

# The Bugle

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

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## New Year freeze

It may have been a chilly beginning to the New Year, but it didn't seem to discourage the well-wishers from spilling out on to the streets when midnight struck, nor the bell-ringers who pealed with their customary gusto.

As usual the snowfall created an attractive wintry scene, especially in Bradford and Middleton Dales where cross-country skiers were soon evident; but the plunging temperatures were not quite as welcome. It dropped to around  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$  one night, and not surprisingly the plumbers were kept busy attending to burst pipes. Unfortunately your new Editor had to call on their services, since my pipe to the mains froze solid for seven days, then for good measure another burst! (Thank you to the Bankside residents who kept me supplied me with buckets of water.)

Still, at least there was some decent tobogganing to be had on the slopes of the Dale, including some rather daredevil moonlit runs on New Year's Eve. Just as well the sledgers weren't breathalysed.

Don't forget to keep sending in any news or items concerning Alport, Middleton and Youlgrave, plus details of forthcoming events. It's also that time of year when annual sponsorship of The Bugle is due, and for just £15 you can help



*Getting to grips with Youlgrave's new pillar box*

support your village magazine, while local businesses can reach an audience of over 1,000 people! Finally, I would like to thank Emma Youatt, who has so successfully edited The Bugle since its launch in 1998. The Bugle is put together by a hard-working volunteer team that includes Elley Bane, Ann Knowles and Chris Shimwell, and as the new Editor I am grateful not just to them but also to Emma for her continuing support.

Andrew McCloy

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# School bell rings out again after 90-year silence



Left to right: Mr Hewitt, Oliver Harrop, Joe Wilkin, Adam Wilson, Sam Brassington, Ryan Tabbenor, Gemma Dawson, Mr Snow.

I am sure that everyone in the village now knows about the school bell, but I thought you would appreciate reading about the story again, as told by two girls in Year 6, Briony Harrison and Sophie Edginton. The following piece has been compiled from the girls' own words.

"The villagers of Youlgrave are very pleased to see the school bell back. The bell was taken down about 90 years ago for several reasons, including cracking and a damaged clapper.

Two of the school governors, Mr Hewitt and Mr Goodwin, who were interested in the bell, learnt that it had been kept in the Headmaster's office. They took it away to be repaired and then restored it to the belfry.

On 13 December there was a short ceremony, after which every child in the school was allowed to ring the bell, starting with the oldest child, Edward Eley.

From this day the bell will be rung each

morning at 8.50am to call children to school as it did many years ago."

Sophie also tells us: "We had an interview with Mr Snow and he said 'I kept the bell in my office, hoping it would be put back in the belfry. Now it has been and I am overwhelmed'."

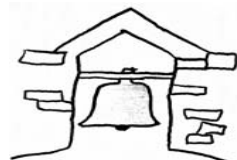
Briony writes: "We spoke to Mr Snow who told us that he was very excited about the return of the bell after such a long time. He has spoken to many of the older residents of Youlgrave, but was unable to find anyone who could remember the school bell rung."

Then I spoke to two younger girls in the Infants Class, sisters Rebekah and Alice Marsden, and asked if they thought the bell rope was going to be heavy to pull. Rebekah thought it would be, while Alice expected it to be easy. Experience proved Alice right!

Alice was first in the queue to ring the bell after Edward. She claimed this was because she was nearest the door when the class was called, but Rebekah insisted her sister rushed to be first.

Alice likes hearing the bell ring and thinks it makes children hurry to arrive earlier. Rebekah disagrees on the latter point and felt disappointed that the bell looked old and rusty!

Many thanks to all four girls.



Drawing by Briony Harrison

Mrs Ryder

**Q: Which pub has three darts teams?**

## Ian Gilbert

Sadly, on 5 December 2001, Mr Ian Gilbert gently passed away at his home on West Croft Close, at the age of 51. Ian was born on 3 June 1950 and it soon became evident that he was a very special child. He did not talk or sit up as other babies did — and spent his early days in a Spinal Carriage supported by a backrest receiving treatment at Derby Children's Hospital. Powered by a million per cent effort from his Mum, Ian gradually learned those first precious words and attempted to sit up supporting himself.

Later, when his sister was born, it triggered in him a fiercely competitive streak and as a result he took those first few unsteady steps into the future just to keep up with his little sister.

Our Mum devoted her life to Ian and this resulted in all the challenges being met, the stimulus of another small child achieved miracles that it was truly heart-wrenching to see. As a young adult he could converse with everyone, he had a lifelong passion for music and he was indeed very clever. He achieved so much with his Mum's unfailing devotion.

We hope this story will in some way inspire anyone who has a child like Ian. Great heights can be achieved — all it needs is love, commitment and a belief in miracles.

Elizabeth Ashmore

## Free Training for Community Groups

Comic Relief Small-Groups Project & The Amethyst Project are running a course entitled 'Don't make a Hash of the Petty Cash – Managing Money in a Voluntary Group', with David Clarke of Business in the Community. It starts at 9.45am on Wednesday 6 February, and is being held at St Oswald's Church Hall, Ashbourne.

Topics to be covered during the session include:

- ◆ Dealing with cash
- ◆ Dealing with day-to-day transactions
- ◆ Preparing simple accounts
- ◆ Preparing a financial statement

To book a place on the course, or to find out about this and other courses, contact: Neil Moulden, Comic Relief Small-Groups Project, c/o Ashbourne Volunteer Bureau, Dig Street, Ashbourne, DE6 1GF (tel. 01335 348395).



## Celebrating the Queen's Golden Jubilee

As most of you will know 2002 is the Golden Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, and it's being marked by two extra public holidays on the third and fourth of June. But should Youlgrave mark the occasion by putting on any special event or celebrations? The Government has produced a detailed set of guidelines for possible community activities – everything from street parties and concerts to poetry readings and the lighting of beacons. If you have any suggestions or would like to help organise Youlgrave's own special celebration write to The Bugle or contact the Parish Council as soon as possible.

**Q: Which pub has two pool teams?**



## Youlgrave-Bangbutt Village Link

Much has happened since the request for cards in the last issue. We sent out a

small packet of 49 seasonal greetings cards and 10 letters on 7 December and a further small packet with a calendar on Derbyshire scenery from the Sunday Club. We have now heard that these arrived. We also sent out £500 over the New Year. When asked what it would be spent on Santigie Tarawalie replied:

*“Last year we provided the children with second-hand clothing and we also want to continue the same this year. We want you to know the children feel proud when they get new dresses and things to play with like toys. We also want to start the school construction work and we need to buy a few working tools*

*like shovels, headpans and big axes to cut down palm trees on the school site.”*

If anyone would like to contribute a donation or hold an event to raise money to help Bangbutt people rebuild their school, please let me know. They need several thousand pounds.

The latest e-mail (10 January) shows that there is still some unrest. *“The village school has reopened but parents are afraid to send their children to school because of rumours they heard in big towns like Mile 91 and other areas about loss of children. Only a few children have started attending.”*

Jeni Edwards (tel. 636550)

**STOP PRESS...STOP PRESS...STOP PRESS**  
African Tea Dance in the village hall to celebrate 10 years of Youlgrave's friendship with Bangbutt. Saturday 23 March. 2.30pm. Details in March Bugle. See you there!

### Rainbows recruiting

Rainbows are the youngest members of the Guide association, and most of the girls are between 5-7 years old. The Youlgrave unit meets each week after school and enjoys all sorts of fun activities, from games and drawing to singing and storytelling. For more details contact Rainbow Guider Louise Hancock (tel. 636860).

### Save your stamps!

Youlgrave Guides are collecting used stamps to raise money for Guide Dogs for the Blind. So why not tear them off from your post today – any amount welcome. For more details contact Penny Edmonds (tel. 814348).

## Free lunch on offer at Granby House

The residents of Granby House in Youlgrave are hoping that an invitation to have lunch with them will encourage older people in the area to consider joining them full time. Part of the national Abbeyfield Society charity, Granby House offers very sheltered accommodation to anyone of pensionable age who is reasonably fit but who no longer feels able to live alone at home. Each resident has their own cosy room with private facilities, and the good news is that they currently have two vacancies.

*Anyone who is interested in having lunch at Granby House should get in touch with Leslie Toyne (tel. 636484).*

**Q: Which pub has a snooker team?**

## Choices! Choices! Choices!

There cannot be many villages that can offer their residents three musical feasts in one weekend. After attending the excellent Silver Band Christmas Concert on Friday, we had to choose on Saturday between Bakewell Choral Society in the Church, and Matlock Operatic in the Village Hall. We finally plumped for the latter, where Nick Stacey – Youlgrave's home-grown talent had put together a wonderfully varied programme of show songs and Christmas music. We were treated to chorus harmonies and excellent character songs:

Jim's 'Spider in the Bath', John's 'Reviewing the Situation' and Sue's 'Mr. Snow' stood out. Then Katherine's sweet 'Lonely, Lonely Man' and Helen's lovely voice also thrilled us. The flute of another Helen sent shivers up my back! Nick also gave us some clarinet and the accompanist (sorry – his name wasn't on the programme!) was excellent.

What a pity more people can't tear themselves away from their TVs and offer their support. Keep your eyes on the Noticeboard, adverts in the local shops and via The Bugle, and don't miss these great occasions on your doorstep.

DJ

### YOULGRAVE SURGERY: OPENING TIMES (tel. 636207)

Mon: 8.45am-12 noon and 2-6pm

Tues: 8.45am-1pm

Wed: 8.45am-1pm

Thurs: 8.45am-12 noon and 2-6pm

Fri: 8.45am-1pm

Surgery with the Doctor is from 9-11am each morning, and on Mon and Thurs

## Saturday Waste Collection Service

8.00-9.45 am: outside Youlgrave School

9.50-10.30am: Bradford, Mawstone Lane and bridge

10.35-11.00am: Grove Place

*Next visits: 9 and 23 Feb, 9 and 23 Mar*

All items must be delivered to the vehicle for disposal. Should the vehicle become full before the official leaving time the vehicle will leave and not return. If you arrive after the vehicle has left do not deposit your waste on the site. Building rubble, bricks, etc cannot be received. For more information call 761215.

## Reading Room up and Running

With the purchase of new tables, Phase 1 of the new Reading Room is now in place – so why not come along and use it?

**Coffee Morning, Sat 2 Feb, 10-12 noon.**  
All the usual: cakes, tombola, mega bookstall, bric a brac. Presents for raffles and any of the stalls will be very welcome!

**Possibility Morning, Sat 9 Feb, 10-12 noon.**  
Come and tell us your interest – Keep Fit, Art Classes, computers, chess, cards, Science and Technical Club, Literary and Debating Society, Creative Writing – you name it, and we'll see if we can get it going! Tea and coffee available.

**Drop in Centre, Mon 11 Feb, 10-12.15 pm.**  
If you're on your own or bored, come along and have a chat, and a tea/coffee and a biscuit. Range of newspapers and magazines to read, cards, Scrabble, etc. If there's the demand, we'll make it permanent, perhaps twice a week! *Can you transport any infirm friends and neighbours to give them a couple of hours out?*

**Q: Which pub has two quiz teams?**

## Youlgrave WI news

We have had quite a busy time since our last report. A healthy number met at Jennifer's on 28 November. As the parcel-wrapping had been taken on by Dorothy and Geoff Jerman we were relieved of that task and were able to help with other arrangements.

The Group Carol Evening was hosted in the Methodist Chapel, and each W.I. member gave a reading and/or musical item. The meeting night was also party night and after the short business was conducted we were 'nobly feasted' by the efforts of the Committee. A big thank you to you all.

The musical entertainment was provided by Laura Knowles in 'The Dave Joyce Christmas Experience', four young people who played a fine selection of Christmas music. Justine Frost and Brigit Wachlaz of 'Tulips' in Bakewell also gave a demonstration of some very attractive floral ideas for Christmas, then left the finished items for the raffle. The evening closed with carols, led by the quartet.

The finale before Christmas was the Christmas Fayre, which we held in the newly refurbished Reading Room. A very successful morning in a very pleasant venue, with £150 raised to help the D.F.W.I. 'Acorn' Fund.

The January meeting was held at the Methodist Hall and led by our president Jennifer Easton. It was announced that the Spring Group Meeting is to be held on 23 April, and as we are hostesses a great deal of organisation will be necessary. We are also looking for a Programme Secretary, so please come forward with your ideas. The Competition Cup was jointly won by Jean Dawson and Jean Frost. Another walk in Biggin is planned, perhaps at daffodil time; and a trip to Macclesfield Nursery was also suggested for the summer. The evening speaker was Mr Alan Burgess, who showed a fascinating video on the Millennium in Middleton-by-Youlgrave.

New members are always welcome, so why not come and join us at the Village Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of each month?



**Q: Which pub is home to two football teams?**

## Youlgrave Pantomime 'Puss in Boots'

**Tues 22 Jan - Sat 2 February 2002**

**Box Office by Bridget Ardley  
tel 636611, 10am – 9pm only**



Adults £3.50

Children £2

## situations vacant...

ASSISTANT wanted to help with serving meals to eight people, clearing away, and some cleaning duties at Granby House, Youlgrave. Hours 12.15pm to 3.15pm each Sunday and alternate Saturdays. Pay £4.25 per hour. Lunch provided. Holiday pay. If you are interested please phone 636484 for further details. The house operates a no smoking policy. Would suit a student 16 years or over.

MONEY is now available for someone to work within the village to encourage and expand activities for young people. The job is part-time and for one year, with a total budget of £1,400 to include stationery and phone calls; and very flexible hours. We are looking for someone with enthusiasm who's prepared to liaise with existing groups with a view to encouraging young people to get more involved in that group's activities. Contact Anne Croasdell on 636887 for details.

## Bowls Club Report

An audience of about 100 attended an excellent evening of pre-Christmas entertainment provided by Youlgrave Silver Band and guest artistes in the Village Hall on 14 December. At a cost of only £3, which included refreshments, it was a most enjoyable and entertaining event.

At the recent Annual General Meeting, the Chairman extended congratulations and thanks to all concerned in what had been a tremendously successful past season. All the Officers were re-elected en bloc and the annual subscription fee for the coming year was set at £30.

However, for new members and also Senior Citizens the fee will be at the reduced rate of £20. This really is excellent value for a whole season's

bowling and the Bowls Club will particularly welcome new members to join a most successful club with a first class green and associated facilities.

Anyone requiring more information should contact the Secretary, Peter Rowland, on 636467.

### *In the March issue of The Bugle:*

- *Policing Youlgrave – from Village Constable to Beat Manager*
- *Puss in Boots: the Panto reviewed*
- *Why Youlgrave Post Office needs our full support*
- *The Reading Room resplendent once again*

*If you have any news or articles, comments or suggestions, send them to The Bugle and get your voice*

## Notes from the kitchen: Derbyshire oatcakes

Everyone has their own variation on preparing oatcakes, as well as how to serve them. Fried with bacon and eggs? A savoury snack with cheese and ham? Or smothered in syrup or chocolate? And do they really differ from Staffordshire oatcakes in any way? Get your culinary thinking cap on and send your comments and suggestions to The Bugle.



### Ingredients

For a small quantity: 2 tablespoons oatmeal, 2 tablespoons flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, pinch of salt, small amount of water to mix.

### Method

Mix the oatmeal, flour and the salt with the water to form a thin batter, then add the baking powder immediately prior to cooking. Pour into a hot frying pan and cook like pancakes for a few minutes each side.

*Do you have any particular recipes you would like to share with us? It doesn't matter whether it's soups or stews, pies or puddings, jams or jellies, or just your gran's secret recipe for chocolate brownies. Send them to the address on the front page or hand them in to the Post Office. Each recipe featured will win a jar of the Editor's home-made Blackberry or Plum jam (while stocks last!).*

*The Bugle would like to thank 'the Cook' for all her great recipes over the last couple of years.*

**A: The Bull's Head Hotel, not just for tourists**

### Forthcoming Events

<b>22 January to 2 February</b>	Youlgrave Pantomime 'Puss in Boots'. Box Office by Bridget Ardley (tel. 636611). Opening hours are 10am to 9pm <u>only</u> from 1 December. Adults £3.50, Children £2. Matinee performance Saturday 26 January. Special offer tickets on opening night.
<b>Saturday 2 February</b>	Coffee Morning at the Reading Room. 10-12 noon. Cakes, tombola, bookstall and bric a brac. Refreshments on sale.
<b>Saturday 9 February</b>	Waste Collection Service, at points around Youlgrave. 8-11am. See page 5 for more details.
<b>Saturday 9 February</b>	Possibility Morning at the Reading Room, 10-12 noon. Come along and share ideas with like-minded people. Refreshments.
<b>Monday 11 February</b>	Drop in Centre at the Reading Room. 10-12.15pm. Call in for a chat and a tea or coffee, and a chance to meet Bill Moore.
<b>Friday 22 February</b>	Confidential Advice Sessions with Matlock & District Citizens Advice Bureau. 9.30am-12.30pm. Youlgrave Medical Centre. <i>By appointment only</i> . Call 636207.
<b>Saturday 23 February</b>	Waste Collection Service, at points around Youlgrave. 8-11am. See page 5 for more details.
<b>Tues 26 February</b>	Youlgrave Parish Council meeting. Village Hall Committee Room. 7.15pm.

### Regular Events

<b>Tuesdays</b>	Yoga with Iris Pimm (tel. 636341). Greenfields Farm Barn, 7pm.
<b>Tuesdays &amp; Wednesdays</b>	Youlgrave Playschool. Youlgrave Scout & Community Hall, 9.15 – 11.45am. Please contact Helen for details (tel. 636974).
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Diane Kettle's life drawing classes. Middleton Village Hall, 7.30pm.
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Beginners Yoga with Iris Pimm, 7pm.
<b>Thursdays</b>	Beginners Yoga with Iris Pimm, 7pm.
<b>Fridays</b>	Gentle Yoga. The Scout and Community Hut, 3.30pm.
<b>Fridays</b>	Yoga with Iris Pimm, 9.30am.
<b>Fridays</b>	Parent and Toddlers Group. Youlgrave Village Hall, 9.30 – 11.30am. (from Fri 8 Feb onwards). Contact Emma Wardle (tel. 636265).
<b>2nd Tuesdays</b>	Youlgrave WI meetings. Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm.

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