

The Bugle

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

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Young and old enjoy Funday

Youlgrave-Bangbutt Village Link held their Funday for children on Saturday 9 September. The weather was very kind and gave us welcome sunshine for the activities in the School Yard.

Though it was quiet at first, people young and old joined in the fun and games later in the afternoon. Local people and visitors alike took advantage of a browse around the stalls in the Scout Hall, as well as enjoying companionship and delicious afternoon teas. Thank you to all who contributed mouth-watering scones, cakes and preserves.

Everyone enjoyed trying out their skills at Diablo, Stilts and all the other activities on offer, with some very expert tuition to help them along. There was a children's prize-giving session for all the winners of the various games and lots of applause for those who received a prize. The event raised £225 towards the new School fundraising project and a good day was enjoyed by all.

Kath Blackshaw



Above: some of the younger participants at the fundraising Funday last month.

Calling all joiners/carpenters

Youlgrave School Association is to provide the School with a friendship bench and a pergola for the children in the playground. Is there a joiner or carpenter willing to make these for us? We will provide the wood. If anyone is interested please ring the School on 636289 or Wendy Wilson on 636090.

The Bugle is sponsored by Derbyshire Dales District Council



Dear Sir,

It is gratifying to know that the two village exhibitions in the village hall were successful in raising money for village good causes (reference the article in your September issue "Anyone for afternoon tea" signed on behalf of the Playgroup). The exhibitions fulfilled a contractual requirement to show each exhibition five times to the public as required by the Heritage Lottery Fund, who financed the exhibitions and paid for the hire of the village hall. As our contribution, the Village Hall Committee allowed free use of all our facilities and equipment and also provided the tea and coffee free. Behind the scenes, considerable effort was put towards advertising: notices around the village and in the Dale; notices and 1,200 flyers in tourist offices, articles in newspapers and repeated radio announcements; quite apart from mounting and remounting the displays.

The Village Hall Committee has completed its obligations to the Heritage Lottery Fund and will now vary the display from time to time for the pleasure of our users. If, in future, charities and good causes wish to hire the hall for selling teas to the public we shall be delighted, but please remember that the Youlgrave Village Hall is a charity that has no other income. (The generous grants we have received from public bodies and private individuals all served to improve our capital facilities.) Our revenue hire charges, including those for other charities and good causes, will revert to normal.

Mike Newman, Honorary Treasurer,
Youlgrave Village Hall



Dear Sir

Re the closure of Youlgrave Post Office, 19 June 2006.

After some consideration, Youlgrave Waterworks Ltd. would like to point out that they were on site to provide a connection to the mains water only, and were not the main contractors for the excavation. The builders at Thimble Hall, and therefore the owner of the premises was. Coincidentally, the two men digging the trench (Dave and Gary) do most of the work for the Waterworks and are a most extremely helpful pair. They came that morning fully prepared with steel plates to cover the trench near the post office door so that customers, with some care, could still use the shop. They also have to work within the guidelines of the highways authority and a road opening order had to be applied for.

The closure notice went up on the PO door soon after work started approximately seven metres away, and well before 9am opening. Magically the Highways Authority appeared followed by the Public Health people; in fact everyone but the seventh cavalry. Putting this in perspective, this was a trench, one foot wide, two feet deep, not the Grand Canyon, and did not justify the furore called down upon it that morning, all seemingly done to maximize the disruption to the area. The more cynical among us would think that a personal/commercial clouding of judgment was the reason, and therefore, instead of showing a bit of community spirit, and stoicism, for which villagers are noted, came the final act of closing the shop, deeply affecting the most vulnerable members of our village society, the pensioners, some of them walking the length of the village to meet an unnecessarily closed door.

Harry Holland, Chairman, Youlgrave Waterworks

Your District Councillor is Andrew McCloy, tel 636125

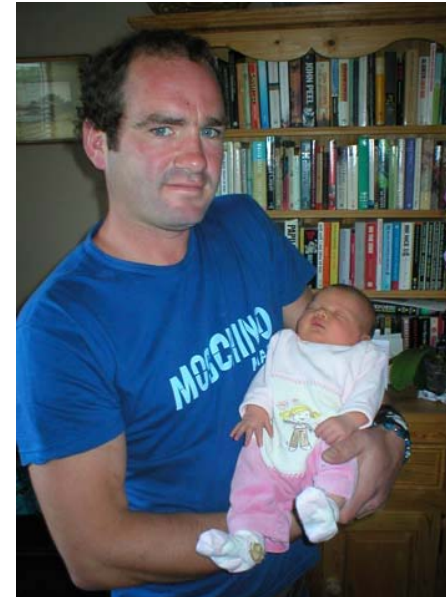
Village noticeboard

Funding for play equipment

Youlgrave Parish Council has been awarded £3,000 by Derbyshire Dales District Council towards new play equipment on the Alport Lane playing fields. The money matches the Parish Council's contribution and will pay for a climbing tower that, together with the swings and adventure trail already in place, will complete the junior play area.

Supper Club at the Farmacyard Inn

The Farmacyard Inn's popular Supper Club will resume on Saturday 28 October. Call 636221 for more details and put the date in your diary now. The pub is also considering holding wine and whisky tasting evenings this autumn – please let Sean or Jo know if you are interested in coming along. Finally, the Friday night quiz returns by popular demand on 13 October, so sharpen up the grey matter!



Email andrew.mccloy@derbyshire.gov.uk

Alport Lane playing fields – hire it for your special event

Over the last few months Youlgrave's attractive playing fields off Alport Lane have played host to the annual village Music Festival, and before that to a large and successful wedding reception.

Contrary to some local belief, the land is actually owned by the National Playing Fields Association, and managed on its behalf by Youlgrave Parish Council. The playing fields are home to Youlgrave United football club, as well as the base for the village bowls and tennis clubs, and it is hoped that before too long a village cricket team can once more take to the field.

The playing fields are a wonderful community resource and the Parish Council is keen for everyone to use and enjoy them. If you would like to hold an event on the playing fields – from a wedding reception or music festival through to a children's party or sporting event – please contact Matthew Lovell, Clerk to the Council, on 636151 or email youlgraveclerk@btinternet.com.

Special autumn arrival

Vinny and Lenka are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their new baby Velvet (pictured left, with Vinny). Born at Calow on 11 September, Velvet weighed 7lb 3oz, despite being almost five weeks early!

Heartfelt thanks are extended to all for the lovely cards and gifts for Velvet. Jude and Dilys would also like to say a big thank you for the very thoughtful treats they have received too.

Horticultural Show a huge success

The 2nd of September saw the annual Youlgrave Show take place in the Village Hall. It was a record-breaking event, with more exhibitors participating than at any time in the last 20 years. The competition was particularly hot in the cookery categories, with the new categories of machine-made bread and free range eggs attracting much interest. It was also heartening to have so many children's contributions.

Chairman Eddie Oldfield awarded the prizes as follows: Mr. G. Ollerenshaw, most points for flowers, and best exhibits in flowers and vegetables; Mr C. Gill, most points for vegetables; Mrs. M. Post, best exhibit in Floral Art; Kirsten Dick, best Junior Floral Art; Jane Gardener, best exhibit in baking; and the DA Wardle trophy for points in baking and handicrafts; Douglas Oldfield, the ROAB Silver Cup; John Simpson, Mrs G Litchfield Trophy for Roses; Mark Carson, the Plowright Cup for Sweet Peas; and Mr C Gill, the Mrs. E. Johnson Trophy for Tomatoes.

Thanks go as always to the judges who presided so fairly, and to Dougie



Jane Gardener with her trophy for best baking exhibit.

Oldfield for the wonderful entertainment of the auction, and to all of those whose efforts went into making the day such a success, including the many exhibitors new and old. Mark your calendars for next year!
Leslie Toyne



Dear Editor

I'm afraid I can't provide Anne Croasdell with an answer as to where her apparition went (September's Bugle letter 'Bare-faced cheek of the man!'), but I can enlighten her as to its source. Earlier on I had been walking, lost in conversation with friends, across Calton Lees car park at Chatsworth. From the opposite direction, I glimpsed out of the corner of my eye the same perverse apparition she had. For a moment our conversation continued

until the glimpse crystallised in my mind. Then I did a double take! I, of course, alerted my friends and we stood dumbstruck as he, pompously proudly pouched, pranced purposefully on his way – evidently to Pommie.

Yours sincerely

Dianne Hewitt

Please send any further reports of the Peak District's 'Naked Rambler' to the Bugle at the address on the back page – Ed.

Beers set to change as Farmyard goes Greene

Following the buy-out of Nottingham brewers Hardy & Hanson by Greene King, the provision of real ale at Youlgrave's Farmyard Inn is set to change. In fact, by the time you read this, there should be two new hand pump beers at the bar: Greene King IPA and Abbot Ale. They will occasionally be supplemented by Speckled Hen and Morland, and beaming landlord Sean Healey told the *Bugle* that he hoped to eventually have three hand pumps in operation.

Greene King is based in Suffolk, where it has been brewing beer for over 200 years. However, in the last few years it has expanded into one of the major pub retailers and brewers in the UK. Greene King's Pub Company runs the likes of the Hungry Horse and Old English Inns chains, while its Pub Partners operates a huge number of tenanted and leased pubs (mainly in East Anglia and the South East) and its Brewing Company continues to produce its well-known brand beers such as IPA, Abbot Ale, Old Speckled Hen and Ruddles County.



To give Youlgrave's beer-drinkers a taste of what they can expect, CAMRA's *Good Beer Guide* describes Greene King IPA (ABV 3.7%) in these terms: "A light, uncomplicated session bitter. Copper coloured with a subtle malty nose and just a hint of hops. A light bitter introduction with sweetish malty undertones gives a refreshing, lemonade-type feel. A long, tapering finish turns drier and increases in bitterness." And you thought beer was just beer?

A local pub-goer writes: Youlgrave's three pubs continue to provide a diverse and attractive choice of real ales for the discerning drinker. In addition to the new Greene King brands at the Farmyard, the Bull's Head has offered an interesting range of guest beers this summer, supplementing the reliable Marston's Pedigree and Burton Bitter. Meanwhile, Peak Ales locally-produced Bakewell Bitter has proved so popular at the George that it has become a permanent guest. Cheers!

Pub Joke of the Month 1

Vincent Van Gogh was painting in a corner of the pub when his mate Rembrandt walked in.

"Fancy a drink, Van Goghy?" called out Rembrandt.

"No, its okay", said Van Gogh, "I've got one ear."

"SOMEBODY SAID..."



Jack Blackburn and Margot Bartlett organised a splendid evening of poetry readings in the Scout Hall on 22 September in aid of Bangbutt.

All the poetry was modern, much of it by poets who were new to me. One of the most interesting sections, called 'Pommie', was the work of Sylvia Kantaris, once local. I particularly liked "William Yates", about a difficult old man who always put used matches back in the box, to his wife's exasperation (my own experience). Jack and Margot's reading, and the music, transformed the written word. I hope they can be persuaded to repeat the performance and that the room will be packed, standing room only.

The quotation at the beginning of the programme was so true: "I see the point of poets now. They notice things." *M.B.*

Youlgrave Scout & Community Hall

COFFEE MORNING & AUTUMN FAYRE

In the Scout Hall

Saturday 14 October

10am-12 noon

Please come and help support the youth groups of the village

Cake stall – tombola – coffee – book stall – bric a brac – raffle

Pub Joke of the Month 2

A bread roll walked into a pub and asked for a pint of Guinness and a double brandy. "Out!" yelled the barman. "I've told you before, we don't serve food."

Curry on the menu for School's evening Class!



Youlgrave All Saints Primary School cordially invites you to a music and curry evening at the Village Hall on Friday 13 October at 7.30pm.

Music will be provided by Twice Around and there will be a choice of curries provided by Max's of Bakewell.

Tickets are priced £10 and available from the School, Post Office and other local shops.

Council Tax: Tel 761222 revenues@derbyshiredales.co.uk

Free training courses for local community groups



Derbyshire Dales CVS

Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Services starts the new term with more free training sessions for anyone involved with community groups. Sessions are usually small groups of six, meeting in accessible venues in Ashbourne, Bakewell and Darley Dale for about two hours.

This term subjects range from running a youth group to what's new in employment legislation, plus how to promote and publicise your group by using the media. For more information please look at www.ddcvs.org.uk and go to the training page or contact Hester Messom on 01629 812154, email hester@ddcvs.org.uk

Youlgrave Church Roof Appeal

Forthcoming events:

Saturday 14 October

10am-3pm

Garage and table-top sale at David & Denise Figg's (behind Holland shop)

Saturday 11 November

TWICE AROUND

8pm-12 midnight

Youlgrave Village Hall

Tickets from village shops

Contact 636234 for more details

Youlgrave Cinema presents

DIRTY PRETTY THINGS



Youlgrave Village Hall
Friday 6 October, 7.30pm
Members and pre-booked guests only

Electoral Services: 761375 electoral@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

The Tofts – remembering a local transport legend

James Albert Toft (1866-1936) was a blacksmith at Youlgrave. Born to a world of horses, he lived to see his two sons and son-in-law with the largest fleet of lorries in the district (about 70-80).

Eli and Vernon Toft, and brother-in-law Jim Tomlinson, commenced business in 1922 at Youlgrave, on the site where the village surgery now stands. They ran two steam lorries, a Clayton Shuttleworth and a Sentinel, soon acquiring some motor lorries. In 1928 they moved to North Darley, on sites on each side of the A6 at Deeley Town. Their cousin Ezra Toft, a builder, also from Youlgrave, built them a terrace of three houses, and across the road a large new garage. The houses were named Unity Villas, and the vehicle premises Unity Garage. The roof for the original garage was from a First World War aeroplane hangar. These premises are still known as the Unity Complex, and are still associated with transport, housing four transport-connected firms – Tollbar Racing, Darley Dale Garage, Two Dales Body Repair and Paint workshop, and TDI Tipsafe vehicle supports systems.

Tofts pioneered the use of diesel engines in HGVs and around 1930 became the main agents for Gardner diesel engines for the East Midlands. Jim Tomlinson's sons Albert and Bill took over the reins of the firm in the early 1940s. After the war the firm ran about 90 lorries, and had another company called North Derbyshire Engineering, contracting out civil engineering plant. Toft's lorries roamed the length and breadth of Britain, driven by men who knew the best way to

anywhere, working very long hours in draughty, noisy machines. The engine was literally in the cab with the driver, red hot in summer and freezing in winter. There were no heaters or syncromesh gear boxes, brakes which were not the best, and no power steering. These lorries had to be driven with great skill, always planning 250 yards ahead. There were no fork lift trucks, Hiab cranes and pallets then. Most days the driver had ten or twelve tons of goods to be loaded and unloaded by hand and then a night's lodging to find.

In the 1970s the Toft companies went into receivership, and the firm was wound up. Over 50 years experience in the golden age of transport ceased. The Tofts had many long-time employees – Albert Prince, who started at Youlgrave and served the company for 48 years on the maintenance side; joiner Joe Derbyshire; body and cab builder; Fred Billinge, painter/signwriter; and long-distance drivers Eric Ainscough, Albert Geeson, Tom Talbot, Jack Mills, the Blair brothers, and Alf Moody who sadly died when his lorry crashed into the Derwent opposite the Boathouse Inn at Matlock. Many truly excellent men passed through Toft Brothers & Tomlinson, on their way up in the transport world, including managers, mechanics, transport operators and drivers – a great team with unbounded loyalty on both sides and expertise in the transport field for over 50 years.

This extract is from Darleys in the Dale – Echoes from the Valley, a fascinating book by Lewis Jackson (Country Books, 2002) and is reproduced with thanks.

Housing advice: Tel 761311 housingadvice@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

Recycling in Youlgrave – where to take what



Paper, magazines, telephone directories (including Yellow Pages)

DDDC Blue Box Scheme, collected fortnightly or recycling bins, Coldwell End



Cardboard (any sort, including cereal/food boxes)

DDDC Green Bin, collected fortnightly, or Northwood Depot (off A6 nr Peak Rail), Darley Dale



Glass bottles and jars

DDDC Blue Box Scheme, collected fortnightly Or recycling bins, Coldwell End



Plastic bottles, tubs, etc

Recycling bins, Coldwell End



Tins, cans, aluminium foil, aerosol cans

Recycling bins, Coldwell End



Postage stamps, spectacles

Box in All Saints Church (back pew)



CDs, DVDs, CD Roms, computer cartridges

Box in All Saints Church (back pew)



Mobile phones

Box in All Saints Church (back pew)



Clothes and shoes

Clothes bank at Granby Road car park, Bakewell or Bakewell Charity Shops



Old carpets

For smothering weeds on local gardens and allotments! Contact the Bugle on 636125 to place your FREE ad.



Garden waste

DDDC Green Bin, collected fortnightly or buy your own compost bin (from as little as £4, call 0845 0732001) or worm compost, or make your own compost heap.



Furniture

Contact Encore Re-Use of Ashbourne (01335 300907)



Computers

See www.donateapc.org.uk or www.computeraid.org

For more info call the Environment Hotline on 01629 761215 ,email environment.hotline@derbyshiredales.gov.uk or visit www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk

Licensing: Tel 761313 licensing@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

Bugle Website – www.thebugle.org.uk

Back issues from edition one - January 1998 - now available

When Andrew and I both received suggestions from some online readers to put all the back issues of the Bugle on the website, my first thoughts were of a technical nature. How would people get to all the pages, how long was it going to take me to convert all the printed newsletters to the website format, and did I still have the computer files for all back issues? I need not have worried, though, because the answer, to produce the newsletter as a Portable Document Format or PDF was the obvious and very straightforward answer.

turn into several hours), I think that you may enjoy a trip down memory lane. And I hope you, too, will be proud to be associated with a village that that has such a diverse social calendar and such supportive businesses and social groups to keep a newsletter supplied with not only enough interesting articles but also the funding to do so. Sponsorship of early Bugles started with just the following, which includes some old faithful supporters and some businesses that we are sad to say are no longer there.

Amy's Dairy	- - - - -	636639
A Twyford, Motor Engineer	- - - - -	636093
Castle Farm B&B, Caravans & Camping Barn	- - - - -	636746
Doug Oldfield, Handyman & Sweep	- - - - -	636797
Eric Goodwin, Plasterer & Tiler	- - - - -	636627
The Fish & Chip Shop	- - - - -	636379
Hollands Butchers	- - - - -	636234
Meadow Cottage Tea Garden	- - - - -	636523
Parkers Butchers, Wines & Spirits	- - - - -	636217
The Knoll Club	- - - - -	-
Peter Knowles, Architect	- - - - -	636362
The Post Office	- - - - -	636201
Roses Newsagents	- - - - -	636874
SR & JK Roper, Builder & Joiner	- - - - -	636498
Youlgrave Garage	- - - - -	636943

If you would like to be notified when the online Bugle is ready, please email me at emma@youatt.co.uk to be added to the mailing list. Please be assured your address won't be passed onto any other organisations or businesses and I will not bombard you with junk or spam.

I hope that you all support Andrew and the team as they continue to develop the Bugle as it matures into a very robust publication and valuable part of local community life. And don't forget to check out www.thebugle.org.uk! And, please, support the local businesses as much as you can before more are lost!

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To view all editions of the Bugle, you will need PDF viewing software, the most common being Adobe Acrobat Reader – available free of charge, see the link on the website www.thebugle.org.uk. It's a huge file so if you don't have broadband, ask a friend who does to download it for you or find a computer magazine cover CD that has it on.

Ballad of the Party on the Moor

28 July 2006

It was a hot summer's night
And the Moor was alight
Young Sarah's birthday called for a party
Folk came from miles and miles
O'er field and ditch and stiles
For a knees-up reet good and hearty.

When you dance to Twice Around
No one needs more surround sound –
Music for nothing and burgers for free –
Sumo wrestling in the barn
But no one came to harm
And the lager was alright by me.

When struck the midnight hour
And the music played no more
Into the spotlight strode the mystery man
Skin-tight jeans and wicked hat
Oh, that bard was where it was at
When he started to show off his sun tan.

The ladies stood on chairs
As the bronze six-pack was bared –
Who needs 'Monty' or something too arty?
Shirt and trousers on the floor
And the crowd roared out for more
When Frosty did the strip at Shimmer's party.
(But it was all done in the best possible taste.)

Dee Frith

Coffee Morning
and Bring & Buy
at

GRANBY HOUSE,
YOULGRAVE
on Saturday 28 October

10am to 12 noon
Stalls, raffle, etc

Friday 6 October

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE AND MUSIC QUIZ

Youlgrave Reading Room,
starting at 8pm.
£1.50 per person, including
raffle. Teams of four. Quiz
Master: Mick Partridge.

Proceeds to Youlgrave
Bowls Club.
Everyone welcome.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2006

Yes, it's shoebox time again! For those of you new to the project, shoeboxes, covered with Christmas paper, are filled with all kinds of goodies, and then sent to needy children, mainly in Eastern Europe, and to those especially affected by war, disaster and poverty. What happens to the shoeboxes is shown quite dramatically on a video or a DVD, if anyone would like to borrow them. The filled shoeboxes should be brought to All Saints Church on Sunday, 19 November, at 11am. This date has now been designated 'National Shoebox Day'. Last year we collected the magnificent total of 101 shoeboxes. Leaflets with more details are available in the local shops and churches. It is important to read the leaflet carefully as it lists suitable items to go in the boxes and, more importantly, things **NOT** suitable to send. For further information, please ring Lisa 636298 or Barbara 636601.

Tel 761215 environmenthotline@derbyshiredales.gov.uk



Welcome to the first issue of the Bugle, your FREE local newsletter!

This is a newsletter for the people of Alport, Hildisna and Youlgrave. The idea came from Project Laver which carried out research and discussions last year including meetings in Youlgrave Village Hall. Project Laver has published a useful list of local services (The Youlgrave Business Directory) for the benefit of residents.

The first issue coincides with Youlgrave's Fantomine CINDERELLA, so we have a feature on the backstage workers who do a great job every year. More next issue.

We aim to publish the Bugle monthly. It is done by voluntary effort and we hope to get a lot of written contributions from you – anything of local interest. For example items on clubs, societies, events, happenings, local history, poems etc. – or advice you give to people and let us have a page on this too. We'll be glad to help.

A list of local organisations is printed on the back page. If any items are wrong or missing please let us know and we'll put them right in subsequent issues.

To help cover material expenses we need to generate some income so commercial sponsorship will be accepted. Advertising space features will be allocated to the sponsors. Reports and events on all sporting events involving local people will be very welcome: cricket, football, tennis, bowls, table tennis, figure skating, squash etc. People are interested in keeping up to date with these, so do write them regularly.

If you send us letters we'll try to publish them (but see guidelines below).

We shall do copies of local coverage eg. 4-chops have closed in Youlgrave in the last 2 or 3 years (Hilton, Baxtons, Haffolds and the Old Baker Shop) and there will be further pressure on those that remain when Bakers' etc. are supermarkets open soon. So support your local shops. As the slogan says, 'use them or lose them'.

Questions for contributors

1. Keep it short and to the point but interesting enough for people to want to read it.
2. We can't take up spelling or grammar (if we need to say so we'll say so but it's the information that's important).
3. Please give us your name and telephone number.
4. We reserve the right not to publish any item which may cause offence.
5. We reserve the right to edit if necessary.
6. Send this or attach your contributions to:
The Editor, Emma Youatt, Swan House, Hildisna,
Tel: (01453) 636611 or email E.Youatt@ACCL.COM

Alternatively you can deliver your contributions to:
Ann Knowles, Granby House, Fourteen Square, Youlgrave. (Behind the Youth Hostel)

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The Bugle is sponsored this month by Hollands Butchers. Proprietor D. Figg.

So, now the fun (and not to mention seriously cringeworthy!) task of converting all the files to PDFs. Proud as I am of my involvement in the start up of this wholly sustainable newsletter – there have been no grants from Europe, the Government or the Lottery – I found it very difficult to read the editorials that I toiled over each month. So, if you've got half an hour (which could easily

Parks & recreation/recycling/refuse collection/street cleansing:



Youlgrave-Bangbutt Village Link

We have just had another happy and successful meeting with Sammy Stober-Taylor, during his visit to England. The good news is that the women of Bangbutt are really excited at having just started their tailoring training. This is what they write:

"We were thinking that we are no longer useful in the community except helping our husbands on the farm work. We never thought of bringing ourselves together to learn a skill. This venture is like a dream which God has answered for our future. And this we will hold with two hands and we will never allow it to depart from us again. Thank you very plenty."

The tailoring course lasts for one year, meeting each week for four days. The 15 young women on the course have to share the four sewing machines we have already bought for them. They desperately need four more machines, in order to work in pairs, so we have sent Sammy back to Sierra Leone with money to buy four more.

Twenty five villagers of Bangbutt have also excitedly started the Literacy Programme at the beginning of September and in October the goat project will be commencing. So it is all

Urgent request: If anyone has any unwanted electrical keyboards, Sammy Stober-Taylor desperately needs three more in the churches which are his responsibility, in Waterloo, just outside Freetown. Contact Barbara on 636601.



One of the 21 completed latrines that the people of Youlgrave have helped to build in Bangbutt.

happening in that little corner of Sierra Leone, thanks to many supporters in Youlgrave. More news and hopefully some photos in a month or two.

Harvest Appeal

We will soon be sending round our Harvest Appeal Annual Donations letters. If anyone would like to join this scheme, please contact Glenys on 636477 or Barbara on 636601.

Our next really exciting plan is to rebuild their much needed school. We need to raise at least £25,000 for this project and so far we have saved £15,000 from fund raising events and grants from charitable trusts. Can you please help us to reach our target soon? The best season for building in Bangbutt is January to June, in the driest season. It would be wonderful if we could start building in January 2007, rather than have to wait another whole year.

Barbara Scrivener

Come along and quiz your Council at the next Area Community

Last posting dates for Christmas: International surface mail

Monday 2 October: All non-European destinations (except USA, Canada, Middle East, Far East and South Africa)

Friday 13 October: Middle East and Far East (except Hong Kong, Singapore and Darley Dale)

Friday 27 October: USA, Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore and South Africa

Friday 24 November: Eastern Europe, Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, Malta and Iceland

Friday 1 December: Western Europe

From the Black Shadows to the Light

Come and hear Stephen Lungu, the new International Team Leader of Africa Enterprise, tell of his amazing journey from being abandoned as a child to one of Africa's foremost evangelists.

All Saints Parish Church, Youlgrave,
Wednesday 25 October, 7.30pm.

Youlgrave Youth Club

The club started again on 13 September and the following week the members were very enthusiastic about a note given to them with suggestions for various outings and future activities. We will try to plan some of these on Saturdays and during half term week. We welcome back the younger members who have attended in the past, and especially girls. We appreciate that a number of girls are involved in the Pantomime and have other evening commitments, but even if they can't manage to come regularly on Wednesday evenings, we would love them to join us on the trips. Forms about our proposed outings can be collected from Jenny at Figgys or from the Youth Club on Wednesday evenings.

Barbara & Glenys

Forum at the Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell, on 6 Nov



GO WILD IN THE GARDEN

An increased flurry of wildlife activity heralds the gradual onset of autumn. Dippers and grey wagtails are busy on the river again, dragonflies hover over marshy areas and ponds and the last generation of butterflies of the year takes advantage of late summer flowers. In woodland, the speckled wood butterfly can be seen in dappled sunlight. The wild blackberry is an excellent wildlife plant, providing flowers, fruit and thorny protection for birds and small mammals.



WILDLIFE PROJECT

Late foraging insects and bees are desperate for any flowers they can get. Luckily there is a huge and attractive selection of late-flowering perennials which keep the show going into October. There is a lovely range of asters to choose from. The 'New English' varieties are resistant to mildew. The late nectar they provide is useful for overwintering butterflies such as tortoiseshell, comma and brimstone. The globe thistle is loved by bees and is a great structure plant at the back of the border, as is the teasel. Goldfinches adore the seeds and will flock to them.

Maureen Parry

Maureen Parry can be contacted for Garden Design on 630064

Derbyshire Dales District Council ENERGY EFFICIENCY EVENT

Tues 24 Oct, 12.30-4.30pm

Christmas is fast approaching and along with the Christmas carols, presents and endless mince pies comes the cold weather. Rising energy prices have meant heating our homes is becoming increasingly more expensive and some now consider it a luxury to have the heating on. Living in a cold, damp and draughty home can affect your health, making you more prone to colds, asthma, bronchitis, falls and strokes. It can even affect your child's school grades!

Poor or non existent insulation can worsen this situation, as all the heat is escaping through the roof and walls of your home. Help is at hand – a FREE government grant for those on an income related benefit who are aged 60 or over; disabled; have children under 16; or are pregnant (with a MAT B1 form). The measures can include loft and cavity wall insulation – call 0800 316 2814 to find out if you qualify.

For those who don't qualify there is information available on discounted loft and cavity wall insulation schemes offered in our District. For those of you wanting to save money and the planet by becoming more energy efficient there are easy steps you can take in your everyday life – only boil as much water as you need in the kettle, take showers not baths, close curtains at dusk and switch to low energy light bulbs, to name a few. And for the really green and climate conscious amongst you there are renewables to consider. Grants are available towards solar heating, solar electricity, wind turbines, micro hydro and biomass.

For more information on discounted insulation schemes and renewables please call Claire Simmons, Energy Advisor at Derbyshire Dales District Council, on 01629 761304. You may require planning permission to install a renewable energy source, so please contact the Peak Park Planning Department on 01629 816361.



POSTCARD FROM SPAIN

I've always considered myself to be eco-friendly. You know the kind of thing I mean – I do my bit for recycling, putting bottles in the correct coloured bottle bank, no greens in with whites; I dispose of aluminium cans responsibly; and I certainly don't drop litter. Well, that's not entirely true. I have occasionally dropped the odd cigarette end, but with today's exorbitant rate of tax on cigarettes, I tend to save my fag ends for when times get a little harder. I don't belong to any organization such as Greenpeace, and my wife, sadly, can't afford a fur coat. I've repeatedly told her to join the Household Cavalry – at least she'd get a fur hat! I'm not an eco warrior, just a normal human being doing his bit for the seemingly fragile environment along with most of my friends and neighbours. So I was amazed to find that arms manufacturers around the world were determined to do their bit for the environment and possibly sort out the population explosion at the same time. To use a Youlgrave term, I was 'gobsmacked'. Imagine! Lead free bullets, grenades that produce less smoke on impact, rockets that are quieter and only make a whistling sound as they pass over your head and destroy houses further down the street, and (my favourite) tanks with exhausts that produce less harmful emissions. I don't suppose it matters if you get shot at by a tank using unleaded or not, the results are the same. What's my solution? Let's go back to the days of bows and arrows, pikestaffs and good old hand-to-hand fighting. It's certainly less noisy. There's a downside to this solution though, since people would be up-in-arms (no pun intended) about the massive cutting down of trees. Anyway, back to getting the wife a fur hat. Now, where did I put that army recruitment form?

GROUCHO

REGULAR LOCAL EVENTS

Mondays	Monday Club (Day Centre), Youlgrave Village Hall, 10am-3pm	Fridays	Yoga with Iris Pimm, 9.30-11.30am
Tuesdays	Yoga with Iris Pimm (636341), The Barn, Greenfields Farm, 7-9pm	Fridays	Gentle Yoga, Scout & Community Hall, 3.30pm.
Tuesdays	Youlgrave Bell Ringers practice night, All Saints Church, 7.30-9pm	Fridays	Parent and Toddlers Group, Reading Room, 1.15-3.15pm
Mon-Fri	Youlgrave Playschool, Scout & Community Hall, 9.15-11.45am	2nd Mon	Mobile Library, Greenfields Farm, 9.30am; Alport, 9.45am; Abbeyfield, 10am; Bradford, 10.20am; Rock Farm, Middleton, 10.40am
Weds	Drawing and painting classes, Youlgrave Reading Room, 10am	2nd Tues	Youlgrave WI meetings, Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm
Weds	Darby & Joan Club, Youlgrave Village Hall, 1.30pm	4th Wed	Confidential Advice Sessions with Matlock & District Citizens Advice Bureau, Youlgrave Medical Centre, 9.30am-12.30pm
Weds	Bingo, Youlgrave Reading Room, 7.30pm	Alternate Thurs	Mobile Library, Grove Place, 2-4.30pm, Holywell La 5-6.30pm
Weds	Youlgrave Youth Club, Scout & Community Hall, evenings, 7pm	2nd Fri of month	Mobile Police Stn, Holywell Lane, 12.30-4pm
Thurs	Ecumenical women's Bible study and fellowship, Youlgrave Reading Room, from 10am	Last Tues of month	Youlgrave Parish Council meeting, Youlgrave Village Hall Committee Room, 7.15pm
Thurs	Beginners Yoga with Iris Pimm, 7-9pm		
Thurs	Youlgrave Silver Band, Methodist School Room, 8pm		

Wesleyan Reform Chapel
(Top of Holywell Lane)

ANNUAL HARVEST COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 7 October, from 10am

Sale of produce from
Harvest Festival.

Cake stall, home-made jam, books
and bric-a-brac.

Enjoy coffee and a chat and help
raise money to send to Bangbutt
towards building a new school.

Entrance 50p (include coffee
and biscuits).

LITTER PICKING HAS A SLIVER LINING

When Phil Wildbore asked for help with litter picking the field after the Music Festival in September, my heart sank – somehow it seemed too complicated and risky. But I needn't have worried. With people like Ann, Dave and Chris Brown, plus Jane Middleton, and as well as a good number of Youth Club members and their friends, it became a doddle (well, sort of). The youngsters were treated to free tickets for Saturday, and a bit of pocket money if they helped on Sunday. They worked really hard and the field was fairly spotless. So, a big thank you to everyone who helped, and thanks to Phil. Even after paying a little pocket money, the Youth Club ended up with £250 for our efforts.

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Saturday Waste Collection

ALPORT & YOULGRAVE: 14th & 28th October

Alport: 7.45-8am, Youlgrave School: 8.05-9.30am, Bradford, Mawstone Lane & bridge: 9.35-10.10am, Grove Place Police House: 10.15-10.30am, Grove Place 'other end': 10.30-10.45am

MIDDLETON-BY-YOULGRAVE: 7th Oct The Square: 9.45-10.45am

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