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# T'Owd Man's Mutterings

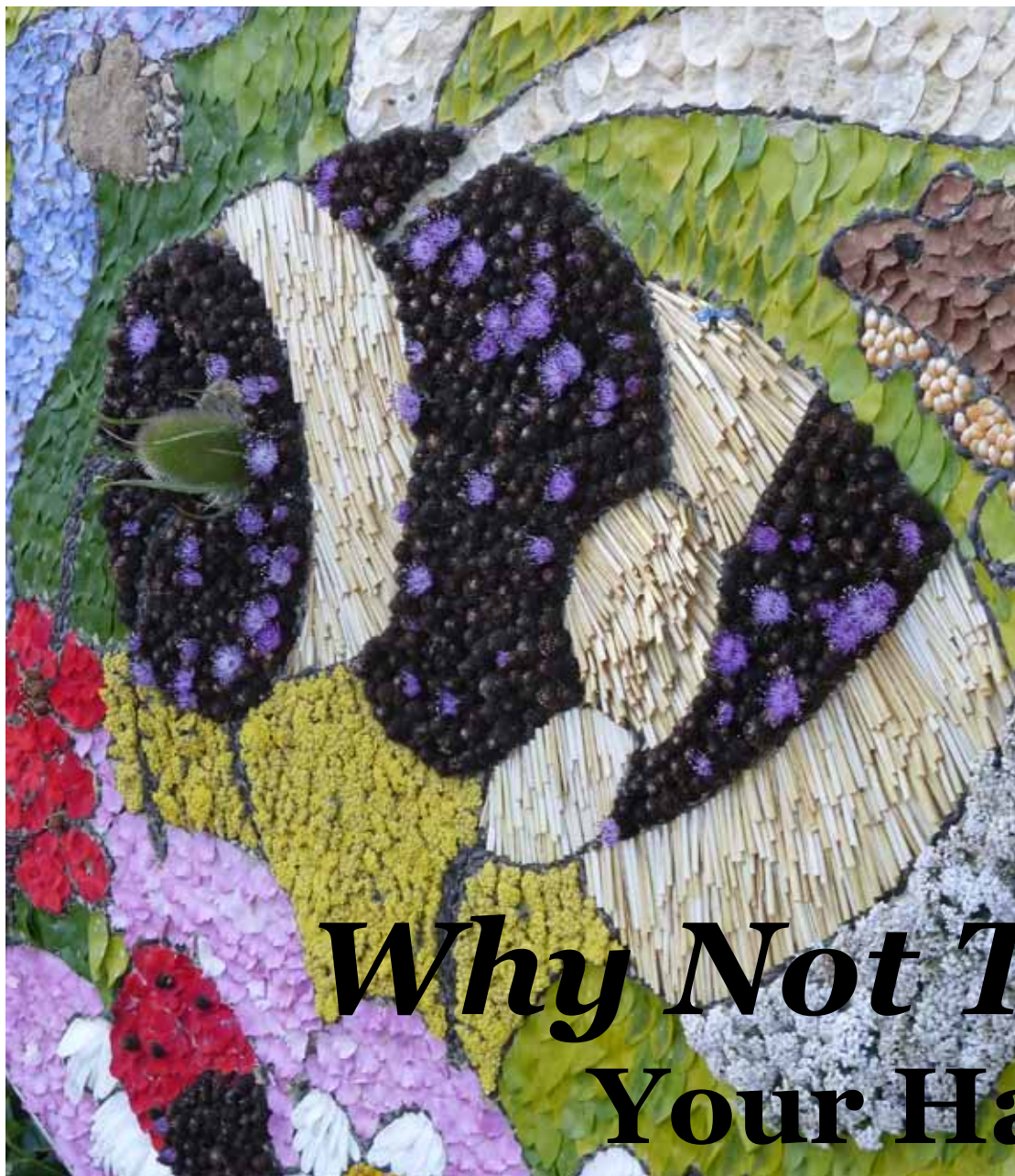


Photo Peter Fellows

*Why Not Try*  
**Your Hand**  
**at Well Dressing**  
**This Year?**



*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 DIARY

### July

#### St James

- 3 9.30 am Morning Worship  
 10 9.30 am Eucharist  
 17 11.00 am Morning Worship  
 24 8.30 am Eucharist  
 31 9.30 am Patronal Eucharist  
 (followed by blessing of the wells)

#### 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

Family Funday Sunday on  
 the **24 July** 10.30 to 11.30 am  
 followed by lunch.

Coffee morning will be Tuesday  
**26 July** from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm.  
 A warm welcome to everyone

Our housegroup will be closed  
 during the summer holidays.

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

Sunday Services during  
 July are at 6.15 pm

Sunday **31 July**  
 6.15 pm Songs of Praise

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

Flower Festival  
 Theme 'The King – Called to Serve'

Saturday **30 July** – Tuesday **2 August**  
 Chapel open from 2.00 – 5.00 pm

Light refreshments served

Everyone welcome to join with  
 us at any of the above events.

## CHURCH NEWS

'The art of giving' – the phrase tripped off my tongue! But what does it mean? Consulting the dictionary, 'art' can mean 'human skill'; 'imaginative skill' such as painting, architecture; 'give' can mean 'to transfer possession; hand over as a present; confer ownership; render without payment; bestow alms or donation; bequeath – as in marriage, or a will'. So that enabled me to consider the phrase in more depth. The late Margaret Lownds had the art of giving. I'm sure I'm not the only person in Bonsall to have received from Margaret flowers, a plant, a piece of poetry, had morning coffee with her or afternoon tea and at the right time too, just when it was needed. Such lovely memories!

Bonsall has 'the art of giving' – as a village set on a hillside it gives of its beauty; there's birdsong and all the natural gifts that abound for those who have eyes to see and are able to explore and enjoy it's natural bounty. Not least of course are the residents who give their time, talents, money, hospitality, homes and much more. Generous people who throughout the year give without counting the cost, in order that we are able to enjoy the Open Gardens weekend, Carnival and Well Dressings, use of the Village Hall and Park Bottom, and our places of worship to name but a few. No doubt you too can name people, events, places etc.

As a Christian I see God at work in the 'art of giving'. His wonderful creation! Then we have the Bible – John in his Gospel quotes Jesus – "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life". (John 3 v 16) Jesus taught that we can pray to "Our Father in heaven" and ask that He give us "our daily bread" – which I believe encompasses all that we need for day-to-day living (Matthew 6 v 11). He also said: "Freely you have received, freely give" (Matthew 10 v 8). Again, Jesus says "Give away your life; you'll find life given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity." Luke 6 v 38 The Message Bible.

So, a big 'thank you' to everyone in Bonsall for your generosity especially as once again we celebrate Carnival and Well Dressings – may we all be blessed with 'the art of giving' for it comprises so much more than just our money.

And may we all accept the best gift that we could ever receive from our generous God, our Father in heaven – the gift of faith and love and Jesus as our Saviour and Lord, our Friend and Guide.

May the Lord bless you and keep you throughout July and into August and as you enjoy your holidays.

**Judy Land**

### Catholic Church Services

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

Gorsey Bank, Wirksworth

Mass Sundays 9 am, Holy Days 7 pm.  
 Service of Holy Communion every  
 Wednesday morning at 10 am.

Contact Fr. Joseph Keogh  
 (01773 743336)

#### Our Lady and St. Joseph Church

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Mass times Saturdays 6 pm,  
 Sundays 8.30 am & 10.30 am.  
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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.

### Wirksworth Team Ministry

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## LETTERS

**Dear Editors,**

I opened my garden this weekend for Open Gardens. It was very enjoyable to meet so many pleasant people who were interested in our beautiful village.

I was asked about the cause for which we were raising money and realized that while I know about the Field Barn Project, I have no knowledge about any historic building projects in Bonsall itself.

While I was on the Parish Council I was informed that the proceeds of last year's Open Gardens would be used to restore the bus shelter at the Park Bottom but I have not seen any activity there yet. Could someone explain how the decision to share the proceeds is made and has anyone considered donating money to the school for the much needed new classroom? Is there an accessible breakdown of the finances for Open Gardens, such as that provided by the Carnival Committee?

**Ron Addis**

**Dear Editors,**

I would like to say that it's a terrible shame that so much effort and charity (materials and vehicle donations) were put into making the lorry park a fine, useable parking area, especially to take the pressure off parking at the bottom of The Dale/Fountain area, to see it being used, mainly by locals, as a place to dump scrap vehicles and leisure vehicles. This is also encouraging people to come up in their leisure vehicles to spend a weekend there.

You really should be ashamed of yourselves if you are doing this – you certainly weren't before the improvements were made, were you? The area is not an extension of your back yard and shows a shameful lack of community spirit. Please get the stuff moved so that the lorry park can be used properly.

**Rick Jones**

**Dear Editors,**

I have seen Rick Jones' letter regarding parking in the lorry park. I love Rick Jones – in fact I'm thinking of having his babies! I 100% agree with the content of his letter.

Please, now that we have tarted up the lorry park, use it sensibly. It is not a dumping ground. As Carnival Day approaches, beware! The car park will need to be emptied. A fork lift truck has been hired and if you knew who will be driving it, you would move your vehicle this instant!

**Jon Barry**

**Dear Editors,**

The lorry park looks fantastic, a massive improvement on before, and this has

been thanks to a small group of people who have donated materials, time and machinery to get the area to this standard.

During the improvements, concerns were raised about the area being abused once it was finished. The idea was to encourage short-term parking – free of charge I might add – to parents dropping off children at school and collecting them later. Also short-term parking for visitors who hopefully would patronise businesses in the village. It was also of importance to keep the area available for lorry parking, and again the vehicles pay a fee to use the area, and they are not parked permanently. It is also used by our farmers when they have large deliveries and access to the farms is impossible for a lorry.

So imagine my disgust, and that of a large number of others who have contacted me, that as predicted, the area has indeed been abused. Suddenly we have what resembles a gypsy camp. I find it difficult to comprehend how anyone would think it is acceptable to buy a caravan, have nowhere to park it at their own property and think it is OK to park free of charge in the lorry park. There are plenty of purpose-built parks where you can store caravans and motor-homes but obviously at a cost. As part of the clean-up there was a trailer that had to be disposed of as no-one came forward to claim it – dumped obviously.

Residents' thoughts on this matter would be welcome.

**Sam Bradley**

**To everyone who is storing a vehicle in the car park,**

The lorry park has recently been improved at cost to the Parish Council and by the efforts of villagers. The aim was to

encourage drivers to park in the car park rather than park around The Fountain, making the roads safer for our children and to help cater for village events, funerals etc.

Unfortunately, the improvements have attracted motor-homes, caravans, broken down vehicles and dumped trailers. At half-term, the car park was used by holidaymakers and there are now motor-homes being used for regular overnight stays. Most of these vehicles are permanently stored there.

This message is not directed to those who have proper permission, but to those who do not have express permission to store vehicles at the Park.

Now that summer is here, there are a number of village events which will be using the car park (e.g. the Carnival in five weeks' time). All of these vehicles must be removed asap so that the car park can be used and enjoyed properly. It will be grossly unfair if the fundraisers in the village have to spend their hard earned money in removing the abandoned trailers etc. Can everyone please make an effort to clear the car park.

Thank you

**Richard Grover**

**Dear Editors,**

An update on the crisis in the village car park: the driver responsible for removing any vehicles left in the car park imminently before Carnival week with his forklift truck is not Jeremy Clarkson, The Stig, Evel Kneen-evil, Tim Peake or Lewis Hamilton, but the village's very own Graham Charlton! Beware!

**Jon Barry**

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## New Housing

Just after the June issue of Mutterings went to press, DDDC approved the planning application for three new houses and two flats on land adjacent to Chestnut Farm.

**Editors**

## Temporary Bus Timetable Change

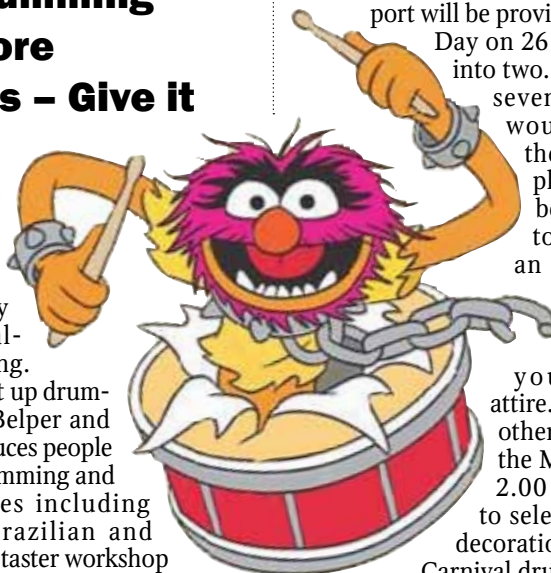
On Carnival Saturday 30 July, the Bonsall Bus will terminate at The Fountain while the procession takes place between 1pm and 2pm, similar to previous years. Thank you and apologies for any inconvenience.

**Mark Sobey**

on behalf of Carnival Committee

## Street Drumming Needs More Drummers – Give it a Bash!

Beth de Lange came to Bonsall in June. She is a Derbyshire-based, community musician specialising in drumming. She has helped set up drumming groups in Belper and Derby and introduces people to all sorts of drumming and percussion styles including Samba, Afro-Brazilian and Afro-Cuban. The taster workshop



on 11 June was attended by 18 people and very much enjoyed by all.

But that was just the start. Beth will be returning to the village to support a series of four drumming workshops that will build towards street drumming for Carnival Saturday. Don't be put off if you can't attend all four workshops, because we are hoping that this project can be set up for the longer term. However, we would like to know about your interest and simply ask that you call by during the first workshop (date below) to let us know when you hope to join the Bonsall Bloco (drumming group) and to state your size for the unique Bloco T-shirts we'll be ordering (this applies to all ages).

In the week leading up to Carnival, there will also be a special one-day styling workshop, where drummers can select materials and make headpieces or accessories and decorations for their instruments. All materials will be free of charge and support will be provided. The Making

Day on 26 July will be split into two. If you are under seven years old and would like to join the Bonsall Bloco, please come along between 10.00 am to 12.00 pm with an adult helper to make a simple instrument and decorate your drumming attire. For people of all other ages please join the Making Day from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm to select materials and decorations for your wild Carnival drumming attire.

Youngsters and the young at heart are all warmly invited to join the Bonsall Bloco, instruments will be provided and no previous experience is necessary. The drumming workshops are all held at the Village Hall from 7.00pm to 9.00pm:

- Drumming workshop 1: Wednesday 6 July
- Drumming workshop 2: Wednesday 13 July
- Drumming workshop 3: Wednesday 20 July
- Drumming workshop 4: Wednesday 27 July

N.B. Irrespective of which sessions you plan to attend or your age, please call into the Village Hall on 6 July or use contacts below (on or before this date) to order your special Bloco 'T' shirt, free of charge.

- Making Day: Tuesday 26, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm – for the under 7s with an adult.

- Making Day: Tuesday 26, 2.00 – 4.00 pm for all other ages

The plan for Bonsall Bloco on Carnival Day, Saturday 30 July, will include:

- 10.00 – 10.45 am – Drumming workshops for the under 7s with an adult.
- 11.30 am – 12.30 pm – Drumming rehearsal for all ages
- 1.00 pm Assemble in the park
- 1.15 pm Carnival Bloco and procession

Thanks are due Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire Dales District Council, Bonsall Parish Council and Bonsall Open Gardens for their generous support for this project.

If you would like more details about the workshops, please call Wendy on 825267 or text "more info" to Hazel on 07414 845 925.

Please double-check all details in the Carnival Programme and on the Carnival website: <http://bonsallcarnival.co.uk> for last minute changes.

**Wendy Bullar**

## It's July, So It's Nearly Carnival Time!

Just a couple of reminders from me:

Wells: there should be eight wells in the village this year, which is fantastic! From the Clatterway, past The Fountain, up The Dale to Uppertown, down past Pounder Lane to The Cross and up to St James'. There will be many, many hours of work being put in during the week before Carnival and I guarantee that any one of the groups working on these wells would be thrilled to have an extra pair of hands. So ... even if you have never 'petalled' or it has been an age, do get in touch, give me a ring on 821816, or knock on the door, The Queens Head, and I will put you in touch with someone who would dearly appreciate your time, even if it's only an hour, it all helps!

Carnival creature competition: I hope you have been collecting useful bits of junk ready to create a fantastic creature. The kits, including all the bits you should include and the form, will be available from July. I will leave them out on the bench in a box in good weather. Help yourself. If the box is empty/not there, give me a ring. Remember, you need to provide and use at least one two-litre soft drink bottle. I can't wait to see Bonsall full of extraordinary creatures on Carnival morning! (N.B. There are three 'school age' categories and a 'no longer at school' category. There is no age limit to this completion so no excuses! If you make a creature for

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the competition, we will need to know where it is and be able to see it easily from the road in order to judge it, so you need to let us know by Carnival day. You can email me at [marion.heasman@btinternet.com](mailto:marion.heasman@btinternet.com) or phone 821816, or ring the bell to let me know. Good luck!

Crockery and books: Thank you to those of you who have already kindly donated old plates etc. and books. Please have another rifle through your unwanted and unused mugs etc. and make space on your shelves for new books. You can leave them under the bench outside The Queens Head.

This looks like it's going to be another fantastic Carnival day and fun-filled week to follow. See you there!

**Marion Heasman**

## Parking in the Park During Carnival

On Carnival Saturday, the Park Bottom car park will be used for disabled parking and for the vintage cars that will part of the Carnival procession. Please would the owners of the various camper vans and other assorted vehicles be so kind as to relocate them on Saturday by 11am for the day (and thank you to the lorry/trailer owners who do this every year). Thank you for your cooperation.

**Mark Sobey**  
on behalf of Carnival Committee

## Seniors' Outing



On June 14, Bonsall Seniors set out for a meal at the Moorlands. They were

then taken on a sight-seeing tour towards the High Peak to Stannage Edge, returning to the Hassop railway cafe for afternoon tea. Overall a very satisfying day out.

**Frank Priestley**

## Thank You

Many thanks to family and friends for cards and presents received on the occasion of my 90th birthday. Special thanks to Nellie and family for putting on the party and also to Beryl for making the cake. Thanks again everybody for a great day.

**Ted Mellors**

## Christian Aid

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Christian Aid this year during Christian Aid week, especially a big thank you to all the collectors in the village. Together we collected £661.48. Too many of our global neighbours go without the basics of life: food and shelter. Christian Aid is helping to put an end to this injustice. Thanks once again.

**Krystina Johnson**

## T'owd Man's Treasure Hunt

Last year's T'Owd Man's Treasure was a fantastic watercolour, painted by local artist and graphic designer, Jonathan Ogilvie. Jonathan depicted a view of



Jonathan Ogilvie

Greenhill from Stepping Lane with T'Owd Man's hot air balloon drifting across Masson Hill. The lucky winners were the Allsop family. In customary fashion, as previous winners, the Allsop family has devised this year's Treasure Hunt clues.

They have surveyed the less conspicuous features of Bonsall and set out a special trail for participants to follow. Treasure hunters will have to identify the location of some unusual features and must unravel some cunning clues around the village. The hunt will not entail the need to enter any private property.

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**Dave Grant**

Fri 22 July, 9pm  
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Night

• Tuesday  
Curry Night

• Wednesday  
Steak Night

Fri 5 August  
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The unique prize for the winners of this year's T'OWD Man's Treasure Hunt on Thursday 4 August will be a carving created and donated by Alan (Choc) Pugh. A Bonsall lad born and bred, Alan is a self-tutored artist and craftsman. He (together with Andy Land) was the creator of the Great Wall of Bonsall in The Dale. His special carving will be presented to the winning team at the Kings Head. Hunters should gather with their answer sheets by 8.45 pm. If two or more hunters have the same number of correct answers, there will be a set of tie breaker questions at 9 pm.



Alan with Bailey

The Carnival Committee would like to offer a big thank you to Alan for his generous contribution, to the Allsop family for compiling this year's Treasure Trail

and to Nick and the staff at Generate Print and Design in Sheffield for colour printing the clue sheets. Thank you all for helping to make our Carnival an event to remember.

**Wendy Bullar**

## Friends of St James' Church and Churchyard Group

The first St James' 'Wander and Ponder' trail (Commemorating the First World War) has been in place for about a year now: 14 'stations' or stopping places round the church and churchyard and an accompanying booklet of poems and readings. Nearly 60 booklets have been picked up and we hope that people have found the poems – and the chance to just wander and ponder – interesting and inspiring.

We are planning to put together a new trail, stopping off at the same 'stations' but with a new theme presented in a second booklet of readings, poems, possibly even some pictures. The theme we have chosen is 'journeys'. If you have a short poem, reading or picture that could help 'wanderers' and 'ponderers' explore the idea of 'journeys', then do please send them or send the information about them to Phil (via phil.heasman7@btinternet.com) in the next week or two – or give me a ring on 821816. We plan to put the new trail booklet together at the end of July for the launch of the second 'Wander and Ponder Trail' in August. Thank you and we hope that you will keep wandering and pondering round the Church and churchyard!

The Bonsall Community Library and Book Exchange in St James' (open everyday) seems to be growing... two bookcases, a wide range of books (including a nice line in historical fiction and growing number of children's books) and, we hope, people popping in and disproving Shakespeare's view that we should 'neither a lender or borrower be'! Please visit, borrow, donate and, if you stumble upon that gem you have always wanted, keep...

May and June saw the first of our run of 'Saturday Sanctuary' mornings: beautiful relaxing music; croissants, proper coffee and tea; Saturday papers to browse; drop in for as long or as little; no obligation to do anything other than just have a bit of a break and recharge the batteries. The next dates are Saturday July 2 and Saturday August 6 (the calm at the end of Carnival week and before the hen-racing championship) – both from 9 am for about an hour. The theme for the July 'Saturday Sanctuary' is beautiful and inspiring film music. Everybody very welcome! And relax...

**Phil Heasman**

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## SCHOOL PAGE

The school year is passing quickly and the summer holidays are almost in sight.

Class 1 has been welcoming the new starters into reception for their settling-in visits over the last few weeks. At the other end of the school, Year 6 pupils have been making their visits to new secondary schools. Year 4 has a return day-trip to Argyle Primary School in London; a chance to catch up the friends they made when Argyle visited Bonsall last term. Year 6 is also visiting London for an exciting overnight stay.

## John O'Groats to Lands End Cycle Ride

Tony and Mac are finishing their training schedule and counting down the days to their epic cycle ride on 16 July, covering 910 miles over 9 days to raise funds for school accommodation.

It's been a long, hard road with rides of up to 185 miles, but they are feeling ready and raring to go. The school will be following their progress each day during the last week of term.

You can follow them too on the ride blog <https://tonyfalconerwhite.wordpress.com/>

Donate online to Raise the Roof ride: <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/raisetherooft1> or sponsor them at the School Summer Fair on 9 July.

**Jane Falconer-White**



Andrew 'Mac' McClennon



## School Summer Fair –

**Saturday 9 July  
From 2 pm**

We are hoping for sunshine to make it another fantastic Summer Fair, but whatever the weather there will be lots to do. Games, prizes, luck, skill, tombola, raffle, beer, books, coconuts, cakes and some surprise stalls from the school children.

Make sure you arrive nice and early as you don't want to miss the children singing to open the fair. This is always really lovely and a highlight for many people. Jo Shannon is extremely talented at getting the best out of all the children. The music will continue with instrumental performances from the children throughout the afternoon. Cream teas will be served during the afternoon and there will be a licensed bar. There is no need to go home early as the fun will continue into the early evening with music, entertainment and baked potatoes. We would love to see you so please come along to help make it a great day.



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# Casualties and Exemptions

There were three Military Tribunals held in July against the backdrop of the offensive on the Somme. At the first, Charles Gratton, 36, Hollowbrook with 5 children applied as a lead miner and bricklayer, and was granted an exemption of three months although it was observed that he was "not really a lead miner" (He was shown as a quarryman in the 1911 census). Harry Bunting, 40, from the Dale married and a jobber in the cotton factory gassing room was adjudged unfit.

Arthur Allsop, 30, from High Street applied on his own account and with his employer, Councillor William Potter, Bank Farm. He had his own farm of 18 ac and at 6 am each day milked the cows from Potter's 26 ac. His brother, Leonard, was in the Forces. He was granted six months' exemption.

Joseph Slack, 18, was applied for by his father, Joseph Slack of Puddle Hill Farm with 94 ac. He had one son, William, in the Forces already and a three months' exemption was granted.

Frank Herbert Loxley, 36, married with 6 children, oldest 14, was the former landlord of the Fountain, but was now a carter and farmed 15 ac of which he mowed 8.5 acres. He suffered with rheumatics. He was given two weeks to attend a Medical Board.

Matlock Mines applied for Herbert Fearn (again) and he was given another 14 days

to apply for a badge exempting him because he was on war work. At the Tribunal two weeks later he had still not applied and was given another 14 days to apply for a badge. Also at this Tribunal Frank Herbert Loxley was found medically fit for overseas duty but not for general service. He was fit for a labour unit or garrison duty but he was granted three months' exemption to complete his mowing.

Mrs Rains, Wigley Meadow Farm, Grangemill applied for Francis James Roper 18, who had lived at the Old Miners Standard on High Street. Despite having 18 ac in Bonsall she "Should apply to Bakewell".

At the end of the month Herbert Fearn produced his war service Badge but not the certificate.

Henry Massey, 22, married worked at the Via Gellia Colour Company as an engine tender. He had received a three month exemption from April and now he applied on medical grounds but this was rejected, although he was given, two months' exemption to teach his replacement at the works.

Charles Hodgkinson 32, married with four children, had a previous exemption of two months. Derby Labour exchange confirmed no-one was available to do his work as a carter. He was given two months' exemption but must drill with the volunteers.

Samuel Rowland of Uppertown applied for his son Frank Rowland, 26, "helping with the hay, his grandfather was 79". Six weeks' exemption granted.

George Ernest Knowles, 31, applied because of his wife's ill-health and was granted exemption until 31 August.

Inevitably, with so many recruits in the Sherwood Foresters, and battalions from that regiment being in the first wave of the Somme offensive on 1st July 1916, there were several casualties on that day. Frank Sheldon, 20, previously working in the Bonsall Wood Basalt Quarry behind the Pig o'Lead, and living in Uppertown, was a private in the 1/6th Battalion Sherwood Foresters and had enlisted with his brother Thomas in early 1915. He had only been at the front for seven weeks when he participated in a diversionary attack. This bogged down in mud in the trenches and under heavy artillery fire. His commanding officer ordered his men not to go over the parapet. But owing to a mistake a party of 20 men, including Frank, did leave the trench and were killed immediately. The notification of his death came from his platoon commander to the landlady in Luton that he had lodged with, and she forwarded it to Reverend Taggart who was given the unenviable task of informing his mother, Clara.

Jim Banks, 30, who lived at Horsedale and worked in a limestone quarry and enlisted early in the war in the Sherwood Foresters before becoming a private in the 2nd Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers. He went missing in action on July 1st 1916 during the Somme advance. He was later reported as having been killed. He had married in 1911 and left his wife, Emily (ne Holmes), 34, and three children; his son James Eric born 30 August 1915



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never saw his father. Emily remarried and became Emily Allsop.

Bill Farnesworth was a pupil teacher at Bonsall School and at Ripley. He had been a scholarship winner and in November 1914 was reported as being with the Sherwood Foresters at Ludworth Camp as a sergeant. In May 1916 he had been on leave visiting his father Albert, the Council Surveyor, in The Dale but was expected to be back at the front for his birthday on 28th May 1916. Five weeks later he was dead. His parents received a posthumous Military Medal on his behalf. He is not on the War memorial.

Tom Worth was the son of James Worth an ex-soldier and policeman. He was born in Stockport and was brought up by his mother, a fourth generation Bonsall girl, Maria (Mira or Myra) Elizabeth Worth (ne Cotterill) and her parents at Nether Green. He had been a regular soldier, having enlisted at the age of 18 and completed seven years service in May 1914. He re-enlisted before war broke out with the 1st Battalion Sherwood Foresters and was in India. The battalion came directly from India to fight at Loos (September 1915) and Hill 60. He was on leave October 1915 with souvenirs

of the fighting. The 1st Foresters did not attack on the Somme until 5th July. Their advance resulted in close fighting and they were driven back; their advance had collided with an attack by the Prussian Guards. He died of his severe wounds in the Puchevillers Casualty Clearing Station, north east of Amiens on July 7th 1916. He was 28. His death was reported in The High Peak News of August 6th, along with his photograph.

John Thomas and Ann Rowland moved from Uppertown to The Cross. Their third son Tom, aged 22, was a private in the

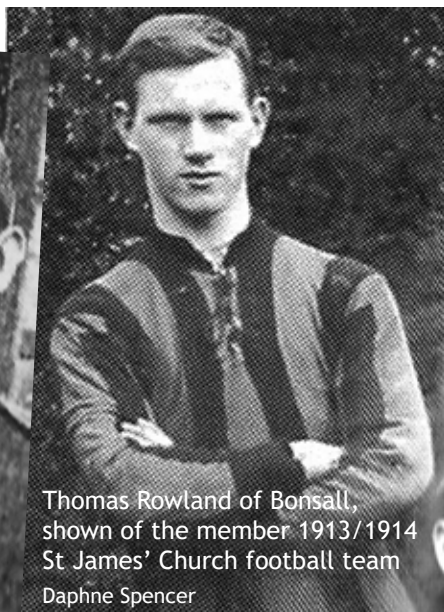
the Midland Railway as a platelayer. He had been shot in the leg by a sniper at the Battle of Loos and spent six weeks recovering in London. He survived the first attack by the battalion on the Somme between 2nd and 4th July 1916. On the 7th July they were ordered into shell holes prior to an assault. The rain was incessant and the artillery fire intense. When the advance was ordered over heavy ground it was ragged and unsuccessful and Thomas was severely wounded. He died of his wounds at the 38th Casualty Clearing Station at Heilly on July 11th 1916. His older brother Henry, 24, had enlisted with Thomas and was in the 11th Battalion Sherwood Foresters. He had also been platelayer on the Midland Railway. Their battalion attacked on the first day and suffered 518 casualties. They were withdrawn from the line and moved north where they received four drafts of men from other regiments to bring them back to strength. They entrained on the 15th July and entered the trenches near Albert on July 29th. They were met by heavy shell fire and Henry Rowland was killed eighteen days after his brother. One cannot imagine the grief experienced by the Rowland family losing two sons in quick succession and their anxiety with a younger son, Herbert, 18, about to join the Army. He survived the war.

It is not surprising, given the number of deaths of Bonsall men on the Somme, that traditional village activities should have been affected. At the end of July 1916, as usual, it was the annual Bonsall Wakes Week, although the High Peak News was reporting that "it doesn't much look like it. The only festivities are the merry-go-rounds in the Park. The old wakes parade is abandoned for the War."

**Peter Greaves**



Tom Worth from High Peak News



Thomas Rowland of Bonsall, shown of the member 1913/1914 St James' Church football team  
Daphne Spencer

10th Battalion Sherwood Foresters. He had enlisted on 3rd September 1914. Before the war he had been active in the church as a communicant, member of the Bible Class and of St. James Football team. He had worked at the Royal Hotel Matlock Bath and on

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# Meeting of the Parish Council on June 21

The Parish Council met on June 21 at the Village Hall. DCC Cllr. Ratcliffe had attended a walk around Uppertown and The Dale to look at the state of the roads. Some potholes had been attended to and the requests for resurfacing Slaley Lane and Bankside have been made, although this is unlikely to happen in the near future. Cllr. Ratcliffe reiterated her advice that potholes should be directly reported to DCC via their online form and Cllr Grover affirmed this saying he had reported some at the top of Clatterway which had been dealt with quickly.

Councillors will be discussing options at the Parish Council meeting in July for reinstating the street light on Uppertown Lane which DCC turned off in 2013. DCC has stated that they are not prepared to reinstate the light, even if the Parish Council pay the cost of reinstatement and the ongoing costs.

The Parish Council voted to make a grant of £500 to Bonsall School for the forthcoming production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' to take place as part of William Shakespeare's 400-year anniversary.

The Parish Council will be making a representation regarding the bus service as follows: the Council believes that the bus service forms an essential service supporting village life; however councillors recognise that it may be more cost-effective to reduce the service to a two-hourly instead of an hourly one.

The Church steps and handrail are to be replaced as part of maintenance work to be carried out by DCC. It is hoped that this will be done before the Carnival takes place.

Councillors discussed the village parking area at Park Bottom and expressed their disappointment that the space was not able to be used as intended to clear the congestion around The Fountain because of vehicles being stored there on a long-term basis. Unfortunately this vehicle storage is also leading to problems for some residents who are now no longer able to use the Park for receiving deliveries of supplies, which are made to the Park because of access difficulties.

Councillors will be looking at how this parking situation can be managed in the longer term, but in the meantime ask all residents to be mindful of what the original purpose was behind improving the area and that much time and many materials were donated in good faith to provide a solution for problems, which did not include a need for long-term vehicle storage.

There was a short discussion on how protected species are monitored in the village as slow worms have been discovered at the top of The Dale and around Bankside. Councillors would like to consider how protected species in the village are catalogued and monitored.

The next meeting will be held on July 19 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Please contact one of the Councillors if you have an issue you would like to raise with the Parish Council.

Members of the public are very welcome to attend the meetings and speak during the public participation at the start of the meeting.

**Catherine Rawas**

## 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.

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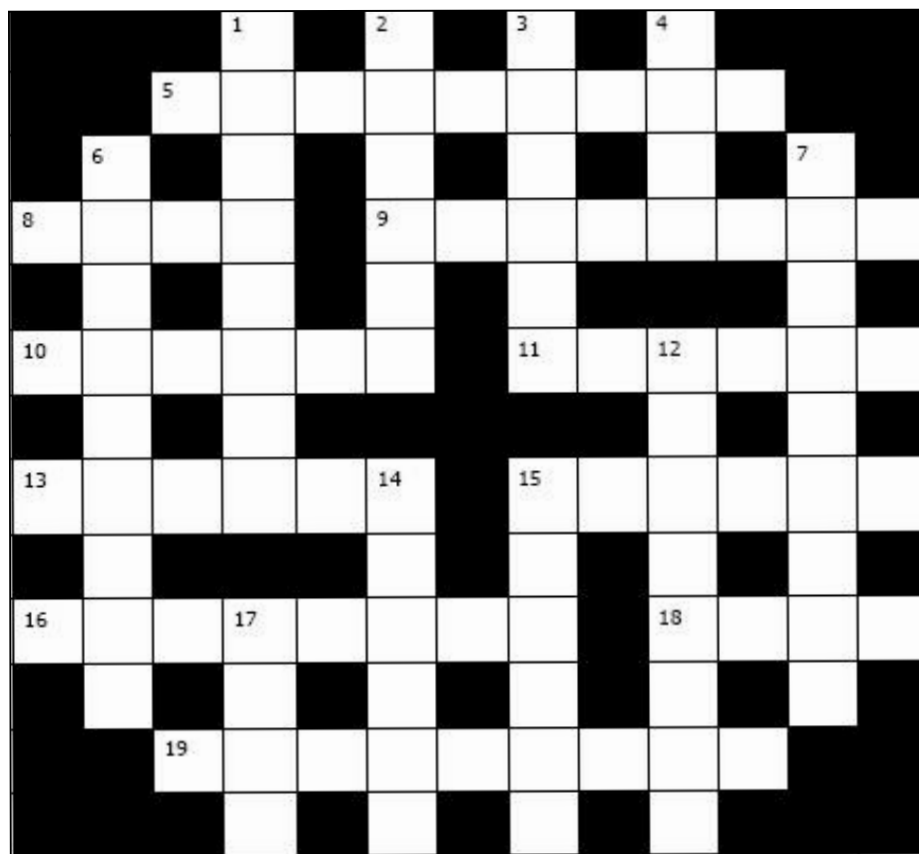
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# CROSSWORD No 74



## Across:

5. See 12 down.
8. Small dog runs back with shirt for person from one of 12,5. (4)
9. Dirty person with one article for one of 12,5. (8)
10. Stifled burp besets foreign soldier – one coming from one of 12,5? (6)
11. Chuckle caught short – about time to develop fangs! (6)
13. Barbie maybe takes on work for Ball. (6)
15. One of 12,5. Not a chance? About right! (6)
16. Dissipate lives so disgusting initially? Yes! (8)
18. Priggish Rose abandons spring flower. (4)
19. Great ape deserts Utah for East Mississippi – primarily to find fellow from 12,5. (9)

## Down:

1. One of 12,5 – or pull mate about? (8)
2. Worried sick – an octopus's defence mechanism! (3,3)
3. Experiment with fish stuffed with unknown quantity! (3,3)
4. With suffering feet, arrived at Festival. (4)
6. Ocean Maid swam about for one of 12,5 (9)
7. I haul Tina around for one of 12,5. (9)
- 12 & 5ac: So, runner, pace out – i.e., run to States! (8,9)
14. One of 12,5. City in middle of body of water. (6)
15. Wanted to have worked to make bread, by the sounds of it. (6)
17. Someone from one of 12,5 found in Lesser Britannia. (4)

## Answers to crossword no. 73

**Across:** 5. Fisherman. (Sherman tank). 8. El Al. 9. Animator. 10. Branch. 11. Typist. (sounds like tie pissed). 13. Hybrid. 15. Weaver. 16. Gardener. 18. Magi (imagine without Ine). 19. Referenda.

**Down:** 1. Milliner. 2. Sheath. 3. Artist. 4. Haha. 6. Clergyman. 7. Bobsleigh. (sounds like Bob slay). 12. Psalmody (Salmond without the N). 14. Dancer. 15. Worker. 17. Dyer.

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