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So Far So Good

- the scene this time last year!



CHURCH NEWS

If you have a walk down the High Street in February you may notice that the dull green sign above the entrance to our church building has changed. And with the new sign comes a new name. We have changed the name from Bonsall AOG Church to Village Life Church. We are still an Assembly of God fellowship (Pentecostal church) and I am sure we will be affectionately called 'the Assembly Chapel' by those who have known it as that for the whole of their lives. But we wanted to convey in our name the purpose for why we exist as church. We wanted the name to express that we are here for the people of Bonsall. To serve, support and encourage, without judgement and to be invested in the everyday village life of this amazing community. We wanted the word life in our name, because we wholeheartedly believe as a church, that Jesus came 'to give

us life, life in all its fullness.' (John 10:10). Life, not something religious, not a set of rules, not a forced morality, but a real experience of life shaped by a God of creativity, passion and love.

As well as our new name we are developing a website that will have information about our church, videos, blogs and even some of our Sunday messages (sermons). It is a great place to start if you have any questions or want to see what we do and what we believe as a church. Our new contact information is:

Village Life Church, High Street, Bonsall, Derbyshire, DE4 2AS. Tel: 0798 8071682, email: matthew@villagelifechurch.org. uk web: www.villagelifechurch.org.uk

Pastor Matthew Quinn

OBITUARY



Charles William Johnson 31/8/31 – 22/11/13

Nancy and family wish to thank all friends and neighbours for the love, help and support shown to them during Charlie's debilitating illness, his time in hospital and the nursing home and since his death. Charlie's illness was a progressive one causing great frustration for him. He really appreciated the time and effort that his friends put into visiting him, and the help and lifts given to Nancy so that she could visit him on a daily basis. It was a great tribute to Charlie that the church was packed for the funeral. The appropriateness of the pigeon shaped wreath was appreciated by all and would not have been lost on Charlie. The magnificent sum of £580.90 was raised for the Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Society.

Brenda Greaves

Church Floodlighting

David Evans is brought to mind for his family through the lighting, especially during the first week of February. This week also remembers the friendship and inspirational teaching of Dr Jayme Rolls. In the second week of the month there are special thoughts of Aunty Joan from all her family. On the 17th, Beryl, Jennie and the family remember Jack's birthday. Greta Taylor and family have Billy much in mind on the 20th of the month.

John Sewry

CHURCH DIARY

St James

February

- 2 9.30 am Morning Worship
- 9 9.30 am Eucharist
- 16 11.00 am Morning Worship
- 23 8.30 am Eucharist

Bonsall AOG Church

Sunday 10:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am UNO Sunday School

Tuesday 9:30 am Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Craft Club

Wednesday 7:30 pm House group 'Call in for Coffee' will be on **Tuesday 25**th **February**, 10 am to 12 noon. A warm welcome to everyone.

Holiday Tots (ages 0–4) and Holiday Kids (ages 4–8) will be on **Thursday 20**th **February**. The club runs from 10 am to 12 noon. Holiday tots costs £1.00 per family. Holiday kids cost £1.00 per child (feel free to drop off your children if they are 4+)

Our Lady and St. Teresa of Lisieux,

Gorsey Bank, Wirksworth Mass Sundays 9 am, Holy Days 7 pm Contact Fr. Joseph Keogh (01773 743336)

Catholic Church Services Our Lady and St. Joseph Church,

Bank Rd, Matlock
Mass times Saturdays 6 pm,
Sundays 8.30 am & 10.30 am
Holy Days 9.30 am & 7 pm,
Daily Mass Mondays
and Fridays 7 pm,
Tuesdays – Thursdays 9.30 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation –
Fridays 6.30–7 pm,
Saturdays 10.30–11 am,
Adoration Thursdays
and Fridays 7 am–11 pm
Contact Fr. Bernard Needham
(582804)

There is a fortnightly newsletter listing ongoing events.
On Sundays breakfast is available in the church hall after the 8.30 Mass and tea/coffee and biscuits after the 10.30 Mass.

All are welcome.

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Real position, no distortions

I am sorry that Trevor Williams saw fit to grossly distort what I said in my earlier article on affordable housing in Mutterings. Let me make the following points to correct any misunderstanding residents might have as a consequence. I too am an ardent champion of affordable housing and all the other measures required to enable young families to remain resident in Bonsall and other young families to move into the village. It seems self-evident that the village will decline and die (as so many others in Derbyshire have) unless there is a continuous inward migration of young people. I stood for election to the District Council on a Labour Party manifesto commitment to support affordable housing. I am also delighted to support the District Council Core Commitment to promote affordable housing, which is supported by all the elected members irrespective of party labels. On that basis it would be totally hypocritical of me to say I support affordable housing everywhere else in Derbyshire Dales though not in Bonsall. People can accuse me of whatever they like but I am not a hypocrite.

There are, however, limitations to what I can and should do to promote affordable housing in Bonsall and indeed elsewhere in the Dales. I have never said I will support the provision of affordable housing at Chestnut Farm or elsewhere in Bonsall against all other considerations. My support has always been conditional on the application fulfilling all the planning requirements. I have repeated that time and time again. In his redacted account of the Parish Council meeting which discussed affordable housing at Chestnut Farm, Trevor conveniently forgets to mention that I drafted the conditions which qualified the provisional approval (listed in my previous article). Those conditions were added precisely to meet the concerns raised by the residents who attended the meeting.

How I respond as a district councillor and as a member of the District Council Planning Committee to any planning application relating to affordable housing at Chestnut Farm is similarly constrained by the Council's and Planning Committee guidelines. That will certainly involve listening to residents' views in the consultations accompanying the application, and listening to all the views expressed during the discussion on the application at the committee meeting before I cast my vote. On that basis I am not predetermined in favour of the application. But nor am I prepared to condemn the application before I have even seen the details.

I hope that satisfies residents as to the position they would rightly expect me to adopt in terms of this or any other planning application relating to Bonsall. I am always available to discuss any planning application or any other issues with residents, as the many residents who have already consulted me will know.

Bob Cartwright

Dear Mutterings,

As District Councillor since 2007 I have attended more than 90% of the monthly Bonsall Parish Council meetings during these years and I have always made myself available to residents of Masson Ward and the villages of Bonsall, Cromford and Matlock Bath. I have spoken to many residents in Bonsall and Slaley over the years, especially lately due to problems with waste collection. Equally, if anyone has anything to say, either by way of complaint or compliment, they can find me on the Derbyshire Dales website, and as a County Councillor for Wirksworth Division between 2009 and 2013, I regularly made contributions to Mutterings together with my contact details. I think therefore, Mr Williams, that it would be much better if you contacted me personally with regard to your assertions, rather than make wrongful allegations as you do through the Mutterings pages and give readers the wrong impression.

First, Derbyshire Dales District Council has recently undertaken its most

comprehensive public consultation for a number of years on its Local Plan, with agreement by full Council that a total of 4,400 homes have to be built in the Derbyshire Dales to accommodate instructions from Government to cater for it's housing needs of the future.

Bonsall is included in the Local Plan as a Sub Area Strategy within the Matlock/ Wirksworth Sub Area Spatial Portrait. The main thrust for development therefore are those sites identified in the Local Plan and approved by full Council – Bonsall currently not being included in any of those sites. However, the sub areas are considered to be the most appropriate basis for strategic planning across the plan area, and this therefore means that Bonsall could be considered as an area for development if required at a later point in the realisation of the plan

As with all planning applications I can assure you that myself and members of the Central & Northern Planning Committee, of which I am Chairman, keep an open mind about any planning application and treat each case on merit. I therefore strongly refute your assertion that we councillors have a closed mind and/or bias on this matter.

If any planning application is raised in Bonsall I assure all readers that as per usual proper consultation will be held and only when it comes to the full Planning Committee will a decision be reached by members of that committee. To do so beforehand is wrong both morally and ethically and is against all the professional training that we receive as councillors to be able to sit on the Planning Committee. There is therefore no lack of accountability, no bias and no pre-determination. All Parish Councils are engaged by the District Council Planning Dept in the decision making process as a Consultee.

Cllr Garry Purdy

Affordable Housing

My thanks to Irene Osborne for her questions about affordable housing and the planning process which gives

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me the opportunity to clarify at least some of the issues about these topics. First, affordable housing is usually rented by the occupants and remains in the ownership of a registered Social Housing Authority (SHA). In the case of Chestnut Farm that will be Dales Housing. Even where a social housing scheme includes some units which are offered for sale these are usually on a shared ownership basis which means at least 25 per cent of the ownership remains with the SHA. So whether social housing is for letting or for shared ownership the investment element is either non-existent or in the case of shared ownership, it is strictly limited so that there is a mutual benefit both to the owner and to the SHA.

Early indications are that the five houses planned for Chestnut Farm will all be for rental. Again the houses are likely to be two-bedroom and the weekly rent for those will be £109.62 (which is the locally agreed level for 2013/4) plus an estimated service charge of £5.00 per week. Obviously these charges do raise some questions these days about just how affordable social housing is becoming. Previously, tenants on low incomes could rely on housing benefits to meet any shortfall between their disposable income and housing costs. Thanks to the Coalition's benefit reforms that assumption is increasingly doubtful.

That said, social housing rents should be lower than rents for private sector properties, especially in the Peak District where housing rentals are higher than the averages for either the County or national levels. To that extent social housing remains the only hope of finding suitable housing in the Derbyshire Dales for most families on low or limited incomes. Nevertheless, Irene is quite correct to point out that heating costs will be crucial in determining whether the housing remains 'affordable'. Our housing officers have said that the proposed homes at Bonsall will be at level 3 for the Code for Sustainable Homes which they believe is higher than current Building Regulations. The Code uses a 1 to 6 (with 6 being zero carbon) star rating system to show the overall sustainability performance of a new home. It sets minimum standards for energy and water use at each level.

The democratic process

On the other issue of the Planning

process there is always a balance to be drawn between ensuring democratic participation and costs, though currently the Government, in the shape of Eric Pickles, does seem to be pressing for the latter. In general, the democratic rights of affected parties to influence the planning process remain. In any application in Bonsall affected residents have the right to make known their views to the Parish Council, the District Council Planning Officers and the two district councillors. Those views are taken into account by the planning officers before asking Cllr Purdy and me if we are happy for the application to be left to them to determine.

Usually we have no problem in leaving the decision to the officers where their views largely coincide with ours and with local feelings. But there are instances where we do not share the officers' views or where there is significant variation between the officers' view of an application and local perceptions. In that instance we are more likely to overrule the officers and insist the application is determined by the Planning Committee. I can assure Irene I have exercised that right on a number of occasions. But to do so councillors have to be justified in that we have good planning reasons for rejecting the officers' recommendations, which could well relate to the level of local opposition and/or the impact an application will have on the local environment.

Taking the matter to the committee also provides an added opportunity for local residents unhappy about a particular application to make their views known directly to the planning committee in the hope that this will influence how the members of the committee vote on the application. However, all members of the committee will make their decision only after hearing all the relevant arguments. So it is not necessarily correct for Irene to assume that local residents unhappy about a planning application can depend on their local representatives to voice their opposition to a proposal in their absence. We may or may not share the residents' opposition to an application, even though we might acknowledge that opposition in any contribution we might make at the planning meeting. And, even if we do have a lot of sympathy for the views of the local residents, we might still feel that at the end of the debate the balance of the evidence is for rather than against the application.

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For that reason it is important that if local residents do want to oppose an application they should be willing to do it in person at a planning committee. I certainly do not feel that the officers are not right on every application and have voted against the officers' recommendations on a number of occasions – quite often after hearing some especially good arguments from local residents opposed to officers' recommendations.

And, yes Irene, I well remember the issue of the Bonsall allotments and was one of the Parish councillors who went to the planning committee, spoke against the officer's recommendation and managed to persuade all but one of the planning committee to support the application for the allotments. But that only endorses my point that if you want to influence the planning committee and exercise your democratic rights you really should attend the meeting and make your views known to the members and the officers. Basically, your local members are left high and dry where we take a decision to the planning committee on the grounds of significant local opposition and then no one turns up to oppose the application. I hope by now that will be self-evident.

As for the other points, I suspect Irene knows my views about the Government's austerity programme and the way it is impacting – making the rich richer (including most of those who got us into the banking crisis) whilst pauperising the rest of us. One way or another I do tend to amplify those views at meetings of the Council and hope that I have made Council meetings a bit more exciting as a result. However one of the more surprising features on life on Derbyshire Dales District Council has been the support for social housing on all sides of the Council Chamber.

Bob Cartwright

Dear Mutterings,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the hospitality afforded us on our visit to your lovely village. Our accommodation, at the Fountain, was lovely and the meals most enjoyable. We visited both the Kings Head and Barley Mow and they both have there own unique features.

I did gather some useful information in relation to my ancestors. I found

that my Great Nanna, Clara Hawley (nee Wright), lived in Dale House and her parents were Alice and James Wright. I also discovered through church records that she was buried in the St James' churchyard, and although she has no headstone we did locate her burial plot. I found it humbling to be able to walk in the same footsteps my Nanna and great Nanna walked in, and also to see and visit the church my Nanna was christened in.

Once again many thanks for your kindness we greatly appreciated your assistance, you made us so welcome we would like to return again one day. Kind regards,

Mervyn and Joy Fiedler Biloela, Australia.

Heat or Eat?

That'll be the stark choice facing thousands of elderly people this winter.

Mysteriously and miraculously a cheque to the tune of £200 from the DWP arrived recently, apparently because now that I'm 60 I get a winter fuel allowance. And, at the same time, I'd been reading in the paper and hearing on the radio, that 30,000 elderly people died last winter because they couldn't afford to heat their homes. Fuel poverty it's called. More like a death sentence. Coincidentally, the Government has withdrawn its 'Warm Homes Healthy People Fund' this year. In 2012–3 there was £30m on offer to local authorities to help the elderly stay warm. Not anymore.

So what to do? We've discovered the Derbyshire Community Foundation has set up a 'Surviving Winter Appeal'. It gives money for heating to the elderly in fuel poverty, who are referred via an assessment conducted by Age UK Derby and Derbyshire workers. All money donated goes to an elderly person. No admin charges, nothing on top. It's aimed at 60 + donors but of course anyone can give a donation.

There are details on their website www. derbyshirecommunityfoundation.co.uk, and click the tab 'EVENTS'. Cheques can be made payable to Derbyshire Community Foundation (please write 'Surviving Winter' on the reverse). If you would like to pay via on-line banking, please contact Sarah Stainthorpe on 01773 514854.

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WHAT'S ON

February

Kings Head

- 1 Mick Ford, singer
- 8 Karaoke
- **14** Valentine's Nite. 3-course meal. Bookings only. Featuring Beth McCarthy (as seen on 'The Voice')
- 22 Karaoke

Pie Nights every Wednesday

Steak Nights every **Thursday** (2 steaks with a bottle of wine for £30)

Fresh fish and chips every **Friday** night

Quiz and prize draw every **Sunday** night

Barley Mow

- 1 Matt Woosey (solo)
- 6 Film Night
- 7 Friday Night Music Club
- **8** The Dooberies, Rock Blues Reggae
- 14 Friday Night Music Club
- 15 Paul Evans Trio
- 21 Friday Night Music Club
- 22 Jolly Jock
- 28 Open Mic Night

Fountain Tea Rooms

- 21 February Italian night
- 21 March Greek night
- 11 April Mexican night
- 16 May Italian night
- 20 June Thai night
- 18 July Tapas night
- 15 August Indian night
- 19 September Hungarian night
- 17 October Pie and Pea night
- 21 November French night
- 19 December Christmas meal

We are fully booked until the May night but we are looking at putting extra dates in Spring.

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Poppy Appeal

Many thanks to all who collected around the village for the Poppy Appeal and thank you to everyone who gave. A total of £437.85 was raised in this village.

Norma Marshall

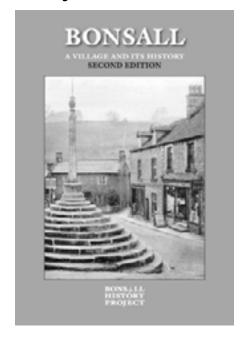
Booking of Bonsall Village Hall

Please note that Leigh Johnson, 4 Church Street (823591) is now the contact for booking the Village Hall. Also, when you use the hall for parties, etc., please take all the paper, cardboard, bottles and cans home with you for recycling as the facility for recycling in the Lorry Park ceased on January 14.

Leigh Johnson

Treasurer, Bonsall Village Hall Committee

History Book



Copies of the new Bonsall history book can be obtained from Peter Greaves (822374), Peter Fellows (825267) and Mike Lynch (820096). Paperback £15, hardback £25.

Thanks and Farewell

The Editors would like to give a big thank you to Tim Stoenner for his help over the last few years. He, Jenny and the family left the village in January for a new life on the east coast where they hope to start up a café. We wish the all the best. If anyone would like to joint

the editorial group or find out what's involved, please let one of us know.

Mothers Union

Thank you to everyone who collected and took clothes etc. to school for collection. We have received a cheque for £240 to be divided between MU and Bonsall School. Our next fundraiser for Peace will be a Scottish Barn Dance in School on February 8 at 7.30 pm. The cost is £5 per person and there will be light refreshments; bring you own drinks.

On March 22 we will be having an Italian Evening in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. There will be a 3-course meal, quiz and raffle and the cost is £10 per person. Tickets can be reserved from me, Sally Bednall or Pat Spencer. Peace has recently sent an open letter which is printed below to show how grateful she is to everyone who has ever contributed towards her daughters' education. If anyone would like to see a copy of the accounts for Rachel and Rita's education please ask.

Our next meeting will be on February 12 at the Dower House, home of Kay and Rob Orr, when the speaker will be Marion Heasman who will talk about her time at Buxton Opera House. It starts at 7.45 pm and is open to everyone. We hope later in year to have a fundraising event in aid of 'Safe and Sound' in Derby, whose funding may be in jeopardy.



Dear Friends,

I am happy to write to you after very long time. How is every one of you? How are your homes and families? How was your Christmas celebration? Here, we are all fine. We had merry celebrations and wait upon God for his blessings upon us come 2014. Girls and other children are home for school holidays (Peace took in her sister Charity's three children, when she died of cancer 18 months ago) till end of January, except

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Peace

Rachel who goes back later. Friends, I will always say thank you for all you are doing in our lives as a family. Who am I and my house that you should care so much about us? Who are my children that they should go to schools and university and do courses of their hearts desires. When King David saw it all he had this song that I sing with him from 2 Samuel 7:18-29. Friends, as a family of course we can never do anything to appreciate you but we will always pray for God's blessings upon you May God's blessing fall upon you all this coming year and always, Amen.

Calvary Love from Peace Rwamahe

WW1 Commemoration

Discussions are at an early stage and the following have been identified as possible fitting memorials:

- A Bandstand in the park over the current stage
- An edible garden next to the Village Hall
- Refurbishing the Church steps (from the park to the Churchyard)
- · Christmas football
- Events in the Village Hall representing life in Bonsall a hundred years ago. Dramatic events recalling life at that time

All are invited to be involved and either bring ideas to a meeting on Wednesday 12 February at 7.30 pm in the Kings Head or email me at brendapeter 2001 @yahoo.co.uk

Brenda Greaves

Affordable Housing in Bonsall

To obtain the views of village residents about the need for affordable housing in Bonsall and the suitability of the field next to Chestnut Farm for building, a leaflet was circulated to every house in Bonsall inviting people to a public meeting and asking for their views. Forty three people attended the meeting at the village hall on January 9 and ten people contributed in writing. One of the characteristics of Bonsall is that there are many families who have lived here for generations. One contributor wanting affordable housing had lived in Bonsall for 29 years and wants her children to be able to live in Bonsall. In September 2013, the Rural Housing Enabler for Derbyshire Dales District Council carried out a survey of housing needs in Bonsall and identified seven households who are in housing need and have a strong connection with Bonsall. Housing needs surveys were carried out in Cromford and Matlock Bath in 2009 and Winster in 2013. A minimum of 23 households were identified who were eligible to compete with Bonsall residents for properties in Bonsall as well as residents from the adjoining parishes of South Darley. Middleton, Ible and Ivonbrook Grange. Matlock and elsewhere. The majority view expressed seemed to be that there is a need for affordable housing in Bonsall. Some people suggested that the current lettings policy should be changed to give priority to people who were brought up in Bonsall. One person who has lived in Bonsall all his life and currently rents privately in the village has been accepted to bid on properties but is in Band D so believes it is unlikely that he will secure a housing association property in Bonsall. The view expressed by others was that we all have to compete in the property market and that to obtain affordable housing in the rented or owner-occupied sector it is necessary to move to area that is cheaper.

There are currently ten housing association properties in Bonsall. Of the seven Bonsall households identified in the survey there were three single-person households but there are no single-person properties (apart from the three older person's bungalows). There are four households identified as being eligible for a two-bedroomed property, of which there is only one.

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It is rumoured, but not confirmed by Dales Housing Ltd., that plans for the development at Chestnut Farm include five properties of various sizes, four of which will be rented and one will be a buy/rent scheme. Some people support this development as they believe that with an increase in the number and variety of properties they may be more

likely to secure a property with Dales Housing in Bonsall.

The document obtained from the Rural Housing Enabler reports that in Matlock Bath, Cromford and Winster, "despite extensive site appraisal work no other sites have come forward to meet the housing need in these parishes". At a

meeting of Bonsall Parish Council in 2010, attended by Dales Housing and Nottingham Community Housing, it was reported that two 'slightly better' sites in Bonsall had been identified. It would appear that the only person to offer to sell a site for development is the owner of Chestnut Farm. The view of many contributors is that this site is unsuitable for many reasons, including that Upper Town is already very congested, Upper Town Lane is very narrow and there has already been damage to property caused by large vehicles. Also the elevated position would mean that the new properties would tower above neighbouring properties and stand out on the skyline. Some participants supported the development as long as the style and construction blended in with adjacent properties. A number of suggestions were made to help people obtain affordable housing in Bonsall without a new build. This included Dales Housing Ltd. buying and renting out existing properties, which has happened elsewhere in Derbyshire - instead of spending money building, use it to help people obtain a mortgage.

An action plan was produced at the January meeting and this will include a website so that information can be circulated and more views on this subject can be obtained.

Jane Williams
Bonsall Rural Action Group

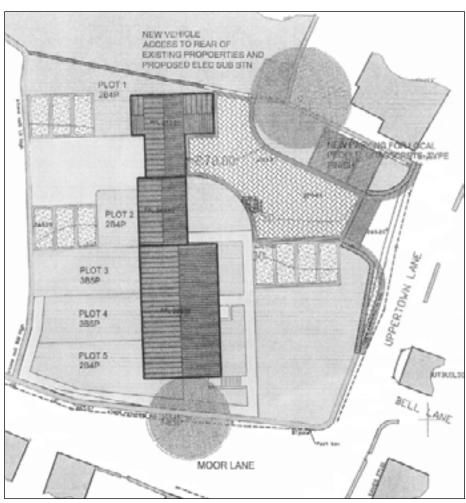
Bonsall All Hallows' Art Exhibition and Competition

A very sincere thank you to everyone who contributed to the event: the artists, the helpers, the Bonsall Parish Council and St James' PCC – and the wonderfully considerate competition judge, lan Daisley. With several splendid contributions from the 'over-16s' and over a hundred brilliant pictures from pupils at Bonsall School, this was a fantastic display of budding artistic talent in the village inspired by St James' churchyard.

We hope that this might be an annual event and one of a number of activities linked to the St James' Churchyard Project – watch that space!

Winners: The whole of Class 1, David Mycock, Jessica Roper, Marion Heasman, Rosie McDowell.

Phil Heasman







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Panto Time!

A Date for your Diaries — Bonsall Primary School and PTFA Panto 2014 will be Robin Hood and his merry men! Saturday February 15 at 2:30pm and 7:30pm at the School. Tickets are available from the end of January. Call Claire on 07739 763141 or contact the school on 822573.

Bonsall, California

The Chamber of Commerce in Bonsall near San Diego has been back in touch with the History Group with a proposal to formalise the links with our village, following the visit by its 'Ambassador', Derek King in October. They report that "He and his wife had a wonderful time with you and thoroughly enjoyed your village and "pints" at King's Head pub! Everyone was excited to hear about your town and its history!"

As a result, they are now interested in talking about the possibility of the two Bonsalls becoming 'Sister Cities' and they have already discussed among themselves ideas for a cultural exchange to learn about one another's countries and lifestyles, perhaps arranging a family 'house-swapping' programme during the summer months, or even a student exchange programme. Our Parish Councillors have said they are not willing to coordinate a link with Bonsall, USA and the History Group members feel that this type of exchange extends beyond the Group's remit.

Are there any residents who are interested in this type of exchange with sunny California and might be able to develop the contact? Please let me know and I can put you in touch with Penelope Richards, the Chamber's Executive Administrator, who signs off: "We're very excited about our two town's connection. Merry Christmas and a very happy and prosperous New



Year to everyone in Bonsall U.K. from Bonsall, U.S.A.!"

Peter Fellows

(825267 or pfellows@btinternet.com)

Neighbourhood Watch

The bank account has been closed and £190.28 given to the Bonsall Pensioners Committee to be used in any way they deem suitable, bearing in mind the reasons the funds were raised originally.

Di Moor

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PARISH COUNCIL

Report of Parish Council meeting 21 January

County Cllr. Ratcliffe attended and provided information about the DCC Cabinet meeting for budget setting and the plans set for 2014 as part of a 5-year plan. Some changes can be made and £157million of savings have to be made. There is a consultation on mobile libraries underway. Services to the housebound will continue as will schools service. Communities can have a depository service - Bonsall may be suitable and residents may wish to consider supporting that option. There is restructuring within DCC and large cuts in adult care. Consultation will involve fewer people being eligible for services. In addition the Highways budget will eventually be at risk. Cllr. Ratcliffe will forward the links to the cuts and the consultations for circulation.

Slaley and Black Tor Road hedge cut. A site visit to take place on Via Gellia at the request of heavy goods haulage firms and in conjunction with Cromford and Bonsall Parish Councils. Please continue to report potholes to Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190 or via email at call.centre@derbyshire.gov. uk. If you report one, please copy Cllr. Ratcliffe in so she can chase it up.

The Clerk had received the following statement from Isabel Frenzel regarding affordable Housing and read it out to the meeting:

'As discussed with you, please find below my statement to be read of by yourself

in the public part of the Parish Council meeting this evening. Many thanks for your help. Following on from previous consultation with the Parish Council and community on the proposed scheme of five affordable homes in Bonsall at Chestnut Farm, I would like to provide an update. Dales Housing and the District Council have revised the mix on the site to reflect the need identified in the recent housing need survey. The mix is now 3 x 2-bed houses and 2 x 2-bed flats on the same footprint as the designs Dales Housing consulted upon previously. All the homes will be for affordable rent, which means that the rent will be 80% of a market rent property. The ground floor flat will be built to the Lifetime Homes standard, with both flats having their own entrances and their own garden. In terms of parking, each home will have two car-parking spaces and there will be an additional two parking spaces on the scheme for visitors. The proposed scheme for five affordable homes will be submitted as a planning application in March this year. Bonsall residents in housing need with a strong local connection to the Parish will have priority for these proposed new homes. I will notify the Parish Council when the scheme is submitted and formal consultation as part of the planning process will follow.

Please encourage anyone in housing need to register at www.home-options. org or to contact Home-Options on 01629 761117. All affordable homes in the District are advertised through Home-Options.'

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(For the avoidance of any confusion -Nottingham Community Housing Association is acting as the development agent for Dales Housing, so Parish Councillors and members of the community will remember NCHA staff attending meetings previously). A member of the public requested clarification requested on the statement that Bonsall residents in housing need will have priority. A member of the public asked which version of the Local Plan will be used as reference. Cllr. Cartwright made an assurance that the relevant points regarding Bonsall will be consistent between the old and the new plans. The Local Plan is freely available on the DDDC website and members of the public can view and download the document which outlines the policy currently used to determine planning applications.

DDDC Cllr. Purdy reported that the outcome of the DDDC peer review is still outstanding and that DDDC is still promoting its initiative to get volunteers involved in works within their own community.

Cllr. Cartwright: Local Plan Group meeting: advice received that changes had been suggested to the village design boundaries during the public consultation. Three changes, Millpinch and two others were Chestnut Farm and extending into the field but not including area for affordable housing. Cllr. Cartwright stressed it is not a quid pro quo for affordable housing. Croft Farm at the top of High Street will be decided by Officers if it should be included and

a recommendation reported back to committee. The committee will then decide how to proceed. There may be a separate local consultation on that issue if the Local Plan committee decide to progress it. Cllr. Cartwright will keep the Parish Council informed. Both Cllrs. Purdy and Cartwright ask that anyone with any queries regarding the affordable housing development contact them, they will be happy to answer your questions.

Cllr. Lane expressed thanks to everyone in Bonsall who got involved with lighting up the village for Christmas; many positive comments were received about how festive and lovely the village looked. Cllr. Lane welcomed the new Finance Officer, Tony Payne, and thanked Derek Robertson for his support in the handover.

Bonsall Parish Council will continue to support the WW1 Commemoration project and the next meeting of the group is due to take place at The Kings Head on Wednesday 12 February at 7.30 pm.

Two Benches will be installed in the village, one at Uppertown near the bus stop and another at the top of The Dale.

Members of the Parish Council have each written a short profile of themselves to introduce themselves and these will appear in forthcoming editions of Mutterings. In the meantime if you have any issues you wish to raise with the Parish Council either come along to the next meeting on Tuesday 18 February at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, or contact the Clerk, Catherine Rawas, on 820947 or via email bonsallclerk@gmail.com.



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Parish Councillors

If you have any concerns or requests of the Parish Council, they should ideally be raised in Public Participation section of the monthly meeting. If however there is an urgent matter, while individual councillors will try to assist, a direct response is better achieved by contacting the Clerk to the Parish Council direct:

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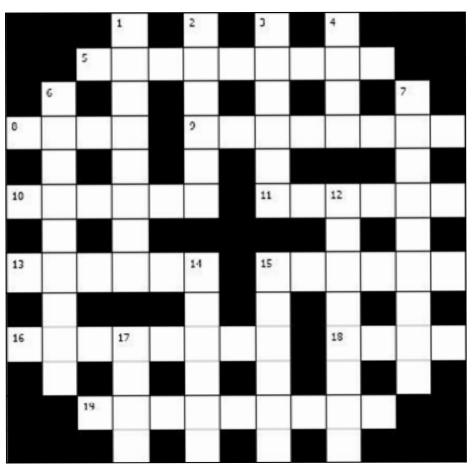
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Across

- 5. One of 11. Troubled Teen in tiny toilet rotates on top! (9)
- 8. Hot water? (4)
- 9. One of 11. Vice ring ran amok! (8)
- 10. Law about books remains. (6)
- 11. Southampton F.C. isn't as violent!(6)
- 13. Cessation of growth seen regularly in ashtray spies. (6)
- 15. Enclosed bog starts to clog every drain. (6)
- 16. Posh hard men damaged? No! (8)
- 18. Rank rite? Yes! (4)
- 19. Cull four swimming around duck splashy! (9)

Down

- 1. One of 11. Surrounded by sheep,
- U.S. gun lobby is on the rise. (8)
- 2. Work over? Yes, if it involves union.(6)
- 3. Sons kiss loose woman jerks! (6)
- 4. Riotous Italian year soon. (4)
- 6. One of 11. Majestic king of Wessex.(9)
- 7. Seed tract dispersed? Yes. (9)
- 12. One of 11. Insect caught between two currents off America. (8)
- 14. One of 11 who sounds ape-like. (6)
- 15. Hat doffed or added inside? (6)
- 17. Hail a cyclist or old man! (4)

Answers to Crossword no. 46.

Across: 5. Drainpipe. 8. Maim. 9. Thermals. 10. Skater. 11. Skiing. 13. Trip up. 15. Enlist. 16. Assaying. 18. Snow. 19. Christmas. Down: 1. Tram stop (smart backwards + top). 2. Winter. 3. Speeds (peed = deep backwards). 4. Spam. 6. Jack Frost. 7. Slingshot. 12. Islesman. 14. Philip. 15. Eights. 17. Ache.

Winner of the Christmas prize crossword was Eric Gregory.

Brain Teaser

The ice compartment in a fridge is 10 inches deep, 5 inches high and 4 inches wide. How many ice cubes will it hold if they are each 2 inches along the edges?

Answer to Brain teaser:20

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