



The

Bugle



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

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March Madness

The daffodil and crocus shoots are peeping through to remind us that spring is just round the corner. Tempting us to get out and start putting the garden in order. Let's hope 1999 is not quite as wet as last year and we manage to spend a little more of it outdoors.

One of our Editorial Team, Chris Shimwell, is leaving us for a few months to work in Southern Ireland. We hope he enjoys his time in yet another beautiful part of the world - we'll expect the odd postcard. Whilst he is away, we welcome Chrissie Baker to join us and look forward to working with her.

I take this opportunity to remind all our

readers that we need you to let us know what's going on in the villages, particularly clubs, organisations and charities. We deliver to many of the houses in the three villages, so use the forthcoming events section for your publicity - come on folks, we shouldn't be chasing you for entries - it is free!

We are always on the lookout for interesting articles too. If you'd like to write something, contact Ann Knowles (636362) or me (636241/636775). Articles can be sent to either of us, or Roger Easton at the Post Office who is happy to pass items on. We can offer a 'Roving Reporter' too if you'd like a subject covering but don't want to write yourself. I'll say it again, this is your newsletter, so make sure you have your say.

Faulty Electrics cause fire

The roof of a holiday cottage on The Chase in Youlgrave caught fire at 8.30am on Monday 15th February.

Fire fighters had the situation under control in roughly half an hour. Because of the careful way the firemen gained access to the roof it was possible to repair the damage using the original slates the same afternoon.

The fire is thought to have been caused by an electrical fault. The Fire Brigade strongly recommend homeowners to use 'residual current devices', which trip the current straight away in the event of an electrical fault, rather than old style fuses, which can take time to blow.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal visits Bakewell Swimming Pool

And they swam and they swam all over the dam. And they waited and they waited and at last Princess Anne graced us with her presence. She looked very nice in a long A-shaped, sand-coloured coat and was introduced by a Councillor to the children who had been in the competition to produce the artwork for the swimming pool walls, and to the staff and local V.I.Ps.

Princess Anne gave us two waves and some big smiles and we all stopped and clapped as she left a few minutes later.

The twenty three over-fifty 'wrinklies' had a good deal more wrinkles by 11.20 on Wednesday morning 17th of February than they had before they came.

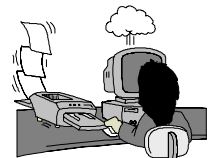
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Youlgrave WI members had a very enjoyable French Evening and were Gallically entertained by Ted and Anne Shimwell and Dick Corkhill of Bakewell. We joined in a French students song, heard stories of their student days in Tours and their holidays since then. Ted brought delicious French croissants he had made for us all to eat with French cheese. French wine was, of course, offered too. A great unusual evening, ending with a rendition of the Marseillaise.

WI members will be knitting balaclavas for Romanian children. Martha Prime, who has knitted dozens of blankets and jumpers for charity in the past, will join in, however, she is short of wool. If you have any spare knitting wool or jumpers that can be unravelled, please give them to any member of the WI or to Mrs Prime at 4 Westcroft Close.

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‘Aladdin’ Panto Comes Up Roses

Few things can cheer us up on cold, wet, windy, winter evenings quite like the famous (or perhaps infamous) Youlgrave Pantomime! As the rain and winds battered the Village Hall roof, we found ourselves transported to the exotic world of China. Comprising all the ingredients of a superb show – from the sing-along to, yes you guessed it – the ‘he’s behind you’ routine – this performance of ‘Aladdin’ had it all.

No pantomime would be complete without the ubiquitous dame – and what a great dame we had! Ever on the lookout for ‘rich handsome men’ in the audience, she was a sight to behold with her fine figure and bouffant hairdo, not to mention her fearful washing tongs! Between them, Widow Twanky (Philip Wildbore) and Widow Suds

(Ros Partridge) made washing almost a delight, as they sparred, danced and sang. Romance wasn’t far away either, with Wishee Washee (Martin Hill), Sweetnsour (Elizabeth Shimwell), Aladdin and, of course, the beautiful Tiger Lily all proving that the course of true love never did run smooth.

Not even the law was safe from the scriptwriter’s pen: Ping and Pong, played by Ian Bright and James Hobson, spent the entire evening searching for their clothes having fallen victim to Widow Twanky’s washing service. But the baddies fared no better. Abanazer and his two side-kicks, Chairy Sue and Chowie Min (Jeremy Bacon, Mary Wragg and Jayne Middleton respectively) were everything baddies should be, inciting the audience to hiss, boo and laugh as their dastardly plans were foiled time and time again.

Under the musical direction of Nick Stacey, the cast entertained us with Gilbert & Sullivan in the wash house and a fine adaptation of ‘Riverdance’, care of Wishee Washee. Solo performances by Rebecca Measures (Genii of the Ring) and Mary Froggatt (Genii of the Lamp) were beautifully sung, and matched only by Aladdin (Samantha Gathercole) and Tiger Lily (Emily Goodwin).

From beginning to end, the audience was swept along by the Narrator (Mick Patterson), with his witty odes and jokes throughout the show. There was an excellent support cast, from snake charmers to hungry children, with such lovely vignettes as provided by the ‘Washed Child’.

Louise Page and Christopher Hawes, who co-wrote and produced ‘Aladdin’, certainly put on a show-stopping performance, with all the razzle and dazzle we have come to expect from a Youlgrave Pantomime. Congratulations to all the performers and backstage staffs for a hilarious trip to China just when we needed it most! Cast members, photograph courtesy of The Derbyshire Times.



A Murmuration of Starlings

This winter starlings have chosen to roost in the centre of Youlgrave, making their home in the leylandii trees that abound there. Each evening, returning from foraging for food, they come in a spectacular movement, five hundred or more in one flock darkening the sky and creating a kaleidoscope of patterns as they circle and soar for fifteen minutes before eventually settling for the night. The aerial display weaves across the sky in a pattern similar to rocket fireworks, expanding then contracting in a delightful pattern of precision flying. Splinter groups break away to follow their own pattern only to return and rejoin the parent group soon after.

Once settled in the trees, the chattering begins and the noise they make can be heard from Main Street. All five hundred birds appear to be holding a whispered

conversation simultaneously. After an hour or so they appear to run out of things to say and settle down for a quieter, although not silent, spell of rest and relaxation.

Between 7.15 and 7.45am depending on the light, an intensive discussion ensues, presumably to decide where to go for breakfast. Suddenly the noise of one thousand wings beating can be heard and away they go to find some refreshment to sustain them through another day.

Although the birds provide a beautiful display, there is a down side. Any car left in the vicinity as dusk falls is immediately flecked with white. Greenhouses and conservatories have developed a natural shading and standing at the bus stop is not without its hazards.

Why they have suddenly appeared in this location no one appears to know. Whether they will remain to breed is yet to be seen, but while they are here it is worth spending a few minutes watching their superb displays.

P C

Elizabeth Shimwell of Church Farm has won two heats in the Derbyshire Junior Young Farmers Association Public Speaking Competition. She will be chairing the National Finals at Skegness on 13th March.

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 ★ STALLS STILL AVAILABLE ★
 ★ Attic Sale ★
 ★ Saturday 27th March ★
 ★ 9.30am – 1.00pm ★
 ★ YOULGRAVE VILLAGE HALL ★
 ★ Telephone Eileen Brocklehurst ★
 ★ 636739 ★
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GRANBY HOUSE
 There are at present two vacancies at the Youlgrave Abbeyfield Home, Granby House. If interested please apply for further details to : The Secretary, Granby House, Youlgrave, Nr. Bakewell, Derbyshire DE 45 1WN. tel: 01629 636061.

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I-Spy

When I was a child, 'I-Spy' books were popular. There was a book for each type of thing you could see. For example, you ticked off 'cow', 'sheep', 'pig', if you saw one. This has proved invaluable in later life, as I never mistake a cow for a sheep now but the 'I-Spy' building book had the most effect on me. Looking at buildings is still one of my main interests, outliving my teenage interest in spotting different makes of car and railway engines.

It certainly makes holidays and excursions more interesting. Guidebooks will tell you about individual buildings but what particularly appeals to

me is what is called 'townscape' – the way buildings group together in villages, towns and cities.

The settings of our 'Bugle' villages in the landscape are exceptionally fine, but the spaces within them are of great appeal also. In the case of Youlgrave there is a lovely sequence of spaces. As you walk along see how the street curves along its length so you are always getting a different view, the street narrows then the space opens out into Fountain Square, Hollywell Lane or the Churchyard. The Church Tower is massive but it's positioned so that you only get teasing glimpses of it from most parts of the village. Look at how trees and humbler items such as gateposts, garden walls, railings and pavements etc. contribute to the townscape. More on this and our other villages in future issues.

P.K.

Leader



A small group of people (sometimes a very small group of people - where are you all?) have been meeting to try and secure funding for the ideas that came out of Project LEVER last year. One of these was the need for better ways of promoting the village to visitors, and in particular for a new postcard or a series of postcards.

Postcards are the first things people seek to buy as a souvenir of their visit, and as they send them to their friends they may encourage others to come, hopefully to spend money in the shops and pubs. An attractive series of images showing the village at its best

would be an effective way of promoting the village, and something to be proud of.

We are looking for your ideas for interesting and attractive images of the village. If you are a keen amateur photographer you may well already have some shots on which to base the cards, and anyone may know of a favourite view of place of interest. We would then get grants to employ a professional photographer and printer to produce the cards, for sale locally and in Tourist Information Centres. Any profit after distribution and sales costs have been covered will be ploughed back into local community projects.

If you have photos, or ideas for good shots, please contact Ann Croasdale on 636887 or Paul Rush on 824797.

Youlgrave and District Horticultural Society



Members of the Society have just saved themselves over £100 on discounted seeds, plants and bulbs and - all fine products from Suttons. It's not too late to join the Society and share the same sort of savings on compost and fertiliser. Members will be ordering from the following list from a first class local supplier.

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| Growell peat, 75 litre bag | £2.25 |
| Growbag, 3 plant size | £1.30 |
| Growall Multi compost, 80 litre | £3.55 |
| Groworganic fertiliser, 40 litre | £4.10 |
| Growmore fertiliser, 5 kg | £1.90 |
| Fish blood and bone, 3 kg | £2.30 |
| Grit anti-slug (no chemicals), 5kg | £0.85 |
| Lawn feed+weed+moss killer, to treat 100 sq metres | £7.50 |

The compost etc will be delivered to the Vicarage store shed sometime in the 3rd week in March. To get your share of this bargain, let Don Naybour know your requirements, at Christmas Cottage, Church Street. In writing please (otherwise your beloved plants might just get the grit instead of the fertiliser!) **To get your compost by March 16th we must have your order by Wednesday 5th March.**

Remember it's just £1 to join the society. Just call in at Christmas Cottage or drop me an envelope through the door with your name, address and £1.

At the AGM on 10th February, members began to lay plans for the Youlgrave Annual Horticultural Show. New ideas are welcome, and will be reported in future editions of 'The Bugle' with the date of the show - probably in early September, as usual.

Youlgrave Silver Band

The Band's Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday 11th February in the Band Room, Youlgrave. John Taylor was re-elected as Chairman, Ian Weatherley as Treasurer, Helen Mellor as Librarian, Peter Knowles as Secretary and John Roper as Conductor.

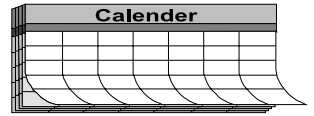
In his report to the meeting, the Chairman expressed great concern about the Band's future. More players are urgently needed to attend practices, which are held on Thursday evenings each week, and to take part in the Band's concert and marching engagements this summer. Anyone interested should contact the Secretary, Peter Knowles, on 636362

Youlgrave Silver Band is a long established and much-loved part of the village scene but there is a serious possibility of it ceasing to exist unless more players join the Band this year. We have struggled along for the last few years with the help of players from other bands, but more players, especially cornet players, are desperately required.

The Band can provide free instruments and tuition and our practices are enjoyable.

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Forthcoming Events



Saturday 20th March
7.00pm.

'The Banksiders' celebrate St Patrick's Day. The Farmyard Inn,

Saturday 27th March

Middleton's Attic Sale. Youlgrave Village Hall, 9.30am.

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

From the Cookhouse Door. Mad March Hare Pancakes (so called as they're hare today and gone tomorrow!) makes 4

Pancake Mix 4oz plain Flour
1 egg
1/2 pt milk (or 1/2 milk 1/2 water)

Method In a bowl or large jug, put the flour and egg, moisten with a little milk, beat and gradually add the rest of the liquid. Heat a little oil or lard in a frying pan, pour in the mixture and cook until firm. Turn the pancake over and cook the other side. Put aside to keep warm.

Filling Small pot crème fraiche or yoghurt
2 bananas
demerara sugar
1 lemon or orange

To assemble Spread each pancake down the middle with crème fraiche or yoghurt. Slice the bananas lengthways and place 1/2 banana over the filling. Sprinkle with demerara sugar and fold the pancake over. Cut the lemon in half and use half to squeeze on the pancakes. Sprinkle with demerara sugar and flash quickly under a hot grill. Cut the other half lemon into four wedges and place one on top of each pancake.

School Appealing for Reward Points and Tokens

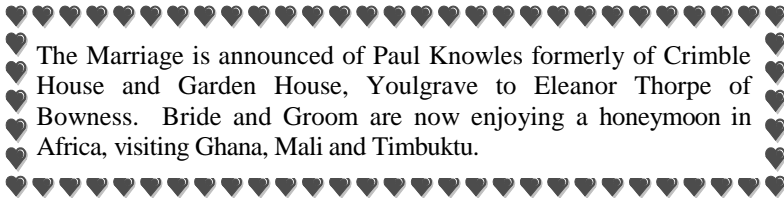


Youlgrave School would like to thank all those who volunteered to help at School last year. Anyone else wanting to help please ring Sue Barradel on 636287.

The School is collecting **Books for Schools Tokens** from 'The Sunday Times', 'The Times', 'The Sun', 'News of the World' and 'Walkers Crisps' and would be grateful for any tokens delivered via any child.

They are also collecting '**Sainsbury's School Rewards**'. For this you have to register using the forms, which are available from the school and at stores. Then each time your Reward Card is swiped the school gets points to use for computer and sports equipment etc.

The Farmyard has recently joined the Peak Quiz League. At present they are top of Third Division are hoping to move up to the Second soon.



The Marriage is announced of Paul Knowles formerly of Crimble House and Garden House, Youlgrave to Eleanor Thorpe of Bowness. Bride and Groom are now enjoying a honeymoon in Africa, visiting Ghana, Mali and Timbuktu.

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| | Ray Carter, Joiner - - - - - | 636269 | |
| | Castle Farm, B&B, Caravans & Camping Barn- | 636746 | S P O N S O R S |
| A | The Druid Inn, Birchover - - - - - | 650302 | |
| | Equity Estates, Commercial Properties - - - | 636815 | |
| N | The Farmyard Inn - - - - - | 636221 | |
| | Hollands Butchers - - - - - | 636234 | |
| N | The Knoll Club, Youlgrave Royal British Legion | - | |
| | Peter Knowles, Architect - - - - - | 636362 | |
| U | Andrew McCloy, Benchmark Books - - - - - | 636125 | |
| | A Murray, The Wee Dram, Bakewell - - - - - | 812235 | |
| A | Eleanor Pilkington, Peak PR - - - - - | 636871 | |
| | Pots from France - - - - - | 636043/636689 | |
| L | Barbara Scrivener, Reflexology and Massage - | 636601 | |
| | M&D Shimwell, Haulage, Sand, Cement & Block | 636305 | |
| | Greg Wilkinson, GK Electrical Services - - - - | 636799 | |
| | John Youatt, Planning Consultant - - - - - | 636241 | |
| | Youlgrave Parish Council - - - - - | - | |
| | Youlgrave Silver Band, - - - - - (secretary) | 636362 | |
| | Youlgrave WI - - - - - | - | |

Net Pickings

In this world of Information Technology so-called 'Net Heads' often receive interesting or amusing snippets that 'do the rounds' of the Internet.

The following anagrams are amazingly good (someone either has way too much time to waste or is dead at scrabble!)

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| Dormitory | Dirty Room |
| Evangelist | Evil's Agent |
| Desperation | A Rope Ends It |
| The Morse Code | Here Come Dots |
| Slot Machines | Cash Lost In 'Em |
| Animosity | Is No Amity |
| Mother-in-law | Woman Hitler |
| Snooze Alarms | Alas! No More Z's |
| Alec Guinness | Genuine Class |
| Semolina | Is No Meal |
| The Public Art Galleries | Large Picture Halls, I Bet |
| A Decimal Point | I'm a Dot In Place |
| The Earthquake | That Queer Shake |
| Eleven Plus Two | Twelve Plus One |
| Contradiction | Accord Not In It |

Send in things you find interesting.

The Farmyard Inn

Eric, Hilary and Heather would like to thank everyone for their support since they moved in.

tel 636221