A tale of two car parks

The public car park at the top of Moor Lane is run by the Peak National Park on a pay and display basis. It’s a small and discreet site, with some picnic benches nearby, and designed primarily for visiting walkers and tourists, since it’s well away from the nearest houses and directly on the Limestone Way footpath that runs between the lovely dales of the Bradford and the Lathkill.

However, the car park is becoming increasingly shunned as visitors choose to leave their vehicles outside the car park on the edge of the lane to avoid paying the charges. I understand that on one particular Sunday in November there were as many as a dozen cars scattered about the lane and none in the car park! The same tends to happen with the official pay and display car park at Over Haddon, as visitors realise that they can save over two quid by simply parking on a verge (or outside someone’s house) and not in the adjacent car park. But the Peak National Park, in its infinite wisdom, is now planning to put their charges up again (to 70p for one hour or £2.70 for a whole day), which will surely encourage even more parking in the lane?

Meanwhile, Youlgrave Parish Council’s car park at Coldwell End is consistently well-used, and according to local residents it attracts some of the car-bound visitors who baulk at paying the Moor Lane charges. It has toilet facilities, a toddlers’ playground and litter bin — and, of course, it’s FREE to use.

Furthermore, Youlgrave Parish Council has recently received a small and entirely unsolicited cheque from a rambling club in Derby. They say their members regularly use the Coldwell End car park as a base for their walks, and they wanted to show their thanks by contributing towards its upkeep.

Perhaps the Peak National Park should realise that the parking problem will not be solved by simply upping car park charges. What goes for the centre of Bakewell doesn’t necessarily go for an out-of-the-way rural location. But the National Park learn from a parish council? Now there’s a thought to make the planners tremble…!

Andrew McCloy, Editor

The next issue of the Bugle will be in February 2003, so please send your letters, notices and articles to me by 15 January. In the meantime, from everyone at the Bugle have an enjoyable and peaceful festive season.
**Bugle letters: Blue boxes “too dangerous” to collect!**

Dear Editor,

Re: Blue boxes and newspaper collection. Our blue box (actually we had two left) complete with bottles, and together with a refuse sack full of newspapers which were clearly marked ‘papers for recycling’, sat outside in the normal place for rubbish collection. Over three weeks went by and there with the contents it remained, plus the odd crisp packet and drinks can which had been added during this period.

On 29 October I phoned the Refuse Collection Department in Matlock and was told they would speak to the contractors and get the box emptied, together with a refuse sack of newspapers.

Alas another week went by, so on 5 November I phoned the Refuse Collection Department again. I was told that the contractors could not get their vehicle down Stoney sides to collect the boxes or newspapers. I explained that the refuse vehicle manages to get outside our cottage each Monday for normal refuse collection, and I was told my comments would be passed on to the contractor. The lady I spoke to said that “the vehicles used for the collection of the boxes, etc, may be bigger than the normal refuse vehicle used and that could be the problem”.

Why didn’t Derbyshire Dales District Council employ a contractor with various sizes and types of vehicles to cover the villages they serve to overcome this sort of problem? How much money has been wasted purchasing blue boxes that cannot be used, not only in this village but many villages throughout the Peak Park and Derbyshire - well done Derbyshire Dales District Council?

Dawn V Bannister
Daisybank Cottage, Stoney sides, Youlgrave

**Aurora borealis seen above Youlgrave**

Dear Editor,

I wonder how many of the older generation in the village can remember when the Northern Lights, the aurora borealis, were seen above Youlgrave?

It must have been winter 1932 or ‘33. There was snow and a hard frost and we were sledging down the Back Lane. Suddenly the sky was full of violet, green and other colours. It was a fantastic display, and the only time I have ever seen them.

Jack Wheeloen
Higham, Kent

**Christmas word games at the School**

The older children were busy rehearsing carols, but three found time to share their ideas of Christmas.


Mrs Ryder

**Dates for your diary**

Tuesday 10 December: Christmas Service, All Saints Church, 2pm
Wednesday 11 December: Christmas Service, All Saints Church, 7pm
Friday 20 December: Carols around the Tree, All Saints Church, 2.30pm

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**Recommended Christmas Last Posting Dates:**

**Last Posting First Class Saturday 21 December**
Parish Council seeks a level playing field
Youlgrave Parish Council, which has had to step in to safeguard the pavilion, appeals to Youlgrave Cricket Club to play fair.

Memorial Candles in Youlgrave Church
Memorial candles will be used in All Saints church again this year. If you wish to buy one, there will be a list on the table in church for you to order your candle, or just tick your name if you are on the list and would like the same details as last year. Candles cost 50p each. Please give your money to Barbara Scrivener, Rev. Ossie Post or one of the churchwardens. If you wish to take it home after Christmas Day please feel free to do.

CRIB SERVICE 24 DECEMBER, 5pm, ALL SAINTS CHURCH.
If you haven't already come to this event in the past, try it this year. It is a ‘live’ crib service, with a real donkey, sheep, dog, and not forgetting a real baby! And of course live music! Take part as well if you wish. Come dressed up or just ready to take part as a shepherd, king, or an angel (costumes for angels available in church). No words to learn. The service lasts about 35-40 minutes and is lit by candlelight.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
On behalf of the many needy children in Eastern Europe, many thanks to all those who carefully prepared and filled their shoeboxes with all sorts of exciting goodies. The worst part of the job was covering the shoeboxes! As many as 47 were collected by Sunday 17 November, which was a great response. Last year we collected about 9!

BANGBUTT UPDATE
On the 14 November our box of 200 exercises books, rulers, & pencils left Felixstowe on the Clementine Maersk ship, bound for Freetown. It is due there on 28 November and will be collected by our helpful friend at Action Aid, Lynn Conteh. She will look after it until Mr Tarawalie can reach Freetown from Bangbutt, 100 miles away. So please keep the £1 coins rolling into the collecting tins round the village! We have to try and raise £200. Thanks, in anticipation, for your help.

Barbara Scrivener
Granby House resident Cherry Cockayne recollects her first Christmas as a student nurse in Derby, and why at 91 life is busier than ever. By Andrew McClay

Cherry Cockayne was born at Marchington near Uttoxeter in 1912, three months after the Titanic sank. At 19 she became a student nurse at Derby City Hospital (now Derby General), two years after it opened, she remembers her Christmas at the hospital.

"I was called at 4.30am and went with my colleagues on a frosty starlit morning from the nurses' home to the back door of the hospital. In the staff dining room the junior nurses poured tea from large enamel tea pots, and we had to make sure to serve the senior nurses first. They had been fitting coloured paper lanterns, each holding a candle, on to long bamboo canes. In order of priority we then proceeded down the main corridor. The only sound was the swish of our long, heavily-starched aprons. At each ward we sang a verse of two carols, but as we started to sing in the maternity ward the first infant started to cry, and by the time we finished all the babies were yelling their heads off!"

Church attendance was compulsory on Christmas Day, but with no chapel at the hospital Cherry and the other nurses had to go to St Werbeugh's Church (since deconsecrated) in the city centre. Back at the hospital they sang a couple of carols outside Matron's quarters — and they made sure they got the words right. "Matron was a large, powerfully-built woman," remembers Cherry. "She was quite awesome in uniform, but on Christmas morning she sat up in bed wearing a pink satin and lace boudoir cap."

When the nurses came off duty they changed into their party dresses for dinner, which was presided over by Matron. "It was a subdued affair," says Cherry. "Matron could never relax, not even for a single day. She rose to propose the Loyal Toast — in water, of course, since alcohol was not allowed. You never messed with Matron. She was a real battleaxe and ruled with an iron rod. What she said went, and as it was a time of high unemployment we all wanted to keep our jobs, of course."

Following the dinner on Christmas Day, Cherry and the nurses put on a concert of sketches and songs for the patients, with Matron and senior staff sitting in the front row. Then afterwards took the patients back to the wards and cleared up. "Finally, in small, tired groups, we returned to the nurses' home. Presents and cards would have to wait. It was midnight and we would be called at 6.30am for another day on duty."

Cherry qualified as a nurse and stayed at Derby until 1932, then moved to Selly Oak in Birmingham. She left the profession in 1941 to marry, and after moving to the south of England for a while they returned north before she and her husband moved to Youlgrave in the 1990s. After her husband died Cherry moved to Granby House on Alport Lane, but at 91 she says she is as busy as ever. She's a regular at the Darby & Joan club in the Village Hall, takes part in Wednesday evening's bingo groups, and we returned to the nurses' home."

Last Posting Western Europe Saturday 14 December
Last Posting Eastern Europe Tuesday 10 December
Preparing for a flood

For most villagers in Youlgrave and Middleton the threat of flooding is usually confined to burst pipes or overflowing baths, but for those in Alport and the bottom of Youlgrave’s Bradford Road the threat of inundation from the river is a genuine concern. So how do you guard against flooding, and what do you do if it happens? Andrew McCloy reports.

The Environment Agency is the government body that is responsible for day-to-day flood defence. Their telephone information and advice line is called FLOODLINE: 0845 988 1188. In the event of a local emergency Derbyshire County Council’s Flood Contingency Plan comes into action, and they will coordinate the emergency services, arrange necessary evacuations, and direct appropriate resources (for instance, 38,000 sandbags were distributed in Derbyshire during the floods of November 2000).

According to the Environment Agency’s research those living on a flood plain are more at risk from a flood than they are from a house fire, and with changing weather patterns flooding is becoming more of a problem in Britain. Autumn 2000 was the wettest in 270 years, and 700 separate locations were flooded. The Agency estimates that over 2 million homes are at serious risk, and their website includes maps of those areas most affected.

Protecting your home

There are a number of ways in which you can reduce the potential damage caused to your home or business if flooding occurs:

- Make sure you have flood boards (usually plastic or metal) or sandbags to hand
- Check you know how to turn off your gas, electricity and water at the mains
- Keep valuable or sentimental belongings above water level (preferably upstairs)
- If you have home insurance check to see if it covers you for flood damage.

A free booklet called ‘Preparing for Floods’ is available from the Environment Agency, and it also gives detailed advice if you are planning building and decorating work and what flood resistant materials and methods to use - for instance, choose treated solid timber skirting boards, raise electrical sockets, choose stone or tile floors over carpets, and so on. For your free copy call the Floodline number (see below).

If you are flooded

Most household insurance policies provide cover in respect of flood, and under commercial policies flood cover is normally provided as an option as additional premium. So if you live within flooding distance of the Rivers Bradford and Lathkill make sure you check your insurance cover before it is too late!

For more details call the FLOODLINE on 0845 988 1188 or see www.environment-agency.gov.uk. If you need a supply of sandbags during a flooding emergency call Derbyshire County Council on 01629 585394, or out of office hours call the Police and ask for the Central Incident Control Room.

Preparing for a flood

Before and after: Jack Goodwin’s charity shave

The River Lathkill in flood below Conksbury

The Bugle is looking for original drawings, sketches and line illustrations for future issues — all contributions welcome, large or small, whatever the theme and as often as you wish. Although there’s no payment, you will reach an audience of 1,000 every month, and earn the undying gratitude of the editorial team. Please submit material to the address on the front page, or contact the Editor for more details.

Vandals strike again

The public toilets on the Alport Lane playing fields have been vandalised yet again. Recent damage has included:

- Toilet seat destroyed
- Loo roll holder ripped off
- Disabled arms broken
- Guttering pulled down.

Over the last three years Youlgrave Parish Council has spent £377 on repairs to the toilets (plus £170 to repair the Coldwell End toilets). This money comes from the council’s limited budget — which in effect means it is YOUR money and YOU are paying for it. So next time you see or hear of any suspicious activity please contact the police immediately.

Are there any cartoonists or illustrators out there?!
Youlgrave Panto promises to be a magical affair

Two months into rehearsals already — oh yes it is! — and the 33 members of the cast are working hard on this year's production: ‘Aladdin’. The chorus of 24, for 12 of whom this will be their first appearance in a Youlgrave Pantomime, are caught up in learning songs, dance routines, acting classes and trying on as many colourful costumes which are such a feature of our pantomimes.

A concert at All Saints, Youlgrave

Cardboard recycling

‘Aladdin’
21 Jan—1 Feb 2003
Tickets can be booked from 13 December onwards by calling 636611 between 10am-7pm (only).

Chapel-en-le-Frith Male Voice Choir
Saturday 7 December at 7.30pm
Tickets £2.50 adults/£1.50 children, available from the church, local shops and on the door. Everyone welcome.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

WHAT A WHOPPA!!!

YOLGRAVE School Association wishes to thank all children, parents, teachers and friends who attended the fundraiser in the Village Hall on 22 November. Fantastic contributions from local businesses meant that a whopping £1,020.85 was raised. Many thanks to all!

ATTIC SALE: The Attic Sale held on the 9 November raised £300.85. This will be put towards the cost of decorating the hall and generally cheering the place up. Thanks to all stallholders and helpers. Another one in Spring?

DATES: Line Dancing Tues 3 and 17 December.
As of week beginning 6 January, space will be restricted in the hall as all the chairs will need to be stored in the hall. Apologies to the badminton group.

Cake-making skills at the W.I.

November’s meeting opened with the singing of ‘Jerusalem’ and our president Jennifer Easton welcomed our visitors: Judy Cooper W.I.A. and Margaret Hargreaves, our speaker for the evening. She showed us an ingenious and effective way to make a decorated cake ‘in time for tea’ — it was good to see all the icing flowers, animals and pretty decorations that she had made.

The Carol Service is now to be in Great Longstone on Friday 13 December, and December’s meeting is party evening!

Following the business we were then guided through the AGM. The Treasurer’s Report was given and duly accepted (what a wonderful job our Treasurer does!) and our healthy balance is mainly due to the work of the Catering Group. There was no need to vote for a new Committee as all present members were willing to stand again. We are pleased that Anne Robinson is still a committee member and we hope to see her again soon.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our customers from Roger and Jennifer Easton at Youlgrave Post Office
**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**Mon 2 Dec**  
Bateman’s Tomb Restoration — public meeting, Middleton Village Hall, 7pm.

**Thurs 5 Dec**  
Tea Dance Christmas Special, Youlgrave Village Hall, 2-4pm.

**Sat 7 Dec**  
Chapel-en-le-Frith Male Voice Choir, All Saints, 7.30pm.

**Sat 7 Dec**  
Waste Collection: Alport (7.45-8am), Youlgrave School (8.05-9.30am), Bradford, Mawstone Lane & bridge (9.35-10.15am), Grove Place (10.20-10.45am).

**Fri 13 Dec**  
Youlgrave Silver Band Christmas Concert, Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm. £2.50 including refreshments.

**Mon 16 Dec**  
Outdoor carols, Holywell Lane, 7pm, with members of Youlgrave Silver Band.

**Sat 11 & 25 Jan**  
Waste Collection: Alport (7.45-8am), Youlgrave School (8.05-9.30am), Bradford, Mawstone Lane & bridge (9.35-10.15am), Grove Place (10.20-10.45am).

**REGULAR EVENTS**

**Tuesdays**  
Yoga with Iris Pimm (tel. 636341), Greenfields Farm Barn, 7pm.

**Tues, Wed & Thursdays**  
Youlgrave Playschool, Scout & Community Hall, 9.15-11.45am.  
Contact Helen for details (tel. 636974).

**Wednesdays**  
Drawing and painting classes, Youlgrave Reading Room, 10am.  
Beginners Yoga with Iris Pimm, 7pm (see above).  
Basic Drawing skills with Diane Kettle, Reading Room, 10am.  
Diane Kettle’s life drawing classes, Middleton Village Hall, 7.30pm.

**Wednesdays**  
Bingo, Youlgrave Reading Room, 7.30pm.

**Fridays**  
Yoga with Iris Pimm, 9.30am.  
Parent and Toddlers Group, Youlgrave Village Hall Committee Room (next to main hall), 1.15-3.15pm. Contact Emma Wardle (tel. 636285).

**Fridays**  
Gentle Yoga, Scout and Community Hall, 3.30pm.  
Mobile Library, Greenfields Farm, 9.30am; Alport, 9.45am; Abbeyfield, 10am; Bradford, 10.20am; Rock Farm, Midd. 10.40am.

**2nd Mon**  
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.

**ANNUAL SPONSORS**

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Ambrose Printing, Granby, Bakewell DE45 1ET  
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Bull’s Head Hotel  
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Castle Farm, B&B, Caravans & Camping Barn  
636746

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636500

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Farmers and Country Bureau, Personal Introduction Agency  
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