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T'Owd Man's

September 2015

Mutterings

Bonsall's Favourite Dames

Open
The Carnival



Photo by Keith Bond



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

Happy autumn from Kara dear readers. And what does September bring to us at Bonsall? Not yet harvests and memorial and remembrance services, nor bonfires and plummeting temperatures. Instead the start of school for some very little people and a fresh start for those not so little. Some at Bonsall have had important and perhaps life changing exam results and are looking to a new start - also one planned and anticipated. But for all that promise and joy for some of us, it is not all promise and joy - many of us are making the best of a plan B; others would love nothing more than be able to turn the clock back. If we are fortunate we have those who support us and offer good advice and do not judge us by our mistakes or lost opportunities.

One of the things I love most about autumn, as do many of you I'm sure, are the colours. Yet they deceive us. They are loud colours, vibrant, full of energy and life, and yet they herald the opposite, the closing down (for a time at least), the slowing death, even regression and turning in rather than outwards. And maybe it is only us who have a few years under our belts can live this season to its full, appreciate its richness and subtleties beyond the obvious that is so dazzling to children.

I have found in church and other faith contexts that while spring fills us with energy and drive to get things done (this spring gone we finally sorted the repainting that has been on the agenda for St James for so

long). Summer allows us to simply enjoy the fruit of our labours and one another. It is autumn that gives rise to vision - who do we want to be,

what do we want to achieve, what direction are we going in or should we be? Well a bit of this year's vision you'll read about elsewhere in this edition of Mutterings under the title of 'Friends of St James' - vision and colour and vitality and energy before winter beckons us to a slower pace.

So enjoy the launch as part of the harvest weekend but plenty of September days before then for the new beginnings as well as reflection time on where we are, because even the stones on our way that might trip us up can instead be gathered to create something beautiful and meaningful. May your September be full of blessings even if some of them are not what you'd expected.

Kara K Werner

Wirksworth Team Ministry

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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 am
Mass and tea/coffee and biscuits
after the 10.30 am Mass.
All are welcome.

CHURCH DIARY

Month

St James

6 9.30 am Sanctuary
13 9.30 am Eucharist
20 11.00 am Morning Worship
27 8.30 am Eucharist

Advanced notice: Harvest Festival,
Sunday **October 4** at 9.30 am.

Village Life Church

Sunday

10:30am Morning Worship
10:30am UNO Sunday School
6:00pm Prayer Meeting

Tuesday 7:00pm Craft Club

Wednesday 7:00pm House group

Call in for coffee will be on Tuesday
29 September 10 am to 12 pm.
All welcome

Funday Family Sunday. Sunday
6 September 10 am to 11.30 am
followed by lunch.

Wesleyan Reform Chapel

Thanks to all who helped with and
supported the Well Dressing and
Flower Festival.

The well donations were £50 for
the Colin Bloomfield Melanoma
Appeal and the Flower Festival
donations were £350.

Sunday Services during September
are at 6.15 pm

Friday **18 September** 2.00–4.00 pm
Cuppa & Cake Afternoon

All are welcome to join with us.

Church Floodlighting

From September the Church will
again be floodlit. This month the
lighting will, for Phil and Ronnie,
bring memories of Granma and
Granddad Addis whose birthdays fell
in September. Ron Hardy is brought
to mind for Pam and all Ron's family,
particularly in the second week of
this month. The lighting celebrates,
during the third week of September,
the wedding anniversary of Margaret
and John Lownds. At the end of
the month Patrick Sewry is lovingly
remembered by all his family.

John Sewry

OBITUARY

Nancy Johnson

1935 to 2015

Nancy was born on March 18, 1935 and was an only child. She lived on Arter Hill in a one-bedroomed house with her parents, James and Mary Tym. They then moved to Puddle Hill. From a very early age, Nancy began doing her kind deeds as she used to take Norma to school when she was a little girl and Norma's grandma used to give her a handful of pennies for doing so. On leaving school, Nancy went to work at Masson Mill and not long after met Charlie, who used to ride over from Elton on his motorbike. They enjoyed many a holiday to the Isle of Man and Blackpool on their motorbike and side-car. Nancy and Charlie got married on March 19, 1955 and lived down Yeoman Street with her parents, where Barry was born on March 8, 1959. After a couple of years, they moved to 17 Church Street, where they lived for the rest of their lives. On February 7, 1962, Roy was born, followed by Wendy six years later.

Nancy was well-known in Bonsall as she worked at the school for 25 years and was a member of the Young Wives' Group until it finished. She enjoyed the coffee mornings at the Chapel and was a member of the School Foundation, and as we all know, the Church was a big part of Nancy's life. She would do anything for anybody and had a great many friends, who were a great help to her towards the end. The family would like to thank Peter and Brenda Greaves and Norma and Cliff Marshall – but words are just not enough to say how much they appreciate everything they have done for her.

Nancy was a massive lover of football – any football – but of course her main love was Manchester United, who she watched religiously. After losing Charlie, she joined the Wednesday Club at the Village Hall, where she'd meet up with her friends for a chat and a game of dominoes. She also loved a game of whist and regularly went with Val.

Nancy was very proud of her family – Barry and Karen, Roy, Jo and Wendy, and thought the world of her grandchildren, Kyle, Amelia, Jade and Kayleigh. She was a very precious mum and grandma to them all and she will be greatly missed by Nicola, Lewis, Jade and Nicole.

Wendy, Barry, Roy and other family members



Mothers Union

We are pleased to say that through the generosity of many people we are able to fund Rita in Uganda to go to university in September. To reduce the cost, she will not live-in but will rent a room and Peace will send her food once a fortnight by bus. She was so determined to do a law degree that we are really happy that we have managed to do this for her and at the end of five years she will get a well paid job which will enable her to help Peace in supporting the three children orphaned when their Mother (Peace's sister) died. Rachel, the elder, starts her final year in September, so come next May, she should find a job and our fundraising for her will be done. Our next meeting will be at Jane David's house on Puddle Hill, when the speaker will be Beryl Murdy who will talk about hearing dogs. Her husband has one and we hope all three will be there. We start at 7.45pm, with everyone welcome. The same day, Wednesday September 9, there will be soup and surprise pudding in the Village Hall at 1pm. We will miss Nancy who was always with us for her soup and pudding.

Di Moor

Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper will take place on Wednesday October 7 at 7 pm. Price £3.50 including a pudding. If you wish to come, please let Norma know by September 30 on 826350

Matlock Bath Fireworks Nights

The Carnival Committee would especially appreciate assistance with its stewarding of the Matlock Bath Illuminations. The Committee supports each firework night to earn several hundred pounds to underpin the following year's Bonsall Carnival. Can you spare an evening or two to help steward these events. They will take place every Saturday evening from 19 September through to Halloween night on 31 October. If you are willing to help, please call me on 0741 484 5925.

**Hazel Baldwin
Carnival Committee Chair.**

Racing and Football Results

Fun Run - Monday 27 July.

72 entrants. Youngest runners: William Graff and Max Atkinson, 6 years old.

Oldest runner: Brian Howitt, 80 years old.

Oldest Bonsall Runner, Mick Biggin years 71 old.

Two Laps: 1st Elsbeth Grant, Age 13, 2nd Finn Page, 3rd Andy Lessiter, 4th Stephen Lindridge, 5th Ricky Wood (Slaley). Well done Ricky.

One Lap: Children U16: 1st Joseph Clarke, 2nd Michaela Dick, 3rd Eddie Unsworth, 4th Ted Phillips. First Bonsall associated runner was Dan Brown followed by Henry Frost.

Wheelbarrow Race - Wednesday 29 July.

6 entrants. 1st Mick and Bert Boam who received the cup, 2nd Todd Webster and Harvey Ellis, 3rd Laurie and Fred Butler, 4th Dan Brown and Liam Bednall, 5th Josh Taylor and Elliot Poplar, 6th Sam Land and Jamie Williams.

Bike Race - Thursday 30 July.

5 entrants. 1 lap Childrens Race: 1st Henry Frost, awarded the Mill Tyres (Fox) Cup, 2nd Elliot Poplar, 3rd Josh Taylor.

Ewan Ross and Joe Daisley completed in the 2 lap Adults Race.

Five-a-side Football Competition - Finals Friday 31 July

1st and winners of the Herbie Massey Cup - Birds and Books, Runners up – Bonsall Bombers, 3rd The Young Ones and 4th Bonsall Warriors.

**Leigh Johnson
Bonsall Carnival Committee**

T'Owd Man's Treasure Hunt

Congratulations to the Allsop family who won this year's T'Owd Man's Treasure Hunt. The unique reward was a painting by graphic designer and illustrator, Jonathan Ogilvie. Jonathan has created a water-colour of his favorite Bonsall view and



Photo Wendy Bullar

Jonathan Ogilvie with T'Owd Man's treasure

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featured T'Owd Man in a hot-air balloon. High quality prints of this art work are now available; perhaps for a special gift. Send your enquiry to Jonathon by emailing kayj@ogilvie55.plus.com.



Photo: Jayne Allsop

'The winning Allsop team with their treasure

During his time in Bonsall, Jonathan has designed and illustrated The Bonsall Map, the Eyam Map and the Bonsall History Trail Leaflets. He is now working on a series of posters and cards of Bonsall and other Derbyshire villages. Visit www.eyebrightdesign.co.uk to see more of his recent work. The Carnival Committee would like to offer a big thank you to Jonathon for his generous contribution, to Verna and Russell Stanley for compiling this year's Treasure Hunt Trail and to Nick Briggs and the staff at Generate Print and Design in Sheffield for donating the colour printed clue sheets.

Wendy Bullar

History Group

After a break for the summer, the History Group is meeting on Tuesday September 8 at 7.30 pm in the Kings Head. With

good sales of the second edition of the Bonsall History Book and also the six history walking guides, we are gathering funds for a new book – Bonsall Within Living Memory. This is still at a very early stage, so please come along if you would like to contribute your ideas or just to see what's involved. If you've recently moved to Bonsall, don't be shy – you'll be made very welcome. For further information please get in touch with **Peter Fellows** on 825267.

Rectory Room Craft Evening

We are planning another fun session of making in the Rectory Room on Wednesday 14 October from 7–9pm ish! You can either bring an ongoing project or come with an idea of what you would like to do. It could be anything but we tend to use and reuse material, wool etc. We will also bring the resources to 'have a go' at something on the night if you are lost for ideas. No previous experience necessary, it's like playschool for adults! In other sessions we have made bunting, rugs, wreaths and mobiles. On offer, coffee, tea or something stronger, a nibble and a relax in good company. Do come along and join us. Phone Marion Heasman at The Queens Head on 821816 or Jeanette Moss on 826557 to book a place as we are limited to about ten places and also to let us know what you would like to do. I look forward to seeing you there.

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Where the Red Grouse call (A walk along Derwent Edge above LadyBower)

By Nick Cummings

We start this time
From the scene of a crime
Cutthroat bridge for a murder
Now famed

Was there remorse
For the poor bloody corpse
Does anyone
Remember his name?

Dark thoughts aside
We turn to our guide
Cross the bridge
And stride out to the Moor

A gentle incline
Will suit us just fine
Highshaw Clough and then
Whinstone lee Tor.

High on the Tor
Rewarded once more
With a view to the
Water below

Stare off to the distance
And forget in an instant
All the worries and
Cares that you know.

The wind blasts our face
And steadies our pace
As we pick our way North
On the Edge

The rocks here have names
Shaped by wind blast and rain
The 'Wheel stones'
Are just up ahead.

Passing them by
'White Tor' framed by sky
Cloudless today
Is the promise

Climbing again
Our legs take the strain
The effort refreshing
And honest.

Take a look back
To the left of the track
The 'Salt Cellar' boulder
Stands tall

A testament fine
To the passing of time
Standing guard
Where the Red Grouse call.

Up here in the Heather
The Grouse band together
It's spring
And there's work to be done

The Red Headed Male
Will try not to fail
A mother
To carry his young.

The 'Dovestone' ahead
And beyond 'Cakes of Bread'
Towards 'Back Tor'
And 'Lost Lad'

The track Climbs and falls
As we listen to calls
Of a Buzzard
Lamenting and Sad.

Past 'Bradfield gate'
The summit awaits
A trig point
To map and to measure

We pass down below
To 'Green stitches' we go
The Sun finally breaks
At its leisure.

We pass the grouse Butts
'Deep Clough's' muddy ruts
Broken walls
Are marking the way

Down 'Briery Side '
Where the Derwent abides
The fishermen
Casting their day.

We turn at the bridge
And climb the low ridge
Through trees back to where
We began

Twelve miles have gone by
In the blink of an eye
And you know
We'll do this again.

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Exciting News!
The refurbishment of
the Lounge is due to
be completed by the
end of September
(fingers crossed!)



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26 September

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Carnival Roundup



This year's Carnival was, by many accounts, a true success. About Carnival Day, one villager said that she laughed the whole day through. The fun was greatly heightened by the way that people took part in events from the fancy dress and dog show, to the rope challenge and of course the ducking stool. Thank you to everyone who joined in to make the week a genuine celebration of community spirit. Thank you too, to all the children and adults who creatively



contrived to weave an evening of magic with lanterns, music and fire; we appreciate your skill and imagination.

Although the preparations can get a bit hectic, the village should be very proud of what can be achieved by working together towards this shared goal.

Britannia Fireworks, you make the stars in the Bonsall firmament. The whole team volunteer for the evening and give us the most stunning orchestration of light, colour, sound and music for a perfect firework drama.

Big 'Thank yous' should also go to those who came forward to help out with the more mundane 'back room' tasks of the week. Your support is totally invaluable, however, if a few more people could offer a hand, the unseen workload of the Carnival could be greatly lightened and its continuation in the village would be assured.

Carnival Committee

Photos by Alistair Hamilton and Thomas Curzon

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Carnival novelty dog event winners, judged by dog trainer and Cruft's judge, Annette Lowe:

Waggiest tail:

1st Casper, a Chihuahua owned by Mikey,
2nd Monty a spaniel owned by Caroline,
3rd Rusty owned by Tom

Best behaved pair:

1st Inca with Anthony and Charlotte,
2nd Skye a working cocker spaniel owned by Mel,
3rd Bo a working cocker spaniel owned by Jacqueline.

Best trick:

1st Bertie the terrier, owned by Olly, for his skateboarding,
2nd Bella a retriever owned by Dave,
3rd Monty a spaniel owned by Caroline.

Best six legs:

Skye and owner Mel.

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Teams of Bonsall youngsters and their adult lined up for the first ever 'It's a Rock Out' on carnival Wednesday evening. Each team had one person in a barrow and one person pushing, taking turns to swap over with the third team member for each of the events depending on their size. Kitted out in safety gear, including a slightly waterproof cagoule for the adults, the first event was underway with a procession around the stadium armed with paint soaked sponges. As the teams got to grips with handling the precision wheelbarrows, their speed increased and they hurtled past the target and scored their first points.

The second round involved the teams being armed with water guns and lined up opposite three targets. The majority of the (rather wise) Bonsall audience had for some reason located themselves beyond the range of the weapons, but we are pleased to report that the intended targets were hit along with the plastic cups on their poles (for which the teams received more points). Next the adult team members got to relax in a chair while the teams raced backwards and forwards filling up pint glasses located on the head of their adult (with water!). For some reason, which we haven't quite worked out, there was considerable spillage and thank heavens for the almost waterproofs.

To ensure some fairness, Waterboarding the Kids (well at least some of them) was the next event. The adults propelled one of their crew at surprising speed down to a large water-filled tub for the victim to stick their head in and retrieve a sponge, followed by a race to fetch a dummy from a plate of flour. No hands were allowed and we were surprised how much flour and water were consumed – had any of the kids had their tea?

The last event was upon us: the adults had another chance to sit down and relax while holding a couple of balloons – what could be so difficult about that? The rest of the team collected plates full of squirry cream and had to score points by hitting the balloons by throwing their plates from their barrows. They were really good shots and the balloons remained mainly unscathed. We have heard rumours that there is a wonderful picture of the cream all over Lorraine... Well done Josh and Erin and their team – they were the first ever winners and received honorary Red Barrows T-shirts.

The teams were as follows:

Red Team: Ben, Abbie and Jackie – for some reason Ben and Abbie were most successful at missing the cup on top of Jackie's head;

Black Team: Lucy, Charlotte and Joseph – precision waterboarding with big brother at the helm;

Green Team: Bailey, Phoebe and Michelle – excellent pouring-water-over-the-adult skills;

Yellow Team: Laurie, Fred and Daisy – completely committed to mayhem and mess – setting a standard for next year

White Team: Freya, James and Jo – a brilliant display of derring-do ... heroic and courageous in every event

Blue Team: Josh, Erin and Lorraine – full marks in target practice and then throwing the creamy plates at Lorraine – brilliant

A tremendous turn out and huge thanks to all the teams who participated, to the Red Barrows and to Ted for use of his sound equipment. Here's to more mischief next year. Cheers

Mark Sobey

Village Hall AGM

The Village Hall Annual General Meeting is to be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 23 September at 7.30 pm. This is an open meeting that anybody can attend. New members of the Village Hall Committee are required and are welcomed.

Chris Broome
Secretary, Bonsall Village Hall Committee

Abbie Mellor's Macmillan Coffee Morning

Abbie Mellor would like to thank everyone who came to her Macmillan coffee morning on the 17 August at the Village Hall.

Abbie is 12 years old and decided to hold a Macmillan coffee morning. She sent off for her pack a couple of weeks ago and it was delivered last week. I was thinking she'd organize it in a few weeks time, but Abbie being Abbie and very headstrong, decided on Monday 17 (once Abbie has her mind set in something, it has to happen there and then). So she's been very busy making posters to put around the village, invitations delivered to people and put on Facebook and she asked the locals if they'd donate cakes and raffle prizes, which all paid off as she managed to raise £307.20. So we'd just like to say thank you to everyone for coming and for your lovely cakes, donated raffle prizes



Sally-Ann and Abbie

that we received. She wouldn't have been able to do it without you. Thank you.

Also a big thank you to Ron and Phil Addis for helping to set up, Norma Marshall for helping Abbie, and Marion Heasman for the lovely tea set.

Sally-Ann Gratton

Friends of St James' Church and Churchyard Launch Day

In June's Mutterings, we reported plans to set up a Friends of St James' Church and Churchyard group with the aim to encourage and promote interest in, and appreciation of, St James' Church and Churchyard and to help support their maintenance, preservation and development for the benefit of all who live, work or visit Bonsall. We aim to do this by:

- inviting people to become Friends of St James' Church and Churchyard
- developing a programme of events and activities
- raising funds
- supporting and working with the School, the Parish Council, the Mothers' Union, the Bell-ringers, the Bonsall History Group, the Carnival Committee and other village groups.

Membership is open to anyone who wishes to support and promote the aim of the group and whilst there is no membership fee, of course we would welcome donations, and especially

offers of help and involvement in various activities across the year.

In this issue of Mutterings we are very pleased to tell you about our launch event – you might like to clear your diary for a day of activities based in the Church and around the Churchyard on Saturday October 3. Come and see the newly-decorated interior of the Church (with thanks for a generous donation that has made this possible) and join us in a programme of activities throughout the day. Details of the full programme will follow but we are planning to start the day with coffee, croissants and some 'And – relax... Welcome to the Weekend' music (to become a monthly event).

Family activities throughout the day including:

- Art workshops and 'have a go' sessions: draw, daub and dabble
- Bird-box building (for home or the Churchyard) to be followed up during the year with bird-spotting and surveying sessions
- 'Wander and Ponder' – listen to dramatic readings of our popular First World War poetry trail
- Craft workshops: Willow sculpture (with a view to making large 3D structures for an aerial exhibition space high in the Church) and stained glass making – be inspired by St James' stained glass windows and recreate their beauty with your own acetate and paper creations
- Bell-ringing: try your hand – and climb the tower to see the Bonsall bells and the view over the village from the top
- Learn about the architecture and history of the Church: can you find Bonsall's imp? Have you seen the knight's helmet? Just which one is the flattened-ogee Tudor window? Where are the crocketed pinnacles? What on earth is an ornamented squint?
- Help to prepare information sheets about the Church for visitors based on the great work of the pupils from the School
- Find out how the churchyard is managed and maintained and appreciate the rich variety of flora and fauna; see where the nuthatches build their nest; think about how you might contribute to the upkeep of this lovely spot
- Help decorate the Church (surrounded by fields, sheep and cattle) for Harvest thanksgiving and learn about flower arranging



Norma Marshall, Abbie, Linda Cauldwell and Meredith Bunting enjoy the coffee morning

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- See the 70 decorated kneelers, many telling the story of Bonsall people and places, and have a go at some tapestry work
- If you play the piano or organ, come and try St James' organ
- Learn about the Mothers' Union link with and support of friends overseas
- Photography for a fundraising cards or a calendar

End the day with the lovely, quiet, ancient service of Compline.

Refreshments will be available throughout the day; music will be playing; there will be a suggestions box for future ideas. Or perhaps just come and have a break and a chat about how, together, we might develop St James' Church and Churchyard as a vibrant, special place for everyone who lives in or visits Bonsall.

The full programme to follow – keep an eye on the telegraph poles and for a leaflet through your door later in September. And we hope to see you on Saturday October 3. Any questions, comments or offers of help, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Alistair Hamilton, David Kirkham, Phil Heasman, Rev Kara Werner

Park Bottom Working Group

As many people in Bonsall are now aware, the Parish Council is hoping to make improvements to the Lorry Park and has created the Park Bottom

Working Group to coordinate those efforts. Discussions are at a very early stage and no significant work can be done until a decision is made about the lease of the land by the church (the current owners) to the District Council (the current lessee). The existing lease is about to end and so all planning is at present on hold.

The Parish Council would welcome any input about plans for the Lorry Park from users and Bonsall residents. Some useful information was given by Lorry Park users at the meeting on 18 August. The next meeting to discuss proposals, plans and concerns will be on Tuesday 15 September at 6.45 pm in the Village Hall. Anybody who cannot attend the meeting but would like to contribute to the discussions can contact Ron Addis (Chair of the Park Bottom Working Group) on 826309 or by e-mail to phil.addis@btinternet.com

Tour of Britain Bike Race

On Friday 11 September the Tour of Britain bike race will pass through the Peak District, from the start in Stoke-on-Trent to Nottingham's Forest Recreation Ground. Bikes will pass through Matlock and Cromford at the following approximate times: A615 Causeway Lane between 13:30 and 13.50

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Thank You

A big thank you to those who contributed to the fund in memory of Joan Mellor, which totals £274.30. The donations will go to Matlock Hospital's League of Friends. Again, many thanks.

Jenny, Charles and family.

Any volunteers?

Many of you have extensive networks of family and friends. Could you pass on this information about the Cinnamon Trust? They have been brilliant, and still are, in getting Paddy (Atkinson) out on a regular basis. Edythe and I really appreciate their help.

Claire Taylor

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According to the High Peak News the fighting in September 1915 took place in Bonsall. Sisters Miss Sarah Fern, 48, and Miss Fanny Fern, 49, of Church Street were the subject of a complaint for using improper language by Mrs Annie Gratton on 28 August. The local Police Constable Barker served a summons on them to appear in court but they pushed the paperwork into the fire and rammed it down with a poker and made use of most filthy expressions.

Accordingly a warrant was issued and Sergeant Aves assisted PC Barker in arresting the two women as they had locked themselves in their house and apparently intended remaining there. All mild measures from the police failed and persuasion was met by defiance. Eventually PC Barker gained an entrance into the house through an open window, and then Sergeant Aves gave a hand and the women were brought out and arrested. Mr Young's trap was requisitioned to take them down to Matlock. They threatened the officer with all kinds of dire things, and there was great excitement. When the trap reached Matlock in the evening a crowd soon gathered to see the women taken into the lockup. Their conduct was extremely wild and they talked continuously. A Special Court was arranged to deal with the accused the next day. Their excitement was intense all the way, and when they were got into the room where the hearing was to take place they shouted and used threats and improper language without ceasing. The noise was distracting. At eleven o'clock Mr Tom Wright and Mr C S Anthony took their seats as the magistrates to try the case. The Assistant Clerk of the Court, Mr J S Potter, read out the summons. This brought a storm of words from the women.

The Chairman of the Court (Mr Tom Wright) called out sternly:
"Will you keep quiet."

The women: "We are were not going to be called-----"

The Chairman : "It will be worse for you if you don't keep quiet."

Clerk: "Stand up."

Chorus: "We shall do where we are."

The Chairman: "Which is Fanny Fern?"

Supt. Clarke: "That one is" (pointing)

One of the women: "No, it is not. You know too much."

The Clerk: "Sarah Fern, listen to me .."

Sarah Fern: "No."

The information was then read, but nothing could be heard owing to the conduct of the women. Eventually the Clerk asked Sarah if she was guilty?

Both replied: "We are not guilty"

The Clerk: "Neither are guilty?"

Sarah Fern: "No. I have done nothing amiss. Only she (Mrs Gratton) said she would smash my head in on Saturday."

The Chairman: "Hold your noise."

Supt Clarke: "Just be quiet."

One of the accused said: "She came and knocked me down"

Sergt Aves: "Be quiet."

P.C. Barker was then sworn and his evidence was given, not without difficulty owing to a running fire of exclamations from the accused. He said he went to see them and they still repeated the language, and it was most filthy.

One of the accused: "Oh, what a lie, Barker."

The other: "Yes it's a lie."

Supt. Clarke: "Is that a sample of the language" (handing the officer a paper)?

P. C. Barker: "It is."

One of the women here called out: "I did burn it."

P. C. Barker: "We arrested the women on Friday and their language all the way from Bonsall to Matlock was most filthy."

Both of the accused: "Thee art a liar."

One of the women; "I did snatch them out of thy hand and put it on the fire. Didn't I tell you to go out of the house? What did'st say to me? What did'st thou say last night? It's a lie thee art swearing about it. Filthy language --- why, thou tells as many lies as thee can."

The Chairman: "Hold your noise, you foolish woman."

Mrs Gratton, a neighbour, gave evidence that she sent her little boy with three bottles of herb beer and Sarah

Fern hit him on the top of the head and the boy came home crying and said she had smashed the bottles. She went to see what they had done, and Fanny ran at her with a knife. She got hold of her.

Accused in unison: "Thee art a liar."

The Chairman told the police to stop them from interrupting.

She added that the language of the women was not fit for anything.

Chorus from the accused: "Thee art a liar. Thee'rt none but an old lying ----- thee art."

Another witness, Mrs Ellen Woodiwiss, wife of Mr Woodiwiss, of Green Hill, Bonsall, corroborated as to the bad language used by the women on the occasion named. She said she remembered about 10.30 on the Saturday she was at Greenhill at her brother's house and she heard the language.

One of the accused: "We were in bed then."

Witness said the language was unfit to hear.

The Chairman: "Very well. (Addressing the accused) Do you wish to say anything to the magistrates?"

Both: "No." but the accused continued their unruly conduct, and one of them said one of the witnesses hit her and pushed her across the yard and hit her on the head.

Both accused added: "We were in bed by 7.30".

The disturbance continued while the Chairman asked if anything was known of them.

Mr Potter said on 7 July 1915, for case of assault, they were bound over in £5 to keep the peace and they had broken their bond for that in less than two months.

Against Sarah Fern there were five previous convictions four of which were for improper language and one for common assault. The last time she was fined it was 10s and 7s costs. As to Fanny Fern, there were three previous convictions for improper language the last being April 14 1914.

The chairman: "You were bound over in £5 to keep the peace, and you have broken that bond. We now order you to pay 35s each or go to gaol for a month."

Accused: "We have not got it". One of them added: "I have not 35 pence".

The Chairman: "Under the circumstances we allow no time for the money to be paid".

The removal of the accused was, like the rest of the scenes, turbulent. They were taken to Derby gaol by the 1.48 pm. train.

Peter Greaves

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Parish Council Report

The Parish Council met in the Village Hall on Tuesday 18 August at 7.30pm. Robert Rowan, Programme Manager for Digital Derbyshire attended the meeting to provide some information on the roll-out of fibre broadband to rural areas and in particular the take-up in the village. The cabinet providing the fibre broadband in the village is live and is currently servicing 300 premises; the lowest speed is 20mg highest is 80mg. Digital Derbyshire get a payback from BT for all the people who subscribe to the service which helps to extend the programme. Robert encouraged everyone to consider signing up for the service to extend and improve what is on offer – you can do this via your internet service provider and further information is available elsewhere in this issue.

Concerns were raised once again by residents about traffic around the Park and potentially dangerous parking at the top of Clatterway. The Parish Council will contact Cllr. Ratcliffe to arrange another site visit. In the meantime can all residents be extra vigilant about not parking around the Park where it might cause a hazard for children coming out of the Park or reduce visibility for oncoming traffic.

There is due to be a consultation on proposed waiting restrictions on Water Lane in Cromford. Please look out for more details being posted on the Derbyshire County

Council website – this is an important issue which will affect residents. The problems with the footpath at Warmside and the road surface at Bankside are being addressed and the surfaces should be improved soon.

There are reports of knotweed occurring around the village. Please note that any landowner encountering knotweed on their property is responsible for ensuring it's safe removal; it is a problem that can only be resolved if everyone take responsibility for it. If anyone has had problems as a result of the street light being turned off on Uppertown Lane by the Camp, please contact one of your councillors.

From next year, Bonsall Parish Council will be making grants of up to £500 to village organisations that are doing projects to benefit residents and a grant form is available on the website or as a printed copy from the Clerk. Please contact us for more information. Also from next year the Parish Council will be setting up an action plan. Please have a chat with one of the Councillors if you have ideas and suggestions about what the Parish Council could take on.

Finally the Parish Council is still looking for a cleaner to take on the toilet cleaning contract. We'd be grateful if you could spread the word.

Catherine Rawas

Clerk to Bonsall Parish Council
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If you have any concerns or requests of the Parish Council, they should ideally be raised in Public Participation section of the monthly meeting.

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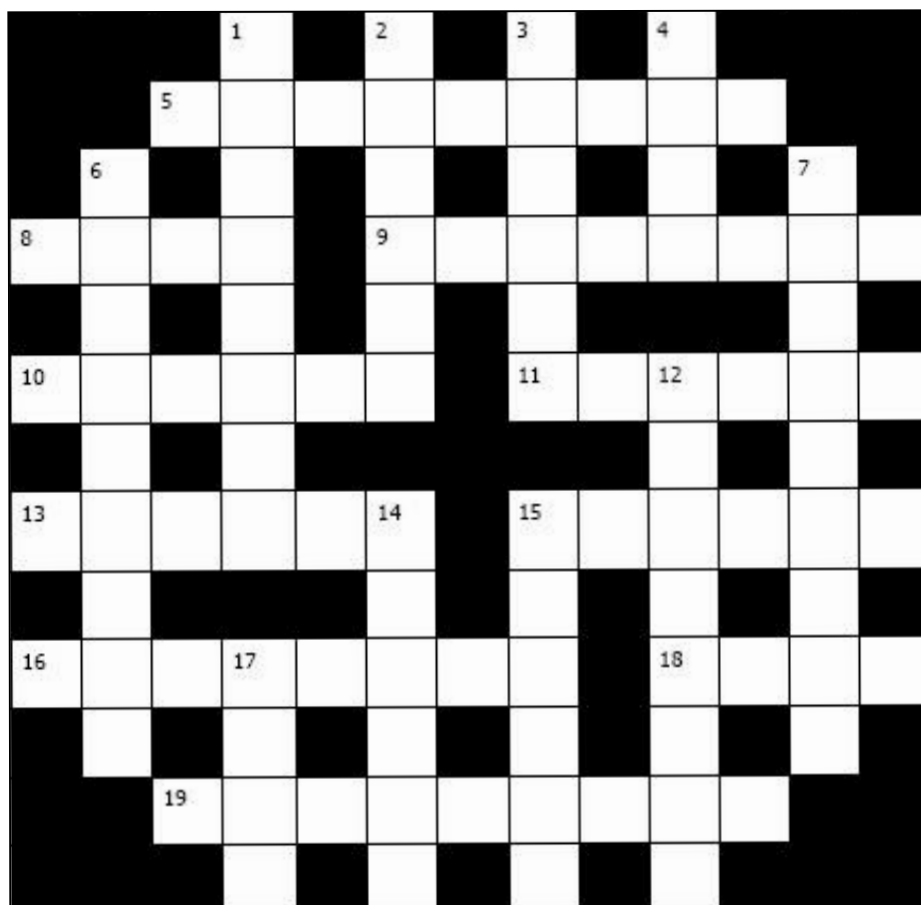
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CROSSWORD No 65



Across:

5. 15 arrived on first of May with Muppet! (9)
 8. Loaf about, little one. (4)
 9. 15. Depression envelops troops lacking information. (8)
 10. Amend notice only. (6)
 11. Modify anger. (6)
 13. All fingers and thumbs, first drops it, grabs it, then finally holds. (6)
 15. Little one found in borders of garden in empty city and extreme environment. (6)
 16. 15. Cook cherishes, almost. (8)
 18. Eurovision Contest group from East and West. (4)
 19. 15. Box found in Filers' Centre. (9)

Down:

1. 15. Hot? Everyone (me first) in agreement in Paris. (8)
 2. Mugabe (i.e.) posed about with model. (6)
 3. Ruptured? Rubs at massage is the answer. (6)
 4. 15 found going back in their boat. (4)
 6. Wild thing, do go - bye-bye! (9)
 7. 15. Wise race. (4,5)
 12. Same action traps insect for big 15s!
 14. Fling with German inside workshop (6)
 15. Inside Council of Europe he is Spanish - Manchego, perhaps? (6)
 17. Seasoned sailor? (4)

Collective nouns

What are a group of jays called?

Answers to crossword no. 64:

Across: 5. Pygmalion. 8. & 4d. King John. 9. Stranger. 10. Reward. 11. Sorrow. 13. Stasis. 15. Canary. 16. Snapbrim. 18. Game. 19. Candidate. **Down:** 1. Rye grass. 2. Amused. 3. Flares. 4. See 8a. 6. Diverting (setter has = I've). 7. Melodrama. 12. Renegade. 14. Stride. 15. Comedy. 17. Play.

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