



The Bugle

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

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Heartfelt Thanks

It's all change at the Bugle as Jim, the proprietor of 'Reprint', bows out of his involvement in the production of our newsletter. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for being kingpin in the establishment of the publication; we owe him a great debt of gratitude. Without the donation of his time and materials, which he has given for over three years, we wouldn't have been able to get started.

As we are now going to an external printer, we need to stick to firmer copy deadlines. Please try to let us have your contributions and Forthcoming Events as early as possible. The deadlines are the 14th of the month for articles and the 20th for events.

We see the promotion of local businesses as one of the major reasons for the existence of a newsletter like the Bugle. We'd like to thank our sponsors for their support over the last three years. Even after publishing 'Bugle 2000' the

money that you have given us is sufficient to cover costs for several months but future sponsorship money is important. Edition Sponsorship (giving sponsors the lines at the foot of each page in one edition) is £15 and Annual Sponsorship is £10. For information contact Ann (tel. 636362) or Emma (as below). There will be grants that we can apply for to enable us to keep the rates as they are.

As we hold our breath, not quite daring to say that it looks like the Foot and Mouth epidemic is on its way out, we would like to ask readers to do their best to support local businesses. Whilst many of you are perhaps enjoying the lack of tourists, we remind you that the shops that we all rely upon, even if it is just for an emergency bottle of milk, need the money that visitors spend in order to stay in business.

Youlgrave Welldressing Committee decided to go ahead with the event this year. Petalling will take place Monday 15th to Friday 22nd June. Anyone wishing to help should contact Peter Pimm (tel. 636341) for further details.

MIDDLETON WELLDRESSING & VILLAGE MARKET

Middleton Welldressers and the Village Hall Entertainments Committee held a public meeting on Thursday 19th April to discuss the practicality of the Welldressing and Village Market whilst waiting for the end of the Foot and Mouth Disease epidemic.

It was decided that it will be a long time before the risk of infection is over. For this reason, and because of several other practical restrictions Foot and Mouth Disease will impose, the group

decided to cancel the event this year.

Attendance at the meeting was higher in quality than quantity and it has again become necessary to appeal for some new blood. The meeting reflected that there are not as many people in the 20 - 40 year age range as are needed and asks particularly for younger volunteers to come forward. These time-honoured events are in serious danger of dying out if momentum is allowed to wane and the skills involved are not passed on.

There will be another open meeting on Thursday 26th July to set up a village fundraising event for the late August Bank Holiday weekend.

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THE BUGLE ENCOURAGES ITS READERS TO SHOP LOCALLY

Annual Parish Meeting

The Youlgrave Parish Council held its annual meeting on 27th March. Sadly, most of the time its work goes unnoticed and unappreciated. Not so at the annual meeting! Over 100 villagers attended because the Parish Council is looking into the thorny issue of the provision of more car parks in the village. Prior to the meeting, about 250 villagers had signed a petition opposing car parks at Bradford Dale and Alport, both of which are under consideration.

The main concern of those attending was that the Parish Council is developing plans and consulting outside bodies with a view to obtaining funding for car parks before it has consulted the village about what we want. Although we were told that there would be full public consultation, that will be too late if it is after a scheme has been drawn up, approved and funding agreed. As one person put it at the meeting, 'What we want is consultation not a presentation.'

It was suggested that before going any further, the expertise of a traffic management consultant should be obtained to advise us on the future needs of the village and the effect of creating car parks. My own view is that car parks are magnets for cars and will bring more vehicles into the village, but I acknowledge that I am no expert.

Mick Ashworth reported that at present there is

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a working group consisting of two Parish Councillors, together with John Youatt (our District Councillor) and Peter Knowles. I suggested that residents from those parts of the village in which car parks are being considered should be included on the working group (e.g. one from Bradford Dale and one from Alport).

Most of the discussion at the meeting centred on Bradford Dale. Was any proposed car park there to serve residents or visitors? We were told both. There was strong feeling that no more traffic should be encouraged onto Bradford Road. Many of those who signed the petition were Bradford Dale residents.

The Parish Council assured us that it would report back to the village on all the suggestions put forward at the meeting. Peter Pimm

Postscript: I now understand that the working group has a wider membership than I thought with representatives from Peak Park, Derbyshire Dales and the County Council. The group has had two meetings the last of which was in January.

A TRIBUTE

The original idea was to help out for a couple of months but twenty six years later, Margaret Gladwin and Sandra Roper have decided enough is enough! This is the reality that finally struck the Village Hall Committee at their recent AGM. Margaret and Sandra have resigned as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Over the years they have worked long and hard to ensure the smooth running of the Village Hall and its many varied activities and functions. Pantomime season is of course very busy, with ticket bookings at all hours, ordering and buying the ice cream, the material and trimmings, sorting the programmes, scripts, licences and performing rights . . . to say nothing of running up a few costumes in their spare time! There was also a lot of work involved recently when it was decided to replace the roof. Quotes are often very difficult to obtain and grants applications can be a nightmare! The creaking building and temperamental nature of the boiler have demanded year round attention, year on year. The committee would like to thank them both for all their time and efforts. It is most gratefully appreciated. AC

Irresponsible Dog-Walking

Youlgrave Parish Council has again received reports and complaints that some dog owners still exercise their pets on Alport Lane Playing Fields. Apparently, at least one person continued to do so even when we were advised to close the field as a precaution against Foot and Mouth Disease. How selfish is that?

We appeal to everyone to co-operate, either by approaching the culprits directly, or, if that doesn't work, by reporting them to the Parish Council.

As a last resort, we will pass a by-law, and start fining, naming and shaming.

Please help us!

Mick Ashworth, Chairman

NEWS FROM YOUNG GRAVE SCHOOL

In this issue Year Six continues to learn about school life in the past.

Joanne Upton and Laura Charlseworth talked to Mr George Wheeldon. Joanne tells us that then children started school at the age of five and finished at 14. 'At 11 they took exams and a few children passed to go to Lady Manners, then a Grammar School. Rich parents sent their children to Lady Manners even if they did not pass the exam, so there were few places left for the others.'

The girls wondered what the children learnt at school. The main lessons were reading, writing and arithmetic. In geography they drew and coloured maps: there was some history, but no science or technology. If the children got all their spellings right they would get a sweet. A big treat took place on Friday afternoons when the teacher read a comic to the class.'

Joanne asks, 'Is that good or what?'

Today's children are always interested in punishments! 'Mr Wheeldon remembered that when he was playing football at break, the ball was kicked into the road. Several boys rushed out after the ball and were punished by caning on the hand.'

Finally, Joanne and Laura asked about games outside of school. 'As well as football, they played with whips and tops, yo-yos and clay marbles. They pushed iron hoops with handles (made by the blacksmith). They also collected cigarette cards. In winter they went sledging. On

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Thursdays and Saturdays there was a cinema in the Village Hall.'

Frances Parker talked to her Grandmother and Mrs Mary Gibson to find out about the school at Middleton. This school closed in 1972 and is now Middleton Village Hall.

Fran writes: 'Years ago there were only 10 - 15 children in the school, with two teachers, one for the Juniors (Infants) and one for the Seniors (Juniors). At one time the Head Teacher was Miss Kay and the teacher of the juniors was Miss Lomas, now Mrs Bill Shimwell.

'At morning playtime the children drank Horlicks. If they were noisy or disobedient, both boys and girls were whacked with a ruler on the end of their fingers. If they swore they had to lick carbolic soap'

Thank you girls for working so hard out of school hours. Mrs Ryder



Pictured here is Middleton School, c. 1941. Back Row - Miss Lomas, Frank Weston, Frank Harrop, Peter Stone, Reuben Slack, Lewis Sheldon, Henry Purseglove, Jack Oldfield. 2nd Row - Monica Weston, Margaret Roose, Winifred Allen, Ena Weston, Peggy Oldfield, Amy Johnstone, Brenda Faxon, Betty Weston, Kathleen Allen. 3rd Row - Miss Kay, Barbara Titterton, Henry Brocklehurst, Jean Oldfield, Gordon Oldfield, Mary Roose, Sidney Marsden, Anne Weston, Brian Sheldon. Front Row - Tony Slack, Vic Oldfield, Alan Oldfield, Billy Purseglove.

CAR PARKING IN YOULGRAVE

Youlgrave is a village on the move: over the last 10 years the number of visitors has increased; the nature of the village, its businesses and population profile has changed; and elsewhere legislation and environmental perceptions have developed.

There needs to be a long-term perspective in order to encourage the conservation of the beauty of our dale, which is the reason for most visitors and tourist initiatives. 'Ecotourism' means taking a hard and honest look at resource we as a village, have to "market" - not just the dale, but the uniqueness of the village and its people, as well as the beauty of the surrounding land, much of it kept in trim by farmers and some of it kept as valuable conservation meadows, woodlands and hillsides.

There has been an intensification of tourist use with erosion of paths and surfacing of others, a decrease in wildlife and a growth in the intrusiveness of parked cars. Village shops have closed: Cottages have been purchased specifically to make money as holiday venues. The school has lost pupils, the post office is threatened . . . there needs to be a balance between the needs of tourists and the needs of the people who live here full time - this is our home! There has also been a change in the patterns of land use which has not led to farming prosperity, but to a rapid decline in the richness of wild species and diversification in search of income

Recycling

It's getting easier to do your bit recycling waste. We have fortnightly paper collections and there are glass and other 'banks' at the top of Youlgrave. We need to recycle these items because of the space they occupy as rubbish as well as the obvious impact on resources.

I also find myself automatically saving milk bottle tops and stamps too, probably a throw-back to Blue Peter Appeals. Well, now these can be put to good use. Stamps and clean foil are being collected in boxes under the table to the left of the Church door. All proceeds are for charity.

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Development of the village needs to take all these things into account. In order to provide a long term future for the landscape and the people who live here This is the prime task of the Parish Council, in consultation with the village; a philosophy of development based on sharing and co-operation, not profit and competition.

Please do not let us sacrifice long term riches for short term gain.

As far as parking is concerned, I would therefore suggest:

1. **Resident car parking** in the village should have priority. The resident parking discs provided by the DDDC could help in developing a scheme. Street parking should be suited to the number of residential dwellings which have no other possible parking space. Recent quiet streets have shown that there is enough room.

2. Parts of the main through road should have **parking restrictions**, especially those areas without pavement. Parking should be on one side of the road only. The scheme could be used to ensure that through traffic is successfully calmed and less jammed.

3. **Holiday cottages and overnight visitors** without parking spaces at a house should be allocated permits which allow spaces in car parks already provided.

4. **Day tourist parking** should be **discouraged** especially at weekend and bank holidays. The more places you provide, the more people will come. Bakewell has parking areas, and in co-operation with other Parish Councils, the Peak Park, and other councils, it should be possible to develop 'park and ride schemes'. There is already more bus provision at weekends. Many people now commute from the village and quiet weekdays could offer e.g. ½ hr daytime parking during the week in some empty resident spots, for more convenient shopping.

This idea of restricting visitor cars is on the same principle as the policy some councils have adopted of not providing litter bins in lay bays etc. That has proved very successful in encouraging people to take their litter home. Such schemes do, however, need consistent maintenance and enforcement to succeed - but the money saved on clearing up covers that cost . . . why should not a parking scheme be equally beneficial?

The countryside is for wildlife and people, not cars.

Access by bus is ecological and consensual and needs to be encouraged.

Jeni Edwards

The Invitation

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I came home from work on 6th February to find the usual pile of post, you know the sort of thing, lots of circulars and junk mail. I opened it quickly and out of one envelope came an extremely impressive invitation. It informed me that 'The Master of the Household had received Her Majesty's command to invite me to a reception at Buckingham Palace'. I was amazed, I inspected it very carefully but could see no evidence that this was a practical joke, and was forced to the conclusion that it was real and it was for me.

The date was set for 22nd March and it was to be part of a special day arranged for the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to devote to the British Book World. They were to visit a publisher, a bookshop, a library and a school and then in the evening hold the reception for 600 booksellers, publishers, authors and librarians. I work for Derbyshire Library Service and I am involved in a national project for literature promotion called 'Branching Out'. I discovered that this project was important enough to attract several invitations.

The intervening six weeks were very stressful, first there was the problem of the correct way to RSVP, (I settled on being 'delighted to accept') then the vexed question of what to wear (your fashion correspondent may be interested to note that I selected a classic plain navy dress nicely complemented by a bright red jacket and

Blue John earrings). However, it was worth the stress for the amusement the whole thing gave to my family, friends and workmates.

The great day dawned and brought with it a lot of publicity on the radio, television and in the press. There was even a programme broadcast from Buckingham Palace during the reception, though this was so subtly done - we saw no signs of the BBC. Fortunately the rain held off which meant we had a chance to take photos outside and did not arrive looking like drowned rats. The reception was in the state rooms, we stood on thick pile carpets, surrounded by grand furniture and famous paintings, sipping our drinks. The drinks kept coming and the choice included gin and tonic, white wine, water etc, but no red wine (out of respect for the carpets). Footmen circulated with trays of canapés, olives, quails eggs and the like. I learnt to beware of nibbles on sticks, they were delicious but once eaten there was absolutely nowhere to dispose of the stick and I was left holding it!! The guest list included lots of famous names, not all of which we knew the face to match, thank goodness we all had name badges. We spotted Ruth Rendell, P.D. James, Claire Francis, Joanna Trollope, and lots of others. Eventually we also spotted the Dukes of Edinburgh, York and Kent. Finally, we met Her Majesty, who was very easy to talk to, although you had to be in a group of six to eight people before she would stop to chat. On the journey home I realised it had been a very special event and I had enjoyed myself.

Sue Weatherley

Reading Room - getting there?

Note the question mark - but more of that in a minute. Firstly, apologies to the Bingo players of the village, without whose presence over the years there would be no Reading Room. The absence of windows in the Room has made your pastime impossible lately. But very shortly, as Phase One of the refurbishment is completed, the windows will be installed, the redecoration finished, the

carpet put down, and the computers installed. Then we can start Phase Two!

But that question mark: we are aware that we have been running several months late, and we now fully appreciate the titanic efforts that let the London Dome open on time. Of course, the Reading Room is technically far more complex than the South Bank tent, and will be far more useful, as it quickly becomes the natural venue for all the activities that this vibrant village wants to pursue.

We held our AGM recently. It was not very well attended, but this was to be expected, as the potential of the Room has yet to be demonstrated. But fairly soon: morning coffee club, computer learning, art classes, music, chess - you name it. It's your Room. Bill Moore

If you're thinking of going out for a meal

Why not patronise one of our village hostelryes?

Youlgrave Websight

The Websight team would like to thank all those who completed the questionnaires that were sent out last year. Completed questionnaires have been analysed and, from the information gained, we have commissioned the design of a few trial pages that will be available for perusal soon. These will be on view in the window of 'The Old Bakery' and online at www.thebugle.org.uk.

We will write to those who expressed an interest in subscribing to the site with an invitation to do so and details of the cost shortly. We appreciate that businesses that rely upon visitors will need us to get the site up and running as soon as possible in order to pick up what trade might be available once the crisis subsides and we will therefore endeavour to do so quickly. We feel that this exciting new venture will be an important advertising tool both for the tourist businesses and the general services in the villages.

Should anyone need further information, they should contact Emma Youatt (tel. 636775) or Eleanor Pilkington (tel. 636871).

Reader's Letter

To all dog owners who exercise their dog on Conksbury Lane,

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE would you kindly refrain from allowing your dog to foul the pavement on Conksbury Lane. I walk with my two small sons (ages two & four) to and from school every day, only to be shouting 'watch the dirt' and trying to steer the children to avoid stepping in dirt, inevitably most days I have to clean dog muck from small shoes! A job I could well do without!

It is an offence to foul the pavements and a bin is provided for accidents! Or if you insist on allowing them to foul the lane please walk on the opposite side where there is no pavement only the road edge so pedestrians could walk freely!

Thanking you in anticipation
Lisa Hamop

Scream Blue Murder
A Murder Mystery Evening
The Strand Restaurant, Matlock
22nd June, 7.30pm
£35 per person
To book call 584444
www.screambluemurder.com

District Council Matters

My second annual report has been given to the Parish Councils and the Parish Meeting in Youlgrave ward. The two main priorities are still traffic and housing. A recent petition about car parks has raised awareness of the work of the traffic team. It might help to set out some basic principles, whilst the team collects the information necessary before a public meeting.

- Highways are for passing and re-passing. Parking cars on highways is sometimes unwelcome, even dangerous.
- There is no such thing as a free car park. If you can park a car on your own property, you have paid for it in the value of the property. If you park on a road, it is at the cost of the highway authority, and to the inconvenience and danger of other road users or frontagers. The County Council is looking into charging for parking on the highway where appropriate. This is all 'fair' and 'green'.
- The District Council has a fund to assist car parking in villages. I have 'registered' us for the coming year's budget, without prejudice.
- I share the view that there should be no net increase in car parking capacity. If the community concludes that in order to reduce on-street car parking, some replacement space is needed, then extra off-street car parking spaces might be needed. If they were, there would be planning application(s) for them, which includes, public consultation.
- There will be no decisions before a public meeting has been held.

My annual report is available on request.

John Youatt (tel. 636241
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Youlgrave WI

Several members were away for the April meeting but what we lacked in numbers was amply made up for in enthusiasm.

Our President, Mrs Easton, took us through the business meeting and reported on the happy evening of the Group Spring Meeting that was hosted by Great Longstone.

The Group Outing is on Thursday 12th July and takes us to Shrewsbury. As usual, Mrs Dorothy Jerman is organising this and is already collecting the names of persons interested in joining us. We have already booked a rain-free day.

The Derbyshire Gardeners weekend at Locko Park on 14th/15th July is another event to look forward to.

Tuesday 18th September is Group Craft Day, hosted by Ashford-in-the-Water.

From the Cookhouse Door

Caribbean Crème Brûlée

Ingredients

4 Trifle sponges; 3 fl oz strong black coffee and 3 tablespoons rum, mixed together; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb cream cheese, mixed with 1 oz chopped pecan nuts; 2 small bananas, sliced.

For the topping; 1 pot crème fraîche; brown sugar; cinnamon.

Method

Slice the trifle sponges lengthways and place four in a flameproof dish. Pour over half of the rum and coffee mix and spread half of the cream cheese and pecan mix over them. Cover with the sliced bananas, then spread the rest of the cream cheese on the remaining sponges and place them, cheese side down in the dish. Pour over the rest of the rum and coffee mixture. Spread the pot of crème fraîche over this, sprinkle well with brown sugar and shake a little cinnamon over it. Put in the fridge to set for two hours and then place under a high grill until the sugar topping is caramelised. Serve cold - with cream if you're feeling really wicked!



Yorkshire Tea is supporting WI again this year and has sent a 'goodie bag' of tea bags and a wipeable tablecloth and also a chance to gain more gifts by saving the tokens off the tea packets, so ladies, get saving!

The WI Bulb Scheme is hoping for a good response - orders to be placed with Mrs Jean Frost by the June meeting please.

Next month, on Tuesday 8th May, Stanton WI is joining us for the 'Resolution' meeting and arrangements were made for refreshments, plus ideas for entertainment!!

The speaker for the evening, Mrs L Ainsworth, took us through the A-Z of Derbyshire Personalities. I think one or two of us would have been a little 'stuck' on certain letters but Mrs Ainsworth gave a very interesting talk with slides and we all learnt something new.

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 16th Youlgrave Parish Council Annual General Meeting.
May Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.15pm.
Friday 22nd A Scream Blue Murder 'Murder Mystery Evening'.
June The Strand Restaurant, Matlock, 7.30pm. Tickets £35 available from The Strand (tel. 5844444).

Saturday 23rd Youlgrave Well Dressing Week begins with the Service of Blessing at the Church Well, 2.30pm. Teas served in Youlgrave Village Hall.

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 Kettler'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 - 11am.

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 - 11am.

Saturday Waste Collection Service

Collection Points: Outside School, 8-9.45am; Bradford, Mawstone Lane & Bridge; 9.50-10.30am and Grove Place, 1.35-11am.
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