



The Bugle



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

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Lots of local learning for Youlgrave Primary School

At school we're so proud of being part of our community and the fabulous Derbyshire Peak District. Bugle readers will know that we enjoy a very varied and exciting curriculum and we manage to find ways of linking so much learning through exploring the local area. Here are two fantastic examples.

Just before we broke up for the summer holiday we went on an amazing trip to Chatsworth.

We are so grateful to **Youlgrave Village Show** for donating the funds to help us with the cost of this trip. It was a fantastic day, jam-packed with discovery. We learned all about the plants and pollinators in the kitchen garden. We were able to look really closely, using hand lenses (see photo above) and then explore the gardens in search of the different plants and to learn about seasonal planting. We also had the chance to visit the farmyard and see and handle the animals. It was lots of fun, especially feeding the voracious and cheeky goats!

Since we've returned to school, our Reception and Key Stage 1 children are



being inspired by a very important historical local hero. In 1829, **Hannah Bowman** led a group of women who were determined to help others. She made a lasting difference. They worked together to build a water supply to bring clean water to the village. We hope her story inspires our children to recognise that their own ideas and actions can help make their community a better place. We love the portraits the children have painted of Hannah Bowman.

School is such a busy and exciting place, please ring 01629 636289 if you want to arrange a visit and take a closer look at what we do.

Teresa Nicholls, Head Teacher



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Wednesday 8.30am–1pm

Thursday 8.30am–12 midday
2–6pm

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Weekend Closed

Youlgrave Band news

We've had a fabulous summer and wow did we end on a high at Barringtons! Thank you to everyone who has supported and helped us. Now on to our Christmas programme.

We are still on the look out for more players to join our little village band. Rehearsals take place every Thursday night at Youlgrave Methodist Church at 7:30pm. Want to learn? Then join our leaner band that practice at 7pm every Thursday night.

For more information visit our website www.youlgravesilverband.co.uk

*Our Facebook page
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*Or contact our Secretary Judith on
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Memorial candles at Christmas

If you would like to remember someone with a Memorial Candle in Church at Christmas, you can order these from the beginning of November. Please put 50p per memorial candle in a sealed envelope and on the envelope please write the following details:

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In memory of: Your loved ones name/s.

From 1st November to 6th December sealed envelopes can be left at Youlgrave Post Office. If you have any questions please ring C. Birch on 07811 428242.



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Youlgrave Bowls Club welcomes District Councillor

Derbyshire Dales District Councillor Laura Mellstrom visited Youlgrave Bowls Club in August. She was able to watch a lively competition for new members of the Crown Green Bowling Association. There were so many eligible people that the competition had to be run at two separate greens! Crown Green Bowls is proving very popular and if you are interested in joining please contact Club Chair princeanne@btinternet.com.

Laura was able to try out the bench which had been purchased by Youlgrave Bowls club with money donated from the District Councillor's Local Projects Fund this year. We are very grateful for this donation which has enabled us to improve our seating facilities.



Members of Youlgrave Bowls Club with the bench funded by Cllr Laura Mellstrom (pictured second from the right).

Make and Mend is back – Monday evenings 7 to 9pm

Well, hasn't that been a long hot summer, during which you haven't had the opportunity of a Make and Mend session in the cool of the Village Hall workshop.

If you've never been before, let us explain. You have the opportunity to attend a free session at which you can take along a treasured or simply useful item that no longer works, or maybe simply looks beyond its best. Our little band of helpers will either assist you in bringing it back to life, or if you don't rate your skills may well do it on your behalf. It's surprising, though, how many people underestimate their ability and find that with a little advice they are capable of far more than they expected.

If you have been thinking about a making project for a while and haven't yet started it you are also welcome to bring that along and talk through how you might make it happen. Anything goes as long as you can get it to the hall.

We work on all manner of projects with you. From furniture restoration, clockwork mechanisms, toys and sharpening tools, scissors, shears, lawnmowers etc..

There is no guarantee of a fix but we promise to do our best with everything that comes along.

We look forward to seeing you in the Village Hall workshop. Enter through the main door of the hall (on the side), through the doors opposite, turn left and the workshop is down the stairs on the right.

Jeremy and Peter

Update from District Councillor, Laura Mellstrom

Local Projects Fund

First the good news – there is still money left in my £2,000 Local Projects Fund for 2026-27. Community groups can apply for small grants which can be used for one-off projects, ongoing activities and seed funding for longer term projects. The application process is fairly simple. There is a form to fill in on the DDDC website or alternatively you can email Localprojects.fund@derbyshiredales.gov.uk, telephone 01629 761392, Community Development Officer, Community & Environmental Services, Derbyshire Dales District Council, Town Hall, Matlock, DE4 3NN. More information, with Terms and Conditions, is available here: <https://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/community/funding-and-grants/local-projects-fund>.

Local Government Reorganisation

I have been droning on for some time now about the Government's plans to scrap the two-tier County and District Councils and replace them with Unitary authorities. Since the English Devolution White Paper was published in December 2024, all 10 Derbyshire Councils have been working on putting together proposals to comply with the requirements for what was billed as the biggest shake up in local government for 50 years.

For the whole of 2025, council officers have been working, internally and in regular meetings with neighbouring councils, to formulate proposals to comply with the Government timetable. External consultants KPMG were appointed jointly by the 9 District and Borough

Councils of Derbyshire to analyse population data and produce alternative models, which have been discussed at length in council meetings and public consultations across the county. Chief Executives and senior officials from all councils have attended regular meetings to progress the plans, and proposals were presented to the Secretary of State in final form in November 2025.

On 16 July the government announced its decision, which was for two unitaries – Derbyshire North and South – with elections to take place in May 2027. In the light of that decision, the Council has been working on further planning to ensure that adequate financial reserves are in place to cover the costs of reorganisation, and to minimise the disruption of staff departures caused by the long period of uncertainty.

Then on 7 September a further announcement was made – the whole process is now on hold, for an unspecified period, pending a national review of local government reorganisation in the light of “legal advice”. The May 2027 elections will go ahead on the old District Council boundaries.

My views on this sequence of events are probably not suitable for a family publication, but I believe I can safely comment that, even if the LGR proposals are resurrected in due course, this further period of uncertainty will undoubtedly come with a cost in terms of the loss of those employees who have understandably moved on, and of course the stress and extra work created by the process at all levels of the administration.

Cllr Laura Mellstrom

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Youlgrave Waterworks: 2nd instalments now due

Youlgrave Waterworks hosepipe ban continues. The pumps are working 5 hours a day with levels reducing, but as the spring is showing no sign of recovery yet please continue to use water sparingly. A major leak was discovered on the mains in mid-September which the team successfully repaired in record time, but its location did require us to cut supply to the village for a short mid-morning period. Please continue to report any sounds and damp patches by calling James on 07866 365610.

For those paying in two instalments the second is due on 1st October, with full payment by 28th October. The Waterworks has engaged a firm of solicitors to look into the bad debts still outstanding for prior years and will be contacting those owing shortly.

Emergency meet-up centre: Youlgrave Village Hall to have dual role

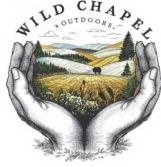
Local Authorities have a duty under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 to support where needed local communities during emergencies.

Derbyshire County Council has identified our Village Hall as a suitable community facility and recognised its potential as a temporary place of safety during an emergency. Following discussion between YVH trustees and DCC Emergency Planning Services members have agreed the Hall can be listed as a Community Rest Centre for Short Term Emergency Purposes. In a nutshell this means our Village Hall can be used as a temporary place of safety where evacuated local residents can be received and supported until they are able to return home or alternative arrangements can be made. This would not impact on hall funds as all costs would be met by DCC. The hall would be staffed by multi agency personnel during that period and our trustees would remain in full charge with access throughout that period. Having said that, it does not mean that our hall would be used in every emergency. Each incident



would be considered on a case by case basis. It has also been confirmed that if our hall was hosting a significant function, ie Panto or party, etc at the time, then the authorities would seek to utilise an alternative location wherever practicable.

Graham Elliott
Chair
Youlgrave Village Hall.
Email chair@yv.h.gov.uk



Wild Chapel Outdoors

A space for people of faith and none. A space for people wanting connection with the outdoors and likeminded others. A space for people wanting space.

On a beautiful sunny autumn day, the first Wild Chapel was born in Youlgrave. A small group of like minded people enjoyed some outdoor time, listened to the trees and birdsong with poems and reflections, enjoyed a chance for headspace in a natural glade of trees and the open sky, enjoyed time wandering new green spaces and some tea and apple cake after in the allotments. The feedback has been of gratitude for the chance to spend time outdoors and connect with it and others in our community too who want to celebrate our amazing surroundings.

As a reminder to those who could not make it: Wild Chapel is an open, welcoming space where people of all backgrounds – of faith and none – can gather outdoors, connect with the rhythms of the seasons, and share moments of reflection, gratitude, and community.

Each gathering will take place in a local outdoor setting that reflects the time of year. The structure is simple and gentle including a short welcome and introduction including some guiding principles, seasonal readings, prayers or poetry, a moment to greet one another in peace and connection, time spent in quiet reflection outdoors, shared thoughts, gratitude, and seasonal blessings and social time afterwards.

There's no pressure to speak, no need to prepare anything, and no requirement to follow a particular belief. Just come as you are.

Wild Chapel follows the natural cycle of the year, marking moments such as winter stillness and rest, spring renewal and rebirth, summer light and abundance, harvest gratitude, reflection and remembrance, midwinter warmth and renewal.

Each gathering offers a chance to pause and notice what the season is teaching us, something we often miss in the business of everyday life.

At its heart, Wild Chapel is about connection – to nature, each other and a deeper sense of meaning. It draws gently from a mix of traditions, including Celtic spirituality, seasonal rituals, and shared human values like gratitude, care and belonging.

In a world that often feels rushed and disconnected, Wild Chapel invites you to:

To slow down. To step outside. To gather together outdoors — and celebrate the wonder of the world we share.

The next Gathering is on Saturday 31st October at 3.30pm in Bankside Wildlife Garden. To find out more email Lucy at wildchapeloutdoors@gmail.com.

Lucy Barnwell - inspired by the outdoors whether walking, adventuring, thinking, growing fruit & veg, enjoying 'Thin Places' or just spending some time in wonder.



Horticultural Show – another resounding success

Hurray! Another successful year at the Youlgrave Horticultural Show. The change of venue, the exceptionally dry weather and hosepipe ban did not deter people from entering the show – even more than ever this year. The wonderful quality in all categories was incredible and made the judges' job extremely difficult.

Dawn's cakes from Peak Feast were a great success in the cafe. The buzzing of the cafe filled the church with atmosphere, friendship and chatter. Thanks to donations from local people, the raffle was well supported.



The collaboration and support from the Church and all the volunteers involved with the show ensured that that the event was a tremendous success. This village event would not take place without the many volunteers who help before, during and after the event – thank you to you all. Each and every person involved ensures that the Show thrives.

If anyone would like to get involved next year, please get in touch via youlgraveshow@outlook.com. Next year's show will take place on Saturday 11th September 2027.



Our new auctioneer Keith, with support from Vincent, added fun and good humour to the event. As last year, many of the vegetables and produce were used for the Church Ales festival the following day.

Thank you to all the people that entered the show, as without the entries it would be extremely difficult to run the event. Thank you to Kirsty Prince for the photography which have been shared on the Youlgrave facebook page. After all the expenses have been paid, over £300 was raised.





From the Churches

Jesus said some amazing things. Some were really hard to get to grips with, or live by: "The meek shall inherit the earth." Others make sense, to me, at least: "Love one another, (as I have loved you)."

When we lived in the Yorkshire Dales, I was a member of the Upper Wharfedale Crag and Cave rescue team. (I wasn't allowed to go down the caves and potholes as I was not trained or brave enough!) Jesus never said, as far as I know, "Look out for others, when they are in a fix".

Recently there was an article in the press about the Royal National Lifeboat Institute. Their data had been hacked, it was thought, by right wing groups who objected to the lifeboats rescuing 'boat people' in crisis on the Channel.

Jesus said "Whatever you do for someone, you have done it for me". That is a tough one, as the flip side is, "Whatever you did not do for someone, you did not do it for me".

We live in a village where there is a vast amount of caring for those who need help in one way or another. All



over the world there are people who are ignored, forgotten, by people like 'us', and we are so often overwhelmed by the scale and complexity of the issues. However, is it any wonder that probably most of those people braving the sea want to find a better place to live?

Whatever inspires our morals and behaviour, may there be room in our lives and actions, for those 'in a fix'.

God bless you.

Geoff Clay

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11th October

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11am Holy Communion for Youlgrave parish group

1st November

11am Holy Communion - All Saints' Day

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The Tuner (15)

Niki White is the apprentice of New York City piano tuner Harry Horowitz, a friend of his late father. Once a gifted musician, Niki has hyperacusis and can no longer play the piano, wearing ear protection at all times against loud noises. After Harry forgets the combination to his safe, Niki teaches himself to open it with his heightened hearing, discovering a talent for safe-cracking.



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A vibrant poster for an American Night event. At the top, the words "AMERICAN NIGHT" are written in large, bold, white letters with a red outline, set against a background of stars and stripes. Below this, a man dressed as Elvis Presley, wearing a white sequined jacket and sunglasses, is shown singing into a microphone. To his right, a yellow sign with a red border reads "LIVE ELVIS" in large, glowing letters, with "Tribute Act" written in a cursive font below it. The poster is divided into three main sections: "THREE COURSE AMERICAN THEMED DINING" featuring a burger and fries, "FOLLOWED BY FUN PARTICIPATING GAMES" featuring a football and pool, and "BAR PROVIDED" featuring a beer and cocktails. A central banner announces the date "17TH OCTOBER" and the time "DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM" and "FOOD SERVED PROMPT AT 7PM". Below this, the location "AT YOUNG GRAVE VILLAGE HALL" is listed. The bottom section includes a fundraising note "FUNDS RAISED IN AID OF AIR AMBULANCE AND YOUNG GRAVE VILLAGE HALL", a "FANCY DRESS WELCOME" badge with a "PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED YANK!", and a "Get your Yankee on!" slogan. The ticket price "TICKETS £30" is prominently displayed, along with the information "TICKETS ON SALE IN LOCAL SHOPS".

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Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: September 2026

However you like your autumn, meteorological or equinoctial, we are now in autumn. Not that you would know from the warm, dry weather we have been getting. The only downside of this is that the river is again getting very low. But it's still flowing, at least.

Our house martins are probably on their way now. Early in the month some very strange behaviour was photographed down New Road where they were clinging to the rendering on one of the houses. Martins were last reported on the 21st. Two of our warblers, chiffchaff and goldcrest visited our garden on the 11th. Chiffchaffs are increasingly staying over winter instead of migrating and I heard one in the Dale on the 26th.

A sparrowhawk visited a bird feeder down Raper Lane, red kites have been fairly frequent and buzzards are often seen and heard. An evening barn owl was seen flying from Bradford towards Alport, returning higher up the bank soon afterwards. Along the river a kingfisher can often be seen near the swimming pool, as well as further up. Also on the river, a cormorant has been an unexpected visitor, dabchicks have been seen on the third dam, grey wagtails are occasionally seen and a dipper has been fishing in the stream section. Dabchicks can often be seen by both Conksbury and Raper bridges. Greylag geese have been returning to the New Dam area in quite large numbers. A rough count gave 150-200 recently.

Butterflies have had a really good year. Recently there have been sightings of the clouded yellow butterfly. These quite large

butterflies aren't often seen this far north. Another yellow butterfly, which I normally see early in the year, is the brimstone, and one was photographed down New Road recently. The migrant humming bird hawk moths continue to visit gardens.

A roe deer was photographed in the Dale early in the month. and recently a black fallow deer doe was involved in a very close encounter with a car in Alport Dale. It ran off, followed by a

fawn. Hedgehogs continue to be seen. Hopefully they are using this warm weather to fatten up before hibernating.

My monthly wildlife walk on the 26th found 30 species of wildflower still in bloom. However, only autumn hawkbit, herb Robert, harebell, mint and water forget-me-not were plentiful. There were 48 species last month and 33 in September 2025.

There was a family of peregrines making a lot of noise around the New Dam, there were two large flocks of greylags behind the new dam and kingfisher, dipper and grey wagtail along the river. Apparently, I misinterpreted the report I had last month about a long eared bat. Apologies for any inaccuracies.

My thanks to this month's contributors, Pat, Tony, Lisa, Helen, Judith, Richard, Mike, Phil, John, Edwina and Leah.

Ian Weatherley
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Brimstone butterfly (photo by Rosemary Hickman).



Church Farm Diary, October

When I was younger and worried about the crops, like we all have been this very dry summer, my Dad would always say "Eh lass, what goes up comes down". How right he was. Having taken off the silage implements from the tractors thinking that there wouldn't be any more grass to mow, then the rain came, and the grass was as green as any spring day. So off we go again getting a few more bales to help with the winter feed.

Farming relies entirely on the weather. With any crop, whether it's fruit or grains, this year the fruit have been in abundance but very small, and the grains have been hardly covering the acreage. Hopefully next year will not be as extreme.

I haven't been able to go to the cattle market lately, but it was the best day of the week, especially when I was selling cattle.

Now our Great grandson goes with his Mum and Grandad to sell the cattle



and they take him in the auctioneer's box to hold up the luck money just as I did with his Grandad. Traditions never change, especially in the farmer community.

Marjorie Shimwell

Recipe of the month: Pan Fried Plaice with a Cream & Mushroom sauce

Ingredients

8 single or 4 large fillets of plaice
45g plain flour
Salt and pepper
2 tbsp olive oil
15g butter

For the sauce

20g butter
200g small white button mushrooms
Clove of garlic crushed
120 dry white wine
170 carton of double cream
Finely grated rind lemon
Juice of ½ lemon
2 tbsp chopped fresh dill

Method

Prepare the place fillets by removing

the skin and rinse and dry, sprinkle the flour and seasoning on to a plate and coat the fish both sides.

Heat 1 tbsp of oil with the butter in a large non-stick frying pan over a medium to high heat.

Place the fillets and fry for 2 minutes or until golden brown. Transfer to a plate and keep warm.

Heat the remaining butter in the frying pan. Add the mushrooms and fry over a medium heat then add the garlic. Pour in the wine and bring to the boil, add the cream and simmer for 1-2 minutes until the sauce thickens. Stir in the lemon rind and juice and season, add the chopped dill, spoon the sauce over the fish and serve with mashed potatoes and vegetables of your choice.

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Youlgrave Lodge Cricket Club celebrates a season of progress on and off the field

The 2026 season marked an exciting new chapter for the village club, bringing success in Saturday league cricket alongside growing opportunities for women, girls and young players.

A new league chapter

Youlgrave Lodge Cricket Club began a new chapter in 2026 when its Saturday side joined Division 10 North of the Derbyshire County Cricket League. The team went on to become champions in its first season, while opener Simon Yates recorded an outstanding 1,001 runs and was dismissed only once.

Two club partnership records were also broken. Simon Yates and Jeremy Wood shared a first-wicket stand of 314 against Ashover Barbarians, while Yates and Robin Abbott added 193 for the third wicket against Selston in the final game of the season.

The championship means the club will compete in Division 9 North next season.

Women's cricket building momentum

The women's softball team, the Pommie-Granites, remains one of Youlgrave Lodge's most visible



Youlgrave Lodge's successful Saturday league side.

successes. Festivals across Derbyshire offer an accessible and sociable route into the game, while the team's winning returns at Matlock and Cromford, Darley Dale, Chesterfield and Brailsford demonstrate its competitive progress. The side also recorded evenly split results at Ashover Barbarians and Swanwick Hall. They also competed, for the first time, in the EMWCL Softball Division 2 North West and finished a creditable 6th in the league.

Junior cricket and the next generation

Junior cricket is equally important to the club's future, and Youlgrave Lodge welcomes young players of all abilities. Through the ECB's All Stars Cricket programme, more than 20 children aged

five to eight spent Friday evenings at Alport Lane learning the basics of the game. Older juniors were also able to practise their skills, while parents enjoyed a sociable evening and a drink at the pavilion bar.

Supporting Youlgrave Lodge Cricket

We would like to thank our main sponsors, Goodwins Kitchens Bedrooms & Bathrooms, The Bulls Head Youlgrave and Jacksons Farm Holidays, for their financial support of the club's teams. We also thank Youlgrave Parish Council for its support throughout the season, together with the New Road Residents Association, Youlgrave United Football Club and Youlgrave Bowls Club for their valued co-operation.

Looking ahead

During the winter, protective netting will be installed along the New Road side of



Opener Simon Yates, who has scored 1001 runs this season and has only been dismissed once, leaving him with an average of 1001!

the ground. The project has been financed by the ECB, with strong support from Youlgrave Parish Council and the New Road Residents Association.

The club has also received planning permission to install a temporary changing facility at the ground. From next season, this will provide separate changing facilities for female and junior players at home games.

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The presentation of the trophy to our captain Tom Harrison by Michael Goodwin, owner of our main sponsors Goodwins Kitchens, Wirksworth.



Youlgrave WI



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Report from Youlgrave WI

The WI started the 'new term' in September with a good turnout for our guest speaker, a local reflexologist Tilly Martin. We enjoyed a relaxing process of restoration, mapping the body to our hands and feet, relieving joint pain and giving better sleep.

On September 10th, our venue was the mill town of Belper. We met our historian, Adrian Farmer and his wife, to begin our trail outside the massive derelict Strutts Mill, once owned by Jedediah, and built in 1912. We then enjoyed parading along the Promenade, so popular with the Victorians, and heard tales of elephants, boating parties, the enormously popular cafe, and the beautiful gardens. We all learnt so much about this former industrial town and its people, and the Strutts family, industrialists and one time benefactors. They provided a school to educate the young workers, and also unique neat cottages on Long Row and other cobbled streets. These amazing homes line the steep hill up to the Unitarian Chapel, where Jedediah is buried, and we finished with welcome refreshments and more family history.

On a lovely sunny Saturday, ten of us, including locals, Donna, Tina, and Jenny, were fortunate enough to take part in a really informative and detailed history walk around Middleton. Our hosts, Paul and Dianne Jeremy, enthused with passion about their unique village, its buildings, the famous families, and current plans, with many anecdotes along the way. This was followed by a surprise feast of hot drinks and delicious cakes and scones.

In addition, they had set up a marvellous display of archives, and we all left wanting more of their findings and meticulous research.

September Supper Club was a delicious choice of tasty vegetarian curries, plus poppadoms and pickles and naan bread, followed by rice pudding (skin optional), stewed fruit and a special banana mango and cardamon custard. On October 29th, Supper Club will be on a Hallowe'en theme.

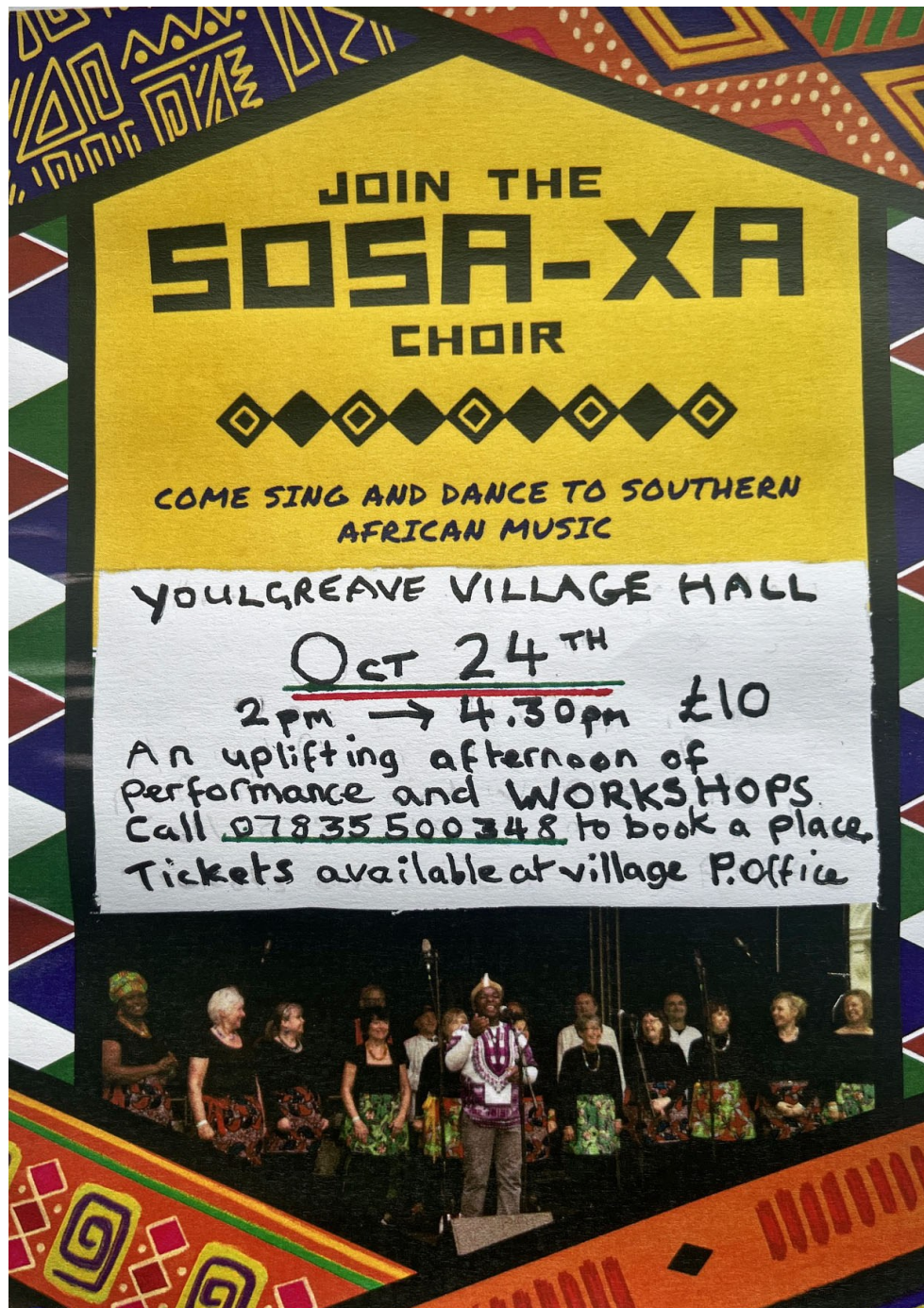
Another friendly Crafty Saturday was held on Saturday 26th, with preparations under way for our annual Winter Fayre. on Saturday November 21st – see separate publicity, and note down the date for this very popular fundraising event, definitely one not to be missed!

Another Craft day will be held at The Methodist Church on Saturday October 24th. On October 17th, a group of us will see 'Top Girls', at The Medway, a play by Caryl Churchill. directed by Maggie Ford.

Our choir and WI Recorder Consort performed to a merry audience at the Church Ale day, and they are singing and playing at the Bakewell Parkinsons Support group in Bakewell on November 6th.

Our regular WI meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday October 13th at the Village Hall, when Helen Onion from The Elm Foundation, will talk to us about this Charity that supports all ages at risk of, or suffering from, domestic abuse. Our links are very strong with this Chesterfield refuge, having donated essential items to them in past years.

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