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T'Owd Man's Mutterings

**Ruby Gratton would like to wish
a Merry Christmas and a Happy New
Year to all her family and friends**

*Wishing family, friends and
neighbours a Merry Christmas
and happy New Year.
Pam Hardy*

***Happy Xmas and best
wishes for 2016 from
Pete and Wendy***

*Charlie and Sonia
Webster wish all their
friends and neighbours
a very Happy Xmas
and a great New Year*

**Wishing all our
friends and neighbours
a Merry Christmas and
a healthy and happy New Year.
Rosie and Jim Martin**

*Best wishes for Christmas and
the New Year to all our friends
and neighbours. Ken and Gill*

*Happy Christmas wishes and a peaceful
New Year to all my friends and
neighbours. Also a big thank you for
your help and support during 2015.*

Love Claudine

***To family, neighbours and
friends, a blessed Christmas
and peaceful New Year.
Love Beryl Webster***

*Marjorie, Ron and Andrew
would like to wish all good
friends and neighbours
a Merry Christmas and
a happy peaceful New
Year for 2016.*

**Wishing you
a Happy Christmas
and loads of Good
Wishes for the New
Year. Pat & Phil.**

Merry Christmas



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

God spoke, "Let there be light!"
Yes, even in the darkest night.
The Light became the Life of all,
God's gift of love to those who call
Upon His name believing, trusting,
Forgiveness from His hand receiving
Love, joy, peace and heaven assured;
Take note, it's written in His Word.
His gift of love, given just for you;
Fresh & new, for each day too!

As I watched the news and saw the people in Paris relighting candles that had been extinguished by the rain, I recalled words from John's Gospel chapter 1. The following is from J.B Phillips translation "At the beginning God expressed Himself. That personal expression, that word, was with God and was God, and He existed with God from the beginning. All creation took place through Him, and none took place without Him. In Him appeared life and this life was the light of mankind. The light still shines in the darkness and the darkness has never put it out."



Amidst all the darkness of evil in our world today, the Light still shines. God is present among the darkness, sharing the hurt, the sorrow, the pain, the sickness, reaching out in love and mercy. His justice will prevail.

As we approach Christmas and then a New Year, we can do so confidently as we put our faith and trust in the 'best Christmas gift' ever - the Lord Jesus Christ, given in love by God our Father and delivered to our minds and hearts, through His Word by the Holy Spirit. We do not know what lies ahead but God does and so we can trust Him confidently knowing that He will supply all our needs. He assures us of this as we watch the sparrows. One little sparrow may fall to the ground, but God sees and knows. Jesus said we are worth more than many sparrows, even the hairs on our heads are all numbered (read Matthew chapter 10 verses 29 - 31). So as you share Christmas with family, friends and neighbours and perhaps approach the New Year with apprehension, may I encourage you to trust in God. Please join us at St James, the Village Life Church or at The Dale Chapel during the Christmas season and on through the New Year. May the Lord bless you and keep you in His peace and joy.

Judy Land

Catholic Church Services

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Contact Fr. Joseph Keogh
(01773 743336)

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Sacrament of Reconciliation - Fridays
6.30-7 pm, Saturdays 10.30-11 am,
Adoration Thursdays and Fridays
7 am - 11 pm

Contact Fr. Bernard Needham
(582804)

There is a fortnightly newsletter listing ongoing events.

On Sundays breakfast is available in the church hall after the 8.30 Mass and tea/coffee and biscuits after the 10.30 Mass. All are welcome.

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St James

December

6 9.30 am Sanctuary
13 9.30 am Eucharist
17 7.00 pm Carol Service
20 11.00 am Morning Worship
25 9.30 am Eucharist,
Christmas morning

January

3 9.30 am Epiphany Praise
10 9.30 am Eucharist
17 11.00 am Morning Worship
24 8.30 am Eucharist
31 9.30 am Candlemass Eucharist

Village Life Church

December

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

Festive Funday Sunday

Sunday 13 December
10:30-11.30 am followed by lunch.

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 20 December 6:00 pm followed by refreshments.

Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel (The Dale)

Thanks to all who generously contributed to the Harvest Supper and the Harvest Sale. £340 was sent to the Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity.

Services during December alternate between 2.30 and 6.15 pm commencing Sunday 6 December at 2.30 pm.

Carol Service Sunday 20 December 2.30 pm followed by a cuppa & cake.

Christmas Cuppa & Cake Friday 18 December 2.00 - 4.00 pm

Services during January are at 2.30 pm commencing with a special New Year service on Sunday 4 January.

All are welcome to join with us.

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

December

The lighting this month brings to mind Mary Potter for Stephen and Trish and family coupled with thoughts of Arthur, whose birthday was November 5th. The 16th has memories of their uncle Peter for Nathan and Emily Taylor. David and Julie and families remember at this time, especially on the 18th and on January 2nd, their parents Dennis and Jean Allsop. The 24th of December brings special thoughts of Peter Hall to Nellie and family on this his birthday. 24th December is also the birthday of Nancy Mellors, who is in the thoughts of her husband, Ted. This special time of year has loving memories of Connor Fellows for all his family. Christmas is a time when Alice Land and family think lovingly of Jeff, Annie and Albert. This season also has special family memories for Louis Pearson.

January

The New Year brings special memories of Harold for Dorinda and family. The second

week of the month brings to mind Auntie Olive for Norma and Cliff. The third week of January is when Peter and Wendy think of Gwen and Jack Fellows. At this time also Harry Ingledew and Granddad Lownds are fondly remembered by Margaret Lownds and her family. Joan Mellors' birthday, 16th January, is remembered through the lighting by Jenny and her family. Richard and Kath Taylor have thoughts at this time of Kath's parents and brother Keith, especially on the 20th and through to February 2nd. Janet, Daphne, Ron and Peter all have thoughts of Bill and Winnie Gregory, particularly on the 27th of the month. Always in the thoughts of their family are Nora and Herman Martin. Loving remembrances come especially from Janet, Christine, June and Michael. January 31st was the birthday of Hilda Morris. Through the lighting she is lovingly remembered by Rita, Rachael and Danny and by her sister Eunice.

John Sewry

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Here We Come A-Wassailing!* Carol Singing Around Bonsall



This year, aside from services in the School and in Bonsall's churches – or even aside from the carols sung or whistled in the privacy of your own home, on the bike, while out walking or in the car – two community village carol singing events are being planned:

- **Tuesday December 15 in the King's Head.** Derbyshire village carols – come and learn to sing traditional Derbyshire carols led by Ian Russell (renowned collector, transcriber, publisher and teacher of traditional Derbyshire and Sheffield folk carols <http://www.villagecarols.org.uk/>). Bring your voices, instruments, enthusiasm and thirsts! Watch out for posters on the telegraph poles for details of the time.
- **Monday December 21 at 6pm:** carol singing our way round the village – gathering near The Fountain we plan to walk up Yeoman Street, stop to sing around The Cross, carry on up High Street, around Uppertown and finish

somewhere around (or in!) The Barley Mow. Again everybody welcome: please bring your own lanterns, drums, shakers, violins, trumpets, penny whistles, sousaphones, crumhorns, flutes, tambourines, shakers, triangles, gloves, hats, snow-shoes and especially your hale and hearty voices!

For more information please contact **Phil or Marion Heasman: 821816**

*wassail

NOUN

1. A salutation wishing health to a person, used in England in early times when presenting a cup of drink or when drinking to the person.
2. A festivity or revel with drinking of healths.
3. Liquor for drinking and wishing health to others on festive occasions, especially spiced ale, as on Christmas Eve and Twelfth-night.
4. Archaic. a song sung in wassailing.

VERB

5. To revel with drinking

LETTERS

Dear Editors,

On Saturday night/Sunday morning, November 14–15, Bonsall was the target of thieves and they broke into my car and stole some keys. One key is a Skoda car key on a clock garage key fob and to replace it will take three weeks at a cost of £130. Can I appeal through Mutterings for people to keep a lookout for it? The police have found other items I believe from various locations so it may turn up. The police informed me that they have someone locked up and charged with the incident who is known to them.

If you find the key please ring me on 07920 844 017 or visit Annadale on Bankside. Reward.

P.S. I hope all the other victims of this lowlife mob get their belongings returned. Thanks

Philip Bond

WHAT'S ON

December In Kings Head

- 4 Whiskey Tasting Night**
£15.00 per head including snacks
- 11 Winsters Guisers** 9pm
- 15 Carol Singing Evening**
- 18 Live Music from Pete McRae**
from 9 pm
- 26 Karaoke with Tony**
- 31 New Years Eve Party**
Live music to see out December and fancy dress (optional)

Christmas Fayre being served from December 1. Bookings essential

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Thank You

The Editors would like to say a big 'Thank You' to Charlotte Harris, who has helped edit Mutterings throughout her college course. She has now found her first job and we wish her well in her career.

Editors

Bonsall Christmas Tree of Memories

At St James Church on Saturday 12 December from 2-4 pm.

Tree decorations and labels for your personal messages are provided at £1 each. Please come along and help to dress Bonsall's Christmas tree in memory of loved ones. Everyone welcome. Refreshments provided.

If anyone has a rooted Christmas tree they do not wish to plant after the festive season, Mick Biggin will be pleased to plant it in the Churchyard to grow on for use by the village or Church in the future. Please contact Mick on 823223 or further details from Claudine on 824279

Village Hall Autumn Fair

Thanks to everybody who contributed to the fair on Saturday 7 November, including stallholders, people who made donations of money or gifts/items for sale/raffle prizes and contributors. The contributors include all those who purchased 255 lucky number squares from me prior to the fair, raising £255. With squares sold on the day a total of £291 was raised. The three winners in the lucky whisky square draw were Colette Dewhurst (No. 32), Linda Cauldwell (No. 232) and Mick Boam (No. 101). The attendance at the fair was an improvement raising £282.04. However, with donations the useful overall amount of £644.04 was raised. To be able

to keep down the rental hire cost for village organisations and villagers we need to do even better than this.

Leigh Johnson

Treasurer and Trustee, Bonsall Village Hall Committee

Cameron Orr Selected

Cam was thrilled to hear last month that he had been accepted onto the British Cycling Mountain Bike XC Olympic Academy Programme. I'm sure lots of residents will have seen him out training every day in all weathers and his hard work has certainly paid off. Cam knows he has a tough road ahead but is excited by this opportunity to work with the best of British coaches and learn from experienced professional riders at the regular training camps he attends. Thank you to all who have encouraged



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him on his development journey from whippersnapper to young athlete.

Cam would be really glad to hear from anyone who might have a corner of a field they would be willing to let him use to practice his skills close to home. Balancing A-level studies with training is always difficult and to have somewhere close by that he could use would be brilliant. If you think you could help please get in touch.

Rob and Kay Orr

Harvest Auction

As Auctioneer, I would like to offer grateful thanks to Charley and Kath at the Kings Head, to Canon Keith Orford for the service and help, to Kathleen Taylor for the accounting, to all the people who donated items and also all the people who supported the evening. A grand total of £1191.00 was raised and has been distributed as follows:

- Church **£180**
- School **£180**
- Village Hall **£180**
- Mothers' Union **£180**
- Carnival **£180**
- Pensioners **£180**
- Allotments **£111**

Thanks again to you all,
Richard Taylor

Bonsall Open Gardens

I just thought that the village would like to know what donations have been given and for how much after the very successful Open Gardens event this year:

- Bonsall Allotments association **£100**
- Bonsall Pensioners **£300**
- Bonsall Riders **£150**
- St James Church **£300**

- Bonsall School **£250**
- Bonsall Carnival Committee **£200**
- Halloween Event at Mark and Doros **£100**

Thank you once again to all who opened their gardens and our helpers who sold tickets at The Fountain. If anyone has any suggestions for donations to a village project for next year please let me know.

Olivia Gerrish

Two new heads for the Pav

There's new leadership at The Grand Pavilion where Nick Whitehead and Lynn Allison have taken on joint chairmanship of the local renovation charity's board and executive, replacing Gregor Macgregor who stepped down this week after a long absence caused by work and family commitments. "Gregor was the main driver to save the building from being sold by the Council four years ago," states new joint Chairman Nick Whitehead.

The team at the Pavilion are taking the opportunity of this change to re-launch the Pavilion's renovation project early next year. "Work has already begun on our plan for 2016. We've had our third successful year financially and the bid group is almost ready to apply for more grant support." says Lynn Allison. "We recognise that we can be better at telling people what we are planning, so much focus next year will be on how we do this." She continued: "Both Nick and I are very pleased by the show of confidence of the pavilion team in electing us as leaders. We're also very excited to press on to greater heights next year." The Grand Pavilion Ltd. have also ensured that the building is financially secure, and this has enabled them to make real improvements throughout the building, such as replacing 40 broken



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4 December: Whiskey Tasting Night

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11 December: Winsters Guisers 9pm

15 December: Carol Singing Evening

18 December: Live Music

from Pete McRae from 9 pm

26 December: Karaoke with Tony

31 December: New Years Eve Party

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windows, upgrading of the stage, building new dressing rooms and the completion of the Grey Room improvements, as well as many days of specialist technical labour such as electrician and plumbers..

Nick Whitehead added, "It has also been an extremely successful year in the building of partnerships with local community groups such as the Matlock Bath Pre-school, Peak District Lead Mining Museum and Youth Theatre Group. These partnerships see these groups permanently based at the Grand Pavilion and guarantees that the building is used daily, in fact the building has not seen this much use in over thirty years. We are looking for more groups to work with to ensure the building is used even more by this time next year."

Lynn Allison 07831 649 647

Nick Whitehead 07764 184 572

The pavilion was built in 1910 and was bought by the charity in August 2013. The charity hires the rooms in the pavilion to bands, art groups, theatre groups and private individuals, raising money for restoration.

Man of Many Talents

Our local friendly farmer has many roles.

Husband, Father and milkman
are just some of those.

At Christmas time he was
a pantomime dame.

And at Carnival time he was the same.

An appearance with Gok Wan
was something new.

As was the calendar, with quite a view!
But a visit to Bakewell Museum is a must

On the DVD you will see him – just!

Rosie Martin

The Cinnamon Trust, Bonsall

The Cinnamon Trust is the national charity whose wonderful volunteers help people over retirement age and those in the latter stages of a terminal illness by offering all kinds of pet care. We urgently need dog walking volunteers in Bonsall for a local resident and their dog a cute 7 year old Dachshund/Shih Tzu cross who would love to go for a good walk. If anyone would like to volunteer to help we would be delighted to hear from them.

What happens if illness, injury or just the fact that we all get older eventually affects our ability to look after our four legged companions? A large number of elderly or ill pet owners become very worried about their ability to care for their pets, feeling that their only option is to rehome them. This is where our national network of dedicated volunteers step in to offer support enabling them to stay together. We'll walk the dog for a housebound owner, we'll foster pets when owners need hospital

care, we'll fetch the cat food, even clean out the bird cage or litter trays. We always need new volunteers so even if you can only spare an hour a week we would love to hear from you.

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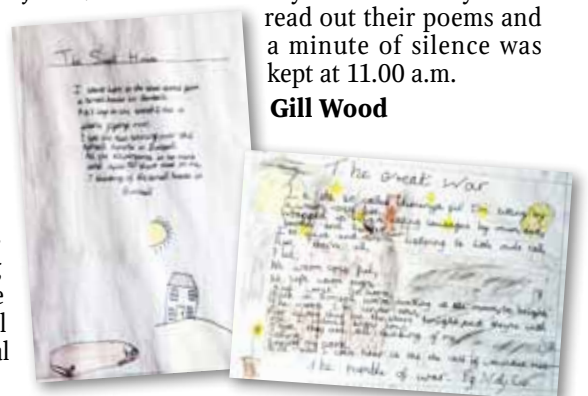
Remembrance Day

Class 3 from Bonsall School participated in a very special way this year designing poppies made from clay and other materials together with creating their own adaptations in poetry form and their own thoughts and discoveries about the War.

They decorated St. James Church inside the porch and made poppies for the pew ends displaying the names of the fallen in World War I. We hope many of you went to see the display.

Also on November 11, Years 6 and 4 quietly processed to the War Memorial and prayed, remembering all who gave up their lives and gave their thanks. Chloe Taylor and Molly Ross read out their poems and a minute of silence was kept at 11.00 a.m.

Gill Wood



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Bonsall Annual Pumpkin Competition a Screaming Success

Another brilliant Pumpkin Carving Competition was held on Halloween with excellent entries from everyone. A massive congratulations to the winners who were: Beth (aged 4), Polly (aged 7), Poppy M (aged 8) and Logan and James (aged 10) and thanks once again for the prize donations.

Mark Sobey

Halloween Vanishing At The Cross

The ghouls, ghosts and zombies brought special magic to the Cross this year. Channelling mystic forces, the kids of Bonsall managed to between them to make an unsuspecting volunteer vanish from the wardrobe of mystery, turn into a fluffy dog and then back into a human again. (Significant cash offers have been received from a number of parents in the village to borrow the wardrobe – maybe a rota could be set up?) Barry Bunny once again “volunteered” to be chopped in two (with a real saw) and the audience discovered that rabbits are genuinely made of carrots. He was magically reanimated with the help of some generous and kind audience members.



Huge thanks to everyone who supported Halloween at the Cross, for the sponsorship from Bonsall Open Gardens and to everyone who helped behind the scenes and on the night. Until next year...

Mark Sobey



Bonsall Horticultural Show-2015

As usual the show on September 5 was very well supported with a good number of entries in all classes. Our judges commented on the very high levels of skills shown in the adult cookery and craft sections particularly, and this year there were some outstanding examples of this. Judging was undertaken by official W.I. judges, Doreen Williams and Chris Booth from Derby on the adult cookery sections, and Steph Hoar and Gilly from Chesterfield on the vegetable and craft sections. Our village children once again stepped up to the plate and showed tremendous skill and ingenuity in all of their exhibits – well done to all prize winners and everyone who participated.

This year our Carnival Queen, Chloe Taylor, looking very beautiful and resplendent in her dress did a great job in awarding the cups and rosettes to section winners, with every



child entrant whether winning or receiving a small treat. The new and now reformed Jon Barry (thank you Anne!) once again presided over the auction and what followed was a lovely family evening which was very humorous, with banter flowing and the children bidding with gusto – much to the concern of now almost ‘skint’ parents!

Thanks must go to all who give so generously to support the show (and ultimately our village seniors) exhibitors, volunteers, donors and supporters of the auction, it is very much appreciated.

Footnote:

Sadly, since our show we regret to have to report the passing of our judge, Doreen, she will be sadly missed by all that knew her and for the service, help and advice she gave to our show. She was always full of fun and yet very fair and professional in her judging. Apologies to all for the delay in reporting on this event due to technical (computer) issues.

Ron Brown,
Bonsall Seniors Committee

Still Water

A stroll South on the Cromford canal

By Nick Cummings

Idle now
The water still
Of no more use
To Arkwright's Mill
Moss and Reed
And rotten timbers
Times gone by
Now who remembers?
Toil and graft
The work of men
Now left to Coot
Grebe and Moorhen

The canal the work of clever men
William Jessop and
Ben Outram
Barges of Cotton and by return
They carried coal for us to burn
Limestone too and lead as well
On rails brought down
From Wirksworth hill

At High Peak Junction
The barges stop
To load with ore
From Middleton top
Quiet now
A whispered past
Built by men
And built to last
The wharf shed closed
The cranes all gone
The rail gauge hangs
It looks forlorn

Across the way
The pump house stands
Chimney towering
Strong and grand
What a machine and working still
To lift four tons
The canal to fill
A bridge to carry the water slow
Over the Derwent
Down below
The proud remains
Of industrial past
Built by men
And built to last

Approaching the second Christmas of the War (the war that was to have been over 12 months ago!) there was surprisingly still optimism. The High Peak News of December 15, 1915 printed this morale boosting poem. Other villages had also produced similar offerings about their residents. Ninety six named men are included, all of whom had been in the regular Forces or had volunteered since August 1914. Twenty two (indicated by *) appear on the war memorial. However 74 of those in the poem served for most of the War and were not killed. It is estimated (from the 1911 census) that about 220 men from Bonsall would have qualified (by being between 18–40 years old) to serve at that time. Replacing the casualties was becoming a problem for the Government and in the next issue we can see how recruitment was organised and conscription was introduced.

Peter Greaves

Our Bonsall Lads

Our Country is at war,
I wish it were not so

But it was forced upon us,
so someone had to go;

Our Bonsall lads were not behind
answering their Country's call
To go and fight for England,
to either stand or fall.

We grieve to think that some have
paid the price for glory great,
Their precious lives have given
to save us Belgium's fate.

We think of brave George Bateman*,
of brave Fred Barnes* as well.

They nobly did their duty
and in the battle fell.

We're sorry that Will Gregory*
should lose his life at sea,

For on the ill-fated Monmouth
a sailor brave was he;

We never shall forget them, those
lads so staunch and true,

Who left our quiet village
their 'little bit' to do.

Greater love hath no man,
Our Loving Saviour said,

Than to give their lives for others;
God rest our Glorious dead.

We've had a few got wounded.
Will Swindell, Arthur Bunting
and Harry Fern*,

Albert Kneebone and Tom
Rowland* all our praises earn;

We think of brave Jack Worthy,
who went early to the Front

With our 'Little Contemptible
Army' and nobly bore the brunt.

Most of our Bonsall lads are
out in France 'somewhere'

Helping our gallant army
to win the battle there

Tom Worth*, Leonard Alesbrook,
Jim Barlow* and Arthur Bown*

All doing their very best
to put the Germans down.

There's George Bunting, Charlie
Bartram, Bill Farnsworth
and Will Fern too

With Jim Gregory* and Ernest
Gratton have gone their duty for to do

Then there's our brave John Samuel
who everybody knows

He'll show them how Bonsall Lads
can fight when'er he meets the foes.

Alfred Elliott*, Fred Mackintosh*,
Will Kniveton* and Jack Land*

Tom Sheldon and Will Massey,
all firmly take their stand;

Jess Buntings got three sons gone,
Arthur, Jess and Tom

They command the admiration,
I feel sure of everyone.

There's Brothers Smith and Brothers
Swift, and Wilfred Spencer too,

With Alf Sudbury* and Joe
Swindell, gone their bit to do:

David Loxley, John Bunting,
Colin Prince and Joe Goodall,

Ernest Brooks and Harry
Tomisson, ready to stand or fall

Edward Boden and Jim Banks*
and also Albert Key,

They're all in France fighting
hard, helping to win the day.

We're sorry Herbert Tomisson
a prisoner was made.

But that he soon will be released
we're not a bit afraid

Harry Alsop, Owen Sudbury, Jim
Pidcock, Ernest Boden* too

All were sent to the Dardanelles
to help to break it through.

Some are still left in England
training to use the guns,

And they'll not be found wanting
when England needs her sons

There's Walter* and Horace Gratton,
Charles Woodiwiss and German Land

Harry Adams and Laurence
Worthy, a gallant little band.

Will Holmes and Bernard Sheldon,
Jim Plant and Charlie White

John Massey and Monty Chamberlain,
training to join the fight

Charlie Staley and Stanley Holmes,
Jim Bartram and Arthur Brown

Jim Oliver, George Redfern* and
Tom Bowmer all worthy of renown.

We're proud of Charles Cooper
come from Canada to fight

100 YEARS AGO

It showed his heart was with us
in our fight for truth and right
We're also proud of our two veterans
who've gone the ranks to swell

John Marriott and Frank Sudbury,
both warriors we know well.

George Kneebone and Willie
Blackham, Percy Barnes,
Frank Sheldon*, too

With Lawrence Bunting*
and Horace Smedley who've
gone their Duty for to do

Oswald Young and Herbert Sudbury
and Victor Raines we know

They all will be found ready
when Kitchener bids them go.

There's Leonard Alsop, Fred
Hartle and Frank Bowmer
all want to join the force

Although they are not fighting
we are proud of them of course.

Douglas Gerrard, Charles Kirkland,
Ross Knowles and Arthur Smith

Brothers Millward* and Leonard
Holbrook* are Kitchener's army with.

And then there's our brave sailor
boys we're proud of them today
They watch while we are sleeping
and keep the German fleet away

Leonard Spencer, Tom Morris
and Billy Farnsworth as well,

Tom Loxley and Bernard Bunting
our Grand Fleet helped to swell.

What can we say of these brave
lads who never thought of fear
But left their homes and loved
ones, and all that they hold dear,

To go and fight for England,
the land of the brave and free

To fight the cause of justice,
of right and liberty.

We pray God to protect our Lads
and bring them safely through;

That peace may quickly be restored
is the wish of me and you

And when the war is over
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Remembrance at St James

Wreaths were laid in the Church and
at the War Memorial, the 'Last Post'
sounded and we remembered: those
from Bonsall who have died in conflict,
family members of those of us who now
live in this special village – and the many
affected by war and conflict.

In St James' Church, the pupils and staff
from the School prepared a wonderful
and moving display of crafted poppies,
poems and drawings; a giant poppy
marked the first 'aerial installation' in the
newly decorated Church; a single candle
was lit – made from the wax left over from
the many candles that were brought and
placed round the Cross steps last August,
commemorating the start of the war one
hundred years' ago; and the 'Wander and
Ponder Trail' sought to inspire thought

and reflection through poems and read-
ings at 'stations' marked in the Church
and churchyard.

One of the poems used in the 'Wander
and Ponder Trail' ('Lament' – By Wilfred
Wilson Gibson 1916 – you will find it at
station 8) ends:

'A bird among the rain-wet lilac sings
But we, how shall we turn to little things
And listen to the birds and
winds and streams
Made holy by their dreams,
Nor feel the heart-break in
the heart of things?'

...and so Bonsall remembered the many
whose lives were lost and those affected
by war and conflict past and present.

Phil Heasman



Some of the Events This Year



▲ Red Barrows

We completed our first sortie in Ashbourne to over a thousand spectators in almost ideal barrowing conditions and this weekend will see us for two days at the Bearded Music event at Catton Park where over 9000 festival-goers will attend... Later we will be flying over Birchover at their carnival in July before we take a trip to a certain RAF base in Lincolnshire in September. As our trusted leader has managed to secure us yet another performance with the world famous Red Arrows at their home base for the families day event. We welcome to our ranks Mia, Sarah Jane and Robin who all passed the selection process with flying colours.

Park Bottom:

The Parish Council is hoping to make improvements to the Lorry Park and in August created the Park Bottom Working Group to coordinate those efforts.



▲ Abbie Mellor's

Macmillan
Coffee
Morning
on 17 August

▲ Make and Do Evening

From tiny white knitted hearts to the most enormous red paper poppy, alpaca wool, rags being rugged, and scraps to applique in October.



▲ A fundraising event

on Friday 10 July to help one of our young Nepalese guides, Bijay, and the people of his village who have all been affected by the earthquake.

Bonsall Seniors' outing

in July by 43 villagers to Lichfield Cathedral, lunch at the Round Oak in Brierley Hill, Birmingham and a visit to the Moscow State Circus. ▶

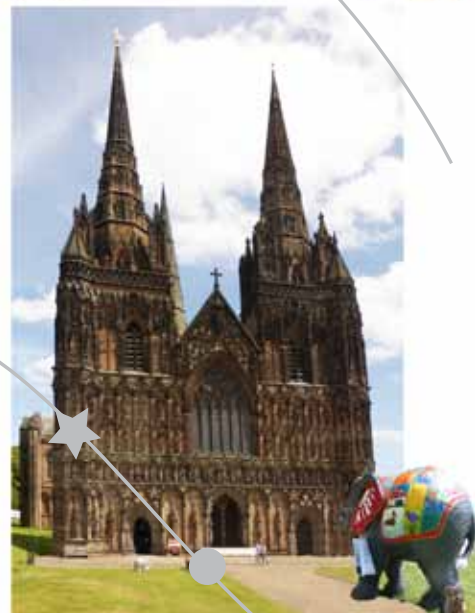
Apple Pressing

Allotment holders will be holding our annual apple pressing event at the Bandstand by the Cross between 10am and 2pm on Saturday October 17.



▲ The Churchyard Group

was launched with an Activity Day on Saturday 3 October. A host of activities included a treasure hunt, vegetable animal carving, have-a-go-bell-ringing and trips up the tower, bird-box building and stained-glass making.



▲ .. with the first ever Bonsall dog show....

Village Hall Autumn Fair

from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon on Saturday 7 November. Please find a few minutes to enjoy refreshments and spend a couple of quid. This is an important annual fundraiser for the Village Hall funds.

▲ Carnival

Yet another glorious sunny day and one of the best carnivals for years...

... and the Allsop team winning T'Owd Man's Treasure Hunt ▶

Primary School Christmas Fair

The School will be having its Christmas Fair on Friday 4 December from 3-5 pm in the school hall. Join us for festive gifts, games, food and fun. The fair will open with the children singing carols and Christmas songs.



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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The Parish Council has established a **Grant Award for community projects** in the village; please see either the website www.bonsallvillage.org/parish-council/phoca/file/172-bonsall-pc-grant-application-form or contact the Clerk for more information. Applications should be submitted by **10 January** annually.

Bonsall Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 17 November** at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall

Present: Cllr. Harris, Cllr. Addis, Cllr. Henderson, Cllr. Barry, Mr T. Payne, Mrs C. Rawas, DDDC Cllr. Purdy, DCC Cllr. Ratcliffe.

Public Speaking

- A period of not more than 15 minutes will be made available for members of the public and members of the Council to comment on any matter.
- If the Police Liaison Officer, a County Council or District Council member is in attendance they will be given the opportunity to raise any relevant matter.

DDDC Cllr. Pawley: Local Project Fund. District Councillors are allowed £1000 each year to distribute to Parishes. Money is available now. Go to the District Council website to apply for funding for local projects for community benefit.

Cllr. Purdy: Local Plan meeting at Wirksworth Leisure Centre 18 November at 7pm. Meetings are about

the number of houses the district should provide. There are three options: 5,000, 6,000 or 7,000 houses. This is in the consultation stage at the moment and DDDC needs feedback from the public either at the meetings or via the website. The Planning Inspector has made it clear that 6,500 are expected and the Local Plan must be in place in 2017 or the Government will take over the planning function of the district. Currently no relief for the large proportion of the district being in the Peak Park but the Peak Park is not taking a proportional share of the 6,500 given the amount of land available.

Cllr Purdy has reported the gully blockages between Abel Lane and High Street and this will be kept under review. The ditch on Moor Lane has been cleared but the pipe going to Phil Boam's farm has been reported as blocked. Cllrs. Purdy and Ratcliffe will keep an eye on this.

Cllr. Ratcliffe: Moor Lane signs are being ordered. The route is a still a byway – she will take the TRO through if the signs don't go up because objectors were promised the signs so that they would withdraw their objections.

Report from PC Chad Fullerton

Following the burglary incidents in Bonsall, a male from out of the area has been arrested, charged and remanded in custody for two dwelling burglaries, a non-dwelling burglary and a theft from a motor

vehicle. The male was on licence and is expecting to receive a lengthy sentence.

DCC is looking for snow wardens again – if anyone is interested to find out more, details can be found at https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport_roads.

Chair's announcements: Thanks to Cllr. Pountain for attending the Remembrance Service on behalf of the Parish Council.

Village Matters

Park Working Group: Cllr. Addis summarised the position that it is more practical for the working group to continue independently of the Parish Council. Currently the working group comprises mainly councillors and therefore can't vote the money through. She proposed that a Parish Council sub-committee is set up comprising Cllrs. Henderson, Pountain, Williams and Hewitt. A sub-committee meeting to take place in the second week of December to decide the proposal. Everyone is invited to the meeting to share their views on the proposal. Cllr. Henderson extended his thanks for all the work carried out so far. The Parish Council will contribute £1,500 to Park improvements to be carried out by the Park Working Group, the scope of which will be as follows:

1. Repair wall.
2. Push back overgrown edges to make more room.

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3. Village parking sign.
4. Deal with the prominent manhole.
5. Replace roses.
6. Replace five-bar gate between grassed area and car park.
7. Cut back overgrown trees.
8. Gravel.

The Parish Council would contribute only financially and the group would source the materials and contracts/ volunteer support independently

Parish Council Action plan: to review the items listed in the Action Plan:

- Benches (Clerk), – ongoing
- Park Project (see above)
- Conservation Statement for the village to ensure there is no further development (Cllr. Barry). Cllr. Barry clarified that he means to protect the conservation areas of the village. This proposal is to be removed from the action plan – all in agreement.
- Improvements to the bus shelter (funded by the Parish Council, carried out by Liz Stoppard). This work will take approximately three weeks and should take place within the next two months.
- Involvement with Village Hall supporting trustees (all) councillors will attend meetings once the trustees have forwarded the dates.
- Time locks for toilets (Clerk) – ongoing
- Website Development – ongoing

- Casual vacancy start process – casual vacancy for a councillor to be advertised to fill the remaining space.
- Burial Ground working group, Cllr. Harris to take on the Burial Working Party to look at the provision of burial ground space in the future.
- Gritting Policy.
- Community Funding to go into Mutterings and tell people what they need to do.
- Staff resources and review. To take place with the sub-committee
- Signage review for the Village – Cllr. Henderson to take this on.
- Black aluminium noticeboard to be ordered for The Dale, provided this meets with approval from Judy Land.
- Village Christmas trees: No offers have been received at the time of the meeting – the Parish Council are grateful for any offers of trees that are being removed which can be used to provide festive decoration in the village.

Local Plan Forum: Cllrs. Harris and Barry will report back on the meeting they are due to attend on 18 November

To receive planning applications and determine the view of the Parish Council: 15/00709/FUL – Erection of conservatory – 2 Hillcrest, Uppertown Lane, No objections:

Date of next meeting: **Tuesday 15 December**, agenda items to the Clerk by 6 December.

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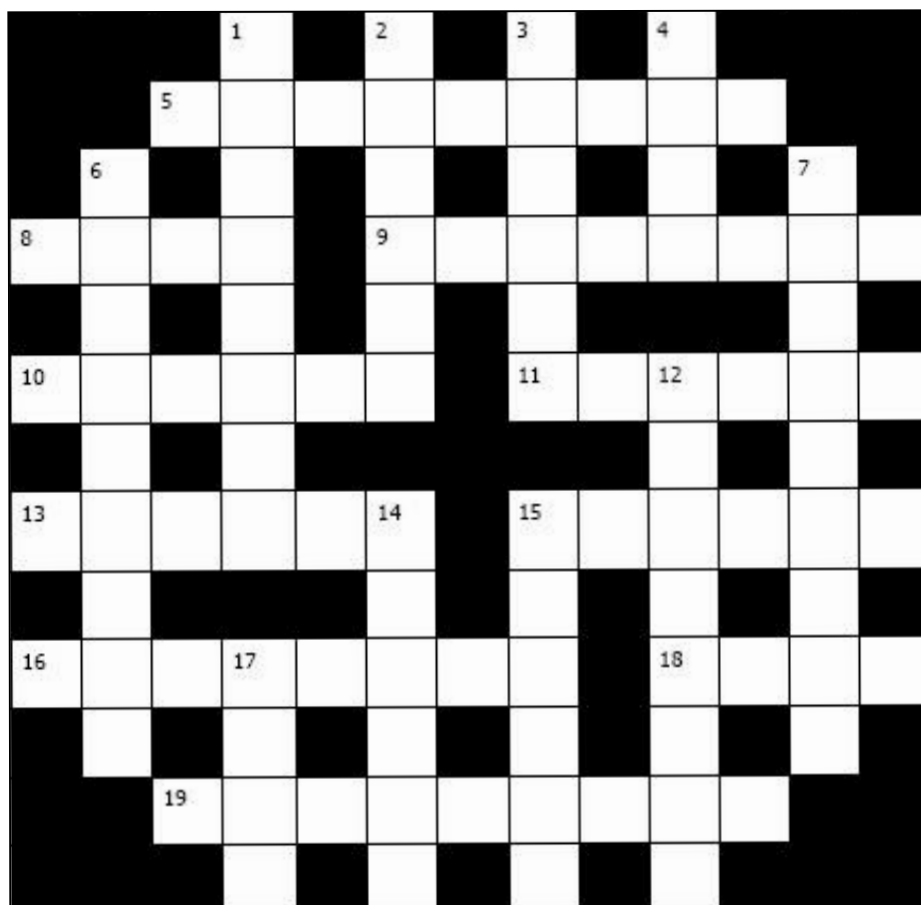
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CROSSWORD No 68



Across:

5. Singular one – crammed on potty! (9)
8. Dry one, covered by old plough. (4)
9. Sporadic long poem with one disagreeable person in it. (8)
10. Girl embraces former lover, leading to an attachment. (6)
11. Catch the Spanish money! (6)
13. Peculiar child is firm favourite. (4-2)
15. S. African farmer welcomes doctor for one of one. (6)
16. Wife, Mrs Mop and setter go to film. (8)
18. Spotted in bar – my body, for one! (4)
19. Returning whence you came – how dreams get shattered! (9)

Down:

1. Vets after minced rissole is consumed by top dog? No, the reverse! (8)
2. 'E went? Sounds like it. Stop!!!!
3. An example of one part of children's ignorance? (6)
4. The girl's got nothing. Model of one of one, perhaps?
6. Singular one reading about the queen? (9)
7. Moaned aloud? Appears on radio? They get sewn up! (4-5)
12. Be in control of nothing for one of one. (8)
14. Even Number 10 dreads odd essential! (6)
15. One of one in combat management? Quite possibly! (6)
17. Open wound for old one of one. (4)

Answers to crossword no. 67:

Across: 5. Canaletto. 8. Hals. 9. Barbados. 10. Artist. 11. Truism. 13. Spence. 15. Cotman. 16. Mantegna. 18. Dali. 19. Fatty-oils.

Down: 1. Faustian. 2. Rabbit. 3. Seurat. 4. Etna. 6. Hairspray. 7. Constable. 12. Untidily. 14. Eighth. 15. Crayon. 17. Toad.

Collective nouns

What is the collective noun for
crocodiles, eagles and plovers?



Answer to Collective nouns: a Congregation

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