



The

Bugle



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

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Time to make recycling a priority

Youlgrave's recycling bins at Coldwell End will be emptied more regularly and the site kept cleaner, according to Derbyshire Dales District Council.

It follows complaints by local residents that bottles and cans were piling up almost every week, causing an eyesore and potential health hazard, as well as encouraging fly-tipping. Simon Brister from Lowfields Farm was one who took DDDC to task. "I felt concerned that as the public seem to be doing their bit to respond to the general call to recycle then the Council must provide adequate facilities."

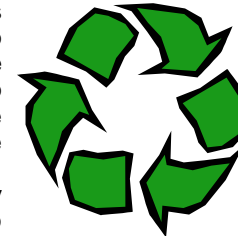
His concerns were shared by District Councillor John Youatt who contacted senior Council officials. Simon subsequently received a lengthy response from Alan James, DDDC's Environmental Services Manager, who said that in future Youlgrave's recycling site would be emptied more regularly and closely monitored. He also ordered the site to be cleaned up immediately.

Mr James went on to explain that pressure on the existing bins would be relieved by the Blue Box Scheme. This involves the collection of glass bottles and jars from the 'front boundary of properties', and should be fully in place by the end of the year. He said that the Council's

recycling rate, nearly 15% for 2001/02, apparently puts it in the top quarter for district councils. Rather less encouraging was the admission that in the peak summer months, when the population of the Dales swells to three times its normal number, the Council was unable

to provide capacity for all 86 recycling sites across the district.

Nevertheless Simon Brister was delighted not just by the response but also the considerable improvement at the Youlgrave site.



Cardboard recycling

Did you know that you can recycle cardboard boxes and cardboard packaging locally? Take them to DDDC's Parkview depot on Haddon Road, Bakewell (behind the Jet petrol station), Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm. Look for the large skip near the entrance.

† All Saints Church, Youlgrave, also has recycling boxes under the main table near the door for **stamps** (please trim with a generous border), **silver foil** (from milk bottle and yoghurt pot tops - but please wash first, and no sweet wrappers), **crushed aluminium cans** and **books** (religious ones only, please).

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Bugle Letters: remembering Walter Knowles



Dear Editor,
Having read September's Bugle I thought I'd let you know about the two paintings Mr Knowles completed for me.

The first is a painting of Raper bridge, where my husband proposed to me, and it was my wedding gift to him. The second painting was completed a year later for our anniversary. As a special request Mr Knowles painted Youlgrave Church, not from the usual angle but pointing up the village. It depicts the church tower, the beautiful large tree on the right, and the Reading Room. There are also the church steps and the main school gate. Now over 14 years later and both pictures still have pride of place in my home and provide endless warm memories of days gone by.

Each weekend our local radio presenter asks a celebrity what object they would remove from their house if it was on fire but every living thing was already removed. I'd have to put up an argument for my two paintings.

Alison Hildyard (nee Grant)
Rawdon, Leeds



Dear Editor,
The article in the September issue of the Bugle by Carol and John Sutcliffe reminded me of my search for an artist for a picture to celebrate Bernard

Oldfield's retirement from council service and the Labour group three years ago. I approached three local artists. It was Walter who responded instantly. Before the commissioning process was complete, he announced that the picture was ready for collection! I visited him and Mrs Knowles twice at their cottage and his studio 'down Bradford'. I felt as though I was a lifetime friend within a few minutes. It was an uncanny sensation, unforgettable in its warmth.

I'm not an artist or art critic, but I usually like the paintings at household auctions that I can't afford – so I must have some sort of an eye. I had no hesitation in agreeing to the picture on behalf of the group. It still has pride of place at Bernard and Betty's house, when I called today. Sadly the picture is too softly coloured to reproduce in the Bugle, but I might commission

some prints if agreed.

I also recall the large collection of unsold and unhung paintings in the small studio, and wonder what will become of them? A retrospective, perhaps, in the Village Hall or Reading Room?
John Youatt

Also see comment on page 5.



Dear Editor,
The village Carnival disappeared some time ago, and it wasn't altogether a bad thing, with very little change or innovation for years. This was not the fault of the organisers, four or five at the most, but of the rest of us, who left them to carry the burden.

Is it time to think again? There must be over 40 different organisations in Youlgrave, many of whom might well respond to the challenge of contributing to a week-long village festival.

Here are some possible ideas: every sporting group mounts a challenge competition aimed at all surrounding villages. The Church, the Chapels, the Village Hall, the Reading Room, and the Scout and Community Hall organise exhibitions, concerts or other events. The primary aim would be to show the diversity and wealth of village life; a secondary one would be to pull in visitors from the surrounding areas to make up the crowds and ensure the festival is a financial success.

Together with these, an imaginative search for sponsorship might allow for a few spectacular events. Given increased attendances, many more outside commercial, voluntary, national and local government contributions might be made.

Various individuals have discussed the desirability of an open meeting to discuss these and/or other ideas. If every club and group in the village were to send a representative to such a meeting, it could be the start of a new and lasting sort of Carnival. Write to the Bugle and let your views be known!

Bill Moore

Congratulations and best wishes from everyone at the Bugle to Steve and Elley Bane on the birth of their first child (and of course future Bugle reader!) Charles.

Sites of Meaning

The summer has seen the promised progress of the Sites of Meaning project come to fruition. The stone for Site Eight, on the Middleton to Elton road, has been completed and installed and can be seen on the first significant bend beyond the farm at Smerrill Grange. This stone was the subject of the Residency earlier this year, when Amanda Wray, a Sheffield sculptor, worked in the village.

It is with great regret that I report that Amanda's artwork, pictured below, has been vandalised on two occasions since installation. Firstly, less than a week after it was placed, the noses were chiseled off. Then, the following weekend, the mosaic work in the characters' eyes was picked out. Because tools would certainly be needed to carry out such damage, the team feels that it must be a premeditated offence. Anyone with information should contact PC Iain McGregor (01629 812504) or speak to a Sites of Meaning team member.



The team feels very sad that a project that has made every effort to include the local people, both by inviting parishioners to provide the text and by using local workers has had its work abused in this way.

The stones for Site Nine, the gateway in Long Dale photographed right, have also

been delivered and contractor David Renwick will be installing them in the next few weeks. The text for these, 'We meet to create memories and depart to cherish them' was



chosen by Alan Burgess as seen on a menu at the base of Everest, and was designed and carved by sculptor Celia Kilner, who also created the 'Time you old Gypsy man . . .' stone near Arbor Low.

The stone for Site One, Roughwood Hollow, is also ready now. This stone carries a quotation of Eugenie Bateman, who lived at Lomberdale Hall, 'In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength' chosen by John Youatt.

The carving was carried out by Heritage Stoneworks of Tideswell, and the stone will be installed by contractor Vic Prime to form a seat at the top of Cornmill Lane, which runs up from the Dale to Roughwood Hollow.

There are still six out of the 17 sites remaining and the team will still accept suggestions from parishioners of Middleton and Smerrill. For details of the remaining sites, see www.sitesofmeaning.co.uk or contact me, Emma Youatt (636775). Submissions should be made to team members, Sallyann Carlin and Charles Monkhouse (636920) Heidi Maher (636885), John Warren (636037), John Youatt (636241) or me.

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546 rural post offices closed in UK between 1997-2000

Youlgrave Post Office needs your regular custom

“Hit me baby one more time...”

“HIT ME BABY ONE MORE TIME” - Catherine Thaw chose the title for this month's news from Youlgrave School. (Older readers may like to know that this line comes from a song by American pop star Britney Spears and has nothing to do with corporal punishment at Youlgrave School - Ed)

I was talking to a group of enthusiastic children after a lesson given by their new music teacher, Mrs Helen Wrieden. Rowan Parker definitely spoke for them all when he said: “This year's music lessons are brilliant.” Mrs Wrieden taught music at Lady Manners School until the birth of her son and since then she spent a year teaching one afternoon a week at Great Longstone before adding an afternoon at Youlgrave School.

It was a privilege to watch the children's enjoyment as they sang the Britney Spears song 'Hit me baby one more time' to recorded accompaniment. Mrs Wrieden played the piano for them to sing 'Wonderwall'. Giselle Samson said: “It's very cool to sing pop songs.” At the

same time Mrs Wrieden used the songs to introduce a few elements of music theory, which the children all agreed was a good idea.

As it was 11 September the lesson started with some music from Afghanistan and the class had to imagine life under the Taliban with no

music being played, sung or listened to. Then they were introduced to a piece of 'Call and Response' music from Africa. Bit by bit this was built up, the children first singing and then stamping out the rhythm until they were all moving round the room singing and stamping, pretending to be African tribesmen

planting seeds. Edward Thresher thought: “this looked tiring, but was very exciting.”

The lesson ended with a brief revision session. Then Mary-Ann Gow summed up the experience, “These are the best music lessons we have ever had.” Thank you for your help Year 5, and a special big thank you to Mrs Wrieden for bringing so much pleasure to the children.

Mrs. Ryder



Drawing by Hannah Wilson, Year 5

Send a Christmas present to Bangbutt

For Christmas this year, we have decided to send 200 special packets to the school children, each containing an exercise book, ruler and pencil. Roger and Jennifer Easton at the Post Office have generously offered to get these in stock for us and sell them to us at a reduced price, so the extra money can go towards the cost of the postage.

Each packet will cost just £1, so we are hoping as many people as possible will help towards this offering for the children of Bangbutt for Christmas. Please give £1 with your name (so we can put all the names on one large card) to any of the following: Ann Gilman on 636859, Barbara Scrivener 636601 Diane Hewitt 636580, Jeni Edwards 636601, Maggie Ford 636189, Tricia Donnison 636931 or Val Cornish 636420. Of course you can buy as many packets as you like!

Barbara Scrivener

News from 1st Youlgrave Guides

Over the summer the Guides have been busy. In August girls travelled to Pride Park where they took part in the jubilee celebrations. Despite the appalling rain they all had a good time and some actually spoke to the Queen.

Ten girls spent a weekend at camp at Hassop Farm. They cooked for themselves over open fires and produced some great meals. Their camp skills were greatly improved with camp badges being awarded to those who hadn't already gained them. All the girls also finished their Survival Go For It (part of the new programme), and for this they built shelters and had to cook an egg without any utensils, amongst other things. The new term is now underway with the girls planning a Pumpkin party for children aged 7-10 on Thurs 17 Oct at the Scout Hall.

Penny Edmonds

News from Derbyshire Dales District Council

Young spitfire needed

I've just learnt that there is very little chance in the near future that East Midlands' local government will be reorganised, despite the growth of regional governance and budgets and the need for simplicity, and economy of delivery. So my interest in a 'Peaks and Dales District Council' and a single tier between Region and Parish, is for another day.

Meanwhile, I have decided not to stand for re-election to represent you on Derbyshire Dales District Council next May.

There are some major things to fight for in the left-of-centre agenda – such as the huge shortfall in the affordable housing budget, that DDDC is reluctant to make good. The vast majority of the money collected from local people in rates, taxes

and rents to build over 3,000 council houses over the last 50 years or so is now, inevitably and rightly, in other hands. Sadly, only £5million remained in DDDC's hands, and the Tory ruling group has so far only committed £500,000 to social housing grant over four years. This is a major campaign issue for a left-of-centre candidate. I hope someone will come forward.

Matlock Lido and the Dimple project.

Short term repairs are continuing to our swimming pool at Matlock, and the first steps are being taken to build a replacement pool as part of the £10million new sports complex at the Dimple. This project relies on major external grants that in turn need evidence of local support.

John Youatt

TRAFFIC PLANS — AN UPDATE

Representatives of Youlgrave Parish Council and District Councillor John Youatt recently met with members of the county Environmental Department (Highways!) to discuss the network of Quiet Lanes proposed for the area. County Officers were concerned that Back Lane, from Conksbury to Arbor Low, and the main street were being used as 'through' routes and that the speed and volume of traffic was detrimental, both to people and the walls and structures near to and including the ancient Conksbury Bridge.

Emergency vehicles and buses need smooth passage through the village. It is understood that because of careless parking, residents on Conksbury Avenue, Moor Lane and Coldwell End are being put at risk when roads are obstructed. Farm vehicles frequently have trouble getting through Fountain Square.

The Parish Council has instructed the County to draw up plans and cost the implementation of a Quiet Lanes network, a parking and footway plan for the main street and traffic calming measures on Back Lane.

Things are still at a very early stage, and when we have firmer details there will be a public meeting in the village for everyone to have their say. Meanwhile keep an eye out for regular updates via the Bugle.

AC

In praise of Stoneyside

*Dear Editor,
John Sutcliffe's moving tribute to Walter Knowles in the last Bugle has had two unfortunate consequences.*

He referred to Stoneyside (should this be Stonyside?) as being a little bit of heaven. True enough. Many maintain it is the artistic and intellectual centre of the village.

But since then, traffic has been disrupted as coach drivers and sightseers have attempted to negotiate the narrow lane, and local house prices have shot up as outsiders rush in to live as closely as possible to the little bit of heaven. They are even paying over the odds for inferior buildings in certain centres of depravity in Youlgrave, which of course must be nameless, although I think we all know where they are.

But we shall all have to learn to live with the consequences. Success, it seems, has its downside.

A Stoneyside resident

The Bull's Head, Farmyard Inn and George Hotel

Hollands Butchers, Parkers Butchers and Peak Feast foods

Middleton at Wirksworth

Three artists from Middleton by Youlgrave exhibited at this year's Wirksworth Arts Festival – an up and coming national event, very well attended. Wirksworth is a wonderful mix of different architectural styles, with steep streets and interesting alleyways. All the artists at the Festival were invited to use various homes around the town to display their work. This created a really fascinating experience. People were just wondering round in the sun, strolling through some kind person's garden and into



the living room to look at whatever was on display. There was even a show of glassware in someone's bathroom!

The three Middleton girls showed just how much variety can come from one small village.

Diane Kettle, who has a permanent studio in her cottage, is an experienced artist and teacher. Her style is mostly traditional, and she was displaying lovely soft watercolours of local places – some well known, and many hidden corners. Her 'gallery' was the rather grand hall of a double fronted Georgian residence. Diane runs art classes and offers individual tuition and can be contacted on 636763.

Just across the road, in a sort of patchwork, four-storeyed cottage, was a sunfilled corn-yellow parlour where Sallyann Carlin had set out her exhibition *Studio Life* of words and photographs. Sallyann is an artist who trained at Chesterfield School of Art and Bath University. Her

photographs were supported by a written thesis, and the whole group achieved a satisfying integrity. Sallyann's telephone number is 636920.

Around the corner we

found Karen Woods, who has a permanent gallery and workshop in a shop unit in North End. Karen makes bold statements with her paintings and objets d'art – great bejewelled birds flapping their wings and love stories sewn into fabrics. Karen also made a very kind contribution this year in designing the Middleton well dressing with the help of the local children. Karen's number at Middleton is 636107.

It was very exciting to see so much creative talent from our own neighbours. It was also a great day out. Perhaps next year, we could have our very own art and crafts exhibition – *Middleton by Middleton* – and everyone could have a go. **JT**



The village noticeboard

Autumn Fair
Scout & Community Hall
Saturday 12 October
Starts 10am

The Darby and Joan Club meets 2-4pm every Wednesday at Youlgrave Village Hall for the over-60s to enjoy an afternoon of dominoes, whist and conversation. Teas and light refreshments available. Everyone welcome.

Doreen Blackwell is making her twice-yearly collection for the Leprosy Mission, and anyone who would like to make a donation or take a box themselves should contact her on 636553.

Youlgrave Parish Council has a vacancy for a new parish councillor. If you want to know more about the position contact Anne Croasdell at the Old Bakery, Youlgrave, 636887.

Date for your diary: organ recital by Rodney Tomkins at All Saints Church, Saturday 16 November (7pm), tickets £3 from the vicar, church members or local shops.

Womens Institute October update

The Lathkill walk was enjoyed again, and thank you to Ann for organising it and the luncheon. We are also grateful to the Village Hall Committee for the allocation of a new cupboard, which is much easier to access. The Horticultural Show saw three of our members getting 'firsts' for their entries, with Lilian Clarke winning a cup. The Autumn Council Meeting is to be held at Derby Assembly Rooms on Tuesday 1 October when the main speaker will be Pam Rhodes of 'Songs of Praise' fame. Our Group Meeting is at Monyash on Wednesday 23 October, while our next speaker is Mrs Urquhart with a talk on Traidcraft, which promotes fair trade with Third World countries.

The After School and Holiday Club is now open!

The After School Club operates 3.30pm-6pm Mon-Thurs during term time. The Holiday Club operates 8am-6pm Mon-Fri during school holidays, but excluding bank holidays and Christmas week. The Club meets at Youlgrave school and is suitable for children of primary school age. Charges are £4 per evening for the After School Club, and £4 per session of 2½ hours (with reductions for full days) at the holiday club. Financial help may be available via family tax credits. Contact Kate Wellington on 07817 458874 for details. If you wish to use the Holiday Club for Half Term **book now**.

Youlgrave Village Hall news

'STARS IN THEIR EYES' COMES TO YOUULGRAVE

It's time to start thinking, planning practising. What costume, make-up, backing track will you need? Next Spring (March/April 2003) we're having our own show, complete with over-the-top, over-critical, over-sized egos judging you! There'll be three categories: Primary, Secondary and Adult, with cash prizes for the winners! See Dave Birds, Caroline Weller or Mick Partridge if interested.

POLLY'S GOT A JOB!

Get the kettle on gal – the first Tea Dance attracted almost 30 dancers! There was a real mix of beginners and Astaires, so Marina will begin the next dance at 1.30pm to run through and demonstrate steps for the session to begin at 2pm, Thursday 10 October (£1 including cuppa). Come and join in!

LINE DANCING

Have fun, keep fit, get out of the house – make sure you've something to do these next winter nights. Steve Tomkin will have a Line Dancing taster session, 7.30-9.30pm on Tuesday 22 October, £3 entrance, £1.50 for under 16s.

ATTIC SALE

There will be an Attic Sale to raise funds towards the Village Hall Project on Saturday 9 November at the Village Hall. from 10am-2pm. It will cost £5 per table, 20p entrance, and include tombola, cakes, tea and coffee. To book a table ring Rita on 636663 Don't miss it!

MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR FILLING IN THE SURVEY. The 45% return rate was fantastic and will really help us.

Anne Croasdell

Roses Newsagent and Youlgrave Garage

Your village services — use them or lose them!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 10 Oct	Tea Dance, Village Hall, 2-4pm, £1 including cuppa.
Sat 12 Oct	Autumn Fair, Scout & Community Hall, 10am
Sat 12 Oct	Waste Collection: Alport (7.45-8am), Youlgrave School (8.05-9.30am), Bradford, Mawstone Lane & bridge (9.35-10.15am), Grove Place (10.20-10.45am). <i>Note: the next collection for Middleton is Sat 9 Nov</i>
Sun 13 Oct	Harvest Thanksgiving Festival, All Saints Parish Church, Youlgrave: 8am Holy Communion, 11am Harvest Family (preacher Mr Andrew Knox), 6.30pm United Harvest Praise with the choir from St Thomas Becket, Chapel-en-le-Frith. Bring-and-share supper to follow.
Tues 22 Oct	Line Dancing, Village Hall, 7.30-9.30pm (see page 7)
Sat 26 Oct	Abbeyfield coffee morning and Bring & Buy, 10am-12 noon
Sat 26 Oct	Waste Collection: Alport (7.45-8am), Youlgrave School (8.05-9.30am), Bradford, Mawstone Lane & bridge (9.35-10.15am), Grove Place (10.20-10.45am).
Tues 29 Oct	Youlgrave Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.15pm.

REGULAR EVENTS

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.

Abbeyfield (Youlgrave), a local sheltered housing scheme	636836
Ambrose Printing, Granby, Bakewell DE45 1ET	812731
Bull's Head Hotel	636307
David Butterworth, Chimney Sweep & Scaffold Hire	636746
Castle Farm, B&B, Caravans & Camping Barn	636746
Derbyshire Aggregates Ltd	636500
Jonathan Derrick, Health and Safety Consultant	07736 425948
Equity Estates Commercial Properties	636180
Farmers and Country Bureau, Personal Introduction Agency	636281
Farmyard Inn	636221
Hopping Farm Caravan Park	636302
George Hotel	636292
Hollands Butchers	636234
Diane Kettle, Art Classes, Private Tuition, Paintings, Prints, Cards	636763
Knoll Club	636571
Peter Knowles, Architect	636362
Patrick McLoughlin MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA	01332558125
Meadow Cottage Tea Garden	636523
Middleton & Smerrill Parish Council	
The Old Bakery, Bed & Breakfast	636887
Odd Jobs, Home and Garden Maintenance	636049
Peak Feast, Speciality Ready-Made Meals	07951 215121
Iris Pimm, Greenfields Farm Barn	636341
Pots from France	636043/636689
Barbara Scrivener, Hands Help Healing	636601
Ian & Jean Shearman, 1 Brookside Cottages, Bradford Dale	
Smerrill Grange, Bed & Breakfast	636232
Wee Dram, Specialist Whisky Shop	812235
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Anthony Wragg	636476
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Youlgrave Bowls Club	636467
Youlgrave Garage	636943
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Youlgrave Parish Church	636285
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Youlgrave Silver Band	636362
Youlgrave United Football Club	636483
Youlgrave Well Dressing Committee	636341
Youlgrave WI	636201