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T'Owd Man's Mutterings



An Abundance of Spring

Main photo 'Spring lambs at Spinney Farm' courtesy of Olive 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

Spring is Coming

The late, great actor Robin Williams once said 'Spring is nature's way of saying "Let's Party."' I think that is a wonderful description. Spring is like a great awakening after the coldness and sometimes bleakness of winter's long dark months.

Spring is when we begin to notice how long the grass is and how dirty the car is looking. It is when we hear birdsong early in the morning and when our sunlit hours expand further than our working day. It is when we breathe deeply and appreciate the life and verve of this beautiful place where we live.

And for me it is when I most clearly see the hand of God. The genius brushstrokes of an artist's hand. You see, the bible boldly declares that the created world, the wonder of nature and the wide expanse of the universe is to declare the glory of God. It is

God's signature left as evidence of his existence, his power and his greatness.

I am sure that this previous paragraph may irk some people, as the whole debate of creation is a prickly subject both outside and inside the church. There are many who believe in a literal 6 day creation and a 10,000 year old planet, there are others who believe that the theory of evolution and the big bang theory are different means that God used to complete his creation. Then of course there are those who like the cosmic fluke theory, that God was not even involved in the process, and that everything resulted by incalculable odds of chance.

Theory and belief, however rational or sincere, can never be called fact until proven. But I believe when you strip everything back to the bare bones, if you go to the very beginning, whatever you believe about this awesome subject of creation we come to this one logical conclusion... Something had to start it all. There must have been some element that had always existed, some force that was able to initiate the birth of the universe... I just choose to call that God!

Pastor Matthew Quinn

Catholic Church Services

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Wednesday morning at 10 am.

Contact Fr. Joseph Keogh
(01773 743336)

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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

May

St James

- 1 9.30am Rogation Service
- 5 Ascension Day. Team Eucharist, Wirksworth
- 8 9.30am – Eucharist
- 15 11.00am Morning Worship
- 22 8.30am – Eucharist
- 29 9.30am – Eucharist

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

Coffee morning will be Tuesday 24 May from 10am to 12pm. A warm welcome to everyone

Family Funday Sunday will be on Sunday 29 May 10.30am to 11.30am followed by lunch.

Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel (The Dale)

Sunday Services during
May are at 6.15pm

Friday 20 May 2.00 - 4.00pm,
Cuppa & Cake Afternoon
All are welcome to join with us

LETTERS

Dear Editors,

My reading of the last edition of 'Mutterings' was rather surreal: My letter 'Alert: Buses' appeared at the beginning and related to the withdrawal of subsidised buses in Derbyshire, which includes the Bonsall bus. Further on I came to the Report of this month's Parish Council Meeting: no reference to buses ... other than a proposal to erect two benches at two of the bus-stops ... for phantom buses maybe? (also, re 'potential for installing a bench at Nether Green' – there is already a rather nice seat – well-used ...)

I feel very concerned that the Parish Council made no reference to the threat to our bus service in Bonsall before the cut-off date for the submission of consultation questionnaires.

Andrea Webb

Memorial to David Read

Further to the request for information in the April issue of Mutterings by Claire Land concerning the memorial to David Read at the RAF 140 Squadron ATC in Matlock, Keith Taylor has provided some more details. Keith grew up with David and they were both in the 140 Air Cadets Squadron. David was the son of Rev. Read, who had survived being blown up inside a tank during World War II. David worked at H J Enthoven in Darley Dale and he was killed as he was returning to Matlock on his motorbike. In 1963, the bend in the A6 at Gas Cottages Corner (near to where the Arc is now) was considerably sharper and the road was narrower. David clipped the kerb with his motorbike wheel and was thrown head-first into a lamppost, killing him immediately.

Editors



VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

Burial Ground Working Party

Following the meeting on Tuesday 19 April in the Village Hall -

The burial ground currently in use has a very limited number of spaces left. The remit of this group is to investigate ways to ensure that burials can continue in Bonsall once the space in St James Churchyard is full.

It was agreed that the first step should be to identify the exact boundaries and hence existing available area.

Step two would be to identify how much of that area is practically of use, considering such things as bedrock and slope.

Following these would be an investigation into suitable new areas for the future. This would need to include adjacent land as well as detached areas within the village.

Recommendations from this investigation would then be submitted to the Parish Council. It has already been noted that many residents wish to see the burial ground remain in the village and this would certainly be seen as a priority.

If anyone has any information or wishes to become involved or has any questions please contact:

Phil Addis Tel: 826309 (e-mail: phil.addis@btinternet.com)

Catherine Rawas Tel: 820947 (email: bonsallclerk@gmail.com)

Linda Cauldwell Tel: 823790

The next meeting is at 6.45pm on Tuesday May 17 immediately before the Annual Parish Meeting in the Village Hall

Phil Addis



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The Friends of St James' Church and Churchyard

The Friends are pleased to announce two new developments!

Firstly, the opening of the Bonsall 'Community Library' in St James'.

Please do come in to the Church (open all day, every day) and

* borrow and return a book

* donate a book to help build the library (preferably edifying; appropriately entertaining or educational; that will gladden the heart, inspire and refresh the soul and nurture the spirit etc. – children's books especially welcome)

* keep a book – but consider donating another in its place!

And, secondly, to help you to recover from the week and ease into the weekend, for a trial period on the first Saturday of each month for the next few months, 'Saturday Sanctuary'. Beautiful, relaxing, restorative recorded music filling the Church; fine fresh coffee and tea; croissants and a sheaf of Saturday papers to browse – all free – from 9am on Saturday May 7, Saturday June 4, Saturday July 2, Saturday August 6 (a pre-hen racing special!) and Saturday September 3. And relax...

For more information on these and other future 'Friends of St James' Church and Churchyard Group' events, or if you have ideas or want to make a contribution, please contact:

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Bonsall Carnival Easter Draw – 2016

Thanks to everybody who partook in this draw. This includes prize donors (individuals and companies), ticket sellers and ticket buyers. There were 27 prizes of which 26 were donated. The Carnival Committee provided the £50 first prize from takings and paid £40 for ticket printing. 777 tickets were sold with a very good and useful profit of £687.00 being made towards this year's Carnival Fund.

Prizes drawn at Barley Mow – Saturday 26 March 2016

1. £50, ticket 656, Peter Fox, Uppertown.
2. Meal for 2 @ Barley Mow, ticket 369, Mrs. Potter, Highfields, Pounder Lane.
3. Afternoon Tea for 4 at The Fountain Tea Rooms, ticket 197, Nick & Sally King, High Street.
4. Denby Pottery Family Ticket, ticket 670, Ron Webster, Slaley.
5. Hollies Farm Plant Centre £20 Voucher, ticket 692, Chambers, Blakelow Farm.
6. Cromford Butchers, £10 Voucher, ticket 708, Fox, Tearsall Farm.
7. Sainsburys £10 gift card, ticket 484, Brian & Amy Bradley, Uppertown.
8. Tim Gilman's Home Products Hamper Basket, ticket 671, Colin Higginson, 6 Church Street.
9. Ron Webster's Shiraz Bottle of Red Wine, ticket 547, Andrew Lees, Hillcrest, Uppertown.

10. Hazel's Easter Egg, ticket 281, Ann Redding, C/o 15 Yeoman Street.
11. Auto Engineering 3 ages of Glenlivet Single Malt Whisky, ticket 329, Betty Taylor, The Dale
12. Fountain Tea Rooms Order a Cake, ticket 752, David Allsop, Study Farm.
13. Ron Webster's Pack of 4 Old Speckled Hen Beer Bottles, ticket 518, Lynn Day, Uppertown.

Prizes drawn at the King's Head - Saturday 26 March 2016

1. Meal for 2 @ King's Head, ticket 480, Kath Limesdale Cottage, Bell Lane.
2. Family Ticket to Haddon Hall, ticket 423, Gary Spencer, c/o King's Head.
3. David Allsop's £30 Meat Voucher, ticket 698, Boam, Brumlee Farm, Uppertown.
4. Heights of Abraham Family Ticket, ticket 404, Mick Boam, King's Head.
5. Doro's Cake, ticket 515, Pat McCabe, Uppertown.
6. Paul Gould's Cava Wine, ticket 550, Andrew Lees, Uppertown.
7. Crich Tramway Village ticket for 2 Adults, ticket 207, Meredith, High Street.
8. Sainsbury's £10 Gift Card, ticket 682, Norma Brown, Moor Farm.
9. Tim Gilman's Home Products Hamper Basket, ticket 59, Sam Bradley, Slaley.
10. Ian Daisley's Print of Summer Storm – Elton, ticket 171, Pam Watts, c/o Denise.
11. Hazel's Easter Egg, ticket 690, Rebecca Ironmonger, Ember Lane Farm.
12. Marion Heaseman's Large Box of Biscuits, ticket 181, Mr. Watson, The Old Butcher's, High Street.

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13. Body Shop Gift Set, ticket 877, Sarah c/o King's Head.
14. Box of Cadbury's Cream Easter Eggs, ticket 643, Andrew Hamilton, Clatterway.

Leigh Johnson

Carnival volunteers 2016

Plans for this years carnival are well on the way with lots of exciting things being planned for the week. Along side the excitement comes the planning organising and helping on the day. So I would ask you to see if you could spare an hour (or more!) during the week. This is just a taster of the things that are planned and times when your help would be gratefully received (!) and not all of them are tidying up !

Saturday day: setting up the park, walking with the procession, assisting on stalls, tidying up

Saturday evening: clearing the park after the band

Sunday am: loading the recycling bins, moving chairs and tables for the afternoon

Sunday pm cream teas: setting up for cream teas, serving teas and tidying up

Monday fun run: taking the money, registering times

Wednesday wheel barrow race, Red Barrow event: general helping hands required

Thursday bike race: stewards

Friday tug of war and fireworks: setting up for both events, helping children with lanterns, watching them down the steps, shaking buckets, tidying up.

We do hope that you will be able to find a little free time during the week that you could offer the committee so that it all runs smoothly. Thank you in anticipation, please knock on the door, Queens Head, or give me a ring, if you can!

Marion, 821816

Christian Aid Week

There will be House to House collections in Bonsall during May 15 to 21, 2016, and thank you to everyone in advance for your support and generosity. Please give generously – your donations help improve the lives of millions of people around the world. If anyone would like to help collecting please contact **Krystina Johnson**, tel. 01629 823591.

School Church Inspection – Outstanding Church School

This month the Church Inspection judged our school to be “an outstanding church school”. The report said that “Bonsall Church of England Primary is a welcoming, inclusive and nurturing school family where the well-being

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of the whole school community is a key priority". This is something that is felt strongly within the school and it's great that it has been recognised so positively in the inspection.

Sun 15 May – Join Tony and Mac in training at Carsington

Tony and Mac have been training hard for the 911 miles they'll be riding from John O'Groats to Lands End in July to raise money for the school. As part of their training the pair will be riding 10 laps of Carsington reservoir bike trail on Sunday 15 May and hope that the Bonsall school children, parents and local friends will join them for a lap (or even two) during the day. They will be riding from 9am onwards.

Donate online to Raise the Roof ride – <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/raisetherooft1>

Follow the ride blog – <https://tonyfalconerwhite.wordpress.com/>

Saturday 21 May – Auction of Promises – 7pm at the school.

The list of lots for our Auction of Promises has been growing and growing with something to please everyone. You can pamper yourself with a haircut, tea for two, a family photo or a beauty voucher. There are plenty of days out to choose from including tickets for Red House stables, Peak Rail, Haddon Hall, Hollywood Bowl in Sheffield, Denby Pottery or a Matlock Town game. You

can learn a new skill such as pottery or gardening. If you are feeling peckish there are a variety of different and delicious meals-out to choose from as well as cakes and birthday cakes specially made for you. If you are looking for something more practical you can bid for an MOT, a diagnostic assessment of your car, electrical work or a voucher for your favourite builder's merchant. If you are coming on the night you can enjoy the bar, raffle and snacks and make it a real evening out. If you can't attend on the night then we'll be circulating a list of lots with instructions on how you can bid in advance. Parents, friends and local businesses have been extremely generous in donating to the auction and it would be great to repay their kindness with some competitive bidding to raise money for the school.

Easy Fundraising

Don't forget – if you shop online you can help us by using 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.

Pottery Workshop

Mrs Wright led two parent and child Pottery Workshops at the school on 16 March. A total of 31 children and parents joined in the fun and enjoyed a very creative evening.

Jane Falconer-White



Another month with no deaths in action

In February Private Edward Boden, 10th Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment, was reported as being wounded and being treated at a hospital in Kent but in May 1916 at the Police Court in Matlock he admitted being absent without official leave. P.C. Barker of Bonsall told the court that with Sergeant Aves they had been at High Street and had seen the accused. They had asked him for his pass, but he said that he had not got one. He had applied twice but had not received one. Superintendent Clarke wired his battalion and discovered that Boden was absent without official leave. The accused had nothing to say in his defence but admitted the facts were all true, saying that it was pretty hard to get leave on the French Front and that he realised he would have to suffer. He was remanded in custody to wait for an escort from his regiment. By September he was on leave again.

At the Council meeting on the 13 May the total rateable value of the village was revealed to be £4,857. The Council again considered the application for 3/- a yard for breaking stone (for highway repairs). The plans for Hollins Mills additions were approved.

As a Military Tribunal, the Council considered the application by David Massey of Brightgate, the tenant of 102 acres, for his son Albert, 24. He was granted six months exemption from being called up.

100 YEARS AGO

Councillor Job Bunting, of Sunnyside The Dale who had a 43 acre holding a son, Job, 14, and two daughters Hannah, 21 and Emily, 18, applied for his son Frederick, 20, who was unmarried and worked as the cowman on the holding. This provoked a discussion about whether women can milk cows. He was granted a one month exemption.

George Henry Key, owner of the Via Gellia colour works, applied for two of his employees; William Marshall, 35, who lived in the Via Gellia. He was married and a skilled millstone dresser and the only person left in the grinding department. He was granted six months exemption. His next door neighbour, Frank Charlton, 28, engine tenter at the

colour works was granted three months. Both men had been born in Bonsall and followed parents into employment at the colour works, pictured below.

Peter Greaves



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PARISH COUNCIL

Report from Bonsall Parish Council – meeting on 19 April 2016 at 7.30 at Bonsall Village Hall.

In the public speaking session at the start of the meeting, information was presented by our District and County Councillors.

Cllr Pawton reported that she was supporting grant bids for village storage where possible.

Cllr Purdy reported that the draft local plan was out for inspection by government inspector. He added that the planning application for affordable housing in Uppertown Chestnut Farm should be on the May 17 Area Planning agenda at the Pentacostal Church in Ashbourne.

Cllr Addis suggested the Parish Council should arrange a walkabout to look at possible sites for housing in the village. Cllr Harris will make arrangements for that and include any interested parties. Please contact him if you wish to attend.

DCC Ratcliffe confirmed the sign is still missing at Moor Lane and has been put on the system for attention. The issue of the footpath at Sunnyside in the Dale has been flagged for attention as well.

Bus consultation has been significant and any changes are likely to have a big impact on village life.

Cllr Barry mentioned complaints about the state of some of the stiles on the moor and the potholes.

All potholes and problems with stiles, footpaths etc can be reported directly to Derbyshire County Council. The easiest way to do so and to make sure you can track it is via the County Council website at https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport_roads/

You can also contact Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190. They are open 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 9.30am to 4pm Saturdays. Outside of these times they provide an out of hours service for some areas including social care.

You can also report faults and problems via the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Park Bottom Working group: The dry stone wall has been completed and paid for. Liz Stoppard and Cllr Barry are working with pupils at Bonsall school to create a design for the Village Parking sign which will be submitted to Bonsall Parish Council and DCC Highway for approval before being installed

Bonsall Burial Ground: To receive a report from the Burial Ground Group. Cllr Addis reported 8 people attended the meeting and that the 2 tasks for the group are to identify how much space is legally and practically available, looking for future sites and this will be summarised in Mutterings with the next meeting taking place on 17 May.

The Public Space Protection Order covering dogs on leads in Horsedale is going to be removed, but the order relating to clearing up after dogs remains in force.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 17 May 2016 at 7.30pm, Agenda items to the Clerk by Friday 8 April

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on May 17 at 7pm

District Councillors

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Parish Councillors

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

If however there is an urgent matter, while individual councillors will try to assist, a direct response is better achieved by contacting the Clerk to the Parish Council directly:

Chair: Cllr Mark Harris, Stepping Lodge, Bell Lane, T: 820285

Vice-Chair: Cllr Graham Henderson, 17 High St., T: 825782

Councillors:

Cllr Denise Pountain, 6 High St., T: 822708

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

Cllr Jon Barry, Ivy Cottage, Bell Lane, T: 07866 750636

Cllr Michael Hewitt, Newlyn, The Dale, T: 823097

Cllr Anna Williams, Glenholme, The Dale, 820035

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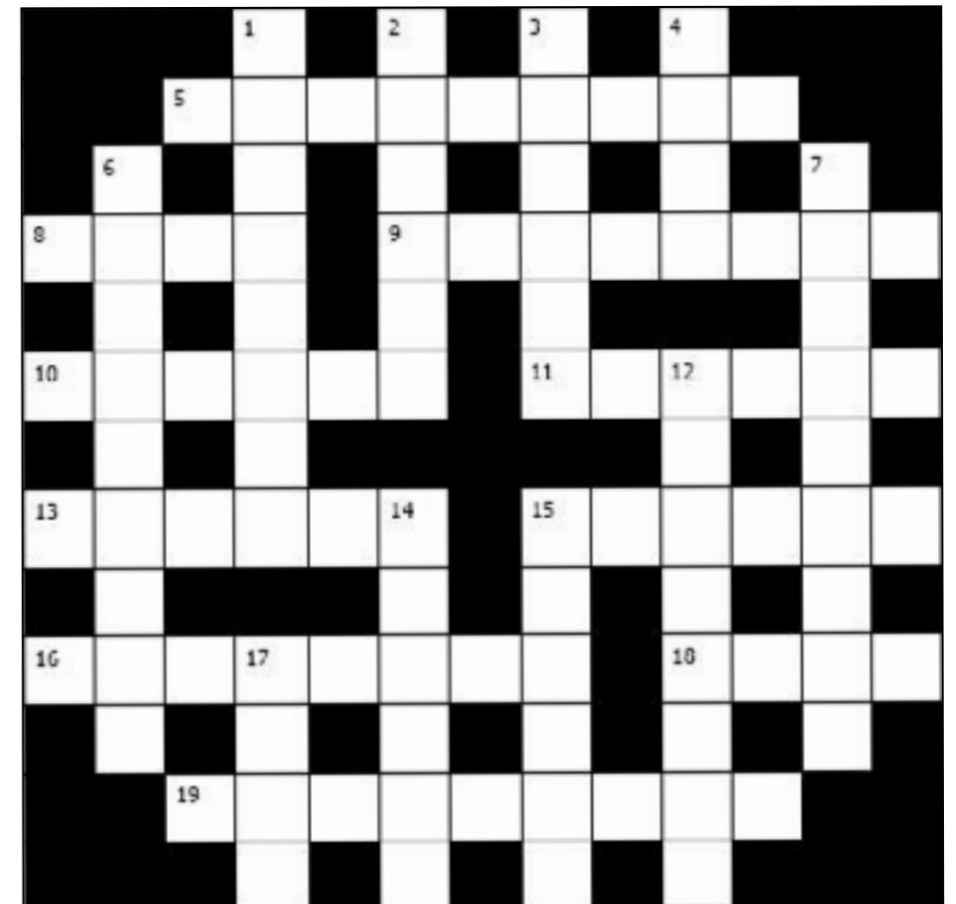


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10. 8 never gets mixed up with drug. (6)
11. Political apparatchik seen around about eight. (6)
13. Found among ghouls terrifying 8. (6)
15. 8. Kiss concealed by outed fool. (6)
16. Mrs Mop is hugged by Reggie (soldier leaving to attack again). (8)
18. Sounds as though gets paid pots. (4)
19. Heartless ape closing abandoned pen in zoo. (5,4)

Down:

1. Abuse lame tart? Yes! (8)
2. Not-so-bright little princess and queen hold thousands. (6)
3. Piles food into ship. (6)
4. Wine found in Maria's tippie. (4)
6. Bodily fluid found spattered on Lee's bed! (9)
7. Shoot up old plough in east for 8. (9)
12. Shakes, shivers, say, in Scotland. (8)
14. Eager artist with phone. (6)
15. Tree chopped on first November can hide 8. (6)
17. 8 sounds like jack rabbit. (4)

Answers to crossword no. 71:

Across: 5. Midsummer. 8 & 4d: King Lear. 9. Asterisk. 10. Demise. 13 & 11. Julius Caesar. 15. Hamlet. 16. Accident. 18. Neat. 19. Retrieval. Down: 1. Linguini (uini is every other letter in fusion plus i' = short for in). 2 & 14. W. Shakespeare. 3. Emetic. 4. See 8ac. 6. Limejuice. 7. Estatecar. 12. Emmental. 14. See 2d. 15. Hotter. 17. Ides.

Collective nouns

Which collective noun describes birds, lice and sheep?

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