



The Bugle

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

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MUSICAL MEMORIES

As the year approaches its end and we look back at a year of Millennium events, the Bugle is pleased to announce that the 'Century of Song' celebration is going ahead on Saturday 11th November (see 'Forthcoming Events'). The Village Hall Management Council are delighted that Nick Stacey and Matlock Operatic Society are bringing this show to the village and thank all involved.

You'll remember a mention in last month's Bugle of an introductory letter and

questionnaire about 'Youlgrave Websight'. I'd like to thank those of you who have sent in replies already and ask others to help us gauge opinion too. We used the local shops as a means of distributing these so if any businesses still haven't received theirs, ask in the Post Office, Hollands or Parkers. And don't forget, if we've not included you and you want to be involved, let me know and I'll send you the information.

A security alert and reminder as a final note, garages and sheds have been broken into both in the village and surrounding area. Don't put off making sure that your property is secure until it's too late - go and get those padlocks now!

Do you know what is available for children in Youlgrave?

The Playgroup, the After School Club, the Parent/Teacher Association and the School Governors are having an open evening at school on Monday 6th November from 7.30pm. Come along and find out what is happening. You don't have to be a parent, anyone

interested is welcome to attend, you might even be tempted to join in with one of the groups, we are always looking for volunteers and it can be fun. Both the Playgroup and the After School Club are new developments this year and their success is important.

There will be cups of coffee and an opportunity to chat to like-minded people. If you always find Christmas creeps up on you all too soon, there will be various stocking fillers to purchase. Join us for a pleasant evening and learn more about the village school and children's activities. **PC**

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YOULGRAVE BOWLS CLUB

Once again, Youlgrave Bowls Club is organising its Annual Christmas Concert featuring Youlgrave Silver Band and guest artists. This year the event will take place on Friday 15th December at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Everyone is most welcome and the cost of admission is only £2.

Anyone requiring transport should contact a Bowls Club Member or the Secretary, Peter Rowland (tel. 636467).

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ADVICE

I was warned today of two confidence tricks that have been inflicted on various people in the area - not exactly on our doorstep (Chesterfield and Belper) but it is worth our while being aware.

In the first - in which mainly women have been targeted - a phone call is received from someone claiming to be carrying out a survey for the Post Office. They ask for the postcode, name and address and offer some sort of prize voucher. A large percentage of the people who have given this information have subsequently been burgled. So the message is: **DO NOT GIVE THIS KIND OF INFORMATION TO ANYONE ON THE PHONE.**

In the second scam, again involving the phone, people are asked to replace their receivers and then dial in 90#. This enables the caller to gain access to the telephone line and use it to run up considerable bills! The message for this one is: **DO NOT DIAL ANYTHING IN IF SOME STRANGER ON THE PHONE ASKS YOU TO!**

If you'd like to know more about crime prevention, Youlgrave's Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator is Bridget Ardley (tel. 636611) and Middleton's is Claire Twigg (tel. 636065). BA

POPPY APPEAL



Last year Youlgrave and District Poppy Appeal raised over £1,300, and I thank you for the great support it received. This was added to the national total, which was over £18.6 million.

This money provides half of the money needed by the British Legion. Work undertaken includes provision of accommodation in seven residential homes, care in three convalescent homes, visits to the long-term sick and housebound. It also offers free advice, help and support for those claiming war pensions, help for those wishing to visit a war grave and employment for ex-service personnel.

The help given doesn't only benefit those from the two World Wars, but also those who have been injured in Northern Ireland, The Falklands and Gulf Wars and in Bosnia. One example is James, 22, who was serving in Bosnia when a truck carrying a water tank overturned paralysing his legs. He was discharged from the army in 1997 and was living in a half-way house for disabled people. The Legion heard about him and together with his former unit, was able to help him to sort out his pensions to enable him to furnish and equip his new flat. An assessment by the Legion could also help James back into work.

So, between 28th October and 11th November, remember the people you are helping and wear your Poppy with pride! Karen Wigley.

FARMING WOMEN

Do you live on a farm? Are you part of a farming family? Do you come to Bakewell Market? Then this is for YOU. Meet your friends. Call in for a chat with other farming women. Take the weight off your feet. Put your shopping bags down. Relax 'till it's time to go home. Every Monday, 10.00—1.00, The Meeting Room, Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell.

NEWS FROM YOULGRAVE SCHOOL

HARVEST FESTIVAL

This month the children from Year Four tell us about the School's Harvest Festival.



On 9th October the Primary School held a Harvest Festival in Youlgrave All Saints Church. We took fruit, vegetables and cakes as well for old people in the village. . . Harvest Festivals are to thank the Lord for the food that He provides.

The practising of the Harvest Festival was kind of boring, but it got us going. It was boring because we had to bring our chairs in and out. . . We only had two rehearsals. It was not long at all but we got the hang of it in the end.

Mr Snow introduced the Harvest Festival to the congregation. . . There was a congregation of mums, dads, grans

and granddads.

The theme was Team Work. . . The narrator was Melissa Bateman and Mrs Hawley helped us with the actions and the singing.

The Infants did a play about Team Work. . . Key Stage One children told us a story of how we get milk. . . Key Stage Two children sang 'Build on the Rock'. . . Years Five and Six sang a song called 'Harambee'. The word comes from an East African dialect, which translates into 'let's pull together.'

Mrs Jan Wilson made a (plaited) loaf of bread with two currents in for the eyes of the fish, and she made it look like fives loaves of bread, like the feeding of the five thousand with the little boy's lunch.



Harvest Gift

artwork is by Jennifer Hollis.

Mrs Ryder



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First Class - 21st December; Second Class - 18th December.

Autumn Around Youlgrave

This time of year is one of the most beautiful of all the seasons, the trees are vibrant with colour, coppers, gold and rich reds are a wonderful sight as I enjoy my daily walks with my Golden Retriever 'Holly'. There is a distinctive chill in the air, which is wonderfully refreshing; cheeks rosy pink. It is just great to be outside.

Each morning we walk down Lathkill Dale, where at the moment Holly is finding it great fun putting up all the pheasants which are around the dale or standing at the foot of a tree, trying to look for squirrels who are very active at the moment, looking for acorns and hazel nuts to store for the winter. As we walk through the dale we see the heron, which sits very patiently waiting to catch his breakfast. We try to be very quiet but he always hears us coming so he flies into one of the trees, where he perches overlooking the river 'till we have passed. Every day I think how lucky I am to see such a wonderful

bird; it really does make my day.

The river after all the rain is flowing strongly, the water on a sunny morning shimmers reflecting the sun's rays. The dippers skim the water chattering or fighting with each other, the coot chicks have grown very fast (I think there have been at least three lots this summer) and the Tuffy ducks make a great sound for such little birds. We walk on towards Lathkill Lodge and the ford, where water is flowing again from the underground mine further up the dale. Holly very reluctantly has a paddle but she really does not like water and even though she only has her paws wet she has to shake herself frantically.

We then head off up the long hill into Over Haddon. When we reach the village it is a great sense of achievement for me and Holly, keeping fit is great! We then skirt the top of Lathkill Dale which, from above, looks spectacular and still the heron is sitting in his tree.

We arrive back at Conksbury Bridge feeling wonderful. Holly is looking forward to her treat and a nice long sleep and me, I am looking forward to our next walk and enjoying every minute of Autumn.

MG

Millennium Tree Planting

The Red Oak Millennium Tree has now been planted by the Chairman of Derbyshire Dales District Council, Mrs Christine Crowther, at the top of Coldwell End Car Park. At the end of the year a plaque will be added, listing the names of all babies in the parish born during the year 2000.

Photographed here are Mike Newman, John Clark, Cllr Lillian Clark, Cllr Gill Spain, Derbyshire Dales District Council Chairman



Christine Crowther and Parish Clerk Ingrid Newman, along with the tree.

TAORMINA

Sicily is usually associated with the Mafia rather than as a holiday island, but having spent a week in Taormina we were amazed for here is a place so beautiful it seems unreal.

The town sits high upon the hillside overlooking the sea, with its beaches lying 600 steps down a winding stairway. Living at the Terra Rossa Holiday Apartments, we were half way between town and sea and had a steep climb or decent providing good exercise! However, there was another way up to the town and that was by the funicular railway that looked like Coca Cola cans running up and down the hillside.

The beach was somewhat gravelly, making the swimming pool at the flats an attractive alternative, but of course there's nothing like the sea!

The Corso, the main street of Taormina, is an astonishing and lovely street, containing high quality shopping and restaurants, and yet has the atmosphere of an ancient bazaar with crowds of people promenading. The street runs from one end of the town to the other and you pass through

many arches and piazzas as you progress along. Almost everything to be seen in Taormina lies about this street. At halfway stands a square called 'IX Aprile', a large open space containing Nerium Oleander trees in full blossom.

One day we took a bus up to Castlemada, a medieval castle and city on the rock of Mola high up above Taormina. This was a fascinating place to wander about and where you looked down at the rest of the world around.

Another day we went on a coach excursion to see Sicily's show piece, Mount Etna. This proved a memorable trip, enlivened by a most unusual guide, who spoke four languages fluently and consecutively as we drove along. Etna was smoking above us as we arrived at a sort of film set collection of souvenir shops and cafés, which have gathered on top of the black ash. Leaving the coach we proceeded nearer the volcano using the funicular, where many coach parties brandished cameras to capture the scene above us. On our return journey our guide surprised us by entertaining us in song, even impersonated a sad donkey!

On our last night the lovely weather broke with thunderstorm bringing much excitement to the end of a wonderful holiday.

JRM

CAN TOURISM PAY?

With the onslaught of our cold, wet winter, only the hardest or most dedicated tourists are seen out and about our local villages and our streets and roads become our own again. For many, tourism is a bittersweet experience: it offers a vital source of income for our local businesses, but at a price. Often accused of forcing house prices up, causing unwelcome congestion and litter problems, tourists are much maligned by some. But can they play a more productive role in our regeneration and just how vital are they to the continued welfare of our much prized village life?

In our June issue of the Bugle, Duncan Scott wrote a letter about what he playfully called 'Anoracs' (Association of non-residents in rural communities). He asked how visitors to villages

such as Alport, Youlgrave and Middleton could be encouraged to support local events and businesses and generally become more involved in village life.

Much valuable work is currently being done to try to regenerate our villages; we have all received a questionnaire recently asking for our views on issues such as parking etc. and we are soon to launch our own Youlgrave website. Duncan Scott is also keen to encourage the greater local commitment of tourists. Himself a regular visitor to our area, he would like to hear from anyone who either owns or rents a cottage or caravan in Youlgrave but lives elsewhere or someone who was raised around here, but has since moved away, returning to visit family and friends regularly. Duncan, who has studied many rural issues, is prepared to produce a summary of the different 'Anoracs' our area attracts, where they stay, their skills etc.

If you can help Duncan Scott, please contact him (tel. 0161 275 4771 e-mail d.scott@man.ac.uk).

Recommended Last World Postage Dates For Christmas:

Europe - 14th December; Outside Europe - 7th December.

Reader's Letter

Dear Emma

Whilst having lunch (and drying off!) in a pub in Youlgrave last Saturday, I told a local lady that my ancestors had lived in the village about 250 years ago. She informed me that there are still Nuttalls in the village! She also said that there was a keen local historian living in Youlgrave. I would be very grateful if you could let me have his name & address.

I have an interesting document which describes the arrival of my ancestors at a village in North Wales having emigrated (!) by pony and cart from Derbyshire 250 years ago. They were, of course, lead miners.

We found one Nuttall gravestone in the churchyard - 1889.

Yours sincerely

Alan Nuttall

The Mount, Church Street, Topcliffe, Thirsk, North Yorkshire. YO7 3PA.

Dear Alan

Thank you for your letter, it's always interesting to hear about people visiting the villages to trace their ancestors.

I'm pretty certain that the historian that you heard of will be my old school teacher, Bill Skimwell—I'll send you his address.

However, I have published this letter too to enable others to get in touch with you via the Bugle—perhaps you might even hear from a Nuttall??

Yours sincerely

Emma

Coffee Morning

On 29th September a Coffee Morning was held at Dove Cottage, Moor Lane, Youlgrave in aid of the Macmillan Nurses.

Barbara and Stella would like to thank the friends who came to help and support this most worthy cause, also for gifts and donations. A total of £70.50 was raised, £100 sent. Thanks to all concerned.

Next year we hope to hold a similar event in the Village Hall, so keep this date free.

Macmillan
cancer relief

YOULGRAVE PLAYSCHOOL



Having identified a lack of pre-school provision in the area, a group of Youlgrave parents joined together to form a voluntary management committee. With the support of the Early Years and Childcare Partnership, they have been able to access funding via the Rural Development Partnership. Local businesses have also offered support and the management committee has raised funds through various activities.

As a consequence of all their hard work, the Youlgrave Playschool is set to open on Tuesday 31st October 2000.

The 16-place Playschool will be Social Services approved and will provide quality, affordable and accessible childcare. It will be run by two qualified supervisors on a job share basis, together with a play worker and volunteer staff will offer support on a rota basis.

The Playschool is registered with the Early Years and Childcare Partnership and will provide 3 years and 4 years education.

Times of opening are Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, 9.15am to 11.45am.

If you would like to register your child with the Playschool or would like more information, please contact Viv Tabbenor, Chair of Management Committee (tel. 636861).

One Dark Autumn Night

We had a power cut the other night, as you all know, it was quite a shock to be without lights and heating. As one of my grandsons asked, "How did you manage when the lights went out?"

Someone when asked, said that they searched out their camping Gaz lights, one other said a collection of various torches provided their illumination and there were those whose fires gave enough light to get around with.

We found stumps of last year's Christmas candles, saved for such an emergency. Two stumps of candles stuck together gave a little light with two more kept by in case the first two ran out before the end of the power cut.

It was so strange to look across the Dale and see the street lights of Stanton, and we were all in darkness!

My daughter asked did we sit all evening holding hands in the gloaming? No, I made tea and filled hot water bottles. Fortunately the gas hob enabled me to boil a pan of water. EE

Discovering Villages Initiative Youlgrave and Alport Questionnaire

Thank you to all who completed the questionnaire last month. Not surprisingly the most raised issue was parking and traffic calming, maintaining the village school was a close second together with the shops and post office, affordable local housing and limiting holiday homes was also a high priority. Public transport and improvements in services for the elderly scored highly. The Questionnaires will be fully analysed and a public meeting will be held to discuss the issues. Watch this space for future developments. If you want to discuss the results beforehand or to know more about the scheme please contact Anne Croasdell (tel. 636887), Pat Cleaver (tel. 636836) or Mark Goodwin (tel. 636542).

From the Cookhouse Door

Vegetable Pie

Ingredients

- 4 leeks
- 2 carrots
- 1½ lb potatoes
- 1 hard boiled egg
- ½ oz plain flour
- ¼ pt milk
- ½ oz margarine
- 2 oz Cheddar cheese

Method

Slice the leeks and carrots and cook until fairly soft. Peel, slice and cook the potatoes and then mash them with a little milk and butter until creamy. Make a white sauce using the milk, flour and margarine. Drain the leeks and carrots and arrange in a buttered pie dish and pour the sauce over them. Slice the egg and arrange on top of the vegetables, then cover with the creamed potato. Grate the cheese over the top and bake for 20 minutes in a moderate oven until brown.



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Forthcoming Events

**Saturday 4th
November**

Youlgrave Scouts Bonfire. The Croft, Alport, 7pm. Hot food available and firework display. Admission £1.50 adults, £1 children. **For fireworks, please bring sparklers only.**

Monday 6th

Youlgrave School Governors, Parent/Teacher Association, Playgroup, and After School Club Open Evening. Youlgrave School 7.30pm.

Saturday 11th

Century of Song celebration, a narrated journey through some of the greatest musicals of the last century. Matlock Operatic Society, Musical Director Nick Stacey. Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets available from F. Parker Butchers (tel. 636217) or Nick Stacey (tel. 636485).

**Friday 15th
December**

Youlgrave Bowls Club Annual Christmas Concert featuring Youlgrave Silver Band and guest artists. Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm.

**23rd January
to
3rd February**

Youlgrave Pantomime 'Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves'. Tickets available from Friday 1st December from Margaret Gladwin (tel. 636558), adults £3, children £1.75. Please make your calls before 9pm. Matinee Saturday 27th January.

Weekly Events

Mondays

Farming Women's Meeting. The Meeting Room, Bakewell Agricultural Centre, 10am - 1pm.

Tuesdays

Yoga with Iris Pimm. Greenfields Farm Barn, 7pm.

**Tuesdays &
Wednesdays**

Youlgrave Playschool. Please contact Vivien Tabbenor (tel. 636861). Youlgrave Village Hall, 9.15 - 11.45am.

Wednesdays

Diane Kettle's Life Drawing classes. Middleton Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Fridays

Yoga with Iris Pimm. Greenfields Farm Barn, 9.30am.

Fridays

Gentle Yoga at The Scout and Community Hall, 3.30pm.

Fridays

Parent and Toddler Group. Please contact Vivien Tabbenor (tel. 636861). Youlgrave Village Hall, 9.30 - 11.30am.

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