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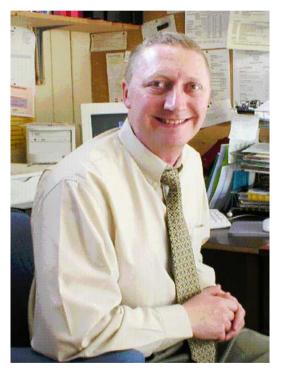
School welcomes new Head Teacher

The new Head of Youlgrave Primary School, Chris Watts, begins work later this month, and he says that he can't wait to get started.

Following the retirement of Shaun Snow after 20 years at the helm, Chris Watts brings a fresh and distinctly youthful leadership to the school. A 37-year-old married man, he currently teaches at a large primary school in Macclesfield, where amongst other things he oversees Numeracy and ITC development, and was previously Special Needs Coordinator. Chris was born in Salford and studied at the University of Sheffield, after which he taught in Shropshire and at Watford.

One of the attractions of Youlgrave, he says, is that not only is it a lovely village but there is also a strong community spirit. "I'm looking forward to getting involved, and as a working Head with a small number of children I want to develop strong personal links."

When he's not teaching, Chris enjoys walking, cycling and music (he says he plays the guitar - a little!). He has also just qualified as a Peak National Park voluntary ranger, so there will be some busy months ahead.



Chris Watts, who takes over later this month

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Bugle letters: what's in a name?

Dear Sir.

Derbyshire' (1959).

The second element in the place name. 'greave' or 'grave' has often been taken to mean theories about the place name, and also how the 'grove', from the Anglo-Saxon 'graefe'. However it word is pronounced, and how was it pronounced is usually noted that there is another similar fifty years ago? Anglo-Saxon word, 'graef', meaning 'pit', and related to the modern word. 'grave'.

The element 'greave' appears in other nearby I was interested in the article in the place names - 'Orgreave' and 'Bedgreave' (near March Bugle about the correct spelling Sheffield), 'Allgreave' (near Leek) and nearer of the village's name. The Doomsday still, 'Congreave', 'Smallgreve' has also been Book spelling - 'Giolgrave' - bears the recorded in this area in an unpublished hallmark of a Norman scribe. The initial 'y' sound document belonging to a local landowner, the did not exist in Norman French, so the scribe had Duke of Rutland at Belvoir Castle. A common to use a substitute for words beginning with that link in all these places is the presence of sound, often using a 'j', but in this case using 'gi'. mining or guarrying from an early date. It Later recorded spellings for the village name are seems more than likely then that the village's 'Jalgrave', and 'Yolegreve', both quoted in name means something like 'yellow pit', yellow Kenneth Cameron's 'The Place Names of perhaps referring to the soil colour around lead ore veins.

I would be interested to hear anyone else's

Yours. David Sissons

A one-off film event **Youlgrave Village Hall**

Friday 4 April 2003 at 7.30pm

Doors open 7pm



The acclaimed British comedy starring Pete Postlethwaite. Tara Fitzgerald, Ewan McGregor and Stephen Tompkinson

> Come early to get a seat Over 15s only please Refreshments after the film

Plus a special showing of a rare 1930s film about Youlgrave

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There's always plenty of teaching preparation before any new term, and for a brand new Head Teacher, Chris will have a lot of forms and charts to wade through before term starts at the end of the month.

He says it's too early to talk about specific goals or initiatives for Youlgrave School, but he has some firm ideas on how he sees the school fitting in. "I want to maintain and develop the school as a central part of the community and parish," he says, "building on the strong family spirit that is already in place here." Likewise, he wants to be actively involved, not just in the day to day running of the school, but also in the actual teaching. "Above all, I don't want to lose contact with the children," he says. "I entered teaching to teach, and that's what I aim to do, even as a Head."

As ITC Co-ordinator at his present school, he is also very keen to use modern, technological equipment as part of everyday learning. "We must ensure that we make good use of modern technology to bring the outside world closer to Youlgrave," he says.

Andrew McClov



Village opponents of the war in Iraq making their point with a candlelit vigil in Fountain Square.



Postmaster Roger Easton celebrating a significant birthday with his wife Jennifer and 60+ friends in the Reading Room recently.

THE SPIRIT OF YOULGRAVE



If vou have photographs Youlgrave people and/or places taken any time in the twentieth century (1900-2000)please contact Bridget Ardley (636611) or Mary Bartlett (636223) as soon as possible. All photographs will be considered for inclusion in the book 'The Spirit of Youlgrave' to be published in the autumn.

Saturday 24 May – Market opens at 1.30pm

JW Shimwell

The death of JW (Bill) Shimwell on 4 March 2003 at the age of 87 years is a sad loss to Youlgrave. His knowledge of local history and wild flowers was second to none and his enthusiasm for village life were printed in the Bugle and it is hoped in all its variety was catching.

As a teacher at Youlgrave Primary future publications. School for 31 years, he encouraged but in sport and local and natural history. The annual wildflower collection was a highlight in the school year for parents and children alike.

After his retirement in 1979 he kept himself busy with his pigeons, files of local history and in caring for his wife Marjorie.

If any question of local history arose, the immediate thought was to 'ask Bill'. Invariably he came up with the answer, together with various snippets of associated information usually in the form of amusing anecdotes. Some of these that his extensive archive will be used in

As new comers to the village in 1978, it generations of children not only in the 3 Rs was our very good fortune to have Bill and Marjorie as our neighbours. Our children benefitted greatly from Bill's teaching and he followed their subsequent careers with interest Peter and Ann Knowles



Bill Shimwell and former pupils at his retirement event in 1979

Middleton Welldressing and Village Market

Dear Sir.

It is with immense sadness that I heard of the passing of Bill Shimwell.

He instilled in us a lifelong love for this ancient village, its history, folklore and wildlife, and in particular his love for the rich diversity of local wild flowers. Indeed, many of us today take our grandchildren, nieces and nephews for walks along well-walked paths and still remember the names of all the flowers en route, pointing out different species on riverbank and in laneside hedgerows.

Birds were another of his passions - and pigeons. He was always winning trophies from the Pigeon Club.

He taught us respect for the old, the frail and vulnerable, and also for the churchyard, in which we never played or hung around.

He was our true local historian - all those slide shows and talks at the British Legion Club. He was very modest but always proud of being 'home-grown', for in his heart there was nowhere like 'Pommie'.

The lads, now in their fifties, still bring out their school football medals with pride, and the photographs of the team with JW Shimwell in their midst

"You never forget a good teacher" says the TV advert. We shall never forget JW Shimwell. We owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude, for he is irreplaceable... for there was more 'magic' in JW Shimwell's lessons than was ever to be found in any Hogwarts Academy!

In deep sadness and with utmost respect, F Ashmore

Our Green Jewel

One of the glories of Youlgrave is the Bowls Club crown green. There cannot be another in the country that offers such a beautiful view, overlooking River Bradford and the hills beyond.

Yet a surprising number of residents have never been to the bottom of the playing field to see it!

Many assume that the Club is of fairly recent

foundation. In fact, the green dates from before the last war. Reopened in the early '70s, a clubhouse was added in 2000, with help from the National Lottery. Now, 60 members have nine teams in five leagues and their standard is high: "One of the best clubs in North Derbyshire, Secretary Peter Rowland claims. But it's not all leagues. In spite of the heavy fixture lists there's plenty of time for practice and friendly games.

Bowls is fast losing its reputation as an old person's game, though the beneficial for complaining joints. No, there's skill involved that an increasing number of youngsters appreciate.

Fees for the local club are reasonable: ladies and gentlemen £30: new members and senior citizens £20; and £5 for non-playing members.

As Peter says, that's not bad for all your bowling from March to September.

So join early and avoid the rush! More details are available from Peter on 636467 or p.rowland@youl.freeserve.co.uk.

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exercise is undoubtedly Secretary Peter Rowland and member Ray Pursglove inspecting the green.

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Pommy briefs

New-look Hollands

Recent changes to Hollands Butchers on Church Street, Youlgrave, have affected more than just the interior layout. Take-away hot drinks are now available, thanks to the introduction of a smart new coffee machine, serving the likes of cappuccino, espresso, latte and mocha, as well as speciality Twinings tea. David Figg told the Bugle that it was partly in response to the number of visitors asking for food and drink when the pubs are closed, but he also hoped that local people would enjoy a reasonably-priced take-away cup of quality tea or coffee. The service complements the range of made-to-order filled cobs and sandwiches. In addition, the shop will now stay open longer. From Monday to Friday it will open between 7am and 5.30pm, and on Saturdays the extended hours are from 7am to 4pm. In addition, Hollands will remain open during lunchtimes.

Rainbows recruiting

Youlgrave Rainbows are looking for new members to join their friendly local group. Rainbows are the voungest members of the Guide association, and most of the girls are between 5 and 7 years old. The Youlgrave unit meets every week after school and enjoys all sorts of fun activities, from games and drawing to singing and storytelling. For more details contact Rainbow Guider Louise Hancock on 0781 7978616.

Youlgrave car break-ins

Thieves have been targeting cars in a number of neighbouring villages, and last month they struck in Youlgrave when five cars were broken into over the course of just one night. The message from the Police and Neighbourhood Watch is remove all valuables from your vehicle when you're not in it (including anything that might simply look tempting), and make sure to lock your car during the day as well as overniaht!

DISTRICT AND PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Both will be held on Thursday 1 May. Monyash joins Youlgrave's ward this time. while Over Haddon leaves us for Bakewell. We look forward to some spirited campaigning and welcome Monyash to the new 'Lathkill and Beyond' ward.

Parish Council elections are also taking place the same day.

In the last local election the turn-out in the Derbyshire Dales was an impressive 46%, but you needed to have registered your name by 11 March, otherwise you will be ineligible to vote.

For information on the electoral register for future elections, call 01629 761267, or email electoral@derbyshiredales.gov.uk.

Youlgrave Branch Royal British Legion



Barbecue and tombola stall at the Knoll Club on Welldressing Saturday evening, 21 June, at 7.30pm, in aid of Branch funds. Please come and support us.

Joke of the month

This unscripted exchange took place in a recent Wednesday night pub quiz match in the Bull's Head.

Questionmaster:" What is the name of a beaver's home?"

Tony Wilkin (Bull's Head captain): "Dunchewing."

 \blacksquare (The real answer, of course, is a lodge.)

Easter celebrations in Youlgrave

Good Friday United Service

On Good Friday, 18 April at 7pm in All Saints Youlgrave, we shall be holding a Special United Service with the Choir of St Thomas Becket Parish Church, Chapel en le Frith, who will sing 'Love Unknown' by Malcolm Archer. organist and choirmaster of Wells Cathedral.

Easter Day Services: Sun 20 April

All Saints Youlgrave:

7.45am Holy Communion (CW2) 11am Family Communion (CW1)

Preacher: Rev Philip Hacking

Middleton: 6.45pm Holy Communion (BCP)

Coffee Morning for the Church Flower Festival

Saturday 5 April, 10am-12 noon, in the Reading Room, Youlgrave. Usual stalls, etc. Everybody welcome.



Youlgrave's Rev Ossie Post (Illustration by John Marple)

Youlgrave Pub Quiz League winners



The Bull's Head Sunday quiz team is pictured collecting the trophy as winners of the Peak District Quiz League's top prize.

They received the handsome shield after coming out ahead of the five other teams in their Division. Sponsored by the Union Pub Company, the Quiz League includes a total of 14 teams covering an area from Eyam to Darley Dale.

Pictured from left to right they are: John Trapp, Rosemary Trapp, Sandra Gorge, Jenny Barrett and Chris Shimwell.

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New era for Middleton Welldressing

us. after 25 years of very successful work.

When Diane Kettle bravely put her name from the truth. forward to take over, she was more than a support her.



It's not all work around the boards at Middleton . . .

welldressing together is very tough if Committee puts on its first Village Market. numbers are few so new welldressers are. Robert Wigley, chair, tells me that there as ever, desperately needed. As well as will be most of the old favourite stalls but being a very rewarding and creative in the interests of variety, also the process to be involved in, it is a great way opportunity for new stallholders. who of meeting people. Anyone new to the should contact Robert (tel. 636229) or village could do a lot worse than come other Village Hall Committee members for along to the open shed in the playground details.

The day that Middleton's founder at Middleton if they want get to know other welldressers Mary Marsh and Jean Youatt villagers. We often get the feeling that hang up their organisers' hats is finally upon perhaps newcomers feel the invitation isn't aimed at them but nothing could be further

Dressing the clayed boards begins on little worried that she would have trouble Monday 19 May, but the work doesn't start finding enough of a team to carry on with the and end at that. A week earlier, Saturday 10 traditional craft. By the time the first planning May, the boards need to be put in the river to meeting came round, although there were no soak, coming back into the playground a new faces, she was very pleased that all of week later for the messy job of claying. the regular stalwarts had come along to There are notices that need placing at the major road junctions leading to the village

and Middleton also has its unique dressed which the arrows. children of the village their complete as apprenticeship to the main board. Work on these will also start on Monday 19 May and all willing trainees will be very welcome.

Then, after the welldressing has been finished, (hopefully not too late on Friday night!) the boards need putting up - an early start on Saturday 24 May - ready for Middleton's big day, the Village Market.

Plans are well in hand for another

The work involved in putting the bumper day as the new Entertainments **ELY**

Are congestion charges the answer to Youlgrave's traffic problem?

The introduction of London-style congestion charges is being considered in a bid to solve Youlgrave's traffic and parking problems.

In the radical new proposals, the Parish Council is looking to charge motorists for entering the village, with special dispensations for residents and local business users.

Speaking on 1 April, Parish Councillor Bob Sleigh told the Bugle that the outline plans for Youlgrave would be closely modelled on the successful scheme in London. "We are looking at the possibility of charging motorists 50p per day for entering the village, with a reduced fee of 20p for residents and business users such as delivery vans, tractors, buses, and so on."

However, he went on to say that because of the Council's limited funds they wouldn't be able to afford vehicle licence plate recognition cameras. Instead, Councillors would take

turns on the proposed road barriers at Alport and Coldwell End, stopping traffic and taking money. Planning applications for two decorative tollbooths are to be submitted.

In order to determine the authenticity of residents and those staying in the village, car drivers may be asked a few simple questions, such as the correct spelling of

the village name, or identifying Youlgrave's local nickname.

"I know this move may upset a few people." Cllr Sleigh admitted, "but with the traffic and parking problem getting worse in rural areas of the Peak District we feel that as a progressive village Pommie should take the lead. There is no doubt in my mind that the County Council's socalled 'Quiet Lanes' initiative will be



Illustration by Jeremy Vernon

greatly enhanced by banning outside traffic altogether, and hopefully this will be the start. Who knows - we might eventually make enough money to resurface the main street ourselves!"

Derbyshire County Council and the National Park authority were both unavailable for comment.

Rural Broadband – coming to a computer near you . . . ?

Did you know that in order to get BT to upgrade our telephone exchange so that broadband can be received, we only need 285 people to register an interest? Broadband allows you to download and upload information from the Internet up to twenty calls on a 'pay as you go' basis, ie 1p a minute times faster than a normal phone line connection. In addition, you can use your telephone at the same time as you are using the Internet.

This will not only allow the people of Youlgrave, Middleton, Alport and Stanton but also the schools and community halls to have much better access to the Internet

If you already have an Internet connection and are able to access the Internet all the time then you will be paving around £15 a month for the Internet and £10 a month for your BT line (total £25). If you have a dedicated BT line for Internet use only, then you will be

paying a further £10 a month (total £35). Broadband is around £25 a month in addition to your £10 BT line charge (total £35).

benefits are endless and in some cases for no extra Robert Roper

NB The savings quoted are calculated on the basis that users pay for their Internet calls (the telephone call made by the computer to Internet Service Provider (ISP)) by subscription or 'flat rate' something around £15 and no further charges for Internet calls

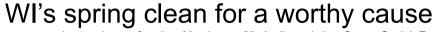
In fact, I suspect that most users pay for Internet evenings and weekends and 3p at peak times. Therefore, the amount saved on calls will only be significant for heavy users and those paying the 'flat rate'

> Also the cost of a Broadband (ADSL) modem needs to be taken into account (about £100) and a connection fee of about £35.

> I made enquiries of BT regarding the upgrade of the Youlgrave exchange to ADSL. The 'trigger point' has not been set and that the number can actually be anywhere between 200 and 800.

> Although the statement from BT regarding our exchange is: "It is unlikely there will be enough demand

to cover the cost of upgrading . . . we will continue to monitor the number of people registering." the message their PR department gave was to keep Obviously from an Internet point of view, the registering. A list of ISPs offering registration can be found at www.bt.com/broadband. Please, if you think vou might benefit from a faster connection, visit the site and register your interest - it would be an interesting concept if sleepy Middleton could get Broadband when it doesn't even get mains gas!!.



There was a good attendance for the March on 25 April, and the Group Social Evening on by Margaret and Mariorie.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. our trinket boxes in our general spring clean to transported back home to Stoke. help with a worthy cause.

to be organised: a suggested walk and luncheon come along for some new ideas.

meeting of the WI when we were guided through 30 April at Monyash. There is to be a DFWI Spring the business by Jennifer, as usual, well assisted Walk at Carsington Water on the 10 May, and a farm visit at Wessington on the 12 July.

The speaker for the evening was Sheila Allen, approved and signed, and Margaret gave a very who gave a comprehensive talk on rural transport good report on the DFWI Spring Council in North Staffordshire/West Derbyshire. We do use Meeting at Buxton on the 4th of the month. Bakewell and Eyam Transport for some of our Order forms were brought for us to take part in trips, but we were not aware that there are other the DFWI Bulb Scheme, and so aid Federation benefits available - such as an 8-seater minibus funds, and we also received special pouches with a tail lift suitable for a family with a wheel into which to put our old, unwanted or odd chair user. There is a 'Bike-Bus' centred in Stoke, pieces of jewellery to help the National Heart which enables people to come into the beautiful Research Fund. We shall all be going through countryside and cycle for the day, and be

Next month we meet on the 8th, and the The usual lists were circulated for various trips speaker is Nancy Hawksworth on cookery. Do Walter Knowles retrospective

paintings by Walter Knowles, who died exactly a when they are likely to have been painted. vear ago. It will coincide with the welldressing Please contact any of the organisers – details weekend and be at the top chapel, where Walter are given below. held his exhibitions in welldressing weeks for so many years.

sale – pictures that were in Walter's studio when pictures to the village for the welldressing he died. But we are hoping that many people in weekend, so that they can hang alongside the village, and beyond, will be prepared to lend pictures they have bought or been given, so that we have a good show of pictures painted over personally and will take great care with any many years and in different media. We would pictures you are kind enough to lend. like to celebrate Walter's talent and enthusiasm properly by showing as wide a range of his work as possible. We think that many visitors to the Connie Knowles village at welldressing time will remember Walter's exhibitions and be delighted to see (636450) evidence that we value his work and his memory.

So that we know how many pictures to expect, we should be grateful if people who are prepared to lend pictures for the exhibition would contact us. Where possible, we would like to know the subject-matter of the pictures and when you acquired them so that, if they

We are arranging a retrospective exhibition of don't have a date on them, we have some idea

If you have more distant friends or relations who you know have pictures of Walter's, could The exhibition will include some pictures for you possibly encourage them to return the pictures that have remained here?

We will be supervising the exhibition

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Laburnum Cottage, Stonevside, Youlgrave

Margaret Scarr

65 Sefton Court, Sefton Road, Sheffield (0114) 266 2806)

Carol & John Sutcliffe

Old School House, Main Street, Youlgrave (636570)

Wanted

Youlgrave Guides are seeking old or unused Guide uniforms (all ages). If you've got any items sitting around that you don't need any longer please contact Penny Edmonds on 01629 814348.

Occasional cleaner needed for Youlgrave holiday cottage. Good rates! Call Rachel Halley on 07817 900841 for more details.

Evervone at the Bugle would like to say a big "thank you" to Youlgrave Sub Postmaster Roger Easton for auditing our accounts once more. It is much appreciated!



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Middleton Welldressing and Village Market

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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2nd Friday	Mobile Police Station, top of Holywell Lane, 12.30-4pm.	Please return all payments and slips to Ann Knowles, Garden House, Fountain S Youlgrave, DE45 1UW.	Square,
	Mobile Library, Grove Place, 2-4.30pm Holywell Lane 5-6.30pm.	(Maximum of 55 characters, including name. Plea	ase print carefully.)
4th Wed	Confidential Advice Sessions with Matlock & District Citizens Advice Bureau, Youlgrave Medical Centre, 9.30am-12.30pm. By appointment only. Call 636207.		
2nd Tues	Youlgrave WI meetings, Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm.	I would like my details listed on the back page as below:	
2nd Mon	Mobile Library, Greenfields Farm, 9.30am; Alport, 9.45am; Abbeyfield 10am; Bradford, 10.20am; Rock Farm, Middleton, 10.40am.	Address:	_
Fridays	Gentle Yoga, Scout and Community Hall, 3.30pm.	Name:	_
Fridays	Parent and Toddlers Group, Youlgrave Village Hall Committee Room (next to main hall), 1.15-3.15pm. Contact Emma Wardle (tel. 636265)		
Fridays	Yoga with Iris Pimm, 9.30am.	or if you'd like adding, please fill in and return the following form and send £15	
Thursdays	Beginners Yoga with Iris Pimm, 7pm (see above).	Bugle Sponsorship renewals are now due. If your details have disappeared from	
Wednesdays	Bingo, Youlgrave Reading Room, 7.30pm.	Youlgrave Welldressing Committee Youlgrave WI	636341 636201
Wednesdays	Diane Kettle's life drawing classes, Middleton Village Hall, 7.30pm.	Youlgrave Walldragging Committee	626244
Wednesdays	Basic Drawing skills with Diane Kettle, Reading Room, 10am.	Youlgrave United Football Club	636483
Wednesdays	Yoga with Iris Pimm, 7pm (see above).	Youlgrave Silver Band Youlgrave Surgery	636362 636207
Wednesdays	Drawing and painting classes, Youlgrave Reading Room, 10am.	Youlgrave Post Office	636201
Tues, Wed & Thursdays	Youlgrave Playschool, Scout & Community Hall, 9.15-11.45am. Contact Helen for details (tel. 636974).	Youlgrave Bowls Club Youlgrave Garage Youlgrave Parish Council	636467 636943
Tuesdays	Yoga with Iris Pimm (tel. 636341), Greenfields Farm Barn, 7pm.		812235 74 823783
	REGULAR EVENTS		636601 636232 7 900841
Tues 1 May	District and Parish Council elections		13/636689
	Please see page 7 for details of events at local churches.	Iris Pimm, The Barn Greenfields	636341
Mon 14 April	Youlgrave Reading Room AGM, 7.30pm.	Long Rake Company Limited Meadow Cottage Tea Garden	636523
Sat 12 April	Waste Collection: Alport (7.45-8am), Youlgrave School (8.05-9.30am), Bradford, Mawstone Lane & bridge (9.35-10.15am), Grove Place (10.20-10.45am). Note: this is the only collection date for Youlgrave in April, and there is none for Middleton until 3 May.	Hollands Butchers Diane Kettle, Working Studio, Painting for sale, Commissions, Landscapes, Cards Knoll Club Peter Knowles, Architect	636234 636763 636571 636362
Wed 9 April	Cheese and wine Retirement party for Mr Snow. Call Sue Barradell (636258) or Pat Cleaver (636836) for more details.	Equity Estates Commercial Properties Farmyard Inn Hopping Farm Caravan Park	636180 636221 636302
Fri 4 April	Youlgrave Cinema screening of 'Brassed Off', Youlgrave Village Hall, 7.30pm (doors open 7.15pm). Free. Refreshments provided.	David Butterworth, Chimney Sweep & Scaffold Hire Castle Farm, B&B, Caravans & Camping Barn	636746 636746
		Bull's Head Hotel	636307