



The

Bugle



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

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THERE'S NO FOOLIN' YOU

Well, April's here again but we thought we'd leave the jokes to the comedians this year! Keep on your toes next year though, we can't promise to keep it up.

In the March edition I mentioned

some errors in the organisations contact list that we published; well, we've found another. The telephone number for Mary Bartlett should read **636223**. Mind you, maybe it's because of the error that we got an article from her!?

The accounts for 1999 have been audited and approved by Roger Easton. If anyone wishes to see them, contact

Ann Knowles (tel. 636362).

As ever, I'd like to encourage all you budding journalists to put pen to paper for us. We're lucky to have quite a few writers now but if we're to remain interesting, we need to continue to ring the changes. If you're not sure whether we'd be interested in your story, call me (details at the foot of this page) or Ann (as above).

Youlgrave Bells

I am told that some people in Youlgrave, Alport and Middleton don't know of all the work that has been done in the church tower in the past decade. How did they miss the appeals for help? Well, for those who did, here is the story.

By the late eighties it became obvious that the wooden bell frame that had served for a hundred years needed replacing and that the bells needed new stings and re-tuning. Some people felt that the projected new metal frame should be one that could take additional bells in the future as Youlgrave has a big tower with sufficient space. So an appeal was launched.

Work on bells is an expensive business and to raise the money we made endless cups of tea and coffee, made cakes, organised sponsored events and were helped by some very generous gifts.

The money was eventually raised and in June 1994 the bells went off to *Eayre and Smith* in Melbourne (Derbyshire, not Australia; though there are *Eayre and*

Smith bells in Australia) to be treated. Much of the physical work of removing the frame and lowering the bells to the ground was done by ringers and friends; including the removal of a century's deposit of pigeon droppings and dead pigeons. In 1995 the bells were back and rededicated. We felt that we could relax from fund raising, but then the Derby Association of Church Bell Ringers offered a new bell to mark their fiftieth anniversary, if we could raise the money

for one more. Again, great generosity. So two new, smaller bells were cast and hung.

Some bells have inscriptions; the tenor, the heaviest, still has its old inscription-

"I call the living, mourn the dead,

I tell when days and hours are fled,

For grief and joy, for prayer and praise,

To heaven my tuneful voice I raise."

The new second bell carries the inscription -"I ring out in joyous remembrance of all the souls of Youlgrave".

So we have 10 splendid bells; we would, however, welcome some new bell ringers. Anyone interested? If so, please contact David Robinson, the tower captain (tel. 636456).

I have not mentioned names in this account because there were so many, contributing in different ways; a complete list would take up too much space. They, and we, know who they are, and the ringers and all who care about the bells are deeply grateful. M.B.



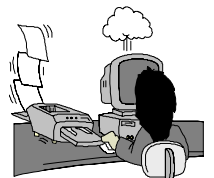
Youlgrave's impressive Church Tower
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20th Century Musical Memories

A long time ago when everyone seemed to be rushing around saying 'What are we doing for the millennium?', a small group of us got together with the bones of an idea.

We decided on some shows or concerts to celebrate the more memorable decades of the last century. The first 'do' was a 60's night with live music organised by Dave Birds and Johnathan and their bands. The concert raised over £500 which was

donated towards the purchase of playground equipment at Alport Lane. Many thanks to all concerned.

Our next venture is that wonderful 'New Look' of the 1940's. In those days, dancing with a partner actually involved touching. You could feel the heat; with a hand firmly pressed in the small of your back on a rudder you didn't know you possessed. To get through those turns and changes of direction without trampling all over his feet was indeed bliss. Don't worry if you can't foxtrot or quick step, just bring a man or your best mate and feel the heat anyway.

The date is yet to be finalised, so watch for details!...

Successful General Meeting for Reading Room

For the first time for many years, the local Reading Room has Trustees and an elected Committee. They are pledged to push ahead with the changes to give it a leading place in the area's social life. The Chair for 2000-2001 is to be Brian Wardle, with vice Chair Eddie Oldfield, and Treasurer Margaret Montgomery.

New Secretary, Bill Moore, explained the importance: "We've been successful in our first applications for help. Present and future funders demand the assurance that there is an efficient and democratic structure to use the money wisely and well."

The first task of the new Committee is to approach local people to win support and gain new ideas for the future. The next issue of the Bugle will contain a questionnaire for everyone in Youlgrave, Middleton and Alport, and there will be specially designed consultative groups to check ideas.

The first activity in the Room is likely to be the morning Coffee Club for anyone who wants to have a chat and read a newspaper. - Watch this space!

New Greetings Cards Depict Local Scenes

Youlgrave-based publisher Benchmark Books has produced a set of six greetings cards featuring attractive colour photographs of Youlgrave and Bradford Dale. The photos were all taken by Bankside resident Andrew McCloy and show the river and dale throughout the seasons.

On sale at Youlgrave Post Office and Rose's Newsagents, the cards are blank inside and suitable for any occasion. They cost 70 pence each or £3.50 for a pack of six.



'Last of the Morning Mist, River Bradford' an example of the cards

THE WINSTER SUMMER DRAMA WORKSHOPS

This summer we are offering a series of drama workshops at the Burton Institute in Winster. The National Lottery has enabled us to give people the opportunity to develop their performance skills.

Workshop leaders will include: Maggie Ford (theatre director from Youlgrave) Caroline Small (writer and director with Cottongrass Theatre) and David Frederickson (actor from Winster).

This is an introductory programme that we hope to follow with a community play project in Winster in 2001. These are the workshops we will be offering:

Stage Fighting (Andy Fraser)

Learn how to kill people safely - with a professional stage fight director.

Using Your Voice (David Frederickson)

A workshop for anybody who wants to use the voice to communicate more effectively.

New Ways To Tell Old Tales

(Caroline Small)

Experiment with innovative methods of dramatic storytelling using mime, movement and physical theatre.

Improvisation Towards A Script. (Maggie Ford)

We shall explore building a character using Mike Leigh's method of evolving a script.

Naturalism and Beyond (Maggie Ford)

Theatre tells stories - but not just through words. We will explore a physical approach to telling the story.

Devising Drama (Caroline Small)

An introduction to improvisation techniques for anyone who wants to devise drama for performance.

From Page to Stage (Caroline Small)

Develop your skills as an actor or director in a workshop that explores imaginative performance techniques.

We hope also to provide workshops in the following: Music-Making for the Theatre; Poetry in Performance; Masks in the Theatre and Movement for Actors. For further information contact Maggie (tel. 636198) or David (tel. 650049).

Youlgrave Silver Band

The Band is very pleased that two experienced players, Louise and Ian Fletcher, have joined its ranks.

The Band has a busy programme of outdoor concerts sponsored by Derbys. Dales District Council for this year. However, it still needs extra players particularly for parades, which need a bigger band. This is a problem as players from other bands in the area are usually busy on weekends in summer.

Last year numbers were augmented for the Welldressing Parade by players from Hollinsclough, Sheffield and Huddersfield. They are able to help again this year at Welldressing. However, as last year, they are not available for the Carnival Procession in July and regrettably the Band has had to turn down this engagement.

New players are very welcome. Our weekly practices are fun and we can offer instruments and tuition. For information contact Peter Knowles (tel. 636362).

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Open Gardens Middleton

Save the Children Fund (Bakewell Branch) is holding an Open Gardens Day on Sunday 9th July 1 – 5pm in Middleton. When we held one three years ago we raised nearly £2,000. For this event we do need quite a number of stewards and gatekeepers. If anyone feels that they could lend a hand with this during the afternoon, we should be most grateful. Anyone with knowledge of plants would be particularly helpful but this is not essential. Nationally, Save the Children would like to recruit more volunteers from the younger community. If there are any young people locally who would like to join the committee or just help with future activities we should be pleased to welcome them. The Bakewell committee raised over £9,000 last year for national funds and we feel this is a worthwhile charity to support. Future activities already arranged are: -

- 14th May – Antiques Fair, Ashford-in-the-Water
- Saturday 27th May – Street collection in Bakewell

- Thursday 1st June – Teas in the garden at Church Barn, Middleton (Middleton Well Dressing Week)
 - Sunday 9th July – Open Gardens Day, Middleton
 - September and November – Antiques Fairs in Ashford
 - 8th December – Christmas Musical Evening, Church Barn, Middleton
- Anyone who feels that they could help in some way with any of these events, please contact me, Susan Burgess (tel. 636659).



Playgroup Hope



Derbyshire County Council has been looking into the possibility of starting a playgroup again in Youlgrave. A representative will be coming to the George Hotel on the 5th April at 7.00pm.

If anybody is interested in discussing the playgroup or possibly helping out, you are more than welcome to come.

If you need any more information then feel free to contact either Susanna (tel. 814667) or Vivian (tel. 636861).

There is also 'Youlgrave Toddlers' every Wednesday between 9.30am and 11.00am.

VACANCY

Applications are invited for the part-time post of Clerk to Youlgrave and Alport Parish Council. The Council meets at least 10 times a year.

For further details, including salary scales, contact Mrs Newman (tel. 636084).

Applications should be made in writing and addressed to Mrs I C Newman, Overdale, Coldwell End, Youlgrave, Derbyshire, DE45 1UY.

YOULGRAVE VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall in Youlgrave was built in 1909 and was given to the village by the Misses Melland of Raenstor Close and Mrs T C Waterhouse of Lomberdale Hall. The Billiard Room /Committee Room was added soon afterwards.

The Hall was the headquarters of the Band of Hope and later the Young Men's Christian Association. An early secretary was an ex-missionary, Mr Percy Smith, who formed a football team, which was nicknamed the Pussyfoots because of their poor results.

In the early years, one of the most popular events was the annual pantomime produced by Major & Mrs G Mockett. The main hall also served as the village cinema for many years; in the 1920's silent movies were shown, later of course came "talkies".

By the late fifties the premises were falling into disrepair and in June 1959 a new Management Council was formed. After much voluntary effort in repairing, cleaning and re-decorating, the Hall was officially re-opened in October 1960. In

the summer of 1963 the main hall floor was completely re-laid by a team of volunteers at a total cost of £295!! Later an annexe was built comprising an entrance, pay-box and toilets. Much more recently, in August 1998 to be exact, the main hall roof was replaced at a cost of about £17,000.

The annual pantomime recommenced in January 1962 and has since continued very successfully every year to date. The pantomime has been a major source of annual income, enabling very reasonable hiring charges to the numerous organisations that make use of the premises. Plays were also presented twice a year for many years by local amateur dramatic societies the Iola Players and later the Holywell Players.

Many village organisations have used the Village Hall as their meeting place for many years, for example the Women's Institute, the Parish Council and Waterworks Committee. The Hall has also been a centre for sporting activity such as Billiards & Snooker, Table Tennis and Badminton and was also used as a local branch of the Derbyshire County Library for many years until comparatively recently.

In so many ways Youlgrave Village Hall has served the community well for

almost a century, which has only been possible as a result of much dedicated voluntary effort by people too numerous to mention. Long may it continue to do so in the new millennium. TBG

WI

The speaker for the March meeting of the WI was Maggie Ford, the subject 'Making a Village Video'.

Maggie was unable to come to us in January due to ill health but her visit was worth waiting for. She has obviously spent many hours talking and filming village people, both old and young and explained how she proposes to show that so many things today are reputedly so different and yet hold such similarities to by-gone days.

There will be scenes of village activities, such as Well Dressing, cuts from the old village film and shots of the beautiful scenery around. We all look forward to the completion and release of the 50 minute Video in the not too distant future. KMB

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Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 5th April Meeting with Derbyshire County Council representatives to discuss the prospects of restarting Youlgrave Playgroup. The George Hotel, 7.00pm.

Tuesdays Yoga with Iris Pimm at Greenfields Farm Barn (tel. 636341), 7.00pm.
Wednesdays 'Toddlers Group'. Youlgrave Village Hall, 9.30am - 11.00am.
Wednesdays Diane Kettle's Life drawing classes. Middleton Village Hall, 7.30pm.
Fridays Yoga with Iris Pimm at Greenfields Farm Barn (tel. 636341), 9.30am.
Fridays Yoga for over 50's. The Scout and Community Hall, 3.30pm.

Please let us have more details of events for the next edition
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From the Cookhouse Door

Simple Salmon Mousse

Ingredients

2 tall tins of red salmon
 Juice and grated rind of 1 lemon
 ½ pt cream
 1 sachet gelatine



Method

Remove skin and bones from the salmon then mash or liquidise it.
 Add the lemon juice and rind.
 Whip the cream into 'soft peaks' and make up the gelatine as per instructions of packet.
 Pour melted gelatine into the salmon and mix together.
 Season to taste and then fold in the cream.
 Place in container of in fridge to set.
 Serve on bed of lettuce with lemon wedges and slices of cucumber.

DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

I was invited to present my annual report to Youlgrave Parish Council on 28th March – an open meeting, with a chance for people to ask questions or to say what they think needs to be done. This is the gist of my report:

'Bugle' readers will recall that as Youlgrave ward member, I put together a list of things that might need to be done. The list included traffic and parking, housing and jobs, and constituents' problems. The priority choice of Youlgrave and Over Haddon PC's was traffic and parking.

We are now putting together a team, a list of problems and solutions and a bid for the cash from three local authority budgets. There is a chance of success, so if anyone wants to join in as representatives of businesses or of the residents of the village's main streets, let us know. The first visible action would be traffic and opinion surveys.

As part of the Labour group, I've personally tried to make a difference on disabled access and on parking charges (in Over Haddon). Sadly both fell in the face of the Tories' tight and defensive financial control, despite my best attempt to make my proposals palatable.

The Council itself has set its budget for the year. It faces some major challenges, including the bureaucratic but necessary pursuit of 'Best Value'; proposed changes to the way the Council is run; and the enormous cost of repairing concrete council houses.

If you want to know more about any of these issues, just ask.

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MR MIDDLETON'S GREEN

Have we had a mild winter? It is all very subjective and it would be

nice to know if anyone within the distribution area of 'The Bugle' has kept weather records over the years. Just as it is often quite difficult (or impossible) to find a television or newspaper weather forecast for the East Midlands, a more local forecast is impossible to get. If anyone has old records would they please contact the Editor.

The most important information is the date of the last and first frosts from which gardeners can work out the probability of getting a frost in June!

I have friends in other parts of the country who have already planted their First Early potatoes (yes, they are prepared to cover them at a later stage or to lose some of the shoots if the weather turns to frost); apparently you cannot treat the main crop in the same way - you really do have to wait before planting those. I am going to be interested in what has happened to some of the potatoes that I left in the ground in the autumn as they often do quite well.

On the subject of weather this year marks the peak of the 11 year sunspot cycle which can drastically affect the weather. It is well documented that sunspot maxima can cause more unsettled weather with more storms and rain.

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