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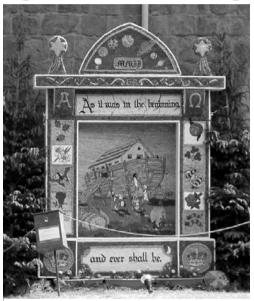
# Sun shines on village welldressing

Welldressing is commonly thought to have originated in Celtic times as a pagan ceremony giving thanks for the continuing supply of water. It clearly works in Youlgrave, because more often than not it seems to pour down at some point during the festivities. However, this year, despite some ominous predictions, Saturday's Blessing of the Wells was conducted in bright sunshine, encouraging the customary large crowds of sightseers who came to appreciate the intricate and colourful works of art. Congratulations to all the welldressers for yet another wonderful series of designs.

Middleton's welldressing was also hugely successful, as Emma's report and photos inside this issue demonstrates. Of course it was also tied in with the Jubilee celebrations, and our thanks go to Pat Cleaver for sharing with us her photograph of the special presentation at Youlgrave Primary School.

The Bugle editorial team would also like to welcome back Margaret Ryder, who together with her husband Peter continue to bring us all the news and creative outpourings from the pupils at Youlgrave Primary School. Many thanks to you both.

The Bugle is taking its customary holiday over August, and will be back refreshed and



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raring to go in September. So in the mean time don't forget to keep sending in your ideas and articles, letters and photos, to the address at the bottom of this page, or hand them in to Roger at the Post Office. **Andrew McCloy** 

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Peak Feast, The Workshop, Moor Lane, Youlgrave

## Schoolchildren dance around the maypole

Villagers who went to the Vicarage Garden Party saw a display of Maypole Dancing by children from Youlgrave Primary School. Four girls from Year 6 have told us about it.

Lucianne Marshall explains how they became skilful: "Every Tuesday for five to six weeks 17 children practiced maypole dancing after school. On 8 June we went to the vicarage and danced from a quarter to three to half past." Emma Fraser-Smith says: "There were eight leaders and eight followers. The ribbon colours were red, blue, green, and yellow. There were matching skirts for all (except the two boys). This was the order for the garden party: Barber's Pole, Single Plait, Spider's Web (leaders first), Single Plait and then Spider's Web (followers first)," Katie-Louise Mather recalls, "When we were half-way through the Barber's Pole one girl's ribbon came off the pole. Mr Snow put it back on and we went straight into the Single Plait." Laura Wilson ends: "Years 4. 5 and 6 were involved in the dancing. The Single Plait was very pretty. At the end people said 'Well done!"

Four boys wrote about the Bakewell Football Tournament. **Rodel Besana-Bacon**, who was in the 'A' team, describes the scene: "It was a cold

Saturday morning and perfect for a game of football. Our first match was against Stoney Middleton and our second against Monvash. which we lost 0-1." Craig Dawson disagrees about the weather: "On Saturday 18 May it was a rainy morning but all right for playing football. My position was left forward for the 'A' team. I scored six goals. In the game against Stoney Middleton we won 3-0." The team was Edward, Rodel, David, Marcus, Carl, Alex, Stephen, Anthony and me." Marcus Johnson writes: "I was centremidfield for the 'A' team. I travelled with Richard Jenkins, the manager. Our first game was against Stoney Middleton, we won 3-0, the goal scorers were Alex, Carl and me. We got through to the final and lost 0-1 to Baslow." Mark Poole writes: "One Saturday morning in May my Mum and Dad gave me a lift to Bakewell. I was playing in the Bakewell Tournament for Youlgrave B team. All the matches were very exciting."

We have now heard from all members of year 6 who move to Lady Manners School next term. Our best wishes to you all. Finally, I would like to thank Mr Snow and my husband who have kept the school page going during my illness.

Mrs Ryder

## Silver Band continues to hit the right note

Once again, Youlgrave Silver Band led the annual Welldressing procession. The weather was fine and the crowds were large, and the Band was in good form and mustered 24 players. Our thanks to those players from other bands who came to help, from Bakewell, Darlev Dale, and Hollinsclough Bands, plus Pennine Brass, Huddersfield. They provided the unusual luxury of a soprano-cornet, which gives a sparkling topline to the sound. The marches played were 'Slaidburn', 'True & Trusty', 'The Chieftain' and 'The New Recruit'. The latter piece was very appropriate, as our two young players Philippa Hancock and Samantha Shimwell were playing in the procession for the first time. Well done, girls!

It's very hard work playing and marching, especially up the hill to Coldwell End. People listening don't realise how difficult it is playing the

instrument, breathing, reading the music just in front of your eyes, marching in step, and looking where you're going - all at the same time. The music for each instrument can include countermelodies and cross-rhythms, and the only quide we have to the tempo and start/stop is the beat of the big drum, ably played again by our conductor John Roper. The problems are not helped by uneven road surfaces, hot weather, rain. little kids running alongside, grown-ups walking alongside and shouting and cars parked in awkward places (although this is not confined to welldressing time!). Three of Youlgrave Band's older players gave up marching a few years ago and others are beginning to feel their age. Without outside help we may be unable to march in future, so more able-bodied players please contact Youlgrave Band Hon. Sec. Peter Knowles, tel. 636362.

# **Special Jubilee memories for all ages**

To mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee all the children at Youlgrave Primary School were presented with special commemorative spoons, paid for by the Parish Council.

A number of people from Youlgrave have also been invited to meet the Queen this summer. She will be attending a special event at Derby's Pride Park on 1 August, where Youlgrave welldressers will be showing off their skills. Five Youlgrave Guides and one Brownie (plus two guiders) have also been selected to take part in a parade on the same day.

Meanwhile another Youlgrave resident, Tessa Brough, has been invited to an official Garden Party at Buckingham Palace with Her Majesty — because she was born on 6 February 1952, the day that King George VI



#### Brookleton Jubilee Barbecue

The residents of Brookleton, family and friends would like to say a big thank you to Martin and Debby for the use of their garden, house and amenities for the Jubilee B-B-Q. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. Also our thanks go the chef of the evening, Mick, for his hard work.

died and the present Queen came to the throne (her actual Coronation was of course the following year in 1953). Tessa, one of the so-called 'Accession Babies', said that she was surprised but delighted to be going on 9 July. Her official invitation to the function, which will be held in the garden behind Buckingham Palace, stipulates quite clearly what she should wear: 'Day dress with hat or uniform (no medals or chains of Office). National Dress may be worn.'

We hope Tessa and all the other Youlgrave residents have an enjoyable time, and look forward to reporting on their experiences in a future issue.

## Parents told to belt up - even on the shortest journeys

Concerns have been expressed that some parents taking their children to Youlgrave Primary School by car are not making them use seat belts.

A large number of accidents, including death and serious injuries, are caused each year by children not wearing seat belts in cars, and the daily drive to school has been shown to be one of the most potentially dangerous situations - however short the journey. Drivers are liable to prosecution if a child under 14 is not wearing a seat belt, regardless of whether they are in the back or front seat. You must not carry an unrestrained child in the front seat of a vehicle under any circumstances; and children under three must be carried in the appropriate child restraint (not an adult belt).

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Ready meals, our own recipes

## **Golden Celebrations in Middleton**



Middleton Village Market enioved the best weather that the Bank Holiday could offer. The Market raises money for the Parish funds, this year totalling over £1000. A real credit to Joan Mallaband and team.

The Welldressing was designed by Karen Woods, with Soldiers drawn by Bertie and Hugo Maher, children of the parish. The well's collection box raised £140 for the playground.

The current Welldressing team

has announced its retirement this year but hopefully new leaders



will come forward to continue tradition, with advice from the experts, where wanted.

Pictured here are Jamie Wigley, Mark Poole and Alex Henderson doing a stint dressing the arrows that are normally completed during the week but this vear made a popular demonstration piece.

(or so we were told) put in an appearance, on this very busy day. pictured here awarding a raffle prize to Graham Brocklehurst.

Her Majesty the Queen

## **Rocking into the Night**

'Middleton Rocks' was a resounding success. Fat Fish gave the usual high standard performance, supported by Matlock duo, Capers.

Thanks go to Phil Wildbore for sponsoring the event, and to Jill Tait. Pat Warren and the 'Barbie Girls' for their considerable efforts.

An impressive £230 was raised for the



playground equipment fund, topped up by a contribution of £50 by Mark at the Bulls Head from the bar takings.

I'm prejudiced, but I don't think you could find a much better backdrop! ELY

# When is a RAT not a RAT? When it's a WATER VOLE

Our River Bradford is attractive to plants, fish, shellfish and animals, as well as people. Two animals which use the river and that are easily confused are brown rats (also known as common rats) and water rats — the latter properly called water voles.

health and that we can catch Weill's disease from their urine. Rats go to the river because they are attracted to food left out, for example, for ducks, and for the chance of killing and eating ducklings. It's natural that we want to be rid of them, and as vermin to hunt them.

But water voles also live in our river, which is after all their natural habitat. They are harmless creatures, living in burrows by the river, eating grass, sedges, rushes and waterside plants. Water voles are scarce and becoming rare in parts of the country where

suitable food and river banks disappear. Domestic cats and escaped American Mink find them easy and desirable prev. We are lucky to be able to go down to the River Bradford with a good chance of seeing one.

We all want rats controlled, but many fear We all know rats are dangerous to our water voles are killed by mistake. Since water voles sit out in the open chewing grass and watching you, they are easier targets than rats who hide if they see or hear people. Water voles are protected by law and it is an offence to disturb or kill them. To help avoid confusion Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, which is running a special project to protect and encourage the return of water voles, has given us these two illustrations for comparison.

> So when you next go down to the river try to remember which is which!

> > Peter Ryder

## Water Vole . . . ?

- > Rounded body
- > Blunt face
- > Small ears
- > Hairy tail

### Or Brown Rat?



- > Longer body
- > Sharper face
- > Large ears
- > Bald tail

The water vole, or water rat, is better known to generations of children as Ratty from 'The Wind in the Willows'. On a national scale nearly 90% have disappeared in the last seven years, and there is a concerted campaign to save what is Britain's largest vole from extinction. Derbyshire Wildlife Trust is recording sightings of water voles to find out where they live and breed. If you want to know more, and how you can help, contact Philip Precey, 'Water for Wildlife' Project Officer, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, East Mill, Bridgefoot, Belper, DE56 1XH. Also see www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk

Some lines stocked at Holland's Butchers

# **Sites of Meaning**

On Friday 14 July, Sites of Meaning held its first educational visits showing the work of Amanda Wray to students from Chesterfield College and pupils from Youlgrave CE Primary School. Amanda is completing a stone for site eight, on the Gratton to Middleton road near Smerrill Grange farm.



Pictured right are Mr Snow and his class as they file into the playground. Louise Percival is pictured below as she, like her classmates, gets some handson experience of stone carving.





As well as having a strong design, Amanda was selected from over 20 applicants for the position because of her experience working with the public, especially children. Pictured above is the group from the Arts Foundation course at Chesterfield. Amanda also coped well with an unexpected group of thirty plus pupils from a Nottingham school (left), who had only stopped in Middleton to use the loos!

As a follow-up to their outing, Amanda visited Youlgrave School to carry out three afternoon sessions with the children. In groups of six, the children produced sculptures based on Guide Stoops, with arrows or hands pointing from school to their houses with their names underneath.

You can keep up-to-date with the progress of the residency stone, and Sites of Meaning at www.sitesofmeaning.co.uk. The project is sponsored by Awards for All, CPRE, Derbyshire Dales District Council, East Midlands Arts, Leader II, Shell Better Britain Campaign, St Anselm's School and WREN. *ELY* 

## The village noticeboard

The Bugle welcomes Patrick McLoughlin, MP for West Derbyshire, as its latest annual sponsor. He can be contacted at the House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA, or email mcloughlin@parliament.uk. His local telephone number is 01332 558125.

Youlgrave Waterworks is urging all residents who have not paid their bills to settle up as soon as possible. September's collection date remains unchanged.

BILL MOORE TO ADD FURTHER DETAILS?

Free computer classes for beginners in the Reading Room (see village notice boards). Ring 813747 to reserve a place.

Youlgrave Methodist Church: Saturday 20 July, 10.30am, there will be a coffee morning at the home of Mr A. Wragg, Coldwell End, Youlgrave. Youlgrave Silver Band will also be holding a concert on Saturday 5 October in the Methodist Church, starting at 7.30pm.

# "And did those feet in ancient times..."

The June meeting of Youlgrave W.I. opened with the singing of Jerusalem, and though our numbers were somewhat depleted due to holidays it didn't sound too bad! There has been plenty going on since the last report. The Group Meeting, which we hosted, went very well and was enjoyed by all. The breakfast for the birdwatchers was a great success and much appreciated, as was the Biggin walk, plus the weather was good and the orchids really lovely. The experiment with the Group Resolution Meeting at Great Longstone went very well, but it was felt that the attendance could have been better.

The Jubilee Tea Party at the Garden House was a great success, although it rained and we had to stay indoors. The speaker for this month's meeting was Heather Vickers who had us all making corn dollies. The Group Outing to Stamford, organised by Dorothy Jerman, is 5 July, and we have a Danish evening with Lisa Marples. Come and enjoy it with us. *K.M.B.* 

#### New faces in Youlgrave

Youlgrave welcomes the new owner of **Roses Newsagent,** Tony Carter, who has moved to Youlgrave from Southampton. He has been a regular visitor to the village for some time, and previously worked in the Information Technology Department of Hampshire County Council. Tony has already moved in to the small flat above the shop. He says newspaper delivery will continue to be a high priority, and he thanks Janice, Tom and Kirsty for their ongoing help and support.

There are also new tenants at the Farmvard Inn. after the Nottingham brewery Kimberley bought the property last month. Sean and Joanne Healey formerly ran the Church Inn at Churchtown, Darley Dale, and now the heady delights of Kimberley Best Bitter and Kimberley Classic will be available in Youlgrave. Good home-cooked food will continue to be served in the bar as well as the restaurant, plus a new pool table has been installed in the small front room. Sheffield-born Sean says that they've no plans for any big changes at present. "It will be the same as before — just more of it!" However, one particularly welcome development is that their 4year-old son, George, is joining Youlgrave School. Best wishes to you all!

## \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* T'ai Chi at the Village Hall

 ★ T'ai Chi at the Village Haii
★ We're starting to look ahead to our programme been some exciting developments! The T'ai Chi evening class will begin on Wednesday 18 September, so watch out for further details on & ★ posters advertising all the evening classes ★ beginning that week. Our second bit of good \* news is that with the help of Dorothy Sandal, 🌣 I've found someone very keen to get a Tea 🗸 ♣ Dance afternoon going. Initially it would be ♣ book out for details nearer the time. Finally, I've asked a small group of people to get their heads together to think of other activities or  $\frac{\pi}{\lambda}$ 🙀 functions that might appeal to folk. If you have 🙀 ★ any ideas or want to be involved please ask ★ anyone on the committee. A.C.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS						
Throughout July July-August	y Sites of Meaning 'Sculptor in Residence', Middleton Playground.					
, ,	Hopefully lots of sunshine and blue skies - enjoy the Summer!					
Sat 13 July	Waste Collection: The Square, Middleton by Youlgrave, 10-11am Note: there is no Waste Collection for Middleton in August.	,				
Sat 13 & 27 July	y 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 10 & 24 Aug	y 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).	(				
Sun 25 Aug	A 'Moody and Sankey' Songs of Praise, All Saints Church, 6.30pm.	ĺ				

#### **REGULAR EVENTS**

Weekend of meetings and

Youlgrave Bible Convention.

13-15 Sept

events.

Tuesdays	Drop-in Morning. Reading Room, 10am-12pm.
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	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 Mon	Mobile Library, Greenfields Farm, 9.30; Alport, 9.45am; Abbeyfield, 10am; Bradford, 10.20am; Rock Farm, Middleton, 10.40am.
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.
2nd Thurs	Mobile Library, Grove Place, 2 – 4.30pm Holywell Lane 5 – 6.30pm.
2nd Friday	Mobile Police Station, top of Holywell Lane, 12.30-4pm.
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