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# T'Owd Man's Mutterings



## Ready for

# CARNIVAL?



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

August

St James

7 9.30am Sanctuary  
14 9.30am Eucharist  
21 11.00am Morning Worship  
28 8.30am Eucharist

Village Life Church

Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship  
10.30am UNO Sunday School

Monday

6.00pm Prayer Meeting

Tuesday

7.00pm Craft Club (Closed 2 Aug)

OUR HOUSEGROUP WILL BE  
CLOSED DURING THE SUMMER  
HOLIDAYS

Bonsall Wesleyan  
Reform Chapel  
(The Dale)

Thanks to all members, neighbours  
and friends who have given so gener-  
ously to support the Flower Festival,  
it is really appreciated.

Our August Sunday Services are at  
6.15pm except Sunday 21 August  
which is at 2.30pm.

Monday 1 & Tuesday 2 August 2.00 -  
6.00pm Chapel will be open and light  
refreshments will be served.

Friday 19 August 2.00 - 4.00pm  
Cuppa & Cake Afternoon.

Please call in and share “quiet mo-  
ments” and a cuppa with us. We would  
be pleased to see you all.

Church Floodlighting

The floodlights will, as usual, be on at  
Carnival time to assist the village festivi-  
ties. In particular the lighting will celebrate  
the lives of the Johnson and Trzebiatowski  
families.

John Sewry

CHURCH NEWS

It is an unavoidable truth but the world is  
becoming more and more reliant on the  
internet. It is now the umbrella for a large  
percentage of our social life, entertain-  
ment, shopping, information, education  
and communication, and I am, like most  
of you reading this, an avid user of the  
internet.

With this ever increasing use of surfing the  
web it is interesting how communication  
companies only have to provide their best  
internet speed to 10% of their customers  
to legally advertise it as their general speed  
to all their customers. So even though my  
internet provider advertises speeds of up  
to 15mbps for broadband, in reality what  
I get is a mighty 1.2 mbps!!!

When I initially heard this I began  
thinking aloud to myself ‘What a con!  
What if I started living my life where  
people only got 10% of the best of me!’. I  
very quickly shut my mouth. You see, the  
thing is, if I am completely honest with  
myself and examine my life, then that is  
probably true, people only get 10% of the  
best of me.

‘Surely not!’ I hear you cry. ‘You are always  
so kind and happy, you always have time  
for people.’ Wrong. You are just looking  
at my 10%, my in the moment goodness.  
The other 90%? Ask my wife! I can be  
grumpy, short with my kids, hurtful with  
my words, lazy, indifferent and distracted

from the joys of life. Some days I love  
to go and meet with people and have a  
cuppa and catch up, but a lot of the time  
I hide away hoping that you won’t see me  
walking down the street, so I can carry on  
undistracted from my super-important  
busyness!

Something has to change! The bible tells  
me this ‘Whatever your hand finds to do,  
do it with ALL YOUR MIGHT.’ (Ecc 9:10)  
So God’s intention for me is that whatever  
I am doing I should always, always, always  
be giving my best. And this is not just an  
encouragement to work harder, in fact I  
think sometimes that is the problem, we  
give too much of ourselves to our work  
and forget the important things in life like  
family, friends, romance, passion and fun.  
So in all things... we give our everything.

For me, how I love is the most important  
element of my whole existence. I base this  
conviction on this scripture ‘Dear friends,  
since God so loved us, we also ought to  
love one another.’ (1 John 4:11) So I am  
sick of the 10% love I give to people, the  
fickleness of who I am. God created me  
with the capacity to understand and ap-  
preciate the love others and so I need to  
do it!

Join me on an adventure this summer, an  
adventure of love... where we will pas-  
sionately live in the moment to bring joy,  
comfort and compassion to anyone and  
everyone we meet in any given day.

Pastor Matthew Quinn

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

Contact Fr. Bernard Needham (582804)

There is a fortnightly newsletter listing  
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LETTERS



Lorry Park Location?

Just a quick question...I live in Slaley and  
as access is difficult I sometimes need to  
meet people in the Bonsall Lorry Park.  
Does anyone happen to know it’s Postcode  
so it can be given for Satnav purposes?

Many thanks & looking forward to the  
next edition.

Peter O’Halloran

Waste & Recycling  
Collection

Please see below a message from Heidi  
McDougall to the Parish Council:

“I am writing to advise you that we are  
currently experiencing some difficul-  
ties with waste & recycling collections.  
Currently due to unforeseen circumstances  
Serco are experiencing a shortage of re-  
sources; therefore some residents may be  
experiencing delays with their scheduled  
collections. We apologise for any incon-  
venience that this may be causing and  
would like to reassure you that we are  
working with the contractor to resolve the  
issues as quickly as possible. There will be  
collection staff out this Saturday (25 June)  
clearing some of the missed collections.  
The situation will be reviewed on Monday  
and every effort will be made to clear any  
outstanding backlog. There is no change  
to scheduled collections, residents should  
still present their containers on collection  
day but Serco are not always managing to  
finish the rounds which is impacting on  
the following day’s collections.

If a collection is missed residents should  
report it at <http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/waste>  
or contact the waste helpline  
01629 761122 and leave their container(s)  
at the edge of their property until it has  
been collected. Regular updates will be  
given on the website.

Heidi McDougall  
Head of Environmental Service”

Reported by Cath Rawas

The Lorry Park - A  
Calm Response.

At RAF Scampton in the Red Arrows  
interest room there is a picture frame. In  
that picture frame there is a T shirt signed  
by 12 people. That T shirt has the Bonsall  
Red Barrows written on it and was hung  
there in 2013. It is still there in 2016 and  
according to my contacts at the base has  
been seen by thousands of guests from all  
over the world including senior politicians  
and other elite pilots. I presented that to  
Red 10 in 2013 and it was one of the high  
points of my life. Over the past 5 years I  
have stood on stages at major music events  
in front of twenty thousand people plus  
and said “we are from Bonsall let me tell  
you about our village”...

At the seating area at the cross by the  
Kings Head there is a wall. On that wall  
there are 2 green plaques mentioning  
Calor village of the year for various  
categories. My wife played a key role in  
getting those awards and getting the vil-  
lage the much needed funds to help with  
community projects. It was one of her  
proudest moments and I was proud for  
her and the village.

So not perhaps the actions of 2 people who  
are free-loaders and do not care about the  
village and take advantage of its facilities.  
Yet in 2016 it appears we have a jury, judge  
and executioners who are allowed to write  
and have published comments and opin-  
ions that have caused a lot of hurt, sadness  
and lasting damage. We also have people  
in public office who need to think about  
what they write, their status and the real  
impact it can have on others.

Our crime is that due to coming back  
from holiday with our disabled daughter,  
the Landrover having giving its all for 18  
years died on us on Yeoman Street. Even  
the boys at Auto Engineering could not  
help, and they can fix 99% of most things,  
so we had to store our caravan on the lorry  
park whilst we bought another 4x4 to tow  
it back to storage. It seems in the 2 weeks  
it was there the crime of the century was  
committed and its presence has impacted  
on a few people’s lives.

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## LETTERS

So to the few who are concerned, my caravan has gone back to storage, as was always planned, and now I have a very nice new Landrover. If you are so concerned, as per your letters about ensuring visitors to the village have a good customer experience, then think about what they may have made of the letters and words used on this subject. They must have wondered what they were walking into.

So, if it helps here are my top tips for getting the situation resolved..

- Get legal notices placed on the park saying what can and cannot be parked there...for obvious reasons.

- Try and understand others' views. We are a community and this is a community area that allows some on a temporary basis to park their vehicles etc there as they are the community.

- Encourage people dropping off children at school to use the lorry park and walk the 2 minutes to school (the labradors are still having counselling from their near death experiences on Yeoman Street of speeding cars at school opening and closing times.)

- As a village we still have to have the debate about affordable housing. Just try and have it with dignity and respect for other peoples' views even though they may not be the same as yours.

So please before you write and publish, think about the impact it has on people, some of whom have done more than most to promote where we live.

But we need to finish on a positive, and I would like to thank on behalf of the world famous Bonsall Red Barrows (because we really are), one of the quietest unassuming people in the village for helping us in our hour of need. Earlier this year we were evicted from our hanger and had nowhere to go, the lorry park looked good but....we were offered a dry storage area on a farm in the village at no cost. So David Allsop many thanks mate. On carnival night, if you are around, a few beers will be coming your way down the mess.

Mike Howsley

### Dear Dog Walkers ...,

We seem to have a new phenomenon on Yeoman Street. Somebody is regularly allowing their dog to foul the street, often right outside people's gates or front doors. For obvious reasons (nobody wants their dog to be mowed down by speeding cars mid-business as it were) these piles are at the edge of the road. This now means that our kids, having been told to 'keep well in', are now facing a new menace - piles of steaming dog poo! I know that many dog owners are fastidious about picking up and

disposing of their dog's mess, as am I when I occasionally walk our neighbour's dog, but this person or persons is letting everybody down. We have long had to deal with Stepping Lane having been clearly designated a dog toilet by some and can no longer allow our 18 month old grandson to safely walk up there, but please don't turn Yeoman Street into a no-go area for our kids. Just pick it up and bin it whoever you are. It's simple and I know because I have been doing it for you.

Hilary Jones

### Thanks to Bonsall

Can you please place a "Thank You" notice in the next edition of Mutterings. We took part in Ashgate's Sparkle Walk on the 2 July and raised an amazing £436 which was donated largely by the residents of Bonsall. We would also like to say an extremely big thank you to Paul's mum Jean Hardy of Clatterway Hill who canvassed on our behalf. It is for an extremely good and worthwhile cause.

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Kind regards,

Paul and Alison Hardy

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### Please Note

The Editors have received two letters complaining about the tone of some of the letters in the July issue of Mutterings concerning use of the lorry park, and our editorial judgement in allowing them to be published.

We held an Editorial Group meeting to discuss the complaints and to review our policy on libellous or offensive contributions to the newsletter. We considered issues surrounding free speech and the ability of people in the village to express strongly held views with 'robust civility', recognising that Bonsall is a relatively small community in which there may be local sensitivities. We also recognised that many people felt strongly about the current use of the lorry park, and that the issue was of legitimate concern - and one of the purposes of Mutterings as a village newsletter is to report such issues. We regret that the two letter writers were upset by the tone and content of some parts of the letters, but we also recognise that there are very different views on what can be considered offensive and what should be accepted as free speech.

We are all volunteers and none of us are professional journalists, so we have to make judgements on what is likely to cause offence in the village and edit letters appropriately, as we did on several occasions last year in relation to the housing development in Uppertown. We encourage all contributors to Mutterings, whether in articles or letters to the editors, to be respectful of the views of others and we have modified our pre-publication procedures to widen the monitoring of potentially offensive content among more of the Editorial Group.

The Editors

### CARPARK AND FIREWORK NIGHT

The carpark will be used for the firework display on Friday 5 August The carnival committee needs all vehicles to be removed for that date due to health and safety reasons. The firework display may not go ahead if there are still vehicles in the carpark. Thank you in your anticipated cooperation on this matter.

Please ring Hazel on 07414 845925 if you need to discuss.

Hazel Baldwin

on behalf of the Carnival committee



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### Bonsall Open Gardens

2016 has been a record breaking year for Bonsall Open Gardens, taking in £2126 !! Many, many thanks to those who opened their gardens and to those also who helped out behind the scenes, selling tickets, serving cakes etc. The feedback from the visiting public was very lovely, stating that Bonsall Open Gardens is one of their favourites, if not favourite in many cases, and that we are a friendly, hospitable village set in a most beautiful landscape.

Our accounts will be finished and projects funding will be decided upon in the next meeting which will be the celebratory garden party at Herbert Lodge on 11 September (Sunday). All Open Gardeners and helpers invited -time to be decided.

St James Church, Bonsall Primary school, Carnival and OAP group always receive a donation from the Open Garden's contributions. Approx £1250 each over the four years. Other groups then benefit also, such as the allotments community, Bonsall Halloween children's party, children's drumming workshop in preparation for carnival this year and also we have funded the painting and sprucing up of the village telephone boxes (Slaley to be done soon) which really does make a difference.

Please also note that because of the greater financial success of this year's Open Gardens, next year's event will be organised mid-June instead of late June.

In response to Ron Addis' letter to the Mutterings, our accounts are available on request and we have now supplied the Parish Council with them for transparency.

I would also like to take the opportunity to state that the Open Gardens proceeds go solely towards village projects and charitable causes. The Opera evening is a separate event, generously organised and produced by counter tenor Oliver Gerrish as a contribution to the Bonsall Field Barn Project, which not only restores our unique field barns heritage for the good of our historic landscape, but also repairs stone walls and old pack pony routes, lead miner's coes, lime kilns, frameknitters workshops and many other important historical buildings/monuments in the village. We also provide habitat in the field barns to help preserve our rare and very endangered barn owls.

If anyone would like to contribute further to the Barn project, cheques are now received directly to us or the charity Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust (needs a covering letter).

Many thanks this year to Toni Castells who showcased his new contemporary opera here before it's full premiere in London on Wednesday 6 July. Many thanks also to talented world class soprano Meeta Raval

and of course Oliver Gerrish. A wonderful evening. In fact a wonderful weekend!!

Regarding the bus shelter project, we have struggled to find a village builder to take on such a small project. Andrew Land was originally set to do the work but his talents have been spirited away by the likes of Charlie Dimmock and the BBC! - and quite rightly so!!! Garden Restoration BBC 1, one of twenty episodes from Monday 11 July at 15.25 pm, also featuring Leigh Pugh!

So an apology to the Parish council that have been waiting for the newly restored bus shelter, but this has been quite an exceptional excuse!! We have now found a builder and work is now scheduled for late August 2016.

### Liz Stoppard and Olivia Gerrish



### Rocky

A young Bonsall family were excited about their impending holiday in Andalucia. They were looking forward to 10 relaxing days. On arrival, their villa was very rural, surrounded by farmland and orchards and exactly what they wanted as a break from work and responsibilities. A lovely holiday ensued, with trips to restaurants and gentle walks, although the plight of some animals caused them some concern.

One evening, after a pleasant meal at a local restaurant, they were driving home when an extremely malnourished animal appeared in the headlights. It looked like a young deer, quite common in those parts, but as it moved to the side it was clearly a yellow dog, close to death and begging for help. It followed the car to the villa and gazed longingly at the family. Naturally, having just eaten well themselves, they found food for the starving animal and then watched it wolf it down.

Yellow dog, now nicknamed Rocky, was still outside in the morning so they fed it again. The family then proceeded to contact the local police, the animal rescue centres and local kennels but no-one had reported him lost. His details were put on DogsLost sites on the internet, but again, no-one seemed to have missed Rocky.

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After 3 or 4 days the family was faced with an awful dilemma. They would soon be flying home and felt dreadful about leaving the animal who thought he had found someone to care for him. They decided to place him in a rescue kennels where he stood a chance of finding some security. Unfortunately, despite all their efforts, there was no space to be found.

SO! They found a British charity, 'AAR', who offered advice and assistance to help ship Rocky to Bonsall. For 500 Euros, Rocky was placed in an ex-pat's foster home, neutered, gained a passport and all his injections, and a legal ride to Britain. After 8 weeks of waiting he was transported from Andalucia to Bonsall in a special animal transporter and arrived one evening at 8.00pm after a 3 day journey. He was understandably traumatised after his long journey but is now settling in.

You might see him as he gets used to his new surroundings and learns how to walk properly on a lead. Lucky Rocky, maybe very clever Rocky, found a kind and loving family who could not turn their backs on a creature in need, despite the difficulties. I think that calls for a round of applause!



As told by Karen Firth

### Burglary

Bonsall is a safe place to live. This is because we are not on a road to anywhere (you have to be coming here to end up here) and because of the neighbourliness of the residents. This ensures that the unusual is noticed. Unfortunately on Tuesday 28 June during daylight hours Town End Farm was burgled. No one was in and the thief had time to be selective about what was stolen. A white van with one occupant was seen on Church Street during the afternoon and has not been accounted for. Did you see this van? Was it visiting your house? Did you see anything on that day that might help trace the thief? Common sense advice is available from the Police on security precautions:

Most burglaries are committed by opportunist thieves and take place when the house is empty. A third of all break-ins occur through a back window. In 2 out of 10 cases, burglars get in through unlocked doors and windows. Once a home has been burgled, the likelihood that it will be targeted again increases considerably. Often a second burglary occurs within a few days of the first. The same, or a different, thief may return to steal property left behind on the first occasion or possessions that have since been replaced. Delays in repairing any damage caused during the burglary and a lack of additional security improvements may also lead to a repeat burglary. Gates and fences are the first signs of a secure home and act as a good deterrent to intruders. Make sure they are in good repair.

Keeping your front gate closed sends a psychological message of privacy, so consider investing in a gate spring.

Ensure that side access to the rear garden is secured with a 2 metre high fence and gate. You can fix trellis topping to your fence as it makes climbing difficult.

Ensure ladders are put away and bins can't be turned into climbing aids.

For a perimeter fence by a public path or other vulnerable area consider defensive or prickly shrubbery on your side of the fencing.

An outdoor light operated by sensors can be used to make intruders feel vulnerable and observed.

Illuminate areas such as the front, side and rear of your home.

Make sure passers-by can see the front of your home by cutting your shrubs and bushes to 1m so burglars can't work without being seen.

David and Diane Taylor

### Save Newholme Hospital

The campaign "Save Newholme Hospital" has been running a few weeks now, we do not have long until the consultation period ends on 5 October. During those weeks it has been identified that four areas need addressing by you, the public.

1) Write to our MP Patrick McLoughlin. The Rt Hon Patrick McLoughlin MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

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4) Complete the online questionnaire at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NDJoinedUpCare>. This is a questionnaire about local care arrangements.

If as many people as possible complete these four steps, this will give us a fighting chance to stop these closures. Please do your bit - it will be too late once they have closed.

There is a campaign on Facebook, and a website (noted below), and many Parish Councils are putting in comments and encouraging parishioners to respond too.

The links are <http://www.joinedupcare.org.uk/> and for consultation <http://www.joinedupcare.org.uk/media/29282/better-care-consultation-online-version.pdf>

Claire Taylor

### Bonsall Seniors Auction and bids

The Bonsall Seniors have received a kind donation of the handmade "Gypsy Caravan" shown in the photographs.

The Seniors Committee propose to auction the caravan and horse to raise funds at the forthcoming Horticultural Show in September and would also be pleased to receive offers / bids prior to this date.

Interested parties who wish to view, place a bid or require further details can be made through Linda Cauldwell on 823790.

Thank you for your support

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## 100 YEARS AGO

On 6 August 1916 a memorial service was held at St James' Church for Tom Worth, Thomas Rowland and Frank Sheldon.

The Council meeting on the 12 August got off to slow start as there was no quorum due to harvest. A Boy Scout was sent to find the Councillors who appeared 40 minutes later. They discussed the problem of straying horses and the need to appoint a Clerk. They then convened as a Military tribunal, no doubt with the memorial service fresh in mind, and considered an application for exemption by Via Gellia Colour Co for Frank Charlton a gas engine fitter and the firm had no one else to do the job. It was Class A work. They operated two shifts and Henry Massey on the other shift had been given a final exemption of two months in July. He was granted a three months exemption. Frank had been brought up, from the age of 3, by his widowed mother in a house on the Via Gellia. He was 28, married with 1 child.

An application by Herbert Hinksman, 40, gamekeeper, living at Tufa Cottage, Via Gellia, married with a daughter, was considered. He had 5 brothers in the army. He was granted a three months exemption but was required to take up munitions work if called upon.

At the beginning of September another Tribunal heard William Taylor of Town End Farm apply for exemption from conscription for his son Thomas A Taylor, who was 30, and married, as it was a "busy time. Other son came from Canada to join Army". In addition to William, who had emigrated, he had another son, 14, and two daughters Rose, 22, and Lily Mary, 16. Thomas was granted a 2 month exemption.

William Swift, 31, from Slaley was the only person of military age at the Colour works where he was a paint grinder. He was granted a 3 month exemption.

A report of the Police Court proceedings on 21 August 1916, headlined, 'Bonsall Soldier's Mistake' detailed the case of George Wildgoose of the 3rd battalion Lincolnshire Regiment based at Grimsby, who pleaded guilty to having been absent without official leave. PC Barker had gone to the house of John and Clara Bunting, Wildgoose's sister, on Sunday morning the 20 August and saw Wildgoose. His leave had expired on the 31 July and he was arrested and transported to the Matlock Bath lock-up. He explained he had been ill and had been seen by Dr Durbridge. He had written to his Company Sergeant Major to say he was ill but he had not sent in a sick note to his Commanding Officer. Police Superintendent Clarke said he was in a very bad state and not fit to go back. He had served in the Dardanelles campaign and had had jaundice and frostbite. The magistrates ordered that he was to be kept in custody awaiting a military escort back to his Regiment.

Private George Charles Wildgoose had enlisted as a volunteer within a month of his eighteenth birthday on 13 April 1915 at Chesterfield. He was an unmarried man, the only son among 11 children of George Wildgoose, who had left Bonsall in the early 1880's to move to Sheffield. However his grandparents remained in Bonsall and at least two sisters married Bonsall men, so although he had not been born in Bonsall there existed strong ties to the village. Because at the time he enlisted he was lodging with another sister away from Bonsall and working at Whitwell pit, he would not have been regarded as a Bonsall volunteer and was thus not named in the poem about the Bonsall soldiers. He served in the Dardenelles campaign and after the evacuation from Gallipoli, which was completed in January 1916, he had been given leave, some or all of which he spent at his sister Clara's house in Bonsall. Her husband, John Bunting, was also in the Army as was John's brother, Joseph, married to another of George Wildgoose's sisters, Emily. We know that Joseph was also on leave in June 1916. George clearly had contact with Dr Durbridge at Matlock Bath while he recuperated. Whatever else happened when he returned to his regiment, he went to Flanders and fought in the 3rd Battle of Ypres in 1917 and was shot in the hand. On 18 January 1918 he was discharged from the Army as being unfit for duty. He recuperated near Wantage in Oxfordshire before returning to Matlock Bath where he married in 1929.

It is also not surprising that the price of lead, used for weapons and bullets, increased dramatically over the summer of 1916, and that some people were able to take advantage of this. Robert Gregory (his son had died at Ypres in February) of Town Head re-opened Slack Mine (alongside the road from Brightgate to Winsters) and was producing lead ore which he sold at £30/ton compared with £12/ton before the war.

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## PARISH COUNCIL

### Meeting of the Parish Council on July 19

Bonsall Parish Council met on Tuesday 19 July at Bonsall Village Hall. During the public speaking session a member of the public raised the issue of the future use of the Park Bottom area for parking. Whilst they wanted to make it clear that they supported all the work already done by local residents and the Parish Council they felt that it would be helpful for the Parish Council to be clear about their intentions for the future use of the Park particularly with regard to arrangements for storage and permissions for storage, overnight parking etc. This needed to be clarified for residents. They also requested that the Parish Council support a helpful discussion in the next issue of Mutterings with regard to parking.

There are currently no rules and some misunderstandings have occurred with unfortunate tone of letters in Mutterings. Some of the letters held an unfortunate tone and suggested that members of the village who had parked there were people who on balance had made a big contribution to village life and shouldn't have to feel ashamed of themselves for using that village facility. Cllr Harris responded by reminding everyone that the views in letters in Mutterings were not the view of Bonsall Parish Council and that the report from Bonsall Parish Council in Muttering is where residents can find out what the Parish Council view is on any given issue. Cllr Harris also noted that the issue of the future of the Park Bottom was due for discussion and decision later in the meeting.

The meeting was informed that in previous years all the vehicles are usually cleared out of the park for the fireworks at the second weekend of Carnival. If any cars remain in the car park on the Friday of carnival the fireworks will not be able to go ahead. The Parish Council would appreciate the support of villagers in making alternative arrangements for the Carnival to ensure all the activities planned for the village by the Carnival committee can go ahead.

On the subject of the Park, Cllr Harris said the Park Bottom and Playground have been the responsibility of the DDC who have held a long term lease for the last 99 years. This has recently expired and BPC have been asked by DDC to consider taking over this lease. BPC are currently exploring this arrangement and will be looking at how this will work going forwards (in consultation with residents) Councillors voted to progress the option to take on the lease for the Park from the Derby Diocese which has been held by DDC subject to seeing the terms of the lease and the areas of responsibility,

an option has been proposed by DDC whereby they would retain a licence for responsibility for the play equipment. This resolution to explore the possibility for holding the lease for the Park will allow Bonsall Parish Council to consider arrangements for parking and the use of the area carefully and they will welcome the views of all residents in this process. Please do make your views known either to your Councillors or via The Clerk.

Cllr Pawley reported that the consultation on the closure of local wards at Newholme and The Whitworth Hospitals is under way and encouraged all residents to make their views known. Should the wards proposed close there will be a centre of excellence at Walton for Dementia which people will need to travel to. North Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Website is the location for consultation <http://www.joincupcare.org.uk/>.

The Arc learners pool is now open and all the leisure centres are having a 6 week programme of 'summer fun' details can be found on the internet.

Cllr Ratcliffe – Derbyshire County Council are asking the public to make their views known on Chesterfield moving to the Sheffield City region. If you go to the Derbyshire County Council website you can find more details from the pop up screen that appears.

Some road repairs have been carried out around the village, including on Slaley Lane, but it is unlikely that the Church Steps or handrail will be repaired by the Carnival. This was a disappointment to the Parish Council who have been lobbying the County Council on this issue for some time.

The meeting in August will consist of a "walkround" in the Village to see areas of interest or concern. Please let your Councillors or The Clerk have any issues you would like raised by 9 August.

**Catherine Rawas**

Clerk to Bonsall Parish Council

### 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:

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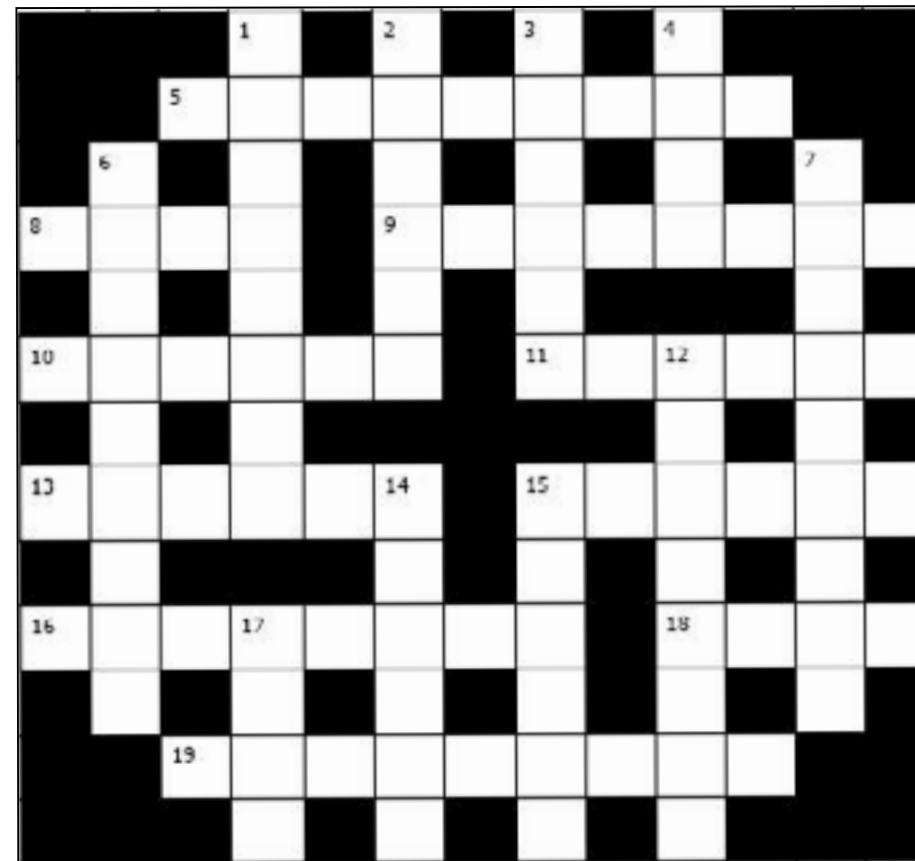
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## CROSSWORD No 75



#### Across:

5. Tom goes to dance at Open University for 8. (3,6)
8. Video component of dream life-style going west! (4)
9. 8. This bride losing interest, revolts. (3,5)
10. Made or strayed? Yes! (6)
11. 8. Born Papists in retreat. (6)
13. 8 notes first organised contrary to advice. Very expensive! (6)
15. 8. Old king takes drugs since inside.(6)
16. Hoist over stream causes skin complaint. (8)
18. Horrible sounding fruit. (4)
19. In a gripping manner of course, I am in shifty surroundings. (9)

#### Down:

1. 8. Three mothers embrace me. (5,3)
2. Pacified a vampire with final stake. Good! (6)
3. 8 articles about story. (6)
4. Non-Jew heads north with one spiritual teacher. (4)
6. 8. Pasta gets topped and put in pot in oven for starters. (9)
7. Unfortunately poem is collected by mad lady. (9)
12. French street chocker on last day, sadly. (8)
14. Agree with last subtle question polished off. (6)
15. 8 held by brigand highwayman. (6)
17. 8 found during op, oddly. (2,2)

#### Answers to Crossword no. 74

**Across:** 5. Countries. 8. Balt. 9. Slovenia. 10. Belgic. 11. Teethe. 13. Dollop. 15. Norway. 16. Dissolve. 18. Prim. 19. Orangeman.

**Down:** 1. Portugal. 2. Ink Sac. 3. Try Out. 4. Fete. 6. Macedonia. 7. Lithuania. 12. European. 14. Poland. 15. Needed. 17. Serb.

#### Collective nouns

**Q. What is the collective noun for ferrets?**

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