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Alport, Middleton and Youlgrave**

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Fame in the Dales

It's been an exciting month in publishing terms for 'The Bugle' this month. Having secured a minor local interest scoop in the 'Explosive Excitement in Middleton' article we didn't expect to draw regional media attention elsewhere in the publication.

Even though we were aware that the article, 'A Ridge at Risk', was potentially controversial, we were still surprised to have the likes of *Radio Derby*, *The Derbyshire Times* and *East Midlands Today* telephoning us for further information, our sources etc. It appears somebody decided to fax the article to all the main media organisations. So keep the information and articles coming – it can really make a difference to local life and issues you believe in.

Middleton has had more than its five minutes of fame too with television crews

looking at the collection of Trabant motor cars at Tor Farm. We've even had teams from Germany showing an interest.

As the year draws to an end 'The Bugle' would like to invite annual sponsors for the New Year. Sponsors can be either anonymous or listed on the back page of the publication. Throughout the year we will also carry an 'Edition Sponsor' each month. There is a coupon on the back page, please support us – we are here for the villagers of Alport, Middleton and Youlgrave. We need your support in order to continue to deliver 'The Bugle' *free* to your door.

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On the 13th October Youlgrave WI enjoyed a talk and slides by Mr Charles Wildgoose, titled *The Derbyshire Dales and Beyond*. Mr Wildgoose, a member of the Ramblers Association, showed us slides illustrating the problems that occur when out walking, difficult stiles and mad bulls to mention but two.

The slides were from all over the British Isles but the best ones were of course from Derbyshire. Living in the Peak District, I don't think that we appreciate the scenery until we see it shown on the screen.

We tasted the delicious refreshments that were provided this month by Mdns Mary Brown, Anne Robinson, Jean Frost and Joan Malaband. Mrs Eileen Bacon won the competition for 'A Favourite Wineglass'.

Next month, on the 10th November, it will be the Annual General Meeting and arrangements will be made for the Christmas dinner (December) and the New Year party (January). New members are always welcome.

M.S

JUNIORS ON TOP

Youlgrave (Under 14's) Football Club has entered a team in the Derwent Valley Junior Football League.

The season is in two halves, played in September and October, and then in April and May when the nights become light again. At the mid-season break, Youlgrave are top of the 'B' Division, being unbeaten, and only dropping one point against Baslow, a team with a higher proportion of older players. This was a wonderful result after being 3-0 down, and the levels of skill, team spirit and commitment shown made all concerned with the club very proud.

The team also progressed to the next round of the Palmer Trophy.

Leading scorer was Jonathon Figg with 13 goals. It is invidious to single out individual players because all have played heroically, but touch-line judges like the look of Eric Johnson, a mid-field pocket dynamo, and David Wragg, a lot better than his dad ever was!!

Chris Shimwell – Chairman

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How the Poppy Appeal Began

The areas of Northern France, known as Flanders and Picardy, saw some of the most concentrated and bloodiest fighting of the First World War. There was complete devastation: Buildings, roads, trees and natural life simply disappeared. Where once there were homes and farms, there was now a sea of mud - a grave for the dead where men still lived and fought.

Only one other living thing survived. The poppy, flowering each year with the coming of the warm weather, brought life, hope, colour and reassurance to those still fighting.

John McCrae, a doctor with the Canadian Armed Forces, was deeply moved by what he saw in Northern France. In 1915 in his pocket book, he scribbled the following verses:

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow,
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely sing and fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.*

McCrae's poem was eventually published in Punch magazine under the titled "In Flanders' Fields" and the people of Britain, and the Empire, were able to learn from him what the war and the trenches were really like.

Three years later McCrae was to die in a Military Hospital on the French channel coast. Shortly before he died, with the British coastline visible on the horizon and the words of the poem in his mind, he is said to have murmured:

"Tell them this, if ye break faith with us who die, we shall not sleep."

On the Eleventh Hour of the Eleventh Day of the Eleventh Month, The First World War ended. Thousands had died; thousands more had been injured and scarred by their experiences.

The men and women who survived returned to their homes. For them though, the world would never be the same. People at home had learned to manage without them. All over Britain and its Empire there were men and women, old beyond their years, trying to fit back into an unrecognisable world.

Moina Michael, American War Secretary with the YMCA, and herself a writer of verse, was moved by McCrae's work and wrote:

*And now the torch and Poppy red
Wear in honour of our dead.*

Miss Michael bought red poppies with money that had been given to her by work colleagues. Wearing one of the poppies she had bought, she sold the remainder to her friends to raise a small amount of money for servicemen in need. Her French colleague, a Madame Guerin, encouraged by what Moina Michael had achieved with the poppy emblem, proposed to make and sell artificial poppies to help ex-servicemen and their dependants. So the Poppy Day movement started.

In Britain, Major George Howson, a young infantry officer, had been decorated for bravery. He was deeply moved by the plight of the war-disabled who, in the world of peace, seemed unemployable. He formed "The Disabled Society" to help these ex- servicemen and women.

Another major factor was the foundation of the British Legion - now the Royal British Legion. Earl Haig, formerly Commander-in-Chief in France, was instrumental in founding the Legion which gave practical help and companionship to the ex-servicemen and women, and their dependants.

The first actual Poppy Day was held in Britain on November 11th 1921 and was a national success. Howson recognised that the making of artificial poppies might offer opportunities for The Disabled Society. His proposals were made to the Legion and helped to establish what we now recognise as The Royal British Legion Poppy Factory. The Factory, employing mainly disabled people, now makes the poppies, wreaths and other items associated with today's Poppy Appeal.

The Poppy Appeal itself is the organisation that arranges the annual collection in November. The money from the collection goes into The Royal British Legion's Benevolent Fund and represents about 60% of what the Legion spends each year on benevolent work, a massive £27.5 million in 1996.

So, from John McCrae's emotive poem



That's Blooming Marvellous



The George Hotel has won first prize in the Scottish and Newcastle 'Pub in Bloom' competition 1998 for pubs without a garden. This covers the whole of the north of England. The landlords, Mr and Mrs Marsh, win a prize of £400 in M&S vouchers and they will get a plaque. The window boxes and hanging boxes have been a spectacular splash of colour all summer long and were much appreciated in the village. Congratulations.

The George has a domino team in the Cavendish League.

Rosemary Key would like to thank both the villagers who helped her and those who bought paintings at her recent sale at Hunters End, Middleton. She sold paintings to the value of £400 enabling her to donate £200 to West Derbyshire Mental Health Support Group.

of 1915 has risen a powerful and successful international charitable organisation to which many people in Britain may turn to for help.

We should also record, whether we agree or not, the white poppy movement. White poppies seek to recognise those who bravely fought and died, but without celebrating war itself.

The Remembrance Service will be on Sunday 8th November at Youlgrave Church, 10.45am. Youlgrave Brownies and Guides will be parading along with the Royal British Legion.

Bob and Peggy Skinner organise the poppy collection in Youlgrave and would like to thank contributors and collectors for their sterling efforts.

George Hotel Outside Catering : weddings, birthdays or funerals

Saturday Mornings

For me Saturday mornings in the early 60's were a kind of ritual. I spent them shopping for my Mum to earn my pocket money, my Saturday sixpence (2 ½p).

Armed with two straw shopping baskets and two lists, I first attended the Co-op. (Now this magnificent building houses the Youth Hostel).

Trade was always brisk, and a young boy had to learn to maintain his place in the queue in the face of stern competition from housewives in a rush. I can picture two in particular, both long dead, who gave me grief and always seemed to push in front of me.

One could buy anything and nearly everything from the Co-op, sausages to salt, oats to oranges. There was a drapery department upstairs where I would often venture in search of a reel of cotton.

Staff I remember included the manager, Mr Albert Shimwell, of whom I was a bit frightened, Miss Marjorie Rose, and a succession of young girls in their late

teens at whom I used to gaze in a moonstruck fashion. Some of these girls are still in and around the village and, incredibly, are grandmothers now.

My next point of call was Hollands butchers. Little did I realise that the Harry Holland, who I had known since I was a toddler, sitting on my potty in front of the fire when he delivered the milk, would become my father-in-law. In the shop he was always smiling and cheerful to me, but I occasionally did see him fling his glasses in frustration at the steady, unflappable process of Colin Gregory, who worked faithfully for the Holland family for at least 50 years, maybe more. Purchases varied from legs of lamb, tomato sausages, and oatcakes, to a shilling's worth of bones for hash (this is not allowed today – BSE you know) and two ounces of yeast.

These two visits completed, I would stagger home pausing, perhaps, to pay for the papers at Fred and Albert Birds' shop.

All this for sixpence, but the experience produced some clear and indelible memories – I can still remember my Mum's Co-op divvy number – 3450!!

CJS

A VERY WET DAY

Can you imagine
Quite such a muddle
As Alice and Michael
Stuck in a puddle?



In torrential rain to Belper they went,
On the way home they were not so content.

To find they couldn't get through
The only way home that they knew.

With floodwater lapping all round the car,

They tried to drive through, but didn't get far.

The engine died but after a while

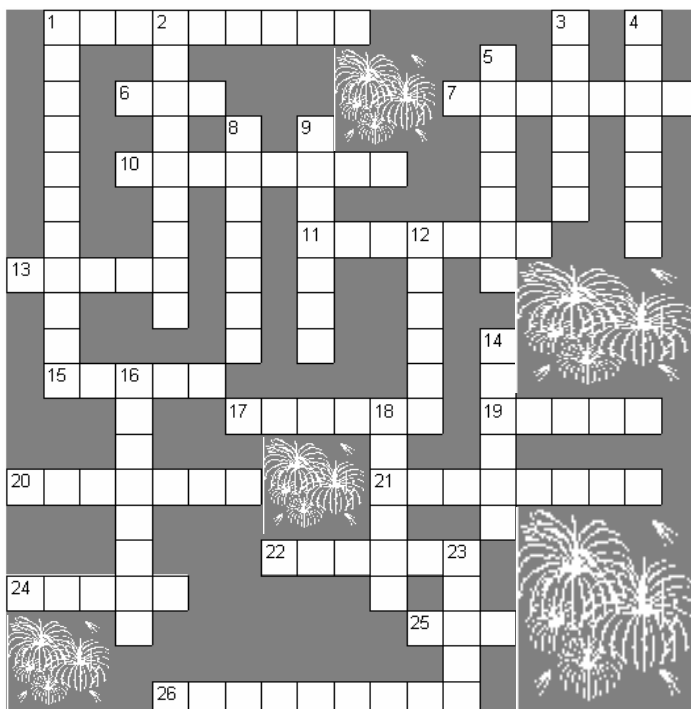
It fired again and with a big smile

Alice and Michael were back on their way

To Middleton on A VERY WET DAY!

Jean Youatt would like to thank everyone in Middleton for their kind donations for Help the Aged last month. A total of £30 was raised. Anyone wishing to make a donation who wasn't at home on the collection day, please drop the envelope in at the Help the Aged Shop in Matlock.

Ghouls and Gunpowder Crossword



Across

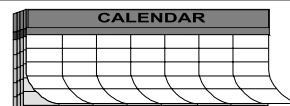
- 1 & 22a Spinning pyrotechnics (9,6)
- 6 & 23d Alternative name for Halloween (3,5)
- 7 Lucifers (7)
- 10 see 24a
- 11 19a The evening of the 5th November (7)
- 13 & 9d To win the fruit you have to duck (5,7)
- 15 & 14d Italian illumination (5,6)
- 17 Souls in limbo (6)
- 19 see 11a
- 20 Ladies riding broomsticks in the sky (7)
- 21 see 1d
- 22 see 1a
- 24 & 10a Food wrapped in foil and cooked in the fire (5,8)
- 25 & 12d Leader of the gunpowder plot (3,6)
- 26 Hand-held fireworks (9)

Down

- 1 & 21a Our Cavalier ghost in Bradford Dale (11,8)
- 2 31st October (9)
- 3 A firework on its way to the moon? (6)
- 4 & 18d Too much of this black stuff and you'll lose your teeth (7,6)
- 5 We make this from a candle & hollow pumpkin at this time of year (7)
- 8 These sausages could give you a fright (7)
- 9 see 13a
- 12 see 25a
- 14 see 15a
- 16 What the children get up to on Halloween (8)
- 18 see 4d
- 23 see 6a



Forthcoming Events



Saturday 14th November Bakewell Choral Society Autumn Concert.
 Bakewell Parish Church, 7.30pm. Tickets from Bakewell Bookshop.

Wednesdays Life drawing classes with Diane Kettle. Middleton Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Wednesdays Theatre Workshop with Jack Blackburn (tel. 636689 or 636043). Greenfields Farm Barn, 7.00pm.

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

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

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

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A N N U A L	Amy's Dairy - - - - -	636639	S P O N S O R S
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	Doug Oldfield, Handyman & Sweep - - - - -	636797	
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Youlgrave Garage - - - - -	636943		
Youlgrave Parish Council - - - - -	-		

Reader's letter

Dear Editor,

I write in response your recent article "A Ridge at Risk".

While I wholeheartedly agree with the author . . . , it is also important to remember that Robin Hood's Stride is not alone in being under threat. The village of Stanton Lees has long suffered the intrusions associated with quarrying . The residents of Darley Bridge also have to suffer lorry traffic from the quarries.

An exchange of permission area from Whatscliffe to New Pilough may appear a solution, unfortunately it will only serve to transfer the problem from one area to another . . . meaning that Blockstone Ltd would be allowed to successfully play one village off against another and to essentially 'hold the Peak Park to ransom'. This is wholly unacceptable.

We must stick together and fight to impose proper regulations on these operations, not be set against each other. The quarry operators could follow the example of the aggregate operators in agreeing to a voluntary withdrawal from opening up any new or dormant quarries within National Parks. When a National Park is being plundered to produce stone for use in projects overseas and idiocies such as the carving of "Butch" the runaway pig for Hereford Cathedral it can only be described as totally unjustifiable and environmentally immoral.

I urge residents to work together to secure the long-term future of the National Park and our local countryside and not to encourage the underhand tactics of block stone operators.

Mr P J Barrett, Stanton Lees.

Editorial note. We totally agree with the views of our reader. We are, however, a newsletter for the villages of Alport, Middleton and Youlgrave and as such didn't extend our article to cover Stanton Lees. Nevertheless, we are pleased to have brought the subject forward for debate and welcome any other reader's views.

Darling Buds comes to Derbyshire

Local Youlgrave resident, Liz Hall, opens her florist shop 'Darling Buds' at Church Street, Baslow, on 5th November. Liz, who has qualified to level 3 NVQ, has been managing a shop in Ilkley, West Yorkshire, prior to moving to Derbyshire. 'Darling Buds' will offer a full floral service for Weddings, Funerals and contract work (tel. 01246 583999). For further information, Liz Hall's home number is 636927.

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