

A Merry Christmas to all our readers
from the Editorial Team



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Alport, Middleton and Youlgrave

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Party time is here and as well as Christmas and the New Year, the Bugle celebrates the completion of its first year. We've appreciated all the support we've had from our readers, contributors and sponsors. Yes, you've guessed it, we're inviting more!! Your news and views

provide the backbone of this local newsletter. Remember, even if it's only a phone call to ask us to cover a story, we want to hear from you all.

We've been very happy to receive some new sponsors (after including a form last month). I take this opportunity to thank our existing sponsors and remind them that the January/February edition will be the last one their details appear in should they not renew. We'll print the sponsorship form again next edition.

Along with 1998 we say goodbye to Ray and Janet Taylor. 'The Bugle' wishes them a long and happy retirement.

Other faces we shall miss are Sue and Tony Howarth and Isabel from the Farmyard. We'd like to thank Tony for his technical assistance and the kind hospitality he showed the editorial team. We also wish the new licensees good luck and best wishes in their new venture.

At this happy time of the year we need to be especially careful to secure our homes and possessions whilst out partying - remember, this is when the thieves do their 'Christmas shopping' - don't get caught!

And have yourselves a very merry Christmas.

Pride and Prejudice vs. Neighbours in Fountain Square

Fountain Square in Youlgrave was the location for filming on 4th November. Ruby Red Productions were making a scene from 'The Rat Catcher'; a short film for Channel 4 based loosely on the Pied Piper of Hamlyn.

Traffic was held up during the rehearsals and then the actual shooting. The film crew scattered leaves on the road and the weather was very cold and sleeting. The Bulls Head was the centre of the action with the Rat catcher (played by Amelia Fox from 'Pride and Prejudice') coming out of the pub

carrying 2 boxes to put in her white Ford van - not a historic drama this! - and being confronted by a sullen mob of angry villagers led by Mark Little (who used to play Joe Mangle in Neighbours!) and the old chap who features in the Werther's toffee ads on TV. A star studded cast! (Alas, your showbiz reporter did not recognise any of them and had to be told by the assistant gaffer's mate). Louie Parker was recognisable as one of the extras and a brown spaniel seemed to be part of the cast also.

"Get out of our village, you little bitch!", said the mob.

"You can't do this", replied the attractive blonde rat catcher, who had apparently been attracting more than rats, but in this case men not children.

"Slut", cried the mob. (We're not used to this sort of language in Youlgrave).

Filming also took place in Ashford in the Water and at Chatsworth, where some extras had to jump in the river. It is to be hoped the film succeeds, because the extras will only be paid if it does. 'No win no fee' as American solicitors say, or 'you dirty rat' as an American film star said? **PK**

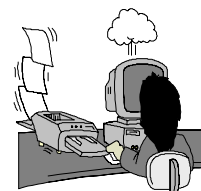
Bright showbiz lights in Youlgrave



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THE BOMBING OF YOULGRAVE

After its failure to take command of the skies over southern England in September 1940, the German Luftwaffe began a systematic campaign of night time bombing of the cities of the Midlands and the North of the country. Many of the industrial centres of wartime production of aircraft, munitions factories and naval dockyards took a heavy battering and, shortly before Christmas 1940, the steelworks of Sheffield were the target. The enemy planes were helped by the full night light of a bomber's moon and the next morning Sheffield was a sorry sight. In Youlgrave we watched and listened, little realising that shortly our village was to become the inadvertent target of a misguided raid on the night of 23rd December 1940.

Marjorie and I were not long married and were living with her parents at Ash Lea in Coldwell End. I was working for the DP (Du jardin Planté) Battery Company at Bakewell, prior to my joining the Royal Air Force as a radar mechanic. We had recently acquired a copy of the game of *Monopoly* and that evening our busy buying and selling of Mayfair and Old Kent Road was suddenly interrupted by the sound of what seemed to be a heavy thunder shower. We dashed to the back

door to find the Westcrot hillside behind the house ablaze with literally hundreds of incendiary bombs. As I opened the door the handle was shaken from my hand by the percussion shock of a high explosive bomb which, as we were to later discover, had demolished part of Conksbury Farm, half a mile to the Northeast.

Some composure gradually returned and we discovered that our next door but one neighbour's house was ablaze with an incendiary through its roof. Albert Brassington fought the blaze while his wife brought their daughter, Maisie, to Ash Lea for safety and sweet tea. My mother-in-law served the comforts on the *Monopoly* board and it bears the stains of liquid spilled by trembling hands to this day.

As auxiliaries at the First Aid post in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, we set off down the road, calling first at my parents' house next door at Craig-y-Lea. As I ran up the yard, I was almost garrotted by a telephone wire brought down by the bombs, but was relieved to find that my parents had taken refuge amongst the coal and garden tools of a concrete-roofed outhouse and, though bewildered, were quite safe. Incendiaries were burning around the house, one in the stockyard behind, within three or four yards of a haystack. I dug sods and soil and managed to extinguish it without further damage.

Further down the village, we found that the steep roof of the chapel had proved to be its saviour for there were two incendiaries burning away on the path below. Another had pierced the roof of a nearby coalshed, tenanted by William Brassington, brother of Albert, and was being brought under control. We

waited for casualties, but thankfully none appeared, save a young teenage boy by the name of Seville. It seems that when the lads of the village had decided that the raid was over and that there were no Germans about, they had turned out in force to extinguish fire bombs still alight and to acquire a few souvenirs. In this action our casualty had badly burned his fingers.

Returning to work on the following morning, I found that the works of the DP Battery Company had suffered a near miss when a string of four high explosive bombs had gone off in the marshy ground by its reservoir at Lakeside. It was then that I realised that the works had been the true target for the raid. The company's main products were batteries for motor torpedo boats and submarines and batteries for degaussing minesweepers dealing with magnetic mines dropped in the Thames Estuary and the entrances to many east and south coast harbours. German intelligence had clearly instructed the bomber crew to look for the reflection of the moon on expanses of open water to the south and west of Bakewell. Thus, on a flight from the Southwest, the navigator had clearly mistaken the dams of the River Bradford, south of Youlgrave, and those on the River Lathkill, north of Conksbury Farm, for the works reservoir at Lakeside, Bakewell. The bomb aimer had wasted all his incendiaries at Youlgrave and dropped his biggest bomb at Conksbury, leaving only a string of smaller explosives for the real target.

It could have been a tragic Christmas.

J W Shimwell

Middleton into the Millennium

Middleton Parish Council held the second of two meetings to discuss the celebration of the Millennium on Thursday 26th November.

From an original list of 13 suggestions, the four ideas chosen were: a video presentation of the village to be lead by Alan Burgess; a written historical account of Middleton (Henry and Eileen Brocklehurst); Boundary marker stones engraved with quotations (Charles Monkhouse) and Tree planting (Mary Marsh).

The success of these projects is dependant on the grants available.

Sell-out

Bookings for the 1999 pantomime, "Aladdin", at Youlgrave Village Hall, commenced as usual on 1st December. The first phone call to make bookings came at 7.30am and by lunchtime that day the Matinee performance was already sold out. At the time of writing, seats are still available for all other 11 performances.

Youlgrave Village Hall Presents

ALADDIN

A TRADITIONAL FAMILY PANTOMIME

Written and Produced by Louise Page and
Christopher Hawes

26th January – 6th February at 7.30pm

Matinee: Saturday 30th January

Bookings from:

Mrs T B Gladwin,
Coldwell End,
Youlgrave
Tel. 636558

Adults £3.00 Children £1.75

No booking calls after 9.00pm please



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Leader Column



Can you cast your minds back to early summer last year, and discussions about something called **Leader?** It is a European funding programme for village facilities and services, and the Youlgrave area has already gone some way down the line to get it. It is a voluntary effort by local people, with support from Paul Rush of Derbyshire Rural Community Council, a local charity that helps to sustain living, working communities in rural areas. These things do take time, and always need more people to help.

An Action Plan has been drafted, outlining the types of projects which **Leader** might help to pay for. It includes: -

- Better signposting and tourist information to encourage visitors to spend more in the village
- Improvements to community facilities
- Millennium projects

The plan is the basis upon which we can apply for grants. Get it approved, and we're there, but it needs further work – and that needs people to help! So, a meeting has been arranged for 7.30pm on Thursday 14th January in the Committee Room at Youlgrave Village Hall. Any time you can spare to help the cause will be welcome.

If we get approval for the Plan, this column will become a regular feature to keep people up-to-date with progress. Come along to the meetings of course and you'll know all about it anyway!!

Merry Christmas, and see you in the New Year

CHRISTMAS PRIZE QUIZ

1. What is a Rangifer tarandus?
2. Which country administers Christmas Island?
3. What was and who sang the Christmas No. 1 record in 1984?
4. What is Viscum album?
5. What is the name of the Simpson's dog in the cartoon series?
6. Who is the missing wise man Melchior, Balthazar and ??
7. Who sang "It'll be lonely this Christmas" ?
8. On which day will Christmas Day fall in 2001?
9. What is the Monday after Twelfth Night called?
10. Who was the first Christian martyr and when is his feast day?

The Bugle is offering a **£10** prize for this Christmas quiz. The winner will be the first correct answer drawn on the closing date, 17th January 1999.

WI AGM

Members of Youlgrave WI attended the Annual General Meeting in the Village Hall on 10th November.

Mrs Joan Mallaband is to continue her office as President for the second year. She has made an extremely good job of her first year and we wish her well in her next. Sadly, Mrs Mary Brown has retired from the committee. She has been the backbone of the Welldressing Teas and we shall miss her. Thank you Mary for all your hard work, we shall look forward to still seeing you at the meetings.

During the business meeting and the election of officers, members were invited to bring along their knitting wool and needles, each lady knitting in the meeting.

The finished knitting is to be sewn up into a blanket for the Red Cross. We also had a bring and buy sale which raised £30 for the Red Cross.

Arrangements were made for the Christmas Dinner to be held at the Devonshire Arms at Baslow. The New Year party is to take place on 12th January in the Village Hall. Each member can bring along a friend and other local WI members are invited.

On 25th November four ladies competed in a quiz held at Rowsley Village Hall and on 10th December there was a Carol service at Over Haddon Church.

Refreshments for the November meeting were provided by Mdms Brister, Butterworth, Burgess, S. Shimwell and M. Shimwell.

MS

Carolling



In recent years a nice Christmas event in Middleton has been an evening's outdoor carol-singing, accompanied by members of Youlgrave Band. This year it will be held at **Holywell Lane, Youlgrave at 7.00pm on Thursday 17th December.**

Come along, take part in the singing and enjoy the log fire and the refreshments. **Collection in aid of 'Save the Children Fund'.**

To all owners of Holiday Accommodation

Please pick up an updated copy of the clear view file, 'Youlgrave has lots to offer', from the Post Office. This contains information advertising local shops and services and was designed by 'Project Lever'. This edition of the publication is funded by the 'Leader II' project and is available free of charge whilst stocks last.

GHOULS AND GUNPOWDER CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Across

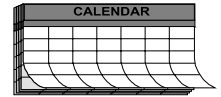
1. Catherine Wheels 6. All Souls 7. Matches 11. Bonfire Night 13. Apple Bobbing 15. Roman Candle 17. Ghosts 20. Witches 24. Baked Potatoes 25. Guy Fawkes 26. Sparklers

Down

1. Christopher Fullwood 2. Halloween 3. Rocket 4. Treacle Toffee 5. Lantern 8. Bangers 16. Mischief

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Forthcoming Events



6th – 24th December Pots from France 10th Exhibition. Bankside Cottage, 10.00am – 7.00pm daily.
Thursday 17th December Carols Round the Brazier for Save the Children. Old Hall Paddock, Holywell Lane, 7.00pm.
Thursday 14th January Leader II meeting. Committee Room, Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm.
26th January – 6th February Youlgrave Pantomime – Aladdin. Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm.
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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From the Cookhouse Door

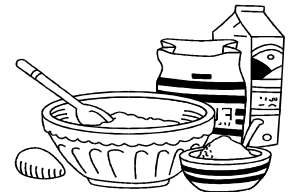
Christmas Chocolate Trifle with Praline

For the trifle Line a serving dish with chocolate sponge cake spread with chocolate nut spread and moisten with a cream liqueur (Bailey's Irish Cream, or similar).

For the custard Make up a 1 pint packet of custard powder, adding 2 dessert spoons of cocoa powder and pour over the sponge. Put on one side to set, covered with a plate to prevent a skin forming.

For the praline Place a heavy based pan over a medium heat and add 2 dessert spoons of granulated sugar and two dessert spoons of sliced almonds. Stir with a wooden spoon until the sugar has melted and caramelised then spread out on a baking sheet to cool and set.

To Complete Spread the trifle with whipped cream, roughly crush the praline and sprinkle over the trifle.



This makes a lovely change for that special occasion . . . Merry Christmas.

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Save the Children, Bakewell & District

held another successful Christmas dinner on Saturday 5th December. As well as the usual high standard meal, we were treated to excellent entertainment including solos from Carole Brister and a One-Man-Panto by Mick Partridge.

Save the Children are sharing a coffee morning with the RNLI at Chatsworth House in March which will include the viewing of the private apartments. Tickets are by invitation only, but anyone interested can put their name forward to the organisers for the last few places, please telephone Simon Brister 636815.

Clerk to the Parish Council

Middleton and Smerrill Parish Council seeks a suitable person for the position of Clerk with effect from April 1999.

Duties include: -

- Completing minutes for both Council and open meetings
- Maintaining good records
- Maintaining financial accounts and preparing year-end accounts
- Dealing with and writing correspondence as required by the Council
- Be available by arrangement for Interim Meetings as necessary
- Computer skills would be helpful but not entirely essential

Annual salary £300 (payable March annually) plus agreed expenses.

Applications in writing please by 31st December 1998 to Peter Cavendish, Chairman, The Rock Cottage, Middleton by Youlgrave, Bakewell, Derbyshire DE45 1LS.

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