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# T'Owd Man's Mutterings

## Coins Around The Cross for a New School Classroom



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

## CHURCH NEWS

We've passed the Spring Equinox and so days are becoming longer than nights. In creation all around us life is bursting forth, especially the weeds! For me at this time of year, it is so wonderful to see everything unfolding. Life packed tight in bulbs, seeds, buds on trees and shrubs; butterflies' chrysalises, young birds and animals, all emerging into a sunlit world. How amazing that scientists have discovered that migrating birds, through photo-receptors in their retinas, are able to use the earth's magnetic field and the sun and stars to navigate. And so we look for the first swallow or swift and listen hopefully for the song of the cuckoo. As a Christian, I believe this reveals God's amazing creative power, might and glory. It also demonstrates in a real and visible way, evidence of the resurrection to new life that Jesus revealed on that "third day" following the Passover celebrations, when He rose from the dead. The time of the year that we call Easter and have just celebrated.

Since January 2016, the village of Bonsall has passed through much sadness; families continue to grieve for

their loved ones. As we gathered to give thanks for their lives and continue to remember them with love, laughter, joy, sadness and tears, Spring encourages us to hope in the resurrection. Jesus, speaking to Martha, after her brother Lazarus had died, speaks of Himself as the "Resurrection and the Life". He also describes Himself as the "Good Shepherd", saying that the "thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life and have it in abundance" (to the full, till it overflows). As we enjoy the season of Spring and all that it promises in the months to come, I believe God is speaking to us if we have but eyes to see and ears to hear and are willing to say, "Lord, I want to believe; please help me to believe, to trust and to know you and to receive this fullness of life and hope for the future... eternal life." There is Rev. Kara, Matthew and myself, and we can from time to time be found in The Fountain Cafe and would be pleased to meet you there if you would like to know more. Every Blessing to you All for an abundant Spring with joyfulness too.

**Judy Land**

## CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

At this time of year, particularly around the 5th of April, Val Baker lovingly remembers Kevin, as does Steven and family. There are also, for all of them, memories of Kevin's parents, Ken and Celia. Steve, Loreen, Robert and Lorna this month think of Jack and Dorothy with fondness. Colin Broad is brought to mind with loving thoughts from Dorinda. Jean remembers Hazel, hoping that the village enjoys the lighting. The end of the season comes in the first week of May, when, especially on the 7th, Glen remembers Stephanie with love.

**John Sewry**

### Catholic Church Services

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

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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.

## CHURCH DIARY

### April

#### St James

**3** 9.30 am – Sanctuary

**10** 9.30 am – Eucharist

**17** 11.00 am – Morning Worship

**24** 8.30 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

Coffee morning will be Tuesday

**26 April** from 10 am to 12 pm.

A warm welcome to everyone

#### Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel (The Dale)

Sunday Services during  
April are at 6.15 pm

Friday **15 April** 2.00 – 4.00 pm  
Cuppa & Cake Afternoon

All are welcome to come

### Wirksworth Team Ministry

#### Serving:

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All Saints' Bradbourne

All Saints' Elton

St James' Brassington

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## LETTERS

Dear Editors,

I wondered if the Watson family's letter in the March Mutterings would get any response. Here is mine. I discovered in 2013 that a friend in London supplemented her income by carrying out traffic speed checks. Her gear is rather more advanced than the usual display of warning notices, reflective clothing and wielded phazar guns. You set it up, leave it and return later to plug it into your computer. She came to Bonsall for a few days in January 2014 and brought her gear too.

Results?:

Clatterway: up traffic, vehicles cresting the top (and narrowest bit) hitting 40 mph. Down traffic, 40+ mph.

Black Tor Rd. to the bottom of The Dale: vehicles getting past 40 mph by the entrance to the lorry park and some entering The Dale at 40–50 mph.

From the Moor into the village: downhill past the junction of Uppertown Lane at 30–40 mph.

The scariest result (to me!) was on a Monday morning: from the Fountain monument to the wooden post at the Kings Head car park, some vehicles actually got up to 40 mph. This was in the ten minutes before 9.00 am – late for school?

These are the speeds of a variety of vehicles driving around and through Bonsall. Some travelled at 30 mph and below. I am sure that most will have been driven by Bonsall people – but probably not the Monday morning rush.

**Rick Jones**

Dear Editors,

My son, Sam, is a member of the RAF Air Cadets 140 Squadron of Matlock and during a trip down there the other weekend I happened to notice this memorial on the wall and thought it might be of interest to some of our villagers.



I didn't recognise the name myself and neither did my neighbours, but Judy Land said he was the local reverend's son. Does anyone have any further information?

**Claire Land**

## VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

### Stop Press: Buses!

Derbyshire County Council is proposing to withdraw all subsidised bus services in October 2017, which will include our Bonsall bus. There is a consultation questionnaire that needs to be filled in by Sunday 24 April 2016. It's important that everyone who cares about retaining our bus service fills it in (it is available from libraries or online at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transportchanges](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transportchanges)) and also writes letters to the council and the government (our Derbyshire MP, Patrick McLoughlin, is after all Minister of Transport).

This consultation has been in process since February 17, but I've only recently heard about it and almost nobody I've spoken to in the village has heard about it. I've just visited our mobile library and was appalled to find they'd only been given two questionnaires to 'distribute'! The mobile library only comes once a month. It will be visiting many of the villages that will be hardest hit by this change and accessing many of the people most likely to use the bus service. It can hardly be called a 'consultation'.

We all know that the bus is sometimes under-used, but the removal of village bus services would mean that the people who rely on it most would be cut off from any form of independent life. It would affect shopping, attending classes, visiting libraries, going swimming, getting to the doctors, dentist, optician, meeting friends, connecting with more 'main line' public transport, even withdrawing money from the bank! The list is endless ... and frightening. It would of course affect older people the most – both psychologically and practically. Even people who drive at the moment are probably reassured that public transport is available when they can no longer drive, choose not to, or in an emergency. Travelling on public transport is a social experience – sometimes the only regular contact people have with others.

I don't drive myself and now I'm getting older I'm even more dependent on the bus service. I fear the possibility of its loss. It would mean that if one doesn't drive or, is no longer able to drive, that living independently in a Derbyshire village is no longer viable.

**Andrea Webb**

### Women's World Day of Prayer

Thank you to everyone who supported and participated in the Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday 4 March. It was a cold, snowy day but we had

a good time. Special thanks to Kristina Johnson and the girls from Bonsall School who played major roles in the service. The offering amounted to £50 for the work of W.W.D. of P.

**Judy Land**

### Street Drumming

*What about a bash at drumming?*

*How about some mad foot-stomping?*

*Maybe six free workshops?*

*Then Go Wild at Carnival Time?*

*If you're any age and are at all curious, we'd like to hear from you NOW*

*(well, by Friday 15 April)*

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### Allotment Vacant Plot

We have not had much turnover of plots in the past few years but a tenant has recently moved away from the area and relinquished a half-plot. It has been well tended and would take little effort to get it ready for planting up. If anyone is interested in further details please give one of us a call.

**Mike Lynch (820096) or Penny Collier (825591)**



### Change of Date

The metal detecting event will now be held on 5 April at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall.

### Annual Plant Sale

The days are getting longer and the ground is slowly starting to warm up, and many of us can't wait to start planting in the garden again. It's a little early yet, but thinking ahead, the Plant Sale will be on Saturday 7 May at 10 am–12 pm in the Village Hall. There will be a mix of vegetable and bedding plants, perennials, jams and chutneys for sale. It is an opportunity to buy plants that are locally grown at good prices; it is also a good social event to meet and chat, and refreshments will be available. Many of you take cuttings and grow your own plants. If you would like a table to sell plants, just turn up, we only expect a small contribution to allotment funds from your profits. If you have any plants

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## VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

to donate, bring them along and they  
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**Mike Lynch**

On April 5th, Joan Gregory is  
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**Sally Furness**

## Carnival Creature Competition

Well would you believe it, we are  
over half-way between Christmas  
and Carnival 2016! So we thought we  
would let you know about something  
new for this year's Carnival.

We plan to hold a 'carnival creature'  
completion for Carnival week.  
Open to all ages: under-10s,  
10–16s, and 16 and over.

Those who wish to enter will be asked  
to find at least one large plastic 'pop'  
bottle (you can use more than one) and  
then they will be provided with a few  
other basic recycled items in a kit that  
have to be included in your creature  
(e.g. two CD's, scraps of fabric).

Once you have made sure you have  
included these few items you can  
go wild with your creature, in fact  
the wilder the better! The kits will  
be available nearer the time. So  
get collecting your bits and pieces  
to make a fantastic creature!

We will then ask you to put your creature  
outside your house for Carnival and leave  
it up so that all the visitors who come  
for well dressing get to marvel at it too!

Your creatures will be judged on carnival  
day and there will be prizes! Let's  
make Bonsall the place to visit to see  
the wells and these fantastic creations!

There will be more information about  
this and other exciting carnival news  
over the next couple of months, so keep  
your eyes peeled. Any questions, just  
knock at The Queens Head or ring

**Marion Heasman** on 821816



# VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD



## 'Raise the Roof' Ride

Tony Falconer-White and Andrew 'Mac' McClennon are going to great lengths (911 miles to be exact) to raise money for Bonsall Primary School. They will be cycling from John O'Groats to Lands End over nine days in July. The money will be used for improving the school accommodation, and they would really like to 'Raise the Roof' with their fundraising efforts. The intrepid pair will be making the journey unsupported with only what they can carry on their bikes and covering around 100 miles per day. Tony is a keen cyclist and coach for Matlock Cycling Club, but this will definitely be a new record for him. Mac hasn't cycled on the road for 25 years, but it's not the maddest challenge he has undertaken. The ride will take place during the last week of term (17-25 July) and the school will be getting involved in the preparation and the ride itself. The children will be following Mac and Tony as they progress down the British Isles and using it as an exciting learning opportunity. There will also be the chance to get involved with their training. On Sunday 15 May the pair will be riding ten laps of Carsington reservoir bike trail and hope that Bonsall school children, parents and friends will join them for a lap (or even two) during the day. They will be riding from 9 am onwards. Please support Mac and Tony in their fundraising efforts. Look out for sponsorship forms at Bonsall Primary School and around the village, or easiest of all donate online via the 'My Donate' page for Raise the Roof ride at <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/raisetherooft1>. Follow



Credit Jane Falconer-White

Tony and Mac as they prepare for their epic ride on the Raise the Roof blog at <https://tonyfalconerwhite.wordpress.com/>.

**Jane Falconer-White**

## Quizzers Needed

The King's Head quiz team needs new blood. We play in the Derbyshire quiz league on Wednesday nights from October to April. We get to go to lots of lovely pubs in the area and get fed at the end of each quiz. It's all good fun – we don't take it very seriously. There are four people to a team but we like to have about eight members to call on. So, if you think you'd like to join the team, please ring **Pam McInally** on 01629 826306.

## Open Gardens

The time is fast approaching for the Open Gardens weekend on

18-19 June. We hope that we will entice some new gardeners to participate, as well as the gardens that have opened in past years. You can have a peep-over if you prefer! Your gardens do not have to be pristine. It's not about that. It's about having fun and raising money for Bonsall charities. You get to meet lovely people, a lot of whom come back again to see changes in the gardens, and bring friends because they fall in love with Bonsall.

If you fancy joining in this year please let us know by May 1 so that we can add you to the programme. Either call 07779 718849 or email us at [office@bonsallopengardens.co.uk](mailto:office@bonsallopengardens.co.uk)

**Olivia Gerrish** and **Liz Stoppard**

## Bonsall & Derbyshire Dales Link

Please come along and support the following fundraising events: Fashion Show on 20 April, 7.30 pm Masson Mills Shopping Village, tickets £3.50. 'A Taste of Ukraine' evening at the Grand Pavilion, Matlock Bath on Saturday 14 May, tickets £10.00 adults, £4.00 children, £8.00 concessions. Ukraine dancers, singers and junior orchestra from Derby and Nottingham plus Ukraine food included. A one off spectacular – don't miss it!

Also, as part of the European Action Week for the 30th Anniversary of Chernobyl, there are two events taking place: on 24 April there will be a Commemoration Service at the Cathedral Church of St Barnabas in Nottingham at 7.30pm which will include a candle vigil.

On 25 April, the anniversary day, we have organised a special talk to be given by two Ukraine speakers who will be staying in Bonsall. Sergey is the Director of the children's centre in Korosten, Ukraine, where the children come to Bonsall from for a health recuperation holiday. Natalya is a doctor who undertakes research on the psychological effects and treatment for children affected by the Chernobyl radiation fallout, which is very much still present in their environment and food chain. The illustrated talk will be held at the Grand Pavilion in Matlock Bath starting at 7.30pm. This is a unique opportunity to hear about the situation in Ukraine today, 30 years after the world's worst environmental disaster. For more information on any of the above events or about the Link contact

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### School Events

The new year of school and PTFA events began with a Beetle Drive on Saturday 30 January. It was a fun and frantic evening – who knew that drawing beetles could be quite so competitive. Everyone improved their knowledge of entomology, thanks to the insect-themed quiz in the refreshment break and the event raised £78 in total.

The rain held off (mostly) for Coins around the Cross on Sunday 7 February. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day and all the lovely, generous people who popped over to donate their spare change. The coins didn't just go around the cross but covered it from top to bottom, raising £149 for the school.



Credit Jane Falconer-White

### Future Events – Everyone Welcome!

Saturday 30 April – Variety Show at 7 pm at the school. We know that Bonsall's got talent, so don't miss your chance to see the very best of it on display. Expect singing, dancing, poems and Generation Game-style audience participation. If that isn't enough, Bonsall's favourite Ugly Sisters, Gwyneth and Gwendolyn, are making a special guest appearance, so hold on to your husbands! Buffet food



Credit Peter Fellows

is included and there is also a bar for drinks. It promises to be an extremely entertaining evening. Tickets are £5 for adults and £2.50 for children.

Saturday 21 May – Auction of Promises at 7 pm at the school. Fancy a meal out, need a haircut, some pampering or even an MOT for your car, then you're in the right place! Parents, friends of the school and local businesses have very kindly donated a huge variety of gifts and services for our auction of promises. Promises range from soft-play tickets, garden design, jewellery, to a family photo shoot. A full list will be circulated in advance, so even if you can't make it on the night, you'll be able to bid by email. There's no reason why you should miss out. There will be snacks and a bar available so that you can really make an enjoyable evening of the event. The money, so kindly donated at all these fundraising events, not only supports ongoing school activities but will also contribute towards improving the school accommodation for the future.

If you are looking for a really easy way to help the school and shop online at the same time then you can sign up to Easy Fundraising. Every time you make an online purchase via the app, the school gets a donation without it costing you anything. Search for Bonsall PTFA on [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk).

**Jane Falconer-White**

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## 100 YEARS AGO

### No Soldiers Killed This Month. Applications For Exemption From Conscription Heard

In 1911 the Pavilion opened in Matlock Bath as an entertainment centre. One of the entertainments was a roller skating rink, which attracted Harry Gill, 15, who stole eight pairs of roller skates and £1 from the Pavilion. He was caught and the children who received the skates, together with their parents, appeared in the police court. From Bonsall this included Stanley Gratton (13); his father Thomas Gratton of Church Street; Arthur Gratton (11) of Coldsides The Dale; Archie Knowles (11) of Yeoman Street; George Cotterill (17) living with his grandfather and mother on High Street, a grocer's assistant; Arthur Bunting (13) and his father Reuben Bunting of Yeoman Street, the blacksmith. Reverend Taggart and Councillor C. F. White spoke for the families and they were all bound over to keep the peace for six months in the sum of five pounds, and all the boys were given a severe warning.

Whilst the Council had approved £15 for snow clearing in March further snow resulted in another £21 being spent. In April complaints about the state of Ember Lane were heard and a roof was put on the TB (tuberculosis) shelter to provide isolation facilities for sufferers. The road repairer, William Slater, of Greenhill, applied for 3/- a yard for breaking stone (6d to 1/- getting, 1/9 - breaking). Plans for additions to Hollins Mills in the Via Gellia were considered. The Overseers were appointed. Cllr Arthur Harrison, shopkeeper at the Cross, was elected Chairman.

The Council convened as the Military Tribunal to consider the following cases.

Their own Clerk, Mr Nixon, although not a resident, applied for exemption from conscription. As his employers, the Councillors had great difficulty in dealing with this objectively. Mr Nixon had been persuaded to apply by some of the Councillors although he was willing to join up. It was agreed to send it to another tribunal with a recommendation, as a public official, to exempt. However at their next meeting the Clerk announced he was joining the army next Monday. This caused consternation and a feeling that their heartache and agonising had been in vain. Nearly as embarrassing was the application by Harold Smith, 27, married, and living at Bonsall Moor Farm, Brightgate, where he farmed 127 acres. He was the son-in-law of the chairman, who vacated the chair. The Tribunal granted six months exemption.

The Company at Hollins Mill sought an exemption for an employee, George A. Sheldon, 19, a fettler who lived on Puddle Hill with his widowed mother. However they did have another fettler, Swift, and if they had to choose would prefer Sheldon to be conscripted. He was granted a one-month exemption from the date of his birthday. Mr Key, for Via Gellia colour mills, supported the application by Harry Massey, 22, a married engine driver living on High Street. Harry had attested (agreed to serve if called) as had 53 out of 54 employees at the colour works. 13 were actually serving. Harry was granted a 3 months exemption.

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## Meeting of the Parish Council on March 16

The casual vacancy has been filled by Richard Grover and he and Cllr. Phil Addis were welcomed to their first meeting by Cllr. Harris.

Cllr. Pountain was elected as Vice Chair. The updated details for your Parish Councillors can be found in Mutterings, on the website and on the noticeboard at the Cross. Do contact them if you have any issues you wish to raise with the Parish Council.

Robert Coggins, Head of Housing at DDDC, attended the meeting to provide some background information on the planning application for affordable housing at the site in Uppertown. He outlined the history of development of affordable housing for the last 13 years. DDDC has been creating small groups of houses in similar villages for local people, trying to source labour and materials locally. Two applications have been made for the site in Bonsall. Mostly there is opposition to the project so far. DDDC has made two calls for land for affordable housing, asking for people with suitable land to put it forward. Twelve families in Bonsall are currently registered with a housing need. The housing would be allocated to people with a clear five-year connection to the village. This is the local benefit of having the exception site status – in return for giving up some of the local green space the reward is that affordable housing is available and local people get priority. It does not fall under the same rules of housing allocation where people from further afield can be given priority. He reported that of the 6 or 7 sites which had been submitted in response to the call for land and were independently assessed, the only suitable site was the land at Chestnut Farm. Robert addressed the allegation of DDDC wasting

public money with the application. He explained that £3,318 was spent for the legal challenge as the District Council consented to the planning application being quashed and withdrawn without prejudice in January 2014. This was after the challengers to the application contended that the approach in the officer's report was contrary to the proper application of the duty in s 72 Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as outlined in the case of R (Forge Field Society) v Sevenoaks DC [2014] EWHC 1895 (Admin), where the permission was quashed. This meant that as the application would be likely to be quashed, advice from the District Council's barrister was that it would be the most cost-effective solution for the Council to agree, thereby minimising expenditure for all parties and affording the Council the ability to re-determine the application in due course. In addition the planning application had cost DDDC £1925. He stressed that in the 13 years of developing affordable housing, DDDC had developed a sensitive approach to local environments.

Several members of the public put forward questions:

**Q.** If 6 or 7 sites were submitted, how did people hear that they were supposed to submit?

**A.** Landowners, agents, building contractors etc. were all asked to submit sites in two rounds.

**Q.** How were the landowners contacted?

**A.** Public and open process through the local plan which anyone can access and is advertised via residents' newsletters, news reports, websites and the Parish Council.

**Q.** Why should the plan be approved this time round as nothing seems to have changed?

**A.** It was approved by the Council but challenged in the judicial process on a technical point. DDDC consented to the plan being withdrawn as a cost-effective solution but 'without prejudice' meaning the application could be re-submitted as and when the technical issue had been resolved. The withdrawal happened in January 2015, the District Council believe they have addressed the issue and the application has been made again.

**Q.** Which planning meeting will it be decided at?

**A.** Likely to go to the April or May Planning meeting at District Council.

**Q.** Residents commented that the owner of the site had already sold the land to DDDC. They still feel that other sites haven't been considered.

**A.** Rob assured them that DDDC would not have bought the land prior to planning permission being granted for the affordable housing scheme to go ahead. He reiterated that 6 or 7 sites have been looked at throughout the village and DDDC hasn't bought the land because it will only buy land once planning permission is granted – otherwise it will have bought land it can't use for anything. It is possible that terms might have been agreed but no contracts have been exchanged. They have an option to buy subject to planning consent.

**Q.** If 12 residents in Bonsall are in housing need, and five of them are guaranteed the housing in Bonsall will those five eventually have the right to buy? Will that remove the rental accommodation on the list in the future?

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**A.** That is an issue that is currently been looked at nationally, but it's likely that there will be protection for rural areas. An aim is that the tenant would be offered a suitable alternative out of the rural area because their housing would have been reduced. However that is about government policy and it's impossible to predict what that will be in the future.

**Q.** Will the affordable houses be for Bonsall people?

**A.** When a site is an exception site it can only be used for people with a five-year association with that village. A condition will be applied to say that the five houses will only be used for people from Bonsall. If five Bonsall families want these properties they will be guaranteed priority even over people from adjoining parishes.

Councillors discussed the planning application and voted six to one to object to the application on the following grounds: the development will change the character of the conservation area. Specifically, the concerns are that vehicle access is inadequate, the height of the buildings will be inappropriate, and the 'close' development is out of character for the area as the houses do not face the road. Finally the materials being proposed are not in keeping with the area.

Colette Dewhurst from the Barley Mow asked to let the meeting know that due to problems with the installation of the electricity substation and a larger plinth being needed to house the substation, they have had to make an amendment to their planning application for the brewery, but it is simply to change the positions slightly and there are no other changes planned for the application.

Mark Sobey volunteered to join the Christmas tree working party – Cllr. Barry will be inviting anyone

interested in joining the Christmas tree committee to a meeting via a future edition of Mutterings.

Work on the bus shelter project should be starting imminently.

H. Strange have been contracted to fit timed locks to the public toilets which will enable them to be brought back into use and hopefully keep the problem of vandalism to a minimum.

Two metre benches for the bus stop at Uppertown and the top of The Dale are to be purchased from TDP in Wirksworth and the Clerk is to investigate the potential for installing a bench at Nether Green.

The Parish Council was pleased to confirm its support for the Carnival Committee being able to create a temporary storage area somewhere in the village or close by and would welcome a funding application to help purchase it if needed.

Cllr. Harris reported back from the Quarry Liaison meeting that the issues of lorries leaving the quarry on Cromford Hill without wheels being washed was being addressed so that less mud should be left on the local roads.

The Parish Council has set up a working party to investigate and make recommendations on any potential new burial ground. Cllr. Addis will chair the group and the Parish Council welcomes any residents to join the group and participate in this important project. The first meeting of the group will be held on Tuesday 19 April at 6.45 pm in the Village Hall. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 April at 7.30 pm. Agenda items to the Clerk by Friday 8 April please. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on May 17.

**Cath Rawas**

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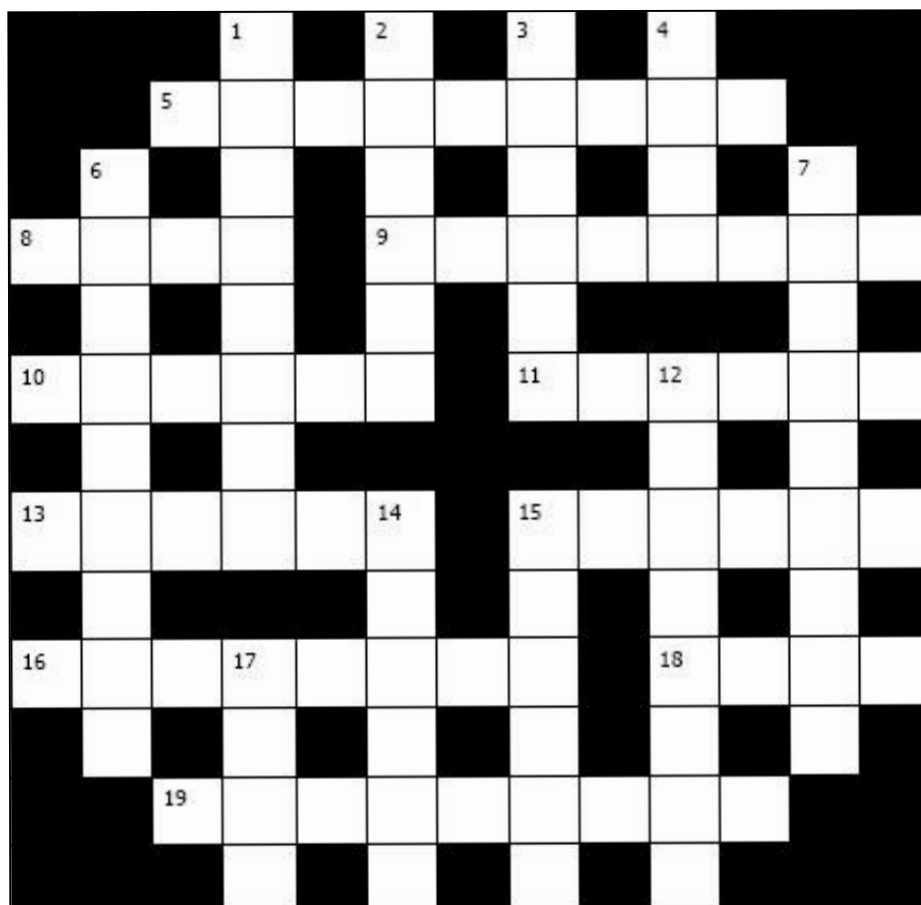
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## CROSSWORD No 71



### Across:

5. 3,501 Romans get drunk with wasted user on 23rd June, or thereabouts. (9)  
 8. & 4 d. Larking about with fourth mate by 2,14. (4,4)  
 9. A good man faces the ultimate danger - what a star! (8)  
 10. This of 2,14, happened 400 years ago this month. (6)  
 11. See 13d.  
 13. & 11. Month silly Icarus fell into choppy sea? No, the reverse. By 2,14.  
 15. No church in this village by 2, 14.  
 16. A detective in the money - on purpose? Not at all! (8)  
 18. Tidy cow! (4)  
 19. Extraction of data about valet roaming around Rhode Island. (9)

### Down:

1. Fish with regular fusion in little pasta. (8)  
 2. & 14. Ask where apes play - for this brilliant writer? (1, 11)  
 3. Heads of eels, mullet, elvers, tossed in cream makes you sick. (6)  
 4. See 8ac.  
 6. Drink clue: i.e. Jim fixed it! (9)  
 7. Creates a T-model vehicle. (9)  
 12. Blokes tuck into square meal - assorted cheese? (8)  
 14. See 2 across.  
 15. It should get this after five! (6)  
 17. Offside - numbers 13 and 11, beware! (4)

### Answers to

#### crossword no. 70:

**Across:** 5. Chocolate.  
 8. Cake. 9. Ascended  
 (doctor = anagram  
 indicator). 10. Gender.  
 11. Eccles. 13. Stages.  
 15. Gateau. 16.

Uncommon (unco =  
 great in Scotland). 18.  
 Rock. 19. Coherence.

**Down:** 1. Sheepdog. 2.  
 Eclair. 3. Cliche. (Che  
 = revolutionary). 4.  
 Eton. 6. Panettone. 7.  
 Relevancy. 12. Cataract.  
 14. Simnel. 15. Ginger.  
 17. Oboe.

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