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Life-saving device installed at Bowls Club

After the sudden death of Barry Oldfield last year, Sandra and the family requested that Youlgrave Bowls Club raise funds to install a defibrillator at Alport Lane Playing Field.

Phil Shimwell stepped forward to help with this project. Barry worked at Breedon for 41 years, so Phil on behalf of Breedon was only too happy to honour Barry by raising the funds to pay for the cabinet and defibrillator. This has now been installed at Alport Lane Playing



L-R: Richard Partridge, Anne Prince, Rob Dawson, Sandra Oldfield and Phil Shimwell, along with the newly commissioned Defibrillator at Youlgrave Bowls Club.

Field, attached to the Bowls Club pavilion wall.

This installation represents a life-saving device being placed on the playing field for any member of the public should they need it. The defibrillator is monitored by the Ambulance service, as are all the defibrillators in the village, and anyone needing to use it MUST telephone 999 in order to access the defibrillator.

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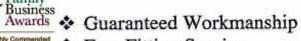
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Waterworks update

We are currently back on full flow from the spring which is happily supplying the village. Whilst our backup supply is still out of use for the present, we are conscious that questions have been asked about hosepipe use. These can now be used sparingly and outside peak times. Please remember that sprinklers are not suitable for our system, but if they are essential then running between midnight and 5am when there is little usage elsewhere is for now considered a last resort option. The project for the overnight flow storage tanks will see the first excavation taking place once the weather improves.

Youlgrave Waterworks

Make and Mend at the Village Hall

The Village Hall workshop will be opening again on Monday nights 7 to 9pm from 6th February to 27th March. If you want to repair something or have a project in mind and would like to take advantage of the space and tools in the workshop please come along.

Jeremy Hewitt & Peter Cork

Deadline for contributions to the March Bugle:
Friday 24th February



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'Soup and Sweet' goes down a treat

A total of 29 Christmas dinners were served at the Reading Room on Monday 9th December, beautifully cooked by Aidan at the George. Thank you, Aidan!

It was, of course, the Soup and Sweet Christmas celebration. Everyone seemed to enjoy the occasion and were even reluctant to leave. It was a mixture of people who come regularly on alternate Mondays and the helpers who come faithfully to run the Soup



Tucking in at the Christmas Soup and Sweet.

and Sweet Mondays, plus partners and friends.

Talking of which, we very much need more helpers if we are going to be able to continue organising these Monday sessions. Not only do we need session helpers, but also Soup and Sweet makers. The more people that offer, the fewer times a

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year they are needed. Usually it's only three or four times a year, but at the moment we have lost a few cooks and helpers, so would very much like a few more volunteers. The 'workers' meet on the second and fourth Mondays, from 11.15 to approximately 2pm.

If you feel you could help us out, please contact Barbara (636601 or 07866 857272), Glenys (636477 or 07812 422207), or Dianne (636580 or 07960 383066).

And, of course, there is plenty of room for more 'partakers' of the Soup and Sweet. Any age is welcome, so why not come along on Monday 13th February and try us? It's from 12 noon to 2pm (but you don't have to stay that long). You might find you enjoy yourself! You don't have to commit to anything.

So please put the following dates in your diaries: 13th and 27th February, 13th and 27th March, 10th and 24th March.

Edward Leonard Fisher

Edward left school at the age of 14 to work for his father, Eric, a Derbyshire mineral miner. He mined fluorspar and other minerals from Crich to Castleton, which he worked in, for the majority of his life.

He started to appreciate the beauty of the different stones and decided to make some paperweights veneered from Blue John stone and barytes, which sold very quickly to collectors.

He designed and made his own stone saws, grinding and polishing equipment, enabling him to make different ornaments and jewellery from Blue John stone. These ornaments included Blue John veneered table tops, obelisks, pyramids and solid Blue John urns, bowls and chalices. He did these in his workshop in Birchover and opened the shop ELF GEMS in King Street, Bakewell. Some of his work sold at Sotheby's and Christie's auction houses.



Edward with one of his superbly-crafted chalices.

Blue John is an extremely brittle mineral to work and Edward overcome this by using modern glues and resins.

He left Birchover and lived in a flat behind the Co-op Youth Hostel in Youlgrave around the year 2000. He created his own workshop there and continued to make many beautiful Blue John ornaments, including lovely chalices which sold quickly to collectors. Some of his work was exhibited in a large display cabinet in what was formerly known as Chappells Antiques Centre in Bakewell. Also, a large Blue John urn which he made is currently for sale at C.W. Sellors shop in Bakewell. He was one of the last highly talented Blue John craftsmen from that generation.

He was very sad to have to leave his flat in 2017 and moved back to Birchover, where he retired. He sadly passed away on 10th December 2022, leaving behind a modern and beautiful legacy which will not be surpassed.

Peter L. Ashmore



Maurice Croasdell

Maurice Croasdell passed away recently and we would like to thank the librarians, care workers, district nurses and medics, housekeepers and residents of the wonderful Granby House and members of the cinema club, who all made Maurice so welcome when he came to live in Youlgrave last year.

Anne and family

The Peak District in Legend, Myth, Poem and Prose

The Peeing Giant of Harthill Moor

What of peeing giants? This tale is connected to the four great stones of Nine Stones Close on Harthill Moor, near Youlgreave. These stones once formed a much larger stone circle, and two of the stones can be seen built into the nearby drystone wall. The remaining four stones are the tallest in Derbyshire and are aligned with the natural rock



formation of Robin Hood's Stride, a great mass of rocks with two pinnacles either end, between which the Summer Solstice full moon sets. Legend has it that a group of women were out dancing on a Sunday, and in the past this was much frowned on by the church. As the women enjoyed their dancing, a giant appeared and stood with each foot on one of the pinnacles of Robin Hood's Stride. He then promptly dropped his pants and peed in front of the women. So shocked were they by this that they turned to stone

Martyn Laird Kenmore Gillie



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The District also has some very useful information and assistance for anyone who is suffering with the cost of living crisis. Go to www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support. Help is there for those who need it.







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Duke of Edinburgh Award presentations

At the end of January, Derbyshire Duke of Edinburgh Award Group held the first presentation evening since Covid. The Award group is made up of three centres across the county of which Youlgrave is one. We were delighted and proud to have 12 Bronze awards and Silver awards presented to young people from Youlgrave DofE group.

To gain the Bronze award they have undertaken a skill, a physical activity and volunteered for three months and chosen one of these to carry out for six months. They also undertook an overnight expedition in the Edale valley. I'm pleased to say that eight of these young people are on their way to finishing their Silver awards.

The young people who were presented with their Silver awards have persevered through Covid and the difficulties that the Pandemic and lockdowns threw at everyone. To achieve their awards they carry out the same sections as above, but undertake the volunteering and one other for six months. They also have to participate in a practice and qualifying expedition over three days and two nights. This group spent their three days in the Dark Peak.

I'm pleased to report that the Youlgrave Group is thriving. We currently have eight boys who have recently started their Bronze, seven who are finishing their Silver and three who have already started their Gold, with several others planning to join them on completion of the Silver awards.

Pictured above are Lucy, Callum, Sam, Max, Harry, Will and Caitlin who were awarded their Bronze award. On the far right are Guy, Jess and Greg, who completed their Silver awards.

Penny McCloy

'Pommie People'

In a new series interviewing local people, we profile **Amy Young**, owner of Amy's Dairy and Youngs of Youlgrave (post office and shop).









Amy Young (née Tabbenor) is 44 years old and for over 20 decades has owned and run Amy's Dairy, based in Youlgrave. The milk comes from Peak District Dairy at Tideswell and Amy, her Dad and Jeff deliver three times a week - not just to Youlgrave, but also to homes in Rowsley, Beeley, Winster, Birchover, Stanton and Middleton. In 2017 she also took over the business of Youlgrave Post Office and shop, which continues to provide an important local service for the community. Amy works two days a week at the Post Office, on top of her milk round, and says that she likes being 'hands on' and meeting people. Amy is married to Paul, who has his own fabrication and welding business, and they have three children: Sam, Jack and Emily.

Where were you born? Scarsdale Hospital at Chesterfield.

Where did you go to school and what was your favourite subject? Youlgrave All Saints. PE and Maths (until it got really hard!).

What person has had the most influence on you?

My Grandma's – they were strong and special women and family meant everything to them.

Tell us something about you that not many people will know.
I held the Lady Manners shot put record!

What do you do for a living and how did you get into it?
I own the village milk round and village post office and shop. As a child I always wanted to run a shop. I like physical work and being outside, rather than sitting in an

office, and I also love meeting people and finding out what people do.



Youlgrave School's tournament-winning netball team (Amy is middle back, holding the shield).

How do you relax?
A nice bath with music and candles.

What living person to you most admire and why?

Too many to mention.

Where's your favourite holiday destination?

Paul and I go to Gran Canaria every year (without the children!).

What music are you listening to and what book are you reading at the moment?
Radio 2 and 'Intensity' by Pep Lijnders (all about Liverpool football club).

What's your favourite time of the day and why?

Morning – I get up at 4.15am every day (except Sunday) to walk the dogs, before starting the milk round at 5am.

What's your favourite food or meal?

A meal with the girls at Stones restaurant in Matlock, with a good bottle of Sav Blanc!

What's your favourite sport?

I played netball at Youlgrave School and our team won the Bakewell Tournament, beating local schools, then at Buxton College I played netball to county level. But football is my first love and I support Liverpool. We go to matches at Anfield whenever we can get tickets.

Are you a cat or a dog person?

Dog, since I have two Labradors – but we also have two cats!

What are you most proud of? My children.

What's the most embarrassing thing that's ever happened to you?

My friends say there are too many (and some too rude!) to mention, but probably when I was at college and boldly wrote across the top of every page of my assignment 'Pubic' Services instead of Public. My tutor made me stand up in front of the whole class and suggested



Amy's wedding day.

I'd been studying a different subject...

What's your most prized possession and why?

My wedding ring, reminding me of fantastic memories.

What skill would you like to learn? Art – drawing, in particular.

What's your favourite local location? Bradford Dale, where I walk the dogs every day.

What do you like about living in Youlgrave?

Everything about the place and the people, especially how the whole community looks after each other.

What could be improved about Youlgrave? Parking.

In the next issue: Michael Goodwin



From the Churches

Christingle services are an annual invitation to all ages to give thanks for Jesus Christ as the light of the world. This year's service is on 5th February at

4pm. The Christingles, as you perhaps know, are oranges topped with a candle and pierced with dried fruit on cocktail sticks. In previous years these have been handed out at the service. This year you will be given a kit and asked to make your own Christingle at the service! The candles will

then be lit, and dozens of little lights will shine out in the darkened church, just as we as Christians are told that we should shine out for Christ. There will be a collection at the service for the Children's Society, who look after some of the nation's most vulnerable children and who have always sponsored Christingle.

PS If you can't make the service on the 5th, St Michael's Birchover is holding its Christingle service the following week – 12th February at 4pm.

The season of Lent begins towards the end of this month - Ash Wednesday is on 22nd. Lent has traditionally been seen as all about giving something up, including chocolate. So it may seem strange that we're planning a Lent course about chocolate - more precisely, based on the film 'Chocolat' that appeared about 20 years ago. It's about a mysterious travelling chocolate maker who arrives in a beautiful French village that turns out to be rather uptight and who starts upsetting the order of things. We shall watch the film together, then one or more groups will meet weekly for five weeks through March. We'll explore ideas that come out of the film: giving up,

giving out, getting wise, getting real and growing up – and behind them all, the theme of change. All are welcome; you don't need to be a Christian to join a group, but you'll want to be comfortable

with reading bits of the Bible together. We have not yet fixed times and places for showing the film or for the groups. If you're interested, please email or phone Revd Adele Barker, giving your phone no. – her contact details are on the opposite page. You can influence

when group sessions are held: please state whether you'd prefer daytime or evening sessions, or have no preference.

Prayers this month

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Sunday 5th February

No morning service. 4 pm Family Service - Christingle 6.45 pm Evening Prayer at Middleton

12th February

11 am Holy Communion

19th February

11 am Morning Prayer

22nd February

7.30 pm Ash Wednesday Holy Communion with ashing

26th February

11 am Holy Communion

5th March

11 am Family Service with Baptism 6.45 pm Evening Prayer at Middleton

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Youlgrave Concert Group resumes Sheffield trips

Before lockdown our Group ran coach trips for many years to Sheffield City Hall to attend Classical Music Concerts. Concerts are now available to book for the first time since Covid and we hope to resume trips shortly. We are able to offer tickets for about £30, depending on numbers travelling and our booking with the City Hall, but we need a minimum of 10 seats (max 16) for each concert. This is an excellent and cheap opportunity for anyone to try 'live' classical music.

There are five concerts between March and June 2023, three by the Hallé Orchestra, one by the Estonian State Symphony and one by the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra. The five concerts offer a range, from popular to less commonly performed pieces from the repertoire. We will send details of the composers, pieces and performers to people who have joined previous trips and to anyone who contacts us using the details below.

We use a Community Transport minibus to collect passengers from the top of Holywell Lane at 5.30pm and then from outside the George Inn. It drops us outside the City Hall for the concerts that are usually over by 9pm and we are back by about 10pm.

Peter Ryder, Tel 636 266, email ryder908@btinternet.com. lan Bishop, Tel 636 168, contact@bishopi.plus.com.

We will give details of our booking arrangements at the time and how we intend to select which concerts to attend.

Community litter picks keep local lanes clean

Pictured right: Three members of Youlgrave Harriers running club collected six bags of litter from a walk out along Conksbury Lane, Back Lane and Moor Lane, then back through the Village. They also collected from Conksbury bridge to just before Norton Barn on the back road to Bakewell.





Meanwhile, on a misty, frosty Saturday morning with the last of the snow still around, five valiant people collected 17 bags of litter between the village and the A6 (see photo, left). The weather actually blessed us as the sun peeped through and the temperature rose slightly whilst we were picking litter. It was good to have a commitment to go out and the white made the scenery even more spectacular than usual. The bag count should end up even higher as three people planned to venture out on the following Sunday. As one member said: "It's strangely gratifying and therapeutic". And it makes you feel happy when you go along a recently cleared stretch. So if you would like to join the litter-pick team, please contact Jayne on 07544 812459. And many thanks to all the people who collected litter over the weekend and at any other time.

Youlgrave Parish Council report

Council met on 24th January to discuss the timetable for the installation of CCTV following our successful bid to the Crime & Police Commissioner's Fund; parking charges, as the National Park Authority are proposing to install smart charging at all its car parks, including Moor Lane; and the preliminary timetable for applications to stand for the parish and district elections on 4th May.

Council would be interested to know if you have any suggestions how or whether to mark the 'Big Lunch' Coronation celebration locally on 7th May. The idea was raised at our meeting and will be discussed more fully at our next meeting on 28th February in the Community Room at the Village Hall at 7:15pm.

Matthew Lovell, Youlgrave Parish Clerk, 636151, youlgraveclerk@youlgrave.org.uk

A busy start to the year for Youlgrave PreSchool

The Team and all our little children at Youlgrave Preschool would like to say happy new year to our village community and a big thank you for all your kind donations, attendances, participation and engagement in raising funds for our children's new play equipment. We could not have achieved this without the communities continued support:

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Saturday 18th February Youlgrave Village Hall 7pm-midnight Tickets from PreSchool or Youlgrave Village Shop

There will be lots of 'dates for the diary' in the up-and-coming months, so please keep your eyes peeled around the village and on social media for more local events. We have joined up with Youlgrave Schools PFTA for our first event, on Saturday 18th February from 7pm to midnight: live music from 'Now On Earth' at Youlgrave Village Hall with a licensed bar. All tickets can be purchased at Youlgrave Village Shop and through Preschool at £5. We will look forward to seeing you there!

As 2023 begins in our little village preschool, we would like to start by saying a big "thank you" to **Hugh Prince** who has now stepped down as our Chair. Hugh has been part of the team for many years and he has played a very important role, often keeping the team together, and keeping them on their toes. Hugh will be greatly missed not only by the staff but by the children, too. The team wish him all the best with his future ventures. Trying to fill a very big pair of shoes is our new chair Russell Buckner. His wife, Patricia Buckner, has now taken on the role of Preschool Secretary, our new team leader is Abby Unwin and Paula is our new level 3 practitioner. We would like to also say a warm welcome to all our new committee members.

We have had a very busy start to the Spring term learning about space and all the different planets, whilst also learning about the Chinese New Year. The team have been working very hard behind the scenes and have created a new room layout, including a new Sensory Room which gives the children a space of calm and comfort. The Sensory Room can improve children's visual, auditory and tactile processing, as well as fine and gross motor skill, which in turn helps children learn to focus.

The spring term will be full of lots of new and exciting topics. and we as a team cannot wait to share these with you in the next write up, but for now we wish you all well.



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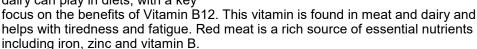
Sarah Dines MP, working hard for Derbyshire Dales



Church Farm Diary, February

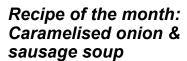
Farmers are the best people to tell the public why they should buy British meat and dairy and encourage cashstrapped shoppers to invest in UK farming. Each year dairy and livestock farmers take to social media to tell the public about health and environmental benefits of eating UK produce. People want to hear about the high animal welfare standards, how farmers manage the landscape and how British beef has half the carbon footprint of meat from overseas which benefits our net zero aspirations. Greenhouse Gas emissions from UK beef are less than half the global

In January, a well known TV doctor supported a campaign by spreading a message of the positive role meat and dairy can play in diets, with a key



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Ideal to warm you up on a winter's day. Serves 6 but can easily cut down; and without the sausage could be fine for vegetarians.

Ingredients
1 tbsp olive oil
6 Italian style sausages
2 tbsp butter
1 kg onions finely chopped
1tbsp tomato puree

at is a rich sound in meat and dairy at at is a rich source of essential nutrien alcium, magnesium and potassium anould do with some of these!

2 bay leaves
200ml dry white wine
2 litres beef stock
1 tsp Worcestershire sauce

6 small slices of sourdough

100g extra mature cheese grated

Method

Heat the oil in a large deep sauce pan over a medium heat.
Squeeze the sausagemeat out of the skins and crumble in pan in chunks. Fry for 5-10 mins until golden brown.
Remove to a bowl.

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Melt the butter in the pan and cook the onions on medium to high heat without stirring for 5-10 mins until softened and brown round the edges. Stir well and pour in 200ml boiling water from kettle. Reduce the heat to medium and cook for 35-40 mins stirring frequently until the onions are deeply browned and the water has evaporated. Stir in the tomato puree and a large pinch of salt. Cook for 5 more mins until the puree has caramelised.

Tip in the bay and wine, scraping the bottom of the pan to release any

browned bits, until the wine has reduced almost completely. Return the sausagemeat to the pan, then pour in the stock and Worcestershire sauce. Bring to a simmer and cook for 20-30 mins until all the flavours have combined,

Season well with salt and pepper and fish out the bay leaves, Serve with toast and grated cheese browned under the grill then topped on to the soup

Sites of Meaning: Sheep Dip stones revisited

bowls.

The Sheep Dip stones (pictured right), part of Middleton's Sites of Meaning boundary markers, were conceived on 7th June 2002, the day England played Argentina in the World Cup, that year held in Japan.

David Fine, a poet living in Bakewell, worked with the village children and after visiting the sheep dip, they produced these evocative words and phrases for a poem.

David asked them to return to complete the poem after lunch. Some hope! It was the day of the big game and frankly, David was over the moon; he hurried off home to watch the game,



Photo: Sallyann Carlin

So Sites of Meaning had a problem. We couldn't get the children back with David, but we liked the words and phrases. So we arranged them as they came, assembled like uncertain archaeological relics.

Who would have thought they would be photographed in the snow 20 years later, the day England played France in this year's World Cup, a game delayed for six months because of hot weather?

And no need to write in about the spelling. David wanted to honour the child's spelling; we are reminded regularly!

Charles Monkhouse www.sitesofmeaning.org.uk

Portrait of Middleton

A snapshot of a Peak community

The hand of history came upon Middleton in 2022! Inspired by the bicentenary in November 2021 of the birth of Thomas Bateman, the celebrated Victorian archaeologist and local squire, the community staged the Bateman Festival – a series of commemorative events to mark the legacy of the Middleton Bateman family over four generations between 1815 to 1895.

Whilst Thomas Bateman gave
Middleton a prestigious place in the
annals of British archaeology, it was
his grandfather Thomas Bateman
senior who had the greatest impact
on Middleton residents over the
generations arising from his
acquisition of the Middleton Estate in 1815.



His legacy is all around the Middleton of today. Most of the buildings across the village were built by Thomas Bateman senior in the 1820s, many of which are Grade II listed.

For visitors Middleton seems a highly attractive picture postcard Peak village, with the Square as its centrepiece. But Middleton and the wider parish is a living community of the 21st century. Hence the Bateman Festival had to reflect the present-day community as well as its 19th century legacies. Consequently, the **Portrait of Middleton** project was created as an integral part of the 2022 festival year. Devised by local artist Charles Monkhouse, the project sought to create a 'snapshot' of the 150 people of the Middleton and Smerrill Parish by means of a photograph and 'story' of each household, culminating in an exhibition in the village hall in late 2022.

The project also aimed to stimulate community cultural and environmental initiatives: children's activities, well dressings and photography workshops; recording the Middleton 2022 Well Dressing and Market; information leaflets on the village; creating a community herb garden in the restored picnic area above the village playground; providing new information boards; and creating a gallery of historic photos and paintings of Middleton scenes in the village hall.

Over 18 months the project moved from a vision to an inclusive community achievement. A team coordinated by Charles Monkhouse took a number of key steps. The project raised over £9,000 from a variety of donors including the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the Duke of Devonshire's Charitable Trust, the Lady Neville Charity, Derbyshire Aggregates, and Middleton Village Hall Charity.

This funding enabled the commissioning of three professional photographers to

photograph parish households and events, and of a writer to assist where requested in the writing of household stories. In addition, it permitted the printing and display of the exhibition items.

To take part you had to be resident in the parish at some point in 2022: 68 out of 72 parish households participated in the project. Starting in April and ending in September, nearly every household across the parish The exhibition in the Village Hall. played its part, with a visit by the photographer and the



writing of the story. Pets featured in a lot of photos!

The household story was up to a couple of sides of A4. If a resident wanted support in writing their story, then Andrew McCloy, the project writer, was there to assist. Among possible story points were: how you came to be living in the parish, tell us about your house, which family members live locally, what they did or do in Middleton, what changes have you seen here?

Residents were kept informed on the project's progress by means of a series of newsletters.

An exhibition staged in Middleton Village Hall was the culmination of the project. Because of privacy considerations agreed with each participating household, the exhibition was open only to local people and relatives. Open for two weeks in November and early December 2022, the exhibition attracted 150 residents and friends, many attending more than one session.

The images and stories were combined on watercolour banners for each household; there were 64 banners arranged neighbour to neighbour, as if the spectator was travelling around the parish!



Each participating household has received a copy of their banner photo and story. There is a 25 year embargo on sharing the finished Portrait of Middleton images and stories beyond the parish.

The exhibition displays will be retained in a specially designed archive box for future generations. The location of the archive box has yet to be decided. Added to it will be a DVD containing background information on Middleton, including on its population, economy,

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housing changes and history.

Overall what has been the benefit of the Portrait of Middleton project to the parish community? It has recorded the stories of many local families in their own words. This has been a unique record of the farming community undergoing great change. It has explained many of the kinship links and how many have roots in the parish. It has occasioned many conversations about the community, past and present. Tales have been told from children's perspective of home and village life. A unique record has been created of a Peak District community through the family banner portraits and photographs of the whole 2022 Well Dressing process and Market.

Perhaps the most satisfactory achievement has been bringing together adults and children of the parish – long-term residents, the farming families and the village cottages, recent incomers – all to the exhibition. Achieving our vision in the original project objective of a "village and parish united by its sense of place, past and purpose".

Paul Jeremy

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- Pub games provided darts, dominoes and more
- Drop in support Middleton's 'local'



WI enjoy an evening with Matthew Parris

Youlgrave WI began the year with an amazing sell-out event.

In January, Matthew Parris, our local ex-MP and author, journalist and broadcaster, talked to a packed Village Hall audience about his early career as a diplomat and letter-opener for Mrs Thatcher, moving on to write for The Times and Spectator, as well as many successful books, and presenting his extremely popular 'Great Lives' on Radio 4. In his modest outlook he describes himself as 'stumbling' upon writing, at which he excels, and he responded with fairness and much humour to some politically-based questions, with a final query about his beloved llamas!

The appreciative members and many visitors then enjoyed a glass or three of wine, etc, plus the attractively arranged cheeses and fruit.

Back in time to 2022, and the Christmas spirit reigned as we shared a sumptuous buffet with drinks, singing together and enjoying our Choir once more after their star performance at Great Longstone Group Carol Service. Pat Hall also entertained us with her blend of comedy and sketches.

All members are encouraged to please vote, via email to Nicola Humphreys, for



The WI ladies' lovely home-made quilts.



Matthew Parris

their favoured 2023 WI Resolution from Cath's previously notified four choices as the deadline has loomed!

We have some very welcome new members who will enjoy a fabulous new Programme – from Haddon Hall History and Restoration on February 14th to another exciting Dabble Day, to dinner at Biggin Hall, a canal trip, and the Buxton Experience, and much more, plus many extras.

Around a dozen of us will attend the Pantomime on February 2nd, and on January 28th our member from Birchover, Pauline Wright, supplied wonderful quilt kits to members and other friends. It was a very relaxed and productive day which has been requested again already.

The beautiful quilts we created, with help from experts Chris and Anne, will be given by Pauline to the local Linus Project which will provide poorly children with a colourful warm keepsake.

The February Haddon Hall meeting starts at 7.30pm on Tuesday the 14th, exploring the secrets of an appropriately romantic setting!

Liz Hickman

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Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: December 2022 & January 2023

During these two deep winter months our wildlife reports are, understandably, dominated by birds. However, in spite of some fairly prolonged cold weather we now have the first signs of spring from the plants. There are a few snowdrops and lesser celandines, but my favourite is the hazel catkins and the tiny red female flowers. The catkins release pollen into the air and this is trapped by the female flowers which are fertilized and will eventually form hazel nuts.

yellow The fungus Flammulina growing on dead looked very impressive down Holywell Lane. There are still plenty winter visiting of redwings and fieldfares around, but the most exciting sighting was of two waxwings feeding on the rowan at Granby

House. Single ones were also seen on Grove Place and down Conksbury Lane. They have been quite rare this year.

Some huge skeins of pink footed geese have flown over, their v-shaped formations identified by their calls. I saw several skeins illuminated by the setting sun. The New Dam has been visited by teal, wigeon, little egret and goosander. The first two are unusual here. Stonechats have seen reported from the track to the New Dam. Kites have frequently been seen between Alport Lane and Coalpit Lane. Kestrels and buzzards are common around the New Dam. Sparrowhawks have visited gardens and an injured one was found at the top of the Dale.

On the river dippers, grey wagtails,

dabchicks and the kingfisher have all been seen. Our village swan seems determined to get itself into trouble. I received a fairly early call one morning from the New Dam to say that the swan was apparently stuck in the ice. I went down and it appeared to have one leg through the ice and the other on the ice. We threw duck food out to it and it started to feed, eventually heaving the trapped leg out and following the food trail to the bank. A few days later it

apparently got itself tangled with a live electric fence and was rescued, somewhat dazed, by passers-by.

A marsh/willow tit has been an occasional visitor to Coldwell End for some time, but it was seen also down Holywell Lane and confirmed by a local expert as a marsh tit.



Male and female hazel catkins.

Visitors to gardens have included siskin, greater spotted woodpecker, nuthatch, tree creeper, long tailed tits, goldcrest, redwing, fieldfare and lots of goldfinches, chaffinches and greenfinches. Whilst not quite making a murmuration, some very large flocks of starlings have been seen round the village. Finally, looking forward to spring and nesting birds, I finally checked my nest boxes. , Two were used by tits last year, one at the front and one at the back of the house.

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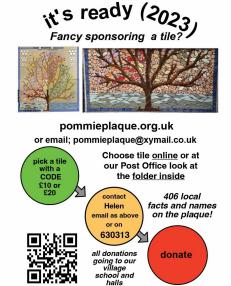
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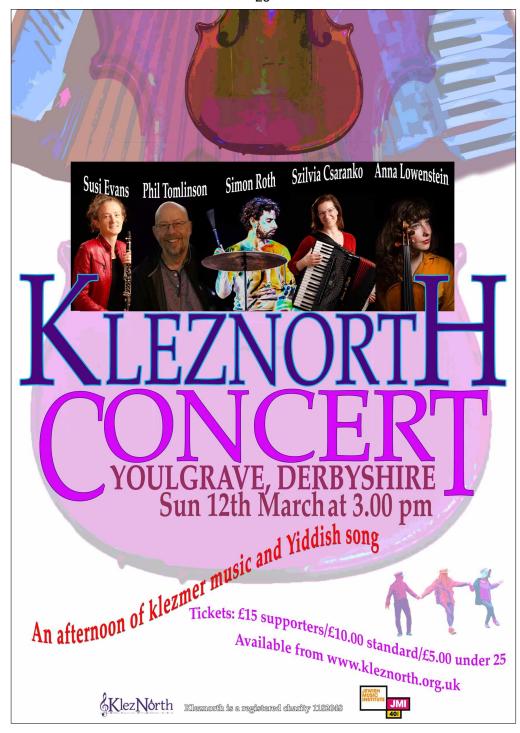




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Ring Phil on 07790940909 or 630018 to ask a question

Pommieplaque.org.uk



Village Hall news

I am writing these notes having just watched the first night of 'Aladdin', this year's pantomime, another triumph for the cast, directors, costume ladies and, well everyone really – well done! The night was made even better by a large (in excess of 100) and appreciative audience, thank you.

We have applied for a grant from the Platinum Village Hall Fund, not for the kitchen update of which more later but for improvements to insulation and hall heating. We thought that we will have a better chance of success with such a project. In the spring and autumn, it takes two hours to bring the main hall up to temperature (20c) from its overnight setting. In the winter it takes longer and during the recent very cold spell longer still. With the certainty of future energy cost increases we feel this is a worthwhile project, but as with all grant applications the devil is in the detail and we will have many hurdles to overcome but at least we have started.

Phil Smith has agreed to project manage the proposed kitchen refurb/ update and has received feedback from several kitchen users. Further meetings and consultations will start after the pantomime is behind us.

The Make and Mend project will recommence on Monday 6th February. It's in the Harold Lowe workshop between 7 and 9 pm, all are welcome

to come along with broken or restorable items.

The reinstallation and replacement of the defibrillator is due to take place in mid-February depending on weather conditions. It will be re-located on the outside wall of the toilets adjacent to the hall

Looking at our calendar, we seem to have many weekends when both Saturdays and Sundays are free and it would be nice to fill some of these dates with family parties, birthdays, anniversaries etc. Sandra Harrop would love to hear from you.

A reminder that our calendar can be viewed at www.yvh.org.uk/calendar.

Mike Read mikeread1441@btinternet.com 01629 636128 / 07970 045649

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Cinema Club: Fri 10th Feb, Fri 17th Mar Youlgrave Pre School: 80's Disco, Sat 18th Feb. I got quite excited when I heard about this, you don't see many disco nights for octogenarians! Details on both the Hall and community facebook pages, fund raiser for preschool and friends of the school. Tickets a snip at £5.

Folk Night: Sat 25th Feb

Bird in the Belly: details also on both the facebook pages. Tickets £10 from Mike Read 01629 636128 or 07970

045649 or on the door.

Disco Night: Saturday 1st April.

International Klezmer stars performing in Youlgrave

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