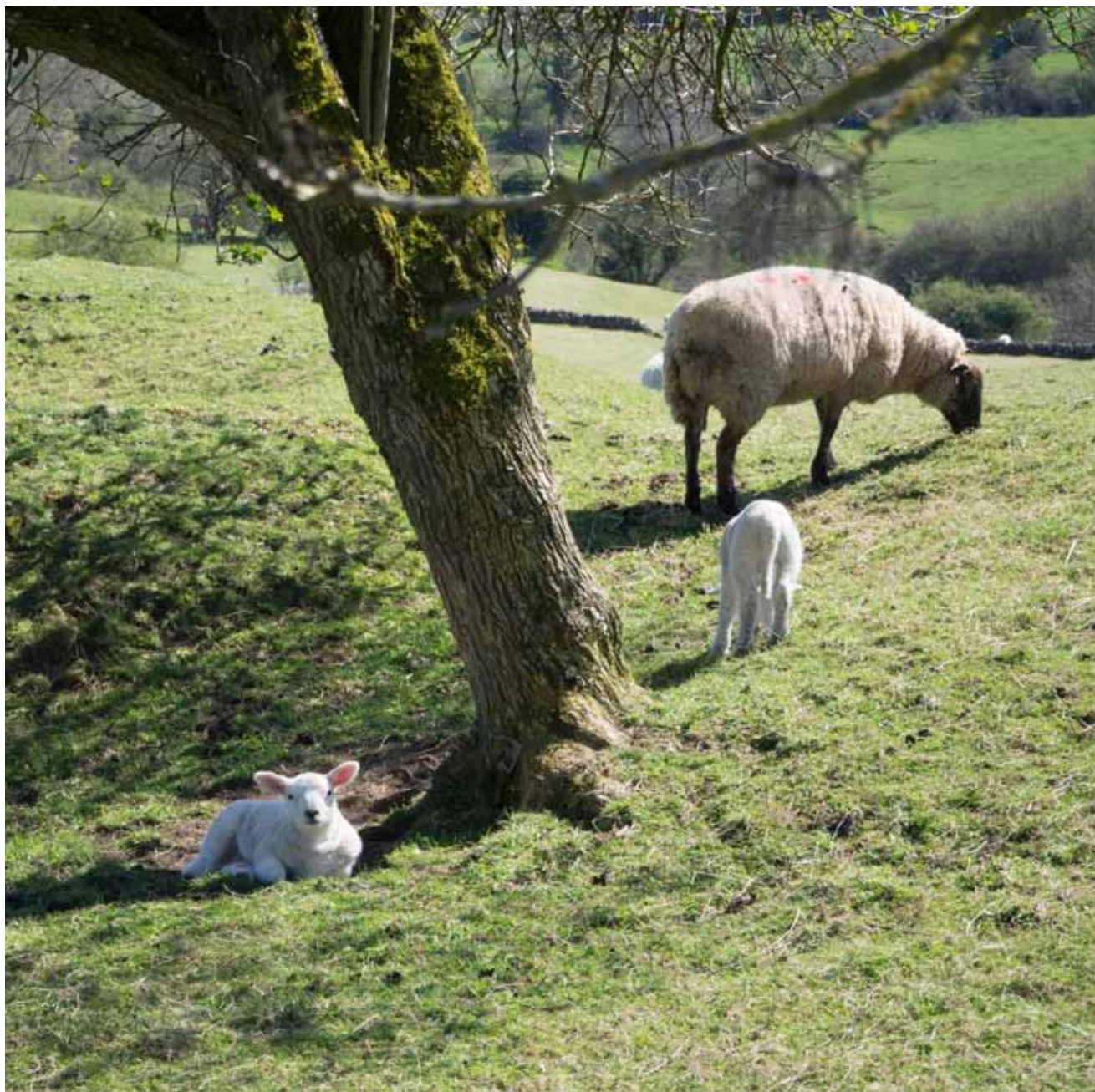




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T'Owd Man's Mutterings



Spring is on its way

(Alistair Hamilton)



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

March

St James

- 1 7.00 pm Ash Wednesday
- 5 9.30 am Morning Worship
- 12 9.30 am Eucharist
- 19 11.00 am Morning Worship
- 19 12 noon AGM
- 26 9.30 am Mothering Sunday

Women's World Day of Prayer is 3 March, 1.30 pm at the Wesleyan Reform Chapel. Lent services begin on Wednesday 8 March at the Village Life Church on High St., at 7.00 pm

Village Life Church

Sunday 10:30 am Morning Worship
10:30 am UNO Sunday School

Monday 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Tuesday 2:00 pm Craft Club

Wednesday 2:00 pm House group

Coffee Morning will be on Tuesday

28 March 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. A

warm welcome to everybody.

Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel (The Dale)

Sunday Services during March alternate between 2.30 & 6.15 pm commencing Sunday 5 March at 6.15 pm.

Friday 3 March 1.30 pm Women's World Day of Prayer

Tuesdays at 10.00 am Praise, Prayer & Ponder the Word commencing 7 March

Friday 17 March 2.00 - 4.00 pm Cuppa & Cake Afternoon

Joint Lent Meetings will commence on Wednesday 8 March - for further details please speak to Matthew Quinn or Judy Land

All are welcome to join with us at these various events

Hope

As 2016 was drawing to a close, I heard a lot of people saying 'I can't wait for this year to be over!' And I can understand the sentiment entirely. It was a difficult year. It was difficult politically with all the unknowns that arose from our vote to leave the EU, massive changes in our government, the value of the pound plummeting, and Donald Trump voted in to power.

And it was difficult because of continued acts of terror and unrest in the Middle East. A year of panic stricken refugees and people in great fear of unstoppable immigration. It was a year where many national treasures, pop icons and comedy legends passed away. Leaving us heart-broken month after month as we received new news of someone else we treasured having died.

All in all there was a bleakness that seemed to have pervaded the soul of many, turning them to seek solace in the ending of one year and the beginning of another.

This is what we call hope, willing an believing that something WILL get better. That change WILL come.

I suppose the cynics around us may call this wishful thinking, and sometimes that is an accurate assessment of hope. 'I hope it doesn't rain tomorrow,' 'I hope my numbers come up this week.' We often add the word 'hope' to the various things we cannot control in our lives. But the biblical definition of the word hope is joyful expectation. This means that you are so convinced that something is going to happen that you can be joyful no matter what circumstances you face, because you know that what your hoping will be fulfilled. This sort of hope is what I have found in Jesus. His promise 'I will never leave you or forsake you' is something I have continually and will continually experience. MY HOPE IS IN HIM! So in an uncontrollable, unpredictable world, my hope in Jesus is my anchor. He breaks the bleakness with light and life, he is my unfailing joy and strength. And my prayer is that in 2017 you might also find your hope, joy and peace in Jesus.

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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 FLOODLIGHTING

During March, there are family memories for several people. The lighting celebrates the lives of all the Millward family. Betty Taylor remembers fondly Mum, Dad, Elsie and Carl. Much in mind for Ron and Joy Mountney, Linda and John are Clara and Jack. The church lighting conjures up memories of Mum and Dad, Freda Kevin Hurley for Ronnie and Phil Addis. Harold Bunting is in the thoughts of Dorinda, Simon and Stephanie at this time, as are Annie and Lev Weston. Pat, Sue and John remember with love, Joe, especially on the 17th. The 11th and 19th March bring to mind Charlie and Elsie Thompson for Philip and Yvonne.

John Sewry

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Open Gardens

We have set the dates for Open Gardens this year for the weekend of 3 - 4 June. We have the longer days, which means more sunshine for flowers to enjoy. With summer weather and fertile soils, June is a great month so see some amazing flowers. We have gone for the first weekend in June because the RHS Chatsworth Flower Show will run from 7-11 June and we did not want to clash. We always have a core of gardens each year but we would welcome any newcomers who would like to join in the fun. Your garden does not have to be in pristine condition as the visitors love the experience of wandering around Bonsall and not only appreciating the gardens but enjoying the views. It is a fun experience for everyone and all takings go to the various village charities, so please join us if you have not already done so in the past. **Please can all those who would like to open their gardens let us know as soon as possible** by emailing office@bonsallopengardens.co.uk or phone Olly Gerrish on 07779 718849.

Olivia Gerrish & Liz Stoppard

LETTER

Dear Editors

To whom it may concern,
Thanks for the unwanted gift of a television left in my front garden. I assume you were too lazy to dispose of it yourself; more fun to let someone else (and a pensioner at that) do it for you. I don't think the Council or Police are keen on fly-tippers; bear in mind your fingerprints would be on it!

G. Forbes

Auction & Raffle for Breast Cancer Research

The auction will take place at the Kings Head on Saturday March 11. Please contact either **Richard Taylor** (823704) or **Charlie and Kath** at the pub if you would like to donate items for the auction.

Bowling

Wirksworth Memorial Bowls Club warmly invites you to attend a free taster evening at on Monday 10 April from 6 pm. There will be an introduction to the game of bowls by experienced club members, followed by refreshments. The evening is open to all ages from the young to the young at heart. The bowling green is located on Millers Green, just off the Derby Road, adjacent to the football and cricket fields. The Club is looking for new members and you would be most welcome. If you require any further details please call **Peter Stevenson** on 01629 822694



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"Reason for leaving last job: maturity leave."

"Wholly responsible for two (2) failed financial institutions."

"It's best for employers that I not work with people."

"Let's meet, so you can 'oooh' and 'aaah' over my experience."

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"I was working for my mom until she decided to move."

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POETRY CORNER

Two more poems received that are attributed to our own historical Bonsall poet, William Gregory (1867- ?) – see December 2016 issue for background notes. An interesting perspective on the Via Gellia – clearly before all the lorry traffic arrived! Does anyone know where the Thorn Tree was?

Ricky & Jeanette Moss

VIA GELLIA

Via Gellia! Via Gellia!
Thou much beloved spot;
Home of the Scented Lily,
And the blue Forgetmenot.

A thought of thee will bear me back
To youths' glad days, and there
In fancy's dream, I wander free
From anxious fear and care.

I've seen thee dressed in
Springs' young life,
And plucked thy early flowers,
The Lady-Smock and Violet,
Which come with April Showers.

In Summertime thou'rt all alive
With busy ants and bees,
With rabbits Sporting on the ground,
And Squirrels in the trees.

The Wren, the thrush, the linnet,
Blackbird and Cushat dove,
Unite to make the happy vale
A home of Song and love.

I've Seen thee when the Autumn casts
Her jewels to the ground,
The blackberries and nuts are in
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When Winter wraps thee in his cloak
Thy beauty is not less,
Each tree a plume, each rock a Crown
Of glittering loveliness.

In fact there is no time of year
When memory may not see
Thy beauty, and in peace reflect
Oh what it knows of thee.

Sometimes in dreams I seem to see
Thy woods, and streams and flowers
Thy cottages which, here and there
Make honey suckle bowers.

Oh! Had I Wordsworth's gifted pen,
Or even that of Shelley! A
Greater need praise Should be
Given to thee - Dear Via Gellia.

THE THORN TREE (written in March 1899)

Repeat it in Song, and tell it in Story,
The village of Bonsall is Shorn of its glory!
(This time by the Council's decree.)
The bridges of marble are going to decay,
The Stockin'iers frames are taken away,
And now - they have Cut down the
Thorn Tree.

Some say that the Council have done
it for Spite,
But the drift of that statement I cannot
see quite,
For tho' they drink some things stronger
than tea,
The Council are not such a bibulous crew
As to go home at night in a tipsified stew
And get bumping their heads on the
Thorn Tree.
Some people say anything but just
what they ought,
While others are honest and not easily
bought,

And some are as stupid as only mules
can be!
So the War Cry of Bonsall is -
"Lets all unite"

While they're signing petitions to prove
that Blacks' White
But not on account of the Thorn Tree.

Oh no, there's another great work of
reform,
Which at present is taking the village
by Storm
The result we shall very soon see.
For its causing the pigowners' dander
to rise,
'Tis a notice to clear all offending pig
Styes,
I can tell you it beats the old Thorn Tree.

But on in the distance, I think I can see
A time of forgiving - or else 'twill cheat
me;
A day of rejoicing, when drinks will be
free!
And the ratepayers will say "After all they
were right,
We'll pull down the Cross, and build
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For ousting the pig Styes and Thorn
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(* The late Mr C.F. White)



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February meeting

The report on the February meeting will be in next month's issue, as this issue of Mutterings went to press before the February meeting. Items discussed at the February meeting included the future ownership and management of The Park, traffic speed reduction and a new Parish cemetery policy and fees. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 21 March in the Village Hall. If you have any issues to be raised at the meeting, please contact the Clerk, **Tony Payne**, by 13 March; email bonsallclerk@gmail.com or telephone 822311.

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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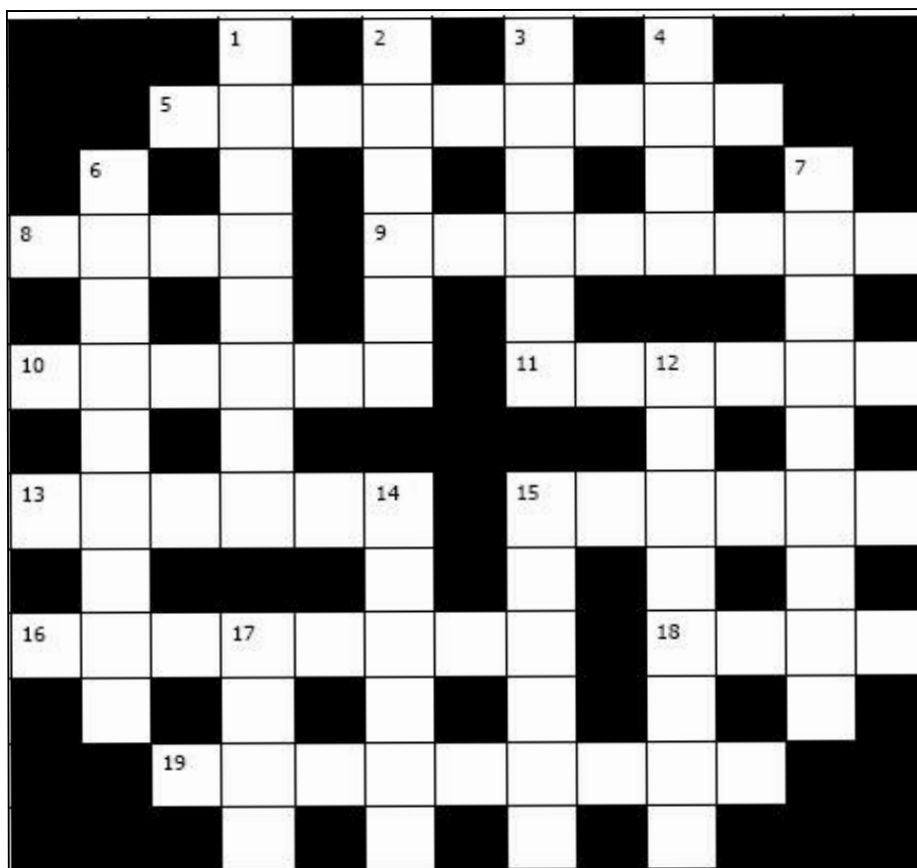
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5. A 17. Mountain stream heard on summits of Upper Ligurian Alps. (9)
8. A 17 following company lines. (4)
9. A 17: for example. (8)
10. A 17. The man's arrival therein. (6)
11. Last seen in Hayes terminal. (6)
13. A 17 for motorways, reportedly. (6)
15. Lined up, played snooker, we're told! (6)
16. Rip off skirt about a 17! (8)
18. Pool seen in Bali downpour. (4)
19. All old chaps in race get a share. (9)

Down:

1. Pool money, I hear. Sounds like you! (4-4)
2. Counter a graduate about you and me. (6)
3. A group of 17 that sounds stupid. (6)
4. Tribe spotted in scenic Lancashire. (4)
6. Lady usurps Robin, maybe, for feminine state. (9)
7. Ever paced distractedly on this group of 17s? (4,5)
12. Another group of 17s where the sand gets churned up around first light. (8)
4. A 17 where the old wear timeless skirts. (6)
15. Question charity? Leads to misgivings. (6)
17. Lies about bit of land. (4)

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Answer to Collective nouns A Knot and a Knob:

Answers to crossword no. 80

Across: 5. Dr Zhivago. 8. Film. 9 & 18. Withnail and I. 10. Veneer. 11. Reopen. 13. Creeps (first and last letters of following words). 15. Grease. 16. Mandarin. 18. See 9ac. 19. Snow White.
Down: 1. Premiere. 2. Shower. 3. Avatar. 4. Agin. 6. Pipedream. 7. Riverside. 12. Overacts. 14. Strewn. 15. Gandhi. 17. Dr No.

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