

The Bugle

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

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The Bugle: a community effort

Since its inception four years ago The Bugle has remained a volunteer publication put together by and for the communities of Alport, Middleton and Youlgrave. None of the editorial team gets paid a penny, nor does the delivery team of around 15 who every month distribute The Bugle to over 600 households in the area. One of these is Denise Parker, who steps down this month, and to her and all the others we would like to say a huge 'thank you' for your efforts - it really is much appreciated. (And it also means that we are now seeking someone to take over delivery of The Bugle in Grove Place, so if you are interested in helping out once a month please contact me on 636125 or Ann Knowles on 636362.)

Still in an appreciative mood, I would like to thank all the sponsors of The Bugle, without whom our printing bills could not be met. Most of the annual sponsors are listed on the back page, and are deserving of your support. If you or your business would like to sponsor The Bugle annually (only £15) or for a single issue please contact either Ann or myself.



*A former incarnation of the Editorial Team
outside the Bull's Head*

Finally, The Bugle is *your* mouthpiece, so use it! Letters, opinions, articles, photographs, notices, ideas, drawings and so on - if it's about Alport, Middleton or Youlgrave then it's welcome in any shape or form. Either drop it off at Greystones Cottage on Bankside, or give it to Roger at the Post Office. Or if you don't want to write it down then simply call me instead. It's as easy as that...
Andrew McCloy

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Youlgrave School takes to water

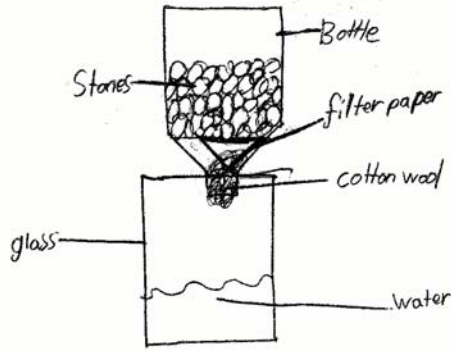
Recent science lessons for Years 3 and 4 were about water. They found out how the sun's heat turns water into vapour; how it rises and condenses to form clouds; how when the clouds becomes cold rain, snow and hail are formed; and how the water on the land runs off through streams and rivers to the sea.

The children had a water safari around the village looking for signs of water about us. As well as the river they found drains, guttering, drainpipes and puddles, a flood sign and the Fountain, and Gemma Dawson recorded its date as 1829. They put their

findings on maps of the village and drew water clues (Hannah Wilson noticed stop taps marked 'Youlgrave Water'), which showed that water can be a problem as well as a benefit and we build our homes to prevent flooding.

The school was surveyed to see where clean water comes in and dirty water goes out. Plans were drawn to show the sinks and

toilets, and Liam Ullathane also marked the radiators and the



Jamie shows how a water filter works

mentioned washing clothes, drinking water, sailing a boat, having fun in the swimming pool, a shower and a ferry ride. Hannah Wilson drew a man surfing on a giant wave.

A visit to Carsington Water showed how water is collected, stored, cleaned and then piped to the school, our homes and for work. There were diagrams of the rivers, reservoirs, pipelines and towns supplied by Severn Trent. Everyone took part in an experiment with a glass funnel, stones, cotton wool and filter paper. They poured dirty water, including soil, into the filter and saw how it came out light green in colour, but they learned it was not fit to drink since it still contained germs.

Many thanks to Mrs Wildgoose for letting us see all the interesting projects.

Mr Ryder (Mrs Ryder is unwell)

The life-saving 'Aquabox'

The March meeting of Youlgrave W.I. opened with a minute's silence in respect of Minnie Webster, a life-long member who sadly passed away recently. The speaker was Frank Lund of Wirksworth who explained all about 'The Aquabox'. A simple but brilliant idea, it consists of packages which are pre-stored for immediate despatch to disaster areas and Third World countries when safe drinking water is needed. W.I. members were asked to bring items suitable for packing in The Aquabox, which is organised by the Rotary Club. On 9 April our speaker is June Lidgate with a talk entitled 'Kaleidoscope'. Come along and enjoy it with us. K.M.B.

Youlgrave Housing Survey

Recent Peak National Park research has shown that the lack of affordable homes for young people and new families is a major concern for many Youlgrave residents. In response the Parish Council has commissioned Derbyshire Rural Housing Enabler Lauren Dempsey to produce a housing questionnaire that will profile the precise housing needs of this area. The confidential 'Housing Needs Survey' will be delivered to every household in the village within the next month or so. Look out for more details in next month's Bugle.

Bugle Letters: The development of Fountain Square

Dear Sir,

Ann Croasdell is wrong. Tourists and trippers come to Youlgrave for the attractiveness of the village and of course the surrounding countryside.

A choice of ice creams is a marginal issue. But our post office, and probably our newspaper shop, need to sell sweets and ice creams to keep going. Without these far from marginal businesses, many residents would suffer. Let's keep what we've got.

Bill Moore

Dear Sir,

If Youlgrave is to develop Main Street and Fountain Square it needs to tackle the issue of car parking. I fear this will take considerable time, effort and compromise by many people.

I hope that Thimble Hall could be used in a sensible way which would benefit the village, rather than remain derelict. Perhaps it would be useful to look at similar regeneration projects in other villages in the area, and consider how Youlgrave as a community could benefit?

Edwina Edwards



Fountain Square, drawn by Anne Croasdell (one of a range of local cards on sale in the Post Office)

The Fountain or Conduit Head is one of the most distinctive landmarks in Youlgrave. As most people will know it sits on top of a now redundant 1,500 gallon capacity water storage tank - and is not, as a visitor was once persuaded to believe, a vent for a railway tunnel that runs beneath the village! The tank was built in 1829 after a campaign led by Hannah Bowman and the 'Friendly Society of Women' who demanded a more efficient and healthier supply of water. A.M.

Fighting crime in the village

Residents and visitors alike are being urged to be on their guard after a number of recent incidents in the village. If you see anything unusual or need to report an incident dial 999 immediately, or else call Buxton on (01298) 721000. For community-based matters contact PC Iain McGregor on (01629) 762029.

If anyone is interested in Neighbourhood Watch in Youlgrave please contact Bridget Ardley on 636611, and for Middleton call Clare Sutton on 636065.

Wasted weekends for Alport

Alport is finally to have its own slot in the Saturday morning Waste Collection Service, following a prolonged campaign by Youlgrave Parish Council. The District Council has agreed that from April onwards its refuse vehicle will stop on the main road at Alport between 8-8.15am on its twice-monthly Saturday morning visit to Youlgrave. The next stop, outside Youlgrave School, will now be from 8.20-9.45am, but the remaining times and venues will stay the same. For April's dates (including Middleton) see back page.

A year in the life of our District Councillor...

John Youatt is District Councillor for Youlgrave, and here he presents his latest annual report.



The ever-youthful John Youatt

Housing: The Council transferred its 3,200 houses to Dales Housing, a not-for-profit housing company, on 4 March. (Our solicitors for this conveyance were Wright, Hassle...!) The gross value was £24m and the net receipt to the Council nearly £5m. Against my wishes, this money is not to be ring-fenced for affordable housing schemes, but is going into the general fund. However, Dales Housing will have money to build new houses and the District Council

will offer strategic advice and some social housing grants. I am pleased to report that the District-wide affordable housing study is complete, confirming the need for more affordable housing, and a survey of housing needs will be conducted in Youlgrave [see page 5 for more details]. I hope we will soon move from survey to projects, since the money is there to be bid for.

Traffic: I'm sorry it has taken so long to make real progress on the traffic and parking project. It is what people asked for most, when I canvassed three years ago, and the scheme I envisaged would make a real difference. I am glad the village meeting recently placed its trust in the Parish Council to progress it. As with housing, the money is there to be bid for. The key to success may well be to find a 'champion' or project leader to drive it forward.

Central Area Sports Centre: The contents of this £10m project was agreed at a public meeting in February and the short list is down to two sites, the old Dimple tip in Matlock or at the Whitworth. I am pleased that the Whitworth came from nowhere to number two, with my active support. I will continue to press for the Whitworth to get a fair run, and the Council will decide later in March. Either way, people in Youlgrave Ward will have reasonable access to what will no doubt be a superb sports centre. I recommend that all

Youlgrave ward parish councils and people write to DDDC to support this project as potential users, to improve the Council's chances of getting the grants from Sport England and others to build it. Meanwhile, the sports strategy also proposes more sports provision in the North Area after the Central Area, probably at Bakewell.

The Future of Farming: The Council was party to the commissioning of a report entitled 'Beyond Foot and Mouth' that will be published shortly. I have asked that the council's officers should speak to the Peak Park about its successful farm and

countryside scheme, as part of its response to the report, to make best use of environmental payments and local produce support.

District Council Elections 2003: My next and 4th annual report could be my last. Elections to the District Council take place in May 2003. I am concerned at the high average age of District Councillors, to which I make a contribution! It is very important that younger people are involved. So please all look out for or volunteer to be a candidate next year. In the Bernard Oldfield tradition, I would be pleased to support a younger person, independent and left of centre, of course!

John Youatt, District Councillor (Youlgrave), tel. 01629 636241, email john.youatt@ntlworld.com.

Tea Dance drums up support

Don't forget that the re-arranged African Tea Dance takes place on Saturday 13 April, 2-5pm, in the Village Hall. Come and play genuine African drums, dance, chat, share letters and photos from Bangbutt, enjoy tea and cakes and join in the raffle. It's an event for everyone! Tickets cost £2 for adults and £1 for children, and are available in advance from Barbara (tel. 636601) or on the door.

Sites of Meaning begin to take shape



Sites of Meaning, Middleton's Community Arts Project, now has three stones installed. The first, *Time you old gypsy*. . . on a stone in the lay-by at Arbor Low, (grid ref. 165639), you'll have read about in the Bugle last year. Gateposts were installed south of Long Rake Spar on the Friden to Haddon road (GR 186638) bearing the farmers' saying, *Live as if you'll die tomorrow, Farm as if you'll live forever*, chosen by John Warren. The latest addition is a stone inscribed with a phrase in Latin as suggested by Michael Colin where the path of the Roman road crosses Green Lane (GR 165623). Above is a photograph of this stone and we invite Latin Scholars to attempt a translation. Please send entries to sitesofmeaning@hotmail.com.

Among the six stones planned this year is a residency, with artist Amanda Wray completing a stone in the village during May and June. Amanda will be holding organised workshops with students from schools and colleges, and members of the public are warmly invited to come along

and talk to her about her work. The stone will include the inscription, *To see a world in a grain of sand and a heaven in a wild flower, hold infinity in the palm of your hand, and eternity in an hour* from *Auguries of Innocence* by William Blake, as suggested by Simon Gallacher.

Sculptor Valerie Coffin-Price came to the village last month to carve the stone for the site at the bottom of Lowfield Farm drive (GR 202626). This stone is in the open shed in the playground and will be sited in the stream once the surrounding land dries sufficiently. The text, *The peace of running water to you*, is taken from a Celtic Benediction and was chosen by Simon Bristor of Lowfield Farm. Full details of the project and current sites are available at www.sitesofmeaning.co.uk.

The Sites of Meaning team is very grateful to its funders: Derbyshire Dales District Council; Shell Better Britain Campaign; WREN; Leader II; RALP; Middleton Video Project; Awards for All; and St Anselms.

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Why a right to roam is a wrong step

Youlgrave resident and Lady Manners student Emily Goodwin believes that the Government's new access legislation is mistaken and unnecessary. Here, in an abridged version of her recent A-Level paper, she explains why.

The countryside of England is uniquely popular. Its rich tapestry is as fine and varied as any in the world, from historic villages in gentle rolling farmland, to open majestic mountains; from ancient woodlands and sweeping river valleys to the dramatic cliffs and golden sands of the coast. Generations of farmers have helped to shape the landscape, and farming and forestry continue today to be important activities upon which many depend for their livelihood.

The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 means that the public will have new access rights to walk on land for the purposes of outdoor recreation. Maps showing land consisting wholly or predominantly of mountain, moor, heath and down are being compiled by the Countryside Agency. A draft map was produced for our area last year and changes to the draft map are now being made in light of information received from public consultation. The amended map will be issued as a provisional map in June 2002. Landowners can appeal against inclusion/exclusion of their land on the provisional map, and following appeals a conclusive map will be issued in January 2003.

However is it really necessary to expand upon the existing network of rights of way, currently over 105,000 miles in England alone? Could the new access rights be considered as a plea from the government to attract more votes? Politicians are forever saying, "the countryside is a wonderful place", but they seem to be forgetting that it is the countryman and the farmer who have made the countryside what it is today. The running of the countryside should be left to the people who know what they are doing, who are not influenced by the government or a mere number of votes at an election. It would seem we can't even trust our own Peak Park who would appear to be acting as puppets who are having their strings pulled by central government!

The entire system of the Peak Park would appear to be in shambles. It is simply made up of the different qualities of two types of people; university graduates, who have lived all their lives in urban areas, know the difference between an oak and an ash tree because they have seen it in a textbook and will back political judgements instead of the qualities of rural life and tradition. The second being the retired businessman from the inner cities and urban life, who know very little about the countryside in their care but find the rural area a very attractive place to retire in! Whatever the qualities of these people, they certainly aren't ones that appear to be the most important, 'the ability to listen, understand and reconsolidate with farmers and local people.'

Ramblers can't keep to the simple country code already in practice, for example keeping dogs on leads. This is evident on the River Bradford from Alport to Youlgrave. The footpath goes through private land and despite signs reminding the ramblers to keep their dogs on a lead their animals roam on both sides of the path, on one of which is the River Bradford. The water vole was extinct here, until about two years ago when they began to return. The Peak Park however, in another attempt to attract more unwanted visitors decided it would be a good idea to put up signs *informing* ramblers of the return of water voles. This has had the adverse effect of ramblers seeking out the voles and allowing their dogs to swim in the river, thus the voles are beginning to disappear again, although mysteriously so are the signs!

Finally, although foot and mouth had a disastrous affect on agriculture, the Peak District saw an increase in wildlife. Rare birds that haven't been seen for over 20 years have been sighted and have made their habitats in these areas again. But will the new and expected increase in people roaming unnecessarily mean we will now lose these species for good?



The village noticeboard

Youlgrave Parish Council are seeking a handyman/odd job person following the retirement of Dougie Oldfield. For more years than he probably cares to remember Dougie has maintained the village bus shelter, benches, car parks, toilets and so on, as well as cutting the grass in the churchyard, and the Parish Council have expressed their enormous gratitude to Dougie for his dedication and hard work. If you want to know more about the position and rate of pay contact Ingrid Newman on 636084.

Two vacancies still exist at Youlgrave Youth Hostel for part-time assistants. Both are temporary positions, starting immediately and expecting to finish on 1 Nov 2002. For more details contact Debby at Youlgrave Youth Hostel, Fountain Square, tel. 636518, email youlgreave@yha.org.uk.

Meals on Wheels are in desperate need for more volunteers (drivers and helpers) to help deliver Meals on Wheels in the Youlgrave area. Deliveries are made on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and take about one and a half hours. If you think you can help please contact Bridget Ardley on 636611.

Christian Aid: a coffee morning is being held on Saturday 4 May at the home of Mrs D. Oldfield, Coldwell End. It starts at 10.45am and will feature bric a brac, books, jumble, cakes, etc. Proceeds to Christian Aid. Everyone welcome.

Date for your diary: a children's disco is planned for Friday 31 May to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee in Youlgrave (more details in May's Bugle). It's being funded by Youlgrave Parish Council, who are also paying for commemorative coins to be presented to the children at Youlgrave School.

How much do you know about mangles? A reader has expressed a deep and abiding interest in mangles, and wonders if there are others who share his enthusiasm. In particular, he is trying to trace a 1907 self-standing model, made by Brown and Stevens of Oldham. It has wooden rollers, which, unusually for this period, are covered in rubber. If anyone has any information, or would like to help form a Mangle Appreciation and Research Society, please contact The Bugle and we'll pass on your details.

Watercress soup - healthy and bold?

Watercress is rich in Vitamins A and C, as well as calcium and iodine. A single 1oz (28g) serving provides over half the recommended daily amount of Vitamin C, while containing just four calories! Historically watercress has been eaten by Roman Emperors who believed that it helped them make bold decisions, while the Anglo-Saxons used a watercress potage to spring-clean the blood. The Victorians considered the plant a cure for toothache, hiccups and even freckles, and in the 1800s watercress sandwiches were a part of the daily diet of London workmen.



Ingredients: 2x 3oz (2 x 75g) packs or bunches of watercress, well washed and drained; 1 oz (25g) butter; 1 onion, chopped; 8 oz (225g) potato, diced; 1 pt (600 ml) chicken stock; salt and pepper to taste; 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg; 1/4 pt (150 ml) milk; 2 tbsp single cream (optional).

Method: 1. Gently fry the onion in the butter until soft. 2. Add potato and watercress, cook for a further 2-3 minutes. 3. Add stock and seasoning, cover and simmer gently for 20 minutes or until potato is soft. 4. Liquidise soup until smooth. 5. Stir in milk and cream, garnish and serve.

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Regular Events

Tuesdays	Drop-in Morning. Reading Room, 10am-12.15pm. Newspapers, cards, Scrabble, gossip, tea, coffee, biscuits. Everyone welcome.
Tuesdays	Yoga with Iris Pimm (tel. 636341). Greenfields Farm Barn, 7pm.
Tuesdays & Wednesdays	Youlgrave Playschool, Scout & Community Hall, 9.15-11.45am. Contact Helen for details (tel. 636974).
Wednesdays	Beginners Yoga with Iris Pimm, 7pm (see above).
Wednesdays	Diane Kettle's life drawing classes. Middleton Village Hall, 7.30pm.
Wednesdays	'Eyes down' for Bingo, Reading Room, 7.30pm.
Thursdays	Beginners Yoga with Iris Pimm, 7pm.
Fridays	Yoga with Iris Pimm, 9.30am.
Fridays	Parent and Toddlers Group, Youlgrave Village Hall, 9.30-11.30am. Contact Emma Wardle (tel. 636265).
Fridays	Gentle Yoga, Scout and Community Hall, 3.30pm.
2nd Tues	Youlgrave WI meetings, Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm.
4th Wed	Confidential Advice Sessions with Matlock & District Citizens Advice Bureau, Youlgrave Medical Centre, 9.30am-12.30pm. <i>By appointment only.</i> Call 636207.
2nd Friday	Mobile Police Station parked at top of Holywell Lane, 12.30-4pm. Free advice and information.

Forthcoming Events

Sat 6 April	Waste Collection: The Square, Middleton by Youlgrave (10-11am)
Sat 13 April	Waste Collection: Alport (8-8.15am), Youlgrave School (8.20-9.45am), Bradford, Mawstone Lane & bridge (9.50-10.30am), Grove Place (10.35-11am).
Sat 13 April	African Tea Dance (2-5pm), Village Hall. Play genuine African drums and learn about Youlgrave's Village Link with Bangbutt. Refreshments available. £2 adults, £1 children.
Sat 27 April	Waste Collection: Alport (8-8.15am), Youlgrave School (8.20-9.45am), Bradford, Mawstone Lane & bridge (9.50-10.30am), Grove Place (10.35-11am).

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