

# The Bugle

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

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## Lottery award for Village Hall

**Youlgrave Village Hall is set for major improvements following its successful bid for £127,000 of funding from the Community Fund.**

The money will pay for a wide-ranging programme of refurbishment to ensure that the historic building continues to be a focal point for community activities. Mike Newman is the Village Hall Treasurer and has masterminded the successful bid, and he explained to the *Bugle* that the money will go towards a range of work. It includes re-placing the galvanised steel cladding on the exterior walls, repairing and protecting the wooden structure, adding heat and sound insulation, and fitting double-glazing to the windows.

The new village film club (see page 6) will also benefit, as the Lottery grant will pay for repairs to the external structure of the projection room, including fitting a re-aligned roof. An extension will be added to bridge the gap between the workshops and main hall, and a new toilet will be fitted that will be suitable for a wheelchair user, plus steps will be replaced with levelled ground and a ramp.

The existing kitchen floor will be repaired, another sink and a microwave added, and improvements made to cupboards and work



*Mike Newman – thumbs up for the Village Hall*

surfaces. A fire alarm will be installed, and the sound system and lighting will be improved. Finally, the main side entrance will be altered to include a canopy. Volunteers are currently renovating the interior of the building, and there are new curtains in the main hall.

***Come and see the exciting plans for yourself at the Village Hall 'Open Morning' on Saturday 6 December (10am-12 noon).***

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## Bugle letters: cars and parking – local residents vent their spleen



Dear Editor,

If I may put my name to some ideas which might improve the quality of life in the village, I expect my critics to do the same (Bugle Letters, Nov). 'A well-wisher with experience' - of, I suggest, another part of the country, as most Peak villages do not lend themselves to the luxury of by-passes—seems to lack local knowledge, has not read the letter correctly and underestimates the power of the Peak Park.

I asked that any parking plan put the needs of the community first, not the convenience of tourists or the whim of local government. Nowhere did I mention traffic calming. HGVs have been banned from the village for some years – despite the occasional 'lost freightliner – and I am at a loss to know why The Fountain was written with a small 'f' and in quotation marks. Again, wouldn't the visual rural scene and the village as a whole be even more delightful if it could actually be seen and wasn't clogged with parked vehicles from Alport to the Knoll Club?

My own 'townie' answers to parking problems have included being one of a gang physically picking up and moving a Fiesta parked in front of a field gate at haymaking time, and dragging an Astra from across a drive. With good, strong chains, the lower register of Land Rover gears and taking it very steady, you can shift nearly anything. Bells and cannon sound fun – rather like the 1812 Overture and the Retreat from Moscow. Posts we already have, all over the place, proclaiming 'quiet lanes', which encourage the ubiquitous tourists to treat roads as footpaths and hold up legitimate motor traffic.

Now then, enough of this Conservative mentality. They prefer to fiddle while the world burns. We must try to do something constructive. There is an increasingly serious situation re parking in Youlgrave. If your ideas are better than mine, Well-wisher, if you are willing to use your past experience to the benefit of the community, if you really want to try and improve matters, please come and see me at the address given. You could even get my 'phone number with relative ease. We could



*Careful driving was not high on the agenda for this motorist – luckily for us not in Derbyshire*

have a chat over a cuppa or a glass of wine, but if that is too bobo (bourgeois-bohemian) for you, we could go down to the old Queen Vic, darlin' – whoops, this town thing is starting to get to me – over to the Bull or the George me owd, for a full and frank exchange of views. Let's just try and improve parking.

It's all bollards, really, innit?

Dee Frith,

4 Moor Lane, Youlgrave.

Dear Editor,



Prompted by recent letters to the *Bugle*, I hope it will help if I fill in the picture so far, as part of my 'handover' to Cllr Bill Moore.

The 'Youlgrave Traffic Team' met several times over the last few years. It consisted, from time to time, of ordinary people, councillors, and experts (police, planners, architects, conservationists and traffic engineers).

In August 2002, a senior officer of Derbyshire County Council agreed the bones of a solution for Youlgrave's main traffic problems and agreed to progress it in November of that year. Concurrently, the District Council had a budget for village car parks.

The **good news** is that the problems are clear and compelling; the solution is simple, and should suit all interests; and the funds are (or were then) available, including regional money.

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The agreed trial proposal, to be put to a village meeting, is (or was) that:

- A sign would be put up at each entrance to the village saying 'PARK IN MARKED BAYS ONLY'.

- The parking bays would be marked, as elsewhere in the County, with broken white lines (no yellow lines!)

- The bays would be designed according to each part of the village, to provide as many spaces as reasonable; to make *creative* use of parked vehicles; to slow traffic even further; for safety and access; and according to the width available.

- Spaces between the bays, where no cars should be parked, would provide passing places; space at junctions and accesses; bus bays; and protect special features such as the Fountain and edge-of-highway front doors.

- White lines or other surface treatments would identify footpaths or footways.

- The village's businesses could suggest short term parking only on the relevant frontages, an idea agreed at a recent meeting of shopkeepers and publicans.

All of this would start on a trial, voluntary basis. The police would be able to support it, but not enforce it. Residents would, we hope, respect it. We would all do our best politely to persuade visitors to respect it.

If the scheme worked, it could then be fine tuned and converted into an enforceable scheme, with refinements such as a locally employed general purpose village warden or

lengthsman. In this event, the scheme would be self funding partly by fees from parking meters, by fines, and by subscriptions for residents-only licences. If it resulted in an agreed need for extra off-street parking, there are places where that also could be done, on three sites previously identified (subject to planning permission).

The **bad news** is that as far as I know no further steps have been taken, thus breaking a promise I for one took seriously at the time.

*If readers of the Bugle agree that the solution described above is worth following up, with a village meeting and action, then you know what to do – lobby your councillors for action.*

John Youatt

## Poems for lantern procession

All Saints Primary School, Youlgrave, is working with writer David Fine and the Babbling Vagabonds Theatre Company to write poems to place on to lanterns on the theme of Elements of Winter. With three other schools they will be involved in a lantern procession and trail with drums and fire sculpture from Bath Street Gardens, Bakewell to the Recreation Ground, kick-off 6pm, on Friday 5 December.

*Youlgrave's Martha Prime was the lucky winner of Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport's summer prize draw. Martha, pictured here receiving her winner's cheque for £100 from driver Alan Purselglove, is a regular passenger on the minibuses, and was delighted with the prize. The Bugle sends its warmest congratulations to Martha, a prodigious knitter of squares and bedsocks, and trusts it will keep her in wool for some time to come!*



## Design and installation of energy efficient heating systems

## Gas appliances – service and repair

## Pommie briefs

### Vandalism at church

A window in All Saints Church, Youlgrave, was seriously damaged in an attack last month. A heater and panel by the organ were also targeted by the vandals. Repairs to the chancel window will cost £165, and discussions are taking place with the police over new security measures. Parishioners and passers-by are being asked to keep an eye on the church and report any suspicious activity to the police without delay, but it is hoped that the church will not have to be locked during the day.

### Recycle your used telephone directories

Derbyshire Dales District Council has announced that residents will be able to put telephone directories – both white ones AND Yellow Pages – in their fortnightly paper recycling bags. In addition, DDDC Community Services confirmed to the *Bugle* that directories of both colours can also be placed in local recycling bins.

### Farmyard Supper Club

On the evening of Thursday 4 December the first meeting of what is hoped will be a monthly **Supper Club** will take place at the Farmyard Inn. Menus and themes will be decided by the new group, and December's menu includes goat's cheese and chive soufflé, asparagus and gruyere parcels or Lamb Shank with rosemary and garlic, Champagne Jelly with syllabub cream, cheese and biscuits, plus a liqueur of your choice. The price per head is £22.50, which also includes drinks on arrival. To book your place or for more information call 636221.

In addition, the Farmyard Inn is organising a **wine tasting** evening on Thursday 11 December, offering you the chance to taste (and buy) a range of quality wines from around the world. Tasting will commence at around 7.30pm, and it is advisable to book tickets in advance.

If that wasn't enough, Jo and Sean are also introducing a **carvery** on Sunday lunchtimes from 12-3pm, featuring a selection of roasts, plus vegetarian options. (*Also see item on page 9.*)

large and small by 15 January to the address on the front page or via Youlgrave Post Office.

Thank you once more to our volunteer team of distributors – your continuing efforts are much appreciated. And of course thanks to everyone who has contributed in one form or another to the *Bugle* throughout 2003. Please keep sending in your letters, reports, pictures and notices (and jokes, too!).

May we be the first to wish you seasonal greetings and a happy and peaceful 2004.

*Andrew McCloy, Editor*

## Outstanding volunteer in the field

Youlgrave botanist awarded at Kew ceremony, reports **Peter Ryder**

Grace Wheeldon of Bank Top, Youlgrave, received the award of 'Outstanding Volunteer in the Field' at the Annual Meeting of Plantlife International at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew on 19 November.

Grace received the award for her achievements as Flora Guardian (warden) of Plantlife's Deepdale Nature Reserve. In the absence of the President, Professor David Bellamy, Dr Jane Smart OBE, the Chief Executive, presented the award, referring to Grace as "an excellent all-round naturalist".

In the four years since Plantlife International acquired the reserve she has spent about 60 days each year surveying the plants, butterflies, mammals and birds. Grace is also a member of the Reserve's management committee with representatives from English Nature, Peak National Park and Plantlife International. Her particular interest is in plants and she has long worked as a member of the Botanical Society of the British Isles (BSBI), surveying the presence and distribution of plants in Derbyshire. She has a detailed knowledge of rare plants in the county and has contributed extensively to the forthcoming 'Flora of Derbyshire'.

Plantlife International is the wild-plant conservation charity in Britain where it manages a growing number of reserves, recovers endangered plants through its 'Back from the Brink' programme, and campaigns to increase awareness of the



*Philip Mould, Chairman, with Grace Wheeldon (centre) and Dr Jane Smart,*

value of wild plants. It has helped to establish a Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, and is now working with partners in the UK and abroad to identify the world's most Important Plant Areas as the first step towards protecting them and their endangered plants.

If you are interested in knowing more about Plantlife International, or in supporting the charity's conservation work by becoming a member, contact Lyn Yeatman on 01722 342753, or write to her at Plantlife International, 14 Rolleston Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 1DX. **Peter Ryder**



Welcome to the bumper **s i z e** Christmas issue of the *Bugle!* As usual, we take our well-earned New Year break in January, during which the Treasurer searches high and low for the Bart Simpson calculator that fell out of her Christmas cracker; the distributors say to themselves "I'm certainly not delivering in *that* weather, whatever McCloy says"; and the Editor tots up his festive alcohol units and embarks on the so-called Bull's Head Atkinson Diet® ("The usual, sir?").

So the next issue will appear at the beginning of February. All contributions

**Call Geoff on 07971 839515**

**Or call Martin on 07989 984826**



# Village film club announces first season

The newly re-launched Youlgrave Cinema has announced details of its first season of six films, due to be shown at Youlgrave Village Hall in the Spring of next year.

After two successful trial screenings in April and October this year, when 'Brassed Off' and 'Moulin Rouge' both attracted over 100 people each time, Youlgrave Cinema's bid for over £9,200 funding from the Countryside Agency was approved, and its first full season is now set to go ahead.

The six films will be shown at the Village Hall on Friday evenings between late February and mid May – see box for provisional line-up. Before each main film, it's hoped that there will be a short, preferably local film, as well as an intermission for ice creams and refreshments.

To see the films you will have to become a member and pay in advance for all six films (not individually). There will be an Associate Membership category for 12-18 year olds, plus members will be able to purchase a limited number of guest tickets for each screening.

Application forms have been sent out to everyone who gave their details at the two previous screenings. If you, too, would like to join, additional forms will be available at Youlgrave Post Office and Roses Newsagents; or write to the Bugle at the address on the front page (please enclose an SAE). Membership is on a first-come, first-served basis, and with over 130 expressions of interest and only around 100 seats available, you are urged to get your application form in as soon as possible.

Provisional 2004 screening dates are Fridays **27 February, 12 & 26 March, 16 & 30 April, and 14 May.**

Youlgrave Cinema is also making a further funding application for a Leader+ grant (European money aimed at improving

access for disadvantaged groups in rural areas). If it is successful it's hoped that special matinee shows will be held during the summer holidays for the very young and old. Further details in the *Bugle* during next year.

*Do you have any souvenirs, mementoes or any kind of records from the previous Youlgrave Cinema sixty years ago – tickets, programmes, cuttings, photos, etc? Please call 636125 if you can help. Thanks.*

## SPRING 2004 SEASON

**Amelie** (cert 15). A delightful and touching French fantasy starring Audrey Tatou, combining romance and comedy in equal measures (subtitled).

**The Third Man** (PG). An atmospheric, black and white classic, based on a Graham Greene Novel and set in Vienna. Starring Orson Welles and Joseph Cotton.

**The Pianist** (cert 15). Oscar-winning tale of a brilliant pianist and Polish Jew who survives the Nazis' brutal take-over of Warsaw. Powerful and moving.

**One-Hour Photo** (cert 15). Robin William in a rare 'straight' role, playing a sinister, complex character. Superb edge-of-the-seat suspense in the Hitchcock tradition.

**Bend it Like Beckham** (cert 15). Wonderful story of the trials and tribulations of a girls' football team, and the efforts of its star player to overcome family constraints.

**Best in Show** (cert 12). Hilarious 'mockumentary' by the makers of 'This is Spinal Tap', following the larger than life characters, both human and canine, involved in an American dog show. Side-splitting stuff.

**Combination boiler specialists**

*Carol Singing for the Village in the forecourt of the Wesleyan Reform Chapel, Holywell Lane, at 7.00pm.*

**Monday 15th December**



**To the music of Youlgrave Silver Band, and the warmth of a wood fired brazier supplemented by hot punch! Bring your friends, lanterns and a robust voice. Let's share the real meaning of Christmas.**

## THIMBLE HALL UPDATE...

Much thought and deliberation has gone into current plans for the tiny building. There will be an organic ice-cream called Thimble Hall which will be available from various outlets in the village, but there will be no more than sample licks available from the Hall itself. So what will happen to the Hall?

John Fredericks will be displaying his architect's plans, and will be available to share his ideas for a Collection at the Hall.

Please come along and see for yourself – on Saturday 6 December, between 10am and 12 noon, in the Committee Room next to the Village Hall. This cunningly coincides with the Village Hall Open Day so you can also get a cuppa!!

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**All types of plumbing work undertaken**

## Jokes of the month (1)

What did the policeman say to his tummy?  
You're under a vest.

What do you get if you cross a witch with a snowman?  
A cold spell.

*As told by Jamie Wigley, Greencroft Farm, Middleton by Youlgrave*



## Wildlife gardeners get their hands dirty



Local volunteers of all ages take a well-earned tea break during work on Bankside Wildlife Garden at the end of October. Over 20 people turned out, including representatives from Earthwatch and BTCV, to help clear undergrowth and unwanted vegetation. A skip-full of rubbish and a day-long bonfire were among the results of the hard work. Thank you to Maggie for the delicious home-made pumpkin soup, and for everyone's hard work. The next step is to apply for funding to repair the drystone walls and renovate the historic summer house – more news to follow. (Photo: Andrew McCloy)

## The Old Bakery celebrates a century of history

It wasn't until half way through the year that I looked up at the sign saying 'Boden and Sons, Established 1903, Bakers and Confectioners', which is placed on a top shelf in the Old Bakery, and realised the implications! Here I am just before the year end, bringing the fact to your attention.

Many times while I had the shop open, folk marvelled at the fittings that still remain and

would often tell me stories of the bakery. The most popular was the story of how John must have thrown the currants into the buns from the top of the church tower as you were lucky to get one or two! This joke was always followed, however, by how wonderful the bread was and how far afield they had to deliver, such was the demand.

John Smedley told me how he used to shovel coal into the ovens as a youngster. Have you any memories you'd like to share?

*Anne Croasdell*

**Gas safety and landlords certificates**

## Nine Ladies Stone Circle

This stone is for the Gods.  
Strengthened by indifference,  
their power leaves these grains  
a circle of sheaves or molehills  
in a maelstrom beaten down to earth.

This stone is for sweat.  
The durability of labour,  
moving things till they rest  
where they ought to be.

This stone is for berries  
grown wild. Untaken promises  
we seek to respect and consume.

This stone is for secrets.  
That our place rests on no deep map  
but in the minds of the dead, and their  
children. A millennial perennial  
each spring of a startling stride.

This stone is for our enemies.  
May its spirit roll down the hill,  
knock them down, and crush them,  
stone cold dead.

This stone for bleakness.  
The space before and after we came,  
to protect shared absence from harm.

This stone is for trickery.  
Pranks, mirth, noise and laughter,  
The quickness of it all.

This stone is for growth  
in telling tales told  
mouth to mouth and beyond  
a screen eternally wide.

This stone is for time  
it took to check and leave behind  
one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine.

And this stone?  
Straight and true  
as its kin,  
this stone  
This stone is for you.

*David Fine*

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## Pub breakfast raises £700 for charity



Sean and Jo Healey (above) would like to thank all the customers of Youlgrave's Farmyard Inn who supported the recent Breakfast for Breakthrough. A magnificent £700 was raised for the breast cancer charity. In particular, special thanks to everyone who donated raffle prizes or supplied the food, notably: Andrew Parker, Brookfield Bakery, Holdsworth Foodservice, Hollands Butchers, White Peak Farm Butchery, G P Produce, and J Boden. Additional thanks to all the Farmyard staff who "worked their little socks off... and Katie for doing a wonderful job selling raffle tickets".

## Joke of the month (2)

A man went to the Heath Centre.  
"Doctor, I keep thinking I'm a moth."  
The doctor replied testily: "I can't help you. You need the psychiatrist next door. Why didn't you go and see him?"  
The man said: "Well, your light was on."

*From Radio 4, replayed by Bill Moore*

## OTHER STONES OTHER MEANINGS

Part of the Sites of Meaning Community Arts Project

Sites of Meaning is to install 17 inscriptions in stone on the Parish boundary, ten of which are now complete. Money from the Regional Arts Lottery Programme funded a variety of community and educational activities and a stone now at Smerrill. Our other recent activity, funded by *Awards for All*, created stones at Longdale (both ends), Lowfield Farm's Drive, Roughwood Hollow and the bridge over the Bradford below Roughwood Hollow. We raised small awards from the CPRE and PDNPA to tidy up land around the stone near Arbor Low.

This year we have been awarded a Local Heritage Initiative grant for further stones combined with educational and community projects, rather in the style of the sculpture residency. Titled for the application, **Other Stones Other Meanings**, the project will provide the community and local schools, working with an archaeologist, writer and photographer, the opportunity to explore different interpretations that can be made of existing stones within the parish, and to celebrate them by the creation of new stones. Findings will be recorded in a small pamphlet, for residents and visitors. There is a meeting for parishioners of Middleton and Smerrill on **Tuesday 9 December at 8pm** at Middleton Village Hall. Details of the project can be seen at [www.sitesofmeaning.co.uk](http://www.sitesofmeaning.co.uk). ELY



The stone at site 9, Long Dale.  
Photo by Chris Bentley



### Bateman Arms Night II

Saturday 17 January

Middleton Village Hall, doors open 8pm

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## Church celebrations in Middleton and Youlgrave

### Christmas offering for the children of Bangutt

The red collection tins are now in Youlgrave shops, pubs and at various organisations. This year we are sending a large selection of colourful education charts (see the little display cards round the village).

### Crib Service, 24 December (5pm)

This is a 'live' crib service, with a sheep, dog/s, (maybe a pony?) and not forgetting a real baby! And of course live music. Come dressed up or just ready to take part as a shepherd, king or an angel (costumes for angels available in church). No words to learn. The service lasts about 35-40 minutes and is lit by candlelight. If you are a local musician, or maybe on holiday in Youlgrave this Christmas, and would to take part in the music group, please ring 636601. *Is there anyone who can video the service for us (a camera can be supplied)? Thanks.*

### Memorial candles in the Church

Memorial candles will be used in All Saints church again this year. If you wish to buy one (50p), there is a list on the table in church for you to order your candle or just tick your name.

### Recycle your postage stamps

Don't forget to save all the used stamps from your Christmas cards – they make 1p per stamp, for the Leprosy Mission. Please remember to cut them neatly around the stamp and leave them in the STAMP BOX under the table in the parish church. SILVER PAPER and TIN FOIL is also collected in the Church and this helps to raise money for the Guide Dogs for the Blind. Also, don't forget that CARDBOARD is recycled in Bakewell, at the DDDC depot behind the Jet petrol station.

### Operation Christmas Child and One World Week service

Held last month, this resulted in 47½ (!) boxes being collected, so thank you very much to all those who contributed. As we all prepare for Christmas with the usual mad, frenzied, spending spree on cards, presents, food, booze, outings, perhaps it would be good to

read the statement below, written by Simba Mandota as part of One World Week:

**If... you woke up** and this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week

**If... you have never experienced** the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

**If... you can attend** a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death, you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

**If you have food** in the fridge, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world.

**If you can read** this message you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

### Youlgrave Church Services

Sat 6 Dec: A Praise Evening with the Celebration Choir (7pm). Admission free, but an offering will be taken. A warm welcome to everyone.

Sun 7 Dec: Family Communion (11am); Advent Carol Service (6pm)

Tues 9 Dec: School Christmas Church Service (2pm).

Wed 10 Dec: School Christmas Service in the Church (7pm).

Sun 14 Dec: Holy Communion (8am); Christingle Service (11am)

Mon 15 Dec: Carol singing outside Wesleyan Reform Chapel (7pm)

Fri 19 Dec: School carols around Christmas Tree in Church (2.30pm)

Sun 21 Dec: Christmas Praise (11am); Service of Nine Lessons and Carols (6.30pm)

Wed 24 Dec, Christmas Eve: Crib Service (5pm); Holy Communion (11.30pm)

Thurs 25 Dec, Christmas Day: Christmas Family Communion (11am)

### Middleton Church Services

Sun 14 Dec: Carol Service 6.45pm

Thurs 25 Dec, Christmas Day: Christmas Holy Communion (9.45am)

CORGI and ACOP registered

## Pretty Polly takes to the treetops and evades capture

Over the last couple of months an escaped parrot has been variously entertaining and infuriating local residents – depending on where it decides to perch and what it chooses to do.

Believed to have escaped from Darley Dale, or possibly Newhaven or Biggin – depending on who you talk to – and apparently called Henry, the little feathered chap has taken up a regular position in the trees of the churchyard, studiously ignoring the efforts of local people to tempt it down. However, it has also visited the adjoining school playground, where it has been fed, as well as a number of back gardens, where it has displayed an unwelcome tendency to squawk loudly at odd moments. Henry, who is a distinctive green colour, has also surprised a parish councillor by landing on his window sill first thing in the morning and serenading him in bed!



*Henry, an Orange Winged Amazon Parrot, photographed by Ian Weatherley*

Youlgrave wildlife experts Ian and Sue Weatherly managed to take a photograph of Henry (right), and after consulting with the Amazon Parrot Society they believe he is an Orange Winged Amazon.

Two well-known local parrots contacted the *Bugle* (see letter), saying that they can usually

stand very low temperatures, provided there's an adequate food supply. One added that they may be at risk from wet conditions if they can't properly dry out.

## A pair of Youlgrave parrots write...



Dear Sir

We send warm greetings from the local Parrot Liberation Front to our compatriot who has escaped from captivity and is living in the Churchyard. There shouldn't be any surprise that a parrot can thrive in the open: Oxford University workers report some 4,500 ring-necked parakeets have found their freedom, and the zebra finch is established in many localities. We tropical birds can stand the cold, as long as we can find a draught-proof roosting area.

May we make two pleas? Firstly, if our friend up the road decides to re-enter human society, please provide a varied diet: not just sunflower seeds and the odd piece of apple, but a large variety of vegetables and fruit and seed. (Our particular favourites, in season, are corn on the cob and blackberries.)

Secondly, if it turns out that he is a he, please send him down Stoneyside, where he will receive a very affectionate reception.

Yours faithfully,  
Spoj and Nell



*Spoj – affectionate local resident*

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## CLERK VACANCY YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Youlgrave Parish Council requires a part-time Clerk to the Council from February 2004 due to the retirement of the present Clerk. Hours are variable, with a maximum of 40 hours per month. Duties to include the Responsible Financial Officer/Proper Officer of the Council. Salary will be according to SLCC/NALC recommendations with due regard to qualifications and experience. Deadline for written applications: 31 December 2003.

Interviews will take place early in January 2004. Informal enquiries to the present Clerk, Ingrid Newman, on 636084. Formal applications (with CV if appropriate) to be sent to: Mrs Ingrid Newman, Overdale, Coldwell End, Youlgrave DE45 1UY.



## Youlgrave WI welcomes new officers

The annual Meeting was held on 11 November and after much discussion and encouragement from our adviser from headquarters we found our officers.

The new President is Margaret Deeming with Joan Mallaband acting as Vice President, Secretaries are Gloria McCaul and Marjorie Shimwell, Treasurers are Eileen Bacon and Jean Frost. Other members of the Committee are Dorothy Sandell and Jennifer Easton. Retiring Officers were thanked for their work and presented with a bouquet of flowers from the members.

We are looking forward to a full programme next year including speakers from Derbyshire Libraries, 'A Secret Journey Across Tibet', 'A year on a Hill Farm' by Shepherdess Kath Birkinshaw, a talk on Sudbury Museum

of Childhood followed by a visit to Sudbury. We shall also be taking part in group meetings with Monyash, Ashford in the Water, Great Longstone and Over Haddon.

This month we are having a Christmas Party with entertainment by Mick Partridge on Tuesday 11 December in the Village Hall and we shall be singing Carols in Great Longstone.

New members will be very welcome. Please contact Ann Knowles on 636362.

***Next Bugle: Feb 2004  
News and articles to the  
editor by Friday 16 Jan.***

**Call Geoff on 07971 839515**

# All in a day's work for matchmaker Pat

**Marilyn Nichols** says Pat Warren's entertaining new book will make an ideal present this Christmas



Pat's book launch at Country Bookshop (with a Harry Potter poster apparently featuring Alice Twyford in the background).

Life is full of surprises! What a happy surprise awaited me when I opened Pat Warren's new book *All in a Day's Work – Stories by the Country Matchmaker*, launched in October in a friendly jostling crowd at the Country Bookshop at Hassop roundabout.

Pat is a good friend and I thought I knew what to expect in this book, her debut splash onto the bookshelves of Derbyshire and the world beyond. Her book is *so much more* than I anticipated: it's a page-turner, enriched with the colour, noises, smells, laughter and tears of the countryside. I could hear her voice speaking to me from the pages, yet it reads as if you are in the secure hands of an able writer. We all share a voyeuristic love of peeking into other people's lives, and Pat gives you the pleasure of not only getting to know her and

her family's life at Mere Farm, but the reader also has the pleasure of meeting lots of other people who are seeking the elusive elixir comprising enduring love and happiness. Some get lost in life's dark forest of isolation and self-doubt, and Pat's business has been to lead gently but deftly to the clearing where there is someone waiting, perhaps the person they've been seeking all along.

My doorbell went unanswered, the dog needed walking, the family fidgeted waiting for tea as I enjoyed each chapter all the way to the back cover. Pat's book will be on each guest bedside table to take away, and my aged mother would love it in equal proportions as my daughter. I imagine the post van will make heavy ruts up her long drive as she receives lots of cards from folks who fall in love with her book and its charm and her wonderful vision of the Derbyshire hills alive with warmth, smiles, and hope for the love-seeker. It's illustrations help to carry the humour further, and make it an attractive pleasurable read that will delight anyone on your Christmas list, from Manchester to Melbourne, from grandma to difficult Aunt Bessy. Much success to you, Pat!

*'All in a Day's Work – Stories by the Country Matchmaker' is published by Farming Books & Videos Ltd, price £8.99, and is available at Roses Newsagents in Youlgrave.*

*Pat wishes to thank friends and local residents for their support.*

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Prints of 'Knocking Alley', Youlgrave (c.1900), available from Tricia Donnison (tel. 636931) at £7.99 unframed.

**Bowls Club  
Christmas Concert  
with  
Youlgrave Silver Band**  
Friday 12 December  
Youlgrave Village Hall  
7.30pm

## Youlgrave Panto 2004 'The Queen of Hearts'

27 January – 4 February  
Youlgrave Village Hall  
For tickets call 636611 (10am-7pm).

**Village Hall Open Morning**  
Saturday 6 Dec, 10am-12 noon.  
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**Indoor bowls** now takes place most Tuesday mornings as well as afternoons at the Village Hall. See local notices for more details.



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A merry Christmas (and a profitable New Year) to all our sponsors – your ongoing support is much appreciated.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<b>Sat 6 Dec</b>	Open Morning, Youlgrave Village Hall, 10am-12 noon.	Bradford, Mawstone Lane & bridge (9.35-10.15am), Grove Place (10.20-10.45am). ( <i>Note: there is no December collection for Middleton.</i> )
<b>Sat 6 Dec</b>	A Praise Evening with the Celebration Choir, All Saints Parish Church, 7pm.	
<b>Tues 9 Dec</b>	Sites of Meaning meeting, Middleton Village Hall, 8pm.	<b>Mon 15 Dec</b> Carol singing, Wesleyan Reform Chapel forecourt, 7pm. All welcome.
<b>Thurs 11 Dec</b>	Wine tasting evening, Farmyard Inn (see page 4 for details).	<b>Fri 19 Dec</b> Winster Guisers perform at the Farmyard Inn (approx 9.45pm) and the George Hotel (approx 10.30pm).
<b>Fri 12 Dec</b>	Middleton's Christmas Get-together. More details to follow.	<b>Sat 17 Jan</b> Bateman Arms Night II (see page 10).
<b>Fri 12 Dec</b>	Bowls Club Christmas Concert with Youlgrave Silver Band, Village Hall, 7.30pm.	<b>27 Jan-4 Feb</b> Youlgrave Panto: The Queen of Hearts (see page 15).
<b>Sat 13 Dec</b>	Waste Collection: Alport (7.45-8am), Youlgrave School (8.05-9.30am),	<b>Tues 20 Jan</b> Youlgrave Parish Council meeting, Village Hall Committee Room.

## REGULAR EVENTS

<b>Tuesdays</b>	Yoga with Iris Pimm (636341), The Barn, Greenfields Farm, 7pm.	<b>Fridays</b>	Parent and Toddlers Group, Reading Room, 1.15-3.15pm. Contact Emma Wardle (tel. 636265).
<b>Tuesdays</b>	Indoor bowls at Youlgrave Village Hall, most Tuesday mornings and afternoons (check local noticeboards).	<b>2nd Mon</b>	Mobile Library, Greenfields Farm, 9.30am; Alport, 9.45am; Abbeyfield, 10am; Bradford, 10.20am; Rock Farm, Middleton, 10.40am.
<b>Mon-Fri</b>	Youlgrave Playschool, Scout & Community Hall, 9.15-11.45am. Contact Emma for details (tel. 636265).	<b>2nd Tues</b>	Youlgrave WI meetings, Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm.
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Drawing and painting classes, Youlgrave Reading Room, 10am.	<b>4th Wed</b>	Confidential Advice Sessions with Matlock & District Citizens Advice Bureau, Youlgrave Medical Centre, 9.30am-12.30pm.
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Yoga with Iris Pimm (636341), The Barn, Greenfields Farm, 7pm.	<b>Alternate Thurs</b>	Mobile Library, Grove Place, 2-4.30pm Holywell Lane 5-6.30pm.
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Basic Drawing skills with Diane Kettle, Reading Room, 10am.	<b>2nd Friday</b>	Mobile Police Station, top of Holywell Lane, 12.30-4pm.
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Bingo, Youlgrave Reading Room, 7.30pm.		
<b>Thursdays</b>	Beginners Yoga with Iris Pimm, 7pm.		
<b>Fridays</b>	Yoga with Iris Pimm, 9.30am.		
<b>Fridays</b>	Gentle Yoga, Scout and Community Hall, 3.30pm.		