



The

Bugle



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

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PUT A SPRING IN YOUR STEP

The snowdrops have been out for a while now and the crocuses are not far behind them and it's starting to feel like spring has almost sprung. As ever at this time of year, I hope that the clear skies we're enjoying now are a sign that we're heading for a good summer. Sadly, I'm not often right!

As we've just passed our third birthday, it means that it's time we looked at the books. Roger Easton has very kindly done the audit (many thanks, Roger) and the accounts are available for perusal should any of you wish to keep an eye on us too.

Whilst I'm on the subject of money, I'd like to thank all those of you that have again sponsored us. The list might look a little short this early in the year but we do have a lot of sponsors who ask not to be identified, to whom we are also very

grateful. I'll include the sponsorship form when I can but please don't hesitate to contact me regarding sponsorship.

I'd like to say thank you to those of you that have given us Forthcoming Events this month. It's really nice to have this box so full - I hope this is a taste of things to come. Don't forget, if you want to publicise something, we need to know about it by the 20th of the month **two months before the date of your event**. We need to work this far in advance because as production and delivery is done on a voluntary basis, we cannot guarantee publication on a particular date. Please use us though. I don't think there's a better way of reaching villagers, as 'The Bugle' is delivered monthly to every house in Alport, Middleton and Youlgrave.

Reading Room AGM
Monday 26th March in the
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Village Volunteering

About 20 people in the villages of Alport, Youlgrave and Middleton receive a two course hot meal from Meals on Wheels, delivered to their door. The lunch consists of a main course and sweet, and takes account of special needs such as diabetes. It is a valuable service to those who are recovering from illness or accident, or who are housebound, and is delivered by volunteers.

You might be able to help. It only takes about an hour and a half once a

month, from 11am on a Tuesday or Thursday. Two people make the deliveries, a driver and a helper. The drivers receive expenses for the use of their cars to fetch the meals from Darley Dale and to deliver them. It is possible to park close to most customers so little walking is needed.

The benefits to the customers are not only in the hot meals, but also in meeting the volunteers. For the volunteers it is an enjoyable opportunity to meet people and give a valuable service to the customers and the community out of all proportion to the time and trouble involved.

If you have an hour and a half that you could spare once a month, either as a driver or helper please contact Bridget Ardley (tel 636611). PR

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

The Citizens Advice Bureau throughout the land is staffed by local managers and training staff as well as a force of some 30,000 trained volunteers. The volunteers are trained to give advice and to respect confidentiality. They undertake quite extensive training as well as being supported by a comprehensive information system. This system, which is on computer as well as in written form, is meticulously updated each month. As a retired Solicitor and a volunteer advisor, it is a comprehensive system that I should have loved to have access to in private practice.

The reason I write is to draw readers' attention to the high level of free advice that is available locally.

Not only is there a Bureau in Matlock on Bank Road but the Bureau runs a advice session at the Methodist Church in Bakewell, between 10am and 12noon each Monday, staffed by two or three advisors.

The Bureau deals with many clients from all sorts of income groups and with all sorts of queries. Frequent advice is given on work problems, rents, tenancies (be it for landlord or tenant), family and personal and legal matters, consumer rights, money advice, benefit advice, local information and much more.

Free, confidential and impartial advice can make a big difference. Matlock is open Mon - Wed 10am to 2.00pm, Thurs 10am to 12noon and 6.30pm to 8.30pm and Fri 10am to 12noon (tel. 583539).

We are always looking for new volunteers prepared to train to be advisors. Should you be interested, either contact me (tel. 636815) or the Bureau direct. Simon Brister

NEWS FROM YOU LGRAVE SCHOOL

This month it is time to hear from some of the younger children. Although the six and seven year olds in Year Two own a variety of pets, they mostly chose to tell us about their cats and dogs.



Lucy Mead Y2

25.12.01

my kitten Jessie
Once my kitten climbed on a plastic bag that was on the stairs. Then the plastic bag fell down the stairs when it got to the bottom of the stairs she ran out. She is black and white.

Jessica Wilkinson writes: 'I like my kitten Zuki. He likes to sit on my knee. He licks me. I like my guinea pig Bob. He squeaks and talks to me. He is brown and white.'



Leanne Hadfield's cat is called Jess.

'When I had a hamster, Jess was on the bed near to the hamster.'



Gemma Dawson's kitten was a present. 'My rabbit is called Flossy. One day my rabbit wasn't very well. We went up the garden and he was dead so my Dad buried him in the back field. For my birthday I had a kitten. He is called Sooty and he is five months old now. We play with him a lot. We buy him lots of toys for Christmas.'



Rheanne Smith tells us: 'One day Sophie and Daniel went for a walk with my dog. Her name is Peggy. She nearly got run over by a tractor.'

Sarah Andrew's dog is called Emdog. 'She barks and barks when someone comes to our house. We take her into the Dale. She licks me.'



Billie Andrews writes: 'My dog is called Kim. She went to the vet to have a lump out. She came home from the vet's.'

Reece Weller chooses his rabbit. 'My rabbit went to the vet one day. She needed an injection. She is called Myrtle. She lives in a hutch. It is blue and yellow.'

Angela

My dog is Ben and I took Ben to the Dale and when we got home Ben sat on my knee. After School I play with Ben.

Thank you for your writing and drawings Year Two and a special thanks to Gemma for her help with corrections and sorting the papers. Keep looking after all those pets! Mrs Ryder

NEXT TIME YOU WALK YOUR DOG IN THE VILLAGE OR DALE

MAKE SURE YOU CLEAN ANY MESS & USE THE BINS PROVIDED

Little Red Riding Hood - The sequel

You've probably heard of my sister, Little Red Riding Hood. As far as you are concerned, she was just the poor, defenceless heroine of a fairy tale you were told as a young child. But that is not the true story, it was just a cover to hide the truth that caused my mother and father such embarrassment. By the way, I'm Little Pink Riding, the youngest of the Hood family.

Now it wasn't Little Red Riding Hood who made that journey through the woods to take cakes to her Grandmother, it was me. Little Red Riding Hood wouldn't have been so kind. In truth Little Red Riding Hood had been keeping company with the villain of the story, the wolf (or as she liked to call him 'Melvin')!

Pretty much everything else you were told of the story is true. I did take the cakes to my Grandmother, I did encounter the wolf in the woods, yes, the wolf did fool me into thinking he was my Grandmother while she was locked up in a cupboard and finally my father, the woodcutter, did come and rescue me. But this wasn't all down to the wolf, it was an evil plan hatched by him and my scheming sister!

When father came to my rescue he could see it was me. However, because my



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Youlgrave Wesleyan Reform Chapel
Missionary Rally
 Saturday 17th March
 Preacher, Rev. Philip Hacking
 Musical Items by
The Stubwood Singers
 The Wesleyan Reform Chapel, 7.30pm.

sister and I have similar voices, and because my Grandmother was locked up in a cupboard unable to see me, she had no idea which one of us had gone through this terrible ordeal. If she had been released sooner she would have realised, but with us not knowing where she was and father seeing my safety as a priority, the confusion was inevitable. I was shivering quite uncontrollably and father, wanting to calm me down and warm me up, wrapped me in a red hooded cloak that was draped over the end of Grandmother's bed. He then found Grandmother, shaken but unharmed, and, wanting to get me home as soon as possible, quickly saw to her. As we were leaving she called out, "Bye Little Red Riding Hood, you were very brave!" I opened my mouth ready to inform her that I was in fact Little Pink Riding Hood but father stopped me quickly and explained, "Grandmother has had enough shocks for today, you'll just confuse her." So I left it, I wish I hadn't!

Jemma Monkhouse

YOULGRAVE VILLAGE CONSTABLE

The latest initiative at Bakewell Police Station is to allocate a village to each officer. Among other things, this officer will set up clinics to discuss community police matters. Because of my connections with Youlgrave, I readily volunteered to become Youlgrave's Community Officer. For those of you who don't know me, I lived at Alport for over 20 years and went to Youlgrave School from 1964 to 1971 (a small part of the Bill Shimwell era).

Many of you may be wondering why the need for a village constable? And is this just a return to old-fashioned policing? Well, the police are tasked with certain key objectives:-

1. To reduce the fear of crime;
2. To reduce domestic burglary;
3. To reduce vehicle-related crime;
4. To reduce violent crime and anti-social behaviour including alcohol-related incidents;
5. To reduce drug-related offences;
6. To improve road safety, reducing accidents and road casualties.

By patrolling the village on foot on a regular basis and being accessible to the community, I hope to tackle each of these priorities, especially reducing the fear of crime. At this moment in time statistics show there are no major problems in Youlgrave (unless you know otherwise!).

If you see me in the village please stop and have a word. I hope to have more formal discussions at Parish Council meetings, Neighbourhood Watch clinics, etc.

Should anyone wish to contact me they should do so via Bakewell Police Station (tel. 812504).

PC 1937 John (Jack) Elliott



Youlgrave Methodist Church

Two dates for your diary

BAND CONCERT

On Saturday 7th April at 7.30pm, Youlgrave Silver Band will be in concert at the Methodist Church. Tickets, including refreshments, are £2.50 each and proceeds are for the Schoolroom Refurbishment project.

COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday 28th April at 10.30am, there will be a Coffee Morning in the Schoolroom, which will hopefully be completely refurbished by then. Proceeds are for Network (Missions Work).

At the time of writing, early February, work in completely refurbishing the Methodist Schoolroom is well underway, as is the fundraising required to meet the local contribution to the total cost of the scheme.

ALI BABA AND THE FORTY THIEVES

This was another splendid pantomime in the great Youlgrave tradition with a very strong cast. I was looking forward immensely to the opening song, 'The Old Bazaar in Baghdad (Cairo)'. It took me back to 'Workers' Playtime' with Clinton Ford on the old BBC Light Programme but I confess to being a touch disappointed here as the gusto required for Act 1, Scene 1 was missing. The Chorus was charming and well choreographed but in general the singing was weaker than I might have expected, hence my disappointment as the adults seemed to be holding back a little to cover for this. Why were there not more boys in the line up?

Mick Partridge was brilliant again as the Dame. Every time I see him perform I conjure up a picture of one or more of our British comedy greats. This time it was Frankie Howerd. He couldn't have done a better job. Mick's duet with John Roper from the Desert Song was a tour de force and was the highlight of the show for me. Jonathan Rowland and Jeremy Bacon were very good as the 'baddies' and I particularly enjoyed the performance of Chris Watson. He is versatile and his wide experience of amateur dramatics stood out.

Mary Froggatt was also excellent in her 'working class snob' role. It put me in mind of Penelope Keith. Mary is a stalwart of Youlgrave Panto. Long may she continue.

Philip Wildbore was for me, slightly disappointing. He didn't have his customary slickness and seemed

distracted. Perhaps he missed being 'in drag' or in monster's make up but he was still very funny.

Ursula Kneller was an effective Principal Boy with an excellent voice and the thighs are coming along nicely. Elizabeth Shimwell as the Principal Girl had the right mixture of sweetness and innocence.

The cast was completed by Carole Brister and Ros Partridge, both very good in limited parts, and Simon Brister who did very well at short notice as replacement for the bed-ridden Martin Hill.

Attending panto in Youlgrave Village Hall gives me a warm comforting feeling. Audience participation is encouraged, nay demanded. There is continuity in the box office, the selling of programmes and the music department. I expect the heating to be turned up to sell more ice cream (I saw one man eat four) and the whole evening sent me to one of the local hostelrys feeling happy and eagerly awaiting next year.

**Wilton Shagpile - Actor Manager,
Picory Corner Players**

Important Notice

In the November 2000 edition of 'The Bugle' we carried an article about the Millennium Tree that was planted in the Coldwell End Playing Field.

It is now time to commission the plaque to commemorate all the babies that were born in the village in the year 2000.

Please contact the Parish Clerk, Ingrid Newman, with the details of your child before 27th March (tel. 636084) to make sure he or she is listed

Youlgrave WI

For our February meeting we had a very interesting talk about 'The Potato' by Brian Heap. We learnt about its history, in which politics and religion played quite a part. Jo Mallaband won the competition with an amusing Mr. Potato man.

Future plans include: a walk and supper at Sudbury at bluebell time; a Coffee Evening with Bring and Buy at Arrowdale Farm on 24th April, guests welcome; our Group Meeting at Great Longstone; a summer walk and pub visit; and a possible trip away for two or three nights.

Our next meeting will be on 10th March at 7.30 in the Village Hall, visitors welcome. Speaker



Vacancy

Part-time assistant wanted at The Youth Hostel, Youlgrave. Up to 20 Hours per week, £4.50 per hour. Apply to Debbie (tel. 636518).

Youth Hostel Association
(England and Wales)
Limited

Brian Edwards - 'Til the cows come home' - the story behind the annual trek by herds of cows up to the Swiss Alps where they graze from spring until autumn. Brian has lived amongst Swiss farmers and this experience enables him to present a beautifully illustrated talk on one of the world's loveliest traditions.

From the Cookhouse Door

Spring Chicken

Ingredients

2 Chicken Fillets; 2 tablespoons cream cheese; tinned apricot halves; 1 tablespoon mixed, chopped fresh herbs (thyme, oregano, chives, marjoram or whatever you have and fancy!); 'garlic puree' or one fresh clove crushed; salt and pepper to taste.

Method

Lightly grease a small roasting dish. Make a slit along the top of each chicken fillet—like a pocket. In a bowl, combine the cream cheese, herbs, garlic, seasoning and six chopped apricot halves. Fill the pocket with this mixture, put a small knob of butter on each fillet and bake in a moderate oven (gas mark 5) until cooked (approx 30-35 mins). Baste with juices during cooking.

Make some gravy using the chicken juices and vegetable stock and add four more apricot halves and a teaspoon of sugar. Serve garnished with watercress and the remaining apricot halves. Very good with new potatoes and sprouts or broccoli.



Forthcoming Events

- Saturday 10th March** Youlgrave WI meeting with speaker Brian Edwards - "Til the cows come home". Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome.
- Friday 16th** Quiz in aid of Parkinson's and kidney disease. Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm. £1 per head entry, please bring your own refreshments.
- Saturday 17th** Missionary Rally with Rev. Philip Hacking and Musical Items by *The Studwood Singers*. Youlgrave Wesleyan Reform Chapel, 7.30pm.
- Monday 26th** Reading Room AGM. The Reading Room, 7.30pm.
- Saturday 7th April** Youlgrave Silver Band Concert in aid of Youlgrave Methodist Church Schoolroom. Youlgrave Methodist Church, 7.30pm. Tickets, including refreshments, £2.50.
- Saturday 28th** Coffee Morning in aid of 'Network' (mission work). Youlgrave Methodist Church Schoolroom, 10.30am.

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 for details (tel. 636861). Youlgrave Village Hall, 9.15 - 11.45am.
- Wednesdays** Diane Kettle's Life Drawing classes (tel. 636763). Middleton Village Hall, 7.30pm.
- Wednesdays** Beginners Yoga. Greenfields Farm Barn, 7 - 8.30pm.
- Thursdays** Beginners Yoga. Greenfields Farm Barn, 7 - 8.30pm.
- Fridays** Yoga with Iris Pimm. Greenfields Farm Barn, 9.30 - 11 am.
- Fridays** Circle Dancing. Greenfields Farm Barn, 7.30 - 10pm.
- Fridays** Gentle Yoga. The Scout and Community Hall, 3.30pm.
- Fridays** Parent and Toddler Group. Please contact Vivien Tabbenor for details (tel. 636861). Youlgrave Village Hall, 9.30 - 11.30am.

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