

The Bugle

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

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YOULGRAVE DARBY AND JOAN CLUB CELEBRATE 50 YEARS

Sixteen members of the Youlgrave Darby and Joan Club enjoyed lunch at the Bull's Head at Monyash earlier this year (on 20 February), as they celebrated 50 years as a local club.

Mrs Mary Walker is the only member left from when it first started – on 20 February 1957 at the Bull's Head in Youlgrave.

Mrs Walker was presented with a bouquet of flowers and some amethyst ear rings. Mrs Minnie Wilson has been leader of the club for the past 37 years.

The club first met at Youlgrave Village Hall on 9 September 1957 and today meets weekly on Wednesday between 1.30-3.30pm.



*Some of the members of the Darby and Joan Club.
Mrs Mary Walker (pictured front left) is the only
remaining member from when the club first met in 1957.*

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★ **Middleton-by-Youlgrave** ★
★ **Village Market and Well** ★
★ **Dressing** ★

★ **Saturday 26 May from 1pm** ★
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A few simple steps will ensure we stay a low crime area

Just because we live in an area with one of the lowest crime rates in the country doesn't mean we can be complacent. Youlgrave and nearby villages were recently the target of thieves who broke into several sheds and garages in one night. Our proximity to the A515 means we are periodically prone to visits by travelling criminals who can commit more crime in one night than Youlgrave generally experiences for the rest of the year.

The only way to combat this is 'target hardening', which basically means making your property as secure as it can be. This doesn't mean turning our properties into fortresses, but it does mean applying basic common sense, such as fitting decent padlocks to sheds and outbuildings and, where appropriate, shed alarms. Property-marking assists when property is recovered, and the use of heavy duty chains and padlocks can deter thieves

from progressing further than your shed door. All of the above items are available at local police stations and the mobile police station, with **shed alarms** priced at £5 and heavy duty chains with **padlocks** at £8.

In addition, reporting anything suspicious in your neighbourhood and generally looking out for your neighbours is the best crime prevention method of all. At the Neighbourhood Watch meeting in May (see below) I will bring along the above items, together with property-marking pens and forms for membership of Derbyshire Constabulary's community message broadcasting service or 'Ringmaster'. This allows you to receive relevant information of crimes and suspicious activity in your area via phone or email.

I would like to reiterate that we **do** live in a low crime area, but following just a few simple steps will ensure we keep it that way.
PC Sandra Wetton

Youlgrave Neighbourhood Watch 'Greet & Meet' Supper

Tuesday 8th May, 7– 8.30pm at Youlgrave Reading Room

- FREE raffle (to be drawn at end of evening)
- FREE safety samples (eg marker pens) and others available for purchase
- FREE tea/coffee and nibbles
- Other safety products available to purchase

Come and meet your local Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators – Stella, Irene and Barbara. This will be an informal occasion for you to put a face to a name, as well as discuss any issues or concerns that you may want us to be aware of. Also attending will be PC Sandra Wetton, our local beat 'bobby' who knows Youlgrave and is well informed on issues that affect our village. This is a great opportunity if you want to seek some advice – or perhaps vent your frustrations.

Come and have a drink and a chat. Stay for a while, or the whole evening; it's up to you. We look forward to seeing you there. *Help us make sure that Youlgrave remains a safe place for all!*

Middleton Well Dressing and Village Market

Middleton-by-Youlgrave will be holding its annual Well Dressing and Village Market on Saturday 26 May, commencing at 1pm.

The theme of this year's well dressing relates to the increasing threat of global warming.

The village market will have the usual stalls, including the ever popular cake stall, plant stall, barbeque and tombola. Once again there will be a bar stocking a supply of real ales from the Leatherbitches Brewery at Fenny Bentley (subject to licence).

For those wanting a range of more healthy alternatives, teas, cakes, sandwiches and other light refreshments will be available in the Village Hall from Saturday 26 May up to and including Wednesday 30 May between 10am to 5pm.

On Sunday 27 May, at 6.30pm, the Rev Ossie Post will bless the well, followed by a service at the Church of St Michael in Middleton.

A further date for your diary: Middleton Rocks, organised by the dynamic and youthful Phil Wildbore, is scheduled for Friday 13 July. More details in the next issue of the Bugle.

If you want to get those plants, sample homemade cakes or try a half pint of an excellent local brew, come along to Middleton-by-Youlgrave on 26 May.

For those interested in seeing how a well dressing is made, why not come along to the shelter in the village play area during the week commencing 21 May after 2pm each day? *AW*

Check out ALL the back issues of the Bugle:

www.thebugle.org.uk

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Adele Parker** for losing over 50lbs in weight with Weightwatchers.

Well done from all your friends and family. Keep it up – you look great and you should be very proud of your fantastic achievement!

Coffee Morning

Saturday 5 May

The annual Coffee Morning for Christian Aid will be held at the home of Mrs Dorothy Oldfield, Coldwell End, Youlgrave, at 10.45am on Saturday 5 May.

There will be the usual stalls selling bric-a-brac, books and cakes, etc. All welcome.

Youlgrave couple's Diamond celebrations

Bob and Peggy Skinner of Grove Place, Youlgrave, have just received a rather special card. It congratulates them on notching up 60 years of married life – and it's from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

"In fact, we share a lot in common," laughs Peggy. "Both the Queen and I were born in the same year, married in the same year, and even had our first child in the same year!"

Bob and Peggy were penpals during the Second World War, when Bob

served in the Royal Engineers in Greece, Italy and the Middle East. They married at Youlgrave Church in April 1947, despite the heavy snow that year. The couple went on to have three sons – and now six grandchildren and three great grandchildren!

For 50 years Bob was on the board of Youlgrave Waterworks, becoming its



Bob and Peggy Skinner

Manager in the 1970s. He's also been the standard bearer for the Youlgrave branch of the British Legion for 53 years. And now that they've reached their Diamond wedding anniversary, what exactly is the secret of such a long married life? "We give and take", says Peggy. "We enjoy the ups and then pull together to deal with the downs."

DAFFODIL DAY

Jan and Norman Wilson would like to thank everyone who supported our Daffodil Day, held to raise funds for Youlgrave Church. The magnificent sum of £717.89 was raised in total, with £567.89 going to the Church and the entire proceeds of the Tombola stall (£150) going to Weston Park Hospital Charity Appeal.

Our grateful thanks also to our friends who helped in so many ways to make this day such good fun – see you next year?

STRAWBERRY CREAM TEAS

Granby House, Alport Lane
Youlgrave

Sat 7 July, 2.30 to 4.30pm

Stalls - Tombola, Cakes, etc

Cakes, plant stall, tombola and barbeque

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Long-serving Parish Councillor decides to retire

After more than three decades as a Youlgrave Parish Councillor, Tom Gladwin of Coldwell End has announced that he will not be standing again this year. A full report and tribute to his long service will appear in the next Bugle.

Local elections

There will not be a Parish Council election for Youlgrave in May, and likewise Middleton and Smerrill Parish Council is also uncontested. However, the elections for the District Council will still take place on Thursday 3 May as advertised, including Lathkill and Bradford Ward.

New interpretation board

Youlgrave Parish Council is pleased to announce the unveiling of a new interpretation board at its Coldwell End car park. The project has been funded by Natural England and highlights, amongst other things, Lathkill Dale National Nature Reserve. But it also contains information supplied by the Parish Council about Youlgrave's local services (including shops, pubs and the garage), as well as some general details of village history.

Mawstone Mine disaster: Anniversary Service on 3 June

*The 75th anniversary of the Mawstone Mine tragedy, when eight men lost their lives following a gas explosion in a local lead mine, will be remembered by a special service at All Saints Church, Youlgrave, on **Sunday 3 June**. Details of the Service will be announced nearer the time. The special issue of the Bugle, also marking the anniversary, will be published shortly and delivered to every household. If you don't receive one, please pick up a free copy at Youlgrave Post Office or contact the Bugle editor (details on page 19). Extra copies will be available for sale at a nominal charge from the same sources.*

The special edition of the Bugle marking the Mawstone Mine disaster is being funded entirely by donation and sponsorship. If you want to make a contribution, of any amount, please send it to the editor at the address on page 19 or leave it with Roger at Youlgrave Post Office (cheques made payable to 'The Bugle'). All contributions will be gratefully received and acknowledged in the publication. Thank you.

YOULGRAVE PANTOMIME ARCHIVES

For many years now I have been collecting photographs, press cuttings, programmes, scenery drawings, costume outlines and other pantomime memorabilia. With the help of the Sewing ladies, we have now started to catalogue all this information. There are many gaps, particularly during the early years from 1962 and I wonder if anyone has any photos, press cuttings or anything else which they would be willing either to give, or to have copied for this village archive. I feel that Youlgrave Pantomime has been and still is such a very important part of our village life that it would be good to have this record to be able to see and pass on to future generations. I would be very grateful for any items given, and great care will be taken of anything which is lent for copying.

Jan Wilson

Real ale bar supplied by Leatherbritches of Fenny Bentley



Youlgrave Youth Hostel, at the old Co-op building at the heart of the village, has been a youth hostel since the mid 1970s and was bought for the princely sum of £6,000. It has always been a popular place to stay for walkers and cyclists, families and school parties, visiting some of the many local attractions and nearby towns.

We offer a full catering service including three-course evening meals, picnic lunches and breakfasts, using local and organic produce where possible. We are also looking into opening a café at the weekends in the summer and so need to recruit part time staff to work as part of the small friendly team. Working at the youth hostel has, over the years, attracted people from Youlgrave and as far away as New Zealand – and many places in between.

Youlgrave Youth Hostel job opportunities

The job roles we are looking to fill for this year are housekeeping assistant, kitchen assistant and café staff. We can offer:

- Flexible working hours from a few hours to 30 hours a week
- Good rates of pay including holiday pay
- Free YHA membership
- Experience is not required as training will be given
- Any work wear required will be provided

If you are 16 years old or over and interested in any of the job roles please contact Debby on 636518 and leave a message or email youlgrave@yha.org.uk

VISIT TO BIDDULPH GRANGE GARDENS



Youlgrave & District Horticultural Society has arranged a trip to Biddulph Grange Garden in Staffordshire. The visit will take place on Friday 25 May, departing from the top of Holywell Lane at 10am, and leaving the garden at 3.30pm.

The Horticultural Society has kindly agreed to pay for the coach, so the cost will be £1 for National Trust members and £5.50 for non-National Trust members (NT members – please remember to bring your cards!).

There are some seats still available, so if you would like to visit this very interesting garden with us please call Jane Gardner on 636721.

Members of Youlgrave Playgroup were not the only villagers enjoying the tradition of Easter bonnets this year (see opposite page). Middleton's new social group also had a session of making Easter bonnets, after which the colourful and much-admired items were put on display in the front windows of the Old Bakery in Youlgrave.

Light refreshments served in Middleton Village Hall

Easter Bonnets at Playschool turns back the years

In an effort to re-create history, Youlgrave Playschool held an Easter Bonnet parade on the last day of the spring term (see photo – right). Parents, friends and some elderly relatives came along to chance their luck at a giant Easter egg raffle, and the children were treated to a rendition of “In your Easter Bonnett” as they paraded around – not a dry eye in the house! We are glad to report that the giant Easter chick seen leaving the building (Papier Mache Pinata) had dispensed all its chocolate eggs and will be back next year.

Thanks to Holdworth's Chocolates for a discounted Egg for the raffle and to parents, staff and children for making such an effort with the hats. (Also thanks to Paul Young, who sponsored the transport for the Playschool outing to Matlock Farm Park last month.)



Above: Easter Bonnets at Youlgrave Playgroup in the 1970s. Can you spot Ben Tabbenor, Laura Knowles, Karen Nuttall, Susanne Bacon, Kirsty Gow, David Nuttall... and others?

Saturday 26th-Wednesday 30th May, 10am-5pm

Well dressing – get your hands dirty!

Saturday 12 May is your chance to come to a workshop to learn all about the physical stuff involved in the wonderful tradition of well dressing.

Did you know?

It takes around 250-300 hours to petal a well dressing? That's at least six people doing a ten hour stint each day for five days, or 24 people doing two and a half hours each day. This doesn't include the time spent by our well dressing apprentices – our valuable petal pullers and flower collectors.

During well dressing week, we have practice boards at each well for the children to try out their designs and techniques, and the post office sells out of nail scissors!

The heavy stuff

Soaking the boards, preparing the clay, puddling, erecting and dismantling, takes a team of ten people about ten hours over three weeks – another 100 hours. We need fit, strong teenagers and adults for these jobs. It's not much of a time commitment, but we can't do it without you and it's great fun.

Whether you are arty and creative, would like to spend a couple of hours getting to know your village neighbours, or are or just intrigued to find out more about how much fun we all have in June every year, come along to the workshop or contact Fred Baker on 636768.

The workshop will give you a chance to meet the team, have a go, and hopefully be inspired to get involved in whatever way you can. Please bring a pair of small scissors.

Remember: Saturday 12 May, Youlgrave Village Hall 2-5pm. Contact Fred on 636768.



Above: Gill Spain and Mark Goodwin get down to some serious petalling.

Key well dressing dates June 2007:

Fri 8 – Boards in the river (meet Coldwell End, 6pm)
 Mon 18 – Puddling (meet by the river – Holywell Lane, 6pm)
 Tues 19-Fri 22 – Dressing of the wells
 Sat 23 – Erecting the wells and procession
 Fri 29 – Dismantling and clear-up

JACK-IN-A-BATH

Welldressing Sunday 24 June
 12 noon-6pm

In aid of Ashgate Hospice and Parkinsons– Stanton Day Unit. Please come and support these worthwhile causes. Donations and sponsor money can be given in person or left at the George Hotel.

Thank you for your support.
 Jack Goodwin

Blessing of the Wells at St Michael's Church, Middleton

Youlgrave Cinema presents

KIND HEARTS AND CORONETS



Saturday 2 June, 2.30pm, Youlgrave Village Hall

An hilarious study in the gentle art of murder, starring Dennis Price and Alec Guinness. Made in 1949, it's Ealing Comedy at its blackest and best. Doors open 2pm.
 Tea & biscuits to follow film. Tickets £2 per person.
 All welcome – you don't have to be a member of the film club.

SUSTAINABLE YOULGRAVE HOUSE-TO-HOUSE SURVEY

Don't we all want lower energy bills?

During the month of May, volunteers will be knocking on your door in Youlgrave, Alport and Middleton asking you to complete a short questionnaire. The survey will help us to assess how energy efficient the villages already are, and if/where we can help everyone to improve. So please give just a few minutes of your time for the benefit of us all.

PS It's not too late to be a volunteer. If you could visit just 10 houses, phone Jeni Edwards on 636550.

PPS The District Council Housing Needs survey (planned for this summer) is equally important, so please find the time to fill it in and post it back.

...at 6.30pm on Sunday 27 May by Rev Ossie Post

SUSTAINABLE YOULGRAVE AGM

Thursday 10 May, 7.30pm

Youlgrave Reading Room

**All welcome
 Refreshments provided**

**Come along and hear
 about our progress – and
 what we still hope to
 achieve**

AFRICAN EVENING

IN AID OF BANGBUTT

SATURDAY 19TH MAY @ 7:30
IN YOULGRAVE VILLAGE HALL



Tickets:

Adults £12,

under 16s £7. (From Hollands or Dianne Hewitt 636601)

Including entertainment

and African meal. BYOB

Middleton-by-Youlgrave: Village Market and Well Dressing

VILLAGE LINK BREAKFAST HELPS TO RAISE THE ROOF!

Our second Breakfast Bistro was a great success and swelled the funds needed to complete the school building in Bangbutt by over £580. One of the photos we have recently received showing the present state of the building is shown right – the walls are now higher than head height.

Some people took advantage of the lovely weather to sit outside the Reading Room to have their breakfast, whilst inside business was brisk. All the helpers from last year were very grateful for the improvements made to the kitchen, with a new cooker and electrical circuits, completed almost at the last minute, thanks to Eddie Oldfield, Gordon Coupe, Glenys Moore, Martin Shimwell and Swift Electricals. The kitchen staff (Mel Wilkins, Val Cornish, Kate Stephenson, Sue Bishop, Carol Sutcliffe and Trish Donnison) received many votes of thanks for delicious cooked breakfasts – although there was plenty to choose from if you didn't fancy a cooked meal and everything ran smoothly. Chief washers-up were Phil Smith and John Sutcliffe.

The room provided a pleasant environment, with brightly-coloured tablecloths. Jane Gardner welcomed the diners, explained how to book their meal and enthusiastically worked out their bills at the end! The tasty meals were served by Glenys Moore and Kath Blackshaw, who were very grateful for the extra help given by four young waitresses: Emma Cox, Brydie Adams, Hannah Wilson and Amy Worthy. Jeremy Hewitt provided background music and was chief photographer, whilst Barbara Scrivener was kept busy with many takers of her taster sessions of massage and reflexology. Dianne Hewitt masterminded the whole event. Many thanks to all the helpers. Overall it was a very happy occasion for villagers to sit and relax on an extraordinarily sunny Sunday in April. Over 140 breakfasts were served in total.

A pair of spectacles, in a dark pink 'Specsavers' case, was left in the Reading Room after the Bangbutt Breakfast Bistro. Please contact Barbara on 636601 if you think they belong to you or you know the owner.



The new school in Bangbutt takes shape.

Our coffee morning in March raised over £400. Many thanks to those who helped and those who came! Our next event is to be an African Evening on 19 May when an African style meal will be served and a Sierra Leonean professional will entertain us with drumming, singing and storytelling. Tickets from the shops or Dianne on 636580 or Carol 636570 (£12 adults and £7 children). To precede the event there will be a drumming workshop with Sierra Leonean musician Sam Maitland from 2-3pm, costing £5 for adults and £3 for children. To book a place see Jenny in Figg's or phone 636601.

Saturday 26th May 2007 from 1pm

Cricket returns to Youlgrave playing fields



The first game of cricket for over four years was played on the Alport Lane pitch on a glorious spring day – Sunday 15 April. Duckmanton Lodge Cricket Club has relocated from their Calow ground and will play at Youlgrave from now on. Both the Parish Council and the club have put in a lot of work inside (and outside) the pavilion and, of course, on the cricket square to get it fit for play after so long. It is so good to see the field looking like a cricket ground again with a heavy roller, covers and sightscreens

We didn't want to bat on it first, after so long, so we put the opposition in and watched as the ball flew over the batsman's head or kept low a few times! On the whole, though, the pitch behaved very well.

And the result? Ah, well, we lost actually – to a very young side who called themselves Sheffield Works Department 4th XI. But nothing dented the day that saw cricket return to Youlgrave. In fact, walking round the boundary as the long evening shadows lengthened, it really felt like cricket was part of the fabric of the village once more. Roll on the summer!

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Cakes, plant stall, tombola and barbeque

From the archives: Youlgrave Judo Club, 1980s



During the 1980s, Youlgrave's Judo Club used to meet at All Saints School, where the adults and children would practice this skilful martial art. Could that strapping fellow (and no doubt fearsome black belt) standing back row on the far left really be Duncan Nuttall...?!

If you have any archive photos from the village we would be delighted to feature them. All pictures will be returned promptly and safely. Please contact the editor at the address on the back page.

**Thank you to all the
Bugle's dedicated and
unpaid deliverers in
Alport, Middleton and
Youlgrave – your efforts
are much appreciated!**

COACH TRIP TO CAMBRIDGE TUESDAY 15 MAY

Picking up 8am at Middleton, then Grove Place, Holywell Lane, the George, Bakewell and Baslow. Price guide: £18 (may be less, depending on number of bookings). To book your place ring Jane Whitehead on 636770 and leave a

Real ale bar supplied by Leatherbritches of Fenny Bentley

News from Youlgrave School Association

A big thank you to everyone who dutifully placed their blue bags outside their houses on 28 March. Thank you to Amy Tabbenor, who delivered all the blue bags in the snow, whilst a week later we collected them in wearing t-shirts! As you can see, the lock up was full – and so was the van which came to collect it. We are still waiting for confirmation, but a full van is approximately £250 for school funds.



Following our donation from County Councillor Ray Caswell, the picture shows the children making good use of it – and here are some of the thank you letters to him written by children in year 4.



Dear Mr Caswell
Thank you for giving £250 to our school which we have used to buy our Friendship Bench. We like the friendship bench because it is a nice place to sit and chat to friends. We also like the friendship bench because if it is a hot day the roof will protect you from the sun.
Yours sincerely,
Alex Carter

Dear Mr Caswell
Thank you so much for giving £250 to our school which we have used to buy our 'friendship bench'. We like the friendship bench because you can discuss your problems and chat with people that are upset, fed up, lonely or just sad!
Yours sincerely
Rosie Elliot

Dear Mr Caswell
Thank you for giving £250 to our school which we have used to buy our 'friendship bench'. We like the friendship bench because if you are feeling too hot you can sit on it and the roof will cool you down. You can sit with a friend and organise things like sleepovers.
Yours sincerely
Billie-Rose Pursglove

Dear Mr Caswell
Thank you for giving £250 to our school which we have used to buy our friendship bench. We like the friendship bench because you can chat and have conversations. If somebody's hurt themselves and they sit on the bench and cheer themselves up. Be friendly, and be kind and be happy.
Yours sincerely
From James

Light refreshments served in Middleton Village Hall

The Battle of Copenhagen – or from Youlgrave to Yarmouth

In Youlgrave churchyard there is a gravestone for **Joseph Oldfield**, died 31 December 1864. It is inscribed with the legend "he served under Admiral Nelson at the Battle of Copenhagen".

On the 31 March - 2 April 2007, a very moving event happened in Great Yarmouth at Middle Gate Gardens. The 1805 Club held this event which culminated in the unveiling of a monument entitled "Homage to all Heroes". The Battle was a very significant one but is rarely remembered, being overshadowed by Nelson's victory and death at Trafalgar in 1805. It proved a controversial battle, being received with more muted adulation when contrasted with the highly successful Battle of the Nile, but nevertheless it was a very important victory for the British.

A ceremony to mark true heroism and sacrifice by all engaged was held with a

civic dinner and a special service at St Nicholas' church.

The unveiling was done by Captain Niels A K Olsen, Danish Defence Attaché. The procession from the Town Hall to the Gardens comprised the Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk, Royal Naval officers, civic leaders and descendants of Nelson.

It was on 12 March 1801 that the British Fleet had sailed to Battle from Yarmouth Harbour. The Admiral in charge was Sir Hyde Parker. Tremendous feats of bravery, courage and humanity were displayed in the Battle of Copenhagen which took place on 2 April. The wounded were brought back to Yarmouth Harbour in the aftermath.

From Youlgrave to Yarmouth – to battle – and safely back again.

This is written to honour Joseph Oldfield – Youlgrave's own brave sea dog.

Elizabeth Ashmore

VILLAGE PLAN – THE FIRST STEPS

The first meeting of the group set up to lead the work on the Village Plan was held on Monday 16 April in Youlgrave Village Hall, with about a dozen people present. David Frederickson was elected chairman and Stella Sparrow will be the treasurer.

The first task was to put together a project outline which shows how we intend to consult widely and involve everybody in the village. The aim is to get a picture of how people see the strengths and weaknesses of their village – what they like and don't like about it and how it might be improved. This first stage will enable us to apply for grant aid from Derbyshire Rural Community Council to help pay for the costs of printing, venue hire, etc.

There are many issues that people want to see addressed – from lorries and litter to housing, parking, sustainability, provision for the young and the elderly and the future of village shops. What ought to stay the same and what should change for the better? The final Village Plan will reflect all of this and be an expression of how we see our village going forward.

We intend to hold a series of events to give everybody a chance to have their say. Watch this space – and the local noticeboards.

If you want to get involved or have any questions please call David on 636586.

Saturday 26th-Wednesday 30th May, 10am-5pm



POSTCARD FROM SPAIN

I've always been a collector of things. I think everybody is to some extent. Some people collect football programmes, others collect beer mats, some people with a surfeit of money collect things like antiques or pieces of fine art. I collect anything do with Marx, not Karl but Julius (*Groucho*), I also have a fine collection of Blues music and related paraphernalia, but lately, with the onset of political correctness and people thinking up trendy names to make things sound more exciting, I've started collecting and writing down some of the more ridiculous.

The more avid readers of my little rants will remember some I mentioned last year: 'Life Coach', 'Pilates' and the ever popular 'Downsizing'. Well, over the last few weeks a few more have reached my ever growing collection: *Drizzle*. 'Drizzle' used to be that annoying burst of rain that didn't really wet you, but fogged up your glasses enough to cause problems. Now, according to TV chefs, drizzle is that annoying circle of gravy, usually red in colour that they pour round your food. *Pan Fried*. My wife, who's done a bit of cooking in her time, reliably informs me that anything fried is cooked in a frying pan, so why has the word 'pan fried' suddenly come to be the norm? *Crème Fresh*. What is crème fresh? Is it that stuff you get out of an aerosol can (squirty cream) or is it just a way of making common-or-garden cream sound more exclusive? *American Kitchen* or *Open plan Kitchen*. This is a new idea being pushed by estate agents in Spain at the moment; it means the kitchen is in the same room as your television and lounge furniture. I had something similar when I was a teenager and single – a bed-sit.

Apart from the TV, *Solutions* has become a very big word, especially in this area. Contractors' vehicles are emblazoned with Solutions: Botanical Solutions (gardeners), Relocation Solutions (removal men) and one I spotted on a new Audi, Fiscal Solutions (accountants). One other phrase that is over worked at the moment is Global Warming, but that's another story...

GROUCHO

Joke of the month

Two men are having a pint in the bar, one says to the other: "I'm getting thoroughly sick and tired of our dog."

"Why?" says the other, "I thought he was a well behaved and intelligent dog?"

"Usually he is," admits the first man, "but of late, he's taken to chasing anyone on a bicycle."

"Oh," says the other, "so what you going to do? Put him in a dogs home? Sell him? Give him away?"

"Oh no," says the first man, "Nothing so drastic - I'll just take his bike off him."

Diane Kettle's landscape painting classes *en plein air*

Come along and enjoy outside painting classes at locations in the Peak District.

- 2 May - Alport
- 9 May - Ashford-in-the-Water
- 16 May - Beeley
- 23 May - Cromford Canal
- 6 June - Edensor

Sessions cost £6 for 3 hours. Telephone me on 636763 to book your place.

Also, two **all-day Saturday painting classes** will be held on 9 June and 7 July at Middleton-by-Youlgrave and in Bradford Dale, 10am-4.30pm. All day: £15 including drinks and biscuits at my studio.

Derbyshire Open Arts Weekend

Over this month's Spring Bank Holiday weekend, artists and makers of fine crafts across the county are opening their doors to the public – including four in our area. The second Derbyshire Open Arts event is free of charge and takes place from Saturday 26 to Monday 28 May. More than 100 artists and craftspeople are demonstrating and/or showing their work in their studios, homes or special venues, with many selling their work. A free event guide is available from Bakewell Library or Tourist Information Centre; or visit www.derbyshireopenarts.co.uk to order a copy or download a pdf; or phone 01246 230925.

Matthew Lovell

Woodturning at Christmas Cottage, Church Street, Youlgrave, tel 636151. Matthew's products include bowls, plates, candlesticks, light pulls, eggs, goblets, boxes and vases with more added as inspired. Prices vary according to size, article and wood used. English wood varieties are mainly from local sources in Derbyshire, though some exotic species are also used for their beautiful grain and colour. Commissions include a cylindrical box for long matches and a turned chess set.



DIANE KETTLE

The Middleton-based artist will be displaying a range of her popular and original paintings, prints and cards depicting local landscapes. Visit Kettle's Yard, The Square, Middleton-by-Youlgrave, call 636763 or go to www.dianekettle.com – and see opposite page.



Judith Orchard

Traditional and abstract 2D/3D work in stained glass, kiln fired, glass paintings in acrylic and mixed media.

Dot Wheeler

Contemporary abstract paintings developed into series of related works, using restricted palettes. Works in paint, ceramic and mixed media.

Both are on show at Brambleside, Brookleton, over the Open Arts weekend.

Blessing of the Wells at St Michael's Church, Middleton

...at 6.30pm on Sunday 27th May by Rev Ossie Post



GO WILD IN THE GARDEN

Blackthorn or sloe is in resplendent bloom, shining out on gloomy days. The native hawthorn is loaded with buds and will soon be in flower, hopefully as unusually abundant as last year's show. Many native trees and shrubs are valuable additions to the garden situation. One of the best is Viburnum Opulus or Guelder Rose. It needs a bit of space but rewards with flowers, lovely translucent berries and autumn colour. Crab apple or Malus is a lovely small tree for the garden and will pollinate other apple trees. There are many attractive varieties for even the smallest garden. Ornamental forms of hazel, hawthorn and elder are manageable additions. In the case of hazel and elder, some garden varieties have golden or purple foliage.



WILDLIFE PROJECT

As well as creating a wildlife meadow in the garden native flowers can be included in other places in the borders. Primroses like a bank with dappled shade whilst cowslips like an open sunny site in short grass. For the bog garden area around the pond purple loosestrife, sweet flag, lady's smock and ragged robin will be happy with damp feet. To grow in the base and edges of a native hedgerow, violet, stitchwort, red campion, cranesbill, sweet cicely and white deadnettle should naturalise well. These will adapt well to the dry soil in the hedge bottom. When a hedge is well established wild clematis and dogrose can be added to scramble through.

Maureen Parry

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This is a new website for the arts in Derbyshire:

- Check out forthcoming arts events and activities.
- Subscribe to a free arts e-newsletter.
- Get listed in the artists' directory
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Of particular relevance to Youlgrave is that groups can use the site to promote their forthcoming events – such as well dressing, film shows, art exhibitions, and so on. The website provides a schedule of forthcoming events which can be searched by location, date or type of event.

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Mondays	Monday Club (Day Centre), Youlgrave Village Hall, 10am-3pm	Fridays	Yoga with Iris Pimm, 9.30-11.30am
Tuesdays	Yoga with Iris Pimm (636341), The Barn, Greenfields Farm, 7-9pm	Fridays	Gentle Yoga, Scout & Community Hall, 3.30pm
Tuesdays	Youlgrave Bell Ringers practice night, All Saints Church, 7.30-9pm	Fridays	Parent and Toddlers Group, Reading Room, 1.15-3.15pm
Mon-Fri	Youlgrave Playschool, Scout & Community Hall, 9.15-11.45am	2nd Mon	Mobile Library, Greenfields Farm, 9.30am; Alport, 9.45am; Abbeyfield, 10am; Bradford, 10.20am; Rock Farm, Middleton, 10.40am
Weds	Drawing and painting classes, Youlgrave Reading Room, 10am	2nd Tues	Youlgrave WI meetings, Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm
Weds	Darby & Joan Club, Youlgrave Village Hall, 1.30pm	4th Wed	Confidential Advice Sessions with Matlock & District Citizens Advice Bureau, Youlgrave Medical Centre, 9.30am-12.30pm
Weds	Bingo, Youlgrave Reading Room, 7.30pm	Alternate Thurs	Mobile Library, Grove Place, 2-4.30pm, Holywell La 5-6.30pm
Weds	Youlgrave Youth Club, Scout & Community Hall, evenings, 7pm	2nd Fri of month	Mobile Police Station, Holywell Lane, 12.30-4pm
Thurs	Ecumenical women's Bible study and fellowship, Youlgrave Reading Room, from 10am	Last Tues of month	Youlgrave Parish Council meeting, Youlgrave Village Hall Committee Room, 7.15pm
Thurs	Beginners Yoga with Iris Pimm, 7-8.30pm (636341)		
Thurs	Youlgrave Silver Band, Methodist School Room, 8pm		

Saturday Waste Collection

ALPORT & YOULGRAVE: 19 May (next 9 June)

Alport: 7.45-8am, Youlgrave School:

8.05-9.30am, Bradford & Mawstone Lane: 9.35-10.10am, Grove Place Police House: 10.15-10.30am, Grove Place other end: 10.30-10.45am

MIDDLETON-BY-YOULGRAVE: no collection (next 9 June)

The Square: 9.45-10.45am



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