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# Bugle



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

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## BUGLE PLAYS ON

Well here we are again! This is the second issue of your **FREE** newsletter. If you have not seen the first one there are still copies around. We can't deliver to each house in the three villages except with Meals on Wheels, so we put piles of Bugles in the shops and pubs in Youlgrave, also in the Garage, the Surgery and the Knoll Club. In

Middleton you can get a copy at the Square House. In Alport Roses Newsagents kindly deliver Bugles to the pick up point at Walker's Farm.

Thanks for the good comments we've had on the first issue. Please let's have your views and contributions in writing to go into further issues. It's up to you!

The Panto's over for another year. It

was very entertaining, and greatly enjoyed by full houses. There's a review of it on page two.

We operate on a shoestring but expenses must be paid for. So we're inviting you to sponsor the Bugle for a year for £10. Your name and 'phone number will be printed in each issue if you wish. For more information contact Ann Knowles (636362). Thanks!



## DO YOU NEED HELP WITH TRANSPORT ?

**IF YOU DO**, then please take the time to complete a short questionnaire that you will soon be receiving through your letterbox (inside the Peak Advertiser newspaper).

The survey, which forms part of the Rural Transport Development Project, aims to understand and assess the transport needs of the residents of Youlgrave, Middleton and Alport and to develop initiatives to meet those needs.

As you may have heard, several meetings have already taken place in Youlgrave, which have raised a number of transport issues and some of these have been used to compile the questionnaire.

## YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT AND WILL HELP TO IMPROVE TRANSPORT SERVICES IN YOUR VILLAGE.

If you would like more information about the proposed survey or would like to discuss your transport needs, please contact Malcolm Beardmore, Rural Transport Development Project, Bank House, 20 St Edward Street, Leek, Staffs. ST13 5DS.

## My Trek to Everest.

A 90 Minute audio-visual Presentation by ALAN BURGESS.

**Saturday 7 March at 7.30 pm** in Middleton Village Hall.

Tickets **£2.50** are available from Alan at Church Barn (636659) and limited to 65.

In November 1993, Alan completed a four week trek in the Himalayas to complete a lifetime ambition of going to

Everest. In addition to visiting the Everest Base Camp of the successful 1953 British Everest Expedition, Alan also climbed the nearby peak of Kala Platter (18,220 feet) just six miles from the summit of Everest across the Khumbu Glacier. It was a magnificent experience and 300 colour slides, commentary and music give the audience an informative and enjoyable account of the trek.

The first showing was at Chatsworth in November 1994, since when Alan has raised over £5,500 which has been

divided between British Heart Foundation and Nepalese charities dealing with feeding, clothing and education of destitute and orphaned children.

A video of this presentation is available at £9.95



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## IT'S A BROCK'S LIFE

By Old Joe

I spent a large proportion of my youth wandering the hills and dales of North Derbyshire. I never saw a badger.

I collected wild flowers and found birds' nests, taking the odd egg for blowing for my collection (politically incorrect nowadays), saw deer, rabbits, hares, water voles, stoats, weasels, hedgehogs and foxes, but I never saw a badger.

Excitement rose when I found a hole in a bank or dale side, but it always seemed to be a fox earth, with that terrible smell.

Badgers have no natural predators, except man, but were uncommon back then. Badgers were persecuted. Setts were dug out, dogs sent in and the animals baited in the name of "sport". Badgers were culled because they were thought to be pests in the countryside. There was always a farmer who had a rogue badger taking his young lambs in spring or had his corn flattened by rolling badgers. I take these stories with a pinch of salt myself. It was probably a fox or ferret gone wild taking the lambs, and if I remember my youth correctly, courting couples flattening the corn or very early crop circles. I even

have a shooting pal who claims to have eaten badger ham. Would that pass the new Food Standards Agency?

Badgers are now protected by Act of Parliament making it an offence to kill a badger or disturb a sett. Consequently over the last twenty years badgers have become more and more common. Persecution still goes on as we heard locally, just recently. But in general it appears that badgers are going through a population explosion and as I see it, because of this, are facing new threats.

I often see a badger in my headlights on the way home from a darts or dominoes match (no, it's not the Best Bitter) and on the country roads of the Peak District it's a common sight to see a dead badger on the grass verge or squashed flat in the middle of the road.

The first threat is therefore the internal combustion engine.

Nowadays in the countryside it is also common to see large setts and badger trails. Because there seems to be an overpopulation, diminishing food sources are becoming an increasing problem.

Badgers love earthworms (they're their staple diet - like fish and chips to me) and

have been forced to forage further from their setts in pasture, silage fields, cattle troughs and sheds for other things to eat. As well as digging for food they also dig latrines, usually on the boundaries of their territory.

Unfortunately the recent success of the badger also seems to have led to what could be its second and greatest threat - tuberculosis - as setts become overcrowded.

In some parts of the country, but mercifully not around here, dead badgers have been found with TB and are apparently responsible for causing disease in cattle. All this makes them extremely unpopular with farmers but obviously they could also be a potential threat to us all.

Anyway, I've read that this problem is being looked into by some professor or other, so let's all hope that all this can be solved soon so that in future badgers and cattle can live together in the countryside to the enjoyment of us all.

## OH YES THEY DID!

On Tuesday 29 January I paid my annual visit to the Youlgrave Pantomime. It was a sell out and, as usual, first class entertainment.

All the ingredients for a great show were there, in true pantomime tradition: the brokers' men; two deliciously ugly sisters; a coy Buttons; a strapping Principal Boy; a lovely Principal Girl; and all the supporting cast.

And what an imaginative choice of names

eg Grabbit and Run, Salmonella and Influenza, Impossible, Impvibile, Fairy Liquid, Fairy Snow and my favourite Fairy Nuff.

I take my hat off to the wardrobe department. How do they manage, year after year, to produce such a range of wonderful costumes for such a large cast?

The enthusiasm of the players carried us along with them, whether it was community singing or shouting.

I look forward to many more years of Youlgrave Pantomime. However, the

success of the show does not rely solely on the performers.

A great deal of hard work goes on behind the scenes whether it be the direction, music, choreography, scenery etc. You only have to look at the credits at the back of the programme to see how many talented people are involved in the production. Congratulations and well done everyone.

**Edna Weatherley**

## Abbeyfield Centenarian

Congratulations from all at The Bugle to Mrs Lily Reece, who received her 100th birthday telegram on Friday 6th February.

A joint party was held for her and Bill Marsh (who was 90 in January this year) at Youlgrave Abbeyfield. They were joined by Bakewell Mayor Pam Russell,



family and friends. Lil would like to thank everyone who sent cards and gifts.

A party from Abbeyfield and their guests went on an outing last month to Macclesfield Silk Mill using the Community Bus. They went on a round trip via Buxton and returned via Kettleshulme and Whaleybridge, calling in at Tesco on the way home. It was a lovely day and was enjoyed

**Project LEVER Workshop in the Village Hall Monday 2nd March 7.30 - 9.00pm All welcome!**

## How can the village economy flourish? Project LEVER has been trying to find out.

Project LEVER aims to investigate the village economy and find ways of improving and supporting it. It is funded by North Derbyshire Training & Enterprise Council.

We have been working in the village for one day a week for about six months. What have we discovered about the village economy?

We found that local businesses were largely unaware of the support services available to them. Tackling this has been a top priority for the Project.

We also found that many needed training, especially in the use of computers. As a result, we are providing a programme of one-to-one coaching. Contact Julie Hudson on 01298 872313 for more information.

We also discovered that occupancy rates for village B & Bs are quite low (compared with Bakewell), so the Project has supported local initiatives to publicise the village B & Bs more widely.

Further issues that have come to light are the inadequacies of the local bus

service and the need for better child care services, especially After School Care. These affect the village economy in that they affect the ability of local people to earn a living. There are initiatives underway on both fronts.

However, one of our main findings concerns the need for the village to develop a systematic approach to improving its economy. Our findings concerning the village shops are a good illustration of this.

We know from national studies that the unrelenting rise of the supermarket is killing off village shops. Youlgrave residents are concerned about this but, quite understandably, they still do most of their shopping in supermarkets. The best source of increased trade would therefore be from visitors.

There are a number of possibilities here: encourage more walkers to divert from nearby footpaths to spend money in the village; encourage more car drivers to stop in the village by providing better car parking; encourage people staying in the village to make more use of the local shops and services.

We have experimented with tackling the latter by producing a Village Information Pack, called "Youlgrave has lots to offer". This has been placed in holiday cottages and B&Bs.

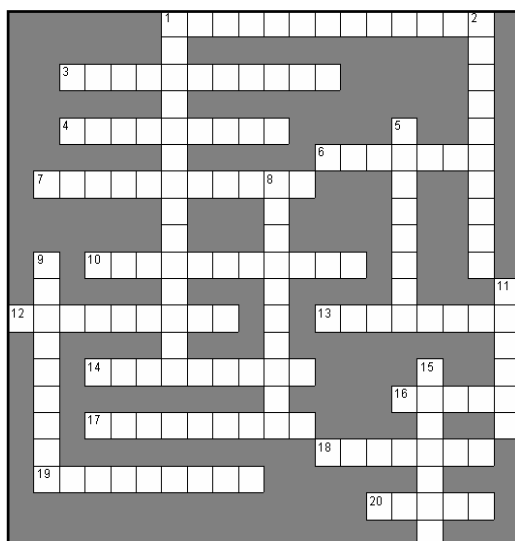
But there is a bigger issue here. The survival of the village shops may depend on promoting the village to visitors, but you also need to ensure that the unique character of Youlgrave does not get lost. You need to take a planned approach, so that each initiative fits in with the overall aim of having both a thriving village economy and making Youlgrave a better place to live.

One way forward could be for Youlgrave to get involved in a European project called LEADER II, providing funding for social, economic and environmental projects in approved villages. To get approval, a village has to produce a Village Plan, to show that instead of just letting things happen, they are taking some control of their future.

Project LEVER comes to an end in March. The Project team would like to invite you to a Workshop on Monday 2nd March, 7.30 - 9.00 in the Village Hall. Come and find out more about the initiatives that have arisen from Project LEVER and the possibilities offered by joining LEADER II.

**The Project LEVER Team: Marilyn Crutcher, Sue Cooke, Julie Hudson.**

### SPRING WILD FLOWER CROSSWORD



#### ACROSS

- 1 Two savoury flavours. (6,7)
- 3 A reminder. (6,2,3)
- 4 This lady is normally a climber. 6,3)
- 6 Thorny canine. (3,4)
- 7 A heavy metal for crufts. (4,7)
- 10 Smells of aniseed. (5,6)
- 12 Is this a hoof? (9)
- 13 Can they make the woods ring? (8)
- 14 A part of a female horse. (9)
- 16 Yellow moor plant. (5)
- 17 Can be greater or lesser. (9)
- 18 It's not lying. (7)
- 19 Sounds like her dress. (9)
- 20 She loves me, she loves me not. (5)

This puzzle was compiled from a list of flowers collected by the children of Youlgrave school with Bill Shimwell.

#### DOWN

- 1 Grown by Monks for medicine. (5,9)
- 2 Red or white, they won't sting. (4,7)
- 5 Primula Vulgaris. (8)
- 8 Coloured Majorie Allingham detective. (3,7)
- 9 Senecio Vulgaris. (9)
- 11 When happy, you're rolling in it. (6)
- 15 Buttercup's accident. (7)

#### Solution for last issue

1a Hardy Ash 7a Allotment 8a Chips  
14a The Grove 15a/20d Bottle Bank 17a Wells  
19a Fountain 20a Boden 21a/5a New Road  
2d Abbeyfield 3d/22a Car Park 4d Peak  
6d Alport 9d Bateman 11d Bradford  
12d/10d Playing Fields 13d Dale 15d Bells  
18d Water

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## Forthcoming events

**Monday 2 March** Project Lever meeting. Village Hall - 7.30pm.  
**Saturday 7 March** My trip to Everest - Alan Burgess. Middleton Village Hall - 7.30pm.  
**Tuesday 10 March** WI 'Living in Beijing' - Joyce Gould. Village Hall - 7.30pm.  
**Tuesday 17 March** Youlgrave Parish Council open meeting about the Millennium. Village Hall - 7.30pm.  
**Friday 20 March** Youlgrave School Association Spring Fair - Village Hall - 7.00pm.  
**Saturday 28 March** Attic Sale for Middleton Entertainments Committee.  
Youlgrave Village Hall - 9.30am - 1.00pm (Stall enquiries 636739).  
**Saturday 28 March** Bakewell Choral Society. 'Requiem' - Fauré, 'Cantata for Easter' - Gardner, 'Missa Lubba' - Haazen. Bakewell Parish Church - 7.30pm.

### **Please let us have details of events for the next edition**

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### **New!**

Noticeboard outside Youlgrave Garage where local people can advertise their services. If you provide any kind of service - whether you're a babysitter or an accountant - you can advertise FREE. Please keep the ads small - use your business card if you have one. The noticeboard is sponsored by **Project LEVER**.

## **Youlgrave Silver Band**

Youlgrave Silver Band was founded over a hundred years ago, at a time when most local villages had a small band. Rivalry with other village bands was lively, especially between Youlgrave, Stanton and Birchover. Band contests were held in Holland's Croft off Church Street.

The first set of instruments was purchased through Youlgrave Co-operative Society soon after its first shop was opened in a cottage on Moor Lane (with the date-stone '1875' on the wall). The instruments were displayed in the window and it is rumoured that the untrained band volunteers took them out for the first time, in a procession singing "pom, pom, pom". It is claimed that a pig looking over a wall joined in the pom-pomming. This is said to be the origin of Youlgrave's nickname of 'Pommy'. The band still has one or two of the original instruments, now unplayable, whilst the pig is commemorated at Coldwell End!

commemorated at Coldwell End! The next large purchase of instruments was in 1946 when Harold Marsden, Reg Bacon and Owen Plowright organised fund-raising events. Over the last few years, several instruments have been purchased - these are now very expensive (for example a new cornet costs about £1,200 and a euphonium about £2,000). Current income relies on the outdoor summer concerts generously sponsored by Derbyshire Dales District Council and Christmas collections. Tony Howarth, of the Farmyard Inn, has organised fund raising activities for the Band.

In the days when Pommy was self-contained, players were all local. Numbers declined seriously in the 1970's as other attractions came in. However, various incomers to the village have helped to keep the band going. Youlgrave benefits from still having its own band and the dedication of all the players is commendable, particularly those who come in from outside. The Welldressing and Carnival Parades would not be the same without

Youlgrave Band. Conductors have included Cornelius Roper, Herbert Shimwell, Mike Hargreaves, Billy Hawley, Tom Bandey, Neville Riley, David Mason, Steve Sutton, Ann Underdown, Derek Holmes, Albert Shimwell and Jeremy Mold. The current conductor is John Roper. Many children's musical ambitions started in the Band and several talented players have since moved on to even more prestigious bands.

**The Band is currently in urgent need of more players, especially cornets, and would welcome enthusiasts, willing to attend all rehearsals.**

Band-practice is every Thursday evening in the Methodist Chapel, Coldwell End, Youlgrave at 8pm. Band-practices are enjoyable and instruments and some tuition are available. You will be very welcome.

Peter Knowles Honorary Secretary (636362). With thanks to Bill Shimwell.

	Amy's Dairy	- - - - -	636639
	A Twyford, Motor Engineer	- - - - -	636093
	Castle Farm B&B, Caravans & Camping Barn		636746
<b>A</b>	Doug Oldfield, Handyman & Sweep	- - - - -	636797
<b>N</b>	Eric Goodwin, Plasterer & Tiler	- - - - -	636627
<b>N</b>	The Fish & Chip Shop	- - - - -	636379
<b>U</b>	Hollands Butchers	- - - - -	636234
<b>A</b>	Meadow Cottage Tea Garden	- - - - -	636523
<b>L</b>	Parkers Butchers, Wines & Spirits	- - - - -	636217
	The Knoll Club		-
	Peter Knowles, Architect	- - - - -	636362
	The Post Office	- - - - -	636201
	Roses Newsagents	- - - - -	636874
	SR & JK Roper, Builder & Joiner	- - - - -	636498
	Youlgrave Garage	- - - - -	636943

## **S P O N S O R S**

### **WI February**

Youlgrave WI enjoyed an interesting evening on 10 February. After the business matters and decisions on the various outings members are to take, they were treated to a talk with slides on Lathkill Dale by Joy Frost and George Smallwood.

This is to be followed up by a walk in the Dale in the evening of 29 June.

The WI is an up and coming group of ladies of all ages and always welcomes new members. The group meets on every second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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