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

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COMMUNITY SPIRIT ALIVE BUT CRITICAL

As the Summer Season has now begun and the Welldressings are still fresh in our minds, it's already time for us to think about what's going to happen next year. We're very sad that the Carnival won't be happening this year. To prevent this from happening again, a lot of new workers are needed.

I wonder sometimes whether perhaps new villagers stay away from this type of activity for fear of 'treading on toes' when in actual fact the toes in question simply long for a chance to be put up on a stool in front of the fire. Please don't hesitate to contact Sylvia or Ann (see article below).

I visited the playground shed in Middleton a few times whilst the welldressing was being put together this year and the combined age of the workers who were there day-in day-out is something to behold. The youngest is in her 50's, the eldest in her 80's!! I think the plea I can safely extend from the Middleton team is that they desperately need some new blood. Hopefully, there's going to be a meeting soon about the future of Middleton Welldressing, I'll publish the date as soon as I have it.

Looking at the brighter side of Middleton Welldressing and Village Market, I'm glad to report valuable funds continue to be raised. The collection box by the well raised over £400 for 'Marie Curie Cancer Care' and

the Village Market raised £1109.29 for Parish funds.

On another positive note, some of you will have heard that Youlgrave Chip Shop premises have been bought. Although, like most villagers, I'm saddened that it looks like we've seen the last of a fish and chip shop in the village, I'd like to wish new owners, Sonia and Peter Allerston, the best of luck with their new business, 'The Antiques Shop', which will initially open part-time during welldressing week. Sonia and Peter extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to come and have a look.

We're having our summer break again next month so your next 'Bugle' will be the September edition. This means the cut-off date will be a little earlier in the month on Friday 4th August.

CARNIVAL REVIVAL NEEDED

As many of you will be aware, Youlgrave Carnival has been cancelled for this year.

Unfortunately, as there are only four committee members and very few helpers, we have found it very difficult to get things up and running.

Next year we are hoping to revamp the Carnival Day and Events and therefore need more committee members and helpers.

We are all aware that things have been broken at previous Carnivals, all of which have been repaired or replaced using Carnival funds.

As is usual with community events, many people have a lot to say about the Carnival but never seem to do anything about it.

Well, now it's up to you. Don't you want any more Carnivals or are you going to do something about it? If you'd like to be involved in this traditional village event please contact Anne Hodgkinson (tel. 636183), Sylvia Birds (tel. 636636) or the 'Bugle' with your suggestions.

It would be very disappointing if the Carnival never got up and running again.

Please accept our apologies for the late cancellation.

Youlgrave Carnival Committee.

Youlgrave After Schools Club

The plans for an after schools club are progressing apace. An application for grant aid has been submitted and it is expected that the result will be known by October and the club will start in the New Year. Initially the club will operate four days a week (Monday to Thursday) from 3.30pm to 6.00pm. It will have qualified staff to ensure that the children have an enjoyable experience. If you are interested in knowing more or wish to be involved please contact the school (tel. 636289).

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Farmers and **Country Bureau**

In 1982 I converted the stables at Mere Farm into offices and established the 'Farmers & Country Friendship and Marriage Bureau'.

Over the years I have introduced hundreds of couples, maybe over a thousand, but I particularly love it when babies are born, which I feel are partly through my efforts.

I suppose my greatest acclaim was quads were born to a Northumberland farmer and his wife. I was absolutely ecstatic with joy to see the picture of four little girls.

"Good God woman," said my husband John, "do you realise what you have done to the life of some poor unsuspecting bachelor?" - he soon brought me down to earth.

I've also had a double wedding of twin sisters. Their second introductions ended in marriages in the same church on the same day.

I have even had marriages as far afield as the Falkland Islands and USA, Canada, South Africa, and Tasmania.

In the case of Tasmania, a duplicate 'Crocodile Dundee' appeared at my door.



Hollands, the School, the Governors and School Association members and include a meal and a glass of wine donations of raffle prizes will be

Association (England and Wales)

Vacancy

Part-time assistant wanted Youth comments. The Hostel, Youlgrave.

£4.50 per hour.

Debbie Apply to (tel. 636518).

"Can you sort out a wife to take back?" he said. The whirlwind romance took three weeks and they returned to Tasmania together.

I have even had a pig Farmer who wanted me to introduce him to a lady who could do his accounts, understand his commitment to the scouts and help him with his pigs. The day he joined I found a lady five miles away from him. She was a farm secretary and she was the Girl Guide Leader in the adjoining area to where he was Scout Leader. To complete my triumph, her father had just retired from pig



READER'S LETTER

Dear Editor

On 9th June we received our copy of 'The Bugle'. As in previous months, events have been and gone before we receive our 'Bugle', and therefore suggest that maybe the 'Forthcoming Events' not only show the current month but the forthcoming month

Whilst writing, may I suggest that we go back to a large typeface, as I feel sure our more mature residents, and may I say some of us younger ones, could struggle to read the current issue.

Well done on the Bugle 2000, as new residents in the village, we thoroughly enjoyed

Dawn Bannister, Daisy Bank Cottage Dear Dawn

Thank you

May I assure you that every effort is Up to 20 Hours a week, made to get 'The Bugle' out to our readers before the first of the month. In fact, it is a credit to our deliverers and to Jim Bower, our printer, who all work on a voluntary basis, that we are able to deliver 'The Bugle'

farming and so he later came and helped his new son-in-law in the pig farming business.

Quiet Howard and Marie (photographed here on their wedding day) were in their fifties and had not been married before. The loneliness for Howard had eaten away at him and over the years. His whole confidence had slumped to rock bottom.

They met and Marie telephoned me to say, "He is the most wonderful man in the world". Howard said on the phone that a miracle had happened, his life was worth living at last.

To my amazement Marie and Howard said "yes" to publicity at their wedding on Valentines Day 2000. Camera crews and reporters from all over the country came and even Canadian TV transmitted the wedding coast to coast.

Every day is different in this work and I feel so privileged to be able to change people's lives in this way. Pat Warren

Pat has a website for 'The Farmers & Country Bureau' at: www.farmersand countrybureau.co.uk, you can e-mail her at: Patricia@farmersandcountrybureau.co.uk or you can call her (tel. 636281).

Wesleyan Reform Chapel

From Saturday 1st July, every Saturday morning between 10am and 12pm, bring a friend for coffee, biscuits, a rest and a chat.

Your Saturday Bargain 60p!! Everyone Welcome Please support our Church Don't know where we are? Try the top of Holywell Lane.

to as many of our readers as we do.

With regard to the 'Forthcoming Events' section, you will notice that in my editorial in the June edition I suggested that organisations contact me as soon as they begin to plan their events. We often have to take a tour of the notice boards in the village to get the entries we publish so hopefully this will make the 'Forthcoming Events' we receive a little more . . . forthcoming - and avoid clashes as I outlined.

I welcome your comments regarding very much for your the reduced size of 'The Bugle' and would like invite the views of our other readers – we want to know what as many of you as possible feel about this format.

> Thanks again for the feedback and I'm glad you enjoyed 'Bugle 2000'.

> > Emma

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CAN YOU SPARE ONE AND A HALF HOURS PER MONTH? MEALS ON WHEELS

Once again, we are in urgent need of more volunteers to run the Meals on Wheels service for Youlgrave, Middleton and Alport.

If we have sufficient volunteers <u>only</u> one <u>and a half hours</u> of your time is needed per month on Tuesday or Thursday mornings. We need both drivers (who are paid for their petrol) and helpers. If you would like to help with this valuable service please contact Bridget Ardley (tel. 636611).

NEWS FROM YOULGRAVE SCHOOL



Major the Horse photographed at the Farm

DAIRY CHANGES

Robert and Karen Wigley & Family, of Greencroft Farm, Middleton, are now expanding their milk round in Alport, Middleton and Youlgrave.

This change has come about because Robert and Karen have started to use the new dairy at Tideswell as their supplier.

Robert Walker set up 'Peak District Dairy' in October last year. He runs this new enterprise alongside the farming business that he and his father have run in Tideswell for many years.

Robert Walker prides himself on the

Year Two, Year One and the Reception Class visited Bently Fields Farm in May. We saw a sheep dog which had broken its leg in two parts. I hope he will be better soon. Spot the lamb was funny when we fed him. There was a sheep that had horns like binoculars! I saw a shire horse called Major.

It rained all day but I had a good time. Giselle Rosa Elizabeth Sansom

The farm visit was interesting. I had a great time and wanted to stay longer. I loved the baby rabbits and the hens and ducklings. I liked the sheep dog with a broken leg. I enjoyed feeding Pinky the lamb. He had a nice face. Major the shire horse was beautiful.

It was an enjoyable trip.

Catherine Thaw

fact that the milk supplied by 'Peak District Dairy' is usually delivered to your door within one day of milking.

Robert and Karen Wigley will be delivering milk to the villages every day, except Sunday, carrying on the family tradition started over forty years ago by Robert's parents in the Bakewell and district area.



Save the Children

'Open Gardens' Middleton Sunday 9th July, I – 5pm

Teas will be served at Church Barn Garden and there will be craft demonstrations in the Village Hall including Studio Pottery, Photography, Dried Flowers alongside Cushion and Tassel making. Rosemary Key's Gallery will be open, there will be a Tombola and a stall selling Cottage Plants in the Village Square. Middleton's Church, St Michael's, will be decorated.



Major the Horse by Catherine Thaw

PARTY WITH JACKO THE CLOWN!

Roll up, Roll up for a party with Jacko the Clown and help him raise money for charity! Children of five and under welcome. Play all the favourites – musical bumps, pass the parcel, wheels on the bus . . . lots of fun for boys and girls with the

. . lots of fun for boys and girls with the magic microphone, the talking Teddy and chances to win prizes.

Jacko will run a complete programme for a children's party held in a hall or function room – kids do need space to run about and dance! Jacko has run children's parties for 12 years, for families and organisations. The British Legion Children's Party in Bakewell, for example. He also helps charities at events such as



the Village Market at Middleton, as pictured here this year.

Jacko, in real life Jack Goodwin of New Road, Youlgrave, works at Friden, so he is available for parties in the evenings and at weekends. He is helped and supported by his wife Jane. They have twin sons, Jack and Michael, aged 16, who are about to start work.

Generously, Jacko does not charge for his services, but asks for a donation for his chosen charity. As he does not drive, he does need transport to move him and his equipment to the party and back.

Here comes Jacko in his bowler hat, flowers on his clothes, lots of medals and badges, ready to start . . . PR

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 1st Abbeyfield Youlgrave & District Society Strawberry Teas.

July Granby House, Alport Lane, 3.30 - 5pm.

Wednesday 5th Drama Workshop. See below or contact Maggie Ford for details July (tel. 636189). The Burton Institute, Winster, 7.30pm.

Sunday 9th Save the Children 'Open Gardens Day', Middleton, 1pm – 5pm

July Many gardens open and teas served at Church Barn.

Wednesday 12th Drama Workshop. See below or contact Maggie Ford for details **July** (tel. 636189). The Burton Institute, Winster, 7.30pm.

Saturday 15th Youlgrave School's 'Musical Summer Evening'. The Tower,

July Bradford Lane, 7.30 – 11.30pm. Tickets £10 available from
Parkers, Hollands, School, Governors and the School Association.

Wednesday 19th Drama Workshop. See below or contact Maggie Ford for details

July (tel. 636189). The Burton Institute, Winster, 7.30pm.

Tuesdays Yoga with Iris Pimm at Greenfields Farm Barn (tel. 636341), 7.00pm.

Wednesdays Diane Kettle's life drawing classes. Middleton Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Fridays Yoga with Iris Pimm at Greenfields Farm Barn (tel. 636341), 9.30am.

From the Cookhouse Door

More-ish Biscuits

<u>Ingredients</u>

4 oz SR flour

2 oz desiccated coconut

3 oz porridge oats

6 oz granulated sugar

1 tsp baking powder

1 tbsp golden syrup

1 tbsp water

4 oz margarine

Method

Mix all the dry ingredients together. Warm the water and syrup and add to the dry mixture together with the margarine. Divide the mixture into little balls and flatten out slightly on the greased baking sheets. Bake in the oven at gas mark 4 until golden. Cool on wire racks - then invite friends round for morning coffee!! Makes 48!!



WINSTER SUMMER DRAMA WORKSHOPS

Maggie Ford will be running drama workshops for adults at the Burton Institute in Winster from Wednesday July 5th. The programme will be as follows:

Wednesday July 5th Naturalism and Beyond

Theatre always tells stories - but not just through words. Using techniques evolved through workshops with Yugoslavian director Mladen Materic and Shared Experience, we will explore a very physical approach to the actor's craft of telling the audience a story.

Wednesday July 12th Improvisation Towards a Script Wednesday July 19th Improvisation Towards a Script

How often have you stood at a bus stop and looked at a queue of people - at what someone is wearing, the way they are standing, the paper they are reading - and guessed at a dramatic story behind them? Using Mike Leigh's method of evolving a script, we shall explore building a character based on truth and infinite detail.

The sessions start at 7.30pm and cost just £1. Contact Maggie if you want further information (tel. 636189).

STANDING ROOM ONLY AT YOULGRAVE

If the Village Hall had been a cinema, the 'FULL HOUSE' boards would have been out for the matinee and evening shows on Saturday $10^{\rm th}$ June.

The occasion was the first showing of a locally produced and directed video – 'Made of Clay'. As the name suggests, the video focuses on the traditional skills and expertise used in creating the beautiful welldressings in Youlgrave . . . but there was much more to enjoy.

Maggie Ford, the producer and director, has skilfully bridged the generation gap by including older villagers, sharing their wealth of local knowledge and history with youngsters, as well as recounting stories and events that have been important milestones in village life. The memories of older residents were entertaining, emotional and, at times, sad and thought-provoking. Life must certainly have been hard but, of course, in adversity, humour is often a good way of coping! 'Made of Clay' has glorious moments of humour which had the audience laughing out loud . . . Bankside will never be the same again!! And as for some of our most respected older villagers – they'll be seen in a new light from now on!!

If you were unable to attend the showing, the video is available at £5.35 from 'Titles' and 'The Wildlife' bookshops in Bakewell and from the Post Office in Youlgrave. You'll find you enjoy it!!

JG

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