

The Bugle

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

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Saving Youlgrave's beleaguered bees

A new bee group is being formed in Youlgrave to establish community-run hives and help residents learn about bee keeping.

It all began with a WI national resolution calling for more attention to the plight of bees in this country. Honey bees are being attacked by pests and diseases which is making them more difficult to keep, and the number of bee keepers is declining accordingly. Was there something we could do to help?

At the beginning of October a meeting was held upstairs at the Farmyard Inn with Mike Cross, Secretary of the Derbyshire Beekeepers Association, as the speaker. Organised by Sustainable Youlgrave, it was standing room only as around 40 people came to hear him talk about the life cycle of the bee, some of the history and methods of bee keeping, and the difficulties bee keepers meet in the form of disease, pests and costs. It was an extremely informative evening.

The talk was followed up by a site visit to the apiary set up by Grindleford Beekeepers last year. Nine of us went to hear Alan Fairbrother and two other members of their bee group talk about how it was formed and what they had needed in the way of equipment and space. Then we were treated to a



A bee keeper at work (Photo Mike Cross/DBA)

hands-on demonstration of bee inspection. They have three hives on one of the Grindleford allotments (themselves only set up three years ago) which are screened by wattle fencing from the surrounding gardens. A fascinating if chilly hour.

The next date is **Wednesday 4 November** when a meeting will be held in the Farmyard Inn at 7.30pm to properly form the Youlgrave Bee Group. Our aim will be to encourage the growth of the local bee population by not only keeping bees but by encouraging everyone to grow bee-friendly plants and to cultivate their gardens in a bee-friendly way. Do come along.

If you are unable to make this meeting but would like to be involved or simply know more please call Jeni on 636550 or Judith on 630202. *Jeni Edwards*

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In aid of All Saints Church,
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Bring your own drink

Tickets £7 from local shops

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Reform Chapel

WAKES CONCERT

Saturday 14 November at 7.30pm

With Darley Hillside Choir

Supper to follow

Proceeds for Chapel funds

A warm welcome to all

Scout and Community Hall

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Autumn Fayre last month. The total raised was £478. We are looking into plans to extend the Hall – any help or ideas for fundraising please contact Chris Birch on 636083.

YOULGRAVE METHODIST CHURCH

Christmas Sale

Saturday 28 November at 2.30pm

The annual Christmas Sale at Youlgrave Methodist Church, Coldwell End, has been arranged as usual for the last Saturday in November, commencing at 2.30pm.

There will be all the usual stalls, cakes, Christmas gifts, etc, and refreshments will be available. Entry is free and a warm welcome is extended to everyone to come along.

**Youlgrave Bowls
Club AGM**

**Monday 16 November, 7pm
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JEREMY BACON'S THREE PEAKS FUNDRAISER

On Sunday 18 October myself and three friends (Antony Williams, Dale Charlesworth and Jon Griffiths) took part in the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge to raise money for Help for Heroes, the charity that helps our wounded service men and women after war. The aim of the Challenge is to complete the 26-mile circuit of all three peaks (Pen y Ghent, Wharfedale and Ingleborough) with nearly 5,249ft of ascent and descent within 12 hours. Despite the constant drizzle and rain, fog and cloud, we managed to complete the walk in just under 10 hours, which we were all very pleased with. Our combined total so far stands at £1,500, so I just wanted to say a



One summit down, two to go...

big thank you to everyone that has sponsored us. Any further donations will be welcome and can be made by contacting Jeremy Bacon on 636925 or go to www.justgiving.com/Antony-Williams. For more information about the charity and where your donations will be going, or maybe raising some money yourself, please have a look at www.helpforheroes.org.uk

Thanks again, Jeremy Bacon

The Wesleyan Reform Chapel held its annual Harvest Festival Coffee Morning on 10 October. Over £150 was raised and this was very generously donated to Youlgrave-Bangbutt Village Link. Many thanks from the YBVL committee and everyone in Bangbutt. The villagers really do appreciate all the hard work of fundraising that goes on in the village of Youlgrave. Thanks to all those who supported the event.

“Thank you, Youlgrave!”

Rob and Eileen Lowe would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported them over the difficult summer and early autumn months. Whether it was by giving lifts to hospitals and clinics, effecting the wonderful garden makeover, helping with shopping and meals or just by popping by with a cheery word to keep an eye on things, Youlgrave people have, as always, come up trumps. Thank you, Youlgrave!

**Do you want to join a
Writers' Circle?**

It's proposed to start a **Writers' Circle** in Youlgrave. We'd meet every couple of weeks or so, bringing bits of our work to read out and have useful discussion and comments on. Advice will be generously constructive. Any kind of writing will do: fiction, poetry, journalism, autobiography, family history, and so on. We can help, advise, constructively criticise, have discussions, read-arounds. Meetings will be non-academic, informal, creative and fun. Interested? Like to know more? Give Chris a ring on 636863 or 07807751799.

Eileen Wardle (1923 - 2009)

Eileen was born in Youlgrave on 23 November 1923, the first child of Elizabeth and Ronald Hawley.

She spent her early childhood in Church Street with her parents, her Grandma Hawley and, a little later, with her brother William. One of Eileen's earliest memories at the age of eight was of her uncle, John Gallagher, who lost his life in the Mawstone Mine disaster being laid out in the front room of the house in order that people could come and pay their respects.

On leaving school, Eileen immediately went to work and these years would fuel her ambition for something more fulfilling in her work. In the last year of the War she married her husband, Douglas, and initially the couple lived with Eileen's parents who had by that time moved to Main Street. Her son, Brian, was born in 1945 and shortly afterwards the family moved to the house where Eileen had been born. Here she was to spend the remainder of her time in Youlgrave.

Eileen was dedicated to and proud of her family and she worked hard to provide for them, particularly during the post-war rationing period. Her talent and drive led to her securing a series of promotions in her chosen career. During these years she allocated time each evening working



on her order books and calculating the requirements without any help from calculator or spreadsheet. Eventually, as Catering Manager at Lady Manners, she was responsible for implementing a modern cafeteria type service rather than the old school dinner system.

Throughout her life, Eileen enjoyed many holidays at home and abroad with Douglas. Brittany, USA and many holidays to friends in Shetland and North Yorkshire and visits to her brother's family were among their favourite destinations. Her love of 60s music took her to several concerts and led to her meeting such stars as Billy Fury, The Beatles and Gerry Marsden. Later, she was always on hand to care for the

younger members of her family and took great delight when attending a party where her extended family were present. Her culinary feats were the stuff of legend as were her flowers in the window where, in her later years, children would wave to her and say hello on their way to and from school.

Eileen died peacefully after a long illness on 7 September at Ivonbrook Care Home in Darley Bridge. Her funeral was held in Youlgrave Church on 17 September. She was devoted to her family and will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Eric and Sheila: newly-weds in their 90s

Granby House residents Eric Roome and Sheila Mather have shown that it's never too late to tie the knot, getting married at a ceremony at Hassop Hall last month.

Eric (95) and Sheila (90) are thought to be among the world's oldest married couples. They met five years ago at Granby House and share many common interests, including a love of the countryside and the arts. Together they regularly attend Youlgrave Cinema's monthly film screenings.

Sheila was previously a pot holer and a member of a cave rescue team. She was also



the first female member of the British Interplanetary Society and an avid motorcyclist.

Eric served with the Royal Navy before a career in insurance.

Both have been married before, and together they have four children, seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Sheila said of their marriage: "I don't think age makes any difference at all... for the time we've got, we're going to make the most of it."



Jackie and Keith are delighted to announce the birth of their son, **Vince**, (pictured above, with Jackie), a welcome brother for Delilah, Archie and Oliver.



Janine and Mark are pleased to announce the birth of their baby girl, Nell, on 19 September.

School Gardens: official opening

Youlgrave All Saints' CE Primary School held a special opening ceremony on Wednesday 21 October to unveil their new gardens.

The school has used money kindly donated by some local families to create growing areas in which the children can grow and harvest vegetables, salads, herbs and flowers.

Mrs Jackson, Headteacher, said: "In under a year we have created a raised bed, planted many new planter boxes around the edge of our playground and created a bathroom garden from

where we grow salad and courgettes in a bath, flowers in a sink and tomatoes in a toilet! We have been very lucky to have so many supportive and helpful parents and of course the children who form our 'Green Fingers' Gardening Club who are so keen and enthusiastic to get their hands dirty!

"We have grown so many wonderful and varied vegetables that the kitchen



The Shimwell family unveil 'Bill's Garden'.

staff offered to prepare them for us to try at lunchtime, so now we are an ultra healthy school."

Mrs Jackson paid special tribute to the families who attended the opening ceremony and after whom the school gardens are named. 'Bill's Garden' is after Mr Bill Shimwell, who for many years taught at Youlgrave School and had a great knowledge of, amongst other things, wild flowers. 'Bill and Myra's Garden' is after Mr William Critchlow, who loved roses; and 'Betty and John's Garden' is named after Mr and Mrs Ludlam who loved flowers that grew in the fields and hedgerows.

The 'Green Fingers' children welcomed the special guests with a variety of readings and gave them a guided tour of the growing areas and new gardening equipment. The School would like to say a big 'thank you' to all its guests for helping the school to grow!



Bill and Myra's Garden is formally opened.

My Prayer

As I looked up to the sky
I asked God the reason why
The world is how it is today,
In chaos, misery and decay.

I felt so sad as I looked around
And saw that nowhere to be found
Was the love, the care, the hope,
And life was now on a slippery slope.

What must we do in this despair
To once again find love and care,
The hope which makes life so worthwhile
Dear God on us once more do smile.

L. Parker

Youlgrave Silver Band concerts

The Band will perform at Chatsworth House Christmas Market again this year, in the Stableyard on Sunday 22 November starting at 1pm.

Also at the Christmas Concert in Youlgrave Village Hall on Thursday 17 December at 7.30 pm.

Dec/Jan Bugle (joint issue)

Deadline for submissions:

Sunday 22 November.

Address on inside back page.

Black and Bling... and some other things!

On 29 September, Youlgrave WI celebrated its 90th birthday with Monyash, Bakewell, Stanton, Ashford in the Water, Over Haddon WIs and friends at a 'Black and Bling' themed evening at Youlgrave Village Hall which was transformed with glam, glitter and bling decorations. Over 80 people attended and everyone dressed up in their evening frocks. We were treated to posh sandwiches, canapés and little cakes and desserts in bling fairy cases, followed by bubbly and a special iced celebratory fruit cake to toast the occasion. We were entertained by the 'tourism officer' that is Sir Richard FitzHerbert Bt, who dressed up in his black and bling attire, too, and talked about Tissington: its past, present and future. It was a truly fantastic evening and fitting event to celebrate such a milestone – roll on 100 years I say!

It was great to welcome so many new faces at our poetry and puddings evening last month. It was excellent fun and some great poems and prose were heard. The best bit of course was the home made puddings

that were so yummy accompanied by tea and gossip and chat. The WI does offer a great social opportunity for women – whether meeting like-minded people or making new friends – or a haven from the working day, a chance to learn about various local and national matters, new skills, crafts and activities and much, much more. We hope to see many of you again at our next meeting which is on Tuesday 10 November at 7.30pm.

Lastly, the evening shopping at Chatsworth was cancelled in October and we have now rescheduled it for Thursday 3 December. The price is £5 for an evening of tasting, refreshments, a tour of the farm shop kitchen and an opportunity for shopping with the extra Christmas goodies too. Either come along to our next meeting to put your name down or let me know on 630315 or alternatively email me at Stirlinglucyb@hotmail.com

Lucy Stirling (30-something WI enthusiast)

Memories of Wartime

Bob Skinner proudly carried Youlgrave British Legion's standard for more than 50 years, and with Remembrance Day upon us he decided it was time to set down in writing some of his experiences of the Second World War.

I was 17 when the War broke out; I heard the news on the radio one Sunday morning. I had just returned from rabbiting with my faithful dog Rex. Mum and Dad's first thought was when would I be called up?

One Saturday afternoon, Dad and I were working in the garden and we heard the drone of a plane which was nothing unusual as fighter planes were always buzzing about. As it came into sight, we could see the markings and realized that it was a Jerry fighter. It was so low that if I had a rifle, I could have shot it down. As you can guess, we hit the ground and as we looked up, we saw the bomb doors open and two bombs came out, but thankfully by this time they had passed over us. We heard one explosion, and one thud, so we guessed that we had an unexploded bomb not far away. After a while, word came through to search for the unexploded bomb, so my mate and I started searching all around. We soon found where the exploded bomb had landed and unfortunately it had landed on a large chicken house, killing all the chickens. We then set about finding the unexploded bomb and after a while, two lads came running up to us and one of them said "Hey mister, there's a big fin sticking out of the ground up here". We had a



Bob on army work.

quick look and sure enough this fin was sticking about four feet out of the ground by the back door of the house. We checked and found the house empty – it belonged to a newly married couple and they were away on honeymoon. We reported the bomb to the army who were billeted in the village. We found out the next day that it was just a fin stuck in the ground and it must have been from the bomb that we heard explode. The other bomb had exploded in the fields. The maddening part of all this was that the army had ransacked the house of all the wedding presents!

Not many weeks after that I received my medical papers. I had to report to Richmond barracks in Yorkshire. We arrived at the barracks and were met by a Sergeant (I don't think he had a mother or father). After the formal introductions we were shown to our rooms; we had bunk beds and the mattress and pillows were filled with straw. I thought, "Bob lad, you'll not be sticking this job for long," but of course that was wishful thinking. The Sergeant came to tell us that reveille was 6.30am, and that he would bring us a nice cup of tea (some hope!). Parade was at 7.30am. After a pretty uncomfortable night I looked out of the window, it was pouring with rain, and the ablutions were just poles stuck in the ground with tin sheets for cover.

The day came when we were due for posting and we had to pass various tests. We went into



Bob Skinner in uniform.

a barracks room where different pieces of machinery had to be put together. I had no trouble assembling all of them. After that we kept looking at company orders to find out where we were being posted. I was pleased to see my name on the Royal Engineers list.

We trained at Pinefield Camp near Elgin in Scotland. One day we had to march to a very isolated part of Scotland, where there was an old storm building. Our job was to make an assault on this building with live ammo and fixed bayonets. The Sergeant Major was high on the hill at the side of us, firing a machine gun. The machine gun was on a fixed arm, otherwise I don't know what would have happened to us. We could hear the bullets whizzing by! When the exercise was over, we formed up ready for marching back. That part of Scotland was the home of the white hare; I think

they used to change the colour of their coats to suit their surroundings. The Sergeant Major and the Major used to take different parties for this exercise and they carried .22 rifles for shooting the hares. As I said, we were all lined up ready for marching when I spotted the hare on top of the hill, I nudged my mate Colin Beasley. He knew what I had in mind. "You bloody daren't" he said with a smile. I had a couple of rounds left and I couldn't resist. I lifted my rifle and fired. The hare dropped like a stone. One minute everyone was talking just waiting to move off, and then suddenly it went quiet, apart from a certain Sergeant Major at the end of the line. "Who did that?" I stepped forward; I thought this would be my first charge; instead of that he looked at the top of the hill where the hare had been, then he looked back at me and patted me on the back. "Bloody good shot lad, now go and fetch it." I wish I hadn't shot it, the heather was waist

high and it was wet through. The hare went into the Officers' Mess. I've an idea the Major had his eye on the hare but I beat him to it.

The next thing we were all dreading was embarkation leave (not the leave, but what it meant). We came back from leave and our next move was to Halifax which was the 'jumping off' barracks, which meant a ship was going to be our next home – for how long we didn't know. I think we sailed from Liverpool on a large troop ship. Apparently the other troop convoys went around the South African Coast, as the Med was full of German submarines. As we sailed in, we were told that we were the first convoy through the Med, so we hoped the U-boats had been cleared. Even so we had a very heavy escort of warships, and they were dropping depth charges left right and centre. We were bloody scared! We were living on E deck, which was well below the water line, so if we had been torpedoed we wouldn't have stood a chance.

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Part 2 – overseas postings



Bob with Youlgrave's British Legion standard.

Remembrance Sunday 8 November 2009

10.50am

All Saints Church,
Youlgrave

6.45pm

St Michael & All
Angels Church,
Middleton-by-
Youlgrave



School celebrates European Languages Day

Youlgrave All Saints' C of E Primary School celebrated European Day for Languages by dressing in the traditional costumes of European Countries. During the morning the children took part in topic work, quizzes and art activities based on Europe. In the afternoon, Class 3 hosted a French Café and waited on tables as other classes visited and placed their orders. Croissants, Petit Madeleines, Orangina and Limonade were consumed in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere, whilst perusing French booklets and listening to French music. The children had clearly gone to a lot of trouble to create their stunning outfits and thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the café. Thanks go to Sainsbury's of Matlock and Bakewell Co-op for their donations of food and drink. The day was a tremendous success. Fantastic!



European Day by Wiktoria Niemczyk Year 5

What a fantastic start to the day when about 70 children stepped onto the crowded playground. All of them wearing a brilliant costume or amazing colours of a European country. Even the teachers decided to join in.

In the morning we all had an interesting catwalk, nearly everyone joined in! Later in class 3 we got out some maps and in our table groups we had to decide what countries flag we were going to make. We had to find out some facts about the country and write them onto the posters we made. My table did Spain!

After that a few children at a time stood on their chair and all the other children had to guess what country they were from.

In the afternoon we had a French café organised by Mrs Jackson. In the first hour half the children in class 3 were waiting on. After our break time the second half was waiting on. Finally it was our turn to eat and Mrs Jackson was waiting on. We all went home after an awesome day at school.

European Day by Esme Pursglove

It was a funny day at Youlgrave School on 24 September – everyone came dressed up EUROPEAN! It was spectacular, people from France, Spain, Italy, Poland and of course England. We all got a chance to show off our costumes whilst striding down the catwalk in front of the whole school.

During the morning we did quizzes, European posters, and we found out about European countries.

Mrs Jackson took class 3 in the afternoon and we planned our FRENCH CAFÉ! In due time we were on track and waiting on class 1. They loved the music, the food and the waiters. After they left we did a quick tidy up and went out to play. We were determined to get back into school and wait on class 2. They loved it and then it was our turn. The food was yum!

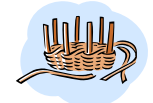
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Pupils learn about Bradford and Lathkill Dales

Our trip to Lathkill Dale by Isabel Lovell, Year 4

What a beautiful view it was when class 3 went to Lathkill Dale. We went down the hill and met the River Keeper, Mr Slaney. He told us about the fish in the river and how they dig a hole, lay their eggs and cover them in gravel. When the eggs are hatched the fish swim through the gravel and continue their life. Afterwards we looked at the different types of fly they use for fishing.

Next we went to look at the crayfish. As we were walking to the area we saw a green plant. Mr Slaney told us it was watermint. The crayfish looked like lobsters and one tried to pinch Mr Slaney when he picked it up. The

crayfish are cannibals so they have to separate the females, males and children.

Bradford River by Tyrone Jones, Year 6

On a warm sunny day during September class 3 went to the River Bradford. We went with Pete Bush who is a National Park ranger. We are learning about rivers in class. It was such a great walk with Pete Bush. We put some dog biscuits in the water to see how fast the water was going. Pete Bush also filled up 3 buckets and we took them to the top of a hill and poured it out. This was to show us how the water cycle works.

Peak Wind Orchestra's debut in Youlgrave

It was during a rather dreary rehearsal of a concert band in which Helen Wallace, Ian Batley and I sat, playing through the same pieces of music the conductor had reeled out for the fifteenth time in ten years, that we realised something had to change.

We put our heads together and decided to form a new band made up of both colleagues and friends who would meet every three to four weeks to rehearse for a few hours and generally enjoy making beautiful music together (so to speak).

So it was on Sunday 10 May this year, after a number of invitations had been sent out to fellow musicians, that Youlgrave Village Hall doors were opened to the first rehearsal of 'Peak Wind Orchestra'.

I have to say that it wasn't our plan to be based in Youlgrave. Many of the players come long distances to rehearse and we were originally going to be based in North East Derbyshire. But, the village hall has now become the band's home and we have had many favourable comments about the music from the hall's neighbours.

We also weren't originally called Peak Wind Orchestra. From our first rehearsal in May until August we were simply known as "the band with no name", and although this title proved popular with many of the players we finally decided it was rather vague!

And so, six months later, it comes to



Nick (right) and Orchestra members practising for their concert at All Saints Church next month.

our first concert series. We decided early on that we would like to give the village something in return so, at 7.30pm on **Saturday 19 December**, Peak Wind Orchestra conducted by myself and Ian will perform their debut concert in All Saints Church.

The concert will be a Christmas Festival in two halves. The first will be a selection of music from concert band favourites to film and the theatre. The second will be a selection of Christmas songs and pieces associated with this wonderful time of year.

Helen, Ian and I would like to invite you all to what promises to be a magical evening. Tickets will be available from the beginning of November, so keep an eye out for the posters!

Nick Stacey

Youth Club reaches the heights

This photograph shows the five intrepid Youth Club members who successfully scaled the heights of Birchen Edge, above Baslow. Derbyshire County Council Youth Work Instructors again came along, free of charge, to lead our group on this challenging activity. They all reached the top of something, encouraged by the Instructors, Tony Wilkin, our BECT driver, and Debbie Percival, Barbara Scrivener and Janet Skidmore. Sadly, none of our girl members felt able to join us on our climbing expedition. Perhaps next time.

Thanks to DCC - we've been well treated by them this year, with cycling, caving and indoor games, as well as this venture. The session ended with spectacular abseiling... perhaps a bit more practice needed! The return along the rocky track to the bus, in near darkness, provided a dramatic end to the evening. In the bus on the way home chocolate cake appeared as a celebration of Joe Wilkin's 13th birthday. Luckily, it was too dark to see the crumbs on the floor.



Bankside Wildlife Garden: come along on Sunday

On Sunday 1 November, from 11am, you are invited to come down to the Wildlife Garden on Bankside to see how the community garden is progressing and perhaps help out with some of the autumn jobs that need doing. These include weeding the pond, clearing vegetation from the edge of the paths, tending the wildflower meadow and scattering more seeds, cutting back rogue saplings and painting the door and windows of the summer house. If you can't lend a hand on the day please feel free to come down another time to help out; or call Maggie on 636189. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** And just giving an hour or so will make a big difference.

Bankside Wildlife Garden now boasts

new direction signs and two new noticeboards inside the summer house, thanks to a small grant from Derbyshire County Council's Greenwatch Action Award. The noticeboards will have information about what you can see in the Garden, including latest sightings (waxwings were seen around here last autumn, for instance). So, if you don't want to do any of the outdoor jobs, perhaps you could help arrange some of the interpretation material or source some new displays, and tidy the inside of the summer house?

We hope everyone will come down and enjoy the Garden at some point, and we look forward to seeing you on Sunday – fingers crossed for decent weather!



INSECT HOTEL: The Garden now features this five star luxury accommodation for local creepy crawlies!

Youlgrave Calendar 2010 on sale this month

The new Youlgrave Calendar will be on sale from local businesses by the end of November, and you will be able to see all the wonderful photographs taken by *you* and chosen by the public. Calendars will be priced at £5 each and all proceeds will be put back into the community to support local groups and organisations.

The Calendar has been devised by Youlgrave Carnival committee, who are always looking for new members, either to give ideas to the group or to help organise events. If you are interested in joining us then please contact Jo Healey on 636221.

Youlgrave–Bangbutt Village Link

Breakfast Bistro serves up another winner

We had another very successful and enjoyable Breakfast Bistro last month. Thank you to all our helpers, young and old, old and new. We really have a fantastic team, but new members always welcome. It's hard work but great fun.

The weather was glorious (apart from the rain) and the intrepid walkers followed Jeremy trustingly - except for Maggie who was so excited by the thought of her wonderful breakfast that she couldn't wait and took a short cut. Thank you to the many local people who supported us, along with those who came from further afield.

We served 112 cooked breakfasts, mountains of toast and huge amounts of fruit salad. We made almost £700 for our projects in Bangbutt and the surrounding area. If you missed this one look out for our next breakfast in April 2010. One visitor asked if we did it every Sunday! What about it team? *BS*



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2009

Yes, it is shoebox time again! For those of you new to the Project, shoeboxes, covered with Christmas paper, are filled with all kinds of goodies, and then sent to needy children, mainly in Eastern Europe, and to those especially affected by war, disaster and poverty. What happens to the shoeboxes is shown quite dramatically on a video or a DVD, if anyone would like to borrow one. They are in church or can be collected from Lisa Bingham or Barbara. The filled shoeboxes should be brought to All Saints Church on Sunday 15 November at 11am. Last year we collected the magnificent total of **153** shoeboxes! PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU COLLECT A LEAFLET SO YOU CAN STICK ON THE BOX THE AGE & SEX OF THE CHILD. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. Leaflets with more details will be available in the local shops and churches. It is important to read the leaflet carefully, as it lists suitable items to go in the boxes and more importantly, things we are NOT allowed to send. If you would like to visit the warehouse in Chesterfield, where the shoeboxes are collected, checked and sorted, please ring Lisa on 630358. (Please note that there will be some spare empty shoe boxes on or under the table in church in mid October.)

MEMORIAL CANDLES IN CHURCH

These candles will be used in All Saints Church again this year. The list of candle names will be on the church table in **November**. If you have already requested candles in the past, you will automatically have a candle name printed for you. Please delete the names on the list if you don't want them anymore. Add new names to the list, **as soon as possible, please**. It makes life very difficult when candles are requested at the last minute! Candles cost 50p each. Put your money in an envelope, (there are some in church but you don't have to use these), write your name on it with the amount of money enclosed, and give your envelope to Lisa Bingham (630358), Barbara Scrivener (636601), one of the Churchwardens or leave it at Hollands or Parkers.

THE LEPROSY MISSION

Twenty people gathered at the Wesleyan Reform Chapel on Wednesday 30 September when Pamela Levens, the local T.L.M. Co-ordinator, talked about the work of The Leprosy Mission, using a very informative Power Point presentation. It was a very interesting evening and amazing to hear how easy it is to treat this terrible disease if there is enough money available. A total of £101.50 was made through the sales of books, cards etc and £100 from individual donations. Doreen Blackwell was thanked for her tireless work over the past 30 years in Youlgrave collecting for this charity and she was presented with a plant and thank you card.

Since that meeting The Leprosy Mission headquarters has sent Doreen a special certificate of thanks. Well done Doreen and many, many thanks!

We would love to hear from anyone else who would like to contribute to this very worthwhile charity. Please ring Mary Turner (636924) or Barbara Scrivener (636601).



Youlgrave-Bangbutt Village Link

Bangbutt Trading Post Gift Cards

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:

- £10 materials for making school uniforms
- £5 veterinary visits for healthy goats
- £5 chemicals to keep the well water clean
- £5 educational materials for the literary circles
- £10 education equipment for the classrooms
- £10 English readers for the new school

Cards available from:

Dianne Hewitt 636580

Carol Sutcliffe 636570

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Should Youlgrave 'twin' with another village in Europe – what are your views?

A number of villages and towns in our area have well-developed twinning arrangements with equivalent communities in countries on mainland Europe. For example, Winster is twinned with Monterubbiano in the Marche region of Italy and Darley Dale with Onzain in the Loire, France. This latter arrangement has been in place for more than 60 years, which means that several generations of some families in both communities have been involved.

Some people think that twinning is about civic trips by mayors and councillors of local authorities. This is definitely NOT what we are talking about! The best twinning arrangements operate between ordinary people at a very local level, involving all age groups and interests, for example school pupils, sports groups, village associations, whole families as well as individuals.

We have recently been approached

by Bickenbach in the Hesse region of Germany, who would like to set up a twinning link with Youlgrave. The person who has approached us knows Youlgrave well. Bickenbach is located near Darmstadt (south of Frankfurt) which itself is twinned with Chesterfield.

In the first instance we would like to gauge whether there is sufficient interest in taking the idea forward. We would like to know which local organisations might have an interest linking up with their equivalent group in Bickenbach. Some of us might, for example, make an exploratory trip to Germany. In the longer term, if we were to go ahead, we would need to think about raising funds to ensure that no one is barred from being involved because they cannot fund their travel.

Please let us know what you think by Friday 20 November.

Patricia Coleman

Tel 636586 – or write to the Bugle.

RECYCLING IN CHURCH – A REMINDER

Don't forget that in All Saints Church we recycle **silver paper, mobile phones, religious books, CDs/DVDs/CD ROMs, used computer cartridges, postage stamps and spectacles**. The CDs/DVDs/CD ROMs are taken by Cath Stone (Holly Cottage) to Polymer Reprocessors, on the Wirral. Although we do not make any money from them for charity, at least we are helping with recycling and lessening the landfill problem.

CARTRIDGES: Only inkjet cartridges made by Hewlett Packard, Canon Bubble jet and IBM 4076 can be recycled. Epson and other types of Canon cartridges are not accepted. Laser cartridges make more money. If possible, all used parts, plus the original packaging and boxes, need to be saved. The money raised will be put towards the Church Roof Appeal, so please do all you can to fill the container as often as possible.

STAMPS: The stamps collected raise money for the Leprosy Mission. From time to time packets of stamps will be left on the church table, for cutting round the stamps to about ¼ inch. Please return the packet to the stamp collecting box at the back of church with 'DONE' written on the packet or leave the packet on the table.

SILVER PAPER: This raises money for the GUIDE DOGS for the BLIND and is sorted (not a very nice job!) by John Clarke and taken to an address in Darley Dale by Lillian and John. Many thanks to them both.

SPECTACLES: These go to a prison in Manchester where men have been specially trained to grade the glasses and then they are sent overseas. *BS*

Youlgrave Cinema presents

'STRICTLY BALLROOM'

Friday 13 November

7.30pm, Youlgrave Village Hall

Set in the world of ballroom dancing, the film centres on a promising young dancer who favours inventive steps over the established styles laid down by the judges. But when he partners a shy novice, he learns to dance for the thrill of movement alone, and in the process romance blossoms.

If you would like to join Youlgrave Cinema please call Pat Cleaver on 636836 or Jenny Hunt on 636655. Members can order guest tickets (£5) by calling Bridget Ardley on 636611.

CALLING ALL LANDOWNERS

*The Sustainable Youlgrave Community Involvement Group is searching for a suitable piece of land for the planting of a **community orchard**. What is needed is a small field accessible from a road. It really needs to be close to or within the village and be fairly flat. A fair rent can be paid for the right piece of land.*

This is also a call for anyone interested in being a part of the Community Orchard to get in touch with the Group so we can set up a working committee.

Contact: Lucy Stirling (email stirlinglucyb@hotmail.com), Jeni Edwards (636550) or Judith Orchard (630202).



GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME

Last month, Amanda, Mat and Olivia Davies from Middleton asked about **raised beds**. Here is a response from an experienced Pommy gardener:

Although building a raised or deep bed can be hard work, once complete they are easy to maintain and should last for a long time. The yield is generally higher with a raised bed because of the closer planting, which also keeps weeds down. The soil in raised beds warms up quicker and should also usually drain well. Indeed, raised beds are easier to water, since you can target exactly what you water with less run-off. The wooden side of a raised bed also makes it simpler to fasten netting if you want to deter pests.

You will need to select varieties of vegetables that are suitable for growing close together, just as you would in a container. You'll find that they're great for vegetable and herb gardens, and fruits such as strawberries and raspberries also do very well in a raised bed. Raised beds also enable you to create good quality areas of deep topsoil. They are also neat and attractive and suit small spaces.

With raised beds it's crucial that you never tread on them and compact the soil, so you must be able to reach easily into the centre from the side of the bed. The best width is around 4ft/1.2m. The ideal length is around 10ft/3m so you can easily walk around them.

To construct a raised bed, first plan where the beds are going and mark it out with some string or line. Make sure your paths are not too narrow (no less

than 2ft wide) or else you will have difficulty getting around and reaching over.

You now need to consider the frame, and although you could use stone most people use wood. Second-hand scaffolding planks are ideal, but don't use wood that is too thin, like floorboards, as it will be too flimsy and may rot quickly. Experts say that boards measuring approx 8.8" x 1.5" approx (225mm x 38mm) are ideal. Fix them to robust internal corner posts, such as fence posts, with non-rusting screws. Because the wood will be touching the ground paint it with preservative to stop it rotting.

Before you put the wooden frame in place you must thoroughly dig the bed to remove weeds and their roots and spread lots of compost or manure into the bottom of the trench. This will also break up the soil.

Once the frame is in position add more compost and bring the soil level up to about an inch below the top of the boards. Your raised bed is now ready to plant!

MORE INFORMATION FROM:
www.raisedbedgardeningtips.com/

Next month's question:

"I have recently taken on an allotment and want to start a compost for the first time. How do I go about it and what are the secrets for a good home compost?"

M.D.
Youlgrave

Send your answers to the address on the inside back page.



WHO CAN YOU TRUST...?

If you haven't heard about it already, you might want to check out Derbyshire Trusted Trader which gives local people confidence finding traders they can trust.

Trusted Trader, run by Derbyshire County Council, is the fastest growing assured trader scheme run by a local authority in the country. There is everyone on our list – from builders, plumbers, roofers and glazers, to electricians, decorators, joiners and gardeners.

Trusted Trader gives peace of mind because everyone on the list has been checked out by Derbyshire County Council's trading standards team. Among things we look for are records of county court judgements or any previous complaints against a company. Businesses pay a small fee to join. Traders have to be based in Derbyshire or do half their work in the county to make the list.

Councillor Carol Hart, Derbyshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Communities, said: "Trusted Trader gives residents more confidence when they call out a trader at the same time as boosting good local businesses. There are well over 150 different trader types on our list from right across Derbyshire offering a great deal of choice."

To find your Trusted Trader, all you have to do is phone Call Derbyshire, the County Council's contact centre, on 08456 058 058 or search our list of Trusted Traders on the council's website at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/trustedtrader



CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

Are there any musicians out there willing to help with the church music group? Perhaps newcomers to the village or weekenders with hidden talents? We urgently need YOU. At the moment the group is likely to fold if we can't find any more players: string, wind (including recorders) or brass instruments. Any age from about 8 to 80 years! A reasonable standard of sight reading is required. We only play about 11 times a year and there are no other commitments. Please think about it and ring Barbara Scrivener on 636601 for more information.

Warming winter walk for Playschool funds

Youlgrave Playschool is holding a fundraising walk on Sunday 29 November. All children, and their families (whether at Playschool or not) are invited to join in. The walk will start at 11am from the top of Holywell Lane (outside the village hall). If you live down Bradford, feel free to meet us in the dale! The walk is pushchair friendly and will take us up Bradford Dale to Middleton, where hot drinks and mince pies will be served. A prize will be awarded for the most Christmassy pram or pushchair and child, before our return along the dale. The children who attend Playschool will be asked to raise sponsorship and anyone else joining us is kindly asked for a donation, no matter how small. Additional sponsor forms are available from Youlgrave shops or Anne at the Old Bakery. We look forward to seeing lots of people taking part in this fun and healthy way to spend a couple of hours on a Sunday morning. Contact Saffron Baker on 636768.

PS This event is instead of a Christmas Fair this year. Thanks to all who attended the AGM, especially the new faces.



Area Community Forum

Monday 16 November, 7 pm
Agricultural Business Centre,
Bakewell

Come along and quiz Derbyshire Dales District Council, Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire Constabulary, the Peak District Peak District National Park Authority and Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service.

THE BUGLE IN COLOUR!

www.thebugle.org.uk

OXFAM PRE-CHRISTMAS SALE

Bakewell Town Hall
Monday 16 November
9.30-12.30pm

Christmas goods and cards, home made produce. Books, bric-a-brac, toys, jewellery, Tombola, Traidcraft and refreshments.
Everyone welcome

SATURDAY WASTE COLLECTION

Alport & Youlgrave: 14 & 28 November

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: None in November (next 5 Dec)

The Square: 9.45-10.45am

The Youlgrave Exchange

FREE: Two secondary double-glazing panels for wooden windows. Overall measurements are:

1. For an external door: 27.5" x 65.6" (70 x 166cm)
2. For a large window: 30.9" x 58.5" (78.5 x 148.5 cm)

They have a narrow frame around them (about 2 cm) and are screwed to the door or window frame with No. 4 screws. Ring John on 636570.

FOR SALE

Youlgrave Parish Council is looking to dispose of a large, traditional Samuel Withers safe. It's in working order and measures 1ft 8in sq and 2ft 6in high.



See photo below. £30 ono. Must collect (from Youlgrave) but beware – it's very heavy. Call Parish Clerk Matthew Lovell on 636151 if you are interested or want more details.

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All Saints Parochial Church Council	636576	Youlgrave Methodist Church	636558
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Youlgrave Day Centre (Monday Club) at the Village Hall, contact Daphne Jackson	636392	Youlgrave Wesleyan Reform Church	636251
Youlgrave & District Horticultural Association – contact Leslie Toyne	636484	Youlgrave Women's Institute	636479

REGULAR LOCAL EVENTS

Mondays Monday Club (Day Centre), Youlgrave Village Hall, 10am-3pm	Thurs Beginners class 7-8.30pm, The Barn, Greenfields Farm (636341)
Tuesdays Yoga with Iris Pimm (636341), The Barn, Greenfields Farm, 7-9pm	Thurs Youlgrave Silver Band, Methodist School Room, 8pm
Tuesdays Youlgrave Youth Club, Scout & Community Hall, 6.30-8pm	Fridays Gentle Yoga, Scout & Community Hall, 3.30pm
Tuesdays Youlgrave Bell Ringers practice night, All Saints Church, 7.30-9pm	2nd Mon Mobile Library, Greenfields Farm, 9.30am; Alport, 9.45am; Abbeyfield, 10am; Bradford, 10.20am; Rock Farm, Middleton 10.40am
Mon-Fri Youlgrave Playschool, Scout & Community Hall, 9.15-12 noon	2nd Tues Youlgrave WI meetings, Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm
Weds Drawing and painting classes, Youlgrave Reading Room, 10am	4th Wed Confidential Advice Sessions with Matlock & District Citizens Advice Bureau, Youlgrave Medical Centre, 9.30am-12.30pm
Weds Parent and Toddlers Group, Reading Room, 1.15-3.15pm	Alternate Thurs Mobile Library, Grove Place, 2-4.30pm, Holywell La 5-6.30pm
Weds Darby & Joan Club, Youlgrave Village Hall, 1.30pm	2nd Fri Mobile Police Station, Holywell Lane, 12.30-4pm
Weds Bingo, Youlgrave Reading Room, 7.30pm	Last Tues of month Youlgrave Parish Council meeting, Youlgrave Village Hall Committee Room, 7.15pm
Weds Beavers and Cubs, Scout Hall, 6.30-7.45pm (term time)	
Thurs Ecumenical women's Bible study and fellowship, Youlgrave Reading Room, from 10am	
Thurs Yoga with Iris Pimm, 9.30-11.30am	

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