't seen fieldfare, yet but it has been a very good berry year and, though our holly and rowans have long been stripped by blackbirds, there are still a lot of cotoneaster berries in the garden and these usually attract both redwing and fieldfare, often before Christmas. Not a winter visitor from abroad, but one I always associate with winter here is the kingfisher. There have been a number of sightings along the river above Holywell Lane, below Braemar Lane and particularly on Bradford Bridge where one was watched fishing on four days out of five one week. Sadly the river has dropped rapidly in the last few weeks which must affect all our river birds, including the kingfisher and dipper. Any sightings of these birds and redwing and



*Mainly finches enjoying the garden feeder.*

fieldfare would be much appreciated. Some of the pools still have water and I watched a dabchick swimming under water on the 18th.

Nuthatches seem to have had a good season, with reports on feeders from Conksbury Lane, Holywell Lane, Brookleton and my own garden. A couple of cormorants were seen over the river and the occasional grey wagtail. In the garden there were at least a dozen greenfinches competing for the black sunflower feeder on the 18th and 20 or more goldfinches have been flying over the garden and occasionally visiting the feeders. A sparrowhawk was reported from New Road on the 21st. I nearly fell over a hedgehog on the 10th as I walked up our drive in the dark and there was a close encounter with a deer just below Alport on the 22nd.

My pre-writing walk on the 24th found 25 species of wildflowers in bloom. This was a lot less than the 45 found last month but perhaps more than expected. Individual numbers were usually small, just odd individuals, but herb robert, white deadnettle and red campion were fairly common. Although there has been some leaf drop many trees still have plenty of leaves and the colours are getting quite spectacular.

My thanks to this month's contributors Andrew L, Gloria, Andrew M, Simon, John, Jacky, Cath, Eilean and Sue. All sightings much appreciated.

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<b>Tuesdays</b>	Yoga with Iris Pimm (636341), The Barn, Greenfields Farm, 7-9pm
<b>Tuesdays</b>	Youlgrave Bell Ringers practice night, All Saints Church, 7.30-9pm
<b>Tuesdays</b>	Scouts 7-8.30pm, Scout & Community Hall
<b>Mon-Fri</b>	Youlgrave Playschool, Scout & Community Hall, 9am-12 noon
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<b>Weds</b>	Bingo, Youlgrave Reading Room, 7.30pm
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<b>Thurs</b>	Youlgrave Silver Band, Methodist School Room, 7.30-9.30pm (learners at 7pm), all welcome
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