

The Bugle

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

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Triple whammy for Pommy mummies

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*Left to right: Amy with Emily, Jessica with Max,
and Nicola with Franchesca.*

Amy and Paul would like to announce the arrival of **Emily May Young**, born on 15 October weighing a healthy 9lb, a welcome sister for Sam and Jack. Jessica and Richard are delighted to announce the arrival of **Max David Roper**, also born on 15 October and again weighing a healthy 8lb 13. And Nicola and Darren are proud to announce the arrival of **Franchesca May Crowder**, born on 27 October and also weighing a healthy 8lb 6½. They would all like to thank everyone for their very generous cards, gifts and well wishes.

The Bugle is sponsored by Peak Feast Tel 630000

Betty Smedley (1916-2008)

Betty was born Elizabeth Rowland in 1916 at Conksbury Hall. She was one of three children born to Robert and Eliza Rowland. Betty's first job was in service in Birmingham, and later Middleton Hall for Lord Cavendish. She eventually left and joined her sister Hilda at the Bakewell Poor Law Hospital (now Newholme). It was here she realised her ambition for Nursing. In 1937 she and Hilda commenced training to be Nurses at Derby City Hospital, followed by a course in Midwifery.

In 1941, at Youlgrave Parish Church, Betty married Horace Smedley (Hal), a motor engineer from Bakewell. However, being wartime, Hal was called up to serve in the RAF, and Betty took up a post as a Staff Nurse at Newholme Hospital. In 1943 their daughter Hilda was born, and Betty became a full time mother. She was now living in



Youlgrave at Auburn Cottage, and although Betty was away from official nursing she helped around the village where any nursing was needed.

In 1965 Hilda left home to train as a nurse and Betty went back to nursing, this time at the Whitworth Hospital, where she continued until she retired in 1976. Being a Senior Citizen did not stop Betty nursing; she was again dispensing nursing care in the village even into her 80s.

In 1983 the Monday Club was formed, of which Betty was a founder member, and became actively involved up to the last week of her life. In 1992 Hal died and was sorely missed by Betty, who was a devoted Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. In October 2008, Betty went home to her Lord. She will be greatly missed by all her family and her many friends.

JRM

2009 dates for your diary

Youlgrave Carnival: Saturday 11 July

Youlgrave Welldressing: Puddling on Monday 15 June, making from Tuesday 16 to Friday 19 June, Welldressings on display from Saturday 20 to Thursday 25 June, taking down on Friday 26 June

Youlgrave Music Festival: Friday 11 and Saturday 12 September

Youlgrave Horticultural Show: Saturday 5 September

MARY LOMAS

Elizabeth, Susan and Richard would like to thank everyone for their kindness, support and sympathy shown to them during the last few months and for the generous donations totalling £1,000 received in memory of Mary, which has been given to Youlgrave Church Roof Appeal Fund.

VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers

On Wednesday 5 November Youlgrave's new Scouts, Cubs and Beavers made their Promises. Pictured right are Johnathon Skidmore, Aiden Marsh and Joe Wilkin (back row), George Marsh, Tommy Birds and Tom Wilkin (middle row), and Sam Young, Luke Parker, Junior Giles, James Lovell and Joseph Shimwell seated in the front row. We meet every Wednesday in term time at 6.30pm to 7.45pm. All children aged 6-14 are welcome, girls as well as boys.

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CHRISTMAS 2008 LAST POSTING DATES

UNITED KINGDOM

Thursday 18 Dec: Second Class

Saturday 20 Dec: First Class

Tuesday 23 Dec: Special Delivery

Friday 19 Dec: Special Delivery with Saturday Guarantee

INTERNATIONAL AIRMAIL

Friday 5 Dec: S & C America, Caribbean, Africa, Middle East, Asia, Far East, Australia & NZ

Wednesday 10 Dec: USA, Canada, Japan and Eastern Europe

Friday 12 Dec: Western Europe

All Saints, Youlgrave

Saturday 13 December, 7.30pm

The Fishpond choir

With Dana and Anne de Waal

Songs from all over the world will be sung, together with Christmas carols. You will even get the chance to sing yourself!

Tickets: £7.00 Free refreshments
Tickets on sale from Youlgrave shops nearer the time.

Peak Feast – Youlgrave's vegetarian bakery

We produce a range of vegetarian and vegan cakes

RECORDING MIDDLETON MEMORIES

A small group of people with a shared interest in the past have embarked upon a venture to discover and record spoken memories of life in Middleton and Smerrill.

People who have lived a considerable time in the parish will be contacted to see if they would like to participate. The first recordings will be taken from older parishioners whose memories reach back furthest and are therefore more precious. Some residents have lived in Middleton all their lives, but others who have moved away will also be traced.

The group has obtained financial support from the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee to buy sound recording equipment. Volunteers will be trained in interview techniques which have already resulted in many successful projects throughout the UK. The recorded material will be made available to the public, and the group hopes to arrange some social events in connection with the oral history.

If you are interested in contributing in any way, please contact John Warren, Oral History of Middleton and Smerrill (OHMS), tel 636037.



Dear Editor,

I've been researching the history of my house (known as Haddon View on Alport Lane in Youlgrave - immediately on the left of the garage, opposite the school) and would like to ask if any *Bugle* readers can help.

The house is estimated to date back to the mid-1700s, but searches at the County Hall Local Studies Library and Derbyshire Record Office have revealed little information about it. The best source of information so far has been back issues of *The Bugle*, which indicate that the house, together with Thornhill House next door, was previously a pub. The pub was called successively the Marquis of Granby (from 1829), the William the Fourth (from 1846) and the Thornhill Arms (from 1887). If any readers have any information on the house before those dates, such as previous names, the year in which it was built or any other interesting information, I'd be very grateful if they would get in touch.

Dan Cocker
Haddon View, Alport Lane, Youlgrave DE45 1WN, tel 630053, email: dan@dancocker.com



Dear Editor,

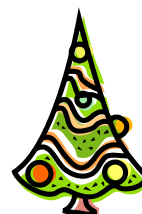
The suggestions for fuel efficient cars in the last edition of the Bugle were useful. However, I feel that this advice needs to be set in the context of the whole lifecycle of a car. Car production and disposal processes are also a big issue. I understand that current thinking about cars and the environment (beyond the obvious of trying not to have/use cars) is to not chop and change cars but to drive them until they will go no more. At that point, if you still need a car, then buy an energy efficient/low emission one.

Sue Watmore
Middleton by Youlgrave

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YOULGRAVE BOWLS CLUB INVITES YOU TO A CHRISTMAS CONCERT



With Youlgrave Silver Band
Conductor: John Roper
and the Rowsley Singers

At Youlgrave Village Hall
Thursday 18 December at 7.30pm
Admission: £4 (Juniors £1)
Including Tea/Coffee and Mince Pies

Youlgrave Playschool Christmas Fair

Saturday 6 December
10am-12noon

Scout and Community Hall

Cakes and local produce,
tombola, children's crafts,
face painting, visit Santa,
milk the reindeer,
winter raffle

50p entry includes
a drink and a mince pie
– warm winter punch

DAVE BIRDS & FRIENDS

An evening of music dancing
and lots of entertainment!

Saturday 13 December

In Youlgrave Village Hall

Bar and Buffet

£5 per ticket, available from
any of the Guides or from
Penny on 636125



Fundraising for 1st
Youlgrave Guides' trip
to Iceland 2009

Supplier to cafes and coffee shops in the area

THANK YOU!

The Bugle would like to thank its volunteer team of deliverers who continue to do a great job delivering your monthly community magazine to every house in Alport, Middleton and Youlgrave. None of them gets paid a penny and some have now been doing it for ten years!

Thank you once more and Merry Christmas to you all.

Andrew McCloy and the Bugle editorial team



LITTLE GREEN FINGERS RARING TO GO

Youlgrave Primary School is starting a new gardening club for Reception and Years 1 and 2. The plan is for the children to grow their own fruit and vegetables, as well as herbs and flowers. Look out for the sunflowers next summer and the biggest pumpkin the world has ever seen in October!

For now though, we would be very grateful for any donations of left-over spring flowering bulbs, seeds, compost and child-sized gardening tools and watering cans. Thank you to those who have already donated tools and flower pots – they are very gratefully received. The club started on Friday 21 November and we are hoping the ongoing work will be a pleasure for not just the children, but all that pass the school and see what we have been doing each week.

If anyone would like to donate items to the club, please contact Tanya on 636108 or Karen on 636536.

Youlgrave Village Hall

The Management Committee of the Village Hall is looking for a new member to join us and to take on some, or all, of the Honorary Secretarial duties. Most members of the committee are nominated from any club, society or organisation in Youlgrave, Middleton or Alport that wishes to be represented, but we can accommodate independent members too.

The current secretarial roles are:

- Minutes secretary (also deals with all formal licences, certifications and correspondence)
- Day to day diary bookings secretary (pantomime booking is separate)
- Some materials purchasing

Like all Members of the Committee, the secretary has Trustee status of our Charity. For more information contact Mike Newman, telephone 01629 636084.

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SCHOOL ASSOCIATION PRE-CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to everyone who helped with this event in November. We raised over £850 for funds to help the School. Also remember that if you are Christmas shopping on-line please visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk/yassa where we are also raising money for the School Association. Choose from over 600 leading retailers (John Lewis, HMV, Next, Argos, Debenhams, etc) - every purchase means a donation of up to 15% for the School Association

New affordable housing for Youlgrave

Plans are being drawn up for a development of nine affordable houses in Youlgrave, on land off Conksbury Lane, between Hall Farm and Conksbury Avenue.

The proposals follow the Parish Council's Housing Need Survey undertaken in Youlgrave last year. An open day for residents to examine the plans and make suggestions is being organised for next month – see local posters nearer the time.

Architect Derek Trowell has been taken on by Peak District Rural Housing Association to design Youlgrave's new affordable houses, which are expressly for local people in need.

Energy-efficiency measures are integral to the new units, and Derek Trowell has already designed some impressive houses. In November I was invited to Nottingham University to look at their Eco Housing Project, and in particular the 'BASF House' (BASF is a German chemical company) designed by Derek*. The requirements, specifications and materials to be used for each house are dictated by the needs of the whole project and the companies sponsoring each build.

The project compares different building materials, backup heating systems, grey water solutions (for instance, using rainwater for the washing machine) and the effectiveness of solar and wind energy systems. And the total build, with its high-tech, cutting edge technology, has to come out as 'affordable'. Which, in the case of the BASF house, translates as 'small'?

The architect has a very difficult job and the BASF house has much to commend it.

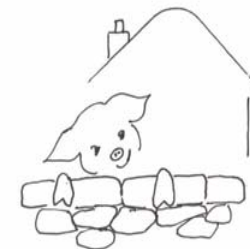
Almost anything is possible, it would seem. The discussion remaining appears to focus on 'Do we want it here?' To what extent should buildings be 'in keeping'? And what does that mean anyway? What effect will nine environmentally-friendly houses have on global warming, anyway? Ultimately, our challenge is how we can modify and improve our little cottages to drastically reduce heating bills.

But Youlgrave is a living village, and while we must respect and protect the integrity of the older parts of the village, we definitely have space to flirt with the future for the sake of some innovative, exciting housing for our young – that should cost next to nothing to run!

The initial provisional street layout for the new Youlgrave development looks impressive, with some unexpected features, like a laundry house and vegetable gardens. Internal design is more of an open book. Derek will be available at the open day in January and would particularly like to hear the views of possible future residents on what they see their needs being within the houses. What would you like? What would you need? What's your dream?

Anne Croasdell
Village Plan Housing Group

*See www.nottingham.ac.uk/sbe/creative_energy_homes/basf_home/basf_pictures.html



Cakes include Victoria sponge and coffee cake...

Plus kiwi, lime & ginger cake, and gooseberry & elderflower

Understanding changes to the planning laws



Recent changes in planning guidelines have had a significant effect on what we can now do to our properties without official permission. In the first of a series of three articles, a local architect explains what the planning laws now allow you to do to your dwelling without official approval.

PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT (PD)

Acts of Parliament govern what a local planning authority can control (in our case it's the Peak District National Park Authority, based in Bakewell). One of these laws is the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order, generally known as **PD rights**, which sets out what can be done without Planning Permission.

It's a complicated, legal document which at the best of times is not easily understood. PD rights are a concession to the public and also reduce the planners' workload, but you should be aware of the PD limits, otherwise the planners may take an interest after the work is done. Unauthorised building work may be liable to enforcement action, so knowledge of your PD rights is essential before starting building work – it's a lot cheaper to sort things out on paper first!

A new edition of these PD rights came into effect on 1 October 2008 and the main changes are summarised briefly here. (Note, however, that a Listed Building has **no** Permitted Development Rights, so approval must be obtained for any change, internal and external.)

This guide relates to our National Park location – PD rights are slightly easier outside it.

The interests of neighbours are taken into account within the PD rights, in relation to overlooking, loss of daylight and privacy.

If it's not PD then you'll need to apply for Planning Approval. In any case, you'll also need Building Regulations approval (see below).



EXTENSION OF A DWELLINGHOUSE (including a house or a bungalow, but not a flat or flats)

PD is not allowed at the front or at the sides, except for a small porch (see below).

An extension is PD at the rear if it's single-storey only and extends not more than 4m beyond the rear wall (if the dwelling is detached) or not more than 3m (if the dwelling is a semi or in a terrace) and not higher than 4m or (if within 2 metres of the land boundary) the eaves must be no higher than 3m. In either case, the eaves must be no higher than the eaves of the existing dwelling.

A 2 storey extension is not PD in the National Park.

There is no limit on the length of extension along the back of the dwelling house, but it mustn't extend beyond the line of the side wall(s) and there is a limit on the total ground area covered by buildings, enclosures and containers (eg an oil tank) on the dwelling's curtilage, including the extension.

They must not exceed 50% of the total curtilage – excluding the ground area of the 'original house' as first built after 1 July 1948 or as at that date if built before then. It's certainly complicated! So your PD rights may already have been used up by previous additions and you'll need to seek planning permission.

There will be more on outbuildings, etc, in a future issue.

Cladding of external walls is not PD in a National Park.

Any PD work (except a conservatory) must use materials for the exterior

which are of a similar appearance to the exterior of the existing dwellinghouse – beware, as 'similar' is vague and could cause problems, so it's best to consult the planners first.

A porch to an external door on the front, side or rear is PD if it's no bigger than 3 square metres ground area measured externally and no higher than 3m above ground and not less than 2m from a boundary adjacent to a highway.

NOTE

i) A PD extension might be queried by purchasers when you sell the dwelling ("have you got approval for this?"). Will you be able to prove it's PD? It's easy to do if you can get a letter confirming this from the planners, preferably before you start building, by showing them a drawing.

ii) Any extension/alteration, whether PD or not, will require Building Regulations approval from Derbyshire Dales District Council in Matlock or from a private registered Building Control agent. The

Regulations are complicated and deal with structure, fire safety, ventilation, insulation, etc, including the effect on the existing building. You need proper drawings to start with. A conservatory less than 30 square metres floor area does not require Building Regulations approval, but this must have at least

Metric conversion

2 metres = 6' 7"

3m = 9' 10"

4m = 13' 2"

3 sq m = 32.3 sq ft

30 sq m = 323 sq ft

75% of its roof and 50% of its external walls glazed, otherwise it's not officially a 'conservatory' and so will require Building Regulations approval.

iii) If your proposal doesn't comply with PD limits you can apply for planning permission. The application

fee is currently £135, plus professional fees for producing drawings and filling in the forms. The application period is officially two months.

Disclaimer

Neither the author nor the Bugle can accept liability for this information, which is intended solely as an introduction to this complex subject. For official confirmation of PD rights, ask a duty planning officer at the Peak District District National Park Authority, tel 01629 816200.



In the next Bugle (Feb 09):

Part 2: roofs, chimneys, aerials, pipes and solar equipment

In the following issue:

Part 3: garden structures, hard paving, etc

Vegetarian and vegan savoury meals, flans and pies...

include mushroom and puy lentils braised in red wine

Climate Change brought closer to home

The Village Hall was buzzing on Saturday 1 November with people trying to find out how to save energy and money – and the planet. Sustainable Youlgrave's Climate Change Day had lots to see and do.

The Derbyshire County Council Climate Change bus was parked on Holywell Lane. There were free cotton shoppers, carbon calculators and light bulbs and information about recycling, composting and renewable energy from wood fuel. Andrew Hubble exhibited pictures of two local ground-source heating schemes he has recently installed. Sally Wheal from the Peak Park's Ranger Service helped us work out the size of our carbon footprints.

Youlgrave School produced an exhibition (specially commissioned for the event) of children's paintings and poetry on the theme of the environment. Youlgrave Cinema showed a series of short films on climate change – Mark Shearing transformed the village hall



stage into a superb small film studio.

Maggie Ford from Bankside Wildlife Garden offered tours of the estate, while Haddon trout fishery (a slightly bigger estate) brought information about their proposed mini hydro scheme (thanks to Warren Slaney). The Bangbutt Committee provided a Developing World perspective (thanks to Barbara Scrivener).

Youlgrave Water put their product on the line and offered a blind tasting. Could you tell the difference between Youlgrave Water, Severn Trent and the bottled stuff? The results are eagerly awaited and will be reported – fearlessly – in a future issue of the Bugle, once Youlgrave Waterworks has worked out what it all means! Our photographic competition (on the theme of climate change and the environment) attracted a small but high class field - and was won by Tricia Donnison.

Drinks, snacks and locally-sourced lunches were provided by Jean Youatt and Glenys Moore in the social room. They did a roaring trade all day and kept



Seasonal orders being taken, including Christmas cakes

Youlgrave Pantomime 2009: SINBAD

Since September, when the auditions for the Children's Chorus took place, the Village Hall has been a hive of activity. There are 19 children in this year's show, 11 of whom have never been in before, and they are all revelling in the rehearsals. Nick Stacey, our Musical Director, teaches them their songs; Robyn Parker Barratt, our Choreographer, trains them in dancing; and I, as Producer, try and put the whole thing together!

The Costume Ladies are very busy, creating over 130 lovely costumes, whilst enjoying the social atmosphere of the Sewing Room, furnished now with its new units, thanks to the generosity of Phil Wildbore. Bridget Ardley has visited 'Chinatown' in Manchester for inspiration for Drago, the fiercest Dragon in the East, a fantastic beast!

Phillip Smith, our Scenic Designer and his team of artists, have been painting fabulous backdrops twice a week since October, creating the magical atmosphere of pantomime, and having great fun on the way.

We are delighted to welcome Eric Rush back to the stage team and he and Harold Lowe have been making some wonderful Stage furniture. Harold's expertise with gadgetry has been stretched this year but he has come up trumps as usual!

The 'Props' Department is once again in the very capable hands of Carol Sutcliffe and she is working hard to provide the many unusual

things called for in the script!

We have a new Stage Manager this year, Adrian Rhodes, and he and his team are already making plans for the show. This includes some trips up to 'The Attic', a wonderland storeroom high above the Social Room, reached by a 'Magic Ladder' and known only to a few!

As no doubt you are now aware, Mick Partridge has had a heart attack, and although now out of hospital, he must rest, stress-free for the next six to eight weeks. The main thing is that he is out of hospital and recovering well. Mick has been in the pantomime for many years, playing many different roles, latterly of course the Dame, with one short break. Everyone at the Village Hall was shocked to hear of his illness and we all wish him a speedy recovery back to good health.

We have a strong cast of principles this year, with Ralph Wilson taking on the role of Dame Fatima Tinbad, ably supported by a cast of over 30. There are several new faces in the cast and we wish them a happy voyage with us as we bring this year's pantomime 'Sinbad' to you!

Mike and Ingrid Newman have once again taken on the task of the Booking Office, which will open on **MONDAY 8 DECEMBER**. Booking hours are weekdays 10am-6pm, and Saturday 10am-1pm: call 636084.

We all look forward to seeing you there!

Jan Wilson

Call Peak Feast on 630000 (weekdays) or 636221 (weekends)

CHURCHES IN YOULGREAVE AND MIDDLETON ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

7th December - Second Sunday of Advent

All Saints Parish Church: 11am Family Communion, 6.30pm Advent Carol Service



14th December - Third Sunday of Advent

All Saints Parish Church: 8am Holy Communion, 11am Christingle Service and Baptism

St Michael & All Angels, Middleton: 6.45pm Carol Service

17th December - Wednesday

All Saints Parish Church: 6.30pm School Carol Service

20th December - Saturday

Christmas Communion at Granby House



21st December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

All Saints Parish Church: 11am Christmas Praise, 6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Methodist Church: 2.30pm Carol Service

22nd December - Monday

Wesleyan Reform Chapel: 7pm United Carol Service

24th December - Christmas Eve

All Saints Parish Church: 5pm Crib Service, 11.30pm Christmas Holy Communion



25th December - Christmas Day

St Michael & All Angels, Middleton: 9.30am Christmas Communion

All Saints Parish Church: 11am Christmas Family Communion

28th December – First Sunday of Christmas

All Saints Parish Church: 11am United Benefice Holy Communion, with the Methodist Church and the Wesleyan Reform Chapel

Peak Feast – Youlgrave's vegetarian bakery



MEMORIAL CANDLES IN CHURCH

Don't forget to check or add to the list in the church. If you haven't yet paid for your candle(s), can you please put the money in an envelope, with your name and amount of money, and give it to Lisa, Barbara or leave it at Hollands, Parkers or the Vicarage. Thank you.

A REMINDER HOW TO FIND YOUR CANDLES! Please read this carefully, as so often people grumble that they can't find their candles – but we don't know how else to explain where to find them! They are put in alphabetical order of your name, so all the candles you have named for your family and friends are all together. Surnames beginning with A are at the beginning of the display by the old piano. The candles are lit for the Carol Service on Sunday evening 21 December at 6.30 pm, the Crib Service on Wednesday 24 December at 5pm and the same evening at 11.30 pm. Please remove your candle(s), if you so wish, any time after the Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service (11.30pm) and take it/them home to light over the Christmas period. They can't be used again, so they have to be thrown away.

Lisa Walshaw

Christmas box Appeal

On 16 November we enjoyed a wonderful service in church and collected together, as a congregation, 153 Christmas shoe boxes to send to children in Romania. Thank you very much to everyone who brought boxes.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SEED ORDER



We have a good supply of Suttons Seed catalogues available to anyone wishing to order their seeds through the Horticultural Society.

Last year we had sufficient orders to qualify for a 45% discount on each packet of seeds. On 'other items' - of which there are many - we get a 10% discount.

Anyone can order through the society and you don't have to be a member.

Catalogues are available from Leslie Toyne at the Old Hall, Main Street, or from Dorothy Johnson at Woodbank House, Moor Lane (636895). The closing date for orders is 7 January 2009.

CRIB SERVICE

WEDNESDAY 24 DECEMBER 5pm

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

If you haven't already come to this event in the past, try it this year. It is a 'live' crib service, with a sheep, dogs, a pony and not forgetting a real baby! There is also live music. Please come ready to take part as well if you wish. Come dressed up ready to be a shepherd, king or angel. If you come to the area in church by the organ there will be a few angel costumes, head-dresses (usually T-towels!) for shepherds and crowns for kings. No words to learn. The service lasts about 35-40 minutes and is lit by candlelight.

We produce a range of vegetarian and vegan cakes

Peak Feast in new hands

PEAK FEAST is a small vegetarian bakery based on Moor Lane in Youlgrave that produces a range of cakes, as well as supplying various cafes and coffee shops in the area. It specialises in gluten-free and wheat-free cakes and also vegetarian and vegan savoury meals, flans and pies.

Sue Cook and Jo Healey took over the business in the summer, and as well as the usual Victoria sponge and coffee cake they now also offer some rather unusual options, including kiwi, lime and ginger cake, and gooseberry and elderflower.

The range of vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free savouries includes mushroom and puy lentils braised in red wine, plus homity pie. And if you are planning for a few weeks ahead you will also be interested to know that they produce a rather fine Christmas pudding.

If you want to place an order, or check out their full range and price list, contact the bakery on 630000 (weekdays) or Jo at the Farmyard Inn (weekends) on 636221. There will also be a stall selling Peak Feast cakes at the Farmyard Inn's Christmas Hog Roast (see box, right).

FARMYARD INN CHRISTMAS HOG ROAST

**Sunday 21 December
from 2pm**

As well as the hog roast, enjoy carols around the Christmas tree (with members of Youlgrave Silver Band), a glass of mulled wine and an all-bottle tombola in aid of next year's Youlgrave Carnival. If anyone would like to have a stall/table of their own please call Jo on 636221.

This will hopefully be an outside event, so wrap up warm. But if it looks like it's going to rain then we will all squeeze inside – except the hog! Oh yes, and Sean has ordered some snow for the occasion...

LATEST BENEFIT CHANGES

Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit: Since October any maintenance payments which you receive will be disregarded. This means you could get increased benefit. If you are an existing claimant you will get any extra automatically. If you have previously claimed benefit and been turned down, you should apply again immediately.

Incapacity Benefit: Since October Incapacity Benefit will be replaced by Employment & Support Allowance. If you are already getting Incapacity Benefit you will not be affected before 2010. New claimants who are unable to work because of sickness or disability will have a 12 week assessment period intended if possible to help them back into employment which is suitable to their situation.

Benefit Check: Pick up a form from your local surgery. This will enable the CAB to check your situation and help you get any benefits you may be entitled to.

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The Allotment Slot

This month 'Allotment Slot' interviews Jenny Simpson. She and her family have a plot on the 'top' allotments.

What's on your dinner table this week that you have grown? Parsnips, turnips, duck and chicken, Yorkshire pudding made from our eggs and some soft fruit.

How long have you had your allotment? I shared half with my uncle for 8 years and have had a whole one for about 3 ½ years.

What do you grow every year? Just about anything I can, onions, cucumber, flowers, 5 different lettuces, 3 types of cabbage, lots of fruit, all kinds of beans, a pumpkin for Halloween, carrots, Jerusalem artichokes, mini turnips, Swiss chard.

Anything you wouldn't grow and why? Large turnips because they are really cheap in the shops and shop ones taste just like home-grown ones unlike other veg where the home grown ones taste much better than shop bought.

What are the hardest things and the easiest things you've grown? Hardest are parsnips, easiest are weeds.

Have you had any disasters? None really, other than weather wise disasters. I plant when the weather is right though, not just when it says so on the packet.

What's the best tip someone has given you? Don't get your manure from 'Upty' cos it's full of thistles.

What's the best tip you would give

anyone? Always store your runner bean poles and pea sticks inside in winter. And CD's on a piece of string make good bird scarers.

What changes have you seen over the years? A lot more women have allotments now than they used to have.

What are the upsides and the downsides of having an allotment?

The winters are too long and the summers too short.

How many hours do you spend here? Anything from an hour a day in winter (I have chickens to look after) to up to four hours in summer.

Any funny stories? One year I was digging up the vegetable patch and found six 'Matchbox' toy cars that my son had buried a year before.

What do you do if you get a glut? If I can't freeze it or jar it then I'll try to swap it. A lot takes place.

What are the 3 essentials to a good allotment? Time, patience and more time.

Who is your favourite TV gardener? Alan Titchmarsh. I used to like Geoff Hamilton, he once said "If you've got a patch – stick a vegetable in it". I agree with that.

What are you going to do now? I'm going to feed and water the chickens and make sure they are all present and correct. I've got two roosters that I'm going to get rid of so I'm going to sort them out.

S.H.



Supplier to cafes and coffee shops in the area

Bangbutt Harvest Appeal and the 'Learning Circles'

Thank you very much to everyone who has returned their Harvest Appeal donation for Bangbutt. To date, we have received £235. For anyone who hasn't managed to get round to it yet, we'd love to receive it as soon as possible as we need to send out our next £2,500 commitment for the 2008-2009 Learning Circles.

These Learning Circles are amazing, as Lottie and I experienced during our recent visit to Bangbutt. Nine other villages are involved in the Project, as well as Bangbutt. Twenty five villagers, roughly equal numbers of both sexes, are chosen or volunteer to take part from each village. Many of them are young adults who have missed out of education due to the war. They meet in their specially built 'Learning Circle' huts twice a week, usually in the evenings after finishing work on their farms and round the village. Through discussion they decide on a topic for the session, go through a series of strategies, and then work out and enact a role play.

We saw three such role plays: a fire arsonist at work; a family of a husband, two wives and two daughters, only one daughter being allowed to go to school; and finally a vivid drama of how the HIV/AIDS virus can attack people. At the end of the sessions, some of the participants stood up and told us how they had benefited from these sessions; how they now have confidence to stand up and speak for themselves; how they realize the benefits of working together in a group to sort out problems; how they can now



A 'Learning Circle' in Bangbutt.

write their names and are learning the alphabet in both English and Temne, their local language. Many of those who stood up and spoke were women, young and old.

Sadly, some of the other funders of these 'Learning Circles' have had to withdraw funding early so, to date, we are not sure whether the Project can continue for the full four years as planned. However, we know Bangbutt's 'Learning Circle' will continue until July 2009. Hopefully, further funding can be found to allow the work in 2009-2010 to continue. During this vital fourth year, Micro Credit schemes are introduced to the villagers, which encourages them to become more independent and hopefully less if not completely, dependent on us. That will be the time when we can withdraw from funding in Bangbutt, although continue as friends, and turn our help to another village or area. We came back this time from Bangbutt with many written and spoken requests for financial help from many other groups!

Barbara Scrivener

Seasonal orders being taken, including Christmas cakes

Youlgrave-Bangbutt Village Link

THE BANGBUTT TRADING POST

Send an unusual Christmas present this year. In the true spirit of Christmas, give a gift to those most in need. Gift cards available NOW – see them in Hollands window.

- **£10:** materials for creating **essential** school uniforms.
- **£5:** veterinary visits for **healthy** goats.
- **£5:** chemicals for the well to keep the water **clean**.
- **£5:** educational materials for **empowering** people through the Literacy Circles.
- **£10:** **Life saving** equipment for the clinic.
- **£10:** **English readers** for the new school.

On sale in Hollands or from Dianne Hewitt 636580, Glenys Moore 636477, Barbara Scrivener 636601 or Carol Sutcliffe 636570.

Collection of good condition easy reading books for Bangbutt School and educational toys

We are planning to send a selection of easy reading material for use in Bangbutt School. They have practically no books at all. They need very simple story books and also information books on a selection of topics suitable to start a small primary school library.

Sammy Stober-Taylor's mother (83 years!) runs a pre-school and primary school in Freetown, which she herself started. Their needs too are many and we know we can't help everyone. However, in appreciation of all that Sammy has done for us, we would like to send out some materials for her as well. They need books as well but also simple educational toys and equipment suitable for young children. Please no soft furry toys!

If you can help, could you please place your offerings in the boxes that will be placed in All Saints Church at the end under the tower? Thank you very much. For more information please ring Barbara on 636601.



Solar panels – all you ever wanted to know but were afraid to ask....

Have you considered putting a solar panel on your roof? Do you want some expert and impartial advice? Then come along to the Reading Room next month for an evening all about solar and photovoltaic panels, including information on different types, how they work and what they do, as well as planning issues and possible grants. Organised by Sustainable Youlgrave.

On Thursday 29 January 2009 from 7.30pm.

Call us to discuss your needs and for a full price list

Please support the Bugle in 2009

It's that time again when we invite local businesses, community groups and individuals to sponsor the Bugle for the year ahead. Rates are unchanged (see below) and every sponsor is important to us – it's our ONLY source of funding. You can also sponsor an issue for £25 with messages across the bottom of each page, plus donations are always welcome! Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

BUGLE ADVERTISING

From the next issue, **and in addition to annual sponsorship**, we will also be taking a limited amount of box advertising to offset rising production costs. Our rates:

- 1/4 page = £10 per issue (£8 discount price for existing annual sponsors)
- 1/2 page = £20 per issue (£17 with discount)
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For more details call Andrew on 636125.

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SATURDAY WASTE COLLECTION

Alport & Youlgrave: 13 Dec, 10 & 24 Jan 2009

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: 6 Dec, none in Jan 2009

The Square: 9.45-10.45am

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Mondays	Monday Club (Day Centre), Youlgrave Village Hall, 10am-3pm	Thurs	Barn, Greenfields Farm (636341) Youlgrave Silver Band, Methodist School Room, 8pm
Tuesdays	Yoga with Iris Pimm (636341), The Barn, Greenfields Farm, 7-9pm	Fridays	Gentle Yoga, Scout & Community Hall, 3.30pm
Tuesdays	Youlgrave Youth Club, Scout & Community Hall, 6.30-8pm	2nd Mon	Mobile Library, Greenfields Farm, 9.30am; Alport, 9.45am; Abbeyfield, 10am; Bradford, 10.20am; Rock Farm, Middleton, 10.40am
Tuesdays	Youlgrave Bell Ringers practice night, All Saints Church, 7.30-9pm	2nd Tues	Youlgrave WI meetings, Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm
Mon-Fri	Youlgrave Playschool, Scout & Community Hall, 9.15-12 noon	4th Wed	Confidential Advice Sessions with Matlock & District Citizens Advice Bureau, Youlgrave Medical Centre, 9.30am-12.30pm
Weds	Drawing and painting classes, Youlgrave Reading Room, 10am	Alternate Thurs	Mobile Library, Grove Place, 2-4.30pm, Holywell La 5-6.30pm
Weds	Parent and Toddlers Group, Reading Room, 1.15-3.15pm	2nd Fri of month	Mobile Police Station, Holywell Lane, 12.30-4pm
Weds	Darby & Joan Club, Youlgrave Village Hall, 1.30pm	Last Tues of month	Youlgrave Parish Council meeting, Youlgrave Village Hall Committee Room, 7.15pm
Weds	Bingo, Youlgrave Reading Room, 7.30pm		
Thurs	Ecumenical women's Bible study and fellowship, Youlgrave Reading Room, from 10am		
Thurs	Yoga with Iris Pimm, 9.30-11.30am Beginners class 7-8.30pm, The		

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