



The Bugle

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

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Rain don't stop the Carnival!



I'm not sure I dare mention the word summer as it came in last month and then went out again, and in its place we had rain, rain, rain! Let's hope things can improve for the carnival season. With the welldressings all successfully completed we can hopefully settle down to having fun in the sun (remembering the factor 15, of course). The two new designers have certainly proved themselves.

As well as Youlgrave Carnival and all its accompanying events, we also have our very own Arts Festival this month, Youlgrave's answer to Edinburgh – see back page.

Middleton's fundraising was a great success, despite indifferent weather. £400 was sent to the RNLI from the welldressing collection box and over £1500 was raised at the Village Market and teas for Parish Funds. Youlgrave Church Garden Party had to retreat to the Village Hall because the weather was so poor. This was the right decision as the event was a resounding success.

Football blooming football – it's even encroached on Wimbledon! I wish I'd kept a copy of my entry in Tony's pools, I can't even have fun keeping an eye on my score!

60 Years of The Best in Volunteering

On June 5th the scene was set in Chatsworth Park (by kind permission of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire) for the jubilee celebrations of the WRVS.

Seven of Youlgrave's stalwart volunteers attended the Midlands and North West Garden Party held to mark this great occasion. Coaches arrived from as far as Lancashire, Cheshire, Shropshire and Nottinghamshire.

After welcoming speeches by Lennie Holmes, Division Director and Gerry Burton, Chief Executive, tea and cakes were avidly consumed.

On occasions such as this we locals are made to realise what a treasure we have in our 'back garden'. The visitors took full advantage of the free entry to the gardens and the reduced entrance to the house.

It was a pleasant afternoon, that brought together just a handful of the thousands of people who offer their time to this great caring service.

Ann Knowles is always pleased to hear from anyone willing to help with Meals on Wheels!

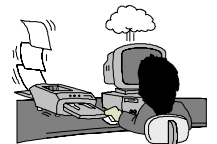
Pictured above are Ann Robinson, Lily Kilbride, Lisa Marple, Margaret Deeming, Lennie Holmes, Gerry Burton, Helen Pearson, Brenda Steadman, Dorothy Sandall, Dorothy Jerman and Ann Knowles at Chatsworth.



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Youlgrave Carnival 1998

1982, following their success fundraising for earthquake refugees and organising the celebrations for the wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales. The founder chairman of the committee, Cath Atkin, is a member of a family with three generations of Carnival Queens starting with Evelyn Bristow (née Taylor) in 1937 pictured here with her attendants, Mavis Spencer (Heathcote), Sheila Brown (Wright), Phylis Wragg (Brassington) and Esther Bateman (Oldfield).



The Carnival was started in about 1932 by Youlgrave Bowls Club. The present committee, Youlgrave Community Group, took over in

Money is raised for local charities and, although income is more or less stable, costs have rocketed. Last year money was donated to The Village Hall Repair Fund £100; Youlgrave Church Choir £100; Youlgrave Football Club £100; Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund £100 and Youlgrave Bowls Club £50.

The Carnival starts at 1.00pm on the Playing Field with the crowning of our Queen and judging of the Queens' Floats. The procession, led by Youlgrave Silver Band and including majorette groups and a steel band, will leave the field at 3.00pm. It will arrive at Middleton at approximately 3.30pm. The fancy-dress will be judged after the parade at 4.00pm. There will be a disco in the marquee with live bands Killeys and The Cascades

As ever, helpers are needed both during the day and in the evening. Volunteers should contact Sylvia Birds (636636) or Ann Hodgekinson (636183). You can, of course, support the village and join in the fun by dressing up on the day. A numbered lucky programme competition and a Grand Prize Draw will be held with prizes including £50 cash and a meal for two at the Farmyard Inn. If you would like to have a stall (starting at £3) on the Playing Field on Carnival day, contact Ann or Sylvia.

In the week running up to the Carnival there will be many events including a Car Treasure Hunt; Children's Sports; Six-a-side Football; and a variety of concerts in the Village Hall. For full details, purchase a programme from Roses Newsagents.

Valpo View



Looking at my breakfast table I see the whole world laid out. Coffee from Kenya, juice from Florida, bread made with wheat from Canada, the tablecloth is Indian cotton and the radio was made in Hong Kong. Each item conjures up hands and faces of other families, other homes, other climates and cultures, of people I will never meet or talk to.

Such threads of connection can be more real. Since 1994, Youlgrave has been linked with a village called Bangbutt in Sierra Leone, West Africa. Through the Bakewell based charity, Village Aid, we have corresponded with the villagers and begun to glimpse their lifestyle, whilst sharing with them something of ours.

It has been a turbulent time for them. No sooner had we made contact than civil war erupted. The villagers fled into the bush, living rough. One woman gave birth there, one boy was kidnapped during a raid probably to become a child soldier, all watched their homes and livelihoods destroyed. Many then moved to the capital, Freetown, to live in refugee camps, scraping together a life where they could, trying to keep some education going for their children, trying to grow fresh vegetables, trying not to let the awfulness destroy them. A free election: it seemed peace would come at last; but the dictator would not let go. Nigeria sent in troops. Freetown was no longer safe, so they fled back to their chiefdom and are living rough again.

When possible we have sent letters, receiving photos and news in return. This year we sent the balance of the money raised to buy seeds and tools to help in resettlement, and hopefully our villagers were included in the scheme. Now peace

is slowly returning. Village Link is about more than money. It is about friendship and building links across the world or about making visits, but definitely about sharing experiences – bringing the 'breakfast table' to life.

After years of uncertainty, we need to renew the threads. Come to a meeting on July 8th at 8pm at Turret house, Church Street to find out more, and to join this exciting long-term project.

FOOTNOTE: Why Valpo View? Well, as you walk up Bradford Dale towards Middleton, just beyond Holywell Lane, there are a series of terraces built steeply up the hillside beneath the houses on Bankside. Once these gardens were intensely cultivated (see the photographs in Hollands window) and the immaculate dry stone walls were festooned with colourful spring flowers. A traveller, returning from Latin America, noted that he had seen nothing better, not even in Valparaiso. The nickname stuck and they became known as the Hanging Gardens of Youlgrave, or 'The Valpo', as they say in Pommie.

In 1994 I rented the old allotments to restore the terraces and rebuild the hanging gardens as a wildlife and retreat garden. I believe in organic methods, I am not very rich and I think gardening should be a leisurely and enjoyable process, so it is only slowly that the result is emerging.

In the garden is a 'listening hut'. This is a place where I develop Valpo Views. It is a place for listening – to the river and the birds, to one's own dreams . . . to work at the inner puzzles of life. It's a great spot for sitting and thinking – or just sitting. If you would like to try sometime 'phone 636550 – it's not just there for me.

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From The Cookhouse Door

Fish Pie au Gratin

- $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. smoked cod or haddock
- 2 spring onions, chopped & softened in oil
- 1 hard boiled egg
- 6 oz cooked rice
- $\frac{1}{2}$ pint cheese sauce

Place rice in the bottom of a dish. Poach or microwave the fish and place on top of the rice. Put the softened onions on top of the fish. Slice the egg on the top of the fish/onions, then pour the cheese sauce over all the ingredients. Grate a little cheese over the top and bake in a medium oven for 25-30 minutes.

Serve with vegetables or crusty bread as a lunch or supper dish. Serves two.



Can You Help?

- Local couple with two toddlers seek 2/3 bedroom property to rent in the Youlgrave/Middleton area. Must be central heated! Tel Steve on 0802 270015
- People needed to help with the Carnival, Tel Ann Hodgekinson (636183) or Sylvia Birds (636636)

The Bell Ringers' Outing to Cheshire



At 8am on 6th June a coach left Holywell Lane, filled with bell ringers, relations and friends for the annual outing, organised by David Camm and David Robinson.

The weather threatened, soaked and warmed us at various stages throughout the day. However, Chris and Irene Truman appeared untroubled by the invasion of about 50 dripping people and umbrellas at their house in Knutsford and provided tea, scones and strawberries, for which we were all very grateful. For the rest of the day people dispersed to shop, sightsee and dawdle by the river in Chester.

The ringers did what they were there to do at St Bartholomew's, Wilmslow; St John the Baptist, Knutsford and St Mary's, Handbridge, Chester. At Wilmslow a stone tablet in the floor recorded "John, son of Robert and Penelope Hunt, was killed by the first bell on Sunday, August 30th 1767." We emerged unscathed.

The day was voted a great success. The ringers however, were short on numbers and we are very conscious that **WE NEED MORE RINGERS**. Ringing is relatively painless, at least for the participants, and we enjoy each other's company. So those of you who are 'thinking about it', please come to practice on Tuesday at 7.30.

Mary Bartlett

Middleton

Thank you to all who contributed to the house-to-house collection for Barnardos in June. A total of £43.31 was raised.

Mary Marsh

SEWING A FINE SEAM

QC – The Quality Curtain Company - has been awarded the first **Peak Business of the Year Award**. This prestigious award was presented to QC by the Rural Development Commissioner in front of 70 local companies at a recent seminar. Just 14 months ago David Harrison faced redundancy but instead of being negative he 'gathered' his wits and cut a niche for himself in the curtaining market. His cottage industry, QC – The Quality Curtain Company of Moor Lane Youlgrave, has gone from strength to strength. David said "It was hard going at first but within a few weeks we had landed some major contracts which are ongoing. Support of local customers has also been fantastic and is much appreciated." For free quotations and home selection, Tel : 636161

QUIZ FOR THE MONTH

So you think you go about with your eyes open? Well, see which dates you've noticed. Answers next month.

- 1) Primitive Methodist Chapel.
- 2) Knoll Club
- 3) Raenstor Rock, Alport
- 4) Youlgrave Cricket Club cap
- 5) Gordon and Hazel Coupe's house



JUNE CROSSWORD SOLUTION

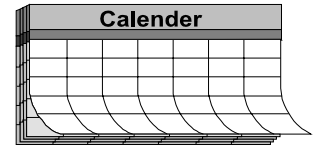
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1. Pricking 6. Red 7. Corn 11. Blessing 12. Black Knob 14. Plants 15. Top 17. Leaf 19. Hydrangea 20. Soot 22. Water 24. Black 24. Wool 27. Petals

Down

2. Redshank 3. Clay 4. Grey 5. Fountain 8. John Roper 9. Geranium 10. Moss 11. Bankside
12. Board 14. Puddle 16. Church 18. Flowers
21. Blue 22. Well 23. River 26. Dale
With apologies for a misleading clue for 14a – I don't

Forthcoming Events



Saturday 4th July
Sunday 5th July

Saturday 11th July
Thursday 9th July
Friday 24th July

Wednesdays
Wednesdays
Thursdays
Fridays

Musical Evening with Buffet Supper, The Cheese Factory, Elton, 7.30pm.
 Start of Youlgrave Carnival week. For details of events, buy a lucky programme from Roses Newsagents.

Youlgrave Carnival. The Playingfield, starting 1pm.

Tennis Club AGM. Village Hall Committee Room, 7.30pm.

Youlgrave arts festival. Greenfields Farm Barn, all weekend starting Friday 7.30pm.

Outdoor painting classes with Diane Kettle. Middleton Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Theatre Workshop with Jack Blackburn Tel 636689 or 636043. Greenfields Farm Barn, 7.00pm.

Peak Rural Welfare Rights Project 'Benefits Advice'. The Doctors' Surgery, 10 - 11.30am.

Yoga with Iris Pimm at Greenfields Farm Barn, 9.30 - 11.00am.

Please let us have more details of events for the next edition

The Publishers accept no liability for the accuracy of the information given.

Youlgrave Arts Festival

Friday 24th July – Sunday 26th July

“An Arts Festival in Youlgrave? Edinburgh yes, or Buxton of course, but Youlgrave!” Youlgrave: a village where things happen, best Pantomime in England, great Welldressings and first village in the Peak to organise its own piped spring water. A village full of artists, musicians, stone wallers, farmers, potters, butchers, alternative therapists and now two writers from ‘The Archers’. So just watch what you say, or it could be taken down and used in evidence against you on Radio Four!”

So Youlgrave: an ideal place to do something different. The weekend will start with a picnic folk evening led by Youlgrave’s newly formed folk group ‘The Banksiders’. The setting, at Greenfields Farm, is idyllic, with the hills and woodlands providing a beautiful backdrop. Singers and musicians welcome. Tony from the Farmyard Inn will provide a bar.

Saturday and Sunday will focus on two innovative drama

and music ventures. Maggie Ford’s company of graduating actors will present ‘A-Gender’: a delicate, disturbing drama with no words. When performed at the International Drama Festival in Scarborough, it sent audiences away to argue into the small hours about its meaning. Come with an open mind and heart, and hopefully A-Gender will take you on a journey. Not suitable for children.

Blend is a Post-Punk Folk Group set up by a musician and regular visitor to Youlgrave, Dorian Ford. Dorian describes Blend as a) a Post Modern Garage band (ie rehearsed in a garage) b) a band of mixed motives c) a Method band d) a collection of bad trainers. Blend is about the fact that everybody involved determines the music.

On Saturday afternoon Maggie will run a drama workshop using some of her methods for wordless drama. On Sunday afternoon Dorian will run a music improvisation workshop. The workshops are for a maximum of fifteen people.

For further information, contact Maggie Ford 636189 or 07970 970289 or see the posters.

A N N U A L	Amy’s Dairy - - - - -	636639	S P O N S O R
	Dave Axon, Doring Kindersley Adviser - - -	650628	
	Castle Farm, B&B, Caravans & Camping Barn	636746	
	IT’s the Business, Computer Training - - - 01298	872313	
	Eric Goodwin, Plasterer & Tiler - - - - -	636627	
	The Farmyard Inn - - - - -	636221	
	The Fish & Chip Shop - - - - -	636379	
	B&M Frost, Caravan Site - - - - -	636302	
	Roger Green, Val Verde, Bakewell - - - - -	814404	
	Hollands Butchers - - - - -	636234	
	The Knoll Club - - - - -	-	
	Peter Knowles, Architect - - - - -	636362	
	Kath McCloy, Violin & Piano Teacher - - -	636125	
	Meadow Cottage Tea Garden - - - - -	636523	
	A Murray, The Wee Dram, Bakewell - - - -	812235	
	Doug Oldfield, Handyman & Sweep - - - -	636797	
	Parkers Butchers, Wines & Spirits - - - -	636217	
	Peak Rural Welfare Rights Project - - - - 0800	214233	
	Eleanor Pilkington, Peak PR - - - - -	636079	
	Iris Pimm, Greenfields Farm Barn - - - - -	636341	
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Roses Newsagents - - - - -	636874		
Barbara Scrivener, Hand Help Healing - - - -	636601		
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A Twyford, Motor Engineer - - - - -	636093		
Youlgrave Garage - - - - -	636943		
Youlgrave Parish Council - - - - -	-		

Poppy Appeal 1997/98

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal national total stands at £16,270,000 with £245,700 collected in Derbyshire of which **£1,522** came from Alport, Middleton, Stanton and Youlgrave. Bob and Peggy Skinner would like to thank contributors and collectors for their sterling efforts along with Irene Bloor, who coordinates the collection in Stanton.

The Poppy Appeal raises 50% of the funds the Legion needs each year. With revenue from other fundraising events, bequests etc providing the rest.

A £5 donation makes sure a housebound or hospitalised person receives a visit, £100 buys an asthmatic breathing aid, £250 secures a lifeline alarm for an old person, £500 sends a severely disabled person and their carer on a much needed holiday, £1500 provides a powered wheelchair for someone who can’t walk.

Projects funded by this money also include care homes and convalescent units; benefit advice centres; holiday assistance; individual grants; business, employment and training advice and government and public awareness campaigns relevant to ex-service personnel.

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