



The Bugle



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

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Will you help re-start Youlgrave Show?

For many years Youlgrave Show, put on by Youlgrave & District Horticultural Society at the Village Hall each September, was a popular fixture in the village calendar. It ceased in 2015 when the organisers stepped down, and lately there's been the Pandemic and Lockdown of course, but now a small group of local people are interested in re-starting it. Would you support it? Are you prepared to help out in some way?

As before and like other local village Shows, it would feature a range of classes or categories, including vegetables and fruit, floral art, baking and preserving, handicrafts and children's work.

In order to make it happen again we need enough volunteers who would be willing to help out. There will be a lot of tasks, big and small, before the Show and on the day, covering everything from setting up and taking down the tables, organising refreshments, publicity, designing and printing the programme, liaising with judges, processing the entries, and so on.

We need to be sure that we've got enough people ahead of the event in September, so If you're interested in helping out in principle (without committing to any specific tasks at this stage) please let us know by calling Edwina Cant on 07772 019385 or emailing her at thorntree1124@gmail.com.



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(contact details at bottom of page)

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Youlgrave All Saints C of E (VA) Primary School

School Governor Vacancy

Youlgrave All Saints CofE (VA) Primary School is a small and friendly village school, currently with 71 children. There is always a need for new Governors to join the team and support our local school as we strive to develop and enhance the learning experience of our students. Our current vacancies are for Foundation Governors appointed via the Church but anyone interested in supporting as a Co-opted governor or as a Parent Governor would be very welcome for a chat to learn more. This is a voluntary role.

The ideal candidate will have:

- local community or business links
- an interest in education
- the ability to work well as part of a team

If you are interested in becoming a Governor then please contact the Chair of Governors at the school, details below. An outline of relevant experience or expertise that you could bring to the role would greatly assist.

We are particularly looking to increase the diversity of our board and so welcome applications from across the community.

Further details

web: www.youlgraveallsaints.co.uk/

email: governors@youlgrave-allsaints.derbyshire.sch.uk

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For the latest news report from Youlgrave School see page 21.



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Brenda Harrop (1945-2023)

Brenda was born to Bill and Mary Alice Upton at Hall Farm, Conksbury Lane, in 1945. She grew up on the farm with her sister Jean and brother David. In those days, everyone knew everyone in the village and our mum would often reminisce about who had lived where and who was related to who in those days.

She attended Youlgrave School and Lady Manners, Bakewell, and when she left school she got a job at the County Offices in Matlock. She met our Dad, Roger, when he came to Youlgrave on a camping trip from Sheffield. They were married in 1964 at Youlgrave Church with a reception upstairs in The George Hotel.

When they were married Mum left her job in Matlock and she took over a log delivery business from her Dad and expanded it. She had so many stories of her times delivering logs and sticks around the local villages and the characters she met. She could carry two bags of logs at once up the bank and she knew all the dogs, paths and gates to avoid. She loved delivering the logs and talking to her customers and would often get involved doing other jobs for them.

They lived at Hall Farm with her parents for the first few years of married life and raised us there. In 1977 the family moved to New Farm, Alport. Mum's life was farming, family and friends. She didn't like being away from the farm or local area and couldn't

understand why, when we lived in such a beautiful place, anyone would want to go on holiday. Through pure hard work, dedication and a huge love of farming and the animals she helped expand the farm.

The village Church also played a big part in her life. She was, and enjoyed being, a Church Warden for 14 years and was extremely proud to receive the Bishop's Badge at Derby Cathedral late last year.

Mum was involved in many village activities over the years. She loved socialising and meeting people, from weekly whist/dominos in The George, meeting with the walking groups and going to the Chapel coffee mornings. She said you didn't need to be lonely in Youlgrave because there is usually something happening and always someone to talk to in the street.

She was immensely proud of her 9 grandchildren, all who have attended or still attend Youlgrave School and Lady Manners School.

We know how fortunate we are to all live in the village, too. The beauty, history and people of this village make it the very special place it is. The kindness and friendship we have received from everyone around us has been something very, very special and we would like to thank everyone for their love shown to us.

Keith, Sandra and Elaine Harrop



Town Hall update, February 2024

Derbyshire Dales District Councillor, Laura Mellstrom



Bus service improvements

Bus services are under the remit of the County Council, so there are limits to what the District Council can do to improve matters, but the Full Council meeting on 14 December agreed that more needs to be done about services to rural communities in particular, which members acknowledged are unreliable and not as good as the bus services for Ashbourne and Matlock. The District Council voted to set up an All-Party Transport Group and to seek an urgent meeting with the County Council and Bus Service Improvement Plan Partnership, to ask for a reassessment of how the £47m in Government funding for bus improvements is being invested.

Gypsy and Traveller sites

The Council has approved search parameters, so that surveyors can now be instructed to look for suitable land for permanent traveller sites. The Council owes a homelessness duty to two gypsy families who are currently having to live on car parks due to the lack of proper sites. By setting out detailed criteria, we will be able to ensure that sites proposed in future can be fairly and objectively assessed, within the public consultation procedure approved by the Council earlier last year.

Pension fund divestment from fossil fuel assets

The Derbyshire Pension Fund manages the pensions of over 100,000 public sector workers throughout the County, and has assets of £5.9 bn. The most effective way an individual can reduce their carbon footprint is to switch their pension fund out of fossil fuels. It is estimated that this one step can be 21 times more effective than the combined effect of giving up flying, going vegetarian and switching energy provider. I therefore proposed a motion calling on the Derbyshire Pension Fund to stop investing in fossil fuel companies and to divest itself of existing fossil fuel assets by the end of 2025. The motion was approved, and the District Council will be adding its voice to the other local councils also calling on the Fund, which is managed by Derbyshire County Council, to stop funding fossil fuel extraction.

Cllr Laura Mellstrom

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Crackdown on Alport Hill 'white line' parking: report from Bakewell Safer Neighbourhood Team

The Safer Neighbourhood Team have visited the Youlgrave area recently in regard to illegal parking on the white line system on Alport Lane [Alport Hill at Alport]. This has seen vehicles issued with Traffic Offence Reports for the offence which carry a possible £100 fine and three point son the driver's licence. We will continue these patrols as the results from our community surveys indicate that Speeding/ Dangerous Parking on white line systems is likely to continue to be the team's priority as chosen by members of the public for the next three months.

PC 14176 Jakins. Email SNT: Bakewell.Neighbourhoods@Derbyshire.Police.UK

New climbing fun...

I was a little sad and anxious when I saw the old climbing frame from the playing fields, making its way along Church Street on a trailer. It had been in place for 20 odd years and of late the fixings had proved unreliable. It seemed it was time for something new.

I went over to the field with my five and six year old grandsons at the beginning of the month – newly inflated football under arm and saw a new piece of equipment had been installed.

At first I was dismayed as a much larger, but similar looking item had been installed in Chatsworth Adventure Playground which was impossible to play on as the poles were too big to grasp and too slippery to walk on. Undeterred we walked over to investigate and there we stayed.... There are cut-out footholds, serrated walkways, nets to climb and overhead ropes to hold. It's a fantastic piece of equipment that will build upper and lower body strength, confidence, balance and is great fun. Well done to the Parish Council for this find!



The new 'climbing frame' on the playing field.

Anne Croasdell

Parish Council report – January

Council met on 23 January and resolved to ask Derbyshire County Council Highways to inspect the road bridge at the bottom of Bradford with a view to clearing out the river debris trapped underneath. It is suspected of contributing to the flooding of the road after heavy rainfall, including damage to the surface of the Coach Road. Council was pleased to see that the 30mph signs at the entrances of the village had finally been moved, but Councillors wanted to press DCC for a response on issues around village parking raised at the recent public meeting. '20s Plenty' wheelie bin stickers are still available at Youlgrave Post Office (they're free – just ask and take as many as you need).

Holywell Lane toilet block will be closed on several days in February for an electrical upgrade.

District Councillor Mellstrom gave a verbal update on her efforts chasing Platform Housing to fill up a grit bin on Chapel Close and repair a damaged wall and hand rail on Westcroft Close. Councillors also considered maintenance contracts for the upkeep of the village playing fields, benches and car parks.

The next meeting of Youlgrave Parish Council is at 7.15pm on Tuesday 27 February at the Village Hall community room. All welcome.

Youlgrave Parish Clerk
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Well done to all involved in Dick Whittington – Youlgrave Panto 24



Litter pick bags more roadside rubbish

Thank you to the team of six who carried out a litter pick on Sunday 14th January, covering the road from the A6 to the village. A total of 15 bags and other items were collected.

It was encouraging that the number of bags was less than previously. We hope this is because people are changing their habits. Undoubtedly, if there is rubbish on the roadside, there is more chance others will follow suit, so clearing it up helps reduce it in the future.

What was disturbing was the number of large (1-foot or so long) heavy metal canisters, which had contained nitrous oxide. We have never found these before and it suggests that sniffing this poisonous substance appears to be on the increase, despite it being made illegal to possess it (except for legal purposes) in November last year. It is now a class C drug.

As always, thank you to all the people who continue to pick up litter in and around the village, quite apart from the litter picks. If you would like to help on future litter picks, please contact us on 01629 636523; 07706 956067; or 07544 812459.

Jayne and Simon Northcott



Youlgrave Village Hall... PLEASE READ!

We have been looking and asking our Village Community over this last year for a new Chairperson to take over the role from Mike Read. He has given us an extra year but he will definitely step down in March,

Phil Smith is the Vice Chair and will not take over the role, but would be happy to support a new Chairperson in any way. This position needs to be filled by an organised person who can delegate and run meetings.

We have been lucky this year in having 3 new committee members, but we have members who have been on it for over 40 years, too.

We have this resource in this village which is second to none, despite its age, but as you can understand it needs constantly looking after. So can you help us to steer it into the future? Please ring us for a chat:

*Phil 630018 or 07790 940909
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Everyone welcome.

Introducing the Pommie Pilgrimage

A series of walks from Youlgrave to 42 Anglican cathedrals aims to raise money for improvements to All Saints Church.

All Saints Church has stood at the centre of Youlgrave since Medieval times, and whether we identify as Christians or not, its purpose is to serve the whole community. Most of us have visited the church, for Christmas or Remembrance Day services, for school events or for family marriages and funerals.

The building was last renovated over 150 years ago, and is in vital need of works to make it more welcoming for the next 150! We need toilets, a kitchen, a warm children's corner and disabled access so that the church is also better suited for events and concerts. The cost will be enormous and cannot be borne solely by the village.

So, inspired by our very own medieval pilgrim, Petra, (a carving in the church – see right) the Pommie Pilgrimage will be a unique network of people walking across our country, linking Youlgrave with all 42 Anglican cathedrals. We will share our story on social media, through local and national news outlets and with those we meet on our journeys, hopefully inspiring them to contribute to our fundraising through a Just Giving page.

Anybody and everybody, including other local groups and businesses, is invited to take part. Join us walking the initial group pilgrimage from Youlgrave church to Derby Cathedral starting on Palm Sunday (24 March) or gather to wave us off, complete with Youlgrave Silver Band, WI choir and donkeys. The walk to Derby (27 miles) will be spread over 3 days, and you are welcome to join

in for as long or short a distance as suits you.

If you have links to any cathedral, or family and friends who live near one, please consider whether you could undertake one of the pilgrim routes - information and support available. Or think about an area of the country you could explore for a short walking holiday this summer.

We anticipate the 42 routes will be walked by different groups of families, friends or even by individuals.

Lots of other, non walking, support is needed, so if you would like to be part of the project please do get in touch - artists, publicists, tea and cake providers, letter-writers, meeters and greeters, and fundraisers all welcome!

We are looking for sponsors for the 42 pilgrim routes, as well as walkers.

There will be lots more information over the next few weeks as the plan progresses, so look out for posters, leaflets and an article in next month's Bugle.

For more information or to get involved, please email the team at Pommiepilgrimage@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE: Friday 22 March

To celebrate the launch of the Pommie Pilgrimage, the wonderful WI supper club team will be cooking a 3 course dinner at the Village Hall on Friday 22 March. It will be delicious – tell everyone! More details to follow.



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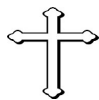
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From the Churches



By the time many of you read this our monthly Family Service in the Parish Church will

have taken place. In February it often has a double theme, Candlemas and Christingle.

Candlemas was traditionally the Sunday in the year when the candles for the rest of the year were taken to the church to be blessed. In the darkness of the winter the beauty of candlelight was and is very significant. Originally, of course, candlelight was absolutely essential, but even today the dark days of February can be made beautiful by the warmth of candle light.

Candles play an important part in the Christingle Service. Once the Christingle oranges are made the electric lights in the church are turned off and we sing a quiet hymn by the light of the Christingle candles. As well as celebrating the light that Jesus brings into the dark places of this world, the Christingle Service is about raising awareness of the work done by the Children's Society.

140 years ago the Children's Society was founded to provide small caring children's homes as an alternative to the large workhouses and orphanages of the time in which conditions were often appalling.

Times have changed, but the need to help children and young people to live a better life full of hope and promise has not diminished.

Shockingly 4.2 million children are growing up in poverty in the UK (1).

Today the Society works with children and young people with a multitude of needs. For example those who are:

- Worried about their mental health and wellbeing
- Worried about their or someone else's substance use
- Feeling unsafe or worried, perhaps feeling that they are in an unhealthy, controlling relationship with a friend or partner or getting into dangerous activities or someone has harmed them
- Thinking about running away or worried someone they know has gone or might go missing
- Worried they are being treated unfairly and want their voice to be heard.
- Or they may be a young carer and want to know what support is available



The Children's Society

making childhood better

It is a campaigning organisation as well as offering advice and support to young people. Their

website says: *Our goal: By 2030 we will have overturned the damaging decline in children's well-being, setting a path for long lasting growth.*

Many of us in this village support the Children's Society and I have put a link below for you to use if you, too, would like to. (2)

In Jesus's time children were generally accorded very low status, but he turned that on its head, even saying that unless we become like children we will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

He was angry with his disciples when they tried to prevent children approaching him: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

And he was scathing in his condemnation of people who hurt youngsters: "It would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea."

I wonder what would he say about the way children and young people are regarded and treated today in our society?

Jesus took children in his arms and blessed them and it is this loving kindness and example which the Children's Society follows today and we too can share in that.

- (1) www.gov.uk/government/statistics/households-below-average-income-for-financial-years-ending-1995-to-2022
(2) www.childrenssociety.org.uk/how-you-can-help/donate

Revd Jane Clay

Services for February

Sunday 4th

4pm Christingle Service
6.45pm Evening Prayer at Middleton

Sunday 11th

11am Holy Communion

Sunday 18th

11am Morning Prayer

Sunday 25th

11am Holy Communion with Birchover, Middleton, Stanton

*For services at other churches, contact:
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Pommie People

This month's interviewee is **Anne Croasdell**, who over the years (and amongst other things) has led Youlgrave Playgroup, been a parish councillor, run a village shop and B&B, is secretary of the Community Land Trust and remains a long standing welldressing designer.

Where were you born and what's your earliest memory?

I was born in Hull and my earliest memory is coming downstairs and finding a ball and a scooter (unwrapped) next to the piano – gifts for my 4th birthday!

Where did you go to school and what was your favourite subject?

Kelvin Hall in Hull. It went Comprehensive when I was in the 5th year (Year 11 in metric!). My favourite



subjects were art, dance, games – everything really except Physics, Chemistry and Maths. I loved school!

What person has had the most influence on you?

My Dad. We spent a lot of time together and he shaped my thinking – in later years I was working to shape his!

Tell us something about you that not many people will know.

I'm a qualified FA Coach. I passed the 6 week x 1.5 hours course when I was 8 months pregnant and managed a team of unemployed young men.

What do/did you do for a living and how did you get into it?

I started out as a teacher of drama and dance in Coventry, then moved into community work and was the youth worker for south west Coventry for 12 years. When I moved here in 1988 I ran a shop and B&B in the Old Bakery, then was a teaching assistant at Youlgrave and Winster, and finally ran Playgroup for 9 years.

How do you relax?

Walking the dog and doing puzzles.

What living person to you most admire and why?

Glenys Moore. She does so much for charity and the community, it's impossible to keep up with her!



As a qualified football coach, Anne once managed a team that played in an international tournament in Bologna, Italy, in 1984 (photo courtesy of Coventry Evening Telegraph).

Where's your favourite holiday destination?

India. We've been five times over the last 40 years, so we've seen changes. It never fails to surprise and delight.

What book are you reading and/or what music are you listening to at the moment?

I've just got a CD that features Florence Price, a black female composer who more recently is being featured on the radio. She died in 1953.

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

Whichever has the best colours and sunlight. I hate this time of year.

What's your favourite food or meal?

Peter's 'pizzas' - he roasts vegetables And puts them on pitta bread topped with mozzarella.

Are you a cat or a dog person?

Definitely dog. I've heard it say that cats in Australia kill one million birds every day.

What are you most proud of?

My children aside, it would be the painted pavement I instigated in the village after seeing the idea used often in France. Also the building of houses for local people on Hannah Bowman Way which led to the formation of the CLT (Community Land Trust).

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

The girl next door held out her hand



Anne with Youlgrave Playgroup when she stepped down in 2013.

offering me some chocolate. I tried very hard to take everything in her hand, but she was offering to share and managed to pull back her half!

What's your most prized possession?

My degree. I did it over six years through the Open University when I stopped working. I loved it.

What skill would you like to learn?

To play and compose on a keyboard I was given a few years ago. I can't get beyond switching it on!

What's your favourite local view/location?

Coming back from Chesterfield over Rowsley Bar and seeing Youlgrave.

What do you like about living in Youlgrave?

If you've the will (and energy!) you can make things happen.

What could be improved about Youlgrave?

We need more social housing that's available to local people, but also to key workers from the NHS, Peak Park or the County offices. We need to be more ethnically diverse if we're to keep Youlgrave a thriving community, in step with the rest of the country.

Youlgrave Welldressers to exhibit in Sheffield

Youlgrave Well Dressing Committee have received a surprise and intriguing invitation, explains **Phil Smith**.

We had a bit of a shock when we were contacted in late November last year by a duo of London-based artists. They asked us whether we'd consider doing a well dressing for the Millennium Galleries in Sheffield to last 12 weeks starting in mid February. After thinking "you have no idea" we thought we'd better tell them it's a non starter (in a strong Derbyshire accent).

We did, however, agree to meet them in early December to put them straight. What a delightful surprise to find out they were both northerners!

After hearing their vision for the Gallery and listening to their excitement of discovering our wells last June, they explained that they have worked with scientists and local communities to produce artworks, exhibitions, workshops and installations about river and ocean ecosystems.

They are currently working towards 'Ways of Water', an exhibition at the Millennium Gallery in Sheffield that will open later this month.

The exhibition space at the Millennium Gallery contains two rooms and the first will be dedicated to wells and the history of well-dressing. This space will house images, sounds and films of wells and monuments. Within this room, they would like to include a well-dressing board made in collaboration with well-dressers and designers in Youlgrave. The proposed board would be surrounded by beautiful large format pictures of the wells in Youlgrave, which have been photographed.

So after discussing with all the designers the idea how to go about doing a Winter Well Dressing, the ideas



Above: the Well Dressing Committee consider the format and design; and (below) the plasticine-coated Board being assembled.



began to be formed... plasticine instead of clay, no flowers but instead dried materials with a few evergreens and wool coated with PVA and hairspray. By the time you've read this article it should be nearly completed, fingers crossed.

What is the exhibition about?

Ways of Water is an exhibition that explores local, historical and contemporary relationships to water. From wells to reservoirs, human culture has built architectural, political and

spiritual connections to water based on health, economics and futurity. Advances in engineering and technology have emerged to cope with extremes of flooding and drought. As a crucial life-sustaining element for every living organism, the management of water is central to human and planetary health. Water shapes lives and lives shape water.

Ways of Water reflects on local water histories, considering the sites of wells and reservoirs across film, sound and photography. The exhibition features a multi-channel film and sound installation highlighting the architectural, technological and sonic aspects of reservoirs.

Photographic prints of wells celebrate the beginnings and relics of water within local communities. The installation will contain two geodesic dome structures that house objects and artefacts that investigate water ecosystems.



'Ways of Water' is at the Millennium Gallery, Arundel Gate, Sheffield, from 15 Feb-12 May (Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-4pm) and admission is free.

Outdoor Learning at Youlgrave, All Saints' CE Primary School

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Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: December 2023 & January 2024

Birds have certainly been a feature recently. Over 350 waxwings have spent over a month at Hassop Station and have attracted large crowds. However a flock was seen down Raper Lane on 26th December. Two great white egrets were reported down the coach road on the 18th January, but previously an injured white egret was found at Hardy Ash. It was hung up in a tree and was still alive when found but died soon afterwards. The finder made an excellent photographic record complete with measurements.

A pair of little egrets have been seen recently on the New Dam and near the swimming pool. I put up 3 snipe from the New Dam, near the road, and there have been lots of goosanders there and occasionally on the river. A loan pink footed goose was also seen and 5 twite which are very unusual here.

A first winter cygnet has arrived. It was initially reported on flood water towards Alport and now seems nicely settled on the river dams. It will slowly turn white in the next few months and is a very welcome successor to our previous swans.

A white duck/goose around Bradford proved to be a farmyard specimen not a snow goose, but was found dead soon after. Fox predation seems likely. Dipper, kingfisher and dabchick have all been seen along the river. Goldcrests have been reported several times, including two feeding among debris in the river. Our winter thrushes, redwing and fieldfare, have been seen in large numbers both in gardens and

fields round the village. Song thrush and mistle thrush have visited gardens, along with a lone redpoll and occasional nuthatch. Tree creepers have also been reported. Siskins are daily visitors to our feeders, along with good numbers of goldfinch, chaffinch and greenfinch. Kite, buzzard, sparrowhawk and kestrel can all be seen.

Roe deer have again been reported at Middleton which makes a change from our usual black fallow.



Waxwing (photo: Pat & Tony)

My thanks go to those who responded to my plea for identifications for the brown fungi on the playing field. Several probable suggestions were made, including common brown cap, but without looking at the spores it is difficult to be certain. Next year I will do some spore prints and have a look under the microscope.

Storms, wind, rain, snow, ice and even some sun have followed

in quick succession, but the first signs of spring are here. Hazel already has ripe catkins and tiny red female flowers, snowdrops and crocuses are both in flower and I even saw a lesser celandine recently.

My thanks to my many contributors to this article: Simon, Pat, Tony, Andrew M., Andrew P., Geoff, Lisa, Paul, Mark, Edwina, David, Steve, Caroline, Amanda, Leslie, Maggie, Richard and Steve. I hope I have managed to include everything. Their full contributions are recorded in my Youlgrave records.

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Youlgrave W.I. report

We had a marvellous Christmas Party, with Ben's super quiz, won by team Lucy, and a fabulous bring-and-share buffet. This prepared us for our January imbibing event, with Adrian from The Wee Dram providing three excellent single malt whiskies blended with Scottish oatcakes, Dundee cake, shortbread and a lovely cheese. We also welcomed our valued new members, having thanked Cath for her years on Committee as she takes a well-earned break.

Committee members enjoyed a lovely meal and gathering at The Farmyard Inn on January 11th.

On the 20th, as part of our winter crafting Saturday sessions, Jane Ide treated us to a very successful day learning the art of quilling. Our coils and teardrops practices soon became artistic designs to be proud of. Sandy has booked the Methodist Church for our next Crafty day on 17th February, involving making a variety of cards.

Supper club on the 22nd promises soups and puddings, and the March Group meeting is set to be fully subscribed as we host our other Lathkill Group WI's with supper, wine and a marvellous night with the hilarious 80's history Wardrobe ladies.

The busy choir performed at the Ashford WI Group carol service, including Sandra's own well received compositions. At Underhall, the Choir and Recorder Consort Group delighted the residents, and they later provided music and fun at the WI Christmas do. Granby House residents were entertained on Dec 15th followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Again, the talented entertainers shone at the All Saints Christmas Praise on January 7th. All is quiet now as they take rest until the Spring!

As is customary, the WI are supporting the Pantomime in February.

The WI meeting is on Tuesday February 13th, featuring the stories and worldwide popular influence of Anne of Green Gables with Liz Keeley at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. New members always welcome, or come along and give it a try.

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Youlgrave's Pommie Panter 2

Youlgrave's Pommie Panter Fell Race will be back for 2024. We've booked it for Sunday 19th May at 11am. It will be the same as 2023's edition as we're not wanting to tinker with a successful formula and it means I can just re-use all the bumf – not lazy, efficient.

We're giving lots of notice so everybody has sufficient time to pump up those leg guns and get into elite fell goat shape for race day.

If you're not quite feeling like a run we always need lots of helpers. I'll reach out further over the next few months to firm up a helpers list, it's only clapping and pointing that's needed and it is a really fun way of spending an hour or two. If you helped on the last race and you can again for 2024... the

answer is "yes please, you can have the same spot if you wish" Please drop us a message if you can help out, via youlgraveharriers@gmail.com or call 07960 637500 .

If there's another way you wish to be involved let me know, the answer will be very likely yes with a few exceptions, e.g. using the tail runners for game shooting sport would be a "no". If you're about on the day do pop out to spectate, it was a bit of a street party last year and a lot of fun. Have a look through the FAQs below and if you have any questions please get in touch via the email and mobile number above.

Other running news

In other Youlgrave Harriers news we've had a busy year with lots of running, races, hosting plenty of away days and an occasional visit to a pub/brewery/whisky room.

If you ever fancy a run we're an informal mixed ability group, just show up and say hello. Club nights are:

- Tuesday, a social run between 5km to 5m (yeah we mix measures) somewhere over the fields.
- Thursdays, session type runs which we rotate between intervals, hills, cross training and a pub run.

Both runs always start from the playing fields (football pitch) from 6.50pm for a 7pm start. Thursdays are suitable for anybody as we stay in an enclosed space so you just go at your own pace. Tuesdays you just need to be able to jog the distance, we'll run at whatever pace to stay in one group.

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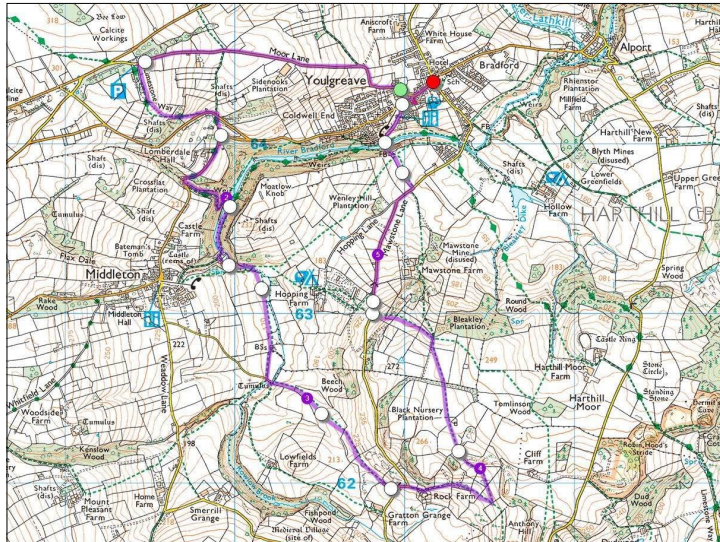
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How many people?

We've put a hard limit of 175. We had a limit of 150 in 2023 which were all sold, but had 120 finishers (people entering and not being able to make the race) so we've increased the entry limit a little based on how many we can comfortably handle. It's pre-entry and there will be no on the day entry... unless you're reading this... we're not going to do a village race and not guarantee that everybody in the village can enter if they want. If the entry does fill up villagers can enter on the day (that won't be mentioned anywhere else, it's on the hush, under the counter, etc). There'll be an entry form appearing in these pages closer to the date. Normal online entry is on our website www.youlgraveharriers.com so please go there 1st.

Parking/extra traffic? Yes it'll be a bit busy and inconvenient. But it will only be for a few hours and as a village we're making gains from it via the fund raising and people will hopefully stick around for lunch, a coffee and the after-party (the 2023 after-party was much fun). We're using the football field for parking and there'll be lots of communication going out to all entrants about exactly where to park and car-share. Everybody was very considerate with no probs last time, so there's nothing to suggest there'll be any problems this time.

Where's the money going? Costs will be kept very low (We already own most things required). Just the winners



The route of the Pommie Panter.

medals and race numbers to purchase. Which means virtually all of the entry fee (£6) will be profit which will go directly to the Youlgrave Parish Council to spend on something for the village eg a Funicular railway up Holywell or stepping stones on the Moor Lane puddle. We raised about £800 in 2023.

Do you know what you're doing? Debatable for most things, but running related, yes. The race is fully licensed by the Fell Running Association and attached to myself as Race Organiser, which includes full liability insurance.

Are you shutting roads? No, but if you could not drive on Moor Lane between 10:55am and 11:15am that would be grand. The finish is through the village up from Holywell, but by that point it'll be spread out and there's plenty of space. We will have the finish funnel on the pavement near the corner by the George, so it will be a bit congested there from about 11:35am – 12:35pm as people

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Pommie Panter 2024 – continued from previous page

stagger about questioning what they just experienced.

The Route? Have a peruse of the map. We're 100% on public footpaths and they're deliberately the paths that stay out of the way and aren't tight spots in cow fields. The route is designed firstly to cause minimum disruption. The idea is that if you're not at the start/finish you won't actually be aware it's happening. The opening mile is straight up Moor Lane to split the field into a very spread out single file (and murder the legs) before coming back down the Limestone Way and onwards (upwards).

Prizes? There will be medals across the race categories (gender and age). There will also be the fastest local 'The Bugle Champs'. The delivery area of the Bugle is how we are defining local and it will be fastest male and female.

Can I help? YES PLEASE! Having Marshals everywhere really added to the race feel last year, so it'll be great to be able to repeat that. It'll just be a case of pointing in the right direction. Please get in touch via youlgraveharriers@gmail.com or 07960637500 or wave at me.

That's all, so please do get in touch if you have any questions and please come out on the day to help and support. It's going to be a fun day and hopefully a cracking race.

Thanks!

**John Wadelin
and Youlgrave Harriers**



Church Farm Diary, February

I hope everyone has had a happy Christmas and New Year, how quickly it has gone, what with all the cooking, present-giving, family parties, cows calving, caesarean operation (on a cow), the cough bug which hit lots of us, and hospital appointments, I think we are now getting back on track for a busy 2024.

We watched the TV programme about the winter of 1946, when the snow come down in buckets. Michael remembered some things, but the only thing I remember, but do not know if it was that winter or another, was my Mum making ice cream and putting it outside in the snow to freeze. We didn't have a freezer then and it was the best tasting ice cream ever!

Youlgrave School never seemed to have to close in the snow because all the teachers lived in Youlgrave. That was a very good idea as no lessons were missed. In fact, Charlie, our grandson, once asked when I was taking him to LMS on a busy top road, "Why is there a lot of traffic?" When I explained that a lot of the traffic will be from parents taking children to a school in a different village, he thought that was a mad idea. Michael does remember having the cane for snow balling at LMS – I don't know who he hit, Also you could safely sledge down Moor Lane with no fear of any traffic on the road.

When I was at Bakewell School it was always a happy time when it snowed. We would go to the bus stop to wait for the school bus, giving it so long then

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decide that it was not going to come (no mobile phone in those days), so we would all go home, get changed and go sledging for the day. We would come back home with frozen feet and fingers because there was no waterproof clothing for me in those days.

It was always very hard work for farmers, especially when the water froze, so you had to take water to the cattle in buckets round all the sheds.

Michael has a photograph of men going to work at Friden. They are walking on top of the snow drifts nearly touching the telephone wires with their heads. It makes us laugh when the news

announces that Britain will come to a standstill after a few flakes of snow!

My Uncle Colin used to work in Sweden and he had chains and studs on his tyres that stopped on all winter because the snow was packed tight on the roads, but our snow never stays that long these days. Who knows how much snow we will get this year? I always think that February and March are dangerous months, but the nights are getting shorter with lighter mornings and soon we will be looking at the snowdrops.

Marjorie Shimwell

Recipe of the month: Cauliflower & Sweet Potato Curry

This can be eaten with a meat curry or on its own as a vegetarian main meal.

Ingredients

1 small cauliflower 400g trimmed weight
2 tbsp sunflower oil
1 onion thinly sliced
2 garlic cloves
1 tsp grated fresh root ginger
½ tsp black mustard seeds
½ cumin seeds
1 fresh mild chilli chopped
2 tomatoes chopped
1 sweet potato peeled and chopped
115g fine green beans
1 ½ tsp garam masala
¼ tsp turmeric
115g frozen peas
Salt
3 tsp chopped coriander
60g roasted cashew nuts
Plain full fat yogurt to serve

Method

Cut the cauliflower in small florets.
Heat 1 tbsp oil in a large pan, add onion, garlic, ginger, mustard seeds and cumin seeds and fry over medium heat for 8 mins until the onion is golden brown.



Stir in the chilli and tomatoes and fry until the tomatoes begin to soften.
Add the remaining oil and florets, stir in the potatoes, green beans, garam masala, turmeric stirring to deglaze the pan.
Pour in 9fl oz water and bring to the boil.
Reduce the heat cover the pan and simmer for 15-20 mins stirring occasionally until tender, add more water if necessary.
Tip in the peas and simmer for a further 3 mins, season with salt.
Just before serving stir in the coriander and cashews.
Serve with plain yogurt.



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