

The Bugle

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

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Month of celebrations ahead

June promises to be a bumper month for special events. The Queen's Golden Jubilee is being celebrated by a range of local activities, listed below. Welldressing begins at Middleton with a day-long special event on Saturday 1 June, then it's Youlgrave's turn towards the end of the month. And in case you had forgotten there is the small matter of football's World Cup...

Friday 31 May: School Assoc. children's disco, Scout & Community Hut, 7pm. Will all children dress in red, white and blue?!

Saturday 1 June: Middleton

Welldressing and Village Market, Middleton Square; Jubilee Rock Concert with Fat Fish, 7pm. Bar and barbecue, weather permitting, ring 636775 for confirmation.

Royal British Legion barbecue, Coldwell End (opposite the Knoll Club), 8pm. All welcome.

Sunday 2 June: 'Bring and share' picnic lunch at Youlgrave Vicarage [not 'Bring a chair' as stated

in May's issue — my apologies! Ed]. 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, Bull's Head, 8pm.

Tuesday 4 June: Royal British Legion Civic Service, All Saints Parish Church, 3pm. It will be preceded by a parade from Holywell Lane. All local organisations are invited to

participate. Contact 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.

Saturday 22 June: Youlgrave Welldressing, Service of Blessing, 2.30pm.

MIDDLETON by YOULGRAVE

Welldressing and Village Market

Saturday 1 June 1.30pm

Teas served in the Village Hall

Saturday – Wednesday

Also featuring Amanda Wray,
Sites of Meaning Sculptor in Residence



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Bugle letters: visitors' views; and top playing field "a disgrace"



Dear Sir

We are a retired couple recently returned from a thoroughly enjoyable week staying in a cottage in your delightful village, and would like to add some comments to the debate regarding visitors to the countryside, with particular reference to the pressures on parking.

Surely one of the charms of visiting small villages is that they were built long before the motor vehicle began to rule our lives, and those of us who visit the countryside *must* acknowledge that we have very real responsibilities regarding how, when and where we park. Whilst in no way condoning the vandalism inflicted on the cars of the four couples visiting Youlgrave, surely, with a little organisation, they could have "doubled up" and parked two of their cars some distance away, in an authorised car park and paid for the privilege. Why do so many people believe they have no obligation to park thoughtfully and put some money back into the local economy? Why was the gentleman "impeded by all the doors opening at the same time" - surely they could have seen the pedestrian and restrained themselves until he had passed?

Emily Goodwin's strong and largely negative views on the Right to Roam controversy sadden us, but I do have sympathy when I encounter the ignorance sometimes displayed by we 'townies' when visiting the countryside. However, farmers and country-dwellers are not all examples of saintly perfection either, and it is incumbent on all of us to co-operate to ensure that we live harmoniously. The countryside depends heavily on visitors for economic reasons and if the Peak District is to benefit from the growing tourist trade, Emily must accept some responsibility. Educate us Emily; make us feel welcome, and not guilty about sharing in the delights of your region.

However, in ending, I must say that we

were made to feel very welcome in Youlgrave. Everywhere we went, young and old alike smiled at us and gave us a cheery greeting. Even the dogs were friendly. We certainly hope to return - and to see the water voles again!

Joan and Chris Graham (via email)



Dear Sir

I am writing to tell you my feelings about the poor condition of the top playing field. It really is a disgrace, I feel it is dirty, smelly and in a very poor condition. It needs a lot of work, I know, but everyone could help and make a change. We need to make this change and make it quick because we have the Queen's Jubilee coming up, the welldressings and the Village of the Year, which means a lot of tourists. So if all the tourists see the disgraceful mess we will lose a lot of popularity.

To stop this we need to tidy it up and replace the old rusty apparatus with some nice new apparatus. I'm sure I speak for the rest of the village in saying it really needs a change.

Sophie Edgington (11)

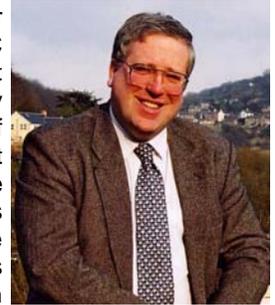
Anne Croasdell, Chair of Youlgrave Parish Council, replies: Sophie, you will be pleased to know that work is already in hand to replace the apparatus in the playing field by the Coldwell End car park. The Parish Council has approached several companies who produce and install play equipment, and we are currently choosing which items are suitable. An obvious factor is the considerable cost of new apparatus, so we are liaising with the District Council about assistance with funding. But rest assured, we hope to provide brand new play facilities as soon as possible, so that the top playing field will once more become an attractive area for young children to enjoy. Thank you for your concern.

Youlgrave Waterworks lives to fight another day

Youlgrave's 173 years of independent water supply looks set to continue for at least another year, after the Waterworks board agreed to accept a last minute offer from insurers Zurich Municipal.

The crisis had arisen following Cornhill's surprise decision not to reinsure Youlgrave Waterworks. Despite numerous enquiries no new insurer, let alone any new quote, was forthcoming, and it was only after the intervention of local MP Patrick McLoughlin that Cornhill allowed Youlgrave a 30-day extension to find a new quote. As Severn Trent Water were poised to take over the village's water supply, with all the uncertainty that would inevitably follow concerning supply, pipes, bills, and so on, media interest in Youlgrave's situation grew and grew. News items appeared in the Derbyshire Times and the Daily Express, Channel 4 News and the Times Business section. However, it was a

report by Peter Hawkins on BBC Radio Derby that prompted County Councillor Geoff Carlile to suggest that Youlgrave Waterworks approach Derbyshire County Council's insurers Zurich Municipal, and before long a



Patrick McLoughlin, MP

reasonable offer was made to the board. (A second, much higher quote from another insurer also came in the same day!)

Severn Trent's plans to take over Youlgrave's water supply, which would have cost a reported £50,000, have now been shelved, and Youlgrave Waterworks is asking residents who have not yet sent their bills and cheques/money for the forthcoming 12 months to post them to the Secretary as soon as possible. The September collection date and time remains unchanged.

The news that Youlgrave Waterworks had been saved was greeted with relief. Patrick McLoughlin told the Bugle: "I came to the meeting in the village, and it was good to see the whole village united in their efforts to keep their independent water supply. I would like to congratulate the members of the board, who worked so tirelessly to bring about a successful conclusion to the problem, and I hope that they are not required to make such strenuous and urgent efforts again."

But BBC 2's daytime programme 'Working Lunch', which covered the Youlgrave Water story, is set to return to the subject in a forthcoming edition, since they were apparently approached by a number of other small businesses following the programme, all of whom complained that they too had been priced out of the insurance market through no fault of their own.

Andrew McCloy

Dear Sir,

At the 11th hour, and seemingly the 59th second, Youlgrave Water appears to have been saved. What a relief!

Our forefathers gave their labour freely to dig and install the supply. Most (as today) village families inter-relate, so it was a wonderful community effort eliminating the carrying of yokes and buckets from the river. In the words of my poem some years ago:

"Their children grew strong, no blight, no disease, as in days gone by, from the river.

No more small gravestones to describe in such depth, family sufferings and sorrows."

Typhoid claimed so many young children's lives. So, we salute their wonderful community spirit and still see their endeavours in 2002.

A lady remarked to me in Bakewell recently that Youlgrave still largely has that continuity and sense of community that is getting rarer in villages today. And the descendant of the original Waterworks surveyor, Benjamin Staley, has also contacted me – so the old spirit lives on.

Elizabeth Ashmore

So what exactly is the Parish Council?

Youlgrave and Middleton & Smerrill Parish Councils are two of around 10,000 parish or town councils in England. But what do they do and how do you take part? Bugle Editor and Youlgrave Parish Councillor ANDREW McCLOY explains.

Who sits on Youlgrave Parish Council?

Ten people who live in the parish of Youlgrave (which includes Alport), one of whom is elected chairman. They are democratically elected every four years. All parish councillors are now required to sign a model code of conduct, which requires them to register and declare interests.

Can anyone in Youlgrave stand and where are the positions advertised?

Yes, as long as they are over 18 and have lived in the parish of Youlgrave for a minimum of two years. The Parish Council noticeboard in the Main Street (opposite the newsagents) displays the names and addresses of parish councillors, agenda for forthcoming meetings, as well as positions that need to be filled. (Middleton's board is in The Square.)

Do parish councillors get paid?

No, only the Parish Clerk receives a payment for her administrative role, but she does not vote or get involved in decision-making; and (like many councils) a small allowance is made to the Chairman for his/her general duties.

When and where does Youlgrave Parish Council meet?

Usually on the last Tuesday evening of each month, which also includes an Annual Parish Meeting and an AGM, at the Village Hall Committee Room. Details are always posted in advance on the noticeboard in the Main Street – see Middleton's for similar details.

How does the Parish Council represent government?

In simple terms the Parish Council is the first rung on the ladder of local government. It discusses local issues relevant to the Youlgrave area. The next up is Derbyshire Dales District Council, who are responsible for duties in a wider

area (refuse collection, Council Tax, etc). Then comes Derbyshire County Council who maintain the roads, administer schools, and so on. At the very top is central government at Westminster.

So what does the Parish Council decide?

A range of local issues that affect everyone who lives in the Youlgrave area – from the running of the allotments and the playing field to the maintenance of the public toilets and Coldwell End car park. It tries to solve the problem of traffic congestion, arranges the mowing of the grass on the playing field and the upkeep of children's play areas. It also has a statutory right to be notified about all local planning applications and makes recommendations to the Peak National Park.

Is the Parish Council's voice heard outside Youlgrave?

When necessary the Council attempts to raise areas of concern with the District and County Councils over issues

like the siting of new street lights, resurfacing of local roads, maintenance of local footpaths and litter bins, and so on. The Parish Council also plays an important role coordinating major local schemes such as the churchyard project, the resurfacing of the car park, etc.

Where does the Council's budget come from?

Each year the Parish Council raises what is called a 'precept', an amount of money drawn from everyone's Council Tax. For 2002 Youlgrave's is £12,000. Out of that the Parish Council oversees the upkeep of the playing field and car parks, pays for repairs to local benches and bus shelters, and last year was able to make small donations to Youlgrave School, Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport, the Bugle and the Reading Room.

Is the Bugle part of Youlgrave Parish Council?

No! The Bugle has always been run by a completely independent Editorial Team.

A vacancy has recently arisen on Youlgrave Parish Council. If you are interested, or want to know more, call Ingrid Newman on 636084.



Keeping up the Sunday School tradition

Do you remember your Sunday School days? And what about the 'Sunday School Anniversary' or the 'Sermons' as it was sometimes known – a tiered stage either side of the organ and a mixed orchestra down below. Girls wore smocked dresses and boys sported a new tie (no jeans in those days!). Sunday School treats were a highlight when we had a day at the seaside with our parents and friends. I can't go back to the days when the treats took place at 'The Stocking' at Alport. Maybe someone else could write about this?



Youlgrave WR Sunday School with their Easter Garden, 2002.

Come and celebrate our Sunday School Anniversary at 2.30pm on Sunday 9 June. Enjoy time with the children, and a baby will be christened. Beth Eley will lead our celebrations and Jan Wilson will sing for us.

Children wishing to join Sunday School will be most welcome. It's fun – we have stories, quizzes and games. We paint and draw, and experiment with drama. The more children, the more fun. Mums and Dads are welcome to

stay if they wish, but they usually enjoy getting home for a cup of coffee in peace!

Sunday School takes place at the Wesleyan Reform Chapel every Sunday morning and lasts roughly one hour, from 10-11am. Let's keep up the Sunday School tradition so that our children and grandchildren make new friends and have memories to pass on like ourselves.

Sally Shimwell

Youlgrave After School and Holiday Club

Following demand from parents, the Youlgrave After School and Holiday Club was established and grants were secured to assist with the initial costs. Last October, staff were appointed, but before the club can open it is necessary to go through the OFSTED registration process. This can be described at best as a long-winded affair, at worst a tedious form-filling exercise punctuated by long periods of silence. At last we have completed all the paperwork and had interviews. With luck the registration certificate should be issued during June, so the holiday club looks likely to start at the beginning of the long vacation. Watch this space for the latest details.

Rock 'n' roll fundraising evening
An evening's entertainment is planned for Saturday 15 June, from 8.30pm until late, at Youlgrave Village Hall. It will feature the rock 'n' roll music of Twice Around, plus there will be raffles, a bar, and so on. All money raised will go towards new PE equipment for Youlgrave Primary School. Tickets are available from Hollands butchers, Youlgrave newsagents, the Bull's Head, and other local outlets.

MIDDLETON ROCKS JUBILEE ROCK CONCERT WITH FAT FISH

OUTSIDE BAR BY THE BULLS HEAD AND BARBECUE

Youlgrave Primary School gets into creative mode

Children of Year 6 have given us some examples of their creative writing. The first three were written on the subject "If pictures could speak..." and as it happens the extracts are all about getting ready to go to a gallery. Thank you all for your imaginative contributions - Peter Ryder.

Louise Percival wrote:

"Listen! If you do not come right now I'll get your father to come and sort you out!"

"I don't want to go to your stupid art gallery."

"Right, that's it!"

"No, no, I'm coming!"

In the art gallery, Julie, the mother of the little attention-seeker Marion, was getting thoroughly annoyed with her moans and groans. It was always whinge, whinge, whinge, whinge.

Alex Henderson also wrote:

A big "Ahh!" came from Mrs Jillian's class. Can you guess why? Well, if you can't, it's another one of those boring (or so I thought at the time) trips to the art gallery.

When Mum saw the letter she was more than delighted to make me go! It was on Saturday, the glorious slouch-and-watch-TV day, and I had to go! The days went by so quickly and finally Saturday came...

Robyn Parker's visitor is a bit more positive:

"Honey, come on, you know we always go to the art gallery once a year."

"OK, but we usually go on my birthday." I replied, throwing myself out of bed and dressing in the usual tracksuit bottoms and Babe top.

"I've changed my mind this year. Now hurry up and I'll go and do your breakfast."

Well, I wouldn't call it breakfast as it consisted of burnt toast with Marmite, which I just cannot eat, and I've told Mum but she insists that I have it. We went by bus to the art gallery and when my Mum heard the price of the bus trip she went into a lecture of how when she was little it was always 2 pence for a child under the age of 15.

Louise Upton wrote a story ending:

They tried their hardest to catch it, jumping and running around in circles. Five minutes later it flew into the road: a car was coming. Luckily it flew up higher and the car just missed it – but a lorry was behind the car. "Ahh!" they both screamed together.

Feathers floated to the ground just after the parrot.

"Is...is it?"

"I...I think so," I trembled.



Playschool builds on success

Youlgrave Playschool has now been opened for 18 months. In January 2002 we moved to a new venue, the Scout & Community Hut, next to the school. We are OFSTED and Social Services approved, and provide affordable and accessible childcare for ages 2 ½ to 4 years, with free places for both 3 and 4 year olds. The Playschool is also registered with the Early Years & Childcare Partnership.

We currently hold sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9.15 – 11.45am during term time, with a view to eventually offering five sessions per week in the long run. **There are still a few places available, and if any interested parents would like more details please contact Helen Mellor (tel. 636974).**

Village Hall news

At the recent AGM there were a few surprise changes to the committee. After many years of support we have lost our president, Judy Birds, Tom and Margaret Gladwin, Sandra Roper, and our chairman John Roper. Our very grateful thanks go to all of them for their efforts. They were, of course, involved with the earlier refurbishment of the Village Hall back in the sixties, and have managed to keep the hall a central communal facility to this day. The current Village Hall Project has hit lots of problems of late, so that many grants have been frozen until access and loos for disabled people have been resolved. Solutions do appear to be in view now. Peter Knowles is to design an extension at the rear that will hopefully house loos and showers, accessible from both the hall and the kitchen.

The village noticeboard

The Governors of Youlgrave School would like to thank all the people that supported the Auction of Promises on Friday 17 May, either by attending and bidding for the lots or by being kind enough to offer a promise. The evening was both entertaining and successful, and more than £1,750 was raised! Many thanks to everyone concerned for their enthusiasm and generosity.

Youlgrave Methodist Church — dates for your diary: On Saturday 20 July at 10.30am there is to be a coffee morning at the home of Mr A. Wragg, Coldwell End, Youlgrave. Looking further ahead, Youlgrave Silver Band will be holding a concert on Saturday 5 October in the Methodist Church, starting at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Roses newsagents will be under new ownership from Monday 27 May. Janice told the Bugle: "I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the loyal staff and customers for their support over the past nine years. I would also like to wish the new owner, Mr Carter, every success in the future."

Free computer classes for beginners in the Reading Room (see village notice boards). Ring 813747 to reserve a place.

Youlgrave's bid for the 2002 Derbyshire 'Village of the Year' competition is now underway. Since the judges arrive in each village unannounced please make sure that your homes and gardens look presentable, and clear up any rubbish and garden waste.

Reporting crime is a vital first step — for everyone

Since my last article about the cars that were damaged whilst parked on Alport Lane I have become aware that a number of other cars have been damaged around the village. I am disappointed to find this out third hand. If you don't report an incident that occurs I can't build up a true picture of the nuisance, disorder or damage that may be going on in the village. My colleagues and I will naturally assume that as nothing has or is happening then all is well, and we will go elsewhere to deal with problems that are reported.

In some respects this shows a lack of trust in the Police and only adds weight to the phrase "they're not interested, you never see them, and they won't do anything anyway". (You never know — we might just do something!) The resultant fear that the incident may happen again increases because you know no-one is doing anything about it, and you resign yourself to being a victim. Therefore

the incident happens again as easily as it did before, and maybe to someone else next time.

If someone is trying to actually sort out problems you don't tend to fear so much, but problems can take a time to solve. Some people prefer not to report crimes because they may feel shame at being the victim, and sometimes this is heightened because they know they could have taken steps to prevent that crime and didn't — so they won't put themselves in a position of having to admit that they could have done more.

As a result of not having a true picture of what crime has happened and when, inaccuracies in the picture can occur, which can lead to the apportioning of blame on an innocent person. If we are to deal with problems we must first admit that we've got problems, and after that we can then try and work together to solve them.

Iain McGregor PC417

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MIDDLETON SQUARE SATURDAY 7 JUNE - ADMISSION FREE

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

For Golden Jubilee events see front page

June – July	Sites of Meaning 'Sculptor in Residence', Middleton Playground.
Sat 1 June	Middleton Well Dressing and Village Market, Middleton Village Square (from 1.30pm). Teas served in Village Hall Mon – Wed.
Sat 15 June	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). <i>NOTE: There is no Saturday Waste Collection service for Middleton in June.</i>
Sat 15 June	Fundraising evening in aid of school PE equipment, featuring Twice Around. Bar. Youlgrave Village Hall, 8.30 'til late.
Sat 22 June	Youlgrave Well Dressing. Service of Blessing, 2.30pm.
Sat 29 June	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).
Sat 29 June	Abbeyfield Strawberry Teas, Granby House, 2.30 – 5.30pm.

REGULAR EVENTS

Tuesdays	Drop-in Morning, Reading Room, 10am – 12 noon.
Tuesdays	Yoga with Iris Pimm (tel. 636341), Greenfields Farm Barn, 7pm.
Tuesdays & Wednesdays	Youlgrave Playschool, Scout & Community Hall, 9.15 – 11.45am. Contact Helen for details (tel. 636974).
Wednesdays	Beginners Yoga with Iris Pimm, 7pm (see above).
Wednesdays	Diane Kettle's life drawing classes, Middleton Village Hall, 7.30pm.
Wednesdays	Bingo, Reading Room, 7.30pm.
Thursdays	Beginners Yoga with Iris Pimm, 7pm.
Fridays	Yoga with Iris Pimm, 9.30am.
Fridays	Parent and Toddlers Group, Youlgrave Village Hall, 9.30 – 11.30am. Contact Emma Wardle (tel. 636265).
Fridays	Gentle Yoga, Scout and Community Hall, 3.30pm.
2nd Mon	Mobile Library, Greenfields Farm, 9.30; Alport, 9.45am; Abbeyfield, 10am; Bradford, 10.20am; Rock Farm, Middleton, 10.40am.
2nd Tues	Youlgrave WI meetings, Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm.
4th Wed	Confidential Advice Sessions with Matlock & District Citizens Advice Bureau, Youlgrave Medical Centre, 9.30am – 12.30pm.
2nd Thurs	Mobile Library, Grove Place, 2 – 4.30pm Holywell Lane 5 – 6.30pm.
2nd Friday	Mobile Police Station, top of Holywell Lane, 12.30 – 4pm.

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