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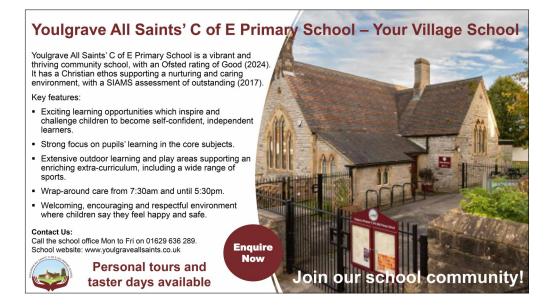
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New banking facility opens in Bakewell

A new 'Banking Hub' has opened in Bakewell, located in the Agricultural Business Centre (pictured right). Customers of all major banks can visit any weekday between 9am-5pm to carry out regular cash transactions, including cash withdrawals and deposits, as well as checking balances or paying bills. The hub also offers a community banker service where customers can talk to their own bank in a private space about more complicated issues on the day their bank is in the hub: Monday: Barclays, Tuesday: HSBC, Wednesday: Lloyds, Thursday: NatWest and Friday: Halifax.



Above: The new Banking Hub in Bakewell will benefit local residents and visitors alike.





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VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

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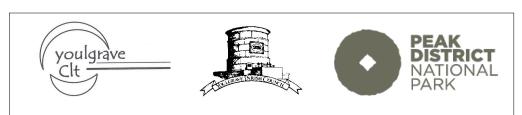
Hillside Garden for sale

I am selling part of my large garden on Bankside to any local resident who might be up for the challenge of taking on a difficult but lovely plot overlooking the Dale above the Wildlife Garden. It has had a valuation by Bagshaws but I would also be open to offers. The garden is South facing - about 1/4 acre - and is a great sun trap. It needs a lot of work but has great potential!

Contact Maggie 07970 970289

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'CALL FOR SITES' PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday 10th April, 7:30pm, Reading Room

If you responded to the recent consultation by the Peak District National Park regarding housing, transport and industry that would help set a future development plan, you'll be interested in this follow up.

Youlgrave Community Land Trust (CLT) supported by the Parish Council are holding a public meeting to discuss the development of homes, businesses, nature protection, recovery and renewable energy in our village (including Alport and Middleton). A village meeting will uncover more ideas and potential. What resources have we got? Have you a business idea, premises, storage, more affordable brown or green site land to sell for housing? Are there houses for older people to downsize into? What green spaces can we improve, save, make more biodiverse? Could there be a community energy scheme?

Please come and share your thoughts, needs, ideas and help deliver the thriving and sustainable communities we love to live in and that are required of the Peak Park Authority. Please understand this is <u>not</u> to determine whether a particular site can be developed.

The 'Call for Sites' is one step in a statutory process that must be undertaken by local authorities when preparing a Local Plan. For more details see www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/planning/policies-and-guides/the-local-plan/call-for-sites.

Change of bus operator on 172 route as Hulleys ceases trading

As the Bugle went to print it was announced that local bus operator Hulleys had ceased trading. After swift negotiations, Derbyshire County Council said that the 172 route serving Alport, Youlgrave and Middleton would instead by operated by Andrew's of Tideswell. It follows the Council's recent decision to strip Hulleys of its contracts for four local routes, including the 172, following what DCC called "a long period of reliability and service issues".

Youlgrave Show 2025 - save the date!

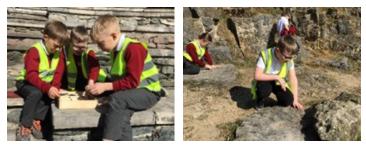
This year's Youlgrave Show will take place on **Saturday 13th September** in the Village Hall. The full Schedule with all the Show classes will appear in the next issue of the Bugle. So get ready to start sowing / growing / cooking / making / arranging / drawing / cultivating / etc! If you want to join the fantastic team of

volunteers who make the Show happen, or have any ideas of feedback from last year's event, please email youlgraveshow@outlook.com or call Edwina Cant on 07772 019385.

News from Youlgrave, All Saints' CE Primary School

Stone Centre visit

Children from Class 2 enjoyed a visit to the Stone Centre in Wirskworth as part of their topic. The children took part in activities such as rock detectives, soil sieving and gem panning. Our



guides also showed us how to find fossils in and around the quarry. The children had a lovely day learning all about rocks and fossils.

World Book Day

Children celebrated World Book Day on 6th March. They were encouraged to dress up as characters of books that parents or grandparents enjoyed when they were at school and the costumes and ideas were great to see. We also had visitors in to read their favourite stories to the children which was very enjoyable.



Sheffield Children's Hospital – PJ Day for Team Theo

Youlgrave, All Saints' CE Primary School once again took part in a PJ day to raise money for Sheffield Children's Hospital. Children were encouraged to wear their pyjamas to school, which the children thought was a great idea. We have raised a fantastic £238, so many thanks to all who donated.

Youlgrave Band – latest news

We are still on the look out for a new musical director of the band. If anyone would like to lead our village band or know of someone, then please don't hesitate to drop us a message or contact our chairman Dereck on 07790 786863. And we are also still on the look out for players to join our friendly small village band! We offer a learner band for all ages who want to learn and this is now back in full swing at 7pm on Thursday nights before the main band practice – which takes place every Thursday night at Youlgrave Methodist Church from 7:30pm till 9:30pm.

Performances booked for 2025 (so far):

- Saturday 21st June, 2.30pm Youlgrave Welldressing Blessings
- Sunday 22nd June, 6pm Service followed by 7pm concert
- Sunday December 7th, 5pm Middleton-by-Youlgrave Christmas Carols

Youlgrave Parish Council report:

Generous defibrillator donations, plus new ladies and junior cricket and football provision

Your Parish Council is very pleased to announce that we have already achieved 50% of our fundraising goal to renew the parish defibrillators, with over £1,000 of donations through the QR code. There was one very generous donation of £1,000 alone and a further £155 received by cheque and cash. We've added QR codes to our noticeboards, Alport Kiosk, Toilet Block and Garage defibrillator locations; and the Post Office is happy to receive cash or cheque donations in envelopes that we will collect from there; or please pass directly to the Parish Clerk. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far, it is much appreciated.

At its March meeting Council meeting noted that allotment rents are now overdue. It welcomed news of the expansion of Ladies and Children's cricket this season and Youlgrave Lodge Cricket Club plans to keep the pavilion functioning whilst we await the report and commencement of the future sports pavilion project. We have received notice that the FA has officially approved the Youlgrave Juniors U10s and hope that Youlgrave Utd FC (men's team) will find enough players to continue.

Council discussed ideas to improve paths on the playing field for better access, in conjunction with the new pavilion and extending the tarmac on the car park.

The Annual Parish Meeting is at 7pm on Tuesday 15th April followed by the monthly council meeting.

Matthew Lovell Youlgrave Parish Clerk, 01629 636151 youlgraveclerk@youlgrave.org.uk

Jack's Celebration, Saturday 12th April

On the afternoon of Saturday 12th April beginning at 2pm we will celebrate the life of longstanding village resident Jack Blackburn, who lived on Bankside and died just over 3 years ago at the height of Covid restrictions. His many and varied interests will be covered via music, drama, readings, and memories. There will also be an accompanying display of photographs, books, mementos and ceramics (Jack's exhibitions of Pots from France will be recalled by many) and appropriate light refreshments will be served.



There is an open invitation for anyone who remembers Jack to come along. There will also be time during the programme for those attending to contribute their own memories and bring along photographs and other mementos to share, if they wish. If anyone knows in advance that they would like to contribute to the programme, we would love to hear from you. Contact Sheila Harding harding.sheila@w3z.co.uk or Pat Coleman <u>info@patcoleman.co.uk</u>

Youlgrave's Ginger Nut Cafe opens for business

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The Ginger Nut Café at the Village Shop was officially opened last month and is already proving very popular.

The Mayor of Bakewell, Cllr Helen Garvey, a regular customer in the shop, cut the ribbon to formally unveil the new café, which offers both outdoor and indoor seating in the rear courtyard and refurbished back room.

The café is open daily, generally from 8am-4.30pm, with food orders stopping at 4pm (although the shop remains open till 5pm).

On the menu are all day breakfasts, daily specials, filled rolls and sandwiches, paninis and home-made Scotch eggs and quiches. Buxton Coffee Roasters supply the shop and café with quality local coffee.



Above: Bakewell Mayor Helen Garvey with Café owner Chloe Tabbenor at the opening. Below: new indoor and outside seating.



For all your village news and information: www.youlgrave.org.uk

Setting a safe village speed limit

Last year Youlgrave Parish Council carried out a public consultation on roads, traffic and parking issues in the village. Although there was no clear consensus around introducing a residents' permit scheme, there was significant support for introducing a 20mph speed limit within the village. Since then, the Parish Council has been pressing Derbyshire County Council (DCC), the Highways Authority, to listen to villagers' concerns and act on the issue. After some lengthy email correspondence, DCC has finally set out its position on the matter and why it is unwilling to take action. Rather than try to summarise the response, it is reproduced here in full (with the officer's permission):

DCC: "In terms of a 20mph speed limit, the reasoning for asking for this appears to be the lack of footways in the village. My previous comments make it clear that a 20mph speed limit would have little benefit in terms of speed or casualty reduction. What this means in real terms is that pedestrians walking through the village would not notice any difference in traffic speeds or driver behaviour. There would still be the same amount of traffic travelling at similar speeds and there would still be no footways. Just to provide a bit more substance to this, using Bluetooth speed data harvested from the network, the average speed of traffic for the length of road through Youlgrave village (Coldwell End car park to the playing fields) is 14.6mph with the 85% ile speed (the speed at which 85% of traffic are travelling at or below) being This would seem 23mph. to demonstrate that there is not an issue with excessive speed in Youlgrave and that tallies with on site observations.

Basically, the tortuous nature of the route through the village coupled with the presence of on-street parking, serves to naturally supress vehicle speeds. As is the case everywhere, there will be incidences of those driving inappropriately for the conditions, but, that type of driver would be unlikely to be influenced by a different speed limit and, thankfully, these drivers are in the minority.

In terms of casualties, there have been 2 injury related collisions recorded in Youlgrave during the latest 3-year period. One involved a cyclist riding into a car and the other involved a reversing vehicle knocking someone off a motorcycle. Neither of these were speed related.

This factual data reveals that there would be little justification to consider intervention measures in Youlgrave, especially something such as a change in speed limit that would have very little impact. You will be aware that we have recently extended the 30mph speed limit on 3 approaches to the village to accurately reflect the change in road environment to a built-up area to assist in influencing drivers' behaviour entering the village."

DCC Traffic Delivery Manager

The Parish Council is obviously disappointed with the response and will continue to lobby DCC over this and the parking problems in the village, as well as the poor state of Church Street and Main Street following the previous resurfacing. If you have any thoughts or suggestions on the matter please get in touch with

Parish Council via the Clerk (contact details on page 7).

20's Plenty where people are

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Granby House, Youlgrave

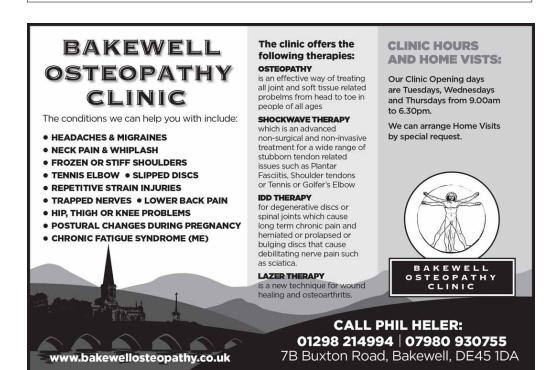
Do you feel the need for more company or support, but don't want a care home? Or do you have an elderly relative who wants to be closer to you? Granby House could be the answer.



At Granby House you can eat meals cooked by the staff, and visits from carers can be arranged if you need extra help. But Granby House is not a Care Home.

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If you or a relative would like to consider Granby House please contact Ian Webster on 01629 636836 or speak to the housekeeper at Granby House, on 01629 636264. You can also email <u>granbyhouse@gmail.com</u> and look at our website www.granbyhouse.org.





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Chair's Annual Report: Middleton & Smerrill Parish Council

The last year has been an exciting one with respect to developments to improve the local environment, in addition to continuing to address the challenge of deteriorating road surfaces and potholes. Potholes are regularly reported on the portal https:/ myderbyshire.gov.uk.

A replacement sign for Middleton-by-Youlgrave was installed at the Smerrill entrance to the village by the Lowfields road. After a prolonged delay, the signpost at the junction of the road into Middleton from Youlgrave has now been fully repaired with its three fingers restored.

Work in the Dale to repair the sewers has been ongoing and the pathway into the Dale is still very uneven for walkers.

Bad weather has again caused significant problems with blocked drains, debris on pavements and damage to some drystone walls. The wall on the S bend at Roughwood Hollow has been reported to DDC [Case – 641015726] because the seat it supports is leaning backwards towards the Dale. The work is being programmed by DDC and in the mean time the seat is out of use.

The surface of the children's playground was greatly improved by the new tarmac last year, but the areas below the play tower and swings were excluded. These areas continue to be affected by accumulations of moss and efforts to control the moss have had variable success. Alternative methods to control the moss without damaging the surfaces are being researched.

The defibrillator in the telephone box in the Square is regularly maintained. A training session for residents to learn how to use the defibrillator was held in



View of Middleton-by-Youlgrave (photo by Charles Monkhouse)

the Village Hall and it is hoped to offer another session as it was well received.

Council has had six regular meetings this year, plus an additional one to discuss an amended planning application.

Public toilets

Good News about the toilets in Middleton! The public toilets are currently closed from October to March. Following representations by the Parish Council, and as a result of a recent review of public conveniences, Derbyshire Dales District Council has agreed to support opening the toilets in Middleton for a trial period of 12 months from April 2025. A footfall monitor will be introduced to measure the use of the toilets throughout the year. This is an important change as the village is experiencing a rising number of visitors throughout the year. This initiative by the present DDDC restores the legal agreement made in 1994 whereby the Council would, for 50 years, keep the toilets open all year and maintain them. Our thanks to District Councillor Laura Mellstrom for the support she provided to the community on this matter.

The Community Greenhouse was delivered on 7th March 2024 and was constructed by a team of volunteers from the Climate and Nature group and the Village Hall committee. It was completed in time to be used to raise a huge selection of plants for sale at the Village Market in May and was then available for local residents to book a 'slot' to grow their own plants for the rest of the year. The greenhouse (funded by a grant from the Community Lottery Fund) has proved to be a great success. The site has been developed to include two water butts and a rainwater harvester donated by Mark Sealey. Next steps will include the construction of composting bays and final clearance of debris.

A successful application to DDDC small projects fund provided watering cans and predator-proof hedgehog shelters this year.

Sites of Meaning 25th Anniversary: After 25 years, some of the Stones of Meaning are showing signs of wear; advice is being sought on any repairs that may be necessary. Charles Monkhouse is leading an initiative to plan how to mark this important anniversary. It is proposed that a working group will comprise a parish councillor, a Village Hall Committee member and a youth member. An estimated £4,000-8,000 is likely to be applied for to provide a current photo set, publicity, web pages updates and a new generation children's activity. This will be a very significant initiative for Middleton as it is intended to secure the future of the Sites of Meaning project for the next 25 years and beyond.

Climate and Nature group

The Climate and Nature group continues to meet weekly to develop and maintain the different garden areas - the triangle at the top of the Dale, scented garden, playground borders, and Picnic Garden with the herb planters and the large planter near the postbox. All of these areas are fully maintained to provide attractive plants and flowers throughout the seasons. All of the plants are carefully chosen to give maximum support for bees and other pollinators.

In December, the Climate and Nature group was successful in obtaining a grant of £1,000 from the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust Community Fund to develop the garden at St Michael and All Angels' Church. The purpose of the funding is to make the church garden attractive to wildlife and pollinators and more accessible for people to enjoy the peaceful environment.

The development of the historic barns behind the church has resulted in the loss of rough ground which was previously used by hedgehogs and other creatures as it will become a car park for the planned holiday homes. Ensuring that the church garden remains a space dedicated to nature is intended to support biodiversity and to promote wellbeing.

This project has already started and visitors are welcome to come into the church garden to see the progress that is being made. Information boards are planned with one specifically to encourage children to be engaged in initiatives support wildlife to conservation. The addition of 'bug hotels', bat boxes, nest boxes, additional shelters for hedgehogs and a seat for residents and visitors is also planned.

The hedgehog population in Middleton continues to thrive with frequent sitings and more people providing appropriate food and water. New warning signs have been put up to

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alert motorists to the presence of hedgehogs.

Litter is not currently a major issue. Volunteers regularly remove litter from the village and surrounding roads and pathways. In March there is a targeted effort to clear the grass verges from any litter and debris before the vegetation grows too high. This year four bags were collected.

Bateman's Tomb

Bateman's tomb is regularly inspected and the area around the tomb is kept weed-free and tidy. The information board is in good condition.

The two memorial trees on the path up towards the tomb are now registered as part of the milliontrees.co.uk initiative which aims to list of every tree planted in Derbyshire since June 2021.

Council has submitted an application to the PDNP Foundation Community scheme for funding to create a more biodiverse area in the pathway up to Bateman's tomb. Consultation with our local ranger is ongoing to finalise the most appropriate options for planting.

Council appreciates the regular updates from the Village Hall committee in every meeting and there has been close co-operation with the VHC on initiatives to support community benefit.

I would like to express my thanks to the members of the Parish Council, the Climate and Nature Group and members of the Village Hall Committee for all their work during the past year. They have given generously of their time, energy, donations of numerous items, ideas, transport and more.

We wish to thank Councillor Laura Mellstrom for her extremely useful support on a number of key issues affecting the parish.

Thanks also to PCSO Anthony Boswell for his regular reports to



Bateman's Tomb

update Council on important local issues.

Council is grateful for the financial support received this year from Cllr Laura Mellstrom, the National Lottery Community Fund (2024), and Derbyshire Wildlife Trust Community fund.

I would also like to thank Parish Council clerk Matthew Lovell for his work in providing support and advice and ensuring that the business of the Council proceeds efficiently. Matthew's experience and knowledge are invaluable and his expertise is much appreciated.

Local Government Reorganisation: The Government has announced that it will be introducing Unitary Authorities across England, including for Derbyshire. This will mean at some point the abolition of the present Derbyshire Dales District Council. No decisions or timetable for Derbyshire have been announced. Although parish councils are not part of this major change, it will be necessary to monitor the consequences for them.

Dianne Jeremy Chair Middleton and Smerrill Parish Council

MIDDLETON-BY-YOULGRAVE SPRING / SUMMER EVENTS

Sunday 18th May – Friday 23rd May: Well-dressing petalling in the playground shed.

Saturday 24th May, midday to 4pm: Middleton Market – Well-dressings, stalls, Open gardens, Explore Middleton trail, Children's trail, Middleton Church flowers and music, Morris Dancers, Skittles, Barbecue, Well-dressing Teas (Saturday and Sunday).

Sunday 25th May: Blessing of the Well, followed by the Church Service at 6.45pm.

Saturday 7th June: Middleton Rocks in the Square.

Full details of these events in the May Bugle!

Middleton Village Hall Committee

For all your village news and information: www.middletonbyyoulgrave.org.uk

30 minutes free parking introduced in town centre car parks

A new measure by Derbyshire Dales District Council to allow vehicles to park for up to 30 minutes free in its town centre car parks has now come into operation. This is on top of free parking using your resident's permit in all of the District Council's car parks before 11am and after 3pm every day of the year.

The 30 minutes free quick-stay will apply in Bakewell's DDDC Granby Road and Market Place car parks, as well as in Ashbourne (Shawcroft, the Bus Station and Clifton Road), Matlock (Imperial Road, Lido, Olde Englishe, Spa Villas and Town Hall front) and Wirksworth (Market Place).

To claim your 30 minutes free parking, you are required get a paper ticket from the machine. This is so parking enforcement officers are made aware of when you arrived, helps to avoid confusion and avoidable parking fines.

This offer cannot be used to top up a chargeable parking ticket, as it has been specifically created for short stay customers who will be staying no longer than 30 minutes.





Selena the Snake Charmer.



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From the Churches

Easter is very late this year (the latest date Easter Sunday can be is April 25th). It means that by the time Easter Sunday has arrived we shall be well into spring. I have been enjoying the beautiful daffodils at Coldwell End car park for many days now (see photo).

But sometimes Easter seems to take place while it is still winter. I am told it snowed at Easter in 2008 in Derbyshire.

Some Easters are bright with sunshine and hope; others are cold and grey and rather depressing. The story of the week of Jesus' life before he was crucified and rose again reflects that two sided aspect of Easter. There was the glorious and triumphal entry into Jerusalem which we celebrate on Palm Sunday. (This year in Youlgrave we shall have donkeys for

part of our celebration.) Then as the week went on things became more and more difficult for Jesus, as opposition to him from the religious authorities gathered momentum. Of course, this culminated in his crucifixion on Good Friday. Then on the third day after his death Christians believe that Jesus came back to life.

For many years I celebrated Holy Week and Easter in a women's prison. Quite often over half the prison would attend the services. I found Good Friday a very rewarding service to lead. The women often had no idea of what happened at the end of Jesus' life. They knew about Bethlehem, mangers, wise men and shepherds but often seemed quite shocked that Jesus was arrested, imprisoned, tortured, tried and finally executed. This part of his life really engaged them. It was, after all, their story too (apart from execution!).

Easter Day was different. It was hard to stand in front of those women and say, "Well yes, Jesus did die on Good Friday but he came back to life on Sunday". Their lives were often full of sadness and

> pain and they could completely identify with the Jesus of Good Friday. The Risen Jesus of Easter Day was too hard to take. It all seemed too easy. In fact, I remember one Easter Day when I told them the story of the Resurrection that one of them snorted in derision. For many of them life was cold and grey and wintery and spring was far away.

I believe that Jesus completely understands that for some of us life is a Good Friday experience

and for most of us life is a Holy Week experience with its ups and downs.

I am glad that when Jesus was on earth went through incredibly tough times; it means he understands fully the human condition with both its depression and elation, its Good Fridays and Easter Days.

My job as a chaplain in a prison was to try to bring some of the hope of spring and resurrection into the women's lives, but also to be alongside them in the desolation and coldness of their winters. That is the imperative of God's love.

I pray that this Easter and spring you will know God's love, whether the days are warm and bright or cold and dark.

Jane Clay



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Services for April

Sun 6 April

11am Holy CommunionFollowed by the Annual ChurchMeeting6.45pm Evening Prayer at Middleton

13 -20 April Holy Week and Easter - see below

Sun 27 April 11am Holy Communion



13th April Palm Sunday

11am Service - *with donkeys* Followed By A Walk To Winster

Mon 14 April Night Prayer 7pm Birchover

Tue 15 April Night Prayer 7pm Middleton

Wed 16 April Night Prayer 7pm Stanton

17 April Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion 7pm

General enquiries:

Dan Cocker, Church Warden dan.churchwarden@gmail.com.

Funerals: Andrew Parker, 01629 636757, andrewparker10@ yahoo.co.uk

Weddings:

Denise Figg, 01629 636526, denisefigg.wed@gmail.com

Good Friday 18 April

Walk of Witness to Church Meet at Coldwell End Car Park 1.30pm

2pm Hour at the Cross Youlgrave 5pm Music in Church - Bach St Matthew's Passion

EASTER DAY 20th April

6am Dawn Service Middleton

11am Family Communion Youlgrave



Retired clergy:

Revd Geoff Clay 07833 252803 geoffclay@me.com

Revd Jane Clay 07802 630877 Ejaneclay@icloud.com

Revd Richard Tucker 01629 636074 rev.richardtucker@gmail.com

For services at other churches: Methodist: Margaret (636558) Wesleyan Reform: Isobel (636251)

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Palm Sunday walk to Winster



Sunday 13th April, 12 noon

It's hard to believe that a year ago, last Palm Sunday, was the start of the Pommie Pilgrimages! £45,000 was raised towards loos, a cuppa and warmth in our church.

As this was so popular, we thought repeating the Palm Sunday walk to Winster might be fun. The Burton Institute has been booked - cakes and tea will be offered to weary walkers on arrival.

Please join us for a pleasant saunter together as a community. We will set off from the church, after the Sunday Service at 12 noon.

If you let us know you can come, we can have appropriate amounts of cake! Please email:

pommiepilgrimage@gmail.com

It would be lovely to see you.

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- 21 -Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: March 2025

Whichever way you like the start of spring, Met Office or equinox, it has now arrived. I have always preferred the equinox version and one of my favourite spring birds, the chiffchaff, was reported below the village hall on the 20th, this year's equinox. Soon we will be hearing them everywhere. Other birds have been passing through. Rather briefly this year a few curlews were heard near the New Dam and above the village. A big flock of meadow pipits was seen and there have been sightings of skylarks. There do seem to be a lot of finches around this spring. Our feeders have of goldfinches, greenfinches, lots chaffinches and siskins. More finches than usual have been reported from gardens above the river. All the usual tits have been visiting gardens and a jay and a woodpecker have also been seen.

Along the river the little egret is still about. Mallard, moorhen, coot and the occasional dabchick and heron have all been seen. Not satisfied with the wonderful habitat provided by the river, one moorhen was photographed on a garden pond made out of an old sink. A dipper was seen carrying nesting material, so here's hoping for a good nesting season this year. On the New Dam there was a flock of seven mandarins for a while and there are usually some geese around.

Only one barn owl sighting has been sent in, but I recently saw two tawny owls in one evening. One was on the road near Bowers Hall and I had to stop for it; the other was flying nearer Bakewell. Buzzards are common but kites seem scarce.

The birds are really singing now. Blackbirds, chaffinches and dunnocks are in full voice with contributions from song and mistle thrushes, chiffchaffs, chaffinches and robins.

Hedgehogs have been coming out of



A moorhen in a sink (photo: Mike Brandon)

hibernation with sightings down Brookleton and in a garden. Black fallow deer have been seen near Alport. Garden ponds now have lots of frog spawn and I have seen both male and female smooth newts in our pond. Our recent sunny, quite warm days have brought out hibernating butterflies. Peacock, small tortoiseshell and brimstone have all been seen and on the 23rd I rescued two peacocks, that had woken up from hibernation, from the church tower. I also saw a very smart and very late redwing in the garden.

On the wildlife walk on the 23rd we found 17 species of wildflower in bloom. Plentiful species were lesser celandines, daisies, garden rock cress, which is adorning walls at the bottom of Moor Lane and below the Youth Hostel, and bright yellow king cups along the river. Higher up the river we saw 10 mandarin ducks of both sexes. These flew up and perched high in the trees. One dipper was seen further up, too. Sadly, one of our swans has been found dead just above the Braemar pack horse bridge.

My thanks to this month's contributors Ian T., Simon, Laetitia, Gill, Mike, Naomi, Dorothy, Pat, Edwina and Mick.

Ian Weatherley email 48iweatherley@gmail.com

A new Italian Bistro is coming to Youlgreave

- would you like to be a part of this exciting new venture?

At the same time, I'm looking for a **hostel manager**, **host and cleaner** so I can combine all of these roles to create a permanent 35 hour a week full time position if I can find the right person. Of course, if someone has some but not all of these skills then I may be able to split the roles and the hours.

Fountain View Bistro

Opening Friday and Saturday evenings at YHA Youlgreave, but with more hours if there's sufficient demand.

• Assisting in the preparation of food and serving food and drinks with genuine warmth, hospitality and pride that will make guests want to visit more frequently and stay longer.



• You would also be the host for the bistro, welcoming guests and creating the right atmosphere, serving drinks from our licensed bar. Barista skills would help.

Hostel manager

You would play a key role in making our guest experiences memorable. Your efforts will be at the core of our mission to provide exceptional hospitality.

- Experience of working face to face with customers is essential.
- Offering insights about the hostel and the local area, ensuring every guest feels informed and welcomed, friendly and enthusiastic on the phone.

• Experience of people management is desirable, plus basic IT skills. Do you have experience of working in a prestigious hospitality business and

providing a high level of customer service? Marketing experience would be helpful.

Housekeeping duties

Our staff undertake a wide range of customer facing duties within the hostel delivering an excellent service to all guests.

- Carrying out housekeeping duties ensuring a comfortable clean environment.
- Cleaning and preparing bedrooms between guest departures and arrivals.
- Keeping all areas of the hostel clean and tidy.
- On other evenings you may be asked to prepare or serve food for smaller numbers of hostel guests.

Bakery / cafe

You may also be required to support our bakery team if you have the necessary kitchen or front of house experience.



<u>Summary</u>

We're an ambitious seasonal but growing business. We've listed a lot of duties so that we can provide sustainable full time employment even in our quiet weeks. As we get busier, we will need to recruit more people and you will then be able to focus on the roles where you have most experience and just provide

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back up in other areas. For now it's important that you understand all parts of the business to help us put systems and training in place.

This is a 35 hour per week full time position paying £15 per hour, £525 per week, £27,300 per annum. Benefits include pension scheme and free stays at other YHA hostels. You will be required to live on site in a self-contained flat as you will be on call up until 10pm on nights when we have guests staying (mainly Friday and Saturday nights). If you live close to the hostel living on site may not be necessary.

Finally it's a great opportunity for an entrepreneur to learn how to set up a business if that's your long term objective. Three years of working with me will teach you all you need to know.

I hope to create a workers' co-operative model to take over all our businesses in the near future so our current employees may have the chance of owning the business. If you are interested please send your cv to <u>colintrigg1@hotmail.co.uk</u>

Colin Trigg

Introducing our new Chef

Hi, my name is Giulia Manuelli. I was born in a small town in northern Italy, Chiari. My province is famous for its lakes (Sebino and Garda) and for its mountains. I love sports, especially cycling, swimming and running, but above all I like hiking in

the mountains. But, like most Italians, we also spent a lot of time cooking and eating and both my grandmas are exceptional cooks. Nonna Giovanna was a master of her region's (Emilia Romagna) food: fresh pasta like tagliatelle and tortellini; whereas nonna Augusta is a master of the rich, meaty and butter loaded food of Lombardy.

My journey in food as a professionale starts around 16/17 years ago when I started working as an assistant (tuttofare or help-where-needed-typeassistant) in the pasticceria of a friend. I then moved to London in 2013 and have been working as a chef ever since. I have spent the last year working with a friend in a cafe and training refugees in cooking skills for a social enterprise.

I am incredibly excited to be moving to Youlgreave and to be working with Colin at YHA Youlgreave! I first visited the village last Christmas. Alex (my partner), Loony (my dog) and I stayed at one of the cottages down towards the river with



Giulia Manuelli

some friends. I fell in love with the village, dreamt of working at the bakery at YHA and enjoyed walking the tracks of the Peak District. Not long has passed since Christmas and here I am, moving to Youlgreave, to a house I really love and with the amazing opportunity of setting up an Italian bistro in the village! I am looking forward to making new friends and to cook up some traditional Italian food for the people of Youlgreave.



Next film Friday 11 April

La Chimera 15



Alice Rohrwacher's new film is a beguiling fantasycomedy. Everyone has their own Chimera, something they try to achieve but never manage to find. For the band of tombaroli, thieves of ancient grave goods and archaeological wonders, the Chimera means redemption from work and the dream of easy wealth. For Arthur, the Chimera looks like the woman he lost, Beniamina.

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YOULGRAVE VILLAGE HALL, 7.30 pm start

Tickets cost ± 5 - cash only (please bring correct change if possible). Everyone is most welcome. Booking isn't necessary but if you want a particular seat, or have any queries, please phone Glenys on 636477.

And ice creams are served before the film starts - £1.50.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Next film - A Complete Unknown, 9 May



Colourful springtime for Youlgrave WI

We had a bright snazzy Mexican evening in March with tacos, chilli beef, refried beans, salsa

and guacamole. Tropical fruit salad and margarita ice cream really topped off the tastebuds! More colour was created at our March Eastery craft day. Bunnies on sticks, hearts, felted baubles, sheep and eggs. The March meeting was changed from a visiting Mary Queen of Scots, who will be released later in the year, to Liz Keeley teaching us the rules of 'A day in the life of a Victorian Governess', not a glamorous career at all!

A few ladies will join the Group meeting at Ashford on March 27th, when Air Ambulance will be the guest speakers, and the usual tasty supper is included in the evening.

Our Choir has two welcome new members, and is meeting again at the Wesleyan chapel on Wednesdays. Their next engagement is on Friday 2nd May at the Agricultural Centre for the Parkinsons support Group.

The WI Resolution choice this year is 'Dental Health Matters', and Judith Rimmer and Theresa Farndon were warmly received by Pre-School when each child was given a dental pack, heard a story about a child's first dental visit, and a hygienist was also present with activities and brushing techniques.

Our vibrant new 2025/26 Programme is now being distributed to members with many extras on top of regular meetings. April 26th is another litter-picking session.

On April 3rd some of us will join Chatsworth WI to hear their speaker, Edwina Currie. April 24th is the Supper Club. Already our Murder Mystery evening on Thursday May 22nd, courtesy of Helena, is filling up, so sign up soon and get into character!

April is our annual Subscriptions month



Youlgrave WI visited village Pre-School to present each child with a dental pack and to read 'a trip to the dentist' story, encouraging good dental hygiene from an early age.



when new and continuing members can pay online if possible, once we have the instructions from our Treasurer, Lucy. Our next WI meeting is on Tuesday April 8th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. David Spencer will be immersing us in the Indians of the Wild West, so gallop along to the meeting if you'd like to hear this talk, and meet some of our WI members. *Liz Hickman*

Youlgrave Village Hall report 2024/25

With the support of the Village Hall Trustees I took over as Chair on 24th June last year following Mike Read's retirement. I haven't been involved with the Hall since my teenage days as a scene-shifter for the Panto, so I was pleased to accept the position.

The Hall was registered as a charity in the 1930s and its objectives remain unchanged: that it be used for the benefit of the public, in particular for the residents of Youlgrave, Middleton and Alport.

With the dedication and foresight of our trustees and helpers we are where we are today, a thriving village asset that relies totally on income we receive from letting and fundraising events. We need and rely upon continued support from all our patrons.

Last year was a busy year with a series of events alongside regular local organisations, meetings, parties, club activities and school usage. Give us a thought next time you are arranging a family get-together, birthday party, wedding or other social event. We will do our best to accommodate your requirements.

The revival of the Horticultural Show was a huge success for both producers and buyers, long may it continue.

The village pantomime, Hansel & Gretal, was outstanding. The cast were fantastic, supported by more than 40 dedicated volunteer helpers in various roles, from scene-shifting to costume makers, lighting and sound engineers, make up artists and much more. They say village pantos are becoming a thing of the past. Not here they aren't, it's thriving and was the best attended for 10 years, let's keep it up.

This year, apart from general routine maintenance, we have had to replace



some rotten window frames, repair others and up grade some emergency lighting and WiFi in the Hall.

A special thanks to Kathryn Taktak, a current trustee who agreed to take on the treasurer's position at very short notice, a vital cog in our organisation. Remember you can book either the main hall, the committee room, the social room and kitchen or the whole lot if needed, for almost any event. Contact Sandra Harrop on 01629 630003 to discuss your needs.

Finally I want to thank the whole team of trustees, the workforce and helpers, all of which are volunteers and give up so much of their time supporting the Village Hall. We cannot exist without you. Three trustees have recently

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stepped down, including Adrian Rhodes who together with wife Catherine (who remains a trustee) have jointly served the Village Hall for close on 35 years. What dedication! We all wish Adrian well in what I will call his semi retirement, because I know he will still be helping us out in one way or another. We need to recruit several new members, and in particular would like someone with an interest in treasurer's work to generally help and familiarise themselves with Kathryn's duties.

If you have some free time, are community-minded and would like to join our friendly team of volunteers please contact me on either 01629 636318 or 07711 759105, or email chair@yvh.org.uk for an informal chat.

Graham Elliott Chair, Youlgrave Village Hall Charity No 520538





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Church Farm Diary, April

article in the Farmers An Guardian highlights the harm that dog waste can do to cattle and sheep, Dog owners are urged to clean up after their dogs after a wildlife organisation reported two cows had suffered aborted pregnancies. The disease is transmitted via eggs in dog faeces and can leach into the soil where cows graze. So please always clean up after your pets, even though you may think it is ok in the fields or in the long grass – sorry, it is not.

The moles have been very busy this late winter. Jamie has made a very good job of eradicating them. Tthey are such sweet looking creatures sometimes it feels very wrong, but when your cattle start aborting from the fact that the soil has got into the silage with the help of a mole, and your foraging machinery has broken when it comes into contact with mole hills, you have to do something, plus they ruin your neighbours' lawns. It will soon be Easter and I remember that my mum and I always had a new outfit for Church on Easter Sunday. Those were the days when you had 'Sunday best' and tried to not do as much work on that day, apart from cooking a lovely Sunday dinner.

Mind you; the cows never knew what day it was so they were always fed and watered. My dad tried not to do any haymaking or anything extra on a Sunday. After Church we would go a walk (weather permitting). Usually down the Dale and meet up with my parents' friends and families. On Easter Tuesday the Flagg Point to Point Horse Races took place, most times it would snow or rain and was very cold, but my friends and I would brave the weather and have a great time.

Marjorie Shimwell

Recipe of the month: Chocolate Peanut Butter Cake

This month's recipe is a nod to Easter.

For the cake 200g unsalted butter plus some for greasing 250g hot water from a just boiled kettle 50g cocoa 100g soft dark brown sugar 125g caster sugar 2 teaspoons vanilla extract 225g plain flour 1 teaspoon baking powder ½ bi carb 2 large eggs

<u>For the lcing</u> 300g icing sugar 150gsoft unsalted butter 200g smooth peanut butter 1 teaspoon vanilla extract 1¼ teaspoon fine salt 60m double cream

To decorate 30g chopped roasted peanuts

Method

Heat the oven to 180 C. Butter the cake tins and line with baking parchment. Don't use loose bottom tins as the mixture is runny. Melt the butter in a pan, add the justboiled water and whisk in the cocoa and both the sugars, keeping the heat

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Christian Aid Week

11th-17th May 2025



Think of a country in Central America which has the

following: The deepest lake in Central America; Ancient Mayan ruins; has a tradition of flying kites to honour the departed-many active volcanoes; is famous for its coffee and chocolate?

You would be right if Guatemala had sprung to mind. This year's Christian Aid Week is taking us to Guatemala which faces the major challenges experienced by countries we have supported in previous years. The hope is to support our global neighbours with our fund raising activities.

Over 50% of people work in agriculture, but it is a global hunger hotspot. It has one of the highest rates globally of stunted growth in children and it is rated one of the top 10 countries in the world most vulnerable to climate change. Deadly droughts, savage storms and industrial plantations monopolise water supply.

The aim is to support families like those of Aurelia. She can recall living in an area with "an abundance of trees, plants, wild animals", and lots of water with a climate not as hot as today. Empowering women like Aurelia with donations from Christian Aid week will allow her and others to continue learning new skills with Congcoop and support her to adapt her farming methods to the changing climate. We know we can be part of her success story as she experiments with drought resistant crops and new water collection and distribution schemes to improve crop yields.

As in previous years the envelopes for donations will be delivered to your door and can be returned to the collection buckets at Youlgrave Post Office and the Village Shop during Christian Aid week. Many thanks to Amy and Emma, Chloe and Tanya for their continued support.

Key dates for your diary include:

- Sunday 11th May: A service at the Wesleyan Reform church to celebrate Christian Aid week followed by a soup and dessert lunch (rearranged from 18th)
- Saturday 17th May: A coffee morning at the Reading Room from 10 am to 1pm ٠ with coffee, cake, raffle and tombola.

It is our planet and we are all in this together so we need to reach out, learn and help each other. More information will follow in the May Bugle. In anticipation of your support - many thanks from the Christian Aid Team.

low, whisking until the butter has melted. Remove from the heat and add the vanilla extract.

Measure the dry ingredients and stir, and whisk the eggs separately.

Pour the eggs into the pan and stir until absorbed, then finally stir in the flour, etc, whisk until you have a smooth batter. Pour into the tins and bake for 20mins,

leave the cakes to cool for 10 mins then turn out onto a rack. Mix the icing sugar with the other ingredients for the icing and sandwich together. Sprinkle the chopped peanuts on top and side.



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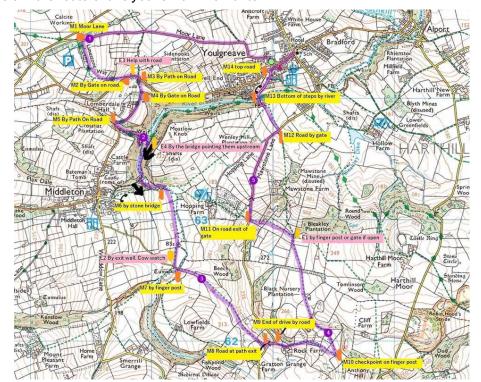
Time to get training for the Pommie Panter

Spring is creeping in, warming the fields like a fell runner's undercarriage after a long descent. Those lengthening days, skipping lambs and a feral urge to put ice into cider can mean only one thing: Youlgrave's Pommie Panter Fell Race is coming! It's on **Sunday 18th May at 11am**. Entry is open via www.youlgraveharriers.com or you can enter on the day on the Alport Lane Playing fields from 9:30am. It's £6 entry with everything raised going into the village parish funds to buy a Rickshaw as a bus replacement 'The GraveGo link'. If you don't fancy running and you can help out with a bit of marshalling, drop me a message via youlgraveharriers@gmail.com or call 07960 637500. It'll just be a bit of pointing and offering motivational advice to the runners, eg "it's 50% downhill," etc.

In other Youlgrave Harriers activities, we're (re)launching the boundary run on Saturday 24th May. An ancient/old/done before tradition of running the full parish boundary and leaving our scent to mark the territory. A 16-mile jaunt of lanes, trails and fields. Full details are on the Youlgrave Harriers website. As with all our club runs you just show and say hello.

If you have any questions, whether it be running club related or what this season's most fashionable injury is, just drop us a message or say hello on a Tuesday or Thursday club night, or post-run in HQ (The George).

Cheers, John W and Youlgrave Harriers



Below: the route of this year's Pommie Panter



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International Klezmer stars performing again in Youlgrave

Kleznorth, the North's biggest festival of klezmer music, dance and Yiddish song is coming to Youlgrave this month and includes an all star concert which is open to all!

Tickets for the whole weekend have now sold out, but the good news is that there are still tickets for the concert. The festival faculty, including internationally recognised klezmer musicians and singers Alan Bern, John Macnaughton, Rachel Weston, Francesca Ter-Berg, Flora Curzon and Christina Crowder, will perform for the enjoyment of those looking for an introduction to klezmer as well as more seasoned fans of the genre.

Ian Stern, the Kleznorth chair said: "We're excited to be back in Youlgrave. Local residents have always given us such a warm welcome. We hope that many will join us for what promises to be a fabulous afternoon."

Since it started in 2010, Kleznorth has welcomed both Jews and non-Jews to the wonderful world of Klezmer and Yiddish song.

The concert will take place on Sunday 6 April, 3.30–5pm. For more information on klezmer, Kleznorth and to get tickets for the concert, go to <u>www.kleznorth.org.uk</u>.

Do you struggle to get to healthcare appointments?



Do you worry about relying on family, friends and neighbours?

Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport co-ordinates a car scheme throughout the northern Derbyshire Dales and Hope Valley.

Our team of friendly volunteers use their own vehicles to provide individual journeys from your home to medical appointments – including hospitals, clinics, dentists, doctors and opticians.

If you haven't previously travelled with BECT then it just takes a 5 minute chat on the telephone to register and once registered you simply need to telephone to request each journey – a minimum of 7 days notice is required, more if possible.

There is a charge for each journey which will be confirmed at the time of booking; there is no charge for the time the volunteer waits whilst your appointment is taking place.

For more information and to register call 01629 641922 (Tues- Fri, 9am-5pm).



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A Timeslip called Youlgrave

Dressed in the mist of a springtime morn Sits a village so fair, that wakes with the dawn. A place that inspires both artist and knave A haven, a time slip that is called Youlgrave.

On pub benches folk sit for repast And talk of the old days and folk long since passed. Of lead miners, farmers and tell tales that leave you aghast. In the haven, the time slip called Youlgrave.

So if you come to our village there is only one thing we ask Leave memories, not litter or broken glass Park in the car parks, not on the streets Leave memories, not annoyance Until next time we meet.

Martyn Gillie

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