



The

Bugle



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

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Millennium or Bust

Well, Youlgrave has been hitting the headlines again this month with the sale of Thimble Hall generating interest around the world. There was coverage in the National Press not only the tabloids but also *The Times*, and *The Independent* that I'm aware of.

The price attained was nothing to be

sneezed at either – it raised a similar price per square foot to properties in London's Mayfair! It even featured in *Radio Two's* comedy sketch show, 'The Hudd Lines'.

We continue to receive items related to the Millennium at a rate of knots. I'm sure many of you, like me, are looking forward to the year 2000 – just so that we can stop hearing about it. I read an article once where there was a list of words that ought to exist... I think 'Millennium Fatigue' is one we could have fun with!

If you too are tired of reading about it, put pen to paper and send us some

alternatives. As I have said before, don't worry about spelling and grammar, I have wonderful proof readers who will make sure your writings are technically sound – it's your ideas we're after.

Back to the Millennium – we're planning to have a four page pull-out next year featuring the photographs some of you have lent us. There is still time so if anyone has any gems they would like to see published bring them to Square House or give them to Ann Knowles. We'll be as quick as we can with them, scanning them in the same day where possible.

YOULGRAVE - DESIGNED COMMEMORATIVE SCULPTURE UNVEILED BY THE QUEEN

On 29 July 1999 Her Majesty the Queen unveiled a sculpture, designed and made in Youlgrave by the Asquith family, to commemorate the centenary of residence by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors of 12 Great George Street, Parliament Square and to celebrate the new Millennium.

This prestigious sculpture, sited in view of Big Ben, The Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey, carved from granite and slate and weighing some 3.5 tons is the culmination of four months work for the

internationally renowned Asquith Design Partnership.

Working from studios in Youlgrave the company have been at the forefront of contemporary design and manufacture of fine metalwork for 40 years. Asquith Design Partnership has a reputation for commissions ranging from silver coffee sets for 10 Downing Street to the design and manufacture of all the metalwork in the Peace Gardens in the centre of Sheffield, which was recently opened by Prince Charles thus continuing their royal connections.

The Asquith team has also just completed a solid silver processional cross for Chichester Cathedral standing some eight feet tall.

To those of you wondering who David Asquith is, I'm assured by the Asquiths that this was a misunderstanding by the *Matlock Mercury's* reporter and the gentleman pictured is a representative of the RICS, not a long-lost family member.



The Queen unveiling the sculpture

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Youlgrave Bowls Club

For those who are not aware of our existence, Youlgrave's bowling green is situated at the bottom of the playing fields next to the tennis courts. The green was reopened around 25 years ago and we currently have over 50 members, ranging in age from 10 to 80+.

Our season runs from early April till late September. This year we entered nine teams in five leagues, and came out winning the Matlock and District League and gaining promotion in two divisions of the Chesterfield and District Wednesday League. We are also involved in around 20 friendly matches throughout the season, (an ideal way for new members to gain experience). Several competitions are played on our green, some amongst our own

members and some open to other clubs. We are very grateful to the Farmyard Inn and the George Hotel who kindly sponsor two of our bigger competitions.

After a lot of hard work over the last two years we have been successful in acquiring a 90% grant from the National Lottery Sports Fund to help us build a new pavilion. Hopefully work on this will begin in the next few weeks and be completed by the time our new season begins in April 2000. We are holding a sale in the Village Hall on October 16th to raise money for this exciting project.

We are always pleased to see new faces down at the bowling green, and are quite happy for people to 'have a go' before they decide to join the club. We would especially welcome more junior members (aged 10 and over) and ladies. If you are interested and would like more information please telephone Peter Rowland on 636467 or Diane Harrison on 636623.

£400,000 for the Peak Potential Millennium Awards

Peak Potential Millennium Awards is a new scheme to be launched in September 1999, which has £400,000 to spend on people in the Peak District and surrounding towns. It will support individuals rather than groups or organisations, to put ideas into action. The award scheme is designed by the Peak District National Park and is funded by the Millennium Commission with a Lottery grant. The scheme is open to anyone who lives within the districts of The High Peak, Macclesfield, Derbyshire Dales, Staffordshire Moorlands, North East Derbyshire, Sheffield City, Barnsley, Kirkles and Oldham Metropolitan areas.

Peak Potential Millennium Awards are designed to help people put non-profit making ideas into action. It will pay for individuals to learn to do new things and it can give a small grant for project costs.

Ideas can be big or small, challenging or straightforward. If you don't have an idea fully worked out; you can get support to help put your thoughts on paper.

To be eligible, ideas should either: create something lasting, beautiful or useful; have a positive impact on the place where you live; enable others to enjoy art, traditions, history or nature; or look after the special things around you. Successful applicants will also be expected to gain personally from the support and any training but this shouldn't be the sole purpose of the project.

Application packs will be available from 15th September 1999.

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MADE OF CLAY

A Millennium Video for Youlgrave

Film maker Maggie Ford is making a video to celebrate the lives and customs of the people of Youlgrave. The completed video will be launched in the New Year for all the village to see - hopefully in the Village Hall. Some of the video has already been shot - mainly around Well Dressing time in

1995. But now new material will be added and she is looking for the following:

- People who would be happy to share their memories or stories of Youlgrave, Youlgrave people and of course Youlgrave Well Dressings. These could be just recorded on tape or told to the camera.
- Children, or adults, who might write some poetry about their village, or why Well Dressing is such a special event.
- A secondary school pupil who would be interested in adding a page to a web site relating to 'Made of Clay'.
- Any young person who is interested in film making and would like to assist on the day we shoot the extra material.

'Made of Clay' will be dedicated to Jim Shimwell, who cared so much for Youlgrave, its people and its Well Dressing. Please do contact Maggie on 636189.

Digging up the Past

The glorious weather along with the hope of an exciting find attracted enthusiasts from all over the country to a Metal Detecting weekend at Smerrill Grange on 4th and 5th September.

Notable artefacts found at the rally, which was organised by the North Staffordshire Historical and Search Society, included musket and pistol balls, bronze sugar crushers, remains of Georgian and Victorian jewellery and harness buckles. Coinage included Elizabethan and Georgian copper coins and hammered examples from the Tudor, Elizabethan and William III eras.

Evidence was produced suggesting that there has been activity and coin exchange at Smerrill since Henry II's time. Visual evidence of flint from the stone and bronze ages were spotted along with metallic pieces which prove metal foundry occurred during the bronze and iron ages in this area.

Helen Yates

Thimble Hall

Youlgrave enjoyed another five minutes of fame last week as Thimble Hall was auctioned at Derby's Pride Park Stadium.

The property was purchased by Chesterfield ice-cream manufacturer Bruno Fredrickson, who it is believed will use the building as an outlet for his product. Although the expected price was between £5,000 and £15,000, it was pushed up to £39,500. Bids came in by telephone from New York and Hong Kong and some from celebrity, Yuri Geller, and Peers of the Realm.

Mark Bramall of Bagshaws Estate Agents said: "We sold about £100,000,000 worth of property by public auction in 1998, confirming our position as the largest Auction House in the UK. Despite the volume of properties sold, I have had no greater pleasure than to market 'Thimble Hall'... I have had no more interesting property in the whole of my career."

Asquith Design Partnership also undertake the repair and renovation

THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY!

Good news! The Quiz sheets you have been buying at the Post Office, both grocers and at Rose's Newsagents have raised enough money to send a first consignment of clothing you have donated to the people of Bangbutt and they are now, as I write, on their way to our friends in Sierra Leone. For those who don't know the history - through a charity called Village Aid, Youlgrave is twinned with a village in Sierra Leone, Africa. If you've been reading your newspapers, you'll know that Sierra Leone has been in the grip of a terrible civil war, with the result, as is usual, of great suffering being borne by ordinary men, women, children. Bangbutt villagers were thrown out of their houses and had to try to survive in the nearest large town, ironically called Freetown.

Some did manage to survive, often in degrading and inhuman ways. Still others have not been so lucky. Now the civil war has apparently cooled, they have been able to go back to their village. There is great grief and anguish, but very little food, and the people are literally starving. Our contacts, via Village Aid, are Chief Musa and the village co-ordinator, Santagie Tarawalie. Chief Musa came to Youlgrave on a personal visit and several members of our Village Aid group met and talked with him - an extraordinary experience all round. Now we get regular faxes from Chief Musa and Santagie. The latest message from Santagie reads: 'Thank you very much for all you have done for the village. All the items such as clothes, blankets, soap and toys, children's books and footwear are very useful. But the most important things now are food and medicines. There is hunger in the village and now people depend on bush yams and some children with swollen feet walk bare footed in the rains'. If you think you could

contribute some money to help them buy medicines and food, to do the work of Village Aid and keep up our links with our twin village, or are interested in joining the Youlgrave group, first, watch for various fund-raisers being planned for the village in the Autumn and Winter, second, contact Maggie Ford on 636189, Chris Hawes or Louise Page on 636863 or Jeni Edwards on 636550. If you are interested in writing letters to our friends in Bangbutt, Jeni will give you a name and tell you how. Most of all, remember: the clothes you donated (we don't need any more, thank you) are on their way to the people of Bangbutt, who will be a little warmer because of kindness shown here. We often think we can't make a difference to the lives of deprived people we see on the TV or in our newspapers. This proves that we can. Let's do as much as we can. CH

Sites of Meaning Progress Report

Only five months since the last progress report but so much has happened. Sites of Meaning is now a fully fledged project with money, business plans and mounds of correspondence. In fact all those things you wanted to avoid in a healthy outdoor marker stones project! It has been a real eye opener for the team - but great fun.

Funding and Sponsorship

After furious activity filling in incomprehensible forms asking awkward questions we managed to meet most of the deadlines for applications. Success! Derbyshire Dales District Council has given us £75.00 for launch and stationary. Shell Better Britain confirmed £1250.00, Leader II (European fund for local groups) £1000.00. Derbyshire Environmental Trust (landfill) £4000.00 intimated. Awards for All (a lottery fund) has yet to respond and we will probably make an application to Year of the Artist for a residency, allowing at least one marker stone to be carved in the village for people to see. We have promises of stone from Real Stone and Stancliffe Quarries. We can now start to commission the marker stones.

Locations

Who owns the seventeen entrances to the parish? Some of these are easy. For instance Haddon Estates own and run much of the dale and the highways authority is responsible for many of the roadside locations. Both have agreed to co-operate with the project in principle. The other sites were easily identified by team member John Warren - his extraordinary knowledge of nearly every field in the parish saved a lot of legwork! However there remains one mystery, which perhaps local knowledge can resolve. At the location where the Friden road crosses the top of Long Dale a footpath path sets off down Long Dale between two walls. The maps show the boundary running along one of these walls but alas only shows one wall!

Which wall is the boundary?

Oh yes, and the planning board. Would they want seventeen separate planning applications?! We need not have worried. After an afternoon escorting their archaeologist, Sarah Whitely around the sites, and communication with their ecology department we have been given the go-ahead.

Inscriptions

It's time to pick the inscriptions and commission some stones before the millennium. We'll decide the first stones at the meeting on 20th October. Any

The Bugle' Editorial Team would like to wish former Middleton girl, Jackie Parker, and her new husband, James Doyle, good luck following their wedding on Friday 27th August. The couple married in their home village of Shakeshill, near Wolbreckhampton and honeymooned in Florida.

suggestions submitted before then will be considered along with those we already have. But don't worry if you miss that meeting. There'll be other opportunities. Perhaps people have been put off by the literary nature of a 'quote'. Don't be. A line of a song (old or modern), an old saying, riddle or personal expression will be just as welcome. It would be useful if you could add a specific location to any future suggestions. In fact some of the best suggestions so far have been for specific locations.

And finally

Sarah Whitely's, visit had an interesting spin off. Down in the dale the old stone clapper bridge that leads to Hopping Farm marks a parish boundary. I asked if we could carve on the bridge. We can't but if we repair the bridge by replacing a missing stone, complete with an inscription, we get into 'Archaeological Conservation'. That's an excellent phrase to use for answering those awkward questions we started out with. Charles Monkhouse

of metalwork, including replating; what heirlooms do your family have?

Forthcoming Events



Daily to Sunday 3rd October	Pots from France exhibition and sale. Bankside Cottage, Bankside. 10am – 7pm (tel. 636689).
Saturday 9th October	Quiz Night in aid of the Carnival Fund. The Farnyard Inn, 7.30pm.
Saturday 16th October	Bowls Club fundraising sale. Youlgrave Village Hall, 2pm.
Saturday 16th October	Coffee Morning and Autumn Fayre, raising funds for the youth groups of Youlgrave. The Scout and Community Hall, 10am – 12 noon.
Monday 15th November	District Council Community Forum. Bakewell Agricultural Centre conference room, 7.30pm.
Wednesdays	Life drawing classes with Diane Kettle. Middleton Village Hall, 7.30pm.
Thursdays	Peak Rural Welfare Rights Project 'Benefits Advice'. The Doctors' Surgery, 10 - 11.30am.
Fridays	Yoga with Iris Pimm at Greenfields Farm Barn (tel. 636341), 9.30 - 11am.
Fridays	Yoga for over 50's. The Scout and Community Hall, 3.30pm.

Please let us have more details of events for the next edition

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District Council Matters

A comforting silence?

Since my notes in the September 'Bugle', I've been underwhelmed with ideas. Unless anything more urgent or important turns up, I'll look into traffic management.

The next Community Forum is to be at 7.30pm on Monday 15th November in the new cattle market conference room. All welcome. I have spoken to housing and community chief officers at Matlock. It seems there are few problems or needs. I will go to Youlgrave and Over Haddon Parish Council meetings as soon as I can.

John Youatt, District Councillor.
Tel: 636241, e-mail: jry241@aol.com

Mr Middleton's Green Gardening

I have been watching all of the bees and butterflies which have been attracted to a large clump of garlic chives. Four years old it has reached a diameter of 30cm so I will have to think about splitting it up this winter when all of the growth has died down. What a useful plant! You can grow it from seed (which is a bit slow) or find a friend who does not mind cutting a piece off the root mass. Flat leafed garlic-tasting leaves from May onwards - great in salads (or anywhere you would use chives); small heads of white flowers which I am told you can stir fry but which I leave because they attract so much insect life. If you do leave them you can collect the seed which is what I will do this year. If you want some you can send me your name and address

at Middleton2@bluecarrots.co.uk

At this time last year I planted seeds and setts of Japanese onions and both were a great success. I grew the seeds in a tray and then transplanted them in blocks of 4 or 5. This has a double advantage as some of the seedlings "disappear" over the winter months and I finished up with many single plants and quite a few twins and triplets. Seedlings within a block can be less than 1 cm apart with clusters planted out at intervals of 15 cm. As they grow the seedlings push themselves outwards and by the time they are ready in June or July you will have a good selection of sizes instead of the uniform large ones that you will get from the setts.

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From the Cookhouse Door

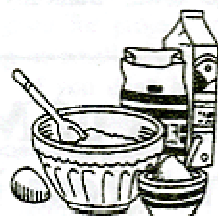
Sweet Lamb Hot Pot

Ingredients

- 4 'scragg end' neck of lamb chops
- 2 shallots or ½ onion, chopped roughly
- 1 large carrot & 1 leek, cut into chunks
- 1 large potato, peeled and chunked,
- 1 stick of celery, chopped
- 1 orange and 3 dsp red currant jelly

Method

Place chops in bottom of large casserole dish, and put chopped vegetables on top. Add salt & pepper to taste, 3 dessertspoons red current jelly and 4 strips of orange peel from ½ an orange. Separate the rest of the orange into segments and add to casserole. Sprinkle with 2 heaped tablespoons of gravy granules and cover with boiling water. Stir and place in an oven on a high heat till bubbling, then turn down and simmer till meat is tender. Serve with mashed potatoes.



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