

The Bugle

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

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Sun shines on village welldressing

Well dressing is commonly thought to have originated in Celtic times as a pagan ceremony giving thanks for the continuing supply of water. It clearly works in Youlgrave, because more often than not it seems to pour down at some point during the festivities. However, this year, despite some ominous predictions, Saturday's Blessing of the Wells was conducted in bright sunshine, encouraging the customary large crowds of sightseers who came to appreciate the intricate and colourful works of art. Congratulations to all the welldressers for yet another wonderful series of designs.

Middleton's well dressing was also hugely successful, as Emma's report and photos inside this issue demonstrates. Of course it was also tied in with the Jubilee celebrations, and our thanks go to Pat Cleaver for sharing with us her photograph of the special presentation at Youlgrave Primary School.

The Bugle editorial team would also like to welcome back Margaret Ryder, who together with her husband Peter continue to bring us all the news and creative outpourings from the pupils at Youlgrave Primary School. Many thanks to you both.

The Bugle is taking its customary holiday over August, and will be back refreshed and



The Church Well, 2002

raring to go in September. So in the meantime don't forget to keep sending in your ideas and articles, letters and photos, to the address at the bottom of this page, or hand them in to Roger at the Post Office. **Andrew McCloy**

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Peak Feast, The Workshop, Moor Lane, Youlgrave

Schoolchildren dance around the maypole

Villagers who went to the Vicarage Garden Party saw a display of Maypole Dancing by children from Youlgrave Primary School. Four girls from Year 6 have told us about it.

Lucianne Marshall explains how they became skilful: "Every Tuesday for five to six weeks 17 children practiced maypole dancing after school. On 8 June we went to the vicarage and danced from a quarter to three to half past." **Emma Fraser-Smith** says: "There were eight leaders and eight followers. The ribbon colours were red, blue, green, and yellow. There were matching skirts for all (except the two boys). This was the order for the garden party: Barber's Pole, Single Plait, Spider's Web (leaders first), Single Plait and then Spider's Web (followers first)." **Katie-Louise Mather** recalls, "When we were half-way through the Barber's Pole one girl's ribbon came off the pole. Mr Snow put it back on and we went straight into the Single Plait." **Laura Wilson** ends: "Years 4, 5 and 6 were involved in the dancing. The Single Plait was very pretty. At the end people said 'Well done!'"

Four boys wrote about the Bakewell Football Tournament. **Rodel Besana-Bacon**, who was in the 'A' team, describes the scene: "It was a cold

Saturday morning and perfect for a game of football. Our first match was against Stoney Middleton and our second against Monyash, which we lost 0-1." **Craig Dawson** disagrees about the weather: "On Saturday 18 May it was a rainy morning but all right for playing football. My position was left forward for the 'A' team. I scored six goals. In the game against Stoney Middleton we won 3-0." The team was Edward, Rodel, David, Marcus, Carl, Alex, Stephen, Anthony and me." **Marcus Johnson** writes: "I was centre-midfield for the 'A' team. I travelled with Richard Jenkins, the manager. Our first game was against Stoney Middleton, we won 3-0, the goal scorers were Alex, Carl and me. We got through to the final and lost 0-1 to Baslow." **Mark Poole** writes: "One Saturday morning in May my Mum and Dad gave me a lift to Bakewell. I was playing in the Bakewell Tournament for Youlgrave B team. All the matches were very exciting."

We have now heard from all members of year 6 who move to Lady Manners School next term. Our best wishes to you all. Finally, I would like to thank Mr Snow and my husband who have kept the school page going during my illness.

Mrs Ryder



Silver Band continues to hit the right note

Once again, Youlgrave Silver Band led the annual Well Dressing procession. The weather was fine and the crowds were large, and the Band was in good form and mustered 24 players. Our thanks to those players from other bands who came to help, from Bakewell, Darley Dale, and Hollinsclough Bands, plus Pennine Brass, Huddersfield. They provided the unusual luxury of a soprano-cornet, which gives a sparkling top-line to the sound. The marches played were 'Slaiburn', 'True & Trusty', 'The Chieftain' and 'The New Recruit'. The latter piece was very appropriate, as our two young players Philippa Hancock and Samantha Shimwell were playing in the procession for the first time. Well done, girls!

It's very hard work playing and marching, especially up the hill to Coldwell End. People listening don't realise how difficult it is playing the

instrument, breathing, reading the music just in front of your eyes, marching in step, and looking where you're going - all at the same time. The music for each instrument can include counter-melodies and cross-rhythms, and the only guide we have to the tempo and start/stop is the beat of the big drum, ably played again by our conductor John Roper. The problems are not helped by uneven road surfaces, hot weather, rain, little kids running alongside, grown-ups walking alongside and shouting and cars parked in awkward places (although this is not confined to well dressing time!). Three of Youlgrave Band's older players gave up marching a few years ago and others are beginning to feel their age. Without outside help we may be unable to march in future, so more able-bodied players please contact Youlgrave Band Hon. Sec. Peter Knowles, tel. 636362.

Speciality cakes, vegetarian, vegan savouries

Special Jubilee memories for all ages

To mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee all the children at Youlgrave Primary School were presented with special commemorative spoons, paid for by the Parish Council.

A number of people from Youlgrave have also been invited to meet the Queen this summer. She will be attending a special event at Derby's Pride Park on 1 August, where Youlgrave welldressers will be showing off their skills. Five Youlgrave Guides and one Brownie (plus two guiders) have also been selected to take part in a parade on the same day.

Meanwhile another Youlgrave resident, Tessa Brough, has been invited to an official Garden Party at Buckingham Palace with Her Majesty — because she was born on 6 February 1952, the day that King George VI



died and the present Queen came to the throne (her actual Coronation was of course the following year in 1953). Tessa, one of the so-called 'Accession Babies', said that she was surprised but delighted to be going on 9 July. Her official invitation to the function, which will be held in the garden behind Buckingham Palace, stipulates quite clearly what she should wear: 'Day dress with hat or uniform (no medals or chains of Office). National Dress may be worn.'

We hope Tessa and all the other Youlgrave residents have an enjoyable time, and look forward to reporting on their experiences in a future issue.

Brookleton Jubilee Barbecue

The residents of Brookleton, family and friends would like to say a big thank you to Martin and Debby for the use of their garden, house and amenities for the Jubilee B-B-Q. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. Also our thanks go the chef of the evening, Mick, for his hard work.

Parents told to belt up - even on the shortest journeys

Concerns have been expressed that some parents taking their children to Youlgrave Primary School by car are not making them use seat belts.

A large number of accidents, including death and serious injuries, are caused each year by children not wearing seat belts in cars, and the daily drive to school has been shown to be one of the most potentially dangerous

situations - however short the journey. **Drivers are liable to prosecution if a child under 14 is not wearing a seat belt, regardless of whether they are in the back or front seat.** You must not carry an unrestrained child in the front seat of a vehicle under any circumstances; and children under three must be carried in the appropriate child restraint (not an adult belt).

Ready meals, our own recipes

Golden Celebrations in Middleton



Middleton Village Market enjoyed the best weather that the Bank Holiday could offer. The Market raises money for the Parish funds, this year totalling over £1000. A real credit to Joan Mallaband and team.

The Well Dressing was designed by Karen Woods, with Soldiers drawn by Bertie and Hugo Maher, children of the parish. The well's collection box raised £140 for the playground.

The current Well Dressing team has announced its retirement this



year but hopefully new leaders will come forward to continue tradition, with advice from the experts, where wanted.

Pictured here are Jamie Wigley, Mark Poole and Alex Henderson doing a stint dressing the arrows that are normally completed during the week but this year made a popular demonstration piece.



Her Majesty the Queen (or so we were told) put in an appearance, on this very busy day, pictured here awarding a raffle prize to Graham Brocklehurst.

Rocking into the Night

'Middleton Rocks' was a resounding success. Fat Fish gave the usual high standard performance, supported by Matlock duo, Capers.

Thanks go to Phil Wildbore for sponsoring the event, and to Jill Tait, Pat Warren and the 'Barbie Girls' for their considerable efforts.

An impressive £230 was raised for the



playground equipment fund, topped up by a contribution of £50 by Mark at the Bulls Head from the bar takings.

I'm prejudiced, but I don't think you could find a much better backdrop! ELY

Locally produced food

When is a RAT not a RAT? When it's a WATER VOLE

Our River Bradford is attractive to plants, fish, shellfish and animals, as well as people. Two animals which use the river and that are easily confused are brown rats (also known as common rats) and water rats — the latter properly called water voles.

We all know rats are dangerous to our health and that we can catch Weill's disease from their urine. Rats go to the river because they are attracted to food left out, for example, for ducks, and for the chance of killing and eating ducklings. It's natural that we want to be rid of them, and as vermin to hunt them.

But water voles also live in our river, which is after all their natural habitat. They are harmless creatures, living in burrows by the river, eating grass, sedges, rushes and waterside plants. Water voles are scarce and becoming rare in parts of the country where

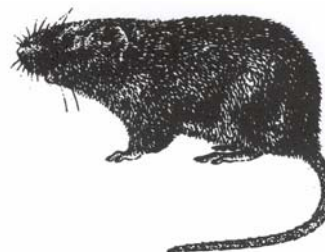
suitable food and river banks disappear. Domestic cats and escaped American Mink find them easy and desirable prey. We are lucky to be able to go down to the River Bradford with a good chance of seeing one.

We all want rats controlled, but many fear water voles are killed by mistake. Since water voles sit out in the open chewing grass and watching you, they are easier targets than rats who hide if they see or hear people. Water voles are protected by law and it is an offence to disturb or kill them. To help avoid confusion Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, which is running a special project to protect and encourage the return of water voles, has given us these two illustrations for comparison.

So when you next go down to the river try to remember which is which!

Peter Ryder

Water Vole . . . ?



- > Rounded body
- > Blunt face
- > Small ears
- > Hairy tail

Or Brown Rat?



- > Longer body
- > Sharper face
- > Large ears
- > Bald tail

The water vole, or water rat, is better known to generations of children as Ratty from 'The Wind in the Willows'. On a national scale nearly 90% have disappeared in the last seven years, and there is a concerted campaign to save what is Britain's largest vole from extinction. Derbyshire Wildlife Trust is recording sightings of water voles to find out where they live and breed. If you want to know more, and how you can help, contact Philip Precey, 'Water for Wildlife' Project Officer, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, East Mill, Bridgefoot, Belper, DE56 1XH. Also see www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk

Some lines stocked at Holland's Butchers

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Throughout July	Sites of Meaning 'Sculptor in Residence', Middleton Playground.
July-August	Hopefully lots of sunshine and blue skies - enjoy the Summer!
Sat 13 July	Waste Collection: The Square, Middleton by Youlgrave, 10-11am <i>Note: there is no Waste Collection for Middleton in August.</i>
Sat 13 & 27 July	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 10 & 24 Aug	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).
Sun 25 Aug	A 'Moody and Sankey' Songs of Praise, All Saints Church, 6.30pm.
13-15 Sept events.	Youlgrave Bible Convention. Weekend of meetings and events.

REGULAR EVENTS

Tuesdays	Drop-in Morning. Reading Room, 10am-12pm.
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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