



# The Bugle

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

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## VILLAGES TO BE PROUD OF

We're enjoying a burst of wonderful weather as I write and it puts me in an appreciative frame of mind when I look at what's around me. In the sunshine, I think that there are few places to rival our wonderful surroundings.

Youlgrave is again entering the Derbyshire Village of the Year competition organised by Derbyshire Rural Community Council. Judging will take place in June, July and August so the Parish Council asks everybody to do what they can to increase the chances of winning. As well as making the most of your gardens, effort can be made whilst you're out and about too. Make sure you take your litter home and, whilst I know it was tough having to exercise your dogs on the roads, please don't allow them to foul the thoroughfare.

I'm happy to say that the Forthcoming Events list looks a lot healthier again this month. Thanks to those of you that have contributed. I've said it before but

### Summer Festival

Plans are in their infancy to hold a Summer Festival in Youlgrave on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

The event could include a Marquee on the Playing Field in which the three pubs would be invited to run a bar each and, weather permitting, outdoor staging on which local bands could perform. Village shops would be invited to provide food, possibly in the form of ice cream stalls and barbecues.

If the project goes ahead, it will be an enjoyable way to help the village businesses increase takings at the end of what has been a difficult season. Anyone interested in being involved in organising or performing, should let Emma have their names (details as below).

it really is the best way of reaching everyone in the villages – and it's free! As ever, articles will be gratefully received. The cut off date for copy is the 14<sup>th</sup> of the month and events need to be with me by the 20<sup>th</sup>.

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# NEWS FROM YOULGRAVE SCHOOL

This month we have some stories and poems by girls in Year Five. They read Miroslav Holub's poem 'Go and open the door' and used it as a starting point for their own work.

## THROUGH THE DOOR

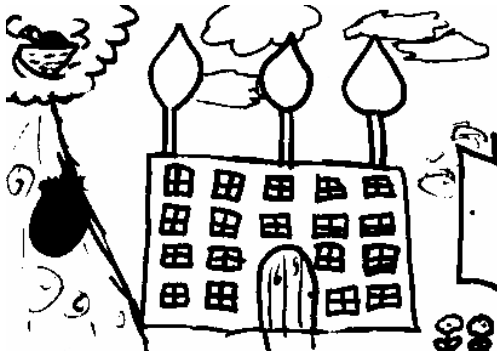
Yesterday I opened the door to go and play. A big surprise! I saw a city with tall buildings and lots of trees. When I stepped out, I met a girl dressed in rags.

I asked, 'What's your name?'

'Katie,' she replied.

'Hi! I'm Luci.'

'I have a present for you, Luci,' and she gave me a beautiful dog, called Foggy. To my surprise, I was holding a present for her, a tabby cat called Jessica. Next I met a posh woman. She gave me a silver bracelet and on it was a picture of herself. I was stroking Foggy and a genie came out of the bracelet. Foggy crept round my legs. I asked the genie to give me some



new clothes. Almost at once I was wearing a purple top and dark denim flares.

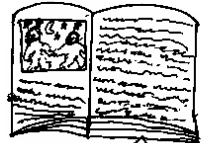
'Now,' I thought, 'I will go home'. I opened the door and went to tell my friends.

*Katie Louise Mather*

## ALADDIN

I opened my book called 'Aladdin.'

And just guess what I saw?  
The characters, yes the characters,  
Who started talking to me.  
Then all of a sudden  
Another surprise.  
They stepped out!  
Now I thought, 'Great.'  
A happy balloon  
Was swelling inside me,  
But it punctured



As evil Jofar jumped out.

Aladdin shouted,

'Close the book!'

'Close the book!'

Quickly I closed it.

They were all sucked back in.

I was safe!

*Robyn Hope Parker*

## MY OLD JAR

I have a jar, a jar, a jar,

Twisting, turning,

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Slowly I take off the lid  
And ...

Pop! Bang! Bang!

And steam came wafting out!

A genie, a witch and a wizard.

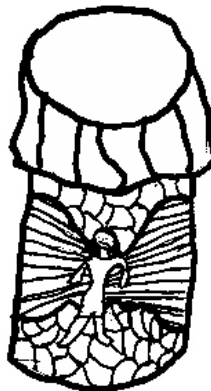
'Your wish is our command.

You are our master,

We are your servants.

Please, please,

Tell us your wish.'



'I would like gold, a rich uncle,  
a mansion and a horse.

I would like a juicy red apple,  
but most of all

I want to live for ever.'

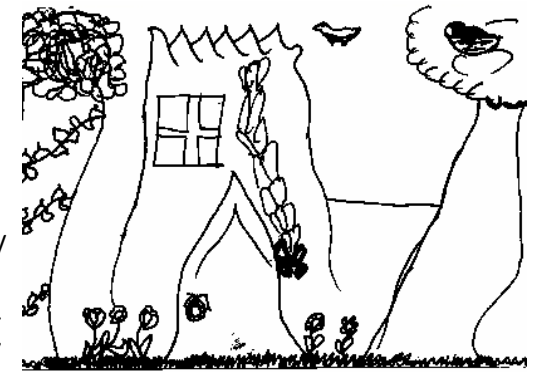
Into the jar they disappeared.

I hope they grant my wishes.

*Lucianne May Marshall*

## THE MAGIC WINDOW

Last Thursday I opened the window because it was hot. I went outside to play on my trampoline. I looked back through the window, but I couldn't see the inside of my house. There was a magical garden. I jumped back through the window and fell on some beautiful, soft flowers. I walked through the trees and almost at once a castle appeared from nowhere. I knocked on the door and a girl answered. I asked, 'Where am I?' She replied, 'You are in the World of the Gardens.' She told me her name was Luci. I said 'Mine is Louise.' She showed me round the gardens. When I asked, 'How do I get out?' she said, 'Go back



the way you came.' Suddenly I saw my window again. I tried to put my arm through, but I couldn't.

Then I saw a trampoline! I jumped on it and went out through the window. I saw my family having a picnic, so I went to join them.

*Louise Upton*

Thank you Katie, Louise, Luci and Robyn for sharing your ideas with us.

*Mrs Ryder*

# Made of Clay - Youlgrave Video

The video has proved very popular with local people as well as visitors and Roger at the Post Office is excellent at promoting and selling it! Hopefully, in the not too distant future - assuming that the village will again have visitors at the end of the foot and mouth tunnel - it will move into profit. This profit will go to the Welldressing Committee to be used for any future village arts projects or events.

In the meantime, I would like to pursue sales of the video to cable and

international television companies. So far, the video has had some very positive comments from British television companies but, as usual with a one-off video, there are no appropriate 'slots' for it. I would also like to research TV possibilities on the Web, but as usual I am very busy and haven't really the time. So, is there anyone out there who is Web literate who would be willing to do a bit of research? There is a little money in the video budget, with the possibility of a further payment if a sale is achieved.

If you think you might be able to help, please contact me (tel. 636189 or e-mail maggie.springrites@virgin.net).

*Maggie Ford*

# Valerian Time

In 1945 George Wheeldon was recuperating from exhaustion with his Division when they returned to Belgium after their first foray into Germany. He was due to take seven days leave, and received papers from his mother in Youlgrave. The Derbyshire Times for 9<sup>th</sup> March 1945 had an item on Valerian production in Derbyshire, based on an article in the Pharmaceutical Journal by James E Cocking of Chesterfield. It so interested George that he copied and later typed it up when his unit was based in Flensburg, on the border between Germany and Denmark.

Valerian is a fleshy plant with yellow-green leaves and pink or white flowers that grows widely in Derbyshire, often in walls. The dried roots, called rhizomes, were widely used in medicines to treat hysteria and similar nervous troubles. Although mainly imported from Holland, India and Belgium, Derbyshire Valerian was highly esteemed and cultivated after the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, mainly in and around Brackenfield. At the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century there were about seven producers, but production almost ceased during the First World War, and was only resumed in two parishes, Stretton until about 1927 and near Brackenfield



until 1941. The reasons for the decline were poor prices, market difficulties and the death of many of the growers.

Young wild plants, or sets, were collected in spring from woods as far away as Winster, Darley Dale and Hassop, just as the shoots were coming up. They were grown in light soil by the river Amber, planted four or five inches apart, in rows about 18 inches apart. The flowering stems were nipped off to encourage the rhizomes to grow, and in autumn the tops were removed and the rhizomes lifted. They were cut up, thoroughly washed and dried on the floor of a loft over an open coke stove.

Around 1905 one farmer used to travel about the district as far afield as Nottingham and Leicester to sell his product. In addition, smaller quantities were sold to locals for Valerian tea, an unpalatable infusion, very popular for "nerves", and said to improve the appetite. It was hoped that after the war one farm would resume Valerian cultivation and preserve the art in Derbyshire.

George's copy came to light recently and he has submitted it as background information for the new 'Derbyshire Flora', due for publication in 2002. If you know about the current or past use of wild plants in Derbyshire, the publishers of Flora would like to hear from you, via Bugle (see contact details on front page).

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# Youlgrave and its cars

After reading Jeni Edwards' thoughtful piece on car parking in Youlgrave in the last issue, I want to take the debate a little further.

Like Jeni, I own a car **and** care about the environment - I think the two are just about mutually compatible. But it's a bare fact that the Peak National Park is the second most heavily visited National Park in the whole world (after Mount Fuji in Japan), with over 20 million day visits made each year. And seeing as 90% of all visits are made by car, that's a lot of vehicles on our roads.\* Unfortunately, until the powers that be - whether it's the Government, National Park Authority or County Council - implement a long-term, integrated public transport policy (including measures such as park and ride schemes, specific road closures at peak times, tolls for popular routes, and so on) people will continue to use their cars regardless. You only had to observe the effect of the recent petrol crisis to measure popular dependency on the motor car.

It's frankly rather naïve to believe that by discouraging car-drivers from parking in Youlgrave the problem will go away or solve itself. First and most obviously, numerous businesses in the village rely squarely on tourism for their income, from the pubs, shops and B&Bs to the village garage with its car-using customers. If you turn away the car-bound visitor, those of us who try and make a living in the village (not commuting **by car** every day to somewhere else) will inevitably suffer.

Second, many (perhaps most?)

village households own at least one vehicle, and when you have a situation where some Youlgrave parents drive their children to and from Youlgrave School each day - when they live in the actual village! - we are hypocritical in condemning other car-owners out of hand.

Thirdly, whatever you may think, public transport connections from Youlgrave are not that great. Sure, there is a regular (if over-priced) service to Bakewell, but do you honestly think visitors will pay to park in the town before paying again to catch a bus up here?! And yes, there are Sunday and Bank Holiday services to Sheffield and so on, but only rambblers seem to use them!

I agree that a careful parking plan for the village needs to be worked out, and it makes sense that residents' parking should take priority. But for goodness sake make adequate provision for visitors' parking, either by small and discreet new car parks on the village edge, or designated bays closer in (which is where the guests of the pubs, B&Bs, youth hostel, etc will want to stop). Unless we face up to the fact that the vast majority of visitors to the Peak District come by car - and with car usage growing they will do so more and more until such time as we're jolted out of our dependency on private transport - villages like Youlgrave will continue to face a car-parking conundrum.

Like many around here I care deeply about the conservation of the countryside, but the days of horse and carts are long gone. It's time to apply some 21<sup>st</sup> Century thinking.

Andrew McCloy

\*official figures from the Peak District National Park - for more details see their web site at [www.peakdistrict-npa.gov.uk](http://www.peakdistrict-npa.gov.uk)

## YOULGRAVE POST OFFICE AND VILLAGE QUESTIONNAIRE

In April, I attended the meeting in the Village Hall, for the report on the Village Questionnaire that was issued to all households last year. I would like to answer some of the points raised:

### Post Boxes

a) The Post Box outside the Post Office should be bigger – I have requested a larger box and, although I was supported by my Regional Manager, Royal Mail says there is no need for a bigger box

b) There should be a Post Box in Grove Place/Coldwell End – previously there was a box at Grove Place/Coldwell End but, when the Post Office was moved to that end of the Village, some 40 years ago, that box was moved to outside the Reading room. Later, when the Post Office was moved to its current position, about 25 years ago, the box was moved as well.

The only way to resolve either of these problems is for individuals to write to Royal Mail at: Customer Service Centre, Royal Mail Letters, FREEPOST, Midland Road, Derby, DE1 1AA and put their point of view. If enough villagers protest, Royal Mail may take some action.

### Cash Machines

Post Office Counters asked me if I had room for a cash machine, but the amount of space required would have taken up most of my Post Office area. However, I did say that should a smaller machine become available, I would be interested in having the facility.

### Improve Banking Services

At the moment the Post Office Counters is agent for Giro/Alliance Leicester,

Co-op, Lloyds TSB, Barclays, Smile and Cahoot. If you have a personal account with any of these banks you can withdraw cash up to the value of your cheque card or pay cash or cheques in to your account - call in at the P.O. and I will explain how it works. There is also National Savings.

Other Banks are due to be using the Post Office as agents in the near future and when they do I will inform you through the Bugle.

### Maintain a Post Office in the Village

For the Sub Post Office to remain viable, all those presently collecting pensions and benefits and future recipients would need to keep their business in Youlgrave by applying for a Post Office Card Account when it becomes available. This would allow everyone to continue collecting pension/benefits in cash at the Post Office.

The Sub Postmaster's remuneration is dependent on the volume of business over the counter!

As well as the traditional business of the Post Office, many household bills and other bills can be paid, travel insurance purchased, foreign currency bought and exchanged, E111 issued, flowers sent by Florapost etc. etc. In the near future, I expect the Government to appoint Sub Postmasters as Government General Practitioners, giving information and advice on many items and issues.

**Your support, now and in the future, will keep a Post Office in the village.**

Roger J Easton

### Vacancy

A Part-time assistant is wanted at Youlgrave Youth Hostel. Up to 20 hours per week, £4.50 per hour. Apply to Debbie (tel. 636518).

## YOULGRAVE WI

The May meeting of the WI took a slightly different format from usual. After the singing of 'Jerusalem', our President, Jennifer Easton, welcomed our visitors for the evening, Stanton in the Peak WI. The Pie and Pea supper followed and went down very well – if the call for seconds was anything to go by!

A quiz took place whilst the clearing up duties were done and then we settled down to business.

Some reminders were given:

- Bulb orders must be in to Jean Frost by the June meeting.
- Volunteers are requested to help at Bakewell Show.
- Requests are still being made for help at Welldressing Teas.
- Help with baking for Welldressing Teas is also needed.

Thanks were given to Sally Shimwell for hosting the Coffee Evening at Arrowdale Farm. Another Coffee Evening for July is on the cards so watch this space.

### From the Cookhouse Door

#### English Omelette!

##### Ingredients

3 eggs, beaten lightly;  $\frac{1}{2}$  small onion, finely chopped; 3 cooked potatoes, sliced;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb cooked peas; salt and black pepper to taste

##### Method

In a large frying pan, heat a little vegetable oil and soften the onions. Add the sliced potatoes and peas, spreading them evenly in the pan. Season the beaten eggs and pour into the pan over the vegetables. This is the basic recipe, but you can add chopped fresh herbs or a little mint sauce if liked!

Cook over a medium heat for approximately 3-4 minutes and then put pan under a pre-heated hot grill for 2 minutes.

This will serve two and is lovely with salad and crispy bread as a light summer lunch.



Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July is the date for the Group Outing to Shrewsbury – please contact Dorothy Jerman. Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August sees a trip to Harrogate, staying in a Four Star Hotel for two nights – please contact Joy Frost or Jennifer Easton. On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August a lunch is booked at Biggin Hall – please contact Margaret Deeming.

After all this, we were guided through the Resolutions:-

- Abuse of the Elderly – training for staff for the elderly.
- Health of School Age Children – Provision of a School Nursing Service.

We then had to give our vote for the delegates to take to the IGM in Cardiff. The Resolutions raised considerable discussion and after the vote we were then able to relax with another cup of tea and biscuits. A very happy evening.

Next month we have a Musical Evening with Anne Osborne and Nick Stacey. Come and join us in what promises to be another good evening. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

**Forthcoming Events**

- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>** Youlgrave Church Garden Party. The Vicarage, 2pm.
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup>** Abbeyfield Pie & Pea Supper and 12 games. Granby House, 7.30pm. Charge, £2.50, to book contact the Housekeeper (tel. 636123).
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>** Abbeyfield afternoon outing. The Community Bus leaves Granby House at 1.30pm. A few seats still available. Contact Ena Prime (tel 636527) for details.
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>** A Scream Blue Murder 'Murder Mystery Evening'. The Strand Restaurant, Matlock, 7.30pm. Tickets, including meal, £35 available from The Strand (tel. 584444).
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>** Youlgrave Well Dressing Week begins. WI Teas are served in Youlgrave Village Hall.
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>** Well Dressing Service of Blessing. Beginning at the Church Well, 2.30pm.
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>** Youlgrave Silver Band Service, Wesleyan Refom Chapel, 6pm and concert at Holywell Lane, 7pm.
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup>** Youlgrave Silver Band concert. Opposite the Farmyard Inn, 7pm.
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>** Abbeyfield's Annual Strawberry Teas. Granby House, 2.30 – 4.30pm.

**Weekly Events**

- Tuesdays** Yoga with Iris Pimm (tel. 636341). Greenfields F a r m Barn, 7pm.
- Tuesdays & Wednesdays** Youlgrave Playschool. Youlgrave Village Hall, 9.15 – 11.45am. Please contact Vivien Tabbenor for details (tel. 636861).
- Wednesdays** Diane Kettle's life drawing classes. Middleton Village Hall, 7.30pm.
- Wednesdays** Beginners Yoga with Iris Pimm, 7pm.
- Thursdays** Beginners Yoga with Iris Pimm, 7pm.
- Fridays** Yoga with Iris Pimm, 9.30am.
- Fridays** Gentle Yoga. The Scout and Community Hall, 3.30pm.
- Fridays** Parent and Toddler Group. Youlgrave Village Hall, 9.30 – 11am. Please contact Vivien Tabbenor for details (tel. 636861).

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