



The

Bugle



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

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LOOKING FORWARD LOOKING BACK

As the days get shorter and the temperature drops, it's time to bring in the geraniums and switch on the central heating. I can't believe how quickly this year has flown by. It's only when I realise that we only have two more 'Bugle's' to put together before Christmas that it really sinks home what date it is! Time to start perusing the Christmas catalogues that have started coming through the letter box. Yes, it's only 12 weeks away. Get out your pudding basins and cake tins as fruit is on offer in the shops.

During the fuel crisis the village shops and the garage had less of a problem than the big supermarket outlets, where empty shelves and queues caused by the panic buying were the order of the day. In fact, the milk, bread and paper deliveries weren't affected – all testimony to shopping local!

Can I remind local clubs and organisations to let us have the details of any seasonal functions in plenty of time for those last two

editions of the year. We start putting each 'Bugle' together on about the 7th of the month and whilst we need to know about articles by 14th, we can accept 'Forthcoming Events' up until 20th but don't forget the earlier the better. This is **your** newsletter – use it!

YOULGRAVE FORECOURT FUEL BLOCKADE

Youlgrave Garage experienced its own fuel crisis incident. As the second wave of strikes were fictitiously rumoured, Graham decided to conserve his petrol for his regular clients. This was something that one driver could not accept so he promptly turned off the engine, locked all the doors and staged a picket of his own.

The police were called but were unable to do anything, however, Graham was legally entitled to use his tow-truck to remove the obstacle. The realisation of what was going to happen was, thankfully, enough to change the motorist's mind. The hour and a half disruption caused a queue of cars back to the George.

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YOULGRAVE PLAYSCHOOL

The new playschool in the village will be opening after the October half-term. It will be held in Youlgrave Village Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, 9.15 - 11.45am, term time only.

Two qualified supervisors have been appointed, Marilyn Micalf from Matlock for Tuesday mornings and Sue Barradell-Smith from Youlgrave for Wednesdays. We currently have an vacancy advertised for an assistant to

work alongside the supervisors.

We are also eager to have a number of volunteers to help at the playschool on a rota basis - so if you are interested and have a couple of hours to spare, we would love to hear from you.

There was a meeting to discuss the playschool and the many issues concerning its setting up and opening is on Monday 25th September. Whether or not you were able to attend, if you would like to discuss the matters arising from this meeting, please telephone Susannah (tel. 814667) or Vivien (tel. 636861). SB



PRIZEWINNER NEWS

The Winner of the 'United States' wordsearch was Louise Warren of Rowsley.

The winner of 'Syvester the Cat' was Mrs Muriel Hall. His birthday was 29th October.

We raised over £150 for Playschool funds. Many thanks to all who supported us. SP

CRICKET FUN FOR YUFC

On Behalf of Youlgrave United Football Club, I would like to thank everyone who helped and supported the Cricket Fun Match on Sunday 6th August. Once again we are able to report a very successful day.

Also, I wish to thank everybody who has sponsored the club for the 2000/01 season, especially Derbyshire Aggregates.

Let's hope that we have a successful season.

Many thanks

Sue, Secretary YUFC.

Youlgrave United welcomes new players and supporters alike. For information about fixtures, training sessions etc., please contact Sue Dawson (tel. 636038).

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There is to be a Home Security Advice Meeting on Thursday 26th October at the Scout and Community Hut in Youlgrave at 7.30pm. Constable David Mote, our Community Development Officer, will be there to give advice.

As the evenings draw in the burglars come out, so come and discover how best to protect your property. All are welcome to this interesting and useful meeting.

Bridget Ardley (tel. 636611)

Employment Opportunities Granby House

Assistant wanted to help with serving meals to eight people, clearing away and some cleaning duties at Granby House, Alport Lane Youlgrave. Hours 12.15pm to 3.15pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday and alternate Saturdays. Pay £4.25 per hour. Lunch provided. Holiday pay. If you are interested please phone 636836 for further details.

The house operates a no smoking policy.

NEWS FROM YOULGRAVE SCHOOL

Alice



cooking vegetable soup, which I sampled. It was very tasty. Another group had mirrors and were drawing self-portraits, while the rest were being helped to make cardboard animals. One four-year-old boy had fun making his cardboard rabbit jump across my head.

It is still early in the term and the children in Reception are uncertain as to what they think about school, but all agreed that they enjoyed playing at the end of the afternoon. One little girl is already converted to the good school dinners!

A group of children from year One and Reception have drawn these pictures of themselves for us. The drawings are by Rebekah, Stephanie and Jay from Year One and Keiran and Alice from Reception. Alice told me that she is wearing her pyjamas and carrying her blanket!

Mrs Ryder



The last 'News from Youlgrave School' came from the Year Six children as they looked forward to going to Lady Manners. It therefore seemed only proper to showcase the newest members of the school at the beginning of the year.

This year there are only five children in the Reception Class and as the numbers in Years One and Two are also low, the infants are now together in one class. They all spend Tuesday afternoon doing craft subjects.

When I visited them, some of them were

Stephanie



Rebekah



Jay



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Youlgrave & District Horticultural Society ANNUAL SHOW 2000

Another successful Show was held on Saturday 2nd September.

Both the number of exhibitors and the number of entries were better than last year. Indeed, there were several new faces amongst the exhibitors and some even won their class.

The most successful flowers and vegetables overall were those of Mr G Ollerenshaw, from Darley Dale but two Oldfields ran him close, Doug was best villager, and Jack had the best exhibit in the vegetables. Another Oldfield, Claire, had the best exhibit in the children's section. Lilian Clark (née Oldfield) took the award for Sweet Peas.

However, not everything was won by the 'O's. Mrs Robinson's floral art won its section

and Mrs Deeming's cherry cake was best in the cookery. Gill Pickworth gained most points amongst the good entries in both cookery and handicrafts, and so winning another trophy. They all deserve our congratulations.

The Show was followed by an auction of many of the entries. This might sound a bit boring but ask anyone who was there and they will tell you it was like a pantomime, thanks to the same Doug Oldfield. I think he got the world record price for an overgrown courgette!

Doug Oldfield also put his extensive collection of carpentry tools on show in the Committee Room whilst the main show was held in the Village Hall.

The Horticultural Show in Youlgrave is alive and well, but it takes all the resources of the Society to stage. We feel it might be possible for another group to run other attractions on the same day, perhaps in the Paddock. Anyone interested should contact David Robinson (tel. 636456) or Don Naybour (tel. 636151).

DN

District Council Matters

Bus Stop Story

I am pleased to report that the County Council has agreed to return the villages' bus stop in Bakewell to the Square - though it hasn't happened yet, at the time of writing. I regret to say that this was not a good example of the ability of the County Council to consult and listen. It was a good example of a local campaign by the passengers, the Bakewell councillor (Hilary Young) and me.

Housing Transfer

The arrangements for the vote on the proposed transfer of the 80 homes that the Council owns in Youlgrave Ward to a new not-for-profit local housing company is moving fast. A panel of five tenants has appointed *Libra*, an independent housing consultancy, as the tenants' own representative. Twelve tenants have been to a training event to learn how to work with landlords, whether the Council or a new body. There was no

one from Youlgrave on either of these groups...

Libra will probably have started working with tenants by the time this edition of the Bugle is published. The District Council is also looking for tenants from our area to sit on an Area Panel that will influence policy and make some decisions about local housing services.

Is it time for Youlgrave Ward tenants to become more involved, in this time of change? Look out for the leaflets and letters from *Libra* and the Council.

Traffic Update

The District Council has recently launched a village car parking grant scheme. I hope it will be possible to apply for money. If so, the traffic group would meet again in October. If any more Youlgrave residents would like to comment, please let me or the Parish Council know.

John Youatt, Derbyshire Dales District Councillor, Square House, Middleton by Youlgrave. (tel. 636241 e-mail john.youatt@ntlworld.com)

Youlgrave's Sock Factory

Marie Evans and Eunice Housley were experienced flatwear knitters. They owned knitting machines and answered an advertisement for out-workers. After an interview, they started work for Arden Knitwear, based at Belper. The firm made Ladies' and Gents' Outerwear, mainly jumpers and sweaters. It was high quality hand plait, fashioned, and made with the best yarn.

After a while, a manager from Arden Knitwear approached them to talk about expanding the business. The Litchfield family, who owned Arden Knitwear, used Granby House, originally leased for three years, and they needed a supervisor. Marie, an experienced hand flatwear knitter who had been a supervisor at the Progress Knitting Works at Bakewell, got the job in 1962.

The Litchfield family ordered the wool, sold the goods, arranged finance and visited weekly. Modestly, Marie only admits to supervising, but she also found the staff, advertising for people experienced in using hand flat knitting machines (big versions of domestic

machines). Many of the staff came from the Progress Works, but they also trained school leavers. About 20 local people at a time found it a happy, convenient place to work; and no bus fares! The factory held Open Days, so people in the village could buy quality knitwear cheaply.

It was not all easy-going, however. During the hard winter of 1963 the water supply to Granby House was frozen for several weeks. Water had to be carried in buckets from the other side of the road for use in the factory.

When cheap imports destroyed the knitwear market, the Litchfields turned Granby House into a factory for Flanders Hosiery. Socks were brought in, examined for faults, fastened off, mended and prepared for dyeing. Foreign competition continued and the business dwindled until the factory closed in 1987. Abbeyfield bought Granby House and the dining room is named after the Litchfields in recognition of the very reasonable price they accepted for the property.

Granby House was built as a boarding house. Later a doctor rented it and its extensive, private grounds. When the doctor died, the Litchfields

needed a factory to overcome labour shortages in their own area, and so rented then bought the house.

Having an Abbeyfield home has enabled many of the villages' older residents to stay in Youlgrave.

PR



Granby House enjoying some Autumn sunshine

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Reader's Letter

Dear Emma

I am writing to thank you for the lovely article you printed in 'The Bugle' on the sad demise of my late brother-in-law, Frank Brandon. Frank was a gentle giant who would do anyone a good turn and no one a bad one.

I was born in the first of the three cottages down 'Smithy Gennell' as it was called when I was young, and my earliest memories are of seeing the horses being shod, our kitchen window overlooked the smithy. I have many happy memories of Middleton from the 1920's to the early thirties, when we moved to Youlgrave.

Where you live was the home and office of Waterhouse's estate manager, a gentleman named Doug Foxon. The family at Tor Farm, I can't remember the name now, had a lot of children and a goat. One day they let the goat loose and it ate 14 pairs of children's socks, which it could just reach - happy days.

I have a poser for you, I have often wondered whether it is fact or fiction. One of my favourite playgrounds as a kid was the old castle. One of my playmates was the gamekeeper's youngest son, Ron Pursglove, and he told me the story. One day we strayed out of the Castle Field into the wood that runs down to the dale behind it. There he showed a large flat rock, which he said was 'Fullwood's Rock' and he told me the following story.

He said that the castle was held by the Royalists during the Civil War and that the Commander was Colonel Fullwood. When the Castle was stormed by the Roundheads, the Colonel was supposed to have withdrawn to the hillside behind, where he was cornered by

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locals, who supported Parliament, and stabbed him to death with pitchforks, thus 'Fullwood's Rock'. It's a nice story but fact or fiction? . . . who knows?

Jack Wheeldon

Dear Mr Wheeldon

Thank you for your letter - it's nice to hear that 'The Bugle' is so appreciated.

I, like you, have always referred to the rock you speak of as 'Fullwood's Rock' and remember a similar, slightly less gory, story culminating in Christopher Fullwood's arrest by the Roundheads behind the rock. Perhaps this was a censored version for the youngsters.

I then decided to look in Bill Shimwell's book 'Questions and Answers' to see what line my old school teacher and local historian took on this story. His version of the story lies between the two with Fullwood being shot by the Roundhead Sir John Gell for resisting arrest behind the aforementioned rock.

Yours sincerely

Emma

The Antique Shop Christmas Exhibition

The Antique Shop would like to thank Youlgrave for its warm welcome and encouragement.

Look out soon for news of our Christmas exhibition, 'Children's Gifts through the 20th Century'.

Any enquiries, please call Peter or Sonia (tel. 636489).



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STARS IN OUR EYES

'Thank heavens the worst night of the panto is over.' That was the unanimous feeling expressed by those of us interviewing the children for the 2001 pantomime 'Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves.'

Before we began it was stated that we needed only a dozen. We opened the doors and let them in . . . and in they came . . . and in . . . and in. We put them through their paces. "Imagine a plate of food, what does it taste like? ~ what was that noise? ~ I can smell burning". We had them marching, dancing, clapping and finally singing the 'Duke of York' to the top of the hill almost a thousand times and then we had to choose.

We couldn't have all the same children as last year. We have to give some others a chance.

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So we chose 16 whose varying ages, height, acting, singing and moving will make a great show.

That left 19 disappointed starlets who had tried their hardest, given their best and mightily impressed us. Many thanks to all of you.
The Production Team



Save the Children

BAKEWELL AND DISTRICT SAVE THE CHILDREN

You are warmly invited to attend a Coffee Morning or Afternoon Tea and Bring and Buy sale in aid of Save The Children on Saturday 7th October between 10.30am and 4.30pm at 'Westgate', West End, Elton. Save The Children Christmas Cards, Birthday Cards and other goods will be on sale. There will also be a cake stall, raffle and tombola.
Elizabeth Lomas

From the Cookhouse Door

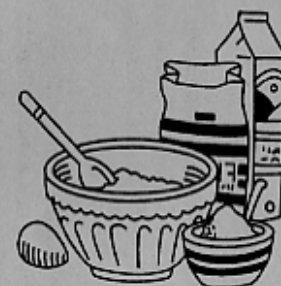
Apricot and Walnut Tea Bread

Ingredients

- 8oz chopped dried apricots
- 4oz castor sugar, level teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 2oz margarine
- 6 fl oz water
- 1 beaten egg
- 2 oz chopped walnuts
- 8oz S R flour
- 1 teaspoon vanilla essence

Method

Place the apricots, sugar, margarine, water, walnuts and vanilla essence in a saucepan. Place on gentle heat, stirring continuously until margarine has melted. Remove from heat and add the beaten egg then fold in the flour and bicarb. and mix until smooth. Put mixture into a greased and lined 2lb loaf tin and bake in the centre of the oven, gas mark 3 (325°F) for approximately 1½ hrs. Eat cold, buttered or not, as the fancy takes you!



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