

The Bugle

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

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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 balk 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 mean time, from everyone at the Bugle have an enjoyable and peaceful festive season.



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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 Stoneyside 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, Stoneyside, Youlgrave

BLUE BOXES — THE LATEST SITUATION

I thought you might like to know the latest on the recycling situation in Stoneyside. I have spoken twice to the Manager of Refuse Collection—a Mr Hollingworth. He had a site meeting with the contractors at Stoneyside and

they have decided that they cannot "at the moment" collect the recycling because:

- a) the vehicle they use is too big
- b) it is too dangerous for them to walk with boxes of bottles, say, to a collection point.

They have suggested that if the residents of Stoneyside all got together and agreed to take their bottles, etc, to a point where the vehicle could get to (ie at the bottom of Stoneyside near the river) they would consider collecting it from there.

I personally have said I do not think that is a good idea as I think there would be more bottles in the river than in the boxes and it would be difficult for the elderly. And if you are taking bottles to a collection point you might as well take them to the bottle banks.

I did say to the gentleman at the council that I feel that they should have looked at this problem and employed a contractor that had different sized vehicles to cover this. Apparently the contractor is considering getting a smaller vehicle some time.

Dawn Bannister

I understand that at least one resident on Stoneyside has had his blue box removed — and not returned! Ed.

Dear Editor,



As the ‘County Surveyor who does his stuff’ and President of the County Surveyors’ Society, I was very pleased to read the two articles in the November issue [highway resurfacing in Middleton and Conskbury Lane pavement].

A member of my staff brought in the issue referred to above to show me the letters referring to my department. I was very pleased to read the positive remarks made about my staff and have copied the articles to them. Very often we read letters and have telephone calls complaining about such matters, so it is a welcome change to receive positive feedback.

David Harvey

Director of Environmental Services,
Derbyshire County Council, Matlock

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 Wheeldon
Higham, Kent

Does anyone else remember this remarkable occasion? What a spectacle it must have been! The aurora borealis (aurora is Latin for ‘dawn’ since Aurora is the Roman goddess of the dawn) is best seen between November and February, but did you know it has a more or less identical counterpart in the southern hemisphere called the aurora australis? Both are best seen at higher latitudes (above 60 degrees) but, as Jack’s experience demonstrates, there can be the most unexpected sightings. So how about someone contributing an occasional astronomy column...? Ed.

Christmas word games at the School

As practice for writing a Gold poem for Christmas three children from Year 1 started with red.

What is Red?

Red is an apple. Red is a clown’s hat. Red is Captain Scarlet’s suit. Red is a car. Red is Sam’s T-shirt. Red is Thunderbird 3. Red is Joe’s cheeks. Red is a fire.

What is Gold?

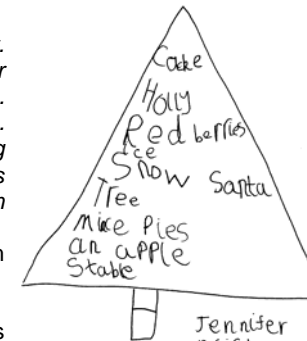
Gold is Christmas. Gold is glitter. Gold is a pen. Gold is a Power Ranger’s suit. Gold is Fae’s ring. Gold is Mrs Ryder’s necklace. Gold is a leaf. Gold is wrapping paper and ribbon. Gold is a girl’s hair. Gold is tinsel and baubles on the Christmas tree.

Fae Louise Ullerthorne, Sam Brassington and Joe Wilkin.

The other children from Year 1 worked together to write lines beginning with the letters of Christmas.

Crackers on the table. Holly berries on the bush. Reindeer in the snow. I want Barbie pyjamas. Santa brings presents. Toys for children. Mum is happy. Angels ringing bells. Stockings on our beds.

Phillippa Mellor, Lily Smith, Ryan Tabbenor and Holly Upton. Congratulations to Jennifer who produced her own Christmas tree.



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

Stars silver and sparkling. Ivy green and growing. Golden angels singing. Through the window lights are shining. Happy children making cards. Singing carols round the tree. Decorating trees is fun. Tinsel gold and glittering. Surprising presents underneath. Making cakes for my turn. Snowflakes falling in cold air. Let’s have fun with snowball fights. Listen! Robin Redbreast singing.

Emma Andrews (Year 5), Amy Middleton and Daniel Wilkinson (Year 6).

Wishing all of the staff and children of the village school a very Happy 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

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.



The playing fields on Alport Lane are owned by the National Playing Fields Association (NPFA) and administered by Youlgrave Parish Council, who act as Managing Trustees. Problems first arose a few years ago when the original lease on the pavilion expired, and a new three-way lease between the NPFA, Youlgrave Parish Council and Youlgrave Cricket Club was drawn up. The Cricket Club wanted to increase the charge they levied on Youlgrave Football Club for using the pavilion's changing rooms, but to the Parish Council and the NPFA this new and much higher fee seemed unreasonable as the playing fields are deemed a registered charity and it is unlawful to make a profit on its facilities. The Cricket Club claimed that the cost of insurance, heating and water justified the higher fee, but when repeatedly pressed by the Parish Council to supply the evidence none was forthcoming and the new lease was never signed.

The Cricket Club also failed to provide any proof that the pavilion was insured - a vital prerequisite that covers all users of the facilities - and because of the ongoing uncertainty Youlgrave Parish Council were

forced by circumstances to take over the running of the pavilion. They found that it was in such a dangerous structural state that some of it had to be immediately closed for safety reasons. It also transpired that utility bills covering the day-to-day running of the pavilion had not been paid for a considerable time - Powergen was on the verge of cutting off supplies since the electricity meter had gone unread and the only meter reading 'phoned through to them was incorrect. Youlgrave Waterworks is still owed for four years' rates.

Throughout all of this Youlgrave Parish Council has tried to maintain a constructive dialogue with the principal users - the football and cricket clubs - in an effort to sort out the effective running of the pavilion and playing fields. Cooperation has been forthcoming from the Football Clubs, but sadly Youlgrave Cricket Club has repeatedly failed to reply to letters and requests for information from the Parish Clerk acting on behalf of the Parish Council. They have failed to turn up to

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special meetings and sent no apologies, plus they continue to offer no explanation over the unpaid bills. As it stands at the moment the Cricket Club has not even indicated whether it wants to continue using the pavilion. Rumours abound that they have dropped out of their league and are disbanding. Meanwhile, the club continues to store equipment in the pavilion that deprives the Football Club of much-needed space for their own gear. Both the Football Club and the Cricket Club have to contribute towards the running costs of the pavilion at the ends of their respective seasons, and the Cricket Club's contribution is still outstanding.

Youlgrave Parish Council has always attempted to run the playing fields considerably, maintaining it as a popular recreation area and attractive open space for

everyone to enjoy. The Parish Council has overseen the installation of new playground equipment, organises the regular mowing of the grass and litter-picking, and approves social events such as the successful music festival. Since taking over the running of the pavilion the Parish Council has insured the building, initiated structural repairs, and funded forthcoming repainting and general refurbishment.

The playing fields should be widely used for village sports clubs - including a cricket team - but they must conduct themselves professionally and responsibly.

Youlgrave Parish Council

The Bugle invites the Cricket Club to put its point of view forward in the next issue.

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 8!

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

Last Posting *Second Class* Wednesday 18 December

Last Posting *Special Delivery* Monday 23 December

“You never messed with Matron...!”

Granby House resident Cherry Cockayne recalls her first Christmas as a student nurse in Derby, and why at 91 life is busier than ever. By **Andrew McCloy**



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.

Cherry in uniform (1934/5)

“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

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Cherry Cockayne (front left) with Matron standing top right.

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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

at the Reading Room and attends Sunday services at the top chapel, as well as visiting friends in the village on her motorised scooter. “Some time ago I wanted to get a moped to help me get around,” she says, “but my husband said I should get a proper motorbike instead. I was 64 at the time, and I kept riding motorbikes ‘till I was 70!”

Thank you for sharing your memories with us, Cherry, and happy Christmas to you from everyone at the Bugle.

Youlgrave Cinema: an update

Following last month’s Bugle report about the village’s new film society, committee members were given a demonstration of the latest technical equipment by a leading supplier who visited the Village Hall in November. It is hoped that the historic projection box can eventually be used for screenings—once the not inconsiderable hurdle of funding applications have been overcome. More details to follow in future issues of the Bugle. If you want to get involved in any way please write c/o the Bugle.

FANCY...

As part of his contribution to the school’s recent fund-raising evening, Youlgrave butcher David Figg donated a chicken as a prize - which was promptly won by Youlgrave’s other butcher Andrew Parker!

...THAT!

Middleton Video still available

There are still a few surplus copies of the video ‘100 Years in the Life of Middleton-by-Youlgrave’ for sale at £9.00 each. If anyone would like to purchase one please ring 636527 or 636752. (Ena Prime)

We also have some free copies of ‘BUGLE 2000’ left. Contact Ann Knowles on 636362.

Tall Tales No 1: Middleton-by-Youlgrave’s underground car park

This first appeared as an article in the Bugle a couple of years ago — although the issue date of 1 April should have given the game away. The report went as follows:

“Middleton’s car parking problem (mainly caused by visitors’ cars) is going to be met by an underground car park in The Square. Although the disruption is acknowledged, it was felt that the work, involving some limited blasting, will have long term benefits.

However, the main problem has been to find suitable access. The current solution is to lay a new road across the fields at Castle Farm in the form of a ‘cut and refill’ tunnel so that the pasture can be re-laid back on top of the excavation once the work has finished. A clover leaf entrance and exit will be built just below Lomberdale Hall where parking fees will be collected.”

However, truth can sometimes be stranger than fiction, and there is an unsubstantiated rumour that Middleton already has a secret subterranean lair, created by ‘official interests’ some years back during a rather different era of international politics. Whether it is still there and in working order, or whether anyone will admit to it, is anyone’s guess...

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

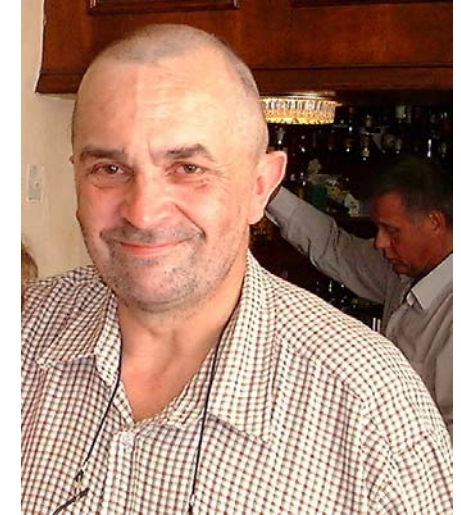
Most household insurance policies provide cover in respect of flood, and under commercial policies flood cover is normally provided as an option as additional premium. So if you live within flooding distance of the Rivers Bradford and Lathkill make sure you check your insurance cover before it is too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



The River Lathkill in flood below Conksbury

Before and after: Jack Goodwin's charity shave



Jack Goodwin's courage in allowing all his hair to be cut off in return for Children in Need sponsorship should not be underestimated, to judge by the large number of hirsute villagers who refused to join him in this worthwhile cause!

Actually, this is not quite correct. It was his wife Jane who gave permission, and their sacrifice meant **over £700** was raised. They were supported by customers of the George Hotel, Bakewell's Red Lion, DFS Refractory (Jack's place of work) and DFS directors, and other Youlgrave residents. Jack is well known for entertaining children over the years at functions in the area. In a few months they will once again recognise him by his full head of hair, beard, and moustache, as Jane is determined she wants him back as he was - even though his friends say he is vastly improved by the operation. Which is great... same again next year?

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?!

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.

Last Posting *Outside Europe* Friday 6 December

Last Posting *HM Forces* 6 Dec (surface) 13 Dec (airmail)

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.



This year the Costume Designer is Susan Lomas, so we are assured of plenty of 'sparkle' and vibrant colour. Head of the sewing team of 16 is Judith Taylor, and each Monday and Wednesday, much laughter can be heard emanating from the Sewing Room, and the rails are rapidly filling up with completed costumes.

Next door, the 'Team of Gentlemen', under the direction of Geoff Jerman, having completely reorganised and re-fitted their workshop, are putting the finishing touches to the stage furniture.

Margaret Fell has once again designed the scenery and in two visits of 3½ and 5½ days has completed beautiful back drops and flats. Helped by Rita and Harry Hutchinson and the producer, this was all done on hands and

knees to a background accompaniment of dominoes, sing-along, badminton, and best of all, the wonderful music of the Tea Dances, which had us painting along in time with the music and singing along with the well-known songs.

Meanwhile, the mailshots have gone out, posters are ready, the tickets have been numbered and the 'Front of House' arrangements made.

This is just a glimpse into our magical world as we prepare for Youlgrave Pantomime 2003!

Booking arrangements

Last year we were fully booked for nine of the 12 performances, with a long waiting list of people hoping to buy any returned tickets. This year we are asking people to let us have any 'returns' 48 hours before the performance, which otherwise will have to be paid for, thus hopefully avoiding disappointment for those on the waiting list.

At 9pm on Monday 23 December the Cast and Chorus will join with the Backstage teams and parents of the Children's Chorus for coffee and carols around the Christmas tree — by fairylight, what else?!

We all wish you a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in January—oh yes we do!

Jan Wilson



'Aladdin'

21 Jan—1 Feb 2003

Tickets can be booked from 13 December onwards by calling 636611 between 10am-7pm (only).

The village noticeboard

A concert at All Saints, Youlgrave

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!!!

YOULGRAVE 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 slightly restricted in the hall as all the chairs will need to be stored in the hall. Apologies to the badminton group.

A.C.

Christmas tree recycling

As in previous years, when Christmas is over please take your used (natural) trees to the Coldwell End car park at the top of Youlgrave, where they will be collected by Derbyshire Dales District Council and recycled.

Cardboard recycling

Recycle all your Christmas cardboard packaging and boxes by taking them to DDDC's Parkview depot on Haddon Road, Bakewell (behind the Jet petrol station), Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm.

Straight stairlift for sale, including installation. A bargain! Contact Ann Knowles on 636362 for more details.

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.

It was then necessary to nominate a President for the forthcoming year. Two nominations were made and Jennifer Easton agreed to guide us through another year with her Assistant Eileen Bacon and Secretaries Marjorie Shimwell and Ann Knowles, and of course Treasurer Margaret Deeming.

K.M.B.

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).
Sat 18 Jan	Waste Collection, The Square, Middleton, 9.45-10.45am.
Tues 14 Jan	Youlgrave Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.15pm.

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.
Wed & Thurs	Beginners Yoga with Iris Pimm, 7pm (see above).
Wednesdays	Basic Drawing skills with Diane Kettle, Reading Room, 10am.
Wednesdays	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.
Fridays	Parent and Toddlers Group, Youlgrave Village Hall Committee Room (next to main hall), 1.15-3.15pm. Contact Emma Wardle (tel. 636265).
Fridays	Gentle Yoga, Scout and Community Hall, 3.30pm.
2nd Mon	Mobile Library, Greenfields Farm, 9.30am; Alport, 9.45am; Abbeyfield, 10am; Bradford, 10.20am; Rock Farm, Midd. 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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