



T'Owd Man's

Mutterings

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Bonsall enjoys MowFest at Barley Mow



In folklore T'Owd Man is a spirit that inhabits mines and caves. T'Owd Man of Bonsall is a carved figure of a miner that was taken to Wirksworth when St James church was being refurbished in the 1860s. It was said that strange noises coming from the old Ball Eye mine at the end of Church St. were of T'Owd Man muttering.

CHURCH NEWS

As children we learned to enjoy walking and taking in the delights of God's wonderful creation. With our "Eye Spy" and various other nature books, we sought out "firsts" whether flowers blooming, trees bursting into leaf, birds nests and creatures (frog spawn, newts etc) appearing. We were taught to see, not to touch and take! May was a walking month, not least because we were practicing for the Sunday School Anniversary (as were children at the Baptist and Assembly of God Churches) and walked home to Cromford (it was all down hill!) after the mid-week practice. Members and children from the Dale Chapel always walked round the village and Slaley singing the specially learned songs over our Anniversary weekend. In other parts people participated in "Whit Walks of Witness" over the Whitsuntide weekend heralding the birth of the Church at Pentecost.

In Genesis 3 we are told how God walked in the cool of the evening and met with Adam and Eve. Abraham walked not knowing where he was going but God walked with him to lead and guide. Moses spent 40 years in Pharaoh's palace in Egypt, 40 years walking in the Sinai wilderness tending his father in law's flocks until he saw a bush that "burned" and God spoke to him. He then spent another 40 years walking in the wilderness with the "Children of Israel" seeking to reach the Promised Land of Canaan. David who wrote the Psalms was inspired as he walked tending sheep, where God as his Shepherd let him rest in green meadows and led him beside peaceful streams. There were many more people in the Bible who walked and learned from God as they did so. Jesus joined two people as they walked the 7 miles from Jerusalem to a village called Emmaus. He noted their sorrow and listened to their heartache and then encouraged them as He spoke from the Bible about Himself, finally revealing Himself to them. Jesus then disappeared but they rushed back to Jerusalem, even though it was evening to tell the other disciples "Jesus is alive!"

We can learn so much as we walk, often in silence with our thoughts, listening and

hearing the gentle whisper of His loving voice as we view all around us. Matthew 11 v 28 - 30 in the Message Bible reads "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to Me. Get away with Me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with Me and work with Me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill fitting on you. Keep company with Me and you will learn to live freely and lightly." Now there's an invitation not to refuse!

So in May, why not take a walk, see the wild pansies and purple orchids - it's good for health, lifts your mood, enables you to spend time with family and friends.

During 3 - 10 May the Ramblers are offering hundreds of free, short walks around the country, giving people a taster of what walking is all about. For those who prefer to head out alone or with family and friends, there are free routes to download - and hundreds more available if you become a member. Visit www.Ramblers.org.uk/ramblersroutes for more details.

Judy Land

CHURCH DIARY

May

St James

- 4 9.30 am Sanctuary
- 11 9.30 am Eucharist
- 18 11.00 am morning Worship
- 25 8.30 am Eucharist

Village Life Church

- Sun 10:30am Morning Worship
- 10:30am UNO Sunday School
- 6:00pm Prayer Meeting
- Tue 7:00pm Craft Club
- Wed 7:30pm House Group

'Call in for Coffee' will be on Tuesday 27 May 10am - 12:00pm. A warm welcome to everyone.

Holiday Tots and Holiday Kids will be on Thursday 29 May from 10:00am to 12noon. (£1 entry)

Wesleyan Reform Church

We continue to meet on Sundays at 6.15pm.

Special Evening Service 6.15pm 11 May with Mrs Sandra Fall Wesleyan Reform Ladies' President.

Friday 16 May 2.00 - 4.00pm Cuppa & Cake Afternoon

All are welcome to join with us.

Catholic Church Services

Our Lady and St. Teresa of Lisieux

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

Our Lady and St. Joseph Church

Bank Rd, Matlock

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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.

Wirksworth Team Ministry

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OBITUARY

Margaret Howard

Born in Derby on 25 January 1932, Margaret knew Bonsall at an early age from walking trips with her father. Gradually they got to know climbers and then cavers and this was the start of her lifelong passion for Derbyshire lead mines and their history. After leaving Parkfield Cedars Grammar School, Margaret had a varied career: first working for Rolls Royce in Derby, testing metals in their chemistry department and later in the Accounts Department at Derbyshire County Council. With her second husband, she set up a holiday business organising Land Rover treks across the Sahara. Following the break up of her marriage, she moved to the then dilapidated Sycamore House on High Street in 1978 with her three sons and daughter. After extensive renovation she operated a B&B at the house and also a chip shop, selling chips to customers through the window onto the street. She sold the house in 1983 and moved to Sawmills, where she built a couple of houses, and then to Oker and Matlock, working for a company in Bakewell making log cabins. She returned to Bonsall to live in Rose Cottages in Uppertown before finally leaving in 2007 to live nearer her children in Southampton. Throughout this time Margaret's main interests were family history, geology and especially researching the his-



tory of lead mining. She developed an encyclopaedic knowledge of the mines and caverns of Derbyshire, exploring most of the ones in Bonsall and surrounding areas over the years. She was an active member of the Peak District Mines Historical Society, writing numerous papers and articles for their 'Mining History' Bulletin. Margaret also contributed her knowledge to the Bonsall Map Project and wrote the chapter on lead mining in the first edition of Bonsall - a village and its history. Following her death on 27 March, aged 82, she leaves behind her children, Keith, Richard, Tim and Jane. Ever forthright in her views and clear about what she did and didn't want, Margaret

NOTICEBOARD

Vacancies for Temporary Electoral Delivery Assistants

As part of the introduction to Individual Electoral Registration (IER) every elector within the Derbyshire Dales will receive a confirmation letter or a request to provide more information. The Delivery Assistant's responsibility is to ensure that all letters are delivered for the area allocated within nine days from the end of July. The fee will be 15p per letter. A list of areas showing the approximate number of letters to be delivered, details of the job and application procedure can be obtained from Julie Booth, Democratic Services Officer Electoral, DDDC, Town Hall, Matlock, DE4 3NN, email: electoral@derbyshiredales.gov.uk, Tel: 01629 761267

Julie Booth

gave detailed instructions to her children on what to do with her ashes after her death: they should be split into four parts - one part to be scattered over her parents graves in Derby; one part placed in Oxclose Mine, one part scattered at Blakemere; and the final part deposited down Magpie Mine near Sheldon. A celebration of Margaret's life will be held at Magpie Mine on Sunday 18 May at 12.00 pm.

Tim Howard

WHAT'S ON IN MAY

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Success for Village Teenagers

The Derbyshire 'Young Adventurer of the Year' awards ceremony was held in Buxton to find the best runners, bikers, climbers, cavers, skiers, skateboarders, free-runners, kayakers and sailors in the county. The judges decided that the 'Young Leader of the Year' title would be shared by Cameron Orr from High Street and Laurie Butler from Church Street. Both are pupils at Anthony Gell School. Cameron, who is a member of Matlock Cycling Club, had a successful year, ranking fourth in the National (U14) Mountain Bike Series and third in Midlands (U14) Mountain Bike series. He won the opening stage, overall King of the Mountains competition, and finished second overall in the International Youth Tour of Ireland. He is also a county-level middle distance runner, and swims, climbs, skis and is learning to snowboard. He won the AGS Sports Personality of the Year and was runner-up in this year's Derbyshire Dales Young Sports Person of the Year Award.

Laurie Butler was nominated by his friends Jack Sutton and Cameron Macdonald who said: "Every day with Laurie is an adventure. You never know what's going to happen but you know it's going to be fun. He has a wonderful way of looking at the world, seeing the positives where most would only see despair." Renowned for cycling everywhere, Laurie is also a keen climber, sailor, kayaker and hiker, and is part of the 'Gifted and Talented' climbing programme. He's helped his friend overcome his fear of heights and

made sure his whole group completed their Duke of Edinburgh expedition, finishing before everyone else. Laurie and Ben Jones from Greenhill, together with Jack Sutton from Windley and Wilf Turner from Wirksworth, are planning a 900-mile charity bike ride for Amnesty International. They will cycle from Wirksworth to the twin town, Die, in south east France during their summer holidays, when they will be between GCSE and AS Level examinations. They expect the journey will take between two and three weeks and they hope to raise £2,500. "We are not really bothered about how long it takes us – it's more about the adventure," Laurie said. The teenagers want to support Amnesty International because they are passionate about human rights. They have set up their own webpage (www.twowheelstwintowns.wordpress.com) and will post regular updates on their plans. If you wish to sponsor them visit their Just Giving webpage at <http://www.justgiving.com/twowheelstwintowns>

(This article is taken from Issue 168 (March 2014) of Community Fayre and the Editors are grateful for permission to use it)

Thanks 1

Our thanks to Ian Daisley for his timely donation of the splendid Easter photos that adorned last month's front cover. Apologies for losing the acknowledgement that should have accompanied the photos!

Editors

VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD



Living Windbreak

As part of the developing communal area on the allotments, we have recently put in a windbreak around the BBQ and bread oven. We decided to use cut willow to create a living hedge; it's called a 'fedge' derived from 'fence' and 'hedge'. It has a 12 metre curve, which was very quick and easy to create using 50 verticals sunk a foot into the earth with 100 diagonals that were woven in and tied using split willow. It doesn't take long for willow to root and it has already started to come into leaf. The idea is to keep it tightly trimmed to create a dense hedge. We were able to pay for the willow from a grant from the Kings Head Harvest Auction last October. Thanks to all those involved.

Mike Lynch

T'owd Man Tea Towels

I want to say a big thank you to everyone who has bought one of T'Owd Man's tea towels that I produced to raise much needed funds for St James Church. I am happy to say that I was able to pass on a cheque for £150 at the last PCC meeting. There are a few remaining, which can be bought for £3.50 from either myself at the Queen's Head (821816) or from The Fountain Tearooms. When they have all gone I will be able to pass on that profit to the Church. Thanks again,

Marion Heasman

Thanks 2

Norma and Cliff Marshall would like to say a big thank you to all our family and friends for making our Golden Wedding anniversary so special.

Thank you also for the cards, gifts and donations, which amounted to £285.00 for 'Sense' which is for children who are blind and deaf.

Norma & Cliff Marshall

Eliza's Year in Malaysia

Eliza Day from Uppertown is taking a year out before university, volunteering as an English language teaching assistant with Project Trust in Gemencheh, Malaysia.

As part of the qualification I will receive from this year, we are required to mark an international day to promote and celebrate global citizenship, existing as part of a global community with common issues and joys. We chose to mark International Happiness Day on March 20th (late update I know), which was brought into being in 2012 by the United Nations General Assembly due to the recognition that happiness isn't a byproduct of life, but a fundamental need of the people. So what did we do? Well what did you think- free cake of course! We bought a few big banana cakes (sold in supermarkets as two-foot loaves) and made some biscuits which we took into school to leave in the staff room for teachers and passing students, and I also took some into my form four (16 year old) class. I had created a task where they first had to discuss what happiness meant to them, and why/if it was important to individuals and to a country. Then they divided into groups and had to come up with a law they would implement as leader of Malaysia that would 'make people happier', and then debate the ideas between groups, with final votes for best idea. The debating aspect meant they couldn't just invent a law

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that was superficially good but was
completely impossible to implement
or fund; they had to think through
their ideas and consider possible
consequences.

They seemed to enjoy it, but were a lot
better coming up with the ideas than
defending them! One circular argument
went something like: "We would give
everyone free chocolate."

"Paid for how?"

"Erm..., increase road tolls."

"Won't that make drivers unhappy?"

"We'll give the drivers extra chocolate
then".

My favourite pitch was an idea about a
national trampoline day where a giant
trampoline would be brought to each
state for a day of free, fun bouncing.
However a well-phrased question
about the idea being discriminatory
to the disabled resulted in stricken
faces and the beginning of a panicked
answer about wheelchairs with
seatbelts - which was shouted down
in laughter and protests by the rest
of the class! They re-evaluated their
answer to say something about those
not wanting to be directly involved still
having the day off.

This all sounds kind of trivial but it is
important to get the students thinking
about the political process; how
decisions are made, why and what
obstacles might occur and how things
may not always be as easy as they
seem. The first step to being a global

citizen is to truly understand your place
in your own country, warts and all (:

Eliza Day

Carnival Queen or King

Carnival Queen or King and Attendants
2014 . The Carnival Committee are
looking for this years Carnival Queen
or King to lead the procession through
the village on Saturday 26 July.
The girl or boy should be in school year
4 or over and be comfortable in front of
a crowd.

If you have been a Queen before you
can't be a Queen again, however, you
may be an attendant. We would like
a couple of attendants to support the
Queen or King.

The Queen or King will be given £50
and the attendants £25 towards their
outfits, some form of transport is
required, but the committee knows this
is not always easy and will help find
something suitable.

If there are a lot of applicants we will
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Annual Plant Sale

With the sun shining and the days getting warmer, lots of plants are starting to awake and grow after the mild winter and many of us are thinking about the coming growing season. The plant sale this year is on Saturday May 3 from 10-12 am in the Village Hall. It is an opportunity to buy plants grown locally at very good prices and it is also a good social event to meet and chat. As usual, there will be refreshments with home-made cakes, also jams and chutneys etc. will be on sale. Many of you take cuttings and grow your own plants, so if you would like a table to sell plants we only expect a contribution from your profits to the allotment fund. If you have plants to donate but cannot make the sale, they can either be dropped off on the day or collected. The doors open at 9 am for setting up, and the sale begins at



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10am. Don't leave arriving too late as we sometimes sell out before 11.30. Give me a call on 820096 if you would like further details. If you are a maker or artist and would like a table to display and sell your work, please contact Claire Taylor on 823243. Thanks

Mike Lynch

WANTED

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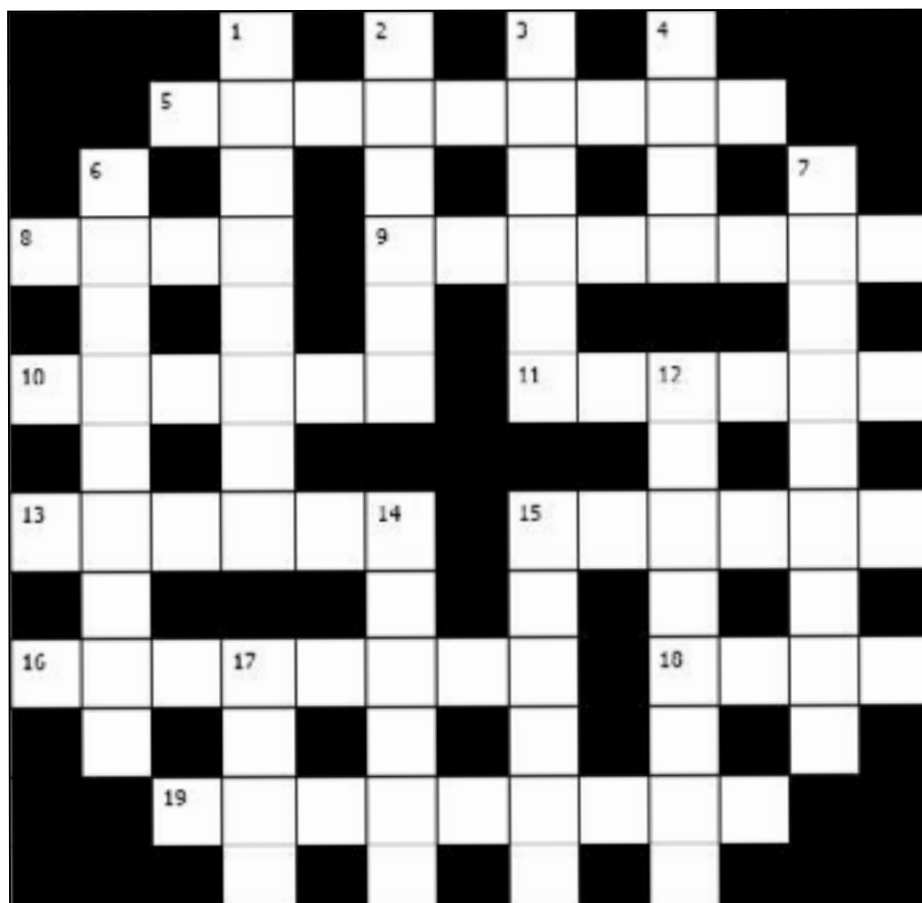


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CROSSWORD No 50



Across:

5. Messy, soiled? Big inconvenience! (9)
8. Found in Bali - magic bean? (4)
9. A 6, 19. Butter is eaten by graduate and artist. (8)
10. Short and thick? Son IS on the fat side. (6)
11. A 6, 19 in Leith, is beheaded. (6)
13. A 6, 19 who's horrendously torrid! (6)
15. Animal eats rook - in Bristol city? (6)
16. A 6, 19. Recorded song follows calamity, possibly. (4,4)
18. A 6, 19 hiding in Siberia habitually. (4)
19. See 6 down.

Down:

1. A 6, 19. Assorted white beetles at first attacked by rodents before showing resistance. (8)
2. A 6, 19. Ass Neil Kinnock initially replaced by doctor. (6)
3. Born underweight results in disease. (6)
4. Brute leads to bloody gore. (4)
6 and 19 across. Fabricated letter found in novel. (9,9)
7. 15 across fighting with one heartless man - a Masai, possibly. (9)
12. Cold beverage is clearly enhanced with a tangy, effervescent riesling for starters. (8)
14. Nozzle the old hide in? Shockingly true. (6)

Answers to Crossword no. 49.

Across: 5. Privateer. 8. Kiln. 9. Weakness. 10. Vessel. 11. Eke out. 13. Magnum. 15. Artery ('te' = heartless 'the'). 16. Jerrycan. 18. Runt. 19. Afternoon. Down: 1. Grandson. 2. Avowal. 3. Steane. 4. Vein. 6. Minelayer. 7. Estuarine. 12. Exterior. 14. Mocked. 15. Awning. 17. Raft.

Brain Teaser

What is the next number in the series: Z, W, X, U, V, S, T
1) P, 2) Q, 3) E, 4) S

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