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Village Hall funding blow

By Mike Newman, Village Hall Treasurer

An ambitious project to modernise the village hall has been put on hold after an application for funding was turned down — even though the application passed all the criteria!

The Trustees of Youlgrave Village Hall applied to the Community Fund for a grant of £100,000, but in mid January we learnt that our bid had failed. The official response said that although the application passed both stages of assessment and "was recommended"

for a grant... there were insufficient funds in the budget to make an award."

In 2002, volunteers circulated a questionnaire around the built-up area of Youlgrave. We received over 200 replies, an amazing 45% return, with no dissenters against renovating the hall. The subsequent open coffee morning was also a similar success. We believe that your enthusiasm helped the assessors to judge that the Youlgrave Village Hall Project is a worthy cause. We shall resubmit our application in the



FRONT ELEVATION OF PROPOSED ALTERATIONS
NEW ENTRANCE CANOPY ON LEFT
NEW LINK BLOCK ON RIGHT

Peter Knowles Architect

hope that our project is rather more successful in 2004.

A lottery grant would pay for an extension to bridge between the main hall and the workshop to house a wheelchair toilet, nappy change table, showers and a covered corridor connecting the back of the building to the fire doors. New fire alarm, fire doors, ramp to replace steps would improve safety for all. The other two entrances would also be improved.

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Bugle letters: a Cricket Club member replies

"What the Cricket Club

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Dear Sir.

I feel I must respond to the article published in the Bugle regarding the Cricket Pavilion. I am concerned that, to create the "Level playing field"

referred to in your correspondence, we must first make sure that any surface is grounded on the solid rock of truthfulness and honesty otherwise we will further subside and return to the ploughed field of vestervear when the Parish Council were in control!! of the facilities.

Firstly, it is important to remind ourselves of the historical position regarding the facilities on the playing field and their inception. I came to the village in 1963 at the age of 6 with my parents and brothers. My first recollection of the Cricket Club was a green converted railway wagon where the stars of the Village team would perform on Saturdays with a set of greying pads between them and bats that were handed between

incoming and outgoing batsmen. Teas were made in player's houses and brought down to the has achieved for the pitch (loosely termed) to be vouth of the Village in the consumed on the grass. There were no other facilities.

The Football Club changed in the Bulls Head Hotel. Over the years the "Pavilion" denigrated and ridiculed

slowly fell apart with, I and many in public." others will remember, one instance of a player putting his foot through the rotting floorboards. Members of the Cricket Club carried out all repairs and renovation and at no time were the Parish Council involved with, or interested in, our plight.

In the early seventies the Cricket Club "in an attempt to improve their facilities and gain entry to league Cricket" approached the National Playing Fields Association to apply for financial help to build a new Pavilion and develop the playing surface. We (I use the word "we" only to minimise the number of times that I repeat "the Cricket Club". I would not presume to claim any involvement in the massive amount of work and effort put in by the adult members and their spouses over this period), were told that, if we were to be successful in our application we must have support from the Parish Council. Plans were drawn up, Architects appointed and many meetings were organised with the Parish Council to persuade them that this facility would not only

benefit the Cricket Club but also act as a sports and events pavilion for the whole village. The Parish Council refused to support, or have any involvement with, our application and therefore our request to the NPFA was turned down.

The Football Club were approached to offer their support in a joint venture and although promises of partnership were mooted nothing materialised. We therefore had no option but to set about the task of raising the necessary funds

The Club was uprooted and moved to Friden for 2 years whilst the fundraising efforts developed. Finally a sum of around £4000.00 was raised. How much would that equate to now? £30K - £40K? But more importantly would any current local society or sports team have the willpower or commitment to raise such amounts? I think not!

This feat was an enormous undertaking and I feel those involved should be mentioned: Frank

> Evans, Eric Rowland, Chris Wragg, Anthony Wragg, John Boden, Brian Asquith, Rex Bacon. Brian Wardle, David Dyson, Mick Roper and David Upton (who loaned his own savings to meet the final bill). The land to build the Pavilion was leased from the NPFA for 25 years and in 1971 the Duke of Devonshire performed the opening ceremony. ■ In those 25 years the Cricket Club

ran and administered the pavilion without help from any outside Council or Quango. The initial years, with contributions from the football club were a great success but in recent times we have, against our better judgement, allowed the Football Club to use the facilities, paid most of their bills and cleared up after them in April. We have developed and improved the playing surface beyond recognition, added showers, a score box and up to date moving equipment all with no help from the Parish Council. We have had great success on the field of play, becoming one of the top teams in the region nurturing local talent to succeed at Schoolboy international level, County second X1 and had a representative playing for the British

With their past history it seems strange to me that the Parish Council has suddenly taken such an interest in the facilities and felt the need to "take over the running of the pavilion". What the Cricket Club has achieved for the youth of the Village in the last 30 years should be acknowledged, celebrated and nurtured not denigrated and ridiculed in public.

The accusations in the Bugle need to be answered. Some I am aware of, others need more investigation. I will attempt to answer them with the knowledge I have at present.

With regard to the increase in fees that the Cricket Club wished to levy on the Football Club and the Parish Council thought was unreasonable. Thinking something is unreasonable is, quite frankly, not good enough. If the Parish Council had done a little homework. looked at what other local sports teams were being charged for similar facilities and listened to the evidence that the Cricket Club supplied they may have found the charge not unreasonable but actually good value. The football club have never paid the going rate and have actually been subsidised by the goodwill of the Cricket Club. The Cricket Club have never made a profit on the facilities but allowed all local ventures to use the ground at subsidised rates.

It is true that the Cricket Club has fallen on hard times over the last few years and with fewer playing staff and therefore lower subscriptions have found sustaining the pavilion, without commercial backing, realistic hire rates and lack of contributions from other users, a difficult task.

The "dangerous structural state" that caused some of the pavilion to be "immediately closed for structural reasons" was actually a fairly minor repair to the veranda. However, this should have been rectified but wasn't due to lack of funds. The utility bills that had remained unpaid were not paid due to an ongoing discussion with the Football Club who wouldn't acknowledge that they, in fact, used more power than the Cricket Club. As we all know Football is played in the winter for 8 months of the year Cricket for 4 months in the summer. I know my bills are definitely more in the Winter.

It is also true that the Cricket Club have not been as organised as they should on the discussions regarding the immediate future of the pavilion but my understanding is that the Parish Council have been unwilling to acknowledge the legacy that we have supplied to the Village, disregard solicitors directives, and seem from the outside to be attempting to take over an asset of the Cricket Club through a legal loophole.

I could continue to mention about the mowing of the field, annual refurbishment of the pavilion, repair of the wicket following 10-inch tent pegs being driven into it during the

"successful music festival", the insensitive changing of the locks by the Parish Council. replacement of equipment and facilities following the Football season, installation of Burglar Alarms to protect a village asset, 300 people watching the full Derbyshire side play in the Peter Hill memorial match and funds from private benefactors being pumped in to keep the pavilion alive. But I won't.

It is my understanding that, legally, until the Cricket Club have been formally given 6 months notice to leave the land that our pavilion is built on. the conditions of the original lease still bind. Our alternatives, if the lease is not renewed and agreement met, are, as they were initially discussed with the NPFA, to either sell the facilities or remove them. In any case the pavilion is the property of the Cricket Club and the Parish Council have acted in a totally unacceptable way to lock us out of our own property.

I simply want the Parish Council to acknowledge that were it not for the efforts of those people 30 vears ago there would be no pavilion to argue about, there would be no village sports clubs and worst of all there would be little sporting hope for our teenagers.

Local sports teams have a habit of rising and falling and then rising again. We are struggling to survive at the moment and are probably not able to fund the running of the pavilion at present but we are determined to survive. Maybe. 30 years on, it is time for the Parish Council to finally come good and support us in our hour of need.

This letter is not an official response from the Cricket Club (that will come later when we have decided what action to take) but a public response to an insensitive and unnecessary airing of a private matter.

Jeremy Asquith, Turret Mews, Youlgrave



Bugle letters: car parking clarified; paper shop petition

Dear Editor,

As a Youlgrave resident I read the front page of December's Bugle with some surprise. There are no plans or intentions to put up the

parking charges [for Moor Lane car park] in 2003. The charges that are quoted in the article were introduced in April 2002 and have been in place for nearly a year.

Yours faithfully,

John Bishop

Estates Service Manager, Peak District National Park Authority

Thank you for pointing this out, John. On closer inspection it turns out that the proposals referred to in December's article in fact relate to the actual **creation** of byelaws for National Park-run car parks in the Peak District, which do not in themselves mean the introduction of any new increase in charges. Ed



Dear Editor,

Two weeks before Christmas I was in hospital for a day and away from the shop for another two days. The shop did not close during this time

due to the help of several people. I would like to thank Dave Birds, Wendy Harris, Tom Johnson and David Figg for their help.

On to other matters. The National Federation of Retail Newsagents is conducting a campaign against an increase in the charges that newspaper wholesalers impose on newsagents like myself. Part of that campaign was a petition for customers of newsagents to sign, and I am very grateful to all 202 of you who signed the petition in my shop. I have sent the petition off to the NFRN co-ordinator, and it has had some effect already. WH Smiths, who supply me with newspapers, has contacted me to find out why I am unhappy and have said that they will try to improve their service to me. So many thanks to all who signed the petition.

The Office of Fair Trading has recently investigated the newspaper supply industry and released a report which does come out in favour of newspaper retailers but makes recommendation that are a bit vague. It has said that the situation should be reviewed in the summer. There is no doubt that there will be some changes in the supply of newspapers and magazines in the coming years and these changes will affect my own business.

Yours faithfully,

Tony Carter,

Roses Newsagents, Youlgrave

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Exterior re-cladding would be the most visible renovation. The deteriorating corrugated iron would be removed, and any structural weaknesses would be righted — notably the projection room's leaking roof. Insulation and soundproofing would be added, and double-glazing would replace many existing windows. Maintenance-free, self-coloured, dark-green corrugated composite cladding would restore the original outward appearance of the hall.

Indoors, two backrooms would be merged, and the kitchen would be updated to meet current hygiene legislation.

Many of you used your questionnaire returns to criticise the dowdiness inside the main hall, a view shared by the Committee. Volunteers organised an attic sale to help fund redecorating the hall in 2003, and another will be organised this March. We are not seeking grants for this interior work, but instead we are looking to support within the village. Please clear out your attics and come along to find those bargains!

So let us all cross our fingers for a lottery grant in 2004!

For the record, Mike has spent over 450 hours of his own, unpaid time on this major Lottery application, plus a further two days' unpaid work on an unsuccessful bid for money from a local aggregates fund to re-wire the hall. We all owe him a huge debt of gratitude, and wish the Village Hall every success when the bid is resubmitted.

For one night only . . . ?

Middleton's new Village Hall and taken in 2000. Shown here is Major Entertainments Committee proved that General Peter Cavendish making the they really know how to throw a party at the latest event they staged. Saturday 11 January saw the *Bateman Arms Night*, an evening in celebration of the village's pub, which last traded, it is said, in 1918.

The venue for the evening was the Village Hall rather than Square House, and attendance was fabulous with over 70 villagers coming along. With a £2.50 a head entrance fee, the team was able to offer drinks at 1918 prices, with real ale at 5d a pint and wine 25d and sherry 25d.



Bill Brindley, who d and were co-opted a find this pleasingly fa

The Committee is to be congratulated for another successful event to back up its debut at the Christmas party last year – we hope that it's a taste of things to come! Chairman Robert Wigley would like to thank all the villagers who turned out on such a cold night and made this night successful.

Pictured here are Karen Wigley and Bill Brindley, who dressed for the occasion and were co-opted as bar staff (anyone else find this pleasingly familiar!?) **ELY**

Keeping true to the era, mod cons were kept to a minimum, with candles for illumination, and live music and traditional games such as dominoes for entertainment. Pictured here is Stephen Hunt, who provided the backing for some traditional sing-alongs.

The evening was an ideal opportunity to present the Jubilee coins, gifts from the Parish Council to the children of the village. The coins were mounted in frames along with photographs of parishioners



Pommy briefs

Mr Snow's retirement

To mark Mr Snow's retirement this Easter as Head Teacher of Youlgrave Primary School, a celebratory event is being planned to which expupils of the school will be invited. For full details, plus a look back at Mr Snow's time at Youlgrave School, see the March Bugle.

Parish Council's new code

Youlgrave Parish Council has formally adopted a Model Publication Scheme, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. which requires all parish, town and community councils to make information more readily available. It means that records such as minutes of meetings, accounts, responses to planning applications, etc. will be routinely available from the Parish Clerk (with reasonable advance notice). For contact details see the Parish Council's noticeboard on Church Street.

New face at the Surgery

Youlgrave Surgery welcomes a new member of staff to its ranks, amid false rumours that Dr Pickworth is to step down. Dr Joanne Grant, a Cambridge graduate who is in her early 30s and lives in Winster, joins the practice on a permanent basis. Since Dr Mason has retired it was recognised that the practice needed a replacement full-time woman doctor. Another reason for Dr Grant's appointment is that Dr David Pickworth has taken on new responsibilities as the Clinical Governance Lead with the High Peak and Dales Primary Care Trust, but he stresses that in fact this means just one less session for him at Youlgrave per week. Dr Pickworth told the Bugle that any suggestion that he is about to hang up his stethoscope is nonsense, but he welcomed his new colleague enthusiastically. "Dr Grant will bring a breath of fresh air to Youlgrave," he said. "She is highly competent and will become a popular member of staff." Whether she follows Dr Pickworth's sartorial lead down the road of pink bow ties and the like remains to be seen.

BRING AND BUY SALE

In aid of **Blue Peter Water Works**

Appeal, helping to raise £500.000 for clean water in Tanzania and Uganda.

Come along to the Scout & Community Hut on Thursday 13 February, from 5.30-7pm.

Join the fun and help Youlgrave Brownies raise money for Blue Peter.



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Snowball warnings

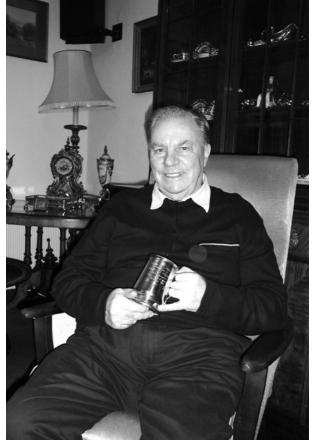
Most of us eniov a good snowball fight — we consent to being assaulted by snowballs should we get involved in a snowball fight. But it is the indiscriminate use of snowballs thrown at people's windows that can cause damage and fear, or worse the snowballing of moving vehicles on the road which can cause drivers to lose concentration or even panic at the thought of hitting something. This is dangerous and can lead to vehicles being involved in a collision resulting in serious injury or worse.

Parents, please tell your children and teenagers not to throw snowballs at windows or the like that may be damaged, or at moving vehicles. Any act which intentionally or recklessly causes damage is a crime, and my colleagues and I will take action against any person no matter how young or old. Enjoy vourselves, for sure, but remember to use your snowballs with care!

PC lain McGregor Youlgrave Beat Manager



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all Tales No 2: The mysterious railway tunnel

It's a common sight to see visitors to Youlgrave peering at the Fountain in some bemusement. Those that do read the plaque are sometimes still puzzled — after all, it hardly looks like a conventional fountain, let alone a reservoir. In fact, the more you look at it the Fountain resembles a gigantic funnel, which may explain why over the years several visitors have been taken in by an alternative but spurious explanation. According to this theory, the Fountain is in fact an air vent constructed to service a little-known railway tunnel that runs beneath the village. The obscure branch line leaves the Derwent valley between Matlock and Darley Dale and continues its ambitious underground passage below Stanton Moor and Youlgrave to emerge somewhere near Bakewell (probably).

However, one development that IS taking place, of course, is the feasibility study into the re-opening of the Matlock-Buxton railway line that was scrapped in 1968. So perhaps we might yet hear the sound of trains echoing up Bradford Dale after all?

Norman Wilson (pictured above) with the tankard presented by Youlgrave Waterworks to mark his retirement after many years of service. Norman was first associated with the Waterworks in the 1960s, becoming a Trustee (later a Director) over 20 years ago. Also presented with tankards were Gordon Coupe. Douglas Oldfield, and Norman Gladwin. From everyone in the village: "Thanks, gentlemen".

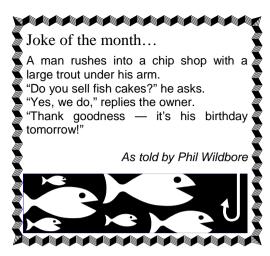
News from Youlgrave W.I.

Eileen Bacon, deputising for Jennifer and aided by Marjorie Shimwell, got the December meeting off to a good start. The party was amply catered for by the Committee and members and went well. We were pleased to greet visitors from Monyash and Biggin W.I.s to add to the festive feel of the evening. There were competitions and we were entertained by two young vocalists, Chantelle Deeming and Stacey Beresford, who sang quite beautifully.

The Christmas lunch was enjoyed at the

Miners' Arms, Carsington, while the carol service at Great Longstone was much enjoyed by all who attended and our ladies did us proud!

January's speaker was Mrs Winifred Astle, who told us all about Denman College, and how it was first purchased by the W.I. and its development over the years. Next month we have the pleasure of David Tideswell's talk on garden birds — come along and enjoy it with us on Tues 11 Feb at 7.30pm in Youlgrave Village Hall. New members are always welcome. (The Spring Group Meeting is at Over Haddon on 19 March — more details next month.)



300 years of village generosity!

In 1681 a great fire destroyed most of the buildings in the small market town of Caistor in north Lincolnshire. Caistor had acquired legendary status when the medieval chronicler, Geoffrey of Monmouth, gave it as the location where the Saxon, Hengist, received from Vortigern as much land as he could encompass by an ox-hide cut into strips. But the distastrous fire left 45 families homeless, and on 5 June 1682 it is recorded that Youlgrave contributed 9s 7d to Caistor for the repair of the properties. Of course 9s 7d — nominal value about 48p — was a lot of money in those days!

David Sissons

Youlgrave schoolchildren set the scene

This month we have some very imaginative work from children in Mr Hayes' class at Youlgrave Primary School. After discussing setting the scene and description in writing the class was given the choice of three titles:

Rebekah Marsden (Year 3) chose 'Jack to the rescue.'

Jack hurried down the enormous beanstalk with a gold hen and money. "This hen is heavy," he murmured. When he got to the bottom he shouted, "I need a knife." His mother rushed out of the house nearly tripping over her dress. Jack's heart was beating like a drum as the giant got lower. His eyes caught a quite big glittering knife. He ran over to the knife and cut the beanstalk down. The giant fell dead on his face. Jack's mum was so proud with Jack that she spent all the money on him.

Stephanie Mellor (Year 3) decided on 'Strange World'.

I found myself in a spaceship flying to a strange world. I thought I was in my dream but it was real. It was a pink planet. It was so strange, there were weird animals. One of them asked me if I was local. I just said to the strange animal, "No I am not local."

Then I said, "Is everything weird around here?" The animal said "Yes." I carried on walking and looked at the river. It was all yellow. Then I came to a castle. I looked up into the sky. There were flying creatures. I knocked on the castle door and

a posh man came to the door.

Lucy Mead (Year 4) picked 'The haunted house'. Josie walked over to the rusty suit of armour. She tapped it and it echoed through the dark dusty hall. Just then she heard a clank. She turned round. The door was locked. Josie ran to the door. She put her shaking hands on the stiff rusty lock and pulled. It wouldn't budge. "Oh no," she whispered. Josie ran back through the dark hall. "Help" Josie screamed. The suit of armour was looming above her.

To be continued...!

Jamie Sunshine (Year 4) also used 'The haunted house', but his setting was blood thirsty!

The next thing she knew she was being chased. Josie ran as fast as she could. But the suit of armour was gaining on her. Suddenly he vanished. "That's weird," said Josie. She walked past a cupboard. It opened, she looked inside. There was a trapdoor. She climbed through the trapdoor. Josie saw a heart beating on the roof, a brain hanging and blood writing on the wall. It said, "If you dare enter make sure you are brave and you have courage." She found the other side where there was another trapdoor. She opened it. About a bath full of blood fell out and there was the suit of armour. He stabbed her straight in the heart with a sword.

Thank you to all four children and Mr Hayes.

Mrs Ryder

Web site proves a treasure trove of local history

The newly-created Peakland Heritage website, a joint project by Derbyshire County Council's Libraries & Heritage Dept, the British Library and the Peak District National Park, includes many pieces relevant to residents of Middleton and Youlgrave, says its author Julie Bunting.

The site is intended to appeal particularly to schoolchildren, but many topics are expanded so that adults should find it of interest as well. Here are some examples from www.peaklandheritage.org.uk

- > The **EVERYDAY LIFE** section includes several mentions of the book 'Our Middleton' (e.g. at the end of 'What's a Mere?' under 'On the Farm').
- > Under the main heading **SHAPING THE PEAK**you will find the following: The Underworld Hiding Places; Water Youlgrave Water Works;
 Weather Great Snows & Frosts: War &

Rebellion - Second World War, also Civil Wars > In the EVERYDAY LIFE section look for: Community Life - Water Supplies; Religion - Bells, also Charities; Health & Sickness - Dentists, also Benefit Societies; Poverty - Poaching, also Vagrants & Vagabonds, also Charities; Hunting & Fishing - Gamekeepers, also Dogs Forbidden, also Poaching; Sport & Leisure/Cinema, Panto, Theatres; Growing up in the Peak - Games, also Behave Yourself!

- > The main heading **WORKING LIFE** includes: Industries - Bobbin Mills; The Lead Industry -Working in the Mines; Textiles - Lace
- > And under **DIGGING DEEPER**: Time Lords Barrow Diggers; People Men of War; Whatever's That? Pinfolds, also Youlgrave Fountain.

Also see the links to the Bugle and Sites of Meaning's web sites.

Yesterday's Dreams

I often dream of days gone by, When the sun shone down from the sky. When snow was white and rain was soft. And birds sang to each other as they flew aloft. I dream of the days I walked by the stream, I laid on the bank in the grass so green. The fish played in water crystal clear, Yesterday's children had nothing to fear. My friends and I walked for miles and miles. Life seemed so full of laughter and smiles, If only our grandchildren had the freedom and fun, Of our days spent playing the sun. No acid rain, little pollution then, Even sounds were different way back when, There were few combine harvesters just the horse and mower, The man with the plough and then the sower. The air was so pure you could smell the hay, It seemed like the sun shone every day, We'd build a den in the new mown grass, And play our games, time was slow to pass. But all too soon childhood days were gone, We all found cares where there were none, Our dreams were shattered, life moved on, One day dreams and reality may become one.

Yvonne Gow

New Millennium Wood at Kenslow Knoll

Last summer the Peak District National Park Authority unveiled its new Millennium Wood at Kenslow Knoll, off the Friden road one mile south west of Middleton (grid ref. 184618). The newly-acquired site has been planted with trees, and the knoll itself incorporates a commemorative plaque and unusual sundial which works using your own shadow. At the moment there's a concessionary path to the wood from near the end of Whitfield Lane, and visitors are welcome to visit this peaceful and attractive spot.

Darby and Joan Club
Next meeting: Wed 5 March
Everybody welcome

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF THE VILLAGE HALL...



IT'S YOUR TURN NOW!

You've seen Pop Idol and the Rivals, now it's your turn... who do you want to be? Is there a Kylie, Brittany (Anne, I think you mean 'Britney', Ed) or Shirley

Bassey out there? Or Ja Joe Cocker, Ronan Keating or George Formby? Ring Dave Birds on 636494 or Caroline Weller on 07811 062898 before 20 Feb. We can help organise backing tracks, so be quick — You could be one with Stars in Their Eyes at our Spring show!

TEA DANCES

They're proving so successful that they will run fortnightly, generally on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. The next dances are 15 and 27 Feb (2-4pm).

LINE DANCING

This has unfortunately hit a bit of a blip. Steve Tomkins, for health reasons, is going to have to cut back on his activities and will no longer be able to run classes. There was a lot of enthusiasm for this activity, so if you've any ideas contact Anne Croasdell. In the mean time we're working on it.

LIVE AND LOCAL

HELP! There is an Arts project that supports theatre in the community. The Village Hall needs someone to co-ordinate with this group and arrange a couple of visiting plays/performances each year. Organising advance tickets sales, etc, is not necessary. Contact Anne Croasdell if interested on 636887.

Do you fancy doing your bit for the community and delivering the Bugle on Grove Place? It only takes 20 minutes, once a month — and you know you could do with the exercise! Plus if you do it for a year you'll get a box of chocolates and a big kiss from the Editor (that last one is optional). Call 636125 if you're interested, or leave a note with Roger at the Post Office.

New initiative to help men shed pounds

Local men keen to improve their health are invited to come along to an Introduction to Waist Watchers session, to be held at Eyam Mechanics Institute on 5 February between 8-10pm. Men from across the Peak District are encouraged to attend and are welcome to bring along their partners, friends and work colleagues to find out more about the scheme.

Supported by High Peak and Dales Primary Care Trust and run by the North Derbyshire Health Promotion Service, **Waist Watchers** is a project specifically designed to help men reduce the risk of heart disease, the leading cause of premature death amongst men in England. Studies have indicated that men aged between 30-60 with extra weight around their middle have an increased risk of developing heart disease and other illnesses, including strokes, diabetes and high blood pressure.

Participation in Waist Watchers is free and

encourages workplaces and community sites across the district to form teams of men who want to reduce their risk of these illnesses.

The main intention of the scheme is to see a change in participants' waist-to-hip ratio through a mixture of education, support and exercise. Phase one of the scheme consists of tutorials, including sessions delivered by trained course leaders, on Fitness, Habits & Routines, Fat & Food and Stress & Relaxation, together with practical exercise sessions at an appropriate level for the group. Phase two sees participants enter into the **Waist Watchers League**, with the winning team receiving a health-related prize.

Anyone wanting further information about **Waist Watchers** can contact Paul Boshell, Programme Manager, on 01246 231255 or simply come along to Eyam Mechanics Institute on 5 February

The village noticeboard



Youlgrave-Bangbutt Village Link

Good news! We've had confirmation that our parcel has reached Freetown and finally cleared Customs, and is now awaiting collection. We've also sent out a big bundle of Christmas cards from Youlgrave Brownies. We're excited that at last it's there.

Our AGM on 9 January was very successful, with a number of new people attending, plus outside speakers who had actually lived in Sierra Leone. We have agreed to pursue registered charity status in our own right. Any general help, especially with the mountains of administration, would be very gratefully received. Call Barbara Scrivener on 636601 if you can assist in any way. Finally—later this year we hope to stage a repeat of last year's hugely successful Tea Dance/drumming afternoon, so watch this space!

PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting is to be held on the evening of **Friday 21 February** in the Village Hall – see posters nearer the time for more details. This is a chance for you to air your views about key local issues that affect your everyday life. Among the topics up for discussion:

- Traffic calming and car parking
- The future of tourism
- Public transport and shared car projects
- Recycling, education, play areas.

The meeting is being organised and will be led by Penny Barker, who is our Village Agent and who works for Derbyshire Rural Community Council, at the invitation if Youlgrave Parish Council. Please come along and share your views on the future of the village.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

Our sincere thanks to everyone who supported our **Gift Day** in November, which resulted in £2,400 for Church funds, including tax refunds to be claimed.

CONCERT BY DERBYSHIRE CONSTABULARY MALE VOICE CHOIR

Saturday 15 March, 7.45pm, adults £2.50, children £1.50, plus an offering for the Choir. Tickets available from the village shops or at the door. Everyone welcome.

COFFEE MORNING FOR THE CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

Saturday 5 April, 10am-12 noon, in the Reading Room. Usual stalls, etc. All welcome.

For details of a special series of Lent Studies at Youlgrave's churches and chapels see the March issue of the Bugle.



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Mobile Police Station, top of Holywell Lane, 12.30-4pm.

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Wed 5 Feb		Abbeyfield (Youlgrave), a local sheltered housing scheme	636836
	Waist Watchers meeting, Eyam (see page 10).	Ambrose Printing, Granby, Bakewell DE45 1ET	812731
Sat 8 Feb	Waste Collection: Alport (7.45-8am), Youlgrave School (8.05-	Bull's Head Hotel	636307
	9.30am), Bradford, Mawstone Lane & bridge (9.35-10.15am), Grove Place (10.20-10.45am).	David Butterworth, Chimney Sweep & Scaffold Hire Castle Farm, B&B, Caravans & Camping Barn	636746 636746
	,	Derbyshire Aggregates Ltd	636500
Tues 11 Feb	Yougrave W.I. meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm.	Jonathan Derrick, Health and Safety Consultant	07736 425948
Thurs 13 Feb	Youlgrave Brownies Bring & Buy Sale, Scout & Community Hut, 5.30-7pm, to raise money for Blue Peter Water Works appeal.	Equity Estates Commercial Properties Farmers and Country Bureau, Personal Introduction Agency	636180 636281
Thurs 13 & 27	Tea Dance, Youlgrave Village Hall, 2-4pm.	Farmyard Inn	636221
Fri 21 Feb	Public meeting, Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm (see page 11).	Hopping Farm Caravan Park George Hotel	636302 636292
Sat 22 Feb	Waste Collection: Alport (7.45-8am), Youlgrave School (8.05-	Hollands Butchers	636234
	9.30am), Bradford, Mawstone Lane & bridge (9.35-10.15am),	Diane Kettle, Art Classes, Private Tuition, Paintings, Prints, Cards	636763
	Grove Place (10.20-10.45am).	Knoll Club	636571
Tues 25 Feb	Youlgrave Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall Cttee Rm, 7.15pm.	Peter Knowles, Architect	636362
Sat 8 March	Waste Collection: The Square, Middleton by Youlgrave,	Patrick McLoughlin MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA Meadow Cottage Tea Garden	01332558125 636523
Sat o March	9.45-10.45am. <i>Note: there is no collection in February.</i>	Middleton & Smerrill Parish Council	030323
	one for loaning records and constraint in a constraint,	The Old Bakery, Bed & Breakfast	636887
	REGULAR EVENTS	Odd Jobs, Home and Garden Maintenance	636049
	112002/1112	Peak Feast, Speciality Ready-Made Meals	07951 215121
Tuesdays	Yoga with Iris Pimm (tel. 636341), Greenfields Farm Barn, 7pm.	Iris Pimm, Greenfields Farm Barn	636341
Tues, Wed &	Youlgrave Playschool, Scout & Community Hall, 9.15-11.45am.	Pots from France	636043/636689
Thursdays	Contact Helen for details (tel. 636974).	Barbara Scrivener, Hands Help Healing Ian & Jean Shearman, 1 Brookside Cottages, Bradford Dale	636601
Wednesdays	Drawing and painting classes, Youlgrave Reading Room, 10am.	Smerrill Grange, Bed & Breakfast	636232
Wed & Thurs	Beginners Yoga with Iris Pimm, 7pm (see above).	Wee Dram, Specialist Whisky Shop	812235
Wednesdays	Basic Drawing skills with Diane Kettle, Reading Room, 10am.	Wesleyan Reform Church Jack Wheeldon, 31 Dombay Close, Higham ME3 7AE	01474 823783
Wednesdays	Diane Kettle's life drawing classes, Middleton Village Hall, 7.30pm.	James Wilson Financial Services, office hrs 9.30-13.30, Mon-Thu	636136
Wednesdays	Bingo, Youlgrave Reading Room, 7.30pm.	Anthony Wragg	636476
Fridays	Yoga with Iris Pimm, 9.30am.	John Youatt, District Councillor Youlgrave Bell Ringers	636241 636223
Fridays	Parent and Toddlers Group, Youlgrave Village Hall Committee Room	Youlgrave Bowls Club	636467
Tituays	(next to main hall), 1.15-3.15pm. Contact Emma Wardle (tel. 636265).		636943
Fridays	Gentle Yoga, Scout and Community Hall, 3.30pm.	Youlgrave Neighbourhood Watch	636611
2nd Mon	Mobile Library, Greenfields Farm, 9.30am; Alport, 9.45am; Abbeyfield	Youlgrave Parish Council	636285
2.10 111011	10am; Bradford, 10.20am; Rock Farm, Middleton, 10.40am.	Youlgrave Playschool	636974
2nd Tues	Youlgrave WI meetings, Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm.	Youlgrave Post Office	636201
4th Wed	Confidential Advice Sessions with Matlock & District Citizens	Youlgrave Silver Band	636362
4th Wed	Advice Bureau, Youlgrave Medical Centre, 9.30am-12.30pm.	Youlgrave United Football Club	636483
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