

The Bugle

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

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New bells for All Saints Church

All Saints Church is proud to announce the arrival of three new bells, installed in their new home in the belfry in the first week in January. The installation of these bells represents the end of a restoration and augmentation program begun in the early 1990s, and the latest chapter in the long history of bells in Youlgrave.

The first eight of the present bells in Youlgrave were hung in 1870. These bells were the gift of the Thornhill family of Stanton Hall. Local legend has it that the first bells to arrive were too small to be heard in Stanton, and so were sent back, to be replaced by the present, heavier, ones.

In the 1930s, major work to the bells and frame was done, including the recasting of the second bell. By 1990, the benefits of this work had long been exhausted, and it became obvious from the continual failure of ropes, wheels and clappers that major work was again required. There were several choices. The original wooden frame that held the eight bells could be renovated, the bells refurbished and rehung, and we could carry on as before. Or a new steel frame could be installed and space could be made for a peal of twelve. At that time there was no peal of twelve in the diocese, and there was diocesan interest



Tower Captain David Camm manoeuvres one of the new bells into the church.

in installing one in any tower which could accommodate them. In the end, after much vigorous discussion, it was decided to refurbish and retune the existing bells, and rehang them in a new steel frame, but to leave the augmentation of the peal for another generation of fundraisers.

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So this was done, the money raised from grants, local donations and events, the paperwork completed, and the work undertaken. In 1997, the gift of a bell was made by the Derby Diocesan Association of Church Bellringers in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the organization. Local donations and grants funded another and the peal expanded to ten.

Then, in 2005, a donor came forward with a generous gift that, when added to other funds available, including other gifts and grants, enabled the final three bells to be acquired and installed. We are now the second peal of twelve in Derbyshire, after Melbourne in the south of the county.

The new bells bear the following inscriptions: 'We were given by ringers and friends', 'I ring out in celebration of fellowship', and 'I give voice for one and all'. Now, if you've been doing your sums from the beginning of this story, you might be wondering how we could have started

with eight bells, added two, then added three, and finished with a peal of twelve! The reason for this is musical. In order to be able to ring the light end of the scale, and have the sound be a true octave, there needed to be an adjustment of the notes available. So there are thirteen bells in the belfry, but never will all thirteen be rung at the same time.

The reason it is desirable to ring the light end is that the bells of Youlgrave are extremely heavy, in fact the third heaviest peal in the diocese, with the tenor weighing in at about 24 hundred weight. Thus they are not the easiest bells to ring, and ringers both novice and experienced appreciate having the option of ringing at the light end of the scale.

If you are interested in becoming part of this ancient tradition, taking on a physical and mental challenge, contact David Camm on 636576. There are no prerequisites – new ringers are always welcome, especially now that there are two more bells to pull! **LMT**



Confessions of a Bellringer...

I have been ringing bells for 19 years. I know this because we have lived in our house for 20 years, and for one whole year I resisted my neighbour's invitation to try ringing. In the end it was easier to go along and try it than to come up with another excuse not to.

I was not then a churchgoer, and am not now, and did not understand at all what bellringing entailed. I didn't know that the bells were hung in wheels and pulled by ropes far below. I didn't know that the lightest of them weighed more than 600 pounds. I'd never heard the vocabulary of it, or even paid much attention when bells were ringing nearby. But I loved it from the first night, especially the feeling of walking up those spiral stairs in the footsteps of the generations of ringers who went before.

After all these years I still enjoy it. I enjoy ringing on Sundays (most weeks!) and I especially enjoy the ringing we do to mark events in people's lives, such as weddings, golden weddings and even funerals. Ringing has been a source of great pleasure, and of new friends. All sorts of people are to be found up the tower, and the camaraderie amongst bellringers, locally, nationally, and internationally is wonderful. We have gone visiting towers around the country, and I even went to ring at the cathedral in Honolulu. Other ringers have rung in Canada and Australia. Visiting ringers are always welcome in any tower anywhere.

I would recommend to anyone to come and try. Some people know straight away that it is not for them, and others are surprised by the enjoyment they get. I was one of those, in the end kicking myself for not taking up my neighbour's invitation much sooner! **LMT**

Design and installation of energy efficient heating systems

Waterworks Secretary celebrates 25 years

At last November's board meeting, Roger Stead celebrated 25 years as Company Secretary of Youlgrave Waterworks.

Over that time, Roger's contribution has been considerable, including the conversion of the company to a limited company (by guarantee) and the last minute sourcing of a new insurance policy after being interviewed on Radio 4's 'Today' programme, when the previous underwriters withdrew cover.

At the meeting in November there was a presentation, after which Roger paid tribute to Harry Holland and his



Youlgrave Waterworks deputy chairman Mick Ashforth (left) presents Roger with a gift to mark his 25 years of service.

predecessor Roger Bacon, who had been the Chairmen between them during the whole of this time.



THE SOUND OF MUSIC?

Youlgrave Reading Room now has its own 'Sound of Music' – or, at least, two mounted speakers, a CD and amplifier, capable of producing one. The improvement in our facilities is all thanks to Bill Moore, our Reading Room Secretary who died in February last year. Half the money donated in his memory was given to the Reading Room and we knew he would be delighted if we spent it on equipment for music. He'd always planned to organise musical evenings in the Reading Room, using his home equipment, but he never quite got round to it. He'd approve of the quality, and the sound we can now produce, and would certainly expect us to hold an inaugural musical event to celebrate his/our new acquisition. So, please join us in the Reading Room on Friday 2 March at 7.30pm for an hour of music (classical and popular) to try out the equipment, with a drink to follow.

AS TIME GOES BY

From chatting with people, it seems that the sit-com 'As Time Goes By' has been very popular over the years. We shall be watching the first three episodes in the Reading Room on Friday 16 February from 7.30pm. Why not come along and join us for some gentle humour and a cuppa?

Gas appliances – services and repair

Youlgrave Guider honoured



Edwina Edwards (right) receives the Laurel Award from Region Chief Commissioner Lesley Knighton (photo: Andrew McCloy)

Edwina Edwards, who runs 1st Youlgrave Brownie pack, has been awarded the prestigious Laurel Award for outstanding service to the Girl Guiding movement over many years.

At a special ceremony at Youlgrave Scout & Community Hall shortly before Christmas, Edwina was presented with the Laurel Award by Region Commissioner, Lesley Knighton, who detailed some of the many volunteer activities that Edwina has organised and taken part in over the years. These included a leading role in the international jamboree 'Peak 2005' at Chatsworth, running Youlgrave Brownies and assisting

young girls throughout the county with many activities (such as walking, camping and leadership). She's also been highly involved with lifesaving swimming instruction, BBC Radio Derby's Money Mountain fundraising event and working with young people affected by the Troubles in Northern Ireland. Away from all this volunteer activity, Youlgrave-based Edwina works full time as Chief Executive of Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport. Phew!

Congratulations are also in order for Youlgrave's Philippa Hancock, who has recently been awarded her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Call Geoff Brightmore on 07971 839515



YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Resident's call led to village arrest

Derbyshire Constabulary's Community Intelligence Unit has praised a vigilant resident in Youlgrave, after a man was arrested in the village during the early hours of a December night.

Looking out of her window late one night, a villager noticed a man acting suspiciously by parked cars on Church Street. She called '999' and reported the incident. Shortly after, Police arrested a man on Alport Lane, Youlgrave, on suspicion of theft of a motor vehicle, excess alcohol and burglary.

The Police say they are very grateful to the resident in question for reporting the incident, and the ongoing good work of Neighbourhood Watch in the Youlgrave area, but remind all villagers to ensure that their property and vehicles are secure and they remain vigilant.

Thanks for Christmas tree

On behalf of the whole village, the Parish Council would like to thank Malcolm Stacey for once more setting up the Christmas tree at Church Corner. The Parish Council pays for the tree (from Haddon Estate) but, as he's done for countless years, Malc volunteers to sort out the lights and ensure a safe power supply. As usual, the tree looked lovely and drew praise from residents and visitors alike. Thanks, Malc!

Church steps – missing handrail

Despite repeated requests by the Parish Council, the missing handrail on the steps between the churchyard and the school gates has still not been replaced by Derbyshire County Council – even though the Parish Clerk first notified them of the problem as long ago as 1 July 2006. The handrail is used by many people, not least because the steps get very slippery at this time of year, and when it broke off the Parish Council was keen to see it reinstated as soon as possible. But despite numerous phone calls and emails by both the Parish Clerk and the District Councillor, the handrail has not been replaced and we now understand that work is not scheduled until later this summer! If you, too, would like to make your feelings known, contact DCC Rights of Way Officer Phil Berry on 01629 580000, extension 3387, or email phil.berry@derbyshire.gov.uk.

New bus shelter for Grove Place

Later this year, the Parish Council plans to replace the old and dilapidated bus shelter on Grove Place, next to the entrance to the Farmyard Inn car park. If you would like to know more about the design and location, or make any comment, please contact Parish Clerk Matthew Lovell on 636151 or email youlgraveclerk@btinternet.com.

Youlgrave School Association

PIE & PEA SUPPER AND QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 23 February

Reading Room, 7pm

Tickets £4.50

Contact Mel on 636605 or
Lisa on 636151

Or Martin Shimwell on 07989 984826

Erika Oldfield (1934-2006)

Erika was born in 1934, the oldest of four children, in a small village called Neuenkirchen in the former West Germany. Her mother sadly passed away when she was just five years old, and she was brought up by her Grandmother. She got a job as a Nanny for a British Army Chaplain – this is how she came to England.

Whilst working for the Chaplain, she met her future husband, Eddie, who was doing his National Service working as a Batman for the same Chaplain.

Erika moved to England in June 1955 when Eddie's battalion was disbanded and soon after married Eddie in Youlgrave. Their first child, George, was born and Erika balanced building a family home with part time jobs such as sewing and working in a mushroom factory. And all this whilst struggling to learn a new language!

In 1963 their second child, Carole, was born, completing their family. Erika now had her hands full caring for her new baby whilst continuing to work as a cleaner, plus she had to look after Eddie's father who had become sick.

Her working career continued when she became cook at a Bakewell Cafe, which was said to make the best fish and chips in the area.

She then continued her culinary exploits working for an old peoples' home and a local private school. She never learnt to drive, despite a couple of attempts, culminating in demolishing a neighbour's wall – something to do with reverse instead of first gear or vice versa! But she found her own independence in the form



of two wheels (Eddie bought her a moped) which meant Erika became mobile and self-reliant, plus it only cost Eddie 69 pence to fill the whole tank!

During her life, Erika became an intrinsic part of the village. She was actively involved in the Women's section of the British Legion, selling poppies for Remembrance Day; she was a member and had many friends at the Knoll Club; and she contributed much time and effort in the renovation of Youlgrave Reading Room. Erika enjoyed immensely the informal bingo sessions at both of these venues, especially as it meant she could catch up with news of friends and their families.

She also loved cooking, often baking cakes, scones and pastries for local fund-raising events; and she regularly won prizes at the village Horticultural show for her efforts.

Erika liked travelling around England with Eddie on holidays, often on coach trips, meeting many interesting people, but especially enjoyed trips home to Germany to see her extended family which had grown due to her father's re-marriage.

Erika was a kind and caring, genuine and trustworthy woman, with a sparkle in her eyes – sentiments reflected in the comments on the many cards gratefully received by her family.

Erika was fair and forgiving. She managed to retain her dignity and poise throughout her illnesses, and still had that rare ability to think of others before herself, helping her family, friends and neighbours in whatever way she could. She will be greatly missed.

Combination boiler specialists

Esther Faye Hill

The Hill family is pleased to announce the birth of Esther Faye. Esther was born at the family home, Peters Lea (Coldwell End, Youlgrave), on 19 December, weighing 7lb 12oz. She is the third child for Martin and Nicola, and a sister for Grace and George. However, Martin and Nicola understand that this wasn't the first birth at this address. They had been told many times by Martin's late father about the birth of a calf by emergency caesarean section when the cottage was a barn!

Nicola and Martin would like to thank everyone for their kind support, gifts and cards. Pictured above right is Esther with big sister and brother, Grace and George.



Sean Healey, Landlord of the Farmyard Inn – Happy 50th Birthday!



Sean would like to say a big "thank you" to everyone who came to his surprise birthday party at the Farmyard Inn on Saturday 20 January. Thank you for all the cards and presents, and here's to the next 50 years!!!

Frank Twyford, 1924-2007

Youlgrave Silver Band mourns the recent loss of Frank Twyford. Although Frank never played in the band, he was an important member, as the Collector. For many years whenever the Band played outdoor concerts, Frank was there with his collecting-tin. Band members used to catch sight of him in the crowd urging contributions from members of the public. He raised a lot of money over the years, for which we thank him. Probably his finest hour in this role was during a concert we played in Chatsworth Gardens in the 1980's, when Frank sitting in front of the Band was approached by the Duke of Devonshire and a conversation ensued, It's a pity we didn't get a photo at the time. Thank you Frank. PK

All types of plumbing work undertaken



St Valentine's menu



The Bull's Head Youlgrave

Tel 636307

Served 11-14 February

"Our dining rooms will be dressed
for romance..."

*A cocktail to share
Deep fried mixed
platter & dips to
share (or for one)
Prawn & fruit cocktail*



*8oz Sirloin steak au poivre
Pork fore rib with orange &
cinnamon sauce
Salmon fillet in white wine & chive
sauce
Porcini mushroom ravioli with a
mushroom sauce*

*Passion fruit & orange delice or
Raspberry creme brulee*

Coffee and mints

*2 courses & coffee £11.00 pp
3 courses & coffee £12.50 pp*

The Farmyard Inn Youlgrave

Tel 636221

Served Saturday 17 February

*Crab cakes with Thai dipping
sauce
Deep fried goats cheese with
red onion marmalade
Pea horseradish and coriander
Soup*

*Roasted tomato & feta cheese
tart
Rack of lamb Valentino
Stuffed pork with cranberry and
Madeira gravy
Baked sea bass with rosemary*

*Chocolate lovers' basket (for
two to share)
Italian cream pie*

*Coffee and
mints*

£20.00 pp



The Bugle would like to thank all the local businesses, organisations, clubs and institutions listed on the back page for their annual sponsorship, as well as the following people for their individual contributions: **Cherry Cockayne, May Jones, Fred Shimwell and Timothy Stephenson**. If you, too, would like to sponsor the Bugle please send a cheque (we suggest for £15) made payable to 'The Bugle' to the address on the back page. All contributors will be acknowledged in these pages unless you indicate otherwise. Thank you from the Bugle team!

Gas safety and landlords' certificates

Death of a heron

To all those who take an interest in the bird life around our Dale, I have to inform you of the loss of one of the herons which frequents the river.

Whilst dog-walking on Friday 12 January, my friends and I discovered a very quiet, but still alive, heron by the water's edge (on the far side of the river). We managed to rescue the bird and carry it home, where we contacted the RSPB and were advised to take him to a vet.

Sadly, despite all our best efforts, I regret to say the heron passed away during Friday night. The vet reported that upon examination of the bird he could find no obvious signs of injury, but that it was very malnourished and dehydrated. It seemed likely that it had simply struggled to find sufficient food over the winter.

I was very sad when the vet rang to tell me the news and was wondering whether there would be any more herons to watch in the future.

Well, I'm now very glad to report, that whilst walking a few days later with my dog (Daisy), we spotted another graceful heron gliding along above the river. After seeing this beautiful bird I walked the rest of my way home with a spring in my step, even (almost) happy to get ready for work!

Stella Sparrow, Youlgrave

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on-line Bugle go to:

www.thebugle.org.uk

Complete bathroom service, from design to full installation

Wanted: physically accessible holiday accommodation

I am looking for a holiday let, suitable for a disabled friend, in or very near to Youlgrave. Main requirements are for a bath which is suitable for fitting his portable bath aids. If it has a shower over then even better, or a shower which is big enough for a shower stool. Stairs which have decent treads and a rail. Toilets on ground floor AND on the same level as the bedrooms. Two separate sleeping areas. One of these can be a bed settee in the living room if necessary. He is not wheelchair dependent but access to the cottage can't be too steep. Obviously I'll have to come and check out potential lettings. Please ring Val on 01629 636420. Thank you.

NFU survey shows Derbyshire dairy farms in serious decline

Further to the letter from Amy Tabbenor and Dee Frith in December's Bugle, a survey by the National Farmers' Union has shown that Derbyshire has lost almost half of its dairy farms in the last ten years. A significant drop in milk prices has meant that many farmers have had to sell their produce at a loss, or else have been forced out of business altogether. The NFU says that the number of dairy farmers has dropped from 842 in 1996 to just 472 today.

Cricket returns to Youlgrave

League cricket is set to return to the village this coming season, after successful negotiations between the Parish Council and a Chesterfield club without a ground.

Dave Tarlton, Fixture Secretary and 2nd XI captain, explains.

Following the announcement to sell the Civil Service Sports Club and grounds at Calow, Chesterfield, Duckmanton Lodge Cricket Club was faced with the dilemma of either finding a new home very quickly or ending an era that had spanned some 45 years since the Club's formation in 1961.

Originally founded as the Accountants General Department (AGD) in Bickley, Kent, the Club became established in Chesterfield when the AGD were transferred to Chetwynd House in the late 1960s. The team played a number of seasons at Loundsley Green before moving to the CSSC, Duckmanton Lodge in 1972, after which it enjoyed some success in the '70s and '80s. A merger with the BT Pensions Cricket Club in

2000 produced the unimaginative name of BT Pensions/AGD, which was eventually changed to its current name in 2004.

The Club has always been involved in League cricket since its arrival in Chesterfield, beginning with the now defunct North Derbyshire League, a lengthy spell in the Bassetlaw & District League, plus a brief period in the Yorkshire & Derbyshire League – where Youlgrave Cricket Club once played, of course. However, no records can be found of the two clubs ever meeting. It may happen in the future, who knows? Meanwhile, the Duckmanton Lodge Club is very grateful to be allowed to play on the picturesque Alport Lane ground, and it is deeply respectful, too, of the proud history of its predecessor.



It was a chance visit to Youlgrave by a Duckmanton Lodge member that led to the approach to the very supportive Parish Council. Although there is still work to be done, the first match is set to take place at Youlgrave on **Sunday 15 April**, against Sheffield Works 4th XI, (1.30pm start).

The Club has been accepted again by the Yorkshire & Derbyshire League and will field two Saturday teams in Divisions 3 and 4. The mid-week team will continue to operate in the Chesterfield & District League and the Club will also compete in the Yorkshire & Derbyshire Knock Out Cup competition, in addition to playing some friendly fixtures on Sundays. All the fixtures can be viewed on the Club's web site at

www.duckmantonlodge.members.beeb.net

Players of any level of competence will be very welcome to join Duckmanton Lodge Cricket Club. Contact Mark Hawkins (First Team Captain) on 07714 066837; Dave Tarlton (Second Team Captain) on 01246 200692, or Paul Durward (Secretary) on 01246 566706. Alternatively, email the Club at duckmantonlodge@beeb.net.

The Club is also looking to attract sponsorship in the area and someone to provide teas for weekend matches. In fact, if anyone is interested in lending a hand, in whatever capacity, to the very worthy cause of restoring cricket to Youlgrave, they can be assured of the heartfelt thanks and appreciation from everyone at both Club and Council.

Free estimates – no call out fee

Playschool finds it feet thanks to local generosity

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported Youlgrave Playschool's Christmas Appeal, especially those who helped on the day of the Christmas Fair.

The raffle and quiz raised over £600 and we raised nearly £300 on the day itself. The cake stall was a great success, thanks to all those who kindly slaved over hot stoves to produce the mouth-watering delights! With donations from Derbyshire Aggregates and other monies raised, we exceeded our target of £1,000. Our anonymous donor will be matching this amount making the grand total an amazing £2,500.

Thanks also to Youlgrave Parish Council for donating £50 towards some

French teaching materials... "merci beaucoup!"

In 2007, we hope to be able to use these funds to enhance the facilities and equipment at Youlgrave Playschool as well as running outings and other activities for the children.

This term sees quite a few new faces at Playschool, our new starters are settling in well and the "wrinklies" (as Anne fondly calls them) are showing the littlies the ropes. If you fancy getting involved and have a morning or two free, we would welcome any parent volunteers to come and join in the fun. Contact Karen on 636536 if you're interested.

Youlgrave Playschool

Joke of the Month

Billy was at school this morning and the teacher asked all the children what their fathers did for a living. All the typical answers came out: fireman, policeman, salesman, chippy, captain of industry, etc, but Billy was being uncharacteristically quiet and so the teacher asked him about his father.

"My father is an exotic dancer in a gay club and takes off all his clothes in front of other men," he replied.

The teacher quickly set the other children some work and took little Billy aside to ask him if that was really true.

"No," said Billy. "He plays cricket for England, but I was just too embarrassed to say so."

As submitted by Barbara Scrivener

New social group for Middleton

A social group has recently been formed at Middleton-by-Youlgrave. Sessions take place in Middleton Village Hall from 1.30pm–3.30pm (to coincide with the bus times).

We held our first discussion group prior to Christmas, when the majority of people requested to have a 'go' at handbell ringing. The first handbell session took place on Tuesday 9 January, which was enjoyed by all. Our very capable and patient instructor was David Camm of Youlgrave – thank you!

Future topics will include music, movement and creative crafts. Do come along and tell us what you would like to do at these social gatherings, or just come along for a chat and a cup of tea. The meetings are organised by Penny Kill, Co-ordinator of Gateway Through the Arts.

Further meetings have been arranged for 6 and 20 February. If you want to join us or know more call Brenda Smith on 636531, Ena Prime on 636527 or Dorothy Sandell on 636356.

CORGI and ACOP registered

Youlgrave Garage offers roadside rescue

A new service from Youlgrave Garage will benefit customers wherever they may be, explains **Graham Elliott**.

Youlgrave Garage can now offer a dedicated, fully-equipped Roadside Rescue Unit, which will respond to both breakdown and accident (subject to availability) within a few minutes of receiving your call. The idea is that if your car cannot be repaired at the side of the road, both you and your passengers will be given the choice either to continue your journey or be returned home in our vehicle. Your car will then be collected by our Recovery Unit and taken to the garage (or a destination of your choice) for inspection and repairs.

We are part of the Autocare Group, with 137 garages in the UK at the present and over 5,000 in the rest of Europe, so distance is no object – it matters not whether you are on your way to Derby or the Dordogne (*now there's a pairing you don't hear every day – Ed*).

The system will operate on the same footing as our Breakdown Service, 24/7 including bank holidays, and is totally independent from any other breakdown service and membership is not a requirement.

All Saints schoolchildren perform the 'Ice Dance'

Last term, the Key Stage 1 children (ages 4-7) were taken to a dance exhibition at Lady Manners School. There were children from all around the region taking part and all had produced dances on the theme of an Ice Expedition. The children were very well behaved and were a credit to the school. The 'Ice Dance' they performed was also very well received and the children had an enjoyable morning. They also received a certificate to commemorate the event.

The school Christmas concert was altered slightly this year, and incorporated both the concert and the 'carols around the tree' into a single event. The infant children were responsible for acting out the story of the nativity, with narration by the juniors and interspersed with songs from the whole school. The juniors are to perform a summer concert later in the year.

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Youlgrave Garage's snazzy new vehicle.

Whitworth Maternity Unit closure – it's time for residents to have their say

Proposal to close maternity unit in Darley Dale will limit choice of birth to hospital in Chesterfield or home

On 18 January, the Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust issued a consultation document entitled 'Best for you – best for your baby?'

Although the Whitworth Hospital at Darley Dale is owned and run by Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust, the midwifery service is provided and managed by the Royal Hospital, Chesterfield. The document explains the Royal Hospital's proposals for midwifery in North Derbyshire. Essentially these are:

1. Closure of the midwifery unit at the Whitworth Hospital.
2. Four maternity bases will be provided for the whole of North Derbyshire, of which only one will be in the Derbyshire Dales.
3. Reduction of choice from the present, which is hospital birth (at Chesterfield), maternity unit birth (at the Whitworth Hospital) and home birth, to just two – hospital birth and home birth.

Darley Dale Town Council has been examining this threat for some months, and is determined to oppose the closure of the Whitworth Hospital maternity unit. At a recent meeting of the Town Council, attended by several local interested groups (the Whitworth Hospital League of Friends, the MOMS group, etc) as well as councillors from neighbouring authorities, it was agreed to start the opposition process with a public meeting to ensure as many

people as possible from the Derbyshire Dales could express their opinions.

Because we have been given only three months by the Royal Hospital for consultation, it is necessary to hold this meeting as soon as possible.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday 6 February at the Whitworth Centre (not the hospital) in Darley Dale, beginning at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The consultation document 'Best for you – best for your baby?' is available as a free download from www.chesterfieldroyal.nhs.uk (look under 'News', then 'Midwifery Consultation'). Copies are also available from Youlgrave Surgery. Everyone is urged to make their views known, as it will have a direct and obvious impact on all parents-to-be in the Youlgrave area.

Public meeting

To discuss the proposed closure of the Maternity Unit at the Whitworth Hospital, Darley Dale.

Tuesday 6 February, 7.30pm, at the Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale

Come along and have your say!

Organised by Darley Dale Town Council

Call Geoff Brightmore on 07971 839515

HELEN'S TRUST EXPANDS TO YOULGRAVE

The Helen Louise Lyon Trust is a local charity which provides assistance to people with an incurable illness, giving them the choice to stay in their own home. The Trust was conceived as a tribute to Helen Louise Lyon, who was able to stay in her home in the Hope Valley due to the help and support of family, friends and health professionals.

Due to a successful funding application, Helen's Trust can now offer its help to patients at the Darley Dale GP practice, including Youlgrave. The Trust endeavours to fund whatever is needed to help someone stay in their home, for example nursing care, sitters, complementary therapy, help to run the home or hire of medical equipment. This is provided at no cost to the individual or their family, but we do ask that all statutory services (such as social services, health,

Macmillan, Marie Curie) are approached for help first. The Trust also offers complementary therapy sessions for individuals with an incurable illness, and their carers, at Newholme Hospital.

Helen's Trust has a very hardworking Fundraising Committee, run by volunteers, who carry out such events as clay pigeon shoots, fashion shows and concerts. Helen's Trust has benefited from fantastic local support, and appreciates any contribution. Could you help by organising a coffee morning, pub quiz, or other event? In addition, we would welcome help from anyone willing to publicise the work of the charity locally. Further information can be found at www.helenstrust.org.uk.

If you, or anyone you know, would benefit from the help of Helen's Trust, please contact Youlgrave Surgery.

GIFT DAY AT ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH, YOULGRAVE

We are deeply grateful for the generous gifts we have received in 2006 towards the Roof Fund and for the specific memorial gifts and grant for the Bells, which have also benefited the Roof Fund. But we must not neglect the day to day costs of keeping up the ministry and worship activities of our beautiful Parish Church, which surely we cannot allow to cease because of lack of funds and likewise our support during Lent of our Link Missionary, Dr Felicity Mussell. Generosity of giving as individuals and as a Church brings rich blessing in return from the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour who gave everything, his life, for us, so that through faith in him we can be assured of a place in heaven.

So will you please join us in praying about our response to this need of our local Church so that there will be a record offering

LENT 2007

'Thoughts from Isaiah'

A warm welcome to a special series of Lent Studies at Youlgrave Churches.

Wed 21 February: Ash Wednesday
Lent Study and Holy Communion,
All Saints Church, 7.30pm

Wed 28 February: Lent Study, Methodist
Church Hall, 7.30pm
Also: 7 March (Wesleyan Reform Chapel),
14 March (All Saints), 21 March (Methodist)
and 28 March (Wesleyan)

at our Gift Day on Sunday 8 April.

Our sincere thanks in anticipation of your help and support in 2007. If you are tax payer would you please consider giving via the yellow Gift Aid envelopes, which are available on the pews in the Church, so that we can claim 28p in each £1 from the Inland Revenue.
Rev Ossie Post

Brightmore & Shimwell Plumbing and Heating Services



The 'Great Trees of Derbyshire' Project

The Great Trees of Derbyshire Project is an ambitious new venture aiming to locate, map and celebrate Derbyshire's veteran trees.

Veteran trees are a very valuable wildlife habitat, providing a home to literally thousands of species. They can also be of great value to the people and communities who live near them, helping to create a sense of place.

They also form an integral part of Derbyshire's natural and cultural heritage. However, little information is known on their status and distribution and they face many threats, including inappropriate management and development pressures. Action is required now to ensure that future generations continue to benefit from the presence of

veteran trees in their local area.

We are looking to encourage communities and groups to join in with this exciting project. Some of the ways to get involved include:

- Locating possible veteran trees within your parish and talking to landowners that have veteran trees on their land.
- Surveying local trees (training will be provided, so no prior knowledge is required).
- Researching the history of, and



stories attached to, local trees.

If you are interested in getting involved, or would like to find out more, then call Anna Evans, Biodiversity Action Officer with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, on 01773 881188, email AEvans@derbyshirewt.co.uk.



INVITATION TO TENDER

Youlgrave Parish Council invites interested parties to tender for the following works:

Work Package 1: BENCH MAINTENANCE. A lump sum price is sought for painting and staining 18 benches situated throughout the parish.

Work Package 2: COLDWELL END. A lump sum price is sought for painting the metal fence between the allotment and the back field (behind the car park) with Hammerite.

All contractors must have current insurance cover for the works specified and supply a copy with their tender. Full details are available on supply of name and address to the clerk at the address below, stating which work(s) you wish to tender for. Closing date for receipt of tenders is Monday 19 February 2007.

Matthew Lovell, Clerk to Youlgrave Parish Council, Christmas Cottage, Church Street, Youlgrave, Derbyshire DE45 1WL, tel 636151, email youlgraveclerk@btinternet.com

Call Martin Shimwell on 07989 984826

The life and times of the village Co-op

Some reminiscences by **Lewis Jackson**

The Youlgrave Co-op began trading in George Toft's Fountain Cottage (a joiner's shop) in 1870 – but evenings only to begin with. It was founded by Joseph Shimwell from Old Hall Farm, Tom Birds of Hall Farm and a Joseph Smith. In 1874, Eli Toft was Secretary and George Toft recorded as Treasurer. Later Youlgrave Co-op moved to Fountain Square and the imposing building now occupied by the Youth Hostel. The Youlgrave Co-op was one of a number in the area, with other branches at the likes of Bonsall, Birchover, Little Rowsley, North Darley and Two Dales.

In 1942, and at the age of 15, I was taken on by the Darley Dale Co-op (now Costcutters on the A6) by the Manager, Mr A. Shimwell from Youlgrave, as errand boy, sweeper-up, cleaner, packager of various goods, boiler stoker and counter hand. These are some of his memories of working at the Co-op...

In the first year I discovered the miracles of how to bone a side of bacon and name all the different parts, break open the barrels containing two half-hundredweight cheeses made in various Commonwealth countries (and cut it up with cheese wire), and weigh rice, sugar and flour in bags of various weights for stock, all on brass balance scales which had to be cleaned and polished daily. Oranges and bananas were not imported from 1939 to 1946. Most goods came loose, from yeast in seven pound bags to sugar in two-hundredweight sacks, all types of dried fruits in boxes and sacks, flour in ten-stone sacks, animal and poultry feed in one-hundredweight sacks. Coffee beans came in fifty-six pound sacks to be ground by hand and packed in quarter pounds.



Bacon came in 'sides', ie half a pig, potatoes in one-hundredweight bags, usually very dirty. Sacks of soap flakes were a nightmare - if we were short of bags it was a work of art to parcel them up in a sheet of wrapping paper. The packing had to be perfect so that the soap flakes did not contaminate the rest of the groceries. I can still, in an instant, make a bag out of a plain sheet of paper which will hold water. Twist tobacco came in a roll, shag tobacco in tins, all to be weighed out in ounces, cigarettes in packets, from five Woodbines to ten Park Drive, Capstan, Players, Craven A and Silkcut in 20-packs.

When you had learned to pack all grocery items you were turned loose on the provisions counter. Butter, lard and margarine mostly came in half-hundredweight boxes, usually made of wood, lined with grease-proof paper. We had wooden butter pats which were kept in a clean jar of water.

Dried eggs, dried milk and IXL jams from overseas all came in tins. Cheese was also rationed, with heavy manual workers allowed an extra amount. For an old age pensioner the ration for one was barely enough to keep them alive, but green-grocery was never in short supply in the country districts. In those days Co-op shops had no refrigerators, and all fresh meat and bacon, etc, had to be kept covered with muslin, sprinkled with pepper, to keep the flies away. Everyone at the Co-op wore a white coat and a white apron, except the van drivers who wore a long buff coat, all of which had to be self-provided.

We usually cleaned the shops after we closed, ready for morning. All the Co-op shops had thick blue roller blinds for blackout precautions, which were strictly observed. I have fond memories of arriving early in the morning. It was magic to behold the shop area before the window blinds were rolled up - polished brass scales and weights glinting gold, mahogany counters burnished to a rich brown, the glass topped biscuit tins and the chrome fittings of the provisions counter all reflecting the glow of the bare light bulbs hanging from the ceiling. Best of all was the wonderful, exquisite aroma (to call it a smell would be an injustice) of ground coffee, dried fruits, newly cut cheeses, bacon and ham, and myriad other items all blending together to permeate the shop area with a richness rarely found today.

In the early 1940s people still purchased paraffin lamp glasses, soft soap, mouse traps, washing lines and brushes alongside their rations, and flour and yeast. Biscuits always came in tin

boxes, vinegar in a barrel, and rough salt in very large blocks for salting down beans. It was an Aladdin's cave. Everything was stocked, from babies' feeding bottles to paraffin, Bile Beans, Carters Little Liver Pills, Castor Oil, Syrup of Figs, Andrews Liver Salts, brands of cigarettes unheard of today, Pelaw shoe polishes, Brasso, Zebo, Black Lead and washing Blues. The Ladies shop also sold a very wide range of goods, from reels of cotton and buttons to hats, lingerie and unmentionables. To work at the Co-op was an education.

I remember the comforting, all-embracing feel of well-being and belonging that went with the Co-ops. To stand in a modern, soulless regimented superstore is like comparing a spring walk through Lathkill Dale with a journey on a London underground train.

The day usually began at 8.30am - pull up the blinds, unlock the door and greet the first customer by name. Come 6pm you had acquired knowledge of everything that was happening around the village, and passed on useful information as part of village life. Pull down the blinds, lock

the door and clean and tidy up while the person in charge endeavours to balance the ledgers. All branches opened at 8.30am and closed at 6pm, except for Friday which was 7 or 7.30pm, with Thursday half day closing at 12.30pm.

The Youlgrave and Matlock Cooperative Societies eventually amalgamated and became the Derwent Valley Cooperative Society, which ceased trading in 1968. With Bakewell railway line closing the same year, our area lost two of its long-time institutions.

From 'Darleys in the Dale: Echoes from the Valley' by Lewis Jackson (published by Country Books in 2002, price £7.50). A huge thank you to Lewis for allowing us to reproduce these fascinating and wonderful extracts.

THUMBS UP FOR BANGBUTT SCHOOL

The Youlgrave-Bangbutt committee has just had a very successful weekend with Sammy Stober-Taylor, our link man in Sierra Leone. The women's tailoring training, the goat herd project and the literacy programme are all progressing well. Sammy brought with him the plan for the new school, which was eagerly scrutinised. A number of constructive alterations were suggested, which Sammy has taken back with him for the villagers to consider. The school will have 3 classrooms and nearby an extra building for a health clinic. Attached to the school, if funds will allow, we hope to add a large, multi-purpose room for meetings, socio-drama activities as used in the literacy project, skills training, etc. The present estimate is £25,000. We are about to send half this amount, in order to start the building in February, the dry season in Bangbutt. We would appreciate any donations towards this exciting project. For more details contact Glenys (636477) or Barbara (636601).

NOTE FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Youlgrave-Bangbutt AGM (as always with Hot Cross Buns!) will be held on 10 March in the Reading Room at 3pm. Full details of fundraising events to be held this year will be available from the shops soon. **BS**

BANGBUTT SCHOOL FUNDRAISING EVENT

There will be a coffee morning in the Reading Room on Sat 24 March. More details in the next Bugle.



GO WILD IN THE GARDEN

The dippers have reappeared on the rivers and this delightful little brown and white bird is already establishing its territories. It has a loud and beautiful song which adds to its charms. Flocks of noisy thrushes, fieldfares and redwings are also busy feeding on pastures and treetops. Mixed gatherings of tits, long tailed tits among them, and the occasional goldcrest, are feasting busily in the shrubby undergrowth. Nuthatches, spotted woodpeckers and a variety of finches will visit garden bird feeders.



WILDLIFE PROJECT

As well as putting out a variety of food, planting a mixed hedge is a major way of attracting birds and an interesting winter job. As varied a mixture of plants as possible is good, perhaps including hazel, dogwood, holly, blackthorn, hawthorn, crab apple and field maple. Bunches of hedging can be obtained from garden centres, and should ideally be roughly 2-3 feet tall so they will not need staking. Plant 15 inches apart and mulch well with organic matter. Cut back the top and sides to encourage bushy growth.

Maureen Parry

Maureen Parry can be contacted for Garden Design on 630064



The Youlgrave Exchange

Epson Stylus C60 printer, Epson Perfection 1650 scanner. Free. Call 636931.

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	Mobile Police Station, 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, 7-8.30pm (636341)		
Thurs	Youlgrave Silver Band, Methodist School Room, 8pm		

Lathkill Dale archaeological survey

Youlgrave Parish Council has been given a copy of the 2005 Archaeological Survey of Lathkill Dale National Nature Reserve, commissioned by English Nature and carried out by John Barnatt of the Peak National Park. It's a fascinating document – and also very detailed, running to almost 300 pages – describing all the archaeological features found in the dale, including the mining remains. There are also maps and colour photos. Unfortunately the Survey is only available on CD, but if you're interested in the subject and want to know more about Lathkill Dale's past you are welcome to borrow the disk. Please call Andrew McCloy on 636125 or email andrew.mccloy@btopenworld.com.

Saturday Waste Collection

ALPORT & YOULGRAVE: 10 & 24 February

Alport: 7.45-8am, Youlgrave School:

8.05-9.30am, Bradford & Mawstone Lane: 9.35-10.10am, Grove Place Police House: 10.15-10.30am, Grove Place other end: 10.30-10.45am

MIDDLETON-BY-YOULGRAVE: 3 February (none in March)

The Square: 9.45-10.45am

ANNUAL SPONSORS

Bakewell Bridge Car Park (M & D Rhodes)	636453	Pots from France, Bankside	636689/636043
Ken and Liz Bartlett, The Stone Barn, Middleton		RAOB Lathkill Lodge	636221
L.T. Birds, Joinery & Home Maintenance, free quotations		Brian Roche, Violin maker and repairer	
23 Northwood Lane, Darley Dale	07786 434376	www.rocheviolins.com ,	630099
Brightmore & Shimwell, Plumbing & Heating Services		Barbara Scrivener, Massage and reflexology	636601
07989 984826/07971 839515		Shearing Associates, IT project management	636331
Bull's Head Hotel	636307	Smerrill Grange, Bed & Breakfast	636232
Casa Velas, cosmetics and aromatherapy gifts		Phil Smith, Hairdressing for that special occasion	
from Bakewell	0785 5478846		630018/07790 940909
Ray Caswell, County Councillor		Trevor & Val Smith, Dubai, UAE	
ray.caswell@derbyshire.gov.uk ,	01335 344750	Jean Stacey, Cake-making & decorative icing	636485
Castle Farm, Bed & Breakfast, Caravans and		Sustainable Youlgrave – Think global, act local!	636241
Camping Barn	636746	Carol & John Sutcliffe, self-catering holiday accomm	
Circuit Safe – Mick Rowan, approved		at The Cottage, Crimbles Lane	636570
electrician	07799 066920	Thimble Cottages, self-catering holiday cottages in	
Derbyshire Aggregates Ltd	636500	Youlgrave	07817 900841
Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service, offering		Tulips Florist – flowers for every occasion, daily delivery	
support for local community groups	812154	service	815816
Equity Estates, Commercial and Affordable Residential		Kathi Ward, Woodwind instrument repairs	
Properties	636815	kathi@repairs007.fsnet.co.uk ,	636179
Farmyard Inn	636221	The Wee Dram, specialist malt whisky shop	812235
Harry Holland, Anniscroft Farm, Youlgrave	636246	John Youatt, Planner, New Road, Youlgrave	
High Standards, Home Laundry Service – personal and		john@youatt.co.uk	636241
domestic, free collection and delivery	636937	Youlgrave Bell Ringers, contact David Camm	636576
George Hotel	636292	Youlgrave Bowls Club, contact M. Montgomery	636344
Granby House, Very sheltered housing	636123	Youlgrave Day Centre (Monday Club) at the Village Hall	
Hollands Butchers	636234	contact Daphne Jackson	636392
Hopping Farm Caravan Park	636302	Youlgrave & District Horticultural Association,	
James Bacon, JDB Plumbing & Heating	636637	contact Leslie Toyne, Treasurer	636484
& 07866 365610		Youlgrave Garage	636943
Knoll Club (Headquarters of the Royal British Legion)		Youlgrave Methodist Church	636558
Peter Knowles, Architect	636362	Youlgrave Neighbourhood Watch	636022
Lathkill House, Bed & Breakfast	636604	Youlgrave Parish Church	636285
www.lightingforgardens.com	01462 486777	Youlgrave Parish Council	636151
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supplier	636210	2-4 year olds	636536
Matthew Lovell, Christmas Cottage, Church Street		Youlgrave Post Office	636201
– wood-turned crafts and gifts	636151	Youlgrave Scout & Community Hall, available for parties	
Patrick McLoughlin MP, House of Commons		and small events	636692
London SW1A 0AA	01332 558125	Youlgrave Silver Band	636362
Middleton & Smerrill Parish Council (John Warren, Clerk		Youlgrave United Football Club	636483/077230 34320
to the Council, Hillcrest, Middleton by Youlgrave)		Youlgrave Village Hall	636084
The Old Bakery, B&B and self-catering accom	636887	Youlgrave Waterworks Limited	
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F. Parker, Grocer & Butcher	636217	Youlgrave Wesleyan Reform Church	636603
Peak Osteopathy, Lathkill Farm, Alport	636997	Youlgrave Women's Institute	636479
Iris Pimm, The Barn, Greenfields, Alport	636341		

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