

# The Bugle

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Alport, Middleton and Youlgrave

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### Playschool leavers...

Earlier this summer Youlgrave Playschool said a fond farewell to eight children who are starting at All Saints Primary School this month. Pictured in front of Libby, Anne and Janet are (l-r): James, Max, Daniella, Esther, Ruaridh, Freya, Caitlin and Velvet.

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## VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

### Coffee Morning & Sale

Anne and Janette will be holding a coffee morning and sale on Saturday 29 October in Youlgrave Village Hall in aid of the Air Ambulance and the Lifeboats. If anyone has anything they would like to donate for the sale we would be grateful. Please contact Anne Prince on 636883 and I will collect. Thank you.

### PANTOMIME AUDITIONS

Auditions for the 2012 Pantomime will take place in Youlgrave Village Hall on Monday 12 September at 6.30pm prompt.

### Ashgate Hospice fundraising

Jack Goodwin Snr is raising money in aid of Ashgate Hospice by wearing a wig all the time from 12-18 September. Anyone who would like to donate to this fundraiser can leave a donation behind the bar at the George Hotel.

Thank you, Jack Goodwin

### COFFEE MORNING BRING & BUY

At Granby House, Alport Lane, Youlgrave  
On Saturday 8 October  
Stalls, raffle etc  
Welcome to everyone.

### YOULGRAVE VILLAGE HALL

### ATTIC SALE

Saturday 17 September  
10am – 12 noon

To book a table please ring Judith on 636492. £6 per table.

Also tombola and cake stall. Admission 50p, including coffee & biscuits. All proceeds to Village Hall funds.

### RIDE, DOG WALK OR RAMBLE

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**Decorated Eggs** by Ruta Popika (Derby)

It will be held in the Methodist Church Hall on Thursday 8 September, Friday 9 September and Saturday 10 September from 11am to 4pm. Tea, coffee and cakes available.

### Mobile Library update

Back in June, Youlgrave lost one of its two mobile library services (the Thursday fortnightly service). Rather predictably the Parish Council was not consulted beforehand, otherwise they would have told Derbyshire County Council just what a valuable service it provides for many residents in rural villages like ours. We are now served by just the one route (No 11) that operates every second Monday. Its times are given as follows:

Mount Pleasant, 9:25-9:40am  
Bradford Dale, 9:45-9:50am  
Grove Place, 9:55-10:15 am  
Holywell Lane, 10:20-10:40 am  
The Pinfold, Middleton, 10:50-11:20am

The Editor is interested in hearing from anyone who uses this service at its curiously brief Bradford Dale stop (5 minutes). Do you have time to do anything more than simply change your books?!



Dear Editor

*It is with some regret, and a heavy heart, that I have decided to 'retire' from Youlgrave 'Panto'. I have been involved for over 30 years, taking part as the Dame for quite a number of performances. Through those wonderful years I have made some true friends, on and off stage, and from the many audiences that have supported the Panto. With those people in mind, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you all for your friendship, support and, mostly, the wonderful memories.*

*Thank you and good luck.*

*Mick Partridge*



Nothing quite like a Dame: Mick Partridge

### The Year of the Bee – continued

Youlgrave Bee Group has just completed its first year of bee-keeping and I guess the thing we have learned most is how much there is to learn! We, or rather the bees, have managed to produce some honey this summer. It was for sale at the Carnival and the August Village Market, but in limited quantities: that was partly due to the weather and partly due to inexperienced bee-keeping. Hopefully, next year with more of the village growing bee-friendly plants and more of us gaining experience, as well as more of our members obtaining their own bees, there should be more honey... The end product is very much a partnership between bee-friendly villagers and bee keepers.

Talking of next year – although I get cross when charities send their Christmas catalogues early, I have to ask you to think about next spring right now, because now is the time to plan and plant the 2012 early food for bees. Bulbs such as crocuses are good, as well as wallflowers and early flowering perennials such as pulmonaria. To check on whether the plants you are planting are bee friendly look at the list on our blog at [www.youlgravebees.org](http://www.youlgravebees.org).

And finally – calling all bee-friends – there is an invitation for you to get more involved now and in the future. If you would like to come and observe while members of the bee group do one of their regular inspections, you are very welcome. We can only cater for one or two people at a time as we have to arrange for protective clothing for you, so if you would like to come please contact me (636550) or Steve Catchick (630009), or contact us through the blog.



*Jeni Edwards*

## Dorothy Sandell (1923 – 2011)

Dorothy died at Walton Hospital in July after a short illness. She was born in the cottage behind the George Hotel where she spent the rest of her, nearly 89 years – and as her parents could trace their Youlgrave (Dorothy disliked the 'greave' version) ancestry back several generations she has always been a Youlgrave person through and through. Dorothy Wardle, as she was until her marriage, was the youngest of four siblings, all of who spent the majority of their very long lives in the village. Charles and Harold have died over the past 12 years and her devoted sister Marie survives her and is now 93.

Dorothy, often known as Dot, left Youlgrave school at the age of 14 and worked at Orme's shop in Bakewell. In her youth she enjoyed socialising, a bit of flirting (by her own admission) and a lot of dancing, something which was to remain a passion for the rest of her life. In fact, dances played a large part in her life until her health failed in the last few years and she was regarded as very talented, something which she would never admit to! After World War Two broke out she was directed under war work legislation to Friden brickworks where the work was harder and dirtier but her pay doubled. The dances continued throughout the conflict and were improved by the influx of soldiers from far and wide.

In 1946 Dorothy married Harry, a 'foreigner' from Bakewell who had served as a royal marine commando. The wedding was at Youlgrave parish church with the reception at the George Hotel.



They moved into the cottage with Dorothy's mum and in 1947 a son, Trevor, was born. The home became a haven for Trevor and all his pals and they had a lovely and free and easy childhood with Dorothy and Harry supporting all their activities.

Harry was a friend of Norman Wilson and when Norman inaugurated the village hall pantomimes in the early sixties both Harry and Dorothy became very involved in these productions. Harry usually took on prominent roles, often alongside Tom Rhodes ('Mighty Fine') but Dorothy did what she liked best and stayed in the background beavering away and making the costumes. This later continued with the Hollywell Players, whose first production was *Hobson's Choice*. Dorothy never did like publicity and would work

tirelessly at everything she did but would be 'off like a shot' if the spotlight moved in her direction.

Dorothy's other great enthusiasm apart from dancing was sewing and dressmaking and she did countless small jobs for local people, often without charge. She also made beautiful costumes and on several occasions produced top of the range wedding outfits for the bride and bridesmaids.

Harry died in 1974 and Dorothy had to rebuild her life, something she did with great courage. She was a long term member of the Mother's Union and an even longer term member of the WI, often attending events and conferences. Early

### ***Dorothy & Youlgrave Village Hall***

*Dorothy had been one of the many helpers in the late 1950s early 60s who had helped to get the hall cleaned up after it had been refurbished. She then went on to become Norman's Wardrobe Mistress for the concerts which helped to raise funds for the hall and also for the first pantomimes which he wrote. She continued to be involved with the pantomime costumes until about three years ago – what a wonderful record!*

*She was a most enthusiastic member of the WI, and again helped for many years with the annual Well Dressing Teas, the profits from which again went to the upkeep of the Village Hall.*

*The donations in her memory, totalling £600, by her wish have also gone to the Village Hall, a last wonderful gift for which we are very grateful. We shall never forget her.*

***Jan Wilson, on behalf of the Village Hall Management Council***

## POTS FROM FRANCE

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in her marriage she worked as caretaker at the Reading Room and she also helped Harry with his chimney sweeping business (on the bookkeeping and admin side) as well as doing her sewing. Later she became both caretaker and head cook at the school, where she got to know many generations of children, many of who remained friends for life.

After 'retirement' at 65 she spent several happy years childminding for her friends Tracey and Martin and this close friendship continued when they moved to Cheltenham. Later she worked as a housekeeper at Abbeyfield, now Granby House, and filled in as a paper deliverer and a deliverer of meals-on-wheels (although the latter was voluntary). She was probably older than many people she was helping! She enjoyed cooking and was famous for her sausage rolls and scones, which she never pronounced as 'scons'. Somewhere in the middle of all this she also delivered the post.

In the last four years she suffered from anxiety and depression and life became a trial for her. She loved the safety of her cottage and she got by with the loving help of so many friends in the village who took her out and invited her to events. She liked going to WI events even though she could contribute less and less and she enjoyed the Tuesday Group at Middleton, as well as shopping trips on the community bus, trips with Granby House and also Darby and Joan. She and her sister Marie were devoted to each other and supported each other faithfully. She loved watching TV and in particular 'Strictly come Dancing'.

Dorothy was a friendly, helpful and down to earth person who would help anyone and was always generous. Despite her talents she was very modest and would never boast. She will be very much missed by her family and friends. A true Youlgrave lady.

## BUGLE LETTERS: REACTION TO VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION



Dear Editor

It is with dismay that I read the article in the July/August issue of The Bugle entitled 'Protecting Youlgrave's Green Spaces'.

To the best of my knowledge the field known as 'The Alley' has been privately owned for successive generations of the Upton family. It is only thanks to their generosity and good grace that residents local to the field have been able to use it, with their permission, for various activities as listed in the above mentioned article.

The article written in the Bugle seems to me to confuse two distinctly separate issues:

1. The social housing application.
2. The need for a village green.

If I may, I would like to tackle these two issues in order.

**Social Housing:** As the Bugle itself states planning permission has been granted for the social housing to be built. The fact that a small group of local residents are now proposing the try and change the categorisation of this field to a 'Village Green' seems to be fuelled more by sour grapes than a genuine desire to set aside a field for the general use and enjoyment of residents of the village.

As far as I can recall the 'need' for a new village green has not been raised until this so-called committee decided that this is the best hope to stop the housing development. Unless I am mistaken the planning process has run its course and permission has been granted. Whether you are in favour or against the fact is that we live in a democracy and the democratic decision was to allow the housing.

**Need for a new Village Green:** We already have two open green spaces within the village at the playing fields and Coldwell End car park, both equipped with play areas for children. Where, therefore, does the need for a 'Village Green' come from?

According to the article in the Bugle there is a need for a village green because people need space to "run", "walk dogs", "walk" and "sledge".

Is the 'Alley Committee' and Mr Wilson seriously arguing that living where we do there is a lack of space and opportunity to do all of the above without the need to interfere in a landowner's rights to do with his land what he has been legally given permission to do?

For the sake of clarity and so that any inferences and assumptions regarding my motives for writing this can be clarified, I am neither for nor against the social housing. It makes no material difference to me whether social housing is built and, for any that may be wondering, I do have a family connection to the landowner. I have written this letter because it seems inherently wrong that since failing to stop the social housing development a new and somewhat incongruous argument has been put forward.

Jonathan Travers  
Youlgrave



Dear Editor,

Turn The Alley into a common? Well, let's think of all the positives. It would provide ample space for the much mooted Youth Shelter – budding Banksys could have their own graffiti wall. The sporting community would appreciate its muscle-building slopes, so a trim trail and fitness track would go there nicely. There was once a small fair there, oh, maybe 25, even 30 years ago, so high time to resurrect it – make it a full weekend event. With entertainment in mind, The Alley could be the permanent home of the Hurdy-Gurdy convention AND Youlgrave Music Festival with plenty of on-site camping for fans. The village could become the Glastonbury of the North!

Of course, so much open common space would inevitably attract quad and trial bikers, BMX and mountain bike riders, maybe even a few naughty 4x4 drivers. A bit noisy? A bit dangerous? What the heck! All those antics would keep everyone well amused and there'd be thrills and spills a-plenty!

It sounds too good to be true, but the problem would be upkeep and costs. There would always be maintenance and repair work needed, grass cutting and re-seeding (all those yellow patches from dog urine and gouged out areas from quad bikes), dog muck collection would be ongoing, especially when the Council no longer collects from existing bins. So who pays? Hardly the unfortunate present owner! The DDDC and Parish Council are desperately trying to make ever less money stretch ever further, so looking after five extra acres would be an impossibility. Any suggestion that the village's Council Taxes might rise to pay for the proposed new amenity would be met with a very negative response from all residents. Well, not quite all. The residents of Conksbury Avenue are clearly in favour of the common, so a substantial levy from each household might just cover expenses – like those exclusive London squares where the residents pay for the upkeep of the smart, railed-off gardens in the middle. A good solution, don't you think?

Dee Frith  
Youlgrave



Dear Editor

*The Alley – at what cost?* A recent enquiry of the County Council, specifically asking for the cost of processing applications for Village Greens, replied that the average cost to the County Council (and therefore taxpayers) of claims made between 2007 and 2010 is £26,854. Since 1 April 2008 a shocking 23

applications have been made. On eight of these sites planning permission for housing was applied for or indeed already granted. Another cost, perhaps more keenly felt by villagers, is the stress and anxiety placed on friendships and families. It's very difficult not to be involved, especially if you live overlooking the Alley, are a landowner or if you're one of those people wanting to live in your home village.

*Private or Association housing?* If you're housed by a Housing Association, you know what your rights and responsibilities are as a tenant; that your rent is fair, that your house is (as far as possible) appropriate to your needs and that it's maintained to an acceptable standard. Not all of these things are guaranteed when you're a private tenant. Many people prefer the security of tenure that a Housing Association can offer. As one resident put it, "I'd like to stay in this village but my tenancy agreement only gives me six months notice to quit – which is not a secure position. He's a fantastic landlord - but he might sell!"

*What a boon for the village!* Q: Who's going to build these houses? A: Any local company that feels able to handle the contract. Local craftsmen are always favoured because they're building with familiar materials, in their own communities. If a larger company gets the contract, they may well need to subcontract chippies, wallers, plumbers, electricians, plasterers, tilers, decorators... Are we ready?

Anne Croasdel  
Youlgrave

Editor's note: The Bugle does not publish letters that are deemed personal or defamatory in nature, nor will it feature anonymous letters (but names may be withheld by request in exceptional circumstances).

## Bach & Pommy concert— another great success!

The now annual Bankside Wildlife Garden Concert took place on Sunday 7 August to a very full house (garden) lulled into serendipity by Dorian Ford's quintet playing a superb 20 minutes of Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 5, with the threatening rain beginning its ten minute deluge as the last movement reached its grand finale.

Liz Hickman set a literary pace with a very localised poem parodying The Shipping Forecast, fittingly titled The Slipping Forecast as the rain moved away, and a later observation on the sensuous behaviour of the 'live' sculptures at Chatsworth after the visitors have gone, sharing her humorous glance at life.

Lillian and John Clarke delighted us with their sensitive duet of 'Wind Beneath My Wings', followed by Lillian's very moving rendition of Wordsworth's 'Daffodils'.

Jeni Edwards then read two poems of her usual high standard, allowing us to share her musings on the state of sleep, and the symbolism of the bedroom and all things in it, followed by her own enviable verses on 'Larking' and the joys of early-rising. Jeni saved her more thought-provoking 'Africa Poem' for part two, stopping us momentarily in our comfortable privileged tracks.

Mick Partridge, in everyday garb and not a Dame in sight, offered his most Original Bakewell tart epic, a recipe for success, and his second piece summed up the importance of this fantastic village and the Garden's unique event, all in his own inimitable poetic style.

Cath Jones treated us with her ever-beautiful clear voice to the Fallorum Song, lamenting the lower energies of the older man, and her second choice warned in true Irish folk tradition of the blindness of passion.

Garrie and Jill Griffiths entranced us with Neil Diamond's new love song 'Pretty



*Margaret Folley played Schubert on her mouth organ.*

Amazing Grace', which indeed it was! Jill's later playing of the Bouree, a flute solo recognised by certain rock fans was met with equal appreciation.

Nothing could compare to Margaret Folley's talented rendition of Schubert on her beloved mouth-organ on which her skill never fails to impress, and young Adam Frost told his Cow Story with great maturity and imagination, advising us to 'look before you leap' over any precipitation!

Penultimately, Maggie Ford beautifully shared a favourite Shakespearian speech 'All the World' from 'As you like it', followed by Sophie playing Brahms Lullaby to send us home in a state of peace after this wonderful afternoon, which raised sufficient funds to cover another year's insurance costs for the garden.

Thank you to all those who helped with technical matters, the bar, sound, publicity, and of course to the audience, and not least to the initiator of this Happening, Maggie, and to her friends, family and neighbours for their support.

LH

## All Saints celebrates 200 Years of Church of England Schools

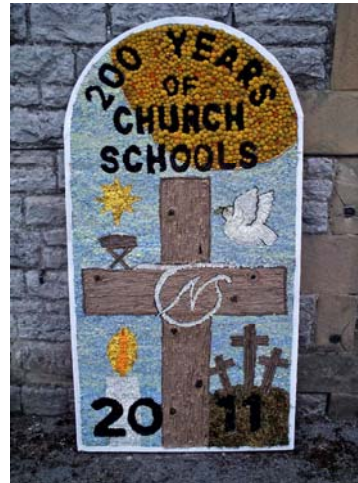
*In June, our annual School Well Dressing was displayed along with other Youlgrave village well dressings. Every year thousands of visitors pass by the front of the school to admire our handy-work. The well dressing process is inclusive throughout. Every child in the school creates a design. We then incorporate a selection of pictures from each design to include on the main well dressing. Every pupil has a turn at 'petalling' to create the finished product.*

### **From start to finish**

*First the boards were soaked in the river. The clay was then spread around the board evenly (puddled). After the evening of 'puddling' the board was brought into school to be designed.*

*We chose our theme to link closely with The National Society's 200 years of Church of England schools. The children's design ideas were selected, drawn out on paper and then pricked out in the clay by our talented Mums!*

*Then the 'wooling' took place to outline letters and shapes. We used natural*



*materials throughout and different coloured petals to depict Jesus's life: Birth, Baptism, Death and return of The Holy Spirit, Pentecost. We were thrilled with our creation.*



Before breaking up for the summer, Youlgrave All Saints' C of E Primary School held a Cream Tea Concert to celebrate 200 years of Church of England Schools. The playground was decorated with red, white and blue bunting, tables were covered with red, white and blue cloths and the whole community was invited to share the talents of the school. An afternoon of pupil performance was given whilst the School Association served Cream Teas and held a raffle. There was a variety of talent on show including dancing, pianists, violinists, brass musicians, guitarists, singing, recorder groups and poetry recitals.

Mrs Jackson, Headteacher, said: "We had a wonderfully sunny afternoon with lots of visitors. The children were incredible and showed off their talents brilliantly, we really are a 'small school with big ideas'."

The school were raising funds for schools in India supported by the Diocese of Derby. Class 2 and 3 attended a joint celebration called 'Sing 200' at Tideswell's Cathedral of the Peak at which they presented their donations.

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## Youlgrave Parish Council: working for you

Dear Parishioners

It's been a while since the Parish Council elections, and now that the dust has settled the new Councillors seem to have integrated in to the Council very well.

As a way of keeping the village informed about events that happen at our meetings it was decided that the best way for this would be through short but regular items in the Bugle.

We hold our meetings once a month on a Tuesday night, starting at 7.15pm in the Village Hall Committee Room. Everyone is allowed to attend and you may also speak at the beginning of the meeting in the 'public participation' slot.

We are a body of ten councillors and we operate under the guidance of Chairman Andrew McCloy, Vice Chair Brian Wardle and Parish Clerk Matthew Lovell.

We as a Council acknowledge that we need to do all we can to provide and maintain decent facilities around the village, such as decent public toilets, cleaner streets, good transport and leisure facilities, better road salting in the winter, and trying to solve the never ending problem of car parking (or, rather, the lack of it). These are but a few of the things that would make everyone's lives better, and it is our aim to address all of these issues and make improvements where possible.

Since being elected I have taken up the position of Footpaths Officer for our parish, and I'm dedicated to maintaining the footpaths and highways around Youlgrave to a decent standard. Hopefully, by communicating between local farmers, the Peak Park and County Council we should achieve this.



Parish Councillor John Wragg

Please feel free to contact me, or any other Councillor, about any concerns you might have – all our contact details are on the parish noticeboard on Church Street. Alternatively, write to the Parish Clerk allowing ten days prior to the next meeting for circulation reasons.

Cllr John Wragg  
Tel 636002

*The next meeting of Youlgrave Parish Council is on Tuesday 27 September.*

**Youlgrave & District Horticultural Association**

**Youlgrave Show**

**Saturday 3rd September**

**Youlgrave Village Hall**

**Open to view 2.15pm**

**Auction 4pm**

## Youlgrave Guides: weasling, high wires and barbies on the beach!

The Guides have been very active in the last term, getting out and about enjoying the long summer evenings. We spent a fun and muddy evening 'weasling' - above ground potholing at Higger Tor with the girls squeezing through holes and tunnels which they didn't think nearly big enough and usually found muddy puddles half way through! We also held a sponsored fancy dress grass ski, from Alport to the bottom of Bradford raising over £100 for charity. Three of the Guides entered the area cooking competition and came second - well done!



For this year's summer camp we travelled to Criccieth in North Wales, plus ten girls and a leader from Bakewell Guides, where we had fantastic weather for most of the week. We were given a tour of the local lifeboat station and saw a practice launch. We also spent some time watching a pod of dolphins swimming around the bay. Most of us braved a local high ropes course, which saw the girls on climbing walls, zip wires - a real leap of faith for some and fantastic for all the adrenaline junkies! We cycled around the tracks in the forest just outside Beddgelert in Snowdonia and explored Criccieth and Portmadog. The campsite was about five minutes walk from the beach so the girls spent some time down there most days, including Barbie on the beach! The girls also excelled at cooking on open fires, cooking a 3-course meal in their patrols one evening. On the final evening we had a camp fire on the beach and then the girls slept in the open underneath the stars.

I'd like to thank Youlgrave Garage who kindly donated the gas (yet again); and also CB (Bakewell Guide leader) who came despite being seven months pregnant - luckily the baby didn't arrive early! And also the 28 girls who came along and made the week such fun.

**Penny McCloy**

## Village film club unveils its 9th season of films



Youlgrave Cinema  
presents  
2011 / 2012 Season

Welcome to the ninth season of Youlgrave Cinema. Our aim is to present a varied selection of films some of which are new and some which may have passed you by. Most of our shows include a short film before the main feature. Film notes are provided.

"We work hard to interest, entertain and avoid 'rainy day' films."

Free with this issue of the Bugle you will find the brochure for the new 2011/12 season of films from Youlgrave Cinema. Headlining is the multi Oscar winning **The King's Speech**, while other acclaimed recent titles that we will be showing between now and next May include **Black Swan** and **Made in Dagenham**. The Christmas film is, appropriately, **It's a Wonderful Life**, while oddball comedy is provided by **The Men Who Stare at Goats** and world cinema sees us travel to Rwanda for **Africa United**. For the first time we are also showing an animation, called **My Dog Tulip**; and our 'mystery film' for April will be disclosed nearer the time!

Membership costs just **£20** for the full season of eight films, or you can pay £4 per film on the door. To join contact Pat Cleaver on 636836 or email [patriciacleaver1@gmail.com](mailto:patriciacleaver1@gmail.com). If you have not received your tickets by the time of the first film please collect them on the door; or you can join on the night for the full season.





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## Tip Top Table Trail is huge success

A new idea for fund raising. Something different, Something to capture the imagination.

Think big...Got it! A table top sale trail throughout the village.

We approached it with some trepidation and numerous questions. Could we persuade villagers to have tables? Would anyone turn up? Would there be anywhere for them to park? Would they buy anything? Would the sun shine on us? Could we muster enough helpers? Would stall holders respond to the suggestion that they donate a small percentage of their takings? Would the village take the event to its heart? Could we cope?

The answer to all of these questions was a resounding YES.

Over 60 tables, lots of visitors, parking courtesy of the Parish Council and Simon Frost, brisk trading, glorious sunshine and the sort of teamwork of which Youlgrave is justifiably proud resulted in proceeds of £1,200. A RECORD. £400 more than our previous best.

The funds raised will go towards training traditional birth attendants in Sierra Leone where more mothers and infants die during, or as a result of, complications arising from childbirth than anywhere else in the world. We are working to help improve this appalling situation in cooperation with Health Poverty Action an organisation which seeks to strengthen poor and marginalized people in their struggle for health, prioritising those missed out by almost everyone else.

Zoe Vowles, a British midwife who has worked with HPA for a year in

Sierra Leone having won a Vodafone World of Difference Award will be visiting the village on 9-10 September. She will receive the cheque and talk about the work she's been doing at an open meeting in the Reading Room at 7pm on Saturday 10th. We will provide drinks and nibbles and hope as many people as possible, particularly stall holders and helpers, will come along to meet Zoe and hear about her work and how the money raised will be spent.

We are delighted with the results of the Table Top Trail, thanks yet again to the wonderful generosity and support of the village community.

*The Youlgrave-Bangbutt Village Link Committee*



### Youlgrave charity's All Day Café

**The Youlgrave – Bangbutt Village Link Charity will be holding an All Day Café from 10.30am – 5pm on Sunday 11 September. Tea, coffee, home made cakes, sandwiches and ice cream will be on offer at the Village Hall on Holywell Lane.**

**Money raised will go towards providing much needed wells and supporting mother and child health projects in Sierra Leone.**  
[www.youlgravebangbutt.org](http://www.youlgravebangbutt.org)

## Youlgrave Wildlife Notes for July & August

Birds of all types seem to have had a good season. I have had families of greenfinches, great, blue and coal tits, dunnocks, sparrows and blackbirds in my garden and reports of nuthatch and greater spotted woodpecker families on feeders. It was suggested to me that our swift population was down this year. As we have no actual data from previous

years I asked contributors to do some counting for next year. Swifts move very fast indeed and the flocks tend to be very spread out so they are not easy to count but several people recorded about 16 birds over the Dale and eight

down Conksbury Lane. My biggest count was on 10 July with 24 over the Dale. Perhaps the two groups had joined up? The majority departed about the 5th of August, leaving just odd ones for another week or so. A total of 36 were counted over the Dale just before they went.

There seem to have been plenty of house martins this year. Numbers seemed to have gone down considerably compared with 30 years ago but do seem to be recovering. If the house martins do decide to nest on your house please feel honoured. I know they make a bit of a mess but you can always scrape it up and put it on the garden. It is also an offence to interfere with the nests so, please, just enjoy them.

I have had reports of second and even third broods of swallows. Other birds

include a redstart down by the swimming pool, a green woodpecker below the Wildlife Area and occasional buzzards.

On 22 July there were 32 species of wildflower in bloom on the Playing Field Wildlife area and 24 on 12 August. I have just started the 'big mow' on the Wildlife Area with sections of lesser interest. The majority of the area will be

cut in September to give the wildflowers plenty of time to seed. Any offers of help with this would be very welcome. Please contact me at the address/phone number below.

I had a very good report and photo of hatching southern hawk dragonflies and blue damselflies from a garden pond off

Coldwell End. I know other small ponds in the village are also excellent for wildlife including newts and any information gratefully received. Butterflies have been plentiful recently with a new hatch of red admirals looking very smart indeed.

I have had a family of hedgehogs coming up my drive into the garden next door to feed and then returning. Please don't just set fire to any piles of wood or vegetation unless you are a partial to roast hedgehog. Dismantle the pile first. My thanks to all contributors. Please keep the observations coming in.

**Ian Weatherley**

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*This photo of a Southern hawk dragonfly was taken by Catherine Jones at Coldwell End.*

## Youlgrave Carnival 2011: another great success

This year's Carnival week got off to a bad start with the wet weather, but this did not deter the hopeful that attended the treasure hunt on Sunday 17th followed by hot pork cobs and dancing to Concannon Brothers at the Farmyard Inn. The treasure hunt was won by Richard & Kate Partridge, Daniel Bacon and Jo Tomlinson.

The good attendance carried on throughout the week with Bingo and Card Bingo on Monday hosted by Mick Partridge - the final was a close call with Hilary Wardle winning a meal for two at the Bulls Head. Wednesday night was quiz night with music quiz master Nick Stacey who made everyone get their thinking caps on. The highest score was from the Harrison Family who won a meal for four at the George Hotel.

Thursday night had an excellent turn out for 5-a-side football at the playing fields starting at 6pm going on until nearly dark! The winners of the men's teams were Red Lion from Bakewell and the children's team a mixture of youngsters from Youlgrave and Bakewell were Pommiewell.

Friday night held the traditional wheelbarrow race starting from the Knoll Club and the new Ladies 3-Legged race. Also introduced this year was a drinks stop at Youlgrave Garage. Winners of the wheelbarrow race were Daniel Butterworth and Ben Fraser-Smith who donated their prize back to Carnival but have kept the Golden Barrow! Ladies 3-Legged was won by Amy Tabbenor and Nicola Crowder. After these tiring races it was disco time for the kids who boogied the night away!

Saturday was yet another fine day that



was well attended by drays and fancy dress participants. First prize for the drays went to The Pirates, Second Prize to Shrek & Third Prize to Superheroes. The playing fields were really busy all day with stalls, fair ground rides, visitors and participants, all eating drinking and enjoying themselves!

The committee would like to say thank you to the following people/organisations: Dakin & Sarah Shimwell, marshals on the day, Ben Tabbenor, Richard Roper, Jack Goodwin Jnr, Sean Healey, Robin Stacey, Greg Wilkinson, Brett Stacey, Youlgrave Parish Council, Louise MacMaster, Ian Bright, Harry & Helen Holland, Joan Parker, Nick Stacey, Mick Partridge, Brian & Hilary Wardle, The George Hotel, The Bulls Head, The Farmyard Inn, The Knoll Club, Youlgrave Garage, The Post Office, Hollands Butchers & James Bacon and his helpers. All businesses and organisations who donated raffle and tombola prizes.

### Winners of Raffle Prizes:

Derbyshire Aggregates £100 voucher - Paul McCloy. Bakewell Show Tickets - Janet Griffiths. Champagne Afternoon Tea for Two - Annie Hodgkinson. Alive £5 Beauty Voucher - Sue Pursglove. Amy's



## Summer: Bee-ing colourful!

This July and August, the WI had talks by a local colourist and Youlgrave Bee Group representative.

In July we welcomed Jan Walding to our Open Evening to recruit new members to the WI. We had an excellent talk by her on what shades suit each hair colour type so by the end of the evening we had a basic idea of what colours we should be looking in our clothing to enhance our natural skin tone. A number of new faces turned up for the event, many of whom joined us for our August event. The evening was a lovely event with wine and puddings which were enjoyed by all, both members and new friends.

In August we were treated to a really interesting talk on bees and bee keeping from Jeni Edwards a representative of Youlgrave Bee Group. We learnt about how apiaries are built, how the bees are homed and their life cycle including producing (Youlgrave) honey and their hibernation. We also had a additional update on the Orchard which complements the bees and their need for flowers to feed on. We all went away knowing we had to plant lots of bee friendly plants and that Youlgrave is certainly doing its bit to support the all important and vital bee population. We finished the evening in the Farmyard with a catch-up over dinner.

Next month on Tuesday 13 September at 7.30pm we welcome PCSO Teare and PC Wetton from the local police who will be giving us a talk on policing issues and safety within the home. We have lots of trips coming up too so keep reading the WI news to find out more.

If you would like to come along, please do so. We always welcome new faces to our monthly meetings. I look forward to seeing you then.

Dairy Hamper - Evelyn Bristow. Women's Monkee Jeans - No Name Given. Men's Monkee Jeans - J. Slocombe. Children's Monkee Jeans - H. Wood. Gulliver's Kingdom Tickets - Beth Elliot. Tropical Butterfly House Family Ticket - Phil Oldfield. Derby County Tickets - H. Wood. Matlock Bath Aquarium Tickets - Mr/Mrs. Smith. Chatsworth Tickets - N. Bonsall. Crich Tramway Museum Tickets - Wyn Jackson. Peak Rail Tickets - Peter Davis. Ice Sheffield Tickets - Caroline Prince. Heights of Abraham Tickets - J. Carson. Rudyard Rail Tickets - Lynne Oldfield. Peak Autocare MOT - G. Jerman. Chesterfield FC Tickets - T. Gladwin. Evolution Gym Membership - F. Elliot. Face Facts Voucher - Glenys Bristow. Timeless Landscape Book - R. Dawson. Fishy Feet Tickets - D. Bateman. Bottle of Wine - J. Thorpe & J. Bacon.

On another note Youlgrave Carnival Committee would like to appeal to the residents of Youlgrave to come and join our committee. We need new members with ideas and suggestions to help us provide enjoyable days and carnival for all. The committee numbers are falling fast and without the help of YOU the carnival will not be possible. We meet at least once a month after the Christmas and New Year period, increasing nearer carnival. If you are interested please contact Leah on 077451 48993 or email [youlgravecarnival@hotmail.com](mailto:youlgravecarnival@hotmail.com).



## Campaign against 'off-roading' making headway

Off-roading by 4x4s and trail bikes has reached such a pitch in the Peak District that residents all over the Peak Park are saying 'enough is enough'. The Peak District Green Lanes Alliance was set up to do something about it.

Our first target is the Peak Park Authority. Since 2007 it has had the legal power to ban 4x4s and motor bikes wherever they endanger other people or damage the environment. Instead of using these powers, we believe it has allowed off-roading to destroy green lanes all over the Peak District. Rather than banning vehicles, in our view it has wasted time and money trying to monitor and 'manage' them. Meanwhile the damage gets worse.

Two green lanes around Youlgrave are at risk because the off-roaders have claimed them as 'Byways Open to All Traffic'. The first is the route from Over Haddon via Lathkill Dale, Meadow Place Grange and Conksbury at Back Lane. The second is from Dark Lane at Alport and on up towards Norton Barn Farm.

For nearly a year now, the Alliance has been putting intense pressure on the Peak Park to change its tune – with some success. There is now a ban (albeit

temporary) on vehicles on Chapel Gate, near Edale. And at a meeting in July the Peak Park decided it must do more to stop the damage and a full review of its current policy on off-roading is underway.

We are also putting pressure on Derbyshire County Council, the main highway authority in the National Park. Like the PDNPA, it has legal powers to use Traffic Regulation Orders to ban vehicles. Rather than use its powers, it prefers to waste public money on repairs, only to see lanes being rutted again by the off-roaders once repairs are done.

Finally, we are pressing the Police and the Crown Prosecution Service for vigorous action against drivers caught off-roading on lanes where it is already illegal. So far Derbyshire Police have taken a deliberately soft, soft approach. This is giving all the wrong signals to the off-roading community. Between them, PDNPA, Derbyshire County Council and the Police have made the Peak District an off-roading free-for-all for 4x4s and trail bike riders from all over the country.

You can help the campaign to stop the 4x4s and trail bikes by telling the Peak Park off-roading review group how you feel about off-roading and what you want them to do about it. Either email Christopher Pennell at [christopher.pennell@peakdistrict.gov.uk](mailto:christopher.pennell@peakdistrict.gov.uk), or write to him at PDNPA, Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell, DE45 1AE. DCC is also reviewing its policy, at a meeting on 20 September. Write to your County Councillor now to tell them what you think!

If you would like to join the Peak District Green Lanes Alliance, or just find out more, please visit [www.pd gla.org.uk](http://www.pd gla.org.uk) or email [pd gla@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pd gla@hotmail.co.uk).

**Karen Hinkley**  
Chair, Peak District Green Lanes Alliance

### Youlgrave Duke of Edinburgh Award Group

Are you keen to push yourself to new limits and explore new activities? Are you up to carrying out a two day expedition with a group of friends? This is what the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme is all about and it's open to anyone aged at least 14 by August 2012, so if you would like to find out more come along (with or without your parents) to a meeting at the Scout Hall on Monday 26 September at 7pm.

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## Hansel & Gretel in Youlgrave



What better way to start a review of the London Youth Opera's performance of Humperdinck's Hansel and Gretel, presented in Youlgrave Church on 23 July, than a note from the director: "Hansel and Gretel is about dreams and nightmares, reality and invention and the world through the eyes of two poor, confused, lost children."

It came almost at the end of two weeks of the Buxton Festival, when members of the lamentably small audience could have been excused from feeling that they had had a surfeit of music and drama. But not so. London Youth Opera could hold its own with Buxton. Is this a rave review? Of course it is! They acted and sang with the enthusiasm of youth and the skill of professionals.

In the best traditions of the Brothers Grimm, this is no pretty fairy tale but disturbing juxtaposition of the real world of inadequate parents and the imaginary world of the forest and its terrifying, and potentially murderous, witch. So, though there is a conventional happy ending, one leaves disturbed as well as invigorated.

It is tempting to name one's favourite performers, but unfair, for this is the essentially a team effort from the principals to the chorus, who are also the stage hands. The performance was skilfully but unobtrusively carried along by the conductor and accompanist.

Many members of the group are already very experienced and I hope we shall hear much more of them. I hope also that they will not forget to come back to Youlgrave.

MB

## Well Dressing goes to Oxfordshire

*It was my own fault. I offered. I was still panic-stricken when my one of my oldest and dearest friends phoned to say that her Farm Women's Guild members would love to hear about Well Dressing in the Peak District and, oh, the meeting would be at the end of June. That left barely time to finish our own petalling and bless the wells!*

*It turned out to be quite a village enterprise. Husband Bob drew some basic floral designs for beginners and Peter and Iris Pimm kindly lent two small children's boards, the clay already in place, as well as a magnificent photo album of Fountain Well. Then I was ready to pack the car and head south.*

*I had decided to keep the chat to a minimum and get the Guild members actually well dressing as soon as possible to make the event a truly hands-on experience with something to show for it at the end. So Oxfordshire transformed itself into Derbyshire. The Guild members took to well dressing like ducks to water and the boards soon took on a life of their own. It was something completely new to almost everyone. Those who had vaguely heard about it had no idea how it was done or what it entailed but everyone greeted this strange craft with enthusiasm and had a go. There were frequent exclamations of "Oh, this is hard work!" and a wicked enjoyment of pulling lovely flower heads apart for their petals, "I was never allowed to do this when I was a little girl!" but gradually the pictures emerged in vibrant jewel colours.*

*They did leave some for me to do, but should we ever be shorthanded at Well Dressing time, there are some very promising apprentices in West Oxfordshire!*

Dee Frith

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<b>Tuesdays</b>	Youlgrave Youth Club, Scout & Community Hall, 6.30-8pm	<b>Thurs</b>	Youlgrave Silver Band, Methodist School Room, 8pm
<b>Tuesdays</b>	Youlgrave Bell Ringers practice night, All Saints Church, 7.30-9pm	<b>2nd Mon</b>	Mobile Library, Mt Pleasant 9.25-9.40am, Bradford Dale 9.45- 9.50am, Grove Place 9.55- 10.15am, Holywell Lane 10.20- 10.40am, The Pinfold, MbY 10.50- 11.20am
<b>Mon-Fri</b>	Youlgrave Playschool, Scout & Community Hall, 9am-12 noon	<b>2nd Tues</b>	Youlgrave WI meetings, Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm
<b>Weds</b>	Drawing and painting classes, Youlgrave Reading Room, 10am	<b>4th Wed</b>	Confidential Advice Sessions with Matlock & District Citizens Advice Bureau, Youlgrave Medical Centre, 9.30am-12.30pm
<b>Weds</b>	Parent and Toddlers Group, Reading Room, 1.15-3.15pm	<b>Last Tues of month</b>	Youlgrave Parish Council meeting, Youlgrave Village Hall Committee Room, 7.15pm
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<b>Weds</b>	Bingo, Y'grv Reading Rm, 7.30pm		
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<b>Thurs</b>	Ecumenical women's Bible study and fellowship, Youlgrave		

## SATURDAY WASTE COLLECTION

At the end of August this service was discontinued by the District Council.

Instead, a new public recycling centre has opened at Harrison Way, Darley Dale (off the A6 near Peak Rail). It's open daily from 8.30am-6pm throughout the year and will take furniture, electrical items, wood and chipboard, green garden waste, old clothes and textiles, paper and cardboard, glass and plastic, oil, tyres, soil and rubble, batteries and light bulbs.

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