



The Bugle



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

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New owner for Youlgrave shop

Youlgrave's popular village shop on Church Street has a new name and new owner, with Chloe Tabbenor taking over from Jade Stacey at the end of last year, but in many ways it's business as usual.

Now called The Ginger Nut Shop and Tearooms, Chloe says she aims to build on the successful business and expand the range of products and services on offer.

"I'm really grateful to Jade for all her support and making it such a smooth handover," says Chloe. "We continue to offer a good range of fresh fruit and veg, bread delivered on a daily basis, and home-reared pork sausages, joints and chops. There'll be hot and cold food to take away as before, as well as good quality coffee." She's also retained the services of Tanya and the Saturday girls.

An official opening is set to take place in March, at which point the room at the back will have been converted into a tea room (and in summer this will also include the rear courtyard).

Meanwhile the upstairs rooms are being made available to local businesses to rent out, or could be



Chloe Tabbenor, owner of The Ginger Nut Shop

used by community groups as a meeting space – contact Chloe if you are interested.

Current opening times:

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri: 8am-5pm

Wed: 8am-1.30pm

Sat: 8.30am-5pm

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Thursday	8.30am-12 midday 2-6pm
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Weekend	Closed

MOBILE LIBRARY:

Friday 14th February & 14th March
3.15–3.35pm Holywell Lane
& 3.40–4pm Grove Place, Youlgrave

POETRY READING GROUP

Maggie and Annie on Bankside are exploring the possibility of setting up an informal Poetry Reading Group. The basic idea is to have a group of women who are interested in reading and sharing poetry who could meet in different houses for about an hour, hour and a half, to share poetry of their choice. It could also be something they have written. We might decide between us on either a theme or a particular poet or just choose 3 or 4 poems you really would like to share.

It would be up to someone to say 'what about a poetry session next Friday afternoon?' - for example - and see the response. We would aim to set up a Poetry WhatsApp group.

If you think you may be interested text or phone Maggie on 07970 970289.

Anyone for Scrabble?

A number of us are trying to establish a friendly, competitive but not cut-throat group to play scrabble on dull winter evenings in Youlgrave. No previous experience necessary as we are slightly creative with the rules of the game to ensure that we all enjoy it. We have been meeting on Sunday evenings in the Reading Room 6pm to approx 9pm, but arrangements can be reviewed. If you are interested in coming along please contact Pam on 01629 636032 or pamzpeople@hotmail.com



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“Saddened and disappointed” – Wildlife Garden vandalised

Sadly vandals have caused damage and upset to Bankside wildlife garden. This is really disappointing as the facility is provided free of charge to the general public to enjoy at any time 365 days of the year. Throwing items in the sundial, alcoholic cans, graffiti on the board, destroying boxes and books is not acceptable behaviour.



Volunteers and Bolsover Woodlands Enterprise (work with adults with learning and physical disabilities) have been carefully looking after the garden for many years. The Community Land Trust is taking on ownership of the garden to ensure the facility is available for the community. Unfortunately surveillance cameras will now have to be installed, which is a real shame as it has always been a place of reflection and quietness.

If any readers know who may have caused this damage please could you remind them of the hurt and disappointment. If they are willing to apologise and help clear up would be really appreciated. Please contact Edwina 07772019385 or 01629 636491 or Maggie on 01629 636189 or 07970 970289.

Via Gellia road closures throughout February

The A5012 Via Gellia road from Newhaven to Cromford will be closed for much of February for essential tree-felling, in response to the danger of falling trees affected by Ash Dieback. The felling will continue until the end of the month and will see a section of the road closed completely to traffic on weekdays between 8am and 4pm, while overnight one lane will be open with traffic lights in place.

Register to use the local recycling centre

Don't forget that if you want to use any of Derbyshire's nine household waste recycling centre, including at Darley Dale, you will need to register your vehicle. It's free to register – just go to the DCC website (below) or ask for help to register at any local library: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/environment/rubbish-waste/recycling-centres/household-waste-recycling-centres.aspx

“Thank you”

Anne and Jannett wish to say a big thank you to everyone that donated fruit for our jam, marmalade and chutney making. A grand total of £1,617 was made, it has been split in half for Ashgate Hospice and Air Ambulance (that was for 2024).

There are no expenses taken out. Jannette gives the sugar and I make it. We could do not do without the donations to fruit and most of all you good people that come and buy.

*Thank you all,
Anne & Jannett*



**A Coffee Morning
to remember
Eileen Lowe
In the Reading Room
Saturday, 22 February,
11.00 am - 1.00 pm**

Anyone who knew Eileen will have felt her care and friendship and generosity. Join us to share many fond and fun memories.

There will be coffee, tea, cake, scones, racks of clothes (some donated by Eileen), and bric-a-brac

All proceeds will be donated to Ashgate Hospice

**In memory of Jack
Blackburn**

Many people in Youlgrave will remember Jack Blackburn (pictured right) who lived on Bankside for more than 40 years. Sadly, Jack died in November 2021 and, as this was when COVID restrictions were at their height, it was not possible to organise a celebration of Jack's many achievements.

However, some of Jack's friends are intending to rectify this omission and are planning an event in Youlgrave Village Hall on the afternoon of Saturday 12th April. Anyone who knew Jack is invited; this is a 'save the date' notification and there will be more information about the programme in the next issue of the Bugle.

If anyone has any memories of Jack they would like to share, either in person at the event or via us, we would love to hear from you. Please email Sheila Harding at harding.sheila@w3z.co.uk



Peter Stone

Born in Middleton by Youlgrave, Peter grew up with three older siblings and went to the local school. He farmed when he left the school and developed a love of the outdoors. As a young man Peter loved going to Blackpool with his friends and often told stories of their antics on the trips.

He settled quickly when he met Janet at the cinema in Matlock, she was the love of his life and they enjoyed life together until her death 8 years ago.

They had 2 children and moved to Alport in 1959 when Peter began a career at Haddon Estate as a forester. He ended up at Haddon for many years, finishing as head forester and receiving a long service award for 37 years from the Forestry Commission. He was extremely proud to be presented the award by the Duke of Rutland.

Peter doted on his family and his 4 grandchildren who often stayed and enjoyed walks around Bradford Dale



and Lathkill Dale with him. He looked after his oldest Great granddaughter every Friday morning and took her for a walk whether the sun shone or the heavens opened. He'd show her the animals on the local farms and her career in agriculture probably began on those Fridays.

Peter was keen to stay active all through his life and delivered the local paper and the *Bugle* into his 90s. He also had a love for gardening and was happy to talk to walkers about his Dahlias and the veg he grew. He'd often appear with a bag of broad beans or runner beans when anyone visited. Another bag soon followed full of eggs that he'd buy from the Harrop's farm on his weekly visit.

Peter's other great love was sport, mainly his passion for Derby County football club which he followed from 1940. Peter was a well known figure in Alport and Youlgrave and was most often seen sat on the seat at top of his road. Many will miss seeing him there.

Youlgrave Waterworks news

Youlgrave Waterworks saw a major increase in consumption as the thaw started following the extreme cold weather in early January. Either there is an unattended house/houses somewhere, where there are once frozen pipes that have thawed out and are now pouring out water, or we have a burst on the system. Please listen or look out for damp patches, especially around your neighbouring unoccupied properties and alert our engineers if you suspect a leak. Call James Bacon on 07866 365610.

Final demands will soon be issued for the current year, so please pay now to avoid the £5 additional processing fee. Previous years are collected by Trade Debt Services who have just become a part of the APN Group incorporating Moorside Solicitors to take bad debts to the next stage of recovery.

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From the Churches

Dear Friends.

Some of us will have watched. Some will have missed it, and some, possibly, could not bear to watch.

In the month past we have seen the celebrations and pomp of the inauguration of the 47th president of the United States of America.

This is a man saying that he has come to power through the work of God and hailed by some of his Christian colleagues and others, as the right man for the job.

We will all have our opinions of the merits, or otherwise, of the present incumbent.

In times past, people, more often than not men, have taken to themselves the mantle of serving God and the world, yet so often the fruits of their efforts, and the intention of their efforts, have been self serving and freedom denying.

Sometimes, such people have used the Bible with all its complexity and difficulties, to promote a distorted and unhealthy form of leadership and governance, with its negative effect on society.

Within hours a bishop, preaching to the new government and others, spoke of the fear and disease of many from all sections of society and all political shades at the stance the new administration was taking. A plea was made on behalf of those who fear what is happening,

She said: "In the name of our God I ask you to have mercy upon the people of our country who are scared now." She asked that they might "find compassion and a welcome here".

Later the International Association of Chiefs of Police of the U.S. criticised 'the dangerous message' given by the release of those who sought to bring down the last administration through violent actions.

Those who have faith in God, and those who have faith in people alone, are surely better working together to bring about justice and freedom? This is surely what God and all right minded people would want.

God bless us all.

Geoff



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Services for February

2nd February/ Presentation of Christ in the Temple

11am Family Service for Candlemas
[6.45 pm Evening Prayer at Middleton](#)

9th February

11 am Holy Communion

16th February

11 am Morning Prayer with short address

23rd February

11 am Holy Communion for Youlgrave parish group

2nd March

11am Family Service with Baptism of Jake Poole

6.45 pm Evening Prayer at Middleton



Letter to the Editor: In church 5pm Fridays

At first it felt as though I was at a Bobble Hat Fest! People began to arrive, coming in quietly and taking a seat while some glorious music played over the speakers. The hour-long programme of classical music was selected by Sandra this week, but next week will be someone else's choice. Finally there were about 30 of us sitting silently, soaking in the mood. Someone in front of me said at the end how much they looked forward to this hour of calm that obviously set her up for the weekend! I'm so glad I made time.

Anne Croasdell

Youlgrave School - Governor Vacancy

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Pommie People

This month's interviewee is **Anne Cooper**, a former All Saints' school governor and member of the Parochial Church Council for nearly 10 years. She's also involved with Youlgreave People's Forum and the 1914-1918 Community Group.

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

Ramsey in Huntingdonshire, which has since been absorbed into Cambridgeshire. My earliest memory is running around with my little doll's pram – I would have been not quite two years old – and falling forward whilst still holding the pram handle grazing all my fingers in one go.

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

Ramsey Abbey Grammar School – which, like Huntingdonshire, no longer exists. I loved English and History.

What person has had the most influence on you?

Aside from my parents I would say my RE teacher who opened my eyes to my faith.

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

I'm a Bruce Springsteen fan. Perhaps more interesting though, is that my family history indicates I am descended from the Huguenots who came over from France in the 1600s to help drain the fens.

Where did you work?

I started work in 1971 in computer data preparation and eventually became Operations Manager; that was in the days when computers and tape decks

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filled an entire room! I have always worked in administration and after a five-year break when our daughters were small, my career for 20 years was in the world of school administration; as PA to several different Headteachers and later in Personnel and Human Resources Management.

How do you relax?

Gardening, watching garden birds, reading, sudoku and listening to music.

Which living person do you most admire and why?

Currently it has to be Volodymyr Zelensky for his courage, dignity and statesmanship.

Where is your favourite holiday destination?

We spent more than 30 years camping all over France for our holidays and had some wonderful times; lately it is travelling around Scotland or the Italian Lakes.

What book are you reading and/or what music are you

listening to at the moment?

I always have three books on the go at the same time. Biographical – currently Lindsey Hilsum (Channel 4 International Editor) 'I Brought the War with Me'; Crime Novel – Anthony Horowitz 'Close To Death'; and what I call gentle reading – Sybil Marshall 'Sharp Through the Hawthorns' a fictional family saga based in my native fenland. Currently also enjoying listening to Andrea Bocelli – I could listen to him forever!



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

In the summer it's early morning for the birdsong and in the winter anytime by the fireside reading.

What's your favourite food or meal?

Homecooked traditional or anything Italian.

What's your favourite sport and do you/ did you ever play it?

At school netball, high jump, hurdles – loved them all – now not so much... but very much enjoy watching tennis.

Are you a cat or dog person?

Always had cats from an early age and was crackers about them – now I'm crackers about Welsh Terriers!

What are you most proud of?

Apart from our family – being able to lead and motivate various community groups to achieve their aims.

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

It used to be fainting in Keymarkets in Huntingdon many years ago. That was until last year when riding the travelator at Charles De Gaulle airport. It stopped but John and I didn't, resulting in a spectacular incident. John fell over first closely followed by myself and others. No-one thought to hit the stop button so we all ended it up in a very ungainly heap, it was no doubt fun to watch!

What's your most precious possession and why?

More treasured than prized I suppose, but it would have to be my engagement and wedding rings, both having been worn for well over 50 years now.

What skill would you like to learn?

To play the piano.

What's your favourite local view/place/ location?

Well the view across the dale from our house would be very hard to beat, but I also love the sight of Pilhough Hill as you come through Rowsley – that spells my Peak District homecoming to me.

What do like about living in Youlgrave?

The people, we have always felt so welcome here since we arrived in 2012, and we especially loved the way my father was welcomed when he came to live at Granby House. Of course, a large part of our lives here is centred on the church community too and that is something everyone who lives here should be very proud of, whether or not they have a faith.

What could be improved about Youlgrave?

A safer way of walking through the main street as the traffic becomes heavier and faster.

Happy New Year everyone from Youlgrave Silver Band!

Firstly I'd like to say a huge thank you to all our players and supporters over the last year, as well as a thank you to everyone's kind generosity especially over the Christmas period. Secondly we wish Harry the best of luck on his adventures as he is off on his travels and we look forward to hearing his stories when he returns! Rehearsals are back in full swing every Thursday night at Youlgrave Methodist Church from 7:30pm till 9:30pm. If you are looking to learn or join us please come along. Our learner band takes place before practice starting at 7pm and instruments can be provided if needed. Everyone is welcome and if you have an enquiry you can send us a message on Facebook @youlgravesilverband or visit our website www.youlgravesilverband.co.uk or contact our secretary Judith on 0773 47142.



Church Farm Diary, December

Well, at the moment life for farmers seems to be fighting the government and muck spreading. The latter we have been getting on well with because the weather has not been too bad, since the frost has made the ground hard enough to spread the manure on the fields. The first thing that I have mentioned is still an issue, but I will say no more on that subject for now.

I hope everyone coped in the ice and snow. When I was young we had a lengthman from the village who came and cleared the footpaths and then the weeds in better weather. Also, the snow always seemed to be heavier and last longer. This was OK when we went to Bakewell School and the bus couldn't get through, but at Youlgrave School with the teachers living in the village the school was hardly ever closed.

I also remember Mum making ice cream before we had a freezer, and putting it in a container in the snow to

freeze. It was the best tasting ice cream! We bottled our milk with cardboard tops and the frost would lift the tops off, enabling the birds to have a taste of milk if you didn't fetch the milk in straight away or put a tin on the bottles to protect them. The worst was the pipes frozen in the cowsheds and having to carry buckets of water to the cows without slipping on the ice and throwing a bucket over you (cows will not milk without water).

It's been the LAMMA show at Birmingham this week, which is a show that all boys need to go to or they say they do. LAMMA stands for Lincolnshire Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers Association. It's every farmer's dream to see all these tractors and machinery, etc, under one roof and of course to catch up with friends. There are over 900 exhibitors with in excess of 40,000 attendees, At least it is undercover, so they all enjoyed it.

Marjorie Shimwell

Recipe of the month: Seared Salmon with stir-fried vegetables

Ingredients

Choose salmon steaks cut from the centre of the fish. You need about 2.5 cm thick.

7oz fresh salmon fillet skin on
A little sesame oil

For the sauce

Juice of 3 limes
2 tbsp oil plus extra for stir frying
1 tbsp dark soy sauce
2 tsp clear honey
1 tsp sesame oil

For the stir fry

2 garlic cloves crushed
2.5cm piece ginger grated
50g dry egg noodles
1 large carrot cut into wafer thin ribbons
4-6 baby sweetcorn halved length ways
75g button mushrooms

3 spring onion, 1 small Bok Choi and a hand full of coriander and chives.

Method

Rince the fish and pat dry, then season with a little sesame oil. Heat a frying pan then fry the fish flesh side down for 4 mins, then turn and cook the other side until crisp and cooked though. Meanwhile whisk all the sauce ingredients and set aside. Heat the oil in a wok and fry the garlic and ginger, remove, and add to the sauce, Cook the noodles drain and set aside. Stir fry the carrot, sweetcorn and mushrooms for 2-3 mins, add the

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Youlgrave Parish Council report

The Parish Council met on 28th January and noted the age of our defibrillators means that 4 are likely to reach end of their working life over the next couple of years. We therefore need to fund raise to buy replacements, as whilst Council maintains and replaces pads and batteries through its funds, at around £900 a unit and with 4 to finance it will be grateful to receive donations and any fundraising to help achieve this. One of the original units was replaced by Council 2 years ago, exhausting the reserve it holds from ongoing donations since the fantastic response to the first fundraising 10 years ago that allowed us to install 4 with their cabinets so quickly.

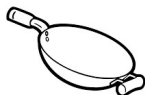
Council is also finalising the first phase of ideas for the replacement of the Pavilion. The architect has designed a pavilion that has similarities to the existing, but the costing of this


project is a challenge and prior to taking the ideas to the PDNPA Planners to see if feasible, we are looking into modern modular units as an alternative. Once this option has been explored, Council will be presenting the ideas to the village at a public meeting and looking to start all forms of fundraising to build a successor that meets current standards for all sports users of our field.

Owing to the changes by DDDC to taxation on second homes Council was able to revise its Precept to £29,202 which is a slightly lower rise of £7.00 pa or 13p per week, which gives us scope to assist our minor projects for the coming year with the decreasing availability of grants for our sector.

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*spring onions
and bok choy
and stir fry for
another 2 mins.
Pour in the
sauce and as it
sizzles add the
noodles and
toss well. Mix
in the coriander
leaves and
chives, Serve
the seared
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News from Youlgrave WI

Looking forward, we shall be producing an all-new Programme from May onwards, with our usual extra surprises.

Going back to 2024, the Christmas Party was a great success with hostesses Melissa and Lucy sharing cocktail knowledge and tastings with great enthusiasm. The quiz, prizes, singing, and lovely buffet and usual wines made it a grand evening all round.

Our well-loved Choir are enjoying a well-earned rest until March, after singing at our party, WI Carol service at Edensor church, Burton Close and Underhall residential Homes and Granby House. Lucy's Wellbeing walk to the Flying Childers pub led 'nine ladies' [*that's very good, Liz – Ed*] up to Stanton in Peak in dry weather. The next planned walk will be on February 19th to the Lathkill Hotel and back, five miles starting at 11am at All Saints Church, with several more already planned.

We look forward to Supper Club on February 27th, always popular, with a warming main course followed by dessert. A happy crafting day on January 18th at the Methodist Church started us off on some new/older projects. An Easter style creative day is planned for March. Our first 2025 meeting, on January 14th, was appropriately set in a Horseshoe shape for our two visiting Peak Blacksmiths, Tim and Jessica. They will provide experience days for six people at their premises in Gratton. On display were some of their wares, from



Youlgrave W.I. in full voice



Peak Blacksmiths

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candelabra to repoussé decor, ornate sticks and much more, all perfected after many years of learning and achieving commissions. As Master Craftsmen, their knowledge of architecture, conservation and history led to a very warmly received talk.

All WI members are invited to vote for one of the four nationally chosen Resolutions for 2025. These include matters relating to Incontinence, the repair revolution, eliminating medical packaging landfill, and more training for bystander life-saving techniques. We are currently supporting the Elm Foundation in Chesterfield, Standing against Gender Violence, and we will provide bagged toiletries which are so essential for this refuge for adults and children.

Our next main meeting is on Tuesday February 11th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Our speaker is Harriet Eccleston, a local fashion expert, and her subject will be 'HERstory in the Making: Heritage, Inclusivity and Sustainability.' Why not come along and join our new and recently returned members who all had a very enjoyable evening in January? Some advance information for March - Mary Queen of Scots will be passing this way!

Liz Hickman

Local litter pick bags more rubbish

Thank you to the team of 5 who carried out the litter pick on Saturday 14 December. A total of 12 bags and other items were collected (some of them pictured right).

Three of us cleared from the A6 to Hawley's Bridge. It was encouraging that there were no nitrous oxide canisters this time, and only 8 bags, compared to up to 20 on other occasions a few years ago. It does seem to suggest that litter begets litter, and the converse is that if there is not much litter in evidence, then less gets dropped.

The rest of the bags were from Conksbury Bridge up the hill and along the road to Bakewell. This pile included a gazebo and tent left in Lathkill Dale not far from the road. Amazing what people dump! Two others were cleared from the village to Alport on the 15th. Another lady was hoping to clear from Alport to Hawley's Bridge later.

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



Youlgreave People's Forum Response re Holiday Homes (including Second Homes) and Permanent Homes

This article reflects the feelings and opinions expressed at the Forum Meeting held in December, as well as our response to the consultation exercise. Our submission was not a direct response to the consultation exercise as it pre-empted it, resulting from concerns raised by members of our community. It should therefore be seen as additional to and supportive of the formal response from our Parish Council.

Generally, people present at the meeting accepted that the impacts of Holiday Lets were mainly positive: valuable source of income; old buildings are saved; visitors bring trade to the village shops, pubs and businesses, together with local employment opportunities. Possible downsides were parking problems and traffic congestion; fewer tenancies and house purchase opportunities available or affordable.

Stronger feelings were expressed concerning second homes where some are inhabited for only a few weeks per year and some not at all. This impacts on housing resources and in some cases buildings are not maintained and become uninhabitable. Residents are acutely aware that numbers of Holiday and Second Homes have increased recently and real concerns were raised that there doesn't seem to be any accurate statistical data available.

- How many are registered with the Council?
- What is the percentage difference between lets and second homes?
- Is there a case for quotas?

This must be addressed as part of any short- or long-term plan so that trends can be monitored in order to ensure that potential trigger points for action in the future e.g. falling school rolls, can be identified promptly.

Key to a process which would help such statistics could be 'change of use' being built in throughout to ensure that people could not just open up holiday lets without some kind of registration

process, nor could residential homes become second homes or rental properties without some formal recognition of 'change of use'. This would surely help the Council to track statistics in the first place.

Residents highlighted their feelings with practical examples of the regular confusion caused by known holiday let properties using domestic waste collection facilities rather than trade waste. This indicates that businesses are not being registered as such.

Residents were very much in favour of higher Council Tax being charged for Holiday Lets and Second Homes but felt strongly that the extra funds should be fed directly back to the Parish Council.

There was also strong support for using Derbyshire Clauses whenever and wherever appropriate.

Update since the meeting

In light of the fact that we do not have a Bugle in December, this all probably seems a long time ago however, we have since had an update on the statistics provided by Councillor Laura Mellstrom (for Youlgreave Ward) as follows:

- ◇ **Residential Homes 548** (total includes second/empty/holiday homes)
- ◇ **Second Homes 38**
- ◇ **Empty Homes 21** (3 empty for more than 2 years, 12 empty for more than 6 months)
- ◇ **Holiday Lets 43**

Our thanks go to Laura for providing us with these figures and we also thank her and Parish Councillor Ann Blenkinsop for attending the Forum meeting.

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News from Youlgrave, All Saints' CE Primary School



Christmas Celebrations: Once again, children at Youlgrave, All Saints' CE Primary School celebrated Christmas with our village community. Our KS1 children performed a wonderful Nativity story, Baarmy Bethlehem, in Church, which was enjoyed by parents and grandparents. The children were all excellent and helped to remind us of the amazing Nativity story. Children from Class 3 led our Carol Service in Church where we were joined by parents and grandparents, as well as Governors from school and friends from our community as we all listened to carols and readings. In addition, Geoff and Jane joined Class 2 to lead us all in a Christingle Service finishing with a lovely rendition of Silent Night by the children. We are very grateful to Geoff and Jane for joining us. Our Choir also visited Granby House to sing carols to our friends there.



Red the Reading Dog: Working with Therapy Dogs Nationwide, children at Youlgrave, All Saints' have been welcoming Red the Reading Dog into school. Red and his owner, Pam (see left), work in schools to help children read more whilst they are sitting with Red which provides a calming and comforting environment. The children have certainly enjoyed Red's visits and more are planned over the year.

Visit by PCSO Boswell: We once again welcomed PCSO Boswell into school where he talked to the children about Road Safety (pictured right). Children were given lots of strategies and help to ensure they all cross roads safely as well as how to be safe either walking or riding bikes or scooters. We are very grateful to PCSO Boswell for his time.



Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: December 2024 & January 2025

Snow on 5th January hung around for well over a week and since then the weather has been quite cold and very gloomy. Several species of birds have attracted a lot of attention. The little egret has been around since November and seems very tolerant of humans. I have watched it on several occasions, just above Bradford Bridge, fishing by disturbing the river bed with its huge yellow feet and grabbing fish as they try to escape. Bullheads seem to be its usual prey, which means it must turn them to swallow head first or they just wouldn't go down. Goosanders are big pale ducks with long serrated beaks that can hold on to captured fish. Some of them, too, will let you get very close and I was able to watch one swimming under water recently. Whilst shyer than the egret and goosander, the kingfisher will often let you get close enough to admire its iridescent blue plumage while perched. Occasionally two have been seen together.

There have been a lot of mainly greylag geese round the New Dam with the Canadas and these have been joined occasionally by a few pink footed geese. They make a lot of noise as they fly in in skeins to congregate in the fields. On the river there have been occasional sightings of dippers and a dabchick has been higher up the river for some time. I first spotted two swans on the river on 2nd January. One was white, presumably adult, the other was a first winter cygnet. They were still around on the 19th but don't always

keep together. Mother and remaining young?

The cold weather has meant a lot of birds coming to garden feeders. We have plenty of finches, including bullfinch and siskin on ours plus the usual blue, great and coal tits, dunnocks, robins and lots of blackbirds. Long tailed tits and woodpeckers have been reported. Stonechats have been seen near the New Dam and I saw one close to the egret just above Bradford Bridge. A very exciting visiting finch was a hawfinch briefly at the bottom of New Road. Buzzards are often seen and heard and kestrels can be found. Kites have been very scarce recently, but barn owls have been reported below Conksbury Lane. The occasional sparrowhawk has passed through gardens.

Quite large flocks of starlings have been seen, 600 was estimated doing a mini murmuration near the New Dam and other places. In early December a very noisy parrot was seen in the village. Probably a ring necked parakeet, as one was present in Bakewell recently.

The weather has not encouraged wild flowers, but on 2nd January we found 5 species in flower round the village. One of these was ripe hazel catkins, though we couldn't find any little red female flowers. On 15th January snowdrops were flowering in the churchyard.

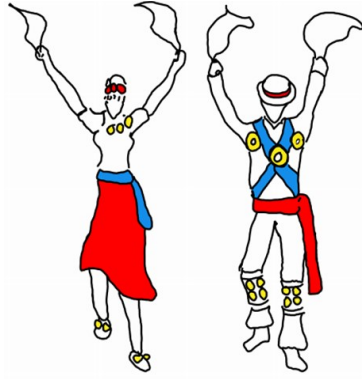
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Little egret with fish (photo by Mark Ward).

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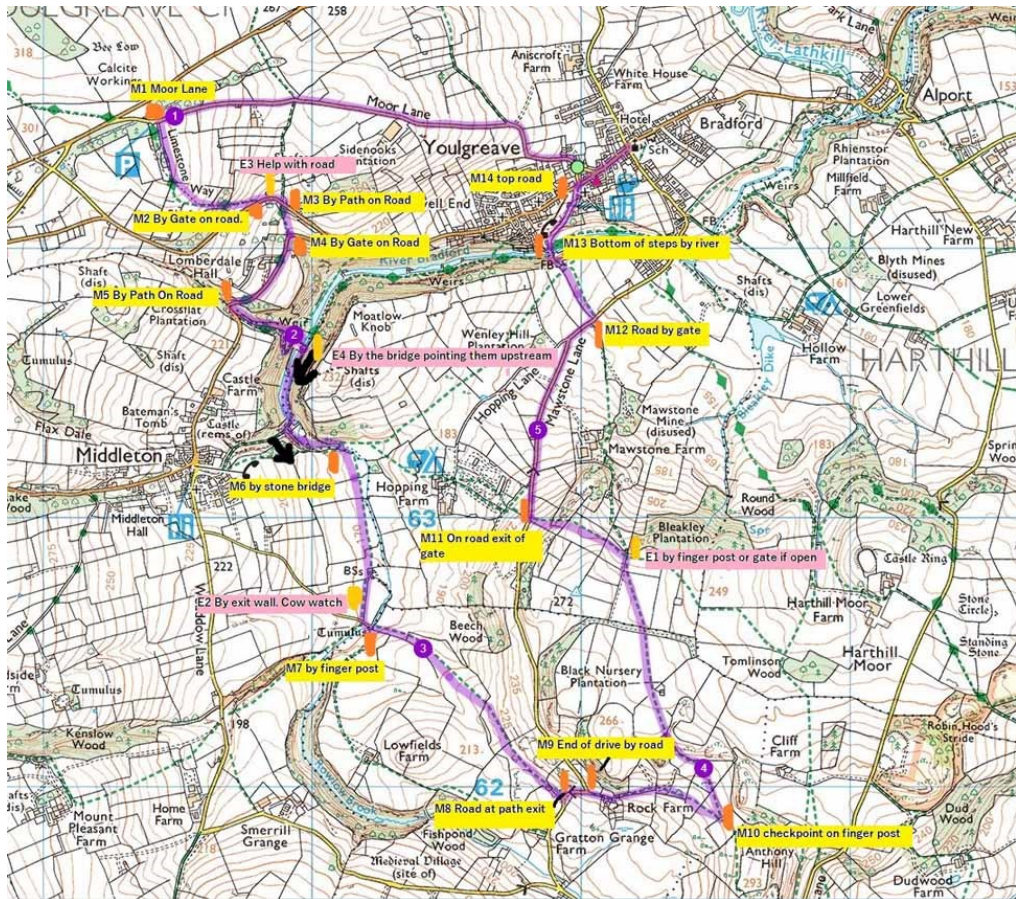
Youlgrave's premier Fell Race is back on Sunday 18th May – save the date!

For those familiar with our event, nothing has changed, we'll even have yet more glorious sunny weather.

For those not familiar with the UK's premier destination elite running event; 'The Panter' is Youlgrave's Fell Race organised by Youlgrave Harriers and the general village population (thanks!). It's a running race of 6ish miles under the Fell Running Association rules/licence. We start from outside Peak Feast and head up Moor Lane, do a full tour of all our hills on a loop and finish

by coming up Holywell and through the village to the finish line just past the shop near the George. The full route map is below and can be found on the Youlgrave Harriers webpage (www.youlgraveharriers.com).

All the fund raised (about £900 per year) go straight back into the Parish to spend on something villagey. Last year's money has been stashed to add into this year's funds to pay for a fun park pier with arcades, love lock railings and cider slushie stalls to leverage the financial



earning potential of the river. If that fails planning we're looking at a permanent table tennis table in the playground.

If you fancy running it and taking the overall win for the village and/or becoming officially the fastest local (the Bugle competition, local = delivery area of the Bugle), pre entry is £6 via the Youlgrave Harriers website. Or you can enter on the day (we have 'sold out' of places each year, but we unofficially keep 'on the day' entry open for the village, though pre-entry makes our admin lots easier).

We'd really appreciate some help if you're free and not running. The main job is pointing runners in the right direction at the marshal places. Encouraging random people is an unexpectedly fun way of

spending lunchtime. The course is mostly taped and arrows, there's just a couple of turnings where we don't want people to overshoot and a couple of fields to cow watch. We'll only station you somewhere familiar and tool you up with blue piping if you're a cow whisperer. We start the race at 11.00, so you'd need to be in position before then. The winner usually gets round in 40 minutes and the last runner tends to be in by 12:30, so all done by 12:30. Then it's an after-party at the George. If you can help drop me an email at youlgraveharriers@gmail.com or ping me on 07960 637500; or flag any of us down when passing. Just coming out to support in the village really helps as



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