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# T'Owd Man's Mutterings



## Meet Your Parish Councillors



*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

### Work in Progress

“Work in Progress”; as I write I imagine that is the experience of many people in Bonsall. There will be the final preparations for the Open Gardens; plans in place for the Carnival; designs being finalised for the Well Dressings; details for the Flower Festival; thoughts about what to bake and who will be visiting. No doubt the list goes on.

We see work in progress all around us in the practicalities of everyday living. As the seasons change we look for the “signs” – first flowers, trees, birds, fruit, vegetables and even as the seasons come and go there is “work in progress”. As a Christian I feel I should have a badge that has a green capital L (you see them on cars when a learner driver has just passed their test) and the words “WORK IN PROGRESS!”. I realise through the experiences and happenings in my life that God hasn’t finished with me yet.

It was back in 1964 that I trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour. I had attended The Dale Chapel since a baby, along with all my family and thought that going to Sunday School Sunday morning, and Chapel twice on Sundays – afternoon and evening, was sufficient to provide me with a ticket to heaven. The Lord was speaking to me; graciously pointing out that I was

a sinner, unable to keep His laws and commands and offering salvation. There was hope, if I was willing to confess my sins and trust in Jesus; believe that He was God’s Son that He died on the cross to pay for my sins, rose again to new life and ascended to heaven where He intercedes for me and waits to return to this earth as the King of Kings. God’s love for me was and still is so amazing! How glad I am that I allowed Jesus to be my Saviour, Friend and Guide and He has never given up on me despite my failings. Knowing Jesus gives an appetite to pray and read the Bible; to meet with other Christians for worship, in particular on Sundays and to tell others about Jesus and the Good News of the Gospel. As Jesus said to Nicodemus, who visited Him under cover of darkness, “God so loved each person, that He gave His only Son, so that whoever believes in Him, shall not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn people, rather to save them.” John 3 v 16, 17.

Should anyone want to know more please let me know; it would be good to meet for a coffee or tea and chat at The Fountain! May you all have a blessed summer and be refreshed and renewed during the holiday season.

**Judy Land**

## CHURCH DIARY

### July

#### St James

<b>5</b>	9.30 am Sanctuary
<b>12</b>	9.30 am Eucharist
<b>19</b>	11.00 am Morning Worship
<b>26</b>	9.30 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  
Call in for coffee will be on Tuesday  
**28th July**, 10 am to 12 pm. All welcome  
Funday Family Sunday, **19th July**.  
10–11.30 am followed by lunch.

#### Wesleyan Reform Chapel

Sunday Services during July are at 6.15 pm  
**26th July** 6.15 pm Songs of Praise  
Flower Festival Theme “Doors”  
Chapel open 1.30–5.30 pm  
Saturday **25th July** to Tuesday **28th July**  
Light Refreshments available  
Friday **17th July** 2.00–4.00 pm  
Cuppa & Cake Afternoon  
All are welcome to join with us

### Wirksworth Team Ministry

#### Serving:

All Saints’ Alderwasley  
St James’ Bonsall  
All Saints’ Bradbourne  
All Saints’ Elton  
St James’ Brassington  
St Margaret’s Carsington  
Holy Trinity Kirk Ireton  
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St Mary’s Wirksworth

#### Contact:

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### Catholic Church Services

#### Our Lady and St. Teresa of Lisieux

Gorsey Bank, Wirksworth

Mass Sundays 9 am, Holy Days 7 pm.

Service of Holy Communion every Wednesday morning at 10 am.

Contact Fr. Joseph Keogh (01773 743336)

#### 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.

## Arthur Fletcher, 20 April 1947 to 17 May 2015

Aware of his diagnosis, Arthur wrote his own eulogy which was read at his funeral by Phil Varney, Landlord of The Grapes in Belper. He wrote about his life in Bonsall and Belper and about his family, both here and in The Gambia. Below are some edited extracts.

Thank you to those of you who have turned up to my party; it is very kind of you, but I did make sure it was on a Friday so no-one had to go to work tomorrow. I have had a good life with no real regrets. I have lived my life to the full and the last 20 years have been the best of my life with my true love, Clare, by my side.

I have turned my hand to a lot of jobs in my life and had great fun doing them all – from my first job as a mechanic and then on to timber felling, which allowed me to spend a lot of time with a great man, my father for whom I had enormous respect. The only downside to this was him teaching my nephew Sean to swear like a trooper from nearly as soon as he could talk.

In the late sixties I took on the Fountain at Bonsall with Jean, while also working as well. They were good times and I have a lot of fondness for the time I spent there. Jean was a good woman who taught me an awful lot – not only about running a pub, but about life in general. While we unfortunately went our separate ways, we always remained friends and Clare and I spent many happy times going to Jean's for dinner and we had a lot of laughs together.

My time at The George in Belper was bitter-sweet as a lot of you will understand. While my business was booming I made some bad personal choices, but I learnt a lot from them. Sometimes you have to walk down a path so far before you realise it was the wrong one. The George was very

good to me and we all had some excellent times there. But always remember that I only provided the venue; it was all of you who provided the entertainment. I have the fondest memories of the people in Belper – they were good sound people who I hope will never forget how to party.

Back to Bonsall for yet another pub, the Kings Head, where after many years Clare and I eventually got together – we were both free and single at the same time. I also worked for the Holmes's at Stancliffe, and made good friends with David, Colin, Kathy, Mac, Ian, Boamy, Lee, Chris and so many more. I have met some very special people over the years – people like Leigh Johnson who was always a constant support to me through some of my dark times. Also Colin and Karen Holmes – Colin, whose strength through adversity I have always admired.

Family is important to me, but has nothing to do with blood; it is about the people around you. As you will have noticed we have a family of various sorts that does raise a few eyebrows sometimes. Our daughters, Kenneh and Ganna, may not be blood, but we both love you so very much and we have had so much laughter with you, both here and in The Gambia.

But throughout the last 20 years, the one constant has been my beautiful, beautiful wife; to me she is not only beautiful on the outside, but also on the inside. She has shown me the right path to take on so many occasions and has also let me be – not be anything else – but just be – and that is a very special thing to give someone. I have been truly blessed with her and don't know what I ever did so right that I was so lucky to have her. She taught me that material things and possessions mean nothing, that success is not valued by money (which was just as well), or things,



but about being happy in your own skin, by making the right choices and regretting nothing. She showed me the importance of forever being a child and to live life as a child with its lack of complications. She hoped that she never got past the age of eight – I was allowed to get to the mental age of eleven so that I could be classed as the responsible adult.

As a lot of you know, this illness has been very quick to attack me. I thank the people who came to see me in hospital and the MacMillan staff at Derby Hospital. Their care for me was second to none and I cannot praise them enough. They do a very sad job with the utmost dignity, care and respect and I hope we had some laughs along the way.

Lastly, thank you to all the special people in my life – there are too many to name individually, but I think of you all and the good memories we shared. Now please go and enjoy the party.

## Stella Lindup, 1930–2015

Stella was the youngest of seven children, born in 1930 in Northfleet, Kent. She was a woman with plans – always thinking of adventures and projects to liven her time shared with Peter and the family. It is with great warmth that we remember her time in the beautiful village of Bonsall.

She trained as a PE teacher at Whitelands Women's Teacher Training college, Putney; a constituent college of the University of London Institute of Education. She taught

PE for many years, was a fine tennis player and in the college XI cricket team. Stella taught in Scunthorpe, where she met and married Peter Lindup in 1951. When the youngest of three was born, Stella bet Peter a shilling he wouldn't apply for the first job abroad. He failed to be appointed as biology mistress in Kuwait for obvious reasons, so the family moved to Libya in 1957 and then onto Cyprus where in both countries Peter was a head teacher and Stella





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## OBITUARIES

was the children's class teacher. While in Cyprus, Stella and Peter pursued their love of theatre; Stella played Goneril to Peter's Edmund in Shakespeare's 'King Lear' in the famous Othello's Tower in Famagusta.

On returning to England in 1966, Stella and Peter moved to Great Longstone. Curiously, Stella discovered her mother had been moved there from Lambeth, with her two younger siblings. All three siblings were adopted in 1892 by George Mellers, who owned Barley Lees Farm, in Great Longstone – Stella's connections to Derbyshire go back some way! Her Uncle, Charles Howard Buckle stayed on in Derbyshire as a farm labourer and married Amy Oldfield. They eventually owned a farm in Over Haddon.

Stella and her brother were evacuated to Over Haddon during the war years and she has very fond memories of their time on her uncle's farm. Stella's joy in plants and birds and home baking took shape during those early years. She always said 'Nature's free and can elevate the spirits'. Living in Chesterfield from 1966 to 1973, Stella taught at a local school, whilst Peter was a senior lecturer at Matlock College. Stella planted a magnolia tree in their Walton Road front garden and Mum was delighted to hear this year that their old home is now called 'Magnolia House'. Stella sewed clothes and school uniforms for the children and enjoyed gardening, cooking, bridge and entertaining. She organised annual exchanges for the children to Germany, France and Spain, whilst Peter organised international summer schools in Wisbech and teachers' visits from Eastern Europe.

After the children flew the nest, Stella and Peter moved to Bonsall, to live in 'The Nook'. They completely renovated it using plans Stella drew up whilst they lived in a caravan. They always spoke warmly of their time in Bonsall, sharing many happy years with many wonderful friends.

The 25 years in Bonsall were fruitful for Stella as a member of the community, a writer and as a student – she edited recipe books published for Radio Sheffield, trying out recipes submitted by listeners before publication; she completed her MA at 60, studying core family histories in Bonsall for the oral history modules. Stella worked with the Parish Council, was on the Bonsall well-dressing committee, helped edit the Bonsall newsletter and sang in the choir. Her children and grandchildren loved visiting The Nook. The family have many happy memories of celebrating the change of seasons and returning time and again to this very friendly, beautifully situated village.

Stella worked tirelessly on her little gardens and loved becoming acquainted with what did and did not thrive in the environment. Elderflower champagne, wines, jams, chutneys and marmalades were all made here using home grown and locally sourced produce.

As they moved into their late 70s they moved to Belper and then Mum's last four years were spent very happily in Cambridge, living near their daughter, granddaughter and great grandchildren. She died on 27 April and is sorely missed.

**Anna Lindup**

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## LETTERS

Hi there,

Andy Elsegood here from Fountain View on Study Drive.

I discovered recently that the new Fibre Optic broadband feed for the village is now completed and BT are now accepting orders for the service. I am being quoted internet speeds in excess of 40 mb/s which is stunning compared to the terrible speeds we've tolerated in the village for so long.

If you need any more thoughts or help feel free to contact me.

Regards  
**Andy Elsegood**

A big thank you to my friends and neighbours for all the help they have given to me before and after my recent operation. Thank you all so much for the many lovely cards, flowers, chocolates, visits, shopping, meals, domestic help, taxi service, plus delivering my Mutterings round. What an amazing, caring village Bonsall is. I could not have managed alone without all your help. God bless you all and thank you.

**Claudine**

'Many thanks to you all – Mother's Union, friends of St James, for the lovely card and good wishes at this time.'

Thank you,  
**Mary Buckingham**

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### Bonsall History Trail Information Boards

Sharp-eyed residents may have noticed that four information boards have been erected which show all of the routes on the six history trail leaflets. The boards are located at Dale End, in front of the Village Hall, facing Ember Lane, on the Church wall, and two on the Limestone Way route at the Cross, in the Bandstand, and in Uppertown, at the bus stop. It is hoped that these are a useful service to enhance visitors (and residents) experience of our village.

Packs of the six trail leaflets are available, still only £5, with free delivery within the village. Just contact me on 01629 822374.

**Peter Greaves**

### Carnival 2015

This year's Carnival will not be the same for me as Big Arthur Fletcher will not be there.

During my stint as Chairman of the Carnival Committee, the tug of war Event was reintroduced. I was dispatched by Arthur to fetch a tug of war rope from Sheen in Staffordshire and Arthur refereed the tug of war Contest for many years. In those days a team from each of the village pubs entered. Over the more recent years Arthur and Clare have always attended the Carnival Saturday night event in the marquee. The first thing Arthur always did on seeing me was to put a £20 note into my shirt pocket towards Carnival funds.

Arthur will be greatly missed by myself and lots of other people in the village.

Rest in peace big man.

**Leigh Johnson**

### Christian Aid 2015

Our generosity during Christian Aid Week this year will help poor families (whatever denomination) around the world escape from grinding poverty.

Our community has helped other communities build a brighter tomorrow. Together in Bonsall we raised £587.58. An enormous thank you to all dedicated collectors we couldn't have done this without you.

**Krystina Johnson**

### Ranger Walks

Would you like to explore the area and learn more about your surroundings or are you looking for ideas to entertain your visitors this summer? Did you know that Volunteer Peak District National Park Rangers lead guided walks throughout the National Park?

The walks vary from short, easy half-day walks and family orientated activities to more challenging full-day walks covering a selection of themes from wild flowers to aircraft wrecks to local history and are aimed at local residents and visitors alike. More information is available on the national park website [www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/rangerwalks](http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/rangerwalks), at Bakewell and Castleton tourist information centres or by telephone – 01629 816 270

**Anthea**

### Red Barrows

It's a Rock Out with the Bonsall Red Barrows on Wednesdays 29 July at 6.30 pm during Carnival week

Following a brilliant launch last year and rave reviews, the Red Barrows will be offering brave young volunteers (aged 8 to 11) the chance to make up six teams that include willing (and possibly nervous) grown-up-parent-type person and join the performance. Each team will have three members, one in each team must be an adult.

The six teams will be part of the Red Barrows crew and compete in the thrills and spills of the It's a Rock Out competition. Complete and total silliness is guaranteed to occur (and water... and flour... and possibly custard pies). Full protective gear will be supplied and the ability to tell left from right an advantage! Look forward to seeing you all there!

**Mark Sobey**



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house activities all week



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## Nepal Earthquake Appeal

Friday 10 July at 8.00 pm

Following the successful illustrated talk that Chris Broome and I gave in January, about our trek to the Langtang region of Nepal last October, we would like to invite you to a fundraising event in the Village Hall on Friday 10th July. The purpose of the event is to help one of our young Nepalese guides Bijay, who accompanied us on the trek, and the people of his village who have all been affected by the earthquake and who are currently receiving no assistance from the Nepalese government.



The Langtang region, large areas of Nepal, and parts of Kathmandu have been devastated by the earthquake. We will be showing photographs and film of areas we visited, before and after the earthquake, to graphically illustrate the extent of damage and destruction that has occurred across the country. All proceeds from the evening will go to Bijay and his village via Exodus, the company we trekked with and who employs Bijay as a guide, to help with rebuilding works in his village and buying food and medicines. There will be refreshments and a raffle.

We would be pleased if you could come along and support this event.

**Alan David**

## Village Well Dressings

Well July is here, and what an exciting month it is for Bonsall! So much going on! Don't forget to keep a couple of hours free during the week before carnival to spend helping at one of the village Wells. We are hoping to add at least one more this year at Pounder

Lane which is fantastic and maybe one in Upper Town too. Please give me a ring (821816) or knock on the door (The Queens Head) and I can point you in the right direction to a garage or hall where your time will be put to good use! Don't worry if you've never done it before, give it a go! Thank you in advance to all those who will put the hours in to produce our wonderful wells.

**Marion Heasman**

## Bonsall's Got Loads of Doggy Talent

Centre stage for this year's Carnival Day entertainment will be the internationally renowned Top Lodge Trio with their stunning nine dog dancing team.

Having won many awards across Europe, this talented, fun loving troupe will twist, turn, kick, jive, bop and boogie, around the ring, especially for your entertainment.

Has Bonsall got doggy talent too? Bring your dog to join in the fun; the afternoon's events will be for all ages, shapes and sizes of human/canine partnerships. Unleash your talents in readiness for the Waggiest Tail and Best Trick events. Could you gain the award for the Best Six Legs in the Show?

Our host for the Bonsall Carnival Novelty Dog Event will be the family entertainer Sam. He would like to know a bit about the canine personality with whom you will be taking part. First thing on Carnival afternoon, you will be invited to register for your chosen events. You will also be asked to tell us a little tale about the funniest, naughtiest or most embarrassing thing your pooch has ever done. Sam hopes to retell your stories and bring out the depth and breadth of character and devilment in our closest canine companions. Just one important tip for you; register early on the day as places will be limited.

So in the weeks before Carnival try out some new tricks and practice your skills. Please watch out for the Bonsall Carnival Programme, it will have full details of all the doggy talents that the event will highlight.

On behalf of Bonsall Carnival Committee

**Wendy Bullar**

Illustration by  
**Thomas Curson**





## POETRY CORNER

A Poem by Nick Cummings

### T'owd Man's Tale

In the cold and dark  
Faint candles spark, as  
the miners dig the lead  
In the tunnels deep a spirit keeps  
The bones of those long dead.  
Down in the rake  
No sunlight makes it's  
warmth for men to feel  
With Gadd they'd pick, at  
the ore they'd chip  
The wicket hope to fill.  
Below the moor  
They search for ore, a vein they hope to find  
Leave drink and food and hope the mood  
Of the T'owd man finds him kind.  
In the coffin levels  
And narrow soughs where  
waters need to drain  
They burn and blast at the rock so vast  
To ease the T'owd man's pain.  
Down in the deep  
With pick and spell work  
boys and men the same  
From dawn to dusk in the dark and dust  
The pigs of lead to gain.  
Since ancient days  
In pit and rake the family worked as one  
They'd fill the corves with the precious ore  
Pulled up by wife or son.  
Down in the mine  
Beyond the scrins and tunnels long paid out  
A voice is heard, not a spoken word  
But a 'muttering' whispered out.  
Was that T'owd man?  
A miner's face would show  
his fear and dread  
Somewhere below in the dimming glow  
The spirit of miner's dead.  
His image cast  
In stone to last for Bonsall town to keep  
But in Wirksworth church, for all his worth  
T'owd man is forced to sleep.  
He should return  
From whence he came, St  
James Parish Church  
High on the Hill, by the peoples will  
Is the T'owd man's rightful perch.  
So best you heed  
This story told of the miner's  
bones now rotten  
In Bonsall town, where up meets down  
T'owd man is not forgotten.  
The T'owd man's face  
Can still be seen on the wall  
by the old King's Head  
But it's not the same, it's a crying shame  
A copy hangs instead.  
If you believe  
As many do, in righting an ancient wrong  
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## 100 YEARS AGO

April 1915 saw the landings at Gallipoli which were intended to break the stalemate of trench warfare on the Western Front. The Winter and Spring had been particularly wet and the troops were literally bogged down in the mud of Flanders. The two young lives below reflect the decisions of who was to appear on the Bonsall War memorial. Despite both men and their families having left the village and still having relations in the village it appears one needed to be born in Bonsall to appear on the village War memorial.

James Greatorex was born on Arter Hill in 1871 the son of Anthony, a framework knitter, and Hannah from Bolehill. James became a platelayer on the Midland Railway and married Elizabeth from Ashover. They had two children whilst living two doors away from his parents on Arter Hill before he was promoted to foreman platelayer and relocated to Wash, near Chapel en le Frith. There they had four more children, including James in 1898, and they kept in touch with their relatives in Bonsall. Young James worked as a shirt maker for a wadding manufacturer. He joined the Territorial 6th Battalion of the Sherwood Foresters and in September 1914 enlisted for active service, slightly under age. In February 1915 he arrived in France and marched into Belgium to the trenches near Kemmel. The routine was four days in the frontline and then a few days in reserve or support. In June they moved to the Ypres salient. On 4 July he was part of a fatigue party of 200 men

ordered to the Front under shellfire. One shell landed in the middle of the group killing nine men and wounding 23. One of these was James who was taken to a Field Ambulance Station where he died that evening aged 18.

Thomas George Fern was the son of Charles Edward Fern and Emma from Ripley. Their four children were all born whilst they lived at the Green, Bonsall, Thomas being the second child and eldest boy named after his grandfather and born in 1897. Charles was a platelayer for the Midland Railway and his father was Thomas Fern a stonemason from Slaley. By 1914 they had all moved to Starkholmes.

He enlisted in the Sherwood Foresters (9th Battalion) which embarked from Bristol on 1 July on the Empress of Britain. The ship went through the Mediterranean and they spent 3 days in Alexandria. On 18 July the boat docked on the island of Lemnos. However on the 17 July, while at sea, Tom had been Court martialled for being asleep at his sentry post on the ship. He was given a sentence of two years imprisonment with hard labour, but as there were no detention facilities he was sent ashore with his Battalion to fight (and would serve the sentence if he survived). He landed at Cape Hellas in Turkey on the 20 July. The heat was intense, there was little water and the sanitary facilities were non-existent. Cape Hellas was described as "a midden smelling like an open cemetery." The battalion was withdrawn to Lemnos to prepare for an attack on 6 August at Suvla Bay. The heat was again intense and when on the 9 August the British fleet started shelling it set fire to the tinder dry vegetation. The raw troops lacked leadership and in the confusion did not reach their objective and staggered back to the coast. Tom was wounded by Turkish gunfire and was placed on a hospital ship en route to Egypt. He died on board this ship on the 10 August, aged 18, and was buried at sea.

At home the Bonsall Home Guard were meeting and drilling but had no uniforms. The Council finally agreed terms with the Church for the use of the Park Bottom as a recreation ground. Complaints were made to the Council about the dust from Mr Axe's basalt quarry (the one behind the Pig of Lead) affecting the properties on Holly Finnis.

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## Parish Council Biographies



### **Cllr Mark Harris – Chair of Parish Council**

I joined the Parish Council this May. I have lived at

Stepping Lodge, Uppertown

for 14 years with my wife Sandra and three children Charlotte, Thomas and Luke. I was born in Burton-on-Trent within earshot of the Bass brewery and was destined to become a brewer, having initially trained as a medical microbiologist (the samples certainly got better!) I have worked at Bass Brewers (to become Molson Coors) for over 26 years and I retire this June – looking forward to spending more time in this beautiful part of the world. I love Bonsall with its stunning views, people and its sense of community. In my spare time, I love walking, gardening, playing squash, spending time on the canal with the Bonsall boat, Burland, as well as performing regularly with the Red Barrows and drinking beer!



### **Cllr Michael Hewitt**

I have lived in The Dale for 40 years – in fact the Bunting side of my family has lived in the village

for approximately 100 years. I class myself as a 'local' to the village but not 'born and bred' in Bonsall, I am still a townie as they say. I am very proud to live here. I am married to Janet Hewitt (nee Spencer) and have two children and two grandchildren, all living in the village. Janet was born and bred in the village – a 'true local' who went to Bonsall School. My daughters also went to the school and now my grandson Jake goes there and shortly Violet, my granddaughter, will follow. I have just taken early retirement and will be looking to set up a small handyman/gardening business local to the area.

### **Cllr Graham Henderson – Vice-Chair of Parish Council**

I moved permanently to Bonsall after retirement and ten years in Spain,

helping create a large garden and planting trees following working in colleges teaching languages, mainly in business and technical fields. I am a keen gardener with my wife, Wendy, and we have a productive allotment. I am on the allotment committee as treasurer. We appreciate the countryside and the many walks used by residents and visitors and hope to do something to help to protect and preserve our surroundings in the future.



### **Cllr Veronica Addis**

I have lived at the top of The Dale since 1992. I have been a Parish Councillor for four

years, which I have enjoyed and am looking forward to the next four years. I have cooked for the Bonsall Lunch Club since it began which is a lot of fun and I recommend to anyone over 60. I am interested in keeping the network of Bonsall footpaths open for visitors and residents and would welcome any information about the state of the paths and bridleways.

### **Cllr Anna Williams**

I have lived up The Dale my whole life – in fact generations of my family have lived in the village for 100s of years. I very much class myself as a 'local' being 'born and bred' in Bonsall and I am very proud to still live here. I am married with two children, a boy and a girl. My boy, Jake, attends Bonsall School (as I did) and my daughter Violet will in a couple of years time. My husband Anthony is a Stonemason from Hope Valley but he loves Bonsall just as much as I do. I have told him he won't be classed as local though for at least another 30 years.

### **Cllr Pountain**

I have lived in Bonsall all my life and am proud to serve on the Parish Council to make our wonderful village even better for residents and visitors.



### **Cllr Jon Barry**

Born April 1 1953. Only childhood recollection watching the 1966 World Cup Final. Failed all 9 GCSE's at first attempt. Hunted down local girl Anne Punchard at Teacher Training College, which gave me access to the village in 1978. Positions held in the village: Ex-Carnival day compere, Ex-Red Barrow (Squadron Leader) Ex-Hen Race Commentator. At present Horticulture Show Auctioneer ('He's on his final warning' Ron Brown). Recently failed NVQ Level1 Park Maintenance. Tutor Peter Spencer said 'Barry's lateness, bad language and persistent flatulence leaves me no choice but to fail him. 30 more hours needed in January 2016'



### **Tony Payne – Finance Officer**

I joined the Parish Council as Finance Officer.

I am the Finance

Manager for a local charity, a Governor for Bonsall School, and (most importantly) a member of the Bonsall Bike Club. If you need information about the Parish finances you can contact me at home on 822311, mobile 07941358183, or email me at [bonsallpc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bonsallpc@hotmail.co.uk). You can also find me at 27 High Street.

### **Catherine Rawas – Clerk to the Parish Council**

I've been Clerk to Bonsall Parish Council since 2010 and I also work for Matlock Town Council. I have worked in local government for about 25 years and I'm really keen to make sure people get involved in how decisions are made which affect them. Outside work, my passions include cookery and handicrafts. If you want to chat about anything to do with Bonsall Parish Council please get in touch either via 820947 or [bonsallclerk@gmail.com](mailto:bonsallclerk@gmail.com)



## Parish Council Report

Bonsall Parish Council met on Tuesday 16 June at Bonsall Village Hall.

Proposal to request the re-instatement the street light at Bonsall Camp, Uppertown Lane:

Cllr Barry has collected comments and reports of incidents as a result of the light being turned off – so far everyone who has responded wants the light switched back on. Councillors would like to hear from any residents who have similar issues with other streetlights in the village. This will be discussed at the July meeting.

Additional litter bins will be provided by Parish Council at the top of The Dale and in the Park Bottom for visitors. Residents should note that dog waste may now be put in the regular bins.

### DDDC Dog Restriction Areas:

The new restriction orders have come into force in the village and Bonsall Parish Council will order and fix signs in relevant areas.

### Chestnut Farm:

Councillors discussed the fallen wall on Abel Lane and whilst acknowledging that it was under review by DDDC they still have concerns about the safety of the wall will be writing to Mr Nutting and DDDC to that effect.

### Park Working Group:

The first meeting to take place on 21 July at 7 pm in the Village Hall. Cllr Barry, Cllr Addis, Cllr Hewitt along with Phil Heasman and the Clerk will form the working Party. One of the principle issues for the group will be parking for visitors during village events to ensure and minimise

disruption to residents. The plan for the Park Bottom will cover this.

### Cleaning contract for Bonsall toilets:

The current contractor will not be renewing their contract so an advert is to go around the village. The toilets are to be left unlocked 24/7 from now on and additional keys will be cut to prevent problems of them not being unlocked if the key is not accessible.

The Peak Park Authority has received a proposal to divert the Restricted Byways 71 and 72 on Bonsall Moor. Councillors will have a site visit before the next meeting to understand the situation and landowners in the area will be invited to attend. If you want more information, a copy of the plans or the draft please contact the Clerk.

You can find information about your new Parish Council in this issue of Mutterings, please don't hesitate to contact any of them if you wish to raise any issue with them which concerns the village.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 July at 7.30 pm in The Village Hall.

## 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 directly:

**Chair:** Cllr Dorothy Lane,  
55 High Street, T: 824941

**Vice-Chair:** Cllr Denise Pountain,  
6 High Street, Bonsall, T: 822708

### Councillors:

Cllr Terry Henderson, 17 High Street, Bonsall, T: 825782

Cllr Veronica Addis, Dale House,  
The Dale T: 826309

Cllr Colette Dewhurst, The Barley Mow, The Dale, Bonsall. T 825685

### Responsible Finance Officer

Tony Payne, 27 High Street.T:  
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**Clerk:** Catherine Rawas  
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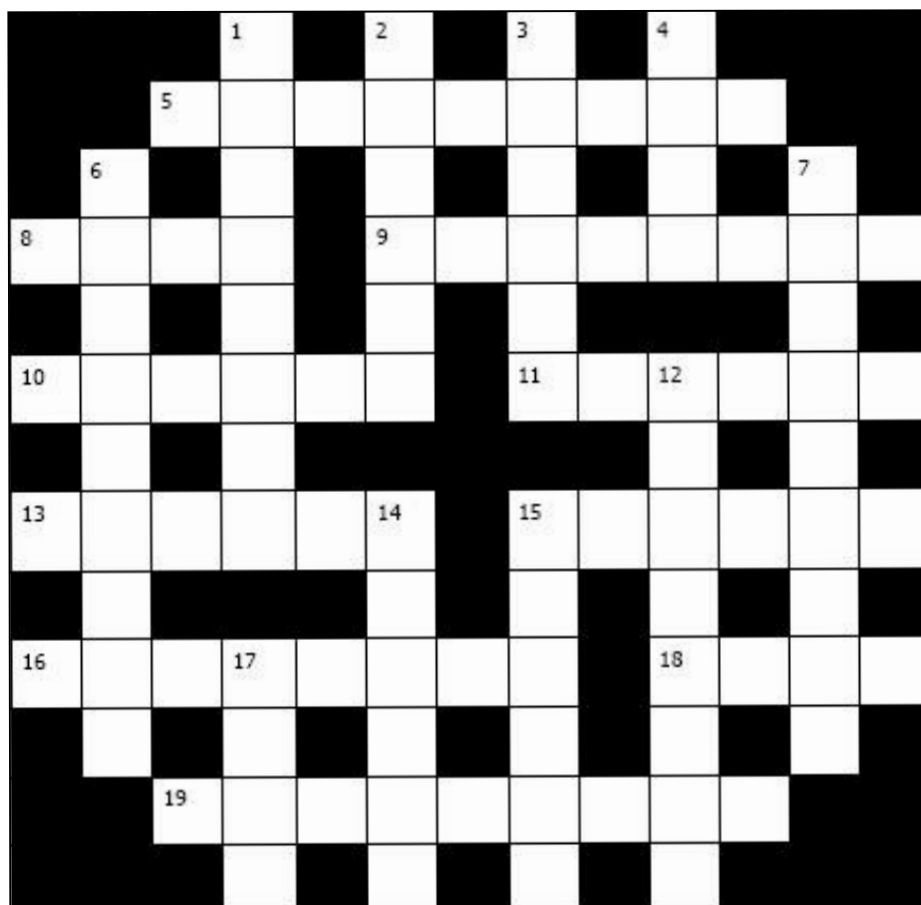
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### Across:

5. No. 10 racing out around 600 years ago. (9)  
8. A series of 10s before end of delicate pottery. (4)  
9. Electioneering with Unionist making way for associate - leading to Number 10?  
10. Loos, for example, after scouring-tablet. (6)  
11. Silk veneer covers wall at first. (6)  
13. Race - learner almost (almost!) crashed! (6)  
15. Pose with sailor? It comes with strings attached! (6)  
16. Show around journalist coming back for proof. (8)  
18. Brook runs poorly. (4)  
19. Southern border low - run for Number 10! (9)

### Down:

1. Glares at - wild? Yes! (8)  
2. De-clog house around middle of month? Yes! (6)  
3. Bit of endeavour (perhaps) with Latin? (6)  
4. Climbing in rabbit-run, it makes you cough (abbr.) (1,1,1,1)  
6. Hat for Number Ten? (9)  
7. Bargee tipsy with ale not very pleasant? Quite the opposite! (9)  
12. Spray the toilet for Number 10? (8)  
14. Run first marathon at ninety? A grandma extraordinaire! (6)  
15. Cooks at Mess? Yes! (6)  
17. Went up? That's low! (4)

### Brain teaser

Which animals are collectively known as a 'Gam'?

### Answers to No. 62:

- Across:** 5. Goddesses. 8. Opal. 9. Log canoe. 10. Frigga (gg = horse). 11. Selene. 13. Adonis. 15. Hestia. 16. Athletic. 18. Etui (limitless = without first & last letters). 19. Unwritten (TT = pledge-taker). **Down:** 1. Hooligan. 2. Adelia. 3. Usages. 4. Hera. 6. Aphrodite (recorded = sounds like. Afro dye + the without the h). 7. Bountiful. 12. Listener. 14. Satire. 15. Hecate. 17. Luna.

Answer to Brain Teaser: Whales and porpoises (a small gam is a 'pod')

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