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CHURCH DIARY

April

St James

2 9.30am Sanctuary

9 9.30am Eucharist

14 2.00pm Devotional Service

15 8.00pm Easter vigil at Wirksworth

16 9.30am Easter Sunday (Eucharist)

23 9.30 am Eucharist

30 9.30 am Eucharist

Please bring daffodils on Easter Sunday service to dress the Cross.

Village Life Church

Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship 10.30am UNO Sunday School

Monday

6.00pm Prayer Meeting

Tuesday

2.00pm Craft Club

Wednesday

2.00pm House group

Palm Sunday Family Service & Easter Egg Hunt **9 April**, 10.30-11.30am followed by lunch.

Easter Sunday Celebration **16 April**, 10.30-11.30am followed by refreshments.

Coffee Morning will be on **Tuesday 25 April** 10.00am to 12.00pm.
A warm welcome to everybody.

Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel

Thanks to all who supported the Women's World Day of Prayer (WWDP) Service, especially the girls from Bonsall School, who this year took the whole of the service, adding their own special touches, in an excellent way. The offering of £70 has been sent to WWDP.

Sunday Services during April are at 6.15pm.

Special Easter Sunday Service is at 6.15pm

Cuppa & Cake afternoon will be on **Friday 21 April** 2.00-4.00pm.

All are welcome to join with us on Sundays and at other events.

CHURCH NEWS

By the time this lands on your doormat, the end of Lent will at least be in sight with Easter this year falling in mid-April.

Some of you are parents of children currently at our village school and I have enjoyed this year sharing with them the learning about what some of the other faith traditions do around spring and how they mark the gift of new life that the season invites. We have together also thought a little about some of the traditions and disciplines common of Lent – like fasting and how temptation comes to us, and about the human need for forgiveness and the very difficult business of saying sorry and putting things right. We have caught a glimpse of how faiths closest to the Christian faith (Judaism and Islam) have woven those same threads into their annual calendar and observances.

It is an awesome thing for me to observe how, regardless of their own beliefs or lack of beliefs or indeed as yet unformed beliefs, our children can use religious language and ideas with confidence and an open embracing of difference that enriches and challenges, both individuals and communities.

As such they are well on the road to becoming adults who will be able to engage with the wider world of politics and current affairs that

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> Contact Fr. Joseph Keogh (01773 743336)

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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.

is not detached from recognising the humanity we all share.

The simple and unconditional right to dignity for every human being is anything but simple to apportion in practice. It is why Christians believe Christ died for them and rose again. And why the disciplines of Lent invite us every year to reflect on such weighty issues. And above all, it is why Easter is the biggest celebration in the Christian calendar. No wonder thousands and millions of Alleluias will ring across the nation and the world on Easter Sunday.

It's much too soon to wish you a Happy Easter – but tuck it away for when the day does arrive!

Kara

Church Floodlighting

Through the lighting, especially on the 5 April, Joan Gregory is remembered by all her family. This same date, the 5th, brings loving thoughts of Kevin Baker for Val and for Steven and family. At this time also Kevin's parents, Ken and Celia, are remembered. Colin Broad is lovingly brought to mind for Dorinda this month. There are fond memories at this time also of Jack and Dorothy Maloney for Loreen, Steve, Robert and Lorna. Jean gives the lighting to the village in this month and thereby remembers Hazel. The lighting season ends on 7 May, celebrating the life of Stephanie Griffiths, remembered with love by Glen.

John Sewry

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Wells Wells!

It's coming up to that time of year when we start thinking about the village well dressings. Over the past four years since being involved, I have been thrilled that we have, as a village, produced seven or eight wells each year. All different and all wonderful! I hope for the same again this year. If anybody planning a well needs anything (clay, collection tin....etc.) please do get in touch. Or anyone who fancies having a go, each and every well takes hours of work so any help would be gratefully received so do get in touch!

St James' Well Dressing

This year, there is an issue over the Church well dressing, which has been magnificent in its size and execution for decades. The well dressing boards have lived in the Rectory Room garden, and the well dressing is completed in the Rectory Room. This year, however, the well dressing boards need to be moved and stored elsewhere and the well dressing needs a new home to be completed. If you have any thoughts, ideas about St James' well dressing, please get in touch with me as we need to plan ahead now in order for it to be ready to go ahead in July. If we had some new boards and base made, slightly more streamlined, it would reduce the space needed to store them and the weight to transport them. They obviously need to be stored and completed near to the Church, so could we maybe use the Church to do the dressing? Just thoughts, but as we know, time flies so anyone who has either helped with

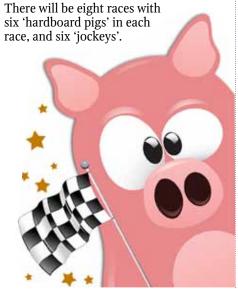
the well dressing in the past, or has enjoyed seeing it on Church Street every year, or who has a spare space in their garage, please get in touch, knock on the door, or give me a ring.

Marion Heasman

Well dressing coordinator The Queens Head, 821816

Chernobyl Charity Pig Race and Supper Evening

A pig race and pie and pea supper evening will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 22 April at 7.30pm. All the proceeds going towards funding the visit of Ukrainian children to the Dales area this summer for health recuperation. Tickets just £5.00 for entry including supper (bring your own drinks).



Everyone willing to be a jockey is warmly welcome (£5.00 entry per jockey). Maybe you could get a team together and race against your friends? No physical pig racing skills are necessary.

A prize will be given for the first place in each race. Small bets can be made on the night.

Please let us know if you want to be a jockey by 15 April.

We ask for your support for this fun fundraising event. Please book tickets with Sue Genders (01629 540242, suegenders@outlook. com) or Janice Broome (01629 824512, janicebroome@sky.com).

Chris Broome

Link Chairman

Do You Have Cash in Your Attic?

Get rummaging in all those wardrobes, backs of drawers and in the garage as Bonsall Carnival Committee are delighted to announce that Charles Hanson, as seen on BBC's 'Bargain Hunt' and 'The Antiques Road Trip' will be our special guest at the Carnival this year.

Not only will he be opening the event, he will be offering some valuations too. So start searching out your heirlooms and then look out over the next few months in Mutterings for information on how you could be one of the lucky ones to have your item seen by Charles.

Marion Heasman

Chair, Carnival Committee

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Wedding Announcement



Former long-term Bonsall residents, Glen Griffiths and Miranda Gratton, were married in early March at County Hall, Matlock.

And, Relax...

If you would like a lovely, gentle, relaxed start to the first Saturday of the month, then we are continuing our 'Sanctuary Saturdays' this year. From 9am, for about an hour at St James':

- · Saturday papers to browse
- Croissants, 'proper coffee' and tea
- Beautiful, recorded music to start the day
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No obligation to do anything other than just have a bit of a break and re-charge the batteries.

And on Saturday 1 April this will be followed by an informal working party at 10am – sprucing up the Church inside and out for Easter. All welcome – to wield a duster, a fork, a hoover or a wheelbarrow! If you can't make this one, the next one will be in July before the well-dressings, Carnival and St James' Day.

Phil Heasman (821816)

in Bonsall, but the older brigade will no doubt recall both eggs and bread had regular home deliveries. Here is

Please leave an extra pint

Cancel one pint after the day after today.

Please don't leave any more milk. All they do is drink it.

Milkman, please close the gate behind you because the birds keep pecking the tops off the milk.

Milkman, please could I have a loaf but not bread today.

Please cancel milk. I have nothing coming into the house but two sons on the dole.

Sorry not to have paid your bill before, but my wife had a baby and I've been carrying it around in my pocket for weeks.

Sorry about yesterday's note, I didn't mean one egg and a dozen pints, but the other way round.

When you leave my milk please knock on my bedroom window and wake me because I want you to give me a hand to turn the mattress.

Please knock. My TV's broken down and I missed last night's Coronation Street. If you saw it, will you tell me what happened over a cup of tea?

My daughter says she wants a milkshake. Do you do it before you deliver or do I have to shake the bottle?

Please send me a form for cheap milk, for I have a baby two months old and did not know about it until a neighbour told me.

My back door is open. Please put milk in 'fridge, get money out of cup in drawer and leave change on kitchen table in pence, because we want to play bingo tonight.

Home milk deliveries still take place a collection of notes left in milk bottles.

Dear milkman: I've just had a baby, please leave another one.

of paralysed milk.

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Please send me details about cheap milk as I am stagnant.

Milk is needed for the baby. Father is unable to supply it.

**;

From now on please leave two pints every other day and one pint on the days in between, except Wednesdays and Saturdays when I don't want any milk.

Please leave no milk today. When I say today, I mean tomorrow, for I wrote this note yesterday.

**>

Milkman, please put the coal on the boiler, let dog out and put newspaper inside the screen door.PS Don't leave any milk.

No milk. Please do not leave milk at No. 14 either as he is dead until further notice.

Philip Bond

Anyone For Tea?

The PTFA and the children from Bonsall School would like to invite people for afternoon tea and cake on Friday 7 April.

As an Easter treat, the children would like to perform some songs for you while you enjoy a piece of cake and a brew in the school hall from 2.30pm. Everyone welcome. Bring a friend! We look forward to seeing you there.

Marion Heasman, PTFA

What's on at the Movies?

Some great films to look forward to seeing locally in April: Wirksworth Northern Lights is screening 'Hidden Figures', the story of the African-American women mathematicians, known as the 'Black Computers' who worked at NASA at the start of the American space race.

It's an intriguing story, told with a lightness of touch and using humour to make its point. Despite the fact that her 'coloureds only' toilet was a mile's walk away from the office, Katherine Johnson still managed to work out the trajectory that ensured John Glenn's successful return to earth from space.



Hidden Figures was produced by the rapper, now turned film producer, Pharrell Williams, who remembered watching the space launches when he was a kid but had no idea that black women played such an important part in US space history.

Also definitely worth catching at Wirksworth is 'The Eagle Huntress', a documentary about a 13 year old nomadic Mongolian girl, Aisholpan, who is determined to break into the male only world of training eagles to hunt. She's a great character, as is her father who supports her. Also fascinating are the elders of the eagle hunting community, resistant to the idea of girls hunting, but totally compelling in their brilliant traditional costumes.

In fact Wirksworth has a great programme in April, with 'Moonlight', awarded the Oscar for Best Film, also screening, along with 'Lion', with a lovely performance by Sunny Pawar playing the five year old Saroo, who gets lost in the vastness of India and ends up being adopted by an Australian family.

For something completely different, it's also worth checking out 'Logan': tired and arthritic, wanting only some peace and quiet in his old age, the old X-Man is forced to take on one last adventure. Hokum, but fun hokum.

Also out in April at mainstream cinemas we can look forward to 'Fast and Furious 8', again more fun hokum, plus for the movie buffs, the re-release in cinemas of David Lynch's 'Mulholland Drive' and Milos Forman's 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest'. Too soon to know where they will be showing in Derbyshire, but worth checking out the Derby Quad website for April.

Ann Tobin

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GARDEN & ALLOTMENT NOTES



By the time this gets into print, everything will be much further on, but here are a few thoughts about the winter just past. I started writing this at the end of February, after what feels like a generally wet winter ... a short period of freezing, hardly any snow, lots of rain and just recently Storm Doris, which certainly gave everyone a good workout, spring clean and masses of kindling for anyone bothered to pick it up! There is various wildlife on the allotments

so far. Loads of molehills are adding to the general muddiness. Some friends visiting from Ireland couldn't believe their eyes – they say there are NO moles in Ireland. The root vegetables have come under heavy underground attack this winter from what I thought were rats, but digging up a last parsnip, a bank vole leapt out of its completely hollow centre. Hamster sized and shaped, russet brown with a short tail it was rather cute, but it and its cousins had devoured a lot of parsnips.

Much less attractive is the 'allium leaf miner', a recent pest (for me) on the onion tribe. It lays its eggs in the spring on onion, garlic and leek shoots. The eggs hatch into nasty yellow grubs that tunnel down into

the bulb and generally make for a very disappointing vegetable. Growing under mesh seems to be the only organic remedy, at least during the spring and then again (for leeks) in the autumn.

At the beginning of March things are warming up and drying out, and I've just planted my broad beans and cut the first rhubarb. Bonsall allotments grow fantastic rhubarb and if you bother to cover some of it during the winter with a dustbin you get the most wonderful early pink stalks and bright yellow leaves that you pay a lot of money for in a shop!

Next for planting will be parsnip seeds, onion sets and early peas. In the garden, the snowdrops are dying back so it's time to split big clumps and replant round and about. The same can be done with hellibores, but they also self-seed very readily and by the end of the summer there may be lots of seedlings beneath established plants that can be potted up and grown on. And the big yellow surge is well on its way ... daffodils, forsythia, primroses and pussy willow. Someone I knew who grew up in New York City used to snarl in her Bronx accent that there was just "too much darn yellow" in Britain at this time of year!

Penny Collier

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100 YEARS AGO

It was reported that Sergeant Swindell. a former teacher at the Boys school, had passed third with honours on a recent Warrant Officer Examination. He gained distinction in strategy and tactics, company drill, military law and musketry and received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Northumberland Fusiliers. He had been a Corporal and Sergeant in the East Yorks Regiment and went to France in September 1915 where he was wounded in the memorable advance at Loos in the same month.

After his recovery he was trained in the School of Musketry at Stevensall, Yorks and was appointed instructor of musketry at Rugeley, Staffs.

March's Military tribunal brought home the problem of conscription. Three applicants had already been granted exemption; Frank Herbert Loxley, a farmer, obtained a further six months, William Marshall, foreman, Via Gelia colour Co, in class A work a further four months, William Swift fettler applied for by William Hollins Co had already had three exemptions of three months each and on this occasion the hearing was adjourned for a medical.

Thomas Britland, 40, Arter Hill, was applied for by his employer J W Boden, breadmaker, and given a conditional exemption whilst he remained in that job. Finally Frederick Brown, 18, Town Head Farm applied for by his father Frederick Brown Snr. with 70 acres, 26 beasts, 14 milkers with no other help. He was the only son among eight daughters. He was granted three months exemption. The Council elected as overseers Councillors Prince and Potter. The Council decided to purchase their own horse and cart rather than hire one when needed.

Rev. Taggart, the rector of Bonsall sent a message to all Bonsall men serving in the trenches; 'Bonsall Rectory Matlock Sunday March 11 1917:

My dear Friend,

Just a line to assure you that you are not forgotten by those at home. We realise the noble work you are engaged in and all it involves of separation, danger and privation. I, as Rector of your home parish, feel moved to write to you to assure you of our love and remembrance and prayers. I myself experienced in my young days what it was to be separated from loved ones and I remember how welcome a letter from home used to be. I imagine it must be doubly so for you in the trenches or on the high seas. I should like to inform you that at the present time you are being remembered in prayer in your old Parish Church. Every Sunday night I call out the names of all those who have joined the colours, and ask the congregation to pray for them. This

I hope will be to you a comfort and a strength. Again, may I point out how eagerly we are looking forward to your return, and what a right royal welcome awaits you in the hearts of those you love. I have

stamped on this letter a picture of the old church where you are being remembered.

I do not know whether what I have written will help you, but at least you will see that we are anxious to do anything in however small a degree to cheer you up and make you realise how dear you are to us. I shall be pleased to hear from you when you can spare the time to drop me a line.

May God bless you, and, if it be his Will, grant you a safe return:- Believe me, your affectionate Rector J.C.T. Taggart'

Frank Buckley was born in Matlock Bath around 1885 and by 1901 was a railway clerk later working at the Royal Hotel. In 1908, when he married Annie Gerrard of Bonsall, his occupation was boat attendant for tourists in Matlock Bath. He became landlord of the Fountain early during the war, and he had been conscripted after a deferment by the Military Tribunal in June 1916. As the landlord of the Fountain he had wished to be enlisted after Bonsall Wakes and explained he'needed time to arrange his affairs'. A two months exemption was granted, and The High Peak News reported on the 5 August 1916 that Anne Buckley applied for the licence of the Fountain as her husband, Frank, 'has joined the colours'. A private in the 1st Battalion Sherwood Foresters by January 1917 he was in the Somme area.

The hardest frosts known, 23°C below zero, were recorded on some nights. In February the battalion was training for an assault and on March 4 they attacked and despite being heavily shelled took the front line of trenches after hand to hand fighting. The Germans were gradually retiring to their defensive Hindenberg Line and the British troops followed and during a skirmish Frank Buckley was killed, on 12 March 1917.

Later that month Pte Gregory of Cromford wrote in a letter that Frank had been killed in action although he had not seen him die. This unofficial news was the first the family knew. He had no children and was aged 32.

On 24 January 1920 it was reported that "Mrs Annie Buckley, a war widow and landlady of the Fountain Inn Bonsall, was married to Mr Ken Loxley of Leiston Suffolk."



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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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PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings of the Parish Council on 21 February and 21 March

The Park: The future of The Park was again a major item for both meetings. At the February meeting, Councillors resolved to open a public consultation exercise to obtain views on the way forward. This is in response to the Diocese in relation to ownership and management of this key community asset. The current situation is set out in detail in the questionnaire enclosed with this issue of Mutterings, and all village residents are encouraged to make their views known. Anyone wanting further information can contact the Clerk.

Closure of the Via Gellia at Cromford from 8 May to 26 June: news of the proposed closure dominated a busy public speaking session of the March meeting, which was extended from the normal 15 minutes to an hour to accommodate speakers. The proposed closure (day and night) is to allow works to a retaining wall at Chapel Hill, Cromford. Residents and business owners expressed concern and anger at the likely impact and timing of the closure, and at the fact that those most affected were unaware of the proposals until the road closure process had started.

The impact on individual businesses, such as the cafés in the village and on the Via Gellia, and the village pubs, of this work being done at this time of the summer season was explained. Problems for local haulage and quarry companies, and concerns about school and public transport and emergency vehicle access were raised. Alternative ways of undertaking the works were put forward, including night-time working, which had been envisaged when the planning permission for the retaining wall construction was approved in July 2016 by Derbyshire Dales District Council. The subsequent change was said to be due to later site surveys extending the works, affecting works safety and noise for local residents. County Councillor Irene Ratcliffe and DCC Senior Project Engineer, Dave Connell, answered questions and explained some steps that might alleviate the impact. Councillor Ratcliffe had asked the project manager to attend a further meeting with those most affected, and to refer their problems to the insurance company funding the works, but this could not take place until at 26 April due to his holiday commitments.

At the end of the session, Councillor Ratcliffe and District Councillors Garry Purdy and Joyce Pawley agreed to arrange an urgent meeting involving District and County officers and Councillors, to see if anything could be done to manage the works in a different way (or at a different time) so as to have less impact. They will involve the project management company in that and report back to the Parish Council in the next few days on progress. The Parish Council welcomed that decision and agreed to hold a special Parish Council meeting to consider the outcome (date to be arranged).

Derbyshire District Council budget 2017–18: Councillor Garry Purdy explained that that the Council faced an extremely difficult budget position in the coming financial year, as a result of which all services were being fundamentally reviewed. He would update the Parish Council with further information as it became available.

Speeding in the village/Speedwatch scheme: Cllr. Ratcliffe explained to the February meeting how the Speedwatch scheme was being introduced in Brassington as a rural trial area. The scheme involves volunteers being trained by the police, and uses an informal cautioning system by letter to discourage repeat offences. Residents of Yeoman St. had also written supporting this. It was agreed to register the Parish Council's interest in this. The police have agreed to assess Bonsall for suitability for the scheme, and potential volunteers for this are being sought.

Churchyard policy and fees: in February the Parish Council reviewed cemetery rules and fees. These changes were intended to bring the cemetery fees up to date, as they had not been increased for at least ten years, and to bring them into line with other similar local cemeteries. It was noted that the proposed fees were still significantly less than local authority cemeteries such as Wirksworth. It was agreed to implement the new Policy and the fee scale with effect from 1 March 2017 (Cllr. Barry voted against the decision).

Churchyard: the Parish Council has arranged for repositioning of a large unstable headstone near the gate leading to the park steps. The work has been completed as an emergency measure to make this safe, although discussions are taking place with the Church as to who is responsible for the old closed part of the churchyard. It is thought that responsibility is still with the Church, but this is still being

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finalised. The Council recognises that this issue is urgent because of problems that have occurred in recent high winds with branch fall onto Church Street from the lime trees on this land.

Repairs to the Cross: there is some vehicle damage to the stonework on the lower level of the Cross and the Parish Council will be arranging repairs.

WC cleaning: the Council is still looking for a cleaner to take on the maintenance of the public toilets. There is a notice in this issue of Mutterings with more details; if interested please get in touch.

Bus Shelter works: the Council had an update on this after work was stopped due to planning issues. A planning application has been submitted and the decision should be available by mid-May, hopefully allowing the work to be completed.

Full details of the meetings can be found in the minutes on the Parish Council page of the village website at www.bonsallvillage.org/, or on the village noticeboards.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **18 April** at the Village Hall. If you have any issues to be raised at the meeting please contact the Clerk, Tony Payne, with details by 10 April.

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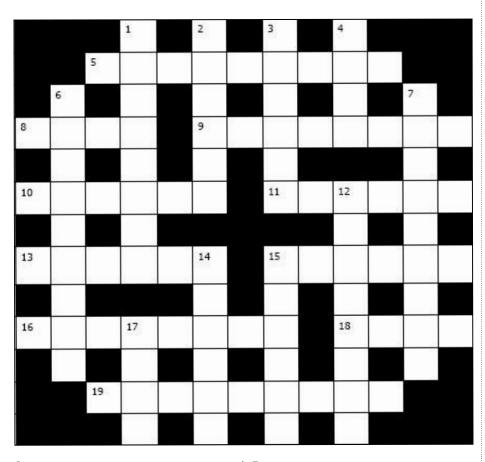
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CROSSWORD No 82



Across:

- 5. Rolls Royce explodes (no dead). Disaster for travellers. (9)
- 8. Loud, frenzied game. (4)
- 9. One of 5. Mangle little Albert? Yes! (8)
- 10. Variably geared? Yes. (6)
- 11. Run out two Counties with flamboyant style. (6)
- 13. Fits spring on text. (6)
- 15. Trim back; stick a bit of puree in for tarts. (6)
- 16. One of 5. Open detailed link. (8)
- 17. The destination of some 5's post? (4)
- 19. One of 5. Majestic with no nervous twitch! (5,4)

Answers to crossword No. 81

Across: 5. Benbecula. 8. Coll.

9. Colonsay (: = colon). **10.** Harris.

11. Yester. 13. Rhodes. 15. Queued.

16. Dominica (do = rip-off).

18. Lido. 19. Allotment.

Down: 1. Well-bred. (sounds

like U). **2.** Abacus. **3.** Scilly.

4. Clan. 6. Womanhood. 7. Cape

Verde. 12. Shetland. 14. Skiros.

15. Qualms. **17.** Isle.

Down:

- 1. Old pseuds are flashers? (8)
- 2. Accused wept when hugging upset mother. (6)
- 3. Coastal vessel first driven by Federer? (6)
- 4. Not written down, but found in Bangor, allegedly! (4)
- 6. One of 5. Local must walk on grassland. (5,4)
- 7. One of 5. Geordie Steve, maybe, running back for central game? (5,4)
- 12. Tea with politician (independent) working? Great! (8)
- 14. Little girl and little boy are cured. (6)
- 15. A bridge pair ball-game heard. (6)
- 17. One of 5, perforce! Last part of 6 was his preferred mode of transport. (4)

Collective nouns

Which collective noun describes asses, curlews, cattle, pigs and wrens?

Answer to Collective nouns: a Herd

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