

The Bugle

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

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VILLAGE HALL CELEBRATIONS



A day of special events is in store at Youlgrave Village Hall this month, as the refurbishment project nears completion. The Management Council is arranging an Open Day on 10th December as a 'thank you' to all our sponsors and volunteers. Matthew Parris, our principal guest, will formally re-open the hall at 10 30 am.

For added interest, an exciting new photographic exhibition, sponsored in association with the Heritage Lottery Fund, will display selected Youlgrave Welldressings from the past 40 years.

Entrance is free, including tea or coffee, and as a novelty, a stall will be selling Christmas decorations from Germany, while another will feature

traditional home made cakes. Do come along – the more the merrier!

In the afternoon there is a matinee film for the children – the recent hit 'Madagascar'. Entrance is again free, but by ticket only. Finally, between 7.30pm and 10.30pm, we are having a supper dance including live entertainment by Mick Partridge and Mary Froggatt. A light buffet will include wine. However, numbers are restricted by law, so tickets, although free, will be restricted to the people of Youlgrave, Middleton and Alport and on a first-come, first-served basis (no batch bookings, please). MN

Youlgrave Village Hall: Sat 10 Dec

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| 10.30am | Grand re-opening and photographic exhibition, with special guest Matthew Parris |
| 2pm | Children's matinee film: 'Madagascar' |
| 7.30pm | Supper Dance, with live entertainment from Mary Froggatt and Mick Partridge |

Tickets for the film show and the evening supper dance are free and available from either Parkers or Hollands shops.

Special 20-page bumper Christmas issue!

David Upton, 1940-2005

William George David Upton was born on 6th August 1940. The middle child of Bill and Alice Upton, having two sisters, Jean and Brenda. He was born at Hall Farm on Conksbury Lane, where he lived until his marriage in 1962.

He was baptised and later confirmed in All Saints Church, and attended the village school and then Lady Mannors. School was more of a chore than a pleasure as all he was interested in was sport. He left school at 14 to help out on the family farm, as his father was in ill health.

He met Mary Mountney at Bakewell pictures. Later, when introduced to David's mum, Mary enquired whether David was going to be Prime Minister because of his three names. They married at Bakewell church and went on to have three children: Julie, John and Susan. While the children were growing up they lived in the bungalow next to the Farm,

eventually moving back into the farmhouse where they stayed until December 2002, at which point David and Mary exchanged houses with Julie and moved to Mawstone Lane.



David never wanted a fancy car, flashy clothes or exotic holidays. All he wanted was his family, his sport, Youlgrave and the people here – his friends.

Apart from farming, David had many different jobs. He never liked working alone and always wanted to be surrounded by people. He passed his HGV test and took a wide variety of driving jobs including collecting chickens for Thornhills, delivering corn for Johnsons, hedge-cutting for Derbyshire County Council and, more recently, driving buses which he enjoyed until he had a slight heart attack 18 months ago.

He particularly enjoyed the bus driving – his ability to make friends with young and old alike, his gentleness and his willingness to go that bit further was exemplified in this role. Whether it was testing the pupils' spelling knowledge or dropping off his older passengers at their front door and helping them off the bus, instead of

rigidly sticking to the rule of only stopping at bus stops, David was happy to do it. It was these qualities that made him so trusted and well liked. Indeed, it was not uncommon for the school kids to buy him hair gel and his elderly 'Tesco run' passengers to give him Mars bars as little tokens of thanks.

Another favourite pastime was dry stone walling, in Youlgrave and the surrounding villages, there are many monuments to his talent through which he will be remembered for many years to come. David always said that the wall was just like a jigsaw puzzle that every stone fitted into.

He retained the love of sport throughout his entire life, taking part in darts, snooker, football, cricket, badminton, bowls, tennis, table tennis and dominoes and watching many more. He represented the village in many of these activities over five decades. If he could have a bet on the side it made his day.

Whatever he did, David strove to do the very best he could, sometimes seeming to over do it. Throughout his work and recreational life he made a host of new friends and the amusing stories they have of him are too



numerous to mention, but will remain in our hearts for the rest of our lives.

David never wanted a fancy car, flashy clothes or exotic holidays. All he wanted was his family, his sport, Youlgrave and the people here – his friends. One reason why, this last year, he had taken over the role as Treasurer to All Saints Church was to put something back into the village after all the pleasure it had given him during his life.

David will be greatly missed by Mary, his three children, his nine grandchildren, his sisters and their families. He was always interested and involved in everything they did.

In losing David, Youlgrave has lost a great character who had a friendly word for everyone and anyone he met – whether he knew them or not.

The only consolation is that he died happy doing something that he loved, playing table tennis with friends.

As the words of the song that played at the end of his funeral so aptly put it, David did things "my way".



Seed catalogues available

Youlgrave and District Horticultural Society has announced that 2006 seed catalogues are now available. Members should contact Dorothy Johnson, Moor Lane, Youlgrave (636895), or Leslie Toyne at the Old Hall, Youlgrave (636484). Orders should be placed by 4 January.

Car park arrest

On 1st November a male was arrested on suspicion of arson and criminal damage after he had forced fireworks into a pay and display ticket machine at the Peak District National Park car park at the top of Moor Lane, Youlgrave, and set them off causing damage. Four concrete bins were also set on fire.

Lost camera

Have you found a missing camera? On Friday 21 October a visiting couple accidentally left a Canon camera ("in a rather worn black case") on a bench in Middleton-by-Youlgrave. If you can help please contact Archie York, 82 Woodbourne Road, Smethwick, West Midlands B67 5NB, or call 07808 910371.

'Youlgrave Remembers'

Copies of this summer's special issue of the *Bugle*, written by Norman Wilson and commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Second World War, are still available for 50p from Youlgrave Post Office, Holland's and Parker's Butchers, and All Saints Church. It has also emerged that in a handful of cases a printing error led to a blank page creeping in – so if you are missing a page of text call Andrew on 636125 for a free replacement.

Fundraising thank you

The Autumn Fayre at Youlgrave's Scout and Community Hall raised an impressive £431, which as usual is ploughed back into the hall's upkeep and day to day running costs. Beaming Chairman Eric Toyne was delighted with the result: "This figure is over £50 higher than we achieved last year," he said. "It's a wonderful effort and justifies all the hard work for this one big fund-raising event of the year. Many thanks once again to everyone who contributed, and book it in your diaries to do it again on 14th October next year!"

SALSA FIESTA

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Vegetarians or vegans visiting for Christmas? Solve those

Shining Bank quarry to close by Christmas

Shining Bank, the familiar limestone quarry near Hawley's Bridge south of Alport, is to close its gates for the last time on 23rd December.

The quarry was formerly run by RMC Aggregates, but its new owners, Cemex, announced that because of consolidation they were switching operations to their larger Dove Holes quarry near Buxton. As the *Bugle* went to print it was unclear how many workers would be transferred. The quarry has been active for about 100 years and employs a number of local men. It is also not yet known what plans Cemex have for the site in the long run.

Winter Exhibition 2005

POTS FROM FRANCE

Opening Saturday 3rd December,
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Saturday 24th December

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makers, with the emphasis on
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of larger pieces and a selection
of tea bowls.

*Bankside Cottage, Bankside,
Youlgrave, tel 636043/636689*



Dear Sir

Although it was known that the working life of Shining Bank Quarry was coming to an end, the timing of the announcement was unexpected and extremely harsh – just before Christmas.

Shining Bank was known in the past as Thornhill's Quarry, and has had a succession of owners including North Lonsdale and the famous Sheffield firm of 'Thos. W Ward', whose descendant ironically enough was, I believe, one of the founders of the Peak National Park. Latterly it belonged to RMC Eastern who sold out to an international company called Cemex.

This little but all-important local quarry sustained generations of dedicated workers, men of character and stature, men who knew how to 'graft' – for quarry work is extremely arduous, involves long working days, early hours and night-time working in all weathers. It requires a toughness of spirit to endure and great technical knowledge in maintaining extensive plant and equipment, and further special skills in mixing aggregate and bitumen, and boring and blasting.

Generations of 'good' men have worked at Shining Bank, rearing families on what is by today's standards meagre industrial wages. It is especially poignant that another part of Derbyshire's industry will become consigned to the scrapbook alongside Rowsley's locos, etc. And when that sprawling weighbridge finally becomes stilled and the wide iron gates are finally closed – that epic silence will reverberate from rock face to rock face with far more intensity and power than any controlled detonation: the end of an era.

This is written in dedication to the working men of Shining Bank, both present and past, who feel deeply betrayed by a government that allows the swallowing up of British companies by foreign competitors.

Elizabeth Ashmore
Youlgrave

cooking problems with Peak Feast ready meals and flans

Youlgrave Pantomime 2006:

'Dick Whittington'

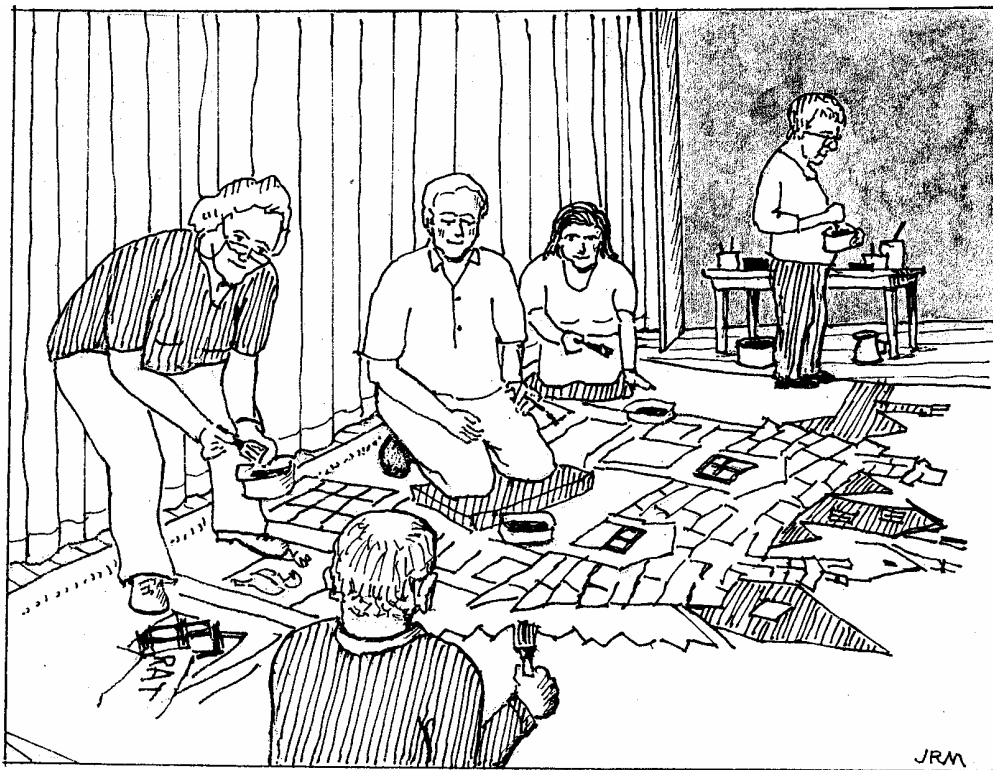


Illustration by John Marple

Above: Rita, Harry, Jan and John, led by Margaret Fell, hard at work in the Village Hall painting scenes for 'Dick Whittington'.

Described as a traditional family pantomime, this year's Youlgrave Panto is written and produced by Jan Wilson and runs from 24 January to 4 February. Performances are nightly at 7.30pm (except Sunday) at Youlgrave Village Hall, with a matinee on Saturday 28 January at 2.30pm.

Tickets cost £4 for adults and £2 for children (£2 and £1 respectively on the opening night), and will be on sale from Bridget Ardley from 1 December – call her on 636611 (daily between 10am and 7pm only).

Post-a-Cake service for gifts and birthdays

Granby House takes an independent line

Granby House has gone independent! Instead of being part of the Abbeyfield Society, Granby House is now an independent organisation, under the name Granby House (Youlgrave and District) Society Ltd. But, despite this administrative change, the good news is that life at Granby House continues just as before, providing friendly, comfortable accommodation for all the residents.

Chairman of the management committee, Rosemary Trapp, explains the reasons for this move:

"We have had a long and fruitful relationship with Abbeyfield, since Granby house opened in 1990. However, changes at Abbeyfield lead us to question the value of membership. As a result we

decided that leaving Abbeyfield was the best way to maintain the local ownership and management of the Society, and remain true to the aims of the founders of Granby House.

"To go with the change of name we also needed a new logo and we are delighted with the design that Grafika of Bakewell have come up with. Since Granby house is a charitable organisation, they very kindly

undertook the project as part of their 'Community Mark' work which supports local community initiatives."

Granby House continues to provide a home for older people who are reasonably fit but are perhaps feeling lonely or isolated and no longer want to live alone at home. All the residents enjoy getting together for meals and there are coffee mornings, whist drives and regular trips out to keep them busy. Each resident has their own room with their own furniture and as much independence as they want. As well as providing



some good home cooking, the housekeeper generally 'keeps an eye on' everyone and ensures that the house runs smoothly. Since Granby House is a non-profit making organisation

charges are kept very reasonable.

There are currently a couple of vacancies at Granby House. Anyone who is interested in moving to Granby House is invited to visit the house for coffee, a meal or a short stay to see how they like it.

To make an enquiry for yourself, a friend or relative, call either the housekeeper on 636123 or Pat Cleaver on 636836.

Events in December where you can sample and buy from us:

Profile: Peter Knowles, architect

In his studio at Garden House, just off Fountain Square, Peter Knowles works quietly away, designing buildings for his clients. Recent jobs have included two office blocks at Bakewell for a developer; new houses, extensions and alterations for individual homeowners and affordable Housing schemes for Housing Associations, as well as work on historic buildings for the Haddon Estate and the Chatsworth Settlement Trustees. A job could involve measuring buildings and land, sketch designs and construction drawings, plus Planning and Building Regulations applications.

"Each job varies in its scope, so there is never a dull moment," says Peter.

The geographic range is wide too, including the Lake District, Devon and Suffolk, but most work is in the Peak District and surrounding area.

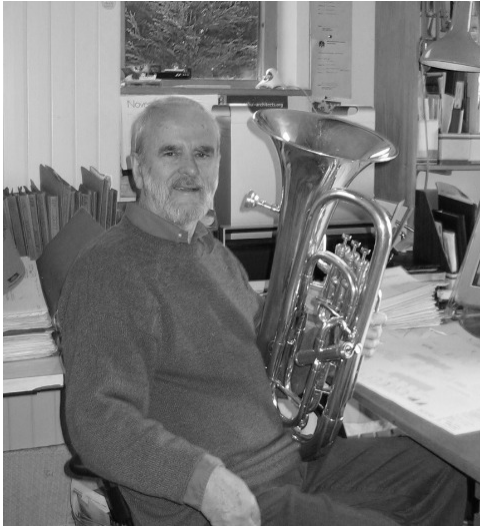
Peter set up his private practice in Youlgrave in 1979, after working for public and private architects in Sheffield, Norwich (designing a 1,000-seat Odeon cinema) and Buckinghamshire (three schools). He was also employed by the Timber Research and Development Association and the Peak District Joint Planning Authority (as conservation architect), before abandoning the security

of a regular income, pension and paid holidays. "It's been worth it for the freedom of being self-employed," he says.

However, the crazy amount of new rules and regulations pouring out of Parliament is an increasing burden. As soon as an architect comes to terms with the Building Regulations (700 pages of complex, technical requirements), the bureaucrats bring out a revised and more complicated version. Ditto the regulations governing Health and Safety and facilities for the disabled. These are worthy causes, but Peter dislikes the incomprehensible way in which they are presented. The Town Planning laws are also due for major revision next year. It leads to headaches, chaos and increased building costs for all concerned.

Local jobs in Youlgrave and Alport have included six houses at The Orchard, various house improvements and extensions, two barn conversions and most recently the work on the Village Hall.

Peter was one of the founder members of the Village Society in the 1980s, which staged a village exhibition and whose outstanding legacy is the traffic mirror at Church Corner! His main hobby is as a euphonium player in Youlgrave Silver Band, and has been its Secretary for many years.



Relaxation from work: Peter plays the euphonium in Youlgrave Silver Band.

YOULGRAVE SCHOOL GOES TO NEW MILLS!

Years 5 and 6 from Youlgrave School were up bright and early to go to New Mills Heritage Centre to study rivers. When we arrived after an hours journey, we were met by Mrs Barber, our teacher for the day.

First of all we looked at a map of the British Isles and found the four main rivers: Thames, Severn, Trent and the Mersey. We also found out what a watershed is (get a garden shed out of your head!). A watershed is when water gathers up on a hill and then falls down taking the easiest route; this is often the source of a river.

We took a walk exploring remains of old cotton factories and interesting features, we came back and had lunch.

After an enjoyable lunch we took a trip down to the river Sett to see if it was polluted or not. One team was with Mrs Adams and the other was with Mrs Wildgoose. Mrs Adams' group caught a bully head and some little bugs. Whilst the other group caught a Flattened May Fly Nymph and other little bugs too.

After a long day we set off back to school to write reports like this. We will never forget our exciting trip to New Mills Heritage Centre.

Brydie Adams & Jay Parker-Barratt

It was an early start for Y5 and Y6 as we were going to New Mills Heritage Centre to study rivers. We set off at half past eight and arrived at about quarter past nine.

First, we went into the classroom to talk about rivers with our teacher, Mrs Barber, who showed us around the centre. After a while, we all walked around and saw the river Goyt and the river Sett.

During our walk we had to look for a few of the following things:

Weirs – They were used to ensure the water level was high enough to flow into the mill all year round.

Confluences – A point at which two rivers meet. We saw where the Sett flowed into the Goyt; the water of the two rivers were totally different colours.

We saw cotton mills and other old features around the rivers and banks.

We went exploring the river to see whether it was polluted or not. We found loads of bugs and other little river creatures, such as flattened may fly nymphs and fresh water shrimps.

The day went well, we all enjoyed it.

Rebekah Marsden & Stephanie Mellor



UK last posting dates for Christmas

Standard parcels: Wed 14 December

UK last posting Special Delivery: Thurs 22 December

UK last posting Second Class: Sat 17 December

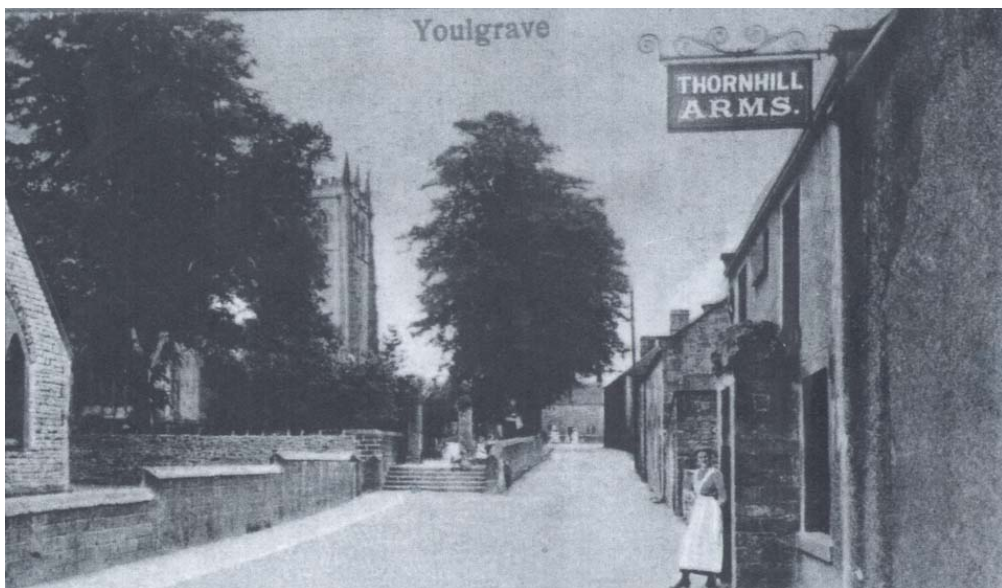
UK last posting First Class: Tues 20 December



Dec 3rd & 4th: Derby Fine Food Fair, Derby University

Dec 10th: Alternative Xmas Fair, Imperial Rooms Matlock

The Thornhill Arms, Youlgrave



This picture of Youlgrave's long-lost fourth pub, the Thornhill Arms, is believed to have been taken around 1910.

It was submitted by Roy Beardow, currently living near Grantham in Lincolnshire, but whose family was originally from Ashover. The woman posing outside the entrance is Roy's first cousin, second removed, called Martha Elizabeth Kenworthy.

She was born Martha Coldwell in Winster in 1869, and married Frederick Kenworthy, a joiner by trade, and together they ran the Thornhill Arms in Youlgrave which was previously managed by his father Thomas. (She also had a brother called Jess who ran the Red Lion in Wensley, and Bulmer's Directory of 1985 also records that Frederick's brother, William Walter Kenworthy, was landlord of Youlgrave's Farmyard Inn!)

The Thornhill Arms was known as a beerhouse, rather than a hotel like the Bull's Head or George, and when Frederick died in 1920 Martha closed it for good and Thornhill House became a private house. She shared the dwelling with an ageing aunt and spinster sister, and when Martha died in 1951, at the age of 81, she was buried in the churchyard opposite.

Many thanks to Roy Beardow for providing these fascinating details.

Saturday December 17th: Bakewell Farmers' Market

CHURCH ROOF APPEAL: FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Sponsored Walk, 1 October

Eleven of us set off on a rather drizzly and windy morning. However, the weather did not dampen our spirits as we headed uphill to Over Haddon, where we had a pleasant coffee stop at the Lathkil Hotel. (Whatever the weather, the views from here are wonderful!) Warmer now after our climb and a hot drink, we enjoyed the easier walk back beside the river. There was much chatter and laughter between all members of the group and it made for a very sociable Saturday morning – much preferable to housework and shopping! I would sincerely like to thank Ken Hammond for leading us, members and friends of the church who were able to take part, and for those who were kind enough to sponsor us. This joint effort raised an amazing £864 for the roof appeal. Thank you once again.



Shaggy Dog Story of the Month

A man was driving through the country when his car suddenly stopped. He got out and looked under the bonnet to see if he could find the problem.

"The trouble is in the transmission," a voice behind him said.

The man turned around in surprise, but all he saw was a shaggy old sheepdog standing by the road.

"Did you say something?" the man asked.

"I said you'd better check your transmission," the dog replied.

"This is amazing!" the man cried. He forgot about his car and ran to the nearest farmhouse to tell the dog's owner about what had happened.

"Hmmm," said the farmer. "Was it an old grey sheepdog with big, floppy ears?"

"Yes, yes! That's the one!" cried the man.

"Well, don't pay any attention to him," said the farmer. "He doesn't know anything about cars."

Twice Around, 11 November

Another wonderful night thanks to David Birds's 'Twice Around', who never fail to entertain us – the dance floor was full all night, as always, whenever they play. The band seems to attract all ages, which I think is especially nice and makes for a good evening. Thanks, too, to Sean from the Farmyard Inn for providing efficient service at the bar and for his very kind donation. Last, but not least, my thanks to all who supported the event and contributed to the £445 which was raised. Watch this space for more dances in 2006. Also, there shall be an update on the Roof Appeal in the next edition.

Denise Figg

Sunday Dec 18th: The Big One at Losehill Hall, Castleton

Operation Christmas Child boxes top 100!

Yes, we did it! This year the grand total was **101 shoeboxes**, just beating last year's total of 98½. And, at the time of writing, there are still a few more boxes to come in, but they will have to go with the school collection. Thank you all very much for the wonderful response. This Christmas we will be bringing a little bit of light and happiness into the lives of 101 children who suffer because of war, poverty, natural disasters and diseases in 14



Robert McKinna keeps guard over the 101 shoeboxes.

countries in Eastern Europe and beyond. Let's hope we can keep the total every year at 100 or above. *If you would like to see what happens to your shoebox next, visit the Operation Christmas Child warehouse in Chesterfield on Chatsworth Road (between Morrisons and B&Q). Just tell them you have provided a shoebox and where you are from.*

Barbara Scrivener



Thanks to everyone who came to the Coffee Morning on 5th November, which was raising money for the Earthquake Appeal and Bangbutt. As a result of Youlgrave generosity, we have been able to send £130 to the Red Cross, for their work in the areas affected by the earthquake.

Thursday 22nd December: Buxton Farmers' Market

All Saints, Youlgrave: services and events

Sunday 4th December

Family Communion (CW1), 11am
Evening Prayer (BCP), 6.30pm

Sunday 11th December

Christingle Service, 11am

Wednesday 14th December

School Christmas Concert, 2pm

Thursday 15th December

School Christmas Concert, 7pm

Women's Fellowship Bring & Share
Supper at the Vicarage, 7.30pm

Saturday 17th December

Concert by the Imperial College, London
String Ensemble, 7pm

Sunday 18th December

Holy Communion (CW2), 8am

Christmas Praise, 11am

Nine Lessons and Carols, 6.30pm

Monday 19th December

Carol Singing, Holywell Lane, 7pm

Tuesday 20th December

School carols around the
Christmas Tree in All
Saints Parish Church,
2.30pm



Christmas Eve

Christmas Communion, Granby
House, 10am

Crib Service, 5pm

Christmas Holy Communion (BCP),
11.30pm

Christmas Day

Christmas Family Communion
(CW1), 11am

New Year's Day

Family Communion (CW1), 11am

Friday 6th January – Epiphany

Holy Communion at the Vicarage,
10.30am

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 sheep, dog/s, (maybe a pony?) and not forgetting a real baby! Yes, Margaret and John Montgomery's daughter, Helen, husband Jim and baby Isabelle, have very keenly offered to take the parts of Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus, with 'big sister' Eleanor being an angel for the second year running. So, thanks to them, the Crib Service emergency is over! There is also live music. Please come ready to take part as well, if you wish. Come dressed up or just ready to be a shepherd, king, angel (costumes for angels and headaddresses for shepherds available in church.) No words to learn. The service lasts about 35-40 minutes and is lit by candlelight.

Middleton
-by-Youlgrave
Christmas
services

Sunday 11th December

Carol Service,
Middleton, 6.45am

Christmas Day

Christmas Holy
Communion (BCP),
9.30am



Peak Feast meals available at Hollands Butchers, Youlgrave



The Youlgrave Exchange

reduce...recycle...re-use...



This is a **Youlgrave Parish Council** initiative aimed at encouraging people to re-use rather than throw out – that old carpet destined for the skip might well be ideal for an allotment-holder wanting to smother their weeds, or unwanted furniture could be ideal for someone looking to furnish an empty rented house.

The **YOULGRAVE EXCHANGE** involves no cost or fee – the items are all **FREE** and you simply call and arrange collection or delivery. To advertise for free call the Bugle hotline on 636125, email andrew.mccloy@btopenworld.com or leave a note with Roger at the Post Office, giving a brief description of the item(s), your name and telephone number.

The next issue of the Bugle is Feb 2006 – just the right time to quietly unload that unwanted Christmas present you'll never use?! Ads by mid January, please.

Fridge freezer (full size, built in), 17 inch colour monitor, Pioneer stereo tape deck, metal computer desk. Call Joe Watmore, Square House, Middleton, 636338.

Pendant and four wall light fittings, Gothic style (dark wood). Suit old mansion or haunted house. Plus small frosted glass shades. Call Andrew on 636125.

Log effect gas flame fire (mains). Perfect working order. Too good to chuck out. Call Eric on 636627.

Child's bed with workstation below, 7ft long, 3ft wide and 6ft high. Not for a cottage bedroom! Tel 636159.

Four upholstered dining chairs. Please call 636179.

Panasonic SG240 record player, twin

ALL THESE ITEMS ARE FREE – SIMPLY CALL TO ARRANGE COLLECTION.

tape deck and radio. Old but good working order. Call Penny on 636125.

Pair of bookshelf speakers, dark brown, call 636477.

Trimline running machine, excellent condition. Call 636491.

Pennine 3 cycle carrier, high mount rear

for most cars. Used once. Heavy wooden door, 2m x 0.75m. Small Panasonic colour TV (white). Works! Tel Ann on 636362.

Set of 4 alloy wheels for Peugeot 205. Call 636768.

Two wardrobes: one large (light oak), the other small with mirror. Call the Housekeeper at Granby House on 636123.



RECYCLING

Recycling at All Saints Church: silver paper and tin foil, mobile phones, religious books,

spectacles, computer cartridges, CDs/DVDs/CD ROMs and used postage stamps from all your Christmas post. Individual recycling boxes for all the above are to be found on the pew at the back of the church.

STOP PRESS: Derbyshire Dales District Council says that doorstep collection of cardboard may begin as early as next year (residential only). Watch this space.

Youlgrave Guides make a triple splash



On a very wet Monday during October half term, seven members of 1st Youlgrave Guides took part in a sponsored Triathlon. This involved a 5-mile cycle ride, followed by a 26-minute swim where each Guide swam as many lengths as they were able. After a well-deserved lunch break, we completed the day with a 4-mile walk – or rather slish – in the rain. Between the seven girls they raised an amazing total of £440. More than half of this was sent to the charity Children with Leukaemia, and some kept for unit funds. The photo above shows them setting out on the first stage.



LEFT: These newly-carved stones, currently residing in a corner of The Square in Middleton-by-Youlgrave, are due to be transferred to the old stone bridge by the sheep dip in Middleton Dale, where they will form Site 4 of the Sites of Meaning project. More details about the concluding sites of this award-winning project in a forthcoming *Bugle*.

All Saints Church, Youlgrave
Saturday 17 December:

Concert by the Imperial College (London) String Ensemble, 7pm

Peak Feast, tel 630000 www.babycakesdirect.co.uk

We specialise in high-quality 4-inch 'baby' cakes

The Youth of Youlgrave: What is there to do?

Although Youlgrave is only a small village, there is still plenty for the youth of the village to take part in. These include Under 14s football, Under 16s football, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Explorer Scouts, Youth group, Pantomime, Cinema and Duke of Edinburgh – in other words, a wide variety here and something for everyone to do, ranging from sport to adventures and productions.



Scouts and Guides at an international camp at Chatsworth.

Football: If you want to become part of a well known team, and have a good kick around with your mates then the football teams may be for you. Although it has now finished for winter there is always a chance for next season.

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides: This is for those who enjoy a challenge and a laugh and also like meeting new people. The Guides attended Peak 2005 in August and in 2004 took a trip to Northern Ireland. With the Guides you're able to make loads of new friends and see new and interesting places. Brownies

and Guides are both held on Thursday evenings.

Explorer Scouts: Another chance for you to have an adventure, challenge and to meet new people. For any young people aged 14+.

Youth group: A new club aimed at young people any age. People are able to do lots of activities and have a good time with friends. Meets on Wednesdays.

Pantomime: Held every year, written and produced by Jan Wilson and is a chance for youngsters to practice and perform in front of a large audience. Auditions are usually held in September, and the show is in January-February. This year the performance is Dick Whittington.

Cinema: Newly opened film club in the village, and membership is only £24 for six films. It's held regularly in the village hall and is a chance to view many great

titles, including Finding Nemo and Master and Commander.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Group: Held once a fortnight on Monday evenings, usually 7-9pm. A chance to gain a recognised award and to test yourself, and also try a range of skills and activities, as well as providing a service to the community. Is great fun and well worth it!

This has been written by three young, local people who are working towards their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Peak Feast cake range includes Youlgrave Spicy Apple,



GO WILD IN THE GARDEN

The pond in the Bankside Wildlife Garden is well under way and makes a great feature by the side of the newly refurbished summerhouse. It can be viewed from the path going down to the garden and at close quarters from a path around the perimeter. Usefully the excavation has revealed stone ledges on which can be placed water-loving perennials like the native flag iris and the flowering rush. A deeper spot at the centre of the pond will be good for a water lily. The banks have been raised up to allow for marginal planting for plants that prefer a drier footing.



WILDLIFE PROJECT

Gardens are an important source of shelter for birds and small mammals in the hard days of winter. Now is an ideal time to plant a wildlife deciduous hedge. This can include a lovely range of native foliage, flower and berry and is simple to do. A random mix of species such as alder, buckthorn, hawthorn, blackthorn, field maple, hazel, crab apple, holly and dog rose will all establish easily. Dig a trench about two feet wide and deep and put any organic matter in the base. Set plants about a foot apart, a staggered double row is good. Cut back growth by one third and water in well. Wildlife bareroot hedging mixes can be obtained from the garden centre.

Maureen Parry

Maureen Parry can be contacted for Garden Design on 630064.

Carrot & Cinnamon, and Roasted Red Pepper & Chocolate

1st Youlgrave Brownies

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 10 December

10-12 noon

Scout & Community Hall

"Help raise money for the Earthquake Disaster"

Bowls Club

Christmas Concert

Youlgrave Bowls Club is again holding its annual Christmas Concert to be given by Youlgrave Silver Band, and this year the supporting guest artistes are Mary Froggatt and Jan Wilson.

The concert will be held at Youlgrave Village Hall on Friday 9 December, commencing at 7.30pm.

The admission charge will once again be only £3, which includes refreshments. Anyone requiring transport should contact the Bowls Club Secretary or any member of the Bowls Club, and it can be arranged.

Joke of the month

Have you heard about a naughty little dog called Minton? He's forever eating shuttlecocks.

"Bad Minton!"

As told by various members of the Howarth family.



POSTCARD FROM SPAIN

When I was a mere slip of a boy, and I admit that was a fair time ago, my Mother used to regale me with sayings that she believed were true, like "What goes around, comes around" and "Many a true word spoken in jest." But one of her pearls of wisdom has come true over this last year: "Once you reach 21 years old time flashes by."

This last year has flown by. It doesn't seem five minutes since I was wrapping up 200 ciggies for the wife for her Christmas box, and I suppose she'll demand the new Clapton Album this year for Christmas and I, dutifully, will get it for her. Last year was punctuated with many sad occurrences which pushed time forward at an incredible rate, starting on Boxing Day with the Asian Tsunami – that alone made you grateful for living in a more temperate and stable part of the world. It was followed by the bombings in London, the hurricane in New Orleans and the earthquake in and around the Pakistan area.

These tragedies have filled our lives and have given us little or no time to dwell on the more mundane and normal things. But this year hasn't been all bad; there have been revelations in the press and on the TV that have made me believe that there is someone 'up there' who is trying to make my life bearable. One being, the Peter Pan of popular music, has said, "I'm not making any more single records – DJs will not play them, so why should I bother?" Statements like that restore my faith. The Conservative leadership battle has also made me giggle somewhat, the two front runners have the same hairstyle, besides one being blonde, and the same mannerisms; and to top it all, they have the same Christian name. I can see the scenario being played out now, when they spend another few years in the wilderness. "Well I voted for David, but I couldn't remember his surname, by Jove, they both looked the same to me".

Anyway, I'll be up your way for Christmas. It doesn't seem the same walking round in shorts and a Bermuda shirt on Boxing Day.

GROUCHO

FORTHCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

- Fri 2 Dec** Salsa Fiesta, Middleton Village Hall (page 4)
- Fri 2 Dec** Youlgrave Cinema presents 'Strangers on a Train', Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm (members and guests only)
- 3–24 Dec** Pots from France exhibn., Bankside, daily 10-6
- Sat 10 Dec** Youlgrave Village Hall official re-opening (see front page)
- Sat 3 Dec** Coffee Morning for Youlgrave Playschool, Reading Room
- Fri 9 Dec** Bowls Club Christmas Concert featuring Youlgrave Silver Band (page 17)
- Sat 10 Dec** 1st Youlgrave Brownies Jumble Sale for the Earthquake Appeal (p. 17)
- Th 15 Dec** Carols around the village: Youlgrave Silver Band on the loose from 7pm
- Sat 17 Dec** Concert by the Imperial College, London String Ensemble, 7pm
- 24 Jan –4 Feb** Youlgrave Pantomime: Dick Whittington, Youlgrave Village Hall (page 6)

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Playgroup profundity of the month



Sung with great gusto and assurance:

"Who built the ark?"

"No one, no one!"

REGULAR LOCAL EVENTS

- Mondays** Monday Club (Day Centre), Youlgrave Village Hall, 10am-3pm
- Tuesdays** Yoga with Iris Pimm (636341), The Barn, Greenfields Farm, 7pm
- Tuesdays** Youlgrave Bell Ringers practice night, All Saints Church, 7.30-9pm
- Mon-Fri** Youlgrave Playschool, Scout & Community Hall, 9.15-11.45am
- Weds** Drawing and painting classes, Youlgrave Reading Room, 10am
- Weds** Bingo, Youlgrave Reading Rm, 7.30pm
- Thursdays** Ecumenical women's Bible study and fellowship, Youlgrave Reading Room, from 10am
- Thursdays** Beginners Yoga with Iris Pimm, 7pm
- Fridays** Yoga with Iris Pimm, 9.30am
- Fridays** Gentle Yoga, Scout & Community Hall, 3.30pm.

- Fridays** Parent and Toddlers Group, Youlgrave Reading Room, 1.15-3.15pm
- 2nd Mon** Mobile Library, Greenfields Farm, 9.30am; Alport, 9.45am; Abbeyfield, 10am; Bradford, 10.20am; Rock Farm, Middleton, 10.40am
- 2nd Tues** Youlgrave WI meetings, Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 4th Wed** Confidential Advice Sessions with Matlock & District Citizens Advice Bureau, Youlgrave Medical Centre, 9.30am-12.30pm
- Alternate Thurs** Mobile Library, Grove Place, 2-4.30pm, Holywell La 5-6.30pm
- 2nd Fri of month** Mobile Police Stn, Holywell Lane, 12.30-4pm
- Last Tues of month** Youlgrave Parish Council meeting, Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.15pm

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9.35-10.10am, Grove Place Police Ho: 10.15-10.30am, Grove Pl 'other end': 10.30-10.45am*

MIDDLETON-BY-YOULGRAVE: 3rd December

The Square: 9.45-10.45am

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