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YOULGRAVE WATERWORKS ON BRINK OF CLOSURE

As the Bugle went to press the fate of Youlgrave Waterworks hung in the balance, with the company still struggling to find a new insurer.

At a special public meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 25 April officials told a stunned audience that despite approaching over 20 different underwriters and brokers they had been unable to obtain a quote for public liability insurance, in which case the company could not legally operate. Cornhill, who have insured Youlgrave Waterworks since 1996, refused to even negotiate a new quote, claiming that it was unable to lay off or pass on part of the risk to other companies.

Roger Stead, Secretary of Youlgrave Waterworks, announced that if no new insurer was forthcoming in the next seven days they would have no option than to close for business and hand over operations to Severn Trent Water. He disclosed that they had already been in discussion with Severn Trent



The Fountain, an epitaph to Youlgrave Water?

Welcome to the bumper 12-page May issue of the Bugle. Inside: details of over 50 local clubs and groups; Middleton Welldressing; and a guide to Golden Jubilee celebrations in this area. The Bugle would also like to thank Roger Easton for auditing our books, and to our ever-growing list of back page sponsors.

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Youlgrave Water: 173 years of history set to end?

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or about a possible take-over, and that Derbyshire Dales District Council had also been involved as they ultimately have the legal powers to ensure that residents are provided with adequate drinking water.

Fight for survival

The campaign to save the local water supply began in March when Cornhill notified Youlgrave Waterworks that they would not be re-insuring the company, a decision that baffled its Vice Chair, Bill Moore. "We have a blame-free record of over 20 years," he said, "but are suffering because the insurance industry is attempting to make good its losses in one area of business by penalising a customer with a good record in another. The local tragedy is that a community that has looked after this vital supply for so long now looks likely to have to call time, and a valuable part of our heritage will be gone forever."

Approaches were made to numerous brokers, but without any success, and as zero hour approached the campaign intensified. Local MP Patrick McLoughlin explained on Thursday evening how he had spoken to the chief executive at Cornhill and had helped secure a 30-day reprieve on Youlgrave Water's initial deadline. Local and national media also began to take an interest, with coverage amongst others on BBC Radio Derby, Central News, Channel Four and the BBC 2 daytime show Working Lunch.

Culture of litigation to blame

Despite the board's efforts no new offers were forthcoming, a fact that Bill Moore suggested reflected the general turmoil in the insurance world. "It's partly because of the threat of terrorism, but mainly because the country has gone litigation-mad. Although actions and settlements have shot up in the last few years Youlgrave Waterworks has only ever had one claim against it, and that was by someone who kicked into a stopcock cover."

Youlgrave Waterworks Ltd. was founded in 1829 after a campaign by the Friendly Society of Women sought to provide a healthier and more efficient source of drinking water for the village. It currently serves around 500 homes and village businesses, with the water being drawn from a natural spring in the Mawstone hills. After treatment it is piped by gravity, as well as being supplemented by a pump for the higher end of the village. Formerly run by a committee. Youlgrave Waterworks became a limited company in 1996, with directors elected at a village meeting of consumers. Apart from payments to a part time Manager, and an honorarium to the Secretary, the nonprofit making company is run by volunteers.

Thursday's packed public meeting attracted over 150 local people, many of whom voiced their frustration and in some cases outrage that Youlgrave's unique and historic waterworks company faced imminent closure through no fault of its own, bringing to an end 173 years of independent water supply.

The next step?

Phillipa Sharp of Severn Trent said that although they hoped Youlgrave Waterworks would survive Severn Trent would guarantee a local supply. She gave an assurance that if they had to step in they would freeze the local rates for the next 12 months (currently £110), but after that Youlgrave would switch to Severn Trent's charging system, based either on water meters or on the old rateable value of the individual property. This, inevitably, would mean that some bills would increase, especially for larger homes and commercial properties. She also said that they hoped to continue using the existing Youlgrave spring, but could give no guarantees, and that in the short term it was quite likely that Youlgrave would switch to Severn Trent's main network.

Andrew McCloy

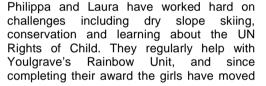
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Local Guides win association's highest award

Philippa Hancock and Laura Flower have become the first Youlgrave Guides to be awarded the Baden Powell Challenge Award. They are also amongst the first in Derbyshire to gain this award, which is the highest a Guide can achieve.

The girls have belonged to 1st Youlgrave Guides since they left the Brownie Pack five years ago. During that time they have taken an active role in the unit, getting involved in several camps and travelling to London for a special Guide and Brownie day at the Dome. Both





travelling to London for a Laura and Philippa receive the Baden Powell Challenge Award from District special Guide and Brownie Commissioner Heather Rodgers at the ceremony last month.

on to Rangers.

1st Youlgrave Guides is a thriving unit, and forthcoming activities include canoeing, conservation, painting the Scout Hall, and two weekend camps (see contacts, page 6).

Welldressers look forward to date with royalty

Along with its stately homes, Derbyshire is renown for its unique custom of welldressing, so it comes as no surprise that a pageant of Derbyshire life to be staged at Pride Park stadium for the celebratory visit of Her Majesty on the afternoon of 1 August will feature a demonstration of the ancient art.

A small team of welldressers, based on Youlgrave for practical convenience, will be displaying their skill on behalf of all the welldressing towns and villages in Derbyshire. Her Majesty will be invited to inspect an onthe-spot demonstration of the five stages of welldressing before seeing a full-size picture board that has been dressed in the village prior to transporting to Pride Park.

Because the time available for completion of the picture will be condensed to three days – against the usual five – dressing will be continuous throughout the day. It is to be designed by Margaret Fell, who will also organise the programme of work and direct the team of experienced volunteers. She will be interested to hear from anyone, not necessarily Youlgrave-based, who can undertake this commitment. Mrs Fell can be contacted at: Wayside, Milburn, Nr. Penrith, Cumbria CA10 1TW, tel. 01768 361517.

Norman Wilson

 See page 10 for Golden Jubilee events in Youlgrave and Middleton

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Bugle Letters: why a right to roam is the right step

Dear Sir.

As a regular visitor to Youlgrave I was interested in the extract from Emily Goodwin's A-Level paper relating to the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (CROW), and I was glad to know that CROW is being discussed so intelligently in schools like Lady Manners. I'll make five points which I hope will help keep the discussion going.

- 1. The UK farming industry is dependent on heavy public subsidy, which comes from taxpayers, so surely taxpayers are entitled to walk in the countryside they subsidise?
- 2. Some farmers supplement their farm incomes by having visitor-dependent catering facilities, farm produce outlets and caravan sites. Last year's foot and mouth epidemic should have hammered it home irreversibly that the countryside needs visitors, and visitors won't come where they feel unwelcome.
- 3. These visitors certainly have an effect on wildlife, but farmers have a greater effect, grubbing up ancient hedgerows and

windbreaks, winter sowing, using chemicals, draining wetlands, and generally destroying habitats on a massive scale. Clearly we should leave the running of the countryside to people who know what they are doing, but they aren't necessarily farmers.

- 4. Anyway, farmers use electricity, heavy plant, oil, processed feed, chemicals and other industrial products. They drive their vehicles on tarred roads to urban centres, where they shop in supermarkets. We are all townies now England is an urban society.
- 5. CROW has a long thwarted history there was an Access Bill before Parliament in 1884. Remember that a lot of the 'new' access rights are in fact old footpaths and entire moorland areas lost public access over two centuries, often in the interests of private 'sport'. David Sissons (Sheffield)

More letters on this subject in the next Bugle. Would the anonymous author of the letter about the wildlife of Bradford Dale please get in touch with the Editor?

Addressing Youlgrave's housing needs

Within the next few weeks a housing questionnaire will be delivered to every household in Youlgrave and Alport.

Youlgrave Parish Council initiated the survey after Peak National Park research found that the lack of affordable housing for young people and new families was a major concern for many local residents. Derbyshire Rural Housing Enabler Lauren Dempsey was asked to draw up some questions, which were then publicly discussed at the parish council. The survey is independent and entirely confidential. After analysis the forms will be shredded and no personal details will be passed on to any other party.

Lauren Dempsey says it's important for everyone to take part, even if they don't perceive that they themselves have a housing problem. "I hope people take it seriously," she says, "because it is in everyone's interest that as many forms are returned as possible so we have a clear and true picture of the housing needs for the Youlgrave area."

Survey forms are being delivered to over 1,000 households in Youlgrave and Alport, and completed surveys should be returned in the freepost envelopes provided. The results will be available from around six weeks after delivery, and it's hoped that it will give an accurate profile of local housing, including levels of ownership versus renting and length of residency in the area. Look out for a summary of the findings in a future Bugle.

If you want to know more about the survey, or need any assistance filling it in, contact Lauren Dempsey at Midlands Rural Housing, Firstt Floor, 10 Cromford Mill, Mill Road, Cromford, Derbys DE4 3RQ, tel. 01629 826040.

Golden Celebrations in Middleton

When the country was gearing up for the celebration of the Queen's Silver Jubilee 25 years ago, a group of Middletonians decided it would be appropriate to revive the custom of Welldressing in our small village, something last carried out at the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria.

A day of pageantry followed including a fancy dress parade, and a lot of fun and frolics; and Middleton Village Market was born. The design of the 1977 board,

photographed here by Vic Prime, was by Susan Harby.

This year Middleton is preparing for more festivity, to take place on Saturday 1 June. The Welldressing this year is to be designed by Karen Woods, a textiles artist who came to the village last year.

Karen hopes to involve the children of the village in the design of the well and will be holding some informal workshops later this month. Parents will be

contacted once arrangements have been finalised and I hope that they will encourage their children to join in the interesting exercise.

As ever in Middleton, new welldressers are desperately needed. Any villagers who would like to get involved in this very rewarding activity should come along to join in at the shed in the playground, in the week commencing 27 May or call Jean Youatt (tel. 636241) or Mary Marsh (tel. 636532). Anyone wanting to help with the village

Market should contact Joan Mallaband (tel. 636871).

As well as the Welldressing and Village Market, Middleton hopes to organise some entertainment for the evening of Saturday 1 June. Tentative arrangements are being made to put on a village concert and dance event. Local band Fat Fish has been provisionally booked and negotiations have begun to arrange the venue. Local businesses will be approached to provide a

bar and barbeque to keep revellers refreshed.

Entrance to the event will be free of charge, but expect to be exposed to energetic fund-raising efforts on the night! Any profit from event will go towards the fund replace Middleton's aging playground equipment. Look out for publicity details are once finalised. Anyone who would like to help with organisation should call me.

Middleton will also

have a sculptor in residence in May and June. Part of the community arts project Sites of Meaning, Sheffield artist Amanda Wray will be completing a stone in the village and will be at work for some of the Welldressing weekend. Anyone wanting further information should contact me or visit www.sitesofmeaning.co.uk.

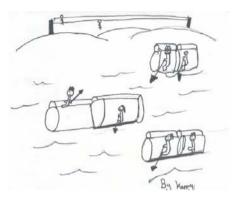
I look forward to seeing you there.

Emma Youatt (tel. 636775)

Alport, Middleton and Youlgrave: clubs, groups and organisations 2002

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NAME (& CONTACT)	TEL NO	Neighbourhood Watch:	
Abbeyfield (Lesley Toyne)	636484	- Middleton (Clare Sutton)	636065
After School Club (Pat Cleaver)	636836	 Youlgrave (Bridget Ardley) 	636611
Art classes (Dianne Kettle)	636763	Pantomime (Jan Wilson)	636284
Badminton (Lesley Toyne)	636484	Parent & Toddlers (Emma Wardle)	636265
Bellringers (Mary Bartlett)	636223	Parish Council:	
Bingo (Reading Room)	636477	- Middleton (Nicola Dick)	636337
Bowls (Peter Rowland)	636467		
Brownies (Edwina Edwards)	636491	- Youlgrave (Ingrid Newman)	636084
The Bugle (Andrew McCloy)	636125	Pigeon Club (Jeffrey Wilson)	636430
Bull's Head - darts, pool, quiz	636307	Playschool (Helen Mellor)	636974
Christian Aid (Lilian Clark)	636524	Rainbows (Louise Hancock)	636860
Church (All Saints, Youlgrave):		Reading Room (Bill Moore)	636477
- Choir (Jan Wilson)	636284	Royal British Legion	
- The Link (Judith Taylor)	636492	- Men (D. Robinson)	636456
- Music Group (Barbara Scrivener)	636601	- Women (Joan Roper)	636498
- Sunday Club (Noreen Hobson)	636614	School Association (Caroline Weller)	
- Vicar (Ossie Post)	636285	School Governors (Pat Cleaver)	636836
- Women's Fellowship (M. Post)	636285	Silver Band (Peter Knowles)	636362
Church wardens (All Saints):		` ,	853604
- Brenda Harrop	636638	Scout/Community Hall (J. Goodwin)	636692
- Andrew Parker	636757	Table tennis (Bernard Charlesworth)	
Church (St Michael & All Angels, Michael & A	ddleton):	Tennis (Lilian Clark)	636524
- Vicar (Ossie Post)	636285	Village Hall	
- Dep Warden (Joan Mallaband)	636617	- Middleton (Eileen Brocklehurst)	636739
Darby & Joan Club (Minnie Wilson)	636430	- Youlgrave (Anne Croasdell)	636887
Derbys Wildlife Trust (Roy Stubbs)	636388	Welldressing	
Dominoes (George Hotel)	636292	- Middleton (Jean Youatt)	636241
Farmyard Inn - darts, quiz, boules	636221	- Youlgrave (Peter Pimm)	636341
Football (John Simpson, YUFC)	636483	Wesleyan Reform Church	636072
Guides (Penny Edmonds)	814348	Women's Institute (Jennifer Easton)	636201
Horticultural Society (Don Naybour)	636151	Yoga (Iris Pimm)	636341
Knoll Club (G. Ollerenshaw)	636571	Youlgrave-Bangbutt Village Link	636601 636207
Meals on Wheels (Bridget Ardley)	636611	Youlgrave Surgery	030207
Methodist Church (Tom Gladwin)	636558	Compiled by Andrew McCloy for t	he Bugle,
Monday Club (Glenys Else)	822399	April 2002. Please notify me of any	
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Weekend of fun and adventure



Kerry's drawing of the rafts and overhead zipwire

At the start of the Easter holidays the children of years 5 and 6 at Youlgrave Primary School spent a long weekend on an adventure holiday. The holiday was run by PGL, a private organization, at Boreatton Park, Shrewsbury. Briony tells us that the children took the initials to mean 'Parents Get Lost'!

First we hear how some of the children felt before they set off. Louise Upton admitted to a feeling of butterflies in her stomach and being nervous about the challenge course, but excited about the abseiling, zipwire and quadbikes. She wrote, "I'm mostly looking forward to sleeping with my friends and talking all night; it's like a big sleep-over."

Carl Sanders felt a bit nervous about going down the zipwire, but couldn't wait to go on the quads. "I wonder what the chalets look like and think the challenge course will be hard and very muddy. I am a bit concerned about abseiling because I don't like heights."

Sophie Edginton also felt both apprehensive and excited. She looked forward to the raft building and zipwire, and sleeping in a cabin with her friends. "I am not looking forward to waving goodbye to my Mum because she will be sad so it will make me sad." Sophie finishes by saying that she expects the holiday will be a great success.

It was a long journey, Katie wood tells us, but once they arrived, unpacked and met their groupie (or leader) Phil they were soon playing games. Katie's favourite activities were abseiling, quad biking, raft building and swimming. She tried every activity an d "thought PGL was ace!"

Edward Eley found PGL fabulous and thought their groupie was really funny and a bit weird, which added to the enjoyment. His favourite activities, although frightening, were abseiling and zipwire. "It was very upsetting when we left; I even cried. I shall remember the great times at PGL and would love to go again."

Briony Harrison enjoyed all the activities. "My favourite has to be the zipwire," she said. "I can't explain why, but it's just a really great feeling to glide through the air at top speed". She also writes about the log cabins, "They felt very warm and snug after we had come in form a cold activity like the challenge course."

Thank you Year 6 for sharing your feelings and experiences with us. You certainly made the most of your holiday

Mr Ryder (Mrs Ryder is unwell)

Top marks for School's efforts

All Saints Primary School, Youlgrave, has received the government's prestigious School Achievement Award for 2000/2002. The awards are given to schools that substantially improve their results between 1998 and 2001, and are an acknowledgement of the hard work and dedication of all teaching and support staff within the school.

Headteacher Mr R. Snow said he was thrilled at the news: "All staff and children have worked extremely hard over the previous years, and I am delighted that their efforts and successes have been rewarded and acknowledged nationally with this prestigious award."

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New scheme offers traffic-calming solution

'Quiet Lanes' is an initiative that has been successfully tried out in Kent, and we in the Youlgrave area are to be given the chance to try our own scheme.

The idea is that we designate a network (it must interconnect) of roads and lanes to be 'Quiet Lanes' that will be safer and more pleasant for walkers, horse-riders and cyclists. Vehicles will be allowed but the physical environment is such that they must drive more slowly. This will hopefully be appreciated by those people living on the lanes (and also the wildlife!) as accidents should be reduced and people's enjoyment of their surroundings enhanced.

'Tricks' to alter the appearance of the road and affect the speed of traffic may include:

- ⇒removing the centre white line
- ⇒ narrowing the carriageway (done to good effect on the A6)
- ⇒ adding a central sward of grass
- ⇒ roadside bollards with the Quiet Lanes logo (see box) to slow traffic as it enters the restricted area
- \Rightarrow false cattle grids (rumble strips).

The Parish Council is keen to look at the possibilities of this scheme, as the benefit may be to calm traffic and make pedestrian movement easier the full length of the main street, as well as making journeys to school,



shops and the churches more people-friendly.

Before a scheme is adopted there will be a period of consultation when we will seek your opinions, modifications and hopefully approval. Watch for details in future issues and on noticeboards, and remember that Quiet Lanes are to SHARE WITH CARE!

Anne Croasdell

Figures recently published by Derbyshire County Council show that despite the fact that fatal and serious accidents are decreasing in Derbyshire (as they are for Britain generally) our highways remain a dangerous place — and not just for drivers.

On Derbyshire's roads in the year 2000:

- 64 people were killed
- 663 people were seriously injured
- 4,596 people were slightly injured
- The cost to the community of accidents in 2000 was over £270 million

- Car users make up 44% of fatal and serious road casualties
- Accidents in the dark in Derbyshire are the same as the national average (27%)
- Accidents on wet roads in Derbyshire (42%) are higher than the national average (36%)
- There is a continuing trend of older bikers being injured (43% of motorcyclist casualties in 2000 were aged between 26 and 40 years).

A.M.

Wanton vandalism tarnishes local image

Saturday 13 April was a black day for the reputation of Youlgrave.

Four retired couples from Hertfordshire visited Youlgrave in order to enjoy a walk. The leader felt that the 'proper' car park at Coldwell End was a little too far from where they wanted to start, so they decided to park further into the village and stopped on Alport Lane adjacent to the 'showroom', near the doctors' surgery.

All parked neatly in a space suitable for four cars, with each vehicle facing Alport with the passenger side nearest to the kerb. Having arrived at around 9.40am they left for a walk. They returned around 3.30pm and found the football match in full swing — and noticed that all four of their cars had been deliberately scratched along the passenger side. No other cars had been damaged. At this they cancelled their proposed visit to view Youlgrave Youth Hostel, fearing further vandalism to their property, and returned to Hartington where they had been staying.

I was asked to visit the walkers at Hartington and take a report of the damage. The people I met were extremely angry that their cars had been deliberately damaged.

Two of the couples were born and brought up in Derbyshire and were stunned at the severity of the damage caused. None of the couples would be convinced that this was a unique attack, preferring to believe that Youlgrave was rife with crime and that this must be a regular occurrence. The total damage runs into several thousands of pounds for repair.

The visitors initially believed it must have been young people attending the football match. Subsequently I have received a letter from one of the car drivers. It reads as follows:

"Our prime suspect is a very elderly gent (seventies), using a stick and leading two brown and white dogs. He arrived at the same time as the cars and was impeded by all the doors opening at the same time. He didn't speak but his expression was one of extreme irritation. We feel that he may have vented his irritation by scratching the cars on his way back to the centre of the village. It is important to mention this in case young people in the village are automatically blamed."

One mindless act has tarnished the reputation of everyone who lives in Youlgrave. We all suffer now because of it.

Iain McGregor PC 417

District matters for sporting types

Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) has committed itself to provide a new public sports centre for the central area of the district at the Dimple, Matlock. This is likely to be one of the council's most ambitious projects to date, at an estimated cost of £10 million.

DDDC will need to attract grants from bodies such as the Sports Council, and if the project and grant applications are to succeed it will need the active support of all sporting people in its catchment area. So I hope that all the sports clubs and individuals in Youlgrave ward will lend their full support. For more details contact either myself or Les Warren at Town Hall, Matlock.

John Youatt (tel. 636241)

News from the Village Hall

It's been a difficult month with regards to the heating. A big 'sorry' to those of you that have suffered with your coats on! John has been in and fitted a new pump and removed a large air lock so things should be greatly improved. Let Anne Croasdell know if there are any problems (tel. 636887).

On a lighter note, I hope you've spotted the lovely notelets that Andrew and David (butchers) have kindly agreed to sell for us. They depict the five scenes designed by Margaret Fell for our most recent Panto, and cost £3.50 (including envelopes) per pack. After expenses, proceeds are being donated to the Village Hall. Thanks to Margaret, and Jan and Norman Wilson for organising.

Welldressings 2002: Service of Blessing 2.30pm, Sat 22 June.



Last month's African Tea Dance at the Village Hall attracted over 100 people of all ages who enjoyed an afternoon of music and dance with South African musician Raymond Otto. The event celebrated Youlgrave's link with the village of Bangbutt in Sierra Leone, and raised over £150. A huge 'thank you' to all who attended, and if you are interested in getting involved in Village Link and writing to people in Bangbutt please contact Barbara Scrivener on 636601.

Auction of Promises at School

Youlgrave School Governors are holding an auction of promises on Friday 17 May 2002 at the School.

The evening will start at 7.30pm with a supper of lasagne and salad accompanied by a glass of wine. Then the fun begins with a wide range of promises going under the hammer. As well as gardening, dog walking and similar services there will be more unusual items such as a trip down a mine or a tour of the House of Commons and House of Lords. If you are unable to attend telephone bids will be accepted or you could leave a bid with the auctioneer. Tickets will be on sale towards the end of April (£5 including meal) and it is hoped that the catalogue will be available 10 days before the event. Why don't you join us for a fun evening and raise funds for a good cause at the same time?

Youlgrave W.I. pays its respect

The April meeting, held on the day of HRH Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's funeral, opened with a minute's silence in respect.

The Group Resolution meeting at Great Longstone is on 1 May, and includes a cheese and wine evening. On 14 May is the walk in Biggin, and the rain that we suffered last year has been barred, so come along and join us! The June meeting entertainment is Corn Dollies, then on 14 May our Jubilee Party (hats the order of the day) takes place at the Garden House. We look forward to the Welldressing teas as usual, and some parties have already booked.

Our evening entertainment for the evening 'Kaledocope' turned out to be an entertaining miscellany of poems written and read by June Lidgate. A very pleasant evening.

K.M.B.

The village noticeboard

Youlgrave has been entered for the 2002 Derbyshire Village of the Year competition. This time the emphasis is less on the number of hanging baskets and more on a tidy and cared-for village with a vibrant community and facilities for all ages. Preliminary judging begins in mid May, so clear up your rubbish and garden waste and make sure your homes and lands are presentable!

Have you ever wondered how Derbyshire Dales District Council operates? Now it's your chance to guiz DDDC officers and councillors and find out more about their work at a Local Community Forum to be held at Youlgrave Village Hall on Monday 20 May, at 7pm.

Vacancies exist for a regular and deputy school crossing patrol at Stanton in Peak. Rate of pay is £4.48 per hour with payment made throughout the school holidays, and £4.77 for the deputy who would only be required to cover absence. For further details write to the Director of Environmental Services, County Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 3AG, or tel. 01629 580000, ext. 7046.

For sale: Two oak pews are being sold by All Saints Parish Church. Dating from around 1860-70, they are 18ft long and solidly made, with linen fold carving on the end. Offers to Rev. Ossie Post, tel. 636285.

Christian Aid: a coffee morning is being held on Saturday 4 May at the home of Mrs D. Oldfield, Coldwell End, It starts at 10.45am and will feature bric a brac, books, jumble, cakes, etc. Proceeds to Christian Aid.

Derbyshire Literature Festival runs from 1-30 June at venues across the county. including Bakewell and Matlock Libraries. A free Festival Guide is available from local libraries or call 01629 580000, ext. 6591.

Collecting tins have been placed in the Post Office and other shops to raise money for the so-called 'Jubilee ball'. This large stone ball or sphere once stood on the top of the water tap/well on the Main Street, by the Old Hall Croft, but vanished some time ago. All contributions (or information on its possible whereabouts) most welcome.

Golden Jubilee celebrations in Middleton and Youlgrave

☆ Friday 31 May

- School Association children's disco, Scout & Community Hut, 7pm. Can all children dress up in red, white and blue!

Saturday 1 June

- ☆ evening entertainment at Middleton Playground and Square (more details nearer the time).
- Royal British Legion barbecue, Coldwell The End (opposite the Knoll Club), 8pm. All ☆ welcome.

☆ Sunday 2 June

 ∴ 'Bring a chair' picnic lunch at Youlgrave Vicarage. (Services: Family Communion, All Saints Youlgrave, 11am; Evening Prayer, Middleton Parish Church, 6.45pm.)

- Street Party, New Road, 4pm onwards, with 🕁 music, children's activities and refreshments. Residents and families of New Road only.

Monday 3 June

- Jubilee karaoke evening, Bull's Head, 8pm.

Tuesday 4 June

- Royal British Legion Civic Service, All Saints Parish Church, 3pm. It will be preceded by a \(\frac{1}{2} \) parade from Holywell Lane, hopefully led by a band. All local organisations are invited to participate. Enquiries to D. Robinson, tel. 636456.

Friday 14 June

- Jubilee Tea, Garden House, 3pm, All former 🖈 members of W.I. are invited. Call Ann Knowles 636362 or Jenny Easton 636201.

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	FORTHCOMING EVENTS	ANNUAL SPONSORS	
Sat 4 May	For Golden Jubilee events see page 10 Waste Collection: The Square, Middleton, 10-11am.	Abbeyfield (Youlgrave), a local sheltered housing scheme	636836
Fri 17 May	Auction of Promises, Youlgrave Primary School, 7.30pm. Fundraising evening with entertaining bids (see page 10).	Ambrose Printing, Granby, Bakewell DE45 1ET Bull's Head Hotel	812731 636307
Sat 18 May	Youlgrave Bellringers outing to Harrogate, leaving Youlgrave 8.30am, and departing Harrogate at 6.30pm. Anyone interested in coming along please call D. Robinson on 636456.	David Butterworth, chimney sweep & scaffold hire Castle Farm, B&B, caravans & camping barn Derbyshire Aggregates Ltd Jonathan Derrick, Health and Safety Consultant	636746 636746 636500 07736 425948
Mon 20 May	Local Community Forum, Youlgrave Village Hall, 7pm. Open meeting with Derbyshire Dales District Council officers and cllrs.	Equity Estates Commercial Properties	636180
Sat 25 May	Waste Collection: Alport (8-8.15am), Youlgrave School (8.20-9.45am), Bradford, Mawstone Lane & bridge (9.50-10.30am), Grove Place (10.35-11am).	Farmers and Country Bureau, personal introduction agency Farmyard Inn Hopping Farm Caravan Park	636281 636221 636302
27 May – 7 June	Sites of Meaning 'Sculptor in Residence', Middleton Playground.	George Hotel Hollands Butchers	636292 636234
Sat 1 June	Middleton Welldressing and Village Market, Middleton Village Square (from morning onwards). Teas served in Village Hall.	Diane Kettle, art classes, private tuition, paintings, prints, cards Knoll Club	
Sat 29 June	Abbeyfield Strawberry Teas, Granby House, 2.30-5.30pm.	Peter Knowles, architect	636362
	REGULAR EVENTS	Meadow Cottage Tea Garden The Old Bakery, Bed & Breakfast	636523 636887
Tuesdays	Drop-in Morning. Reading Room, 10am-12pm.	Odd Jobs, home and garden maintenance	636049
Tuesdays	Yoga with Iris Pimm (tel. 636341). Greenfields Farm Barn, 7pm.	Iris Pimm, Greenfields Farm Barn	636341
Tuesdays & Wednesdays	Youlgrave Playschool, Scout & Community Hall, 9.15 -11.45am. Contact Helen for details (tel. 636974).	Pots from France Barbara Scrivener, Hands Help Healing	636043/636689 636601
Wednesdays	Beginners Yoga with Iris Pimm, 7pm (see above).	Smerrill Grange, Bed & Breakfast	636232
Wednesdays	Diane Kettle's life drawing classes. Middleton Village Hall, 7.30pm.	Wee Dram, specialist whisky shop Jack Wheeldon, 31 Dombay Close, Higham ME3 7AE	812235 01474 823783
Wednesdays	Bingo, Reading Room, 7.30pm.	James Wilson Financial Services, office hrs 9.30-13.30, Mon-Th	
Thursdays	Beginners Yoga with Iris Pimm, 7pm.	Anthony Wragg	636476
Fridays	Yoga with Iris Pimm, 9.30am.	Youlgrave Bell Ringers	636223
Fridays	Parent and Toddlers Group, Youlgrave Village Hall, 9.30-11.30am. Contact Emma Wardle (tel. 636265).	Youlgrave Bowls Club Youlgrave Garage	636467 636943
Fridays	Gentle Yoga, Scout and Community Hall, 3.30pm.	Youlgrave Neighbourhood Watch	636611
2nd Mon	Mobile Library, Greenfields Farm, 9.30; Alport, 9.45am; Abbeyfield, 10am; Bradford, 10.20am; Rock Farm, Middleton, 10.40am.	Youlgrave Parish Council	636285
2nd Tues	Youlgrave WI meetings, Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm.	Youlgrave Playschool Youlgrave Post Office	636974 636201
4th Wed	Confidential Advice Sessions with Matlock & District Citizens Advice Bureau, Youlgrave Medical Centre, 9.30am-12.30pm. By appointment only. Call 636207.	Youlgrave Post Office Youlgrave United Football Club Youlgrave WI	636483 636201
2nd Thurs	Mobile Library, Grove Place, 2 – 4.30pm Holywell Lane 5 – 6.30pm.	SPONSORSHIP: £15 for one issue (page footers) and/or ann	ual sponsorship
2nd Friday	Mobile Police Station, top of Holywell Lane, 12.30-4pm.	(option of back page listing). Contact Ann (tel. 636362) or Andrew	