

The Bugle

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

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Shutting up shop

Youlgrave Newsagent closes but home delivery to continue

Roses Newsagents on Church Street has closed its door for the last time, although its proprietor has vowed to continue a delivery service to customers in Alport and Youlgrave.

Tony Carter (pictured right) says the reasons for the closure are threefold: continually poor service from suppliers WH Smiths; difficulties in employing staff locally; and problems caused by a lack of parking space outside his shop.

In a letter to his customers, Tony said that he felt it was no longer viable to run a village newsagent in the present situation, and that sadly this was echoed by national trends. "Fewer and fewer newsagents are doing a home delivery service," he wrote. "Most newsagents have a manager in the backroom doing the administration whilst staff serve at the counter. Roses Newsagents is too small to employ staff in this manner. It is also quite astonishing how



much administration there is in selling a newspaper." Some of the papers and periodicals, together with the cigarettes and confectionery, will in future be sold across the road in Parkers Butchers.

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Explaining the reasons behind the closure of the shop, Tony Carter was especially critical of WH Smith, who supply village newsagents like his with newspapers and periodicals. "Their onerous business practices and their atrocious standard of service is very frustrating," he told the *Bugle*. "I spend time every week trying to adjust my order for papers and magazines to match expected sales. The adjustments usually work for a week and then Smiths decide that there is 'an opportunity to sell so and so' and I get sent too many of a particular magazine."

He reckons he wastes about three hours every week adjusting his standard order and packing up unwanted or unused magazines that have never reached the shelf. "It gets

This last week Smiths service has been appalling – driver overslept; next day he was late because the van broke down; and the same the following day. Next day on time but he had left my supply of Mirrors at another shop. Service is so bad that the transport manager accompanies him the following day and personally apologises to all the newsagents on this round. Next day is OK, but the day after this van driver does not turn up to Smiths at all, and as they have no spare driver the papers do not leave Sheffield until 7.15am. So I drive out to Baslow (their first drop) and pick up my papers. Get back to Youlgrave at about 8.15am. My member of staff has gone because he has another job to go to. I have to unpack papers, make up rounds, deliver most rounds in person – and all this on pension day when many people want to come in and pay their bill. I again think about getting a normal job. Mrs Osmaston and Mrs Brassington both volunteer to deliver a number of papers for me (thank you!). I once again think about keeping the shop going.

Tony Carter, Roses Newsagents, Feb 2004

depressing. I have never been in a business when a supplier can behave in this way. "

Tony also says that village newsagents like Youlgrave's are totally at the mercy of the supplier and delivery driver, and that Smiths apparent practice of using poorly-paid subcontractors for deliveries means that the service he receives is poor and haphazard.

High staff turnover

Another reason for closing the business appears to be the difficulty of finding and keeping local staff. "I have been in this business for just under two years and have had four different main helpers," Tony explains. "This is a very high turn over of staff. Added to this, there has also been a decrease in the number of paper boys/girls, and the ones who are still with me are mostly in the 15-16 age group, so they will be moving on soon. This difficulty of hiring paper boys/girls is a national trend."

The lack of guaranteed parking near his premises also appears to be another major problem, and one not just confined to the newsagents. Last year, Youlgrave Parish Council consulted village shops on how best to reserve shop-front parking for customers only, and as a result notices were fixed to the outside walls of Hollands and Roses. But according to Tony Carter it has not solved the problem of deliveries.

"One day last summer the Smiths delivery van broke down in Bakewell. I drove down to where he was and collected my papers from him, then drove back to Youlgrave. In the time that I was away some one had taken the parking space that I had occupied – and this was at seven in the morning! I parked in the middle of the road to unload, and a car came so I had to move out of the way and then go back to the middle of the road – it was so frustrating that I was overcoming one problem only to walk straight in to another one. I will not commit to re-opening the shop because I do not have confidence that there will be a solution to the parking that will encourage me to remain in business."

Youlgrave Cinema reopens its doors after 60-year break



The expectant audience gathers on the opening night (photos: Ian Webster)

On Friday 27 February, the Village Hall once more became a regular film venue, as Youlgrave Cinema showed its first film since the 1950s.

The reformed village cinema has 110 members, most of whom braved the ice and sub-zero temperatures to enjoy a screening of the British classic 'The Third Man'. It was preceded by a repeat showing of a short, local 1930s film, and refreshments were served during the intermission and at the end. Feedback from the enthusiastic audience was very positive, with everyone looking forward with anticipation to the remaining five films in the first season. The next screening is the French film 'Amelie' on Friday 12 March, followed by 'Best in Show' on Friday 26 March. Although there are no more membership places left there will be 20 guests seats available for members to book in advance. Please call 636611 between 10am-7pm one week prior to the screening.

Youlgrave Cinema's success has been made possible by the hard work and enthusiasm of its volunteer committee and supporters, as well as key funding from Derbyshire Rural Community Council, the Countryside Agency and Leader+.



Cinema Chairman Andrew McCloy – his new suit was widely acclaimed.

Commencing 10 April Hollands Butchers will

stay open on Saturday afternoons until 4pm

Bugle letters: why shooting is part of our rural culture...



Dear Editor,

In response to the letter from an 'anonymous' reader regarding the incident of the wounded duck on Middleton Dale, I feel it is of importance to our community to express the feelings of an 'irresponsible' and 'barbaric' 'Gun Culture'.

I feel sure the persons concerned are members of organisations with ethical codes of conduct and feel that the 'finder' of the wounded duck should have taken it to a member of the shoot concerned. It is the policy of shooters to retrieve all killed or wounded animals and shoots have retriever dogs for this purpose and keep a count of all birds shot in order to pick up all game.

The police closely monitor the shooting fraternity and all holders of shotguns must hold a shotgun licence and have a current game certificate. Our area is blessed with a multitude of wildlife and has been heavily involved in shooting for centuries, becoming a large part of our culture.

Many shoots rear pheasants and mallard, a percentage of which (20-40%) are shot and the remainder of which go on to become part of the wildlife. The syndicates put more back into the countryside and wildlife than is ever taken from it. Years ago small communities such as Youlgrave lived off the land – shooting ducks/rabbits/hares/pheasants and other game when there was no Sainsburys or Tesco Superstores to purchase their staple diets.

All game shot by organised shoots is eaten and game is a far better source of healthy food than the currently well publicised poultry from China and chicken farms! Today people welcome organic food and we are seeing an increase in demand as people recognise the need for less additives and a healthier diet.

I have lived in Youlgrave all my life and have seen the tourist industry grow with little respect for the 'Countryside Code'. Frequently dogs are allowed to run free on the Dale where there are signs asking for dogs to be kept on leads. I and other local residents have seen Muscovy and Mallard ducks ripped from their nests by dogs owned by thoughtless walkers who have watched helplessly as the ducks

were torn to pieces. The signs for 'dogs must be kept on leads' are obvious at both ends of the dale so why do owners not adhere to the rules? Did the 'finder' of the wounded duck have their dog on a lead?!

May I suggest to anyone wishing to live in and around this area that thrives from hunting, fishing and shooting and which brings in a great deal of revenue for the Estates and local eating houses as well as jobs for the community, that if they do not agree with the way the countryside is run perhaps a more urban lifestyle would be suited, leaving the rural life to those who know how it should be run.

Not wishing to withhold my name.

Eric Goodwin
Youlgrave



Dear Editor,

In reply to the letter in February's *Bugle* re "the rights and wrongs of shooting in the Dale". I am presuming that the person (name and address withheld) is relatively new to the area and is of course entitled to their opinion, but I would like to raise the following points.

Shooting syndicates are registered with the "British Association of Shooting and Conservation" and "these gunmen" as the writer puts it do not shoot at just anything as implied. Last summer my daughter witnessed a Muscovy duck being torn to pieces in the river by a dog whose owners and their children (visitors to the village) were making no serious attempt to control their pet – are we to ban dogs from the Dales also? I am sure the writer's dog was not sniffing at the duck out of concern!

The writer states that they "object to being surrounded by this gun culture" so can I ask why they knowingly choose to live in an area surrounded by country estates and independent shoots where incidentally, a large part of their income comes from the keeping and shooting of game.

Gill Carter
Youlgrave

... 'warm, fluffy, safe rural theme parks' ...and protecting our wildlife



Dear Sir,

I am not a supporter of shooting, and I deplore the unnecessary death of a duck through poor marksmanship, and the shooting of an owl is disgraceful, so why did I read your lead letter with a growing sense of irritation?

Because it exemplified the growing tendency to sanitise and emasculate the countryside, to turn it into an oh so, humane and reasonable Guardian Reader Land, or worse, to turn it into a warm, fluffy, safe rural theme park inhabited by Little Grey Rabbit and Jemima Puddleduck. This is the countryside tailored to essentially urban sensibilities. Please try to understand Nature and the countryside! The shooting syndicated provide far more money for the upkeep of the Dale than English Nature. A paradox? Well, that's life, maybe even death.

As for upsetting the children, well, perhaps seeing for themselves the results of shooting would bring home to them the lethal power of firearms and help shape their opinions more acutely than any maternal diatribe.

Dee Frith
Youlgrave



Dear Editor,

"If we do not protect the local wildlife, who else will?" I echo your correspondent in the February issue but from a different perspective. Bradford Dale is lovely because it is a place as close to natural as much of our land can be, but human beings seem intent on corrupting nature for their own pleasure, not only by blood sports, but also by unthinking use.

Feeding the ducks is fun, especially for children, but how many consider that ducks do not naturally eat bread and that come winter, when there is no-one around to feed them, they may not be fit enough to survive or will not have learned properly how to feed themselves. And the remains left behind – I have found a whole doughnut lying there – merely encourages the local rats.

Feeding fish is fascinating to watch as they rise to the surface, it is the main way poachers make sure they are available when they want them. Feeding birds in your own garden is a great past-time but peanuts hanging on trees in the dale merely encourage the squirrels and leave dangerous plastic netting in the undergrowth. Sweet papers, crisp packets, sandwich wrapping, cans, bottles and even carrier bags, all non biodegradable and polluting, do not clean up after themselves – a few environmentally minded local walkers do that for us. They have my gratitude.

Scattering ashes of loved ones in the Dale may be appropriate, but leaving flowers wrapped in cellophane, or plastic wreathes, or planting garden species in a wild place is not. Dogs running freely disturb ground-nesting birds in spring, dogs encouraged to leap into the water to fetch sticks discourage the shy residents such as water voles.

Does this seem harsh? Over more than 25 years, I have watched the variety of wildlife in the Dale decrease as the number of people using it has increased. So yes, we do need to protect the local wildlife: we need to learn not to interfere, and to tread more lightly on this earth, allowing nature to maintain its own abundant balance for our delight.

Jeni Edwards
Youlgrave

Have you seen Henry?



Call the Bugle Parrot Hotline on 636125 with confirmed sightings; or contact Bill and Glenys Moore, the Bugle's resident Parrot Fanciers (*that sounds dubious – Ed*) on 636477. See page 7 for the latest on Henry.

Mince beef 1.10p lb/2.42 kg

Stewing beef 1.85p lb/4.07 kg

Bugle letters extra: self-interest will prevent a parking solution



Dear Sir,
Having lived on Church Street for 18 years, we have been well placed to observe the comings and goings of village traffic, together with the resulting frustrations, confrontations, parking strategies, near misses and gridlocks that result from too many vehicles – too little space.

There is one aspect of the Church Street problem that could be tackled by a little more thought and consideration. Residents' cars providing daily transport usually disappear from the kerbside during shopping hours. Often, though, other vehicles are parked for days and occasionally weeks without use. Is it too much to ask that those going away or on holiday find less congested and heavily used locations for their unused vehicles? Could those who let holiday properties also explain the parking problems to their visitors, and encourage them

not to park near the shops for days on end while they go walking and exploring the area?

Sadly, Bill Moore (February *Bugle*) is right. There is no "painless solution" to the parking dilemma. All of us – residents, shopkeepers, shoppers, holiday-home landlords and visitors – have a vested interest in being able to park. If we are not prepared to compromise or make sacrifices, whether by walking a bit further or giving up a second car, it is ultimately self-interest which will prevent progress in easing the parking problem.

Meanwhile, as we wait – and wait – and wait for the wheels of bureaucracy to grind slowly towards a solution, a pre-requisite for living (and parking) on Youlgrave's main street must be a sense of humour. Parking in Pommie? We've got enough stories for a book!

Anne Osborne
Youlgrave

Pommie briefs

Parrot latest: Henry takes flight for Bakewell

Contrary to a suggested report in last month's *Bugle*, Youlgrave's famous feathered resident is still alive and well – but has evidently been on the move. During February he was sighted on a number of occasions in Bakewell. His favoured location was around Baslow Road, most notably in the trees around the Peak National Park's HQ at Aldern House. Eyewitnesses who contacted the *Bugle* were adamant that the bird in question was Henry, earlier identified by Youlgrave naturalists as an Orange Winged Amazon parrot. He was also spotted at Bakewell's Agricultural Centre, perched on the roof and squawking at passers by.

The next twist to the story was the appearance of an advert in the *Peak Advertiser* appealing for Henry's owner to come forward, then at the end of February rumours began to circulate suggesting that Henry had been recaptured.

However, on 2 March the Editor of the *Bugle* was woken at an early hour by a call from an excited Parish Council Chairman informing him that she had spotted Henry back in Youlgrave Churchyard – his former haunt. Has the itinerant parrot forsaken the bright lights of Bakewell for his true adopted home? Further reports of Henry's whereabouts are eagerly awaited. Watch this space!

Phone box to be removed

The well-known red telephone box at the bottom of Stoneyside is to be axed, according to BT. Despite protests from Youlgrave Parish Council, who pointed out that it is situated on a popular path along Bradford Dale and one of only two left in the village, BT say that low usage has made the box uneconomical to maintain and they will shortly remove it.

Cricket again at Youlgrave

Negotiations are underway to allow a Wirksworth cricket team to use the Youlgrave pitch for the 2004 season. Although still keen to host a new Youlgrave side, the absence of a home team for the new season has led to the Parish Council agreeing to the request of the Wirksworth 4th XI Colts team to play their home matches in Youlgrave. The Colts, currently without a ground, are due to play their ten matches between May and September. They say that Youlgrave players will be considered for inclusion in the Wirksworth team, with a view to reforming the following year; and help and advice will be offered to all players.

Wirksworth Cricket Club is also looking for someone to prepare and maintain the wicket on Youlgrave's pitch (for the appropriate remuneration). If you have the expertise and are interested please contact Anne Croasdell on 636887.

End of the Rainbows?

The Leader of Youlgrave Rainbows has warned that the unit will be forced to close unless more help is forthcoming. Since starting the unit in 1990, Louise Hancock has run the popular group which meets every week in the village. Rainbows caters for 5-7 year-old girls, who then go up to Brownies and later Guides (both of whom continue to meet in Youlgrave). Louise says that due to the pressure of work and other commitments at home, she is unable to guarantee making every meeting on time, if at all some weeks, and if additional help does not materialise she will be closing Rainbows for good this Easter.

If you are between the ages of 18 and 65, and would be willing to help and take the Leadership warrant, **please contact Louise on 636860**. All training is free and full support will be given.

Neil Ardley

Neil Ardley, who died recently, lived in Youlgrave for about 15 years until the late 1990s. He was a well-known and gifted jazz composer, admired throughout the British jazz scene and beyond. He was active locally, singing in the Bakewell Choral Society, for whom he wrote a special piece called 'Cantabile' to celebrate their 25th anniversary – it is due to be performed this June in Bakewell. He also co-wrote the 'Creation Mass' for the Choral Society and the Senior Choir at Lady Manners School, a hymn from which was sung at his funeral in Bakewell. Apart from his musical ability, he was also a successful writer, producing a wide range of books, guides and encyclopaedia for children and young people. In all he wrote 101 books which cumulatively sold around 10 million copies. To relax Neil enjoyed walking in the Derbyshire countryside, as well as venturing abroad to the Pyrenees.

Council Tax 2004-5

Last week saw the publication of the new Council Tax rates for the Derbyshire Dales district. All the figures include County, District, Parish, Police and Fire requirements.

Band Amount:

A	£831.28
B	£969.84
C	£1108.38
D	£1246.93
E	£1524.02
F	£1801.12
G	£2078.21
H	£2493.86

STOP PRESS: You can now tax your vehicle at Youlgrave Post Office – full details in April's *Bugle*.

Braising steak 1.88p lb/4.13 kg

Pork chops 1.79p lb/3.93 kg

A fond farewell to Emma

The *Bugle's* founding editor leaves Middleton for the bright lights of Nottingham

The first edition of the *Bugle* came out in January 1998. The idea came from a meeting in the Village Hall, and was supported by Project Lever which carried out research and discussions to help village initiatives. Jim Bower, a local printer, said it was his ambition to start a village newsletter. Emma Youatt, who was severely injured after a motor cycle accident and had just returned home to her parents in Middleton to recover, agreed to be editor. Chris Shimwell and Ann Knowles joined the team and the *Bugle* was started. Later, Elley Bane joined us. Jim printed the *Bugle* free for three years and the rest gave time and expertise. Our small expenses were covered by local sponsors.

In edition one we introduced ourselves and invited our readers to write for us. We printed a list of local clubs and organisations with contact names and phone numbers, some 60 in all. This has been updated since. Jim printed for us until 2001 when we started using Greenaway Workshop in Darley Dale. This is a subsidised printing service run by Derbyshire County Council for people with disabilities.

We try to deliver to every house in the three villages. We put together a team of 16 honorary deliverers whose time is much appreciated. The *Bugle* is also sent to many

people who used to live here, and we receive grateful letters from many of them.

In 2000, to celebrate the Millennium, we collected photographs of the village and made up a booklet called *BUGLE 2000* which we also delivered free to every house. If anyone would like a copy there are still some available. Please contact Ann at Garden House (636362).

Last year Andrew McCloy took over as Editor, as Emma was planning to leave Middleton, and she has now moved to Nottingham.

Hopefully she will still be associated with the team, and we are very grateful to her for all her hard work.

At the start none of us knew much about running and publishing a newsletter and we all learnt a lot, particularly Emma who had to become

proficient at computer work and learn all the publishing software. She is now an expert and has helped many local people sort out their computer problems. As well as the *Bugle*, she took on the Youlgrave.com web site, and also taught several ladies in Middleton how to use computers so they could email friends and family etc. We wish her all the best in her new life in Nottingham.

Ann Knowles



Emma Youatt – five successful years editing the *Bugle*

Welcome to... 'Youlsea'!

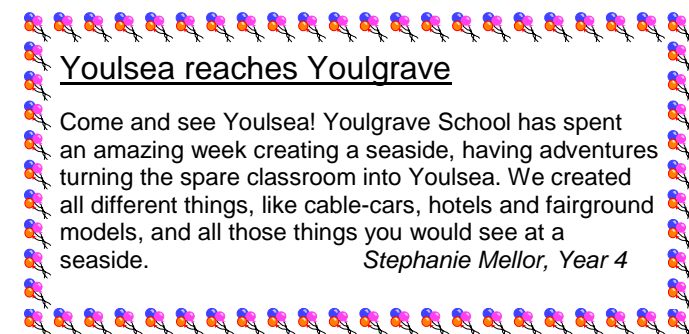
It takes a leap of imagination to picture landlocked Derbyshire with a coast, but recently children at All Saints transformed Youlgrave into 'Youlsea' - and created a whole seaside town inside the school.

Every child contributed to the splendid project, which included a huge model of a coastal resort. There were hotels and fairgrounds, a beach and lighthouse, and at the end of the promenade a version of the one and only Blackpool Tower.

As the focus for the week's work, some of the children produced poems and writing, a few of which are shown below.

Thank you to everyone for an imaginative and creative project. And it just goes to show that, after all, you don't have to travel miles and miles to reach the seaside!

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★ **It's exciting, it's enjoyable it's Youlsea!** ★
★ It has a fun fair, a beach, cable cars, shops, sweet stores, hotels, bikes and cars to borrow, theatre shows, clubs and loads loads more. ★
★ Come on and see all the excitement! ★
★ *Leanne and Sophie, Year 5* ★
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Youlsea reaches Youlgrave

Come and see Youlsea! Youlgrave School has spent an amazing week creating a seaside, having adventures turning the spare classroom into Youlsea. We created all different things, like cable-cars, hotels and fairground models, and all those things you would see at a seaside.

Stephanie Mellor, Year 4

THE SUN AND THE SEA COME TO YOUSEA!

All the children have made their models out of old scrap and card. They have made 30 different beautiful models, and here are a few ideas of what they have made: cars, fairground rides, and not forgetting the tower and the beach. One of the biggest models was the theatre and the lighthouse. The children at Youlgrave Primary School were making this FAB model for a whole week every morning and every afternoon. Liam and Reese have made a gigantic rollercoaster ride which is about 2 metres long and 1 metre high. It even works and it is called Storm Mountain.

Catherine J. Thaw, Year 6

Mild cheddar 1.88 lb/4.13 kg

Middle Bacon Danish 1.88 lb/4.13 kg

Panto review: The Queen of Hearts

I was recently asked by the Editor to resume my role as theatre critic of the Bugle and review this year's pantomime.

I was missing last year, taking part in a race the object of which was to act oneself to the South Pole. I was winning but was unfortunately pipped at the post by a Norwegian pantomime horse!! (Please get on with the review, Wilton – Ed)

I had forgotten what a mixture of emotions can be generated by Youlgrave Panto and again thoroughly enjoyed the experience with a few reservations. I thought the production was a tad long. (My scar began to play up) and was slightly disjointed with a certain lack of continuity in the narrative. There were too many scenes in front of the silver drop for me. Having said that I have 'died' at some of the best venues around: Alport Reading Room, The Mechanics Institute, Eyam and upstairs at the Bull's Head so who am I to talk?

The achievement of Jan Wilson to write, produce and be the inspiration behind the Panto is truly admirable. I salute her and the fantastic group of helpers who make it all happen. Certain aspects stood out for me this year: Ted Shimwell's voice; Mick Partridge's face; Chris Watson's nose; the camel; Mary Froggatt – what a trooper; Charlotte Harrison, a treasure – look after her! Jeremy Bacon, a schizophrenic baddie; and the sparkliness of the costumes!

Followers of my column over the years will know that I continuously bang on about the traditions of Panto: how it should be bawdy, populist and short and I stand by my opinions. Notwithstanding all that, also in my opinion Youlgrave's production is the best in the locality. Long may it continue!

Wilton Shagpile



Above: Charlotte Harrison as the Jester

Grateful thanks to John Marple for all the illustrations.



Dear Sir,
Another year, another great pantomime, maintaining what must be a unique record for a village production. Not only does its continuous history go so far back but playing for two weeks to full houses ranks as an incredible achievement.

Sharing the limelight with the most fantastic costumes ever, the stunning sets, the new lights and seating, the old faithfuls, Mick, Mary, Chris and Jeremy stood out, as well as some of the younger faces, Bethany, Briony, Charlotte and the boys.

But, please, production team, do give some thought to your chorus, especially the older ones. The bland expression on most of their faces and weak rendition of the songs reflects an inner lack of enthusiasm and enjoyment. They might not tell you but friends and families know, and after all, isn't enjoying it, what it's all about?

There is a real abundance of serious talent in this community and time after time young hopefuls leave for happier and more rewarding pastures in other performance groups, to be lost to the pantomime forever.

I hope this will be taken as constructive comment, rather than in any other way.

Parent of a Bebo
Youlgrave

♥ Queen of Hearts ♥

At Youlgrave Village Hall
27th January to 7th February 2004



As seen by John Marple.

Dutch Plain Shortback Bacon 2.20 lb/4.84 kg

Whole sides pork 0.90p lb/1.98 kg



Outgoing Parish Clerk Ingrid Newman (left) is presented with a special bracelet by Chairman Anne Croasdell last month. Ingrid, who stepped down after seven years in the post, was described by Cllr Tom Gladwin as one of the most diligent and efficient parish clerks Youlgrave has ever had.

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www.thebugle.org.uk



Winster Morris Dancers: fitness, fun, fame... all free!

In the 19th and early 20th centuries, Winster Morris Dancers were men from the village itself. True, in the 1850s we did have a fiddler from Wensley, a good mile away, playing for us. But times change, and some of the present side travel many miles, from Yorkshire and Cheshire, to practice with us. We have to admit that we are very famous, the most publicised Morris Dance team ever.

Dry Blackthorn Cider took out full page ads in the tabloids, and half page in the broadsheets, with pictures of us dancing. Buxton Water used film of us in a TV commercial, and we have appeared on Blue Peter and BBC Midlands Today. We travel too. An appearance at Sidmouth International Folk Festival, more appearances than any other team at Dancing England, and dancing tours with teams from far English counties. We have danced five times in Italy, five times in France, and one each in Poland, Lithuania, Romania, and Denmark!

You can be part of this success. We have around 20 active dancers at this moment, but then you are in demand as much as we are, you need reserves you can call on. Be at the Burton Institute (our village hall) on West Bank in Winster at 8pm on **Thursday, March 11th**, or the earliest Thursday after that that you can make it, and start to learn our steps and moves.

It's great fitness training for sportsmen, whichever kind of ball you chase. We won't insist on you having more beers than you think you should, but you have to join in the laughs. We have had many boy dancers join us over the years – so how about it, lads?

We are also looking to add to our group of musicians; at present mostly melodeon players, and would welcome interest from wind and stringed instruments and also drummers. *We look forward to welcoming you!*

Contact David Mitchell (650220), Roy Witham (650329), Alun Thomas (650224) or email sheilamitch@supanet.com



Free delivery Wednesday and Friday

Where can we build...?

Affordable Housing is an issue all over the country, not just in Youlgrave. It's an issue because unless ordinary working people can afford to live within the village, life as we know it will change.

For a long time it's been difficult for young or single people to set up home here. There's a forced dependency on inheriting property. Given the size and social mix in the village, there is enough social housing and sheltered accommodation. The trouble is that most of what could be called 'suitable for first time buyers' has been snapped up for holiday homes or are an investment for people's retirement.

'Affordable Housing' are houses built by a housing association, which can be part or wholly bought by someone born or working in this parish. They're attractively designed and built in local materials. Depending on your income, you could buy quarter, half, three

quarters or a whole property. If your circumstances change, you can up or lower the percentage you buy. The house will always remain for local people or people who have worked in the area for a number of years (usually five) The house cannot be sold off to be a second home or a holiday let.



A housing survey showed that Youlgrave needed seven such houses. Housing Associations are prepared to negotiate a deal with land owners adding perhaps a percentage ownership or access to one of the properties, for example, to the land sale price.

We need young or single-income families in the village. We need children in playgroup and school. We need Affordable Housing. And we need a piece of land on which to build. If you can help or want to know more please, in the first instance, contact Youlgrave Parish Council.

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Youlgrave WI disclose their magnetic appeal

Another very pleasant evening with the WI opened by our president Margaret Deeming welcoming Jennifer back after her knee operation, this followed with the singing of Jerusalem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and duly signed and Margaret then took us through the business. We have received a welcome invitation from Stanton in the Peak WI to join them for the May meeting and we look forward to that. There were notifications for the various show events this summer and it was hoped some members will exhibit.

The Spring Group meeting is to be held at Ashford in the Water on 30 March. Final arrangements were made for transport to the WI meal at Merlins.

The speaker, Dee Shimarby, gave a very interesting talk on The World of Magnets and it was discovered that some of our members had been using this method of therapy for some years with very beneficial effects. We shall all be dancing around like spring lambs by the summer! Next month the talk is 'A Secret Journey Across Tibet'. Come and join us for what should be another good evening.

Take-away filled rolls and hot drinks available



YOULGRAVE- BANGBUTT VILLAGE LINK

Our **Annual General Meeting** will take place in Youlgrave Reading Room at 4pm on **Saturday 27 March**. Tea and Hot Cross buns provided!

The meeting includes: reports, minutes of previous meetings, and election of officers (there are two vacancies for the Executive Committee/Trustees – please give any nominations to Barbara Scrivener by 13 March 2004).

Latest news from Sierra Leone: Susanne Garnett Director of Village Aid, Bakewell, is visiting Sierra Leone in February/ March and will share her recent experiences with us.

Youlgrave Monday Club

Every Monday from 10.30am to 3pm the Monday Club (Day Centre) meets in Youlgrave Village Hall.

A warm welcome awaits any lady or gentleman wishing to join us. Come and have a cup of tea or coffee. A hot lunch is also provided if required, for the sum of £1.30.

We have visiting singers and speakers, and you can also play bingo, cards, Scrabble or dominoes. If not, just come along and enjoy a chat and make friends. We always have a good raffle and also organise outings to many parts of Derbyshire and further afield, taking in lunches and afternoon teas. We have our annual dinner at Hassop Hall.

The Bakewell & Eyam Community Bus is available for people who cannot walk far in the village. For further details contact Mrs Daphne Jackson on 636892.

Free information technology course available locally

Following funding from the European Social Fund, the Youth Hostel Association (YHA) is offering free IT courses in the Peak District. The courses, European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) and ECDL Advanced, are available on CD to enable the learner to study at their own pace.

To benefit from this project you must be employed (full or part time), live locally and have access to a computer with a CD-Rom drive. You must also be committed to take at least one test over the period of the project (to March 2005). Testing will take place at Youlgrave Youth Hostel at times to be arranged. For more details contact Andrew Hallsworth on (01629) 592651 or Lynn Eatherden on (01629) 592770. Further information is available on our website at www.yhaesf.org.uk



Own bottling for the Wee Dram

The Wee Dram – the Bakewell whisky shop owned by Youlgrave residents Adrian and Alison Murray – has just launched a new own bottling. The single malt whisky was distilled at Linkwood Distillery on Speyside, Scotland's main malt whisky producing region, and is bottled in Edinburgh for the shop.

Adrian told the Bugle: "The whisky has been matured in an ex-sherry cask which gives it a richer, fruitier flavour, and at 12 years old has mellowed and rounded nicely."

If you're interested in trying the whisky then visit the Wee Dram on Portland Square (by the main Co-op car park) where it is on offer at £21 (normal price £23). You can try before you buy, but don't tell everyone!

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Youlgrave Parish Council

7pm on Tuesday 30 March

Youlgrave Village Hall
Committee Room

*Come along and have
your say!*

Jokes of the month

Why did the farmer call his rooster Robinson?

Because he crew so.

Joe: "I once had a parrot for five years and it never said a word."

Bill: "It must have been tongue tied."

Joe: "No, it was stuffed."

What has one horn and gives milk?

A milk lorry.

Why are cooks cruel?

They beat eggs, whip cream and batter fish.

*All Saints Parish Church,
Youlgrave*

- SPRING CONCERT -

By the Chapel-en-le-Frith
Ladies Choir

Saturday 13 March, 7.30pm

Tickets £4 (£3 concessions)

or pay at the door

Please come and join us

QUIZ NIGHT

On Friday 2nd April at 7pm, Youlgrave School Association will be holding a quiz night at the Village Hall.

Ticket prices include a fantastic pie and pea supper and you can bring your own drink too!

Teams of four players maximum.

Tickets are £4.50 and will be available from School and The George Hotel.

Any info, please!

Can anyone tell me who was the M. BIRDS, landlord/proprietor of the Bull's Head in 1928? Call Dee Frith on 636911 or tell the Bugle.

Thank you.

Commencing 10 April Hollands Butchers will

stay open on Saturday afternoons until 4pm

ANNUAL SPONSORS

Abbeyfield (Youlgrave & District) Society, Granby House – very sheltered housing for elderly people	636123	Youlgrave Neighbourhood Watch	636611
Ambrose Printing Ltd	812731	Youlgrave Parish Council	636887
Ken and Liz Bartlett, The Stone Barn, Middleton		Youlgrave Silver Band	636362
Bull's Head Hotel	636307	Youlgrave WI	636479
David Butterworth, Chimney Sweep & Scaffold Hire	636746		
Castle Farm, B&B, Caravans & Camping Barn	636746		
Derbyshire Aggregates Ltd	636500		
Equity Estates, Commercial Property Management	636180		
Farmyard Inn	636221		
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Hopping Farm Caravan Park	636302		
Peter Knowles, Architect	636362		
Lathkil House, Bed & Breakfast	636604		
www.lightingforgardens.com	01462 486777		
Meadow Cottage Tea Garden	636523		
Monday Club	636892		
Bill Moore, District Councillor (Lathkill & Bradford)	636477		
Iris Pimm, The Barn, Greenfields	636341		
Roses Newsagents	636874		
Barbara Scrivener, Hands Help Healing	636601		
Smerrill Grange, Bed & Breakfast	636232		
Thimble & The Tweedles (three self-catering cottages)	07817 900841		
Jack Wheeldon, 31 Dombay Close, Higham ME3 7AE	01474 823783		
Youlgrave Bowls Club	636467		
Youlgrave Garage	636943		

It's time to renew your sponsorship, folks! For just £15 you can keep the Bugle going for another year, and at the same time advertise yourself and your business to every household in Alport, Middleton and Youlgrave. Or you can simply sponsor the Bugle as an individual – it's entirely up to you whether or not to have your name listed.

Please send £15, made payable to 'The Bugle', to the address on the front page, or leave it with Roger Easton at Youlgrave Post Office. Alternatively ring Ann on 636362 or Andrew on 636125.

So do YOUR bit for YOUR community!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Fri 12 March	Youlgrave Cinema presents 'Amelie', Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm (members and guests only).	Sat 27 March	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 13 March	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 27 March	Youlgrave-Bangbutt Village Link AGM, Youlgrave Reading Room, 4pm.
Sat 13 March	Spring Concert by the Chapel-en-le-Frith Ladies Choir, All Saints, 7.30pm.	Tues 30 Mar	Annual Parish Meeting (Youlgrave Parish Council meeting to follow), Village Hall Committee Room, 7pm
Fri 26 March	Youlgrave Cinema presents 'Best in Show', Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm (members and guests only).	Friday 2 April	Quiz Night, Youlgrave School Association, Village Hall, 7pm.

REGULAR EVENTS

Mondays	Monday Club (Day Centre), Youlgrave Village Hall, 10.30am-3pm.	Fridays	Yoga with Iris Pimm, 9.30am.
Tuesdays	Yoga with Iris Pimm (636341), The Barn, Greenfields Farm, 7pm.	Fridays	Gentle Yoga, Scout and Community Hall, 3.30pm.
Tuesdays	Indoor bowls at Youlgrave Village Hall, most Tuesday mornings and afternoons (check local noticeboards).	Fridays	Parent and Toddlers Group, Reading Room, 1.15-3.15pm. Contact Emma Wardle (tel. 636265).
Mon-Fri	Youlgrave Playschool, Scout & Community Hall, 9.15-11.45am. Contact Emma for details (tel. 636265).	2nd Mon	Mobile Library, Greenfields Farm, 9.30am; Alport, 9.45am; Abbeyfield, 10am; Bradford, 10.20am; Rock Farm, Middleton, 10.40am.
Wednesdays	Drawing and painting classes, Youlgrave Reading Room, 10am.	2nd Tues	Youlgrave WI meetings, Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm.
Wednesdays	Yoga with Iris Pimm (636341), The Barn, Greenfields Farm, 7pm.	4th Wed	Confidential Advice Sessions with Matlock & District Citizens Advice Bureau, Youlgrave Medical Centre, 9.30am-12.30pm.
Wednesdays	Basic Drawing skills with Diane Kettle, Reading Room, 10am.	Alternate Thurs	Mobile Library, Grove Place, 2-4.30pm Holywell Lane 5-6.30pm.
Wednesdays	Bingo, Youlgrave Reading Room, 7.30pm.	2nd Friday	Mobile Police Station, top of Holywell Lane, 12.30-4pm.
Thursdays	Beginners Yoga with Iris Pimm, 7pm		