



T'Owd Man's

Mutterings

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– congratulations to Abigail, Benjamin and Daniel, no doubt with some help from Jackie and Barry!

**Seen
outside
3 High St.
last month**



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

We mark the cold month of February with a beautiful celebration of love. The shop shelves will be filling up with Valentine's Day paraphernalia and hearts old and young will wait in anticipation to see if they have caught the attention of another. Every year I am fully aware that this date exists, but every year I am rushing to Sainsbury's at the 11th hour trying to find a card that tries to express the sentiments of love I have for my wife and the most acceptable box of chocolates I can get for under £5.

Please don't get me wrong I love my wife. And although I may not be the 'Hollywood' ideal of a romantic, I am definitely a massive advocate for LOVE.

The bible says that 'God is love' and that he loves you completely. And in turn he encourages us to be 'imitators of God' by 'living a life of love' (Eph 5:1&2). I don't think this is just a Christian calling either, I think that this needs to be the call of every human being.

When we look at the world we see that if we could just begin to love one another, if we could just try and see life

in another person's shoes, if we could just take the time to think about the needs of other people worse off than us, then I believe it would go a long way in repairing the brokenness around us. You may think that it is not your responsibility to live your life that way, but unfortunately that is the problem. Too many people turn a blind eye to injustice and need, so it always exists.

At the end of our lives, it will not be the stuff we own that will show how rich we are, but the people we love. No-one will kiss their telly goodbye on their deathbed, but they will want the hands of family and friends. We have to see that 'stuff' can fill our homes but cannot fill our hearts. Love is the only thing that matters.

I want to encourage you to find an opportunity this February to love someone who needs it. Go out with a heart of compassion and see who's life you can change with a little bit of love and friendship.

Pastor Matthew Quinn

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Saturdays 10.30–11am, Adoration Thursdays and Fridays 7am–11pm

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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CHURCH DIARY

February

St James

01 09.30 am Sanctuary

08 09.30 am Eucharist

15 11.00 am Morning Worship

22 08.00 am Eucharist

Village Life Church

Sunday

10:30 am Morning Worship

10:30 am UNO Sunday School

6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Tuesday 7:00 pm Craft Club

Wednesday 7:00 pm House group

Funday Family Service will be on Sunday 15 February 10:30 am to 11:30 am followed by Lunch

'**Call in for Coffee**' will be on Tuesday 24 February 10 am – 12:00pm. A warm welcome to everyone

The Village Life Church will host **Lent services** each Wednesday at 7 pm, starting on February 25.

Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel

Thanks to all who supported our Christmas events. We were pleased to send a donation of £175 to the British Heart Foundation.

Sunday services during February alternate between 2.30 & 6.15 pm commencing Sunday 1 Feb at 2.30 pm.

Friday 20 February 2.00 – 4.00 pm
Cuppa & Cake Afternoon.

All are welcome to join with us.

During Lent we will be sharing in the **Bible Studies** at the Village Life Church

Church Floodlighting

This month, David Evans is particularly remembered through the lighting by all his family, particularly during the first week. Dr Jayme Rolls is also remembered at this time as a friend and an inspired teacher. The second week of February brings to mind with love Auntie Joan, for all her family. Jack Webster's birthday on the 17th has special memories for Beryl, Jennie and all the family.

John Sewry

LETTERS

I would like to update everyone on the proposed building development in Uppertown and attempt to draw a line under the situation. I don't normally use Mutterings to share my opinions and will not be replying to any further letters, although I am more than willing to discuss the matter in person directly with anyone.

The planning application has been quashed after I successfully applied for a Judicial Review as I believed the Council had acted unlawfully in approving the planning permission. I had tremendous support, advice and encouragement from a lot of people within the village and beyond, people who have a genuine concern for the preservation and conservation of our great village.

To clarify the situation, everyone that I have spoken to that has supported our cause has no problem with affordable housing in the village, in the right location, with the right design and for village people.

It has been suggested that it would be useful to form a 'Bonsall affordable housing committee' asking for support from DDDC, where the committee could be proactive in suggesting plans and sites to DDDC, ensuring that people with local connections are given priority, rather than having unsuitable proposals thrust upon us. Although I would not want to be directly involved myself, I would give it my full support along with commitment from other villagers who have already expressed an interest.

It is interesting to note that, only since the application has been quashed, people in authority have been heard to suggest that Bonsall people would have found it difficult to be considered for the proposed development due to the scoring system currently being used – pity they didn't admit this fact earlier. When it comes to 'wasting ratepayers money' the responsibility for wasting time and money lies directly with Derbyshire Dales District Council. No argument – this has been proven in law. They have tried to ride roughshod over local people without taking anyone's opinions seriously and even ignoring the recommendations by committees within their own organisation. DDDC needs to look long and hard at its own structures and systems. They need to consult with local people and realise that we all have a voice that needs to be listened to and taken into consideration. This is democracy in action.

It would be great if we, as a village community, could be in charge of our own destiny in helping to provide accommodation for local people with the support of our District Council and government. People who have voiced different and sometimes conflicting opinions could become directly involved and channel their combined energy and efforts in attempting to provide affordable housing in our village.

Adrian Rollinson

Thank you so much to everyone who sent me such lovely cards and came to visit, and of course your prayers and

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LETTERS

offers of help. Everything has meant so much to me and my family. I have a six month journey ahead of me but I'll get there. We have such a wonderful NHS service and it's thanks to the Chesterfield and Northern General hospitals that the aortic aneurism was found and operated on so quickly. Thank you again for your kindness.

Norma Marshall

I write to apologise to any Slaley residents who were rudely awoken at 7.15 am precisely on Monday 24 November, by the sound of me shouting – nay – shrieking for help, peppered with the odd expletive which I didn't know I knew!

The reason for this was I had gone down to the stable to say good morning to the former love of my life – the horse formerly known as Rolo, but now known as something else which is not for a family publication. Having gone into the feed shed at the side, in his eagerness for his breakfast, Rolo managed to slide the bolt across on the door. Now, this has happened before but the bolt only just touched the hook on the other side and I was still able to open the door with a good shove, but with use and age – the door not me – the bolt slides more freely and I was locked in.

It wouldn't have been a problem if I had taken my own advice and had my mobile phone with me, or better still put something in the door to stop it shutting. Given the time of day I was not at my most alert, but I was now!

Stood precariously on top of the feed bin, so I could glimpse the outside world over the top of the door, I started to shout. Gently at first but rising rapidly to a crescendo that Pavarotti would be proud of. Eventually David heard my cries and appeared outside the house door, resplendent in socks and matching underpants – irrelevant that they matched but it is surprising what you notice when extremely stressed! Bless him, within seconds he had dressed, think B&Q advert, and was opening the door and by my side. We both shed a tear, me in anger and frustration, he in mirth while the horse formerly known as Rolo scoffed his now cold breakfast. Serves him right!

Sam Bradley

I read with interest the stories on Fred Marples, whose mother Clara and my Nanna were sisters. We were lucky enough to visit Bonsall in November 2013, and if you would be so kind to tell us anymore tales you have about my second cousin Fred, it would be appreciated. We did visit Chestnut Farm and met the current owners. Of course it is sad that the property is now holiday accommodation, but we have too move forward and if it is beneficial to the village, so be it ... that is progress. I may visit Bonsall again as our daughter married an Englishman and they're living in London for a few years. I looking forward to any response, and a thank you on behalf of the Marples and Hawley families for the kind words.

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Folk Carol Event at St James

Just a note to say a big 'thank you' to all of those who attended and contributed to the folk carols in December. A good time was had by all. Friends from Buxton came again this year to sing and then the school recorder group and choir were a marvellous addition. Restless Soles clog dancers provided a fantastic display all washed down with festive nibbles and tipples and ... as for fantastic The Boar's Head ... tasty! Thanks to the generosity of those who were there, the retiring collection raised £120 which will be put to good use by Jigsaw and the food bank in Matlock.

Marion Heasman

Mothers Union

Thank you to everyone who supported the Kings Head Auction at the end of October and for the donation of £150 we were given. We are waiting to hear what Rita will be doing now she has finished her 'A' levels and if our fundraising must continue. Tickets for the Dale Diva concert in the Church on April 17 will be on sale from the first week in February. They will be priced at £10 and will include a drink. There will also be a raffle on the night. Tickets can be bought from me (824376), Pat Spencer (823501) or from Marian Heasman (821816).

For our next meeting, which will be week later, February 18, we will join in with the first lent service.

Di Moor

Will Cinders go to the Ball? – it's Panto Time again!

The much anticipated Bonsall Primary and PTFA panto for 2015 will be Cinderella. It will take place on 21 February at the school, with a matinee at 2.30 pm and an evening performance at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £4 for adults and £2.50 for children and are available from 1 February. Get them soon as they go very quickly! Contact Claire on 07739 763141 or the school on 822573.



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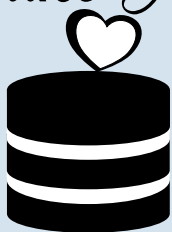


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Did you see anything?

On Friday 16 January I returned home from delivering cattle to find my collie dog covered in blood laying outside my house. I took him to the vets and they have informed us that it is a clean wound which is a result of a knife or a sharp object being stabbed through his chest and through into his left shoulder joint. It has taken all use out of his leg and side. This happened between Thursday evening and 11 am Friday morning. If anybody saw anything or has any information please contact me.

Philip Boam,
Brumlea Farm, Uppertown
07866 835629

Bonsall's Party in the Park

We have had an idea for a Village Meal to be followed by an evening of entertainment to help raise funds for village projects. We would like it to be a home grown affair, with all of the food and drink produced in the village (or as close as we can get it). We know we can get wonderful local meat and judging by the effort shown at the Horticultural Show, some wonderful vegetables too. It would be helpful, well essential really, if people could plant an extra row of vegetables and then donate them for the meal. At present we are looking at Saturday September 12 in the park, to be followed by home grown entertainment, 'Bonsall Entertains Bonsall'. We are hoping the event will be a celebration of Bonsall and its residents and hopefully

we can also raise some money to benefit the village. There has been one meeting to look at the feasibility of this but no firm plans yet made. The next meeting is on Wednesday 18 February in the King's Head at 7:30 pm. If you are interested in helping in any way or have any ideas to contribute, or just want to know more about the idea, then either come along to the meeting or give one of us a ring.

Jayne Allsop (824795)
Ron Addis (826309)

Mobile Library

Bonsall has been blessed with an excellent mobile library service for many years. However, due to the cuts which Derbyshire County Council has to make, there was a consultation last year that resulted in many villages in Derbyshire losing their service and library workers losing jobs they enjoyed. Bonsall has been very lucky in retaining our service although in a reduced capacity. It used to visit every two weeks and stop in six places in the village including Uppertown. It will now be visiting monthly on a Friday stopping only once, though for a longer time, at The Fountain – dates beginning 16 January, 13 February, 13 March from 10.55 – 11.30 am. The bus is usually staffed by friendly workers and in my experience using the mobile library has been a very satisfying and personal service. Librarians go to great lengths to provide books that are ordered. They will phone to let you know if for some



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reason the bus can't call as usual. I imagine if the bus is only stopping at The Fountain it will be even more of a meeting place for library users. Also, it may be that some mobile library users (especially in Uppertown) may need help with carrying books or getting there. There are still cuts to be made. I don't know how secure this revised service will be. However, I imagine our best chances of retaining it are to use it.

Andrea Webb

Christmas Fair

Bonsall Primary School and PTFA would like to thank everyone who supported our Christmas Fair on Sat 29 November, by running a stall, attending or generally helping out. The event was a real success and our busiest ever. I know the children had a great time with the singing, stalls and games and we hope you enjoyed it too. We managed to raise around £700 for the school which is an amazing effort and would not have been achieved without so much local support – so thank you again!

Jane Falconer-White

Thank you

Thank you so much to all who collected and supported the Poppy Appeal in the village. It is very much appreciated. A total of £514.76 was raised. Thank you again.

Norma Marshall

WHAT'S ON

February

Kings Head

Sat 14 Valentine's Night special menu – bookings essential.

Thurs 26 Wine tasting and cheese night. Limited spaces, £20 per head – book early.

Karaoke – last Saturday of every month with Tony

Barley Mow

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14 9 pm Jolly Jock

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The Planning Application for affordable housing at Chestnut Farm has been withdrawn. It may be re-submitted pending additional research into the impact on the conservation area and the

Parish Council will circulate information should this be the case. Councillor Barry and Pete Spencer have been working hard to clear the Park Bottom of rubbish and Councillors agreed to request an additional rubbish bin from DDDC. Ideas for improving the Park Bottom will be welcomed at the Annual Parish Meeting later in the year. Pete Spencer has been working hard over the Christmas period to make sure fallen trees were cleared and Councillors thanked him for his efforts. Councillors asked all residents to note that there has been a change in arrangements for dog waste bins. Dog waste (in bags) can now be put in the regular waste bins in the village. Councillor Barry has canvassed residents in Uppertown about the street light near Bonsall Camp which was turned off as part of the street light review that DCC undertook in 2012. Residents wish to have the light re-instated and Council agreed to pursue this.

Budget: it was proposed and agreed unanimously that budget V3 for 2015/16 as tabled was approved with the following amendments which were intended to secure balances at the end of the 2015/16 of approximately £4500:

- Donations and Grants (General) to be reduced from £1000 to £500;
- Defibrillator costs to be reduced from £1500 to £1000;
- Bus Shelter works to be reduced from £1500 to £1000;

Precept: it was proposed and agreed unanimously that the Precept for 2015/16 should be set at £10,934.

New Pay Scales: it was noted DALC had advised that the NJC pay increase of 2.2% applicable to the Clerk and RFO should also be applied to manual staff with effect from 1 January 2015; those staff would also be entitled to the NJC non-consolidated payments. The next meeting of the Parish council will be held on Tuesday 17 February at 7.30pm. If you have an issue to wish to have added to the agenda please contact the Clerk.

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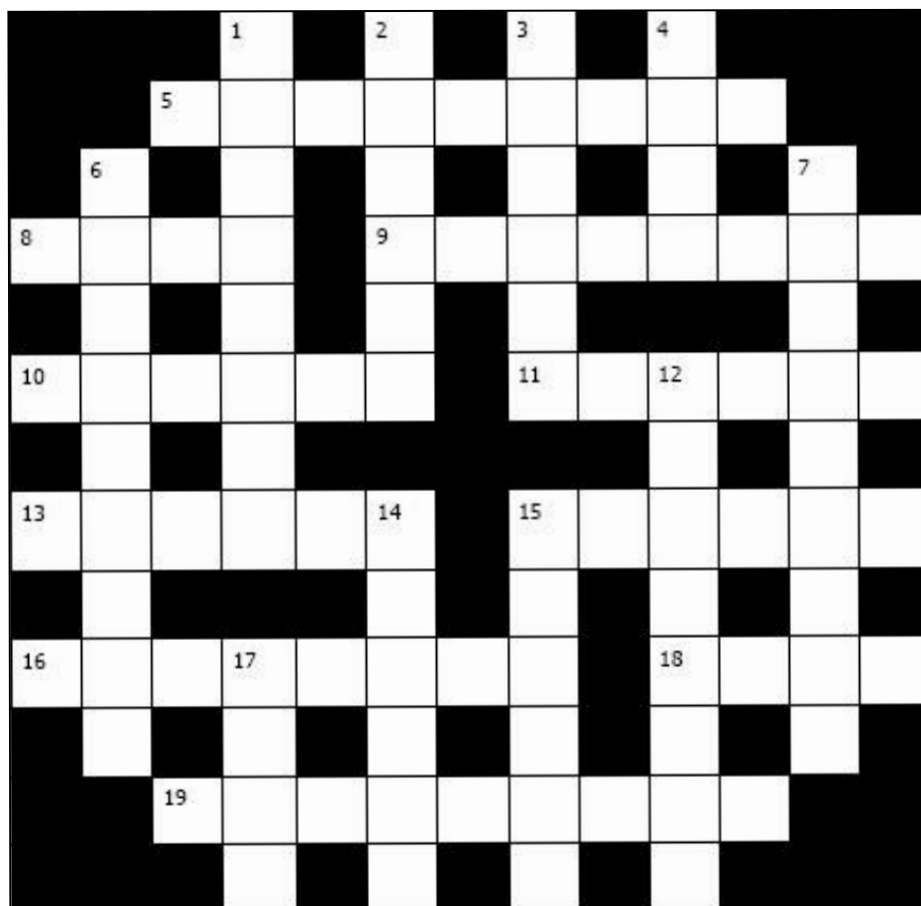
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CROSSWORD No 58



Across:

5. Saint leant clumsily, surrounded by grapes? Yes, on 14th! (9)
 8. Lisa, possibly, in common attire? (4)
 9. Fair maid (blooming) tumbled down. Caught by first of skiers roaming off piste. (8)
 10. Learner trappen in Bay – gets disease. (6)
 11. Enliven (beer, ale, wine and nuts). (6)
 13. Passionate, but daren't have a fling! (6)
 15. Mighty Miss Johnson (e.g.) had two husbands and indulged in this! (6)
 16. American lawyer takes lid off the wrong way exposing Dai's flower. (8)
 18. God revealed in eleventh oracle. (4)
 19. Have a short holiday in prison? No, quite the opposite! (9)

Down:

1. Former Tory leader dashed inside and delivered aggressive speech. (8)
 2. Look after garden? Not at this type of accommodation! (6)
 3. Arm this first man on moon so that he's not weak. (6)
 4. Eat up, lady! (4)
 6. Derby cap for Jimmy Anderson? (6,3)
 7. Miss Johnson (see 15) would have had two of this! (9)
 12. Quite like a swift pint at bedtime? (8)
 14. Initially, teach our daughters the French walk feebly! (6)
 15. Batty bit of church. (6)
 17. Loaf about with this youngster? (4)

Answers to prize crossword no. 57: Winner was Mr A. Armstrong

Across: 5. Stargazer. 8. Chic. 9. Mincepie. 10. Libido. 11. Drying. 13. Stigma. 15. Island. 16. Haunting. 18. Talc. 19. Beatitude.

Down: 1. Stocking. 2. Crimbo. 3. Banned. 4. Tete. 6. Christmas. 7. Winningly. 12. Yuletide. 14. Aristo. 15. Ingots. 17. Noel.

Collective nouns

What is the collective noun for a group of hummingbirds?

Answer to Collective nouns: A Bouquet

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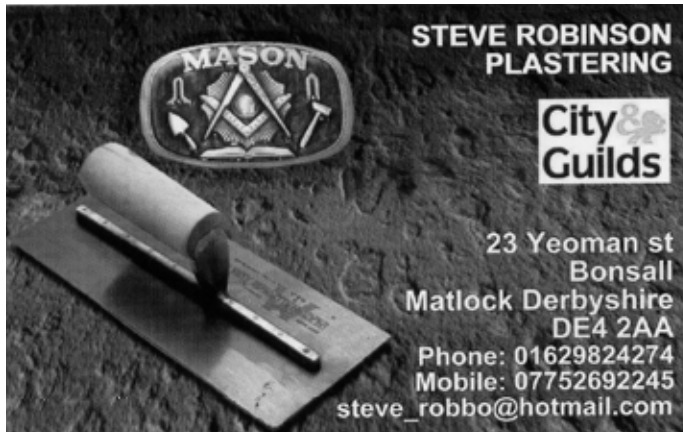
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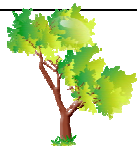
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