



Issue 162

August 2017

T'Owd Man's Mutterings



Could this be Park Bottom in the future if the Diocese gets its way over the lorry park?



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

6	9.30am Sanctuary
13	9.30am Eucharist
20	11.00am Morning Worship
27	9.30am Eucharist

Village Life Church

Over the summer our midweek services will be closed except for our Sunday Service.

Sunday 10.30am Morning Worship.

Our normal schedule will resume week commencing 4 September.

Have an amazing summer break everyone

Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel (The Dale)

Thanks to all helpers and visitors who supported the Flower Festival and Well-dressings; also to all who seek to make the carnival week such a success. It really is appreciated. Sunday Services during August are at 6.15 pm; details on the notice board.

Friday 18 August, Cuppa & Cake Afternoon 2.00 - 4.00pm. All are welcome to join with us.

Church Floodlighting

Carnival time will again be marked by the Church floodlighting. As well as helping the celebrations, the lights will be a tribute to both the Johnson and the Trzebiatowski families.

John Sewry

Editors' note: The Church floodlighting will resume in the autumn. If families who have recently moved to the village would like to have a loved one remembered through the lighting, please contact John on 823493.

CHURCH NEWS

Traditions

By the time this appears, the Carnival will have been enjoyed and survived. A celebration of all that is best about village life in general and life in Bonsall specifically. There will be many exhausted but happy people. Rather less noticed, there will also have been a Pilgrimage on St James' Day from St James in Brassington to St James in Bonsall. A slightly strenuous walk of six miles with hills between the two. The 'Birthday' of the Bonsall parish church of St James falls every year on 25 July. It marks the saint's day of James who was one of Jesus' friends and who our church is named after. Such 'Birthdays' have historically been marked in many different ways – with church services, with Wakes or Carnivals, with Pilgrimage, with Well-dressings and a whole raft of other local events. Every community, of which the church is the heart, will have its own traditions. In the days when holidays were only 'holy days', local employers gave a day off to mark such significant community events, or more, as was the case for the mills shutting for a fortnight, giving many Bonsall folk their annual leave.

Now in the 21st Century, what remains of such traditions for us here in Bonsall are the well-dressings on the Sunday nearest to 25 July and the Carnival at the end of July – a whole week of birthday partying with everyone invited. Happy birthday St James, happy birthday St James, Happy Birthday....

This link of Carnival to the birthday of the church (the proper name is Patronal Festival) is why the Carnival is opened still with a prayer. It remains the only occasion when the whole community is prayed for – school, parish council, interest groups, the sick, the bereaved, the elderly, those who live in the village and those who visit, the livestock, the local businesses... prayer for God's presence among us and his blessing of our lives together.

Kara

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11 am, Adoration Thursdays
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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.

OBITUARY

Don and Eva Spencer

Don

(10 May 1932 – 28 April 2017)

Donald was the eighth child of Emma and Len Spencer, born at the Top of The Dale in his beloved Bonsall. He had five brothers: Johnny, Bill, Bob, Len and Peter, and four sisters: Ellen, Mona, Dorothy and Ruby. Don attended Bonsall Boys' School at Dale End and, when he was about ten, the family moved to Park House in Yeoman Street. These were very happy years for Don and his family, and the younger children, Don, Ruby and Peter, spent many joyful, carefree hours playing in The Park. On leaving school, Don started work at Masson Mill and was then called up for National Service. He was based at Colchester and was a Redcap in the Military Police. He also served abroad in Cyprus. He was elated on his return to his beloved home village, and would often tell the tale that when he came back to Bonsall, he vowed that he would never leave the village again – and actually, he never did. However, when he married Eva, he did move from 10 Yeoman Street to the cottage at 73 Yeoman Street. Here they went on to have their son, Richard. In the late 1960s the family moved again – this time next door to No 75, where they shared the house with Eva's Mum, Dolly Massey.

Don had a great passion for football and he was a very strong and talented player in centre-half position. He started his footballing career with Bonsall Lads, then Cromford Seniors, Matlock Town, Wensley Red Stars, and finally back at Bonsall, winning many medals and trophies along the way. After work on Saturday mornings, he would mark out the pitch on 'The Hoot' before the game in the afternoon. He was well-known for being "The Gentleman of Football" as a referee once said. He was a real gentleman on the pitch and, if he brought anyone down with a tackle, he would give them his sincere apologies. During the 1958-59 season, there was a friendly game for Bonsall against Notts County at Kirk Meadow, organised by Herbie Loxley, who then played for County, and with Jeff Astle also in the team. Jeff went on to play for West Bromwich Albion. The Bonsall lads say that they were robbed by a controversial last-minute goal, allowed by local referee, Ted Thorneycroft, giving the final result a 4-4 draw. Don's last game was in 1976 at Bolehill, alongside whippersnapper Paul Gould, in which Don collected his last medal.

Don worked mainly in the building trade, both for Dennis Freeberne and J.W. Wildgoose. He also worked for Arnold

Marshall up Dobb Lane at Low Mine. At the weekends, he helped Eva to deliver meat to restaurants, hotels and pubs around the county, when she worked for Bert Wharmby at 3 High Street. He also helped to clean and sterilise the shop.

Don enjoyed going for a drink and socialising, enjoying life to the full and taking part in a sing-song in the local pubs. He had great pleasure being among friends and family, chatting and having a great laugh. In the early days, he took part in the Bonsall Carnival and in later years he was a keen spectator at the events that took place during Carnival Week. In his spare time, he loved to walk around 'his village' and, over the years, the family had a number of dogs: first a West Highland Terrier named 'Dougal 1', then another West Highland Terrier named 'Dougal 2'. Later they adopted Bert Wharmby's dog, 'Skipper'. These dogs all accompanied Don on his many walks. He was a firm believer in keeping himself fit. He also delivered the free newspaper, the 'Derby Trader' around the village.

Don was a handsome, smart, well-dressed man, always with a smile on his face. He had a great rapport with children, and with his mild, tender manner, fun and laughter, they all loved and respected him very much. He was a keen collector of autographs, writing to politicians, singers, actors, film stars and sports people around the world, and he also collected stamps and records. Among his collections were many photographs, all displayed neatly in albums. He also created scrapbooks of newspaper cuttings over many years, all efficiently filed and indexed.

Dramatically, a life-threatening illness struck Don very suddenly when he was in his prime. Ill health kept him in hospital for many weeks after an emergency operation and this forced him into early retirement. Retired he may have been, but he was always busy and never still for long. He worked in his garden and every week cleaned the brasses in his house to perfection – the gleaming finish meant you could see your face in them. He took charge of the washing and would play his favourite records by Mario Lanza while ironing. Another task was emulsifying the house throughout in less than a week, usually while Richard was away in the Isle of Man each year.

Don's courageous character was in evidence when a different illness struck him a cruel blow. A tumour started to grow on his face, causing disfigurement to his cheek and eye. Yet again, he displayed great fortitude and a gallant and determined spirit, which helped him overcome any self-consciousness due to his appearance – he was just so happy to be alive.



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Everyone had great respect, admiration and much love for Don. He would want to be remembered as a hard-working family man, happy and fun-loving, with plenty of humour and laughter, but most of all, a courageous and honest man. Don is survived by Ruby and Peter.

Eva

**(5 February 1933 –
21 May 2017)**

Eva was born at 75 Yeoman Street and lived in the village all her life. Her parents were George and Dorothy (Dolly) Massey and she was one of four children - Herbie, the eldest, Dorothy, Eva and Eric (Ickie). She went to Bonsall Girls' School and then got together with Don, who was living at Park House. They were besotted with each other and married in St. James' Church in 1955. They went to live at 73 Yeoman Street and Richard soon arrived. The family then moved back next door to No 75 and looked after Dolly. Eva had a number of jobs, including delivering the post around the village, working for Bert Wharmby in the family butcher's business, delivering meat, and working as a cleaner at the School for many years – where Don helped out so that the brass doorknobs were always shining.

Eva loved the village and took great pleasure in meeting visitors, insisting on knowing where they were from, who they were related to, and what they had had for their tea! She spent a lot of time sitting with Evelyn Phipps in front of her house at 2 High Street - an informal Neighbourhood Watch. She was a big supporter of Don and his footballing career and her special love was Matlock Town. For many years, she travelled to away matches with Dena Brownlee, chauffeured by Keith Mellor, whose wife, Joan, also attended. After Keith died, her niece, Denise, used to take them to home matches. She was in her element when Denise's son-in-law also attended. He was a paramedic and she could discuss all her ailments with him, while having a crafty smoke. Eva and Don particularly enjoyed their shopping trips to Matlock, which took them ages, as they spent time chatting to people they knew – which was an awful lot of folk. She spent a lot at Birds Bakery and it is not clear how they will survive without her expenditure – the Birds ladies will miss her and have sent their love.

Eva always enjoyed a good sing-song with Don on Saturday nights at the Kings Head. She was also exceptional at rattling the cage of the Council to get them to maintain the village she loved. When Eva requested that something was done,

it always happened. She also loved the Carnival and gave Callum Robinson and Leigh and Krystina Johnson's sons, Luke, Jacob and Simon, money for soft drinks when they helped put up the bunting. When they were old enough, it changed to beer. Recently, Richard said: "Well, we had better keep that tradition going!"

Eva is survived by Ickie.

Denise Pountain



LETTERS

Apathy Rules OK?

There was a meeting in July to discuss the future of the lorry park and the requirement by the Diocese for a break clause in any future lease, which would allow it to sell the land and potentially build houses on it. I was amazed at the lack of response so far to the Parish Council's survey of villagers' opinions, with such a large percentage of people not bothering to reply. Let's be clear - if we do not support the Parish Council in its attempts to control what happens to the lorry park (and maybe later the Park itself?), we will only have ourselves to blame. The loss of the lorry park will mean the end of Carnival fireworks, additional traffic congestion on Clatterway, The Dale and Yeoman Street during village events, and farmers will not be able to collect deliveries from lorries that are too big to reach their farmyards.

In a newspaper report of 11 July, it is clear that a similar problem is happening elsewhere, with the Church of England under pressure to release some of its 105,000 acres of land for housing development. Its property holdings were valued at nearly £2 billion in 2015, almost a third of the £6.7 billion it owns in assets. Last year, it sold £17 million worth of its 'strategic land portfolio', but is being urged by housing charities to do more. The people of Wellesbourne in Warwickshire are up in arms about plans by the Diocese of Coventry to sell off their 180-year old seven-acre allotments to build 50 houses, and 130 villagers attended a Parish Council meeting to express their concern at the plans. Why aren't Bonsall people similarly up in arms about the Diocese's stance on the lorry park? Please don't rely on other people taking action - we all need to be involved. We need to show the Diocese that we want control over the lorry park for the foreseeable future. For now, the way to do this is to let the Parish Council know your views. There is a second chance to complete the Parish Council's survey for people who have yet to respond. The numbers are important for the upcoming discussions with the Diocese, so if everyone in your household has the same response, mark the form in this month's Mutterings to show how many people it is from. If they don't agree, please fill in individual forms. A 75% response rate would be good, and 90% would be even better to demonstrate that we all want to support the future of this village amenity.

Peter Fellows

Volunteer drivers

Please add my name to your list of voluntary drivers in the village to take people to medical appointments. I am happy to go to Chesterfield, Derby, Notts or Sheffield. I work part-time for community transport so could do with about ten days notice if possible. It might be worth you putting our names and numbers in each edition to remind people. Great idea - well done Eds!
Loreen (822067)

Have your say and keep our park

When I first moved to Bonsall two years ago, I couldn't believe my luck: we'd moved to a wonderful, beautiful village with friendly people and a fantastic annual event, the Bonsall Carnival. What a celebration! There's something (or several somethings) for everyone. Imaginative, exciting, relaxing, funny and effortlessly stylish, it's a unique experience I don't think I'll ever want to miss. Now having thoroughly enjoyed my third carnival, I can't imagine Bonsall without one. And yet, it could happen. Because currently it's under threat. That's because the Diocese, which owns Park Bottom, comprising the recreation ground, the adjacent lorry/car park and wooded land above, is considering closing the lorry park and developing it. Without the lorry park, the Carnival could not happen. Of course, it's not just the Carnival that's at risk. Everyone I talk to who visits Bonsall – friends and family, walkers and holiday-makers I bump into during their time in Bonsall – talks about how much they love the village. But these visits, and the revenue they bring to village businesses, could be under threat. The Parish Council has consistently stated that the land is hugely important to the community, but the Diocese has asked for more evidence to back this up. This month's Mutterings includes a short form about the Park Bottom land and what it means to our community. Please take ten minutes to fill it out and do your bit to protect an important part of Bonsall. We can work out the finer details later – whether it's managed by a community trust or some other way. What's important is that we keep this space for Bonsall, for us, so that it can continue to serve the community in the way we want it to and need it to – not least of all, as a gathering place for one of Derbyshire's most fantastic celebrations, our annual Carnival.
Natasha Schmidt

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Petition to save Bonsall Lorry Park

In addition to the survey of residents being conducted by the Parish Council, there are many people who read Mutterings online - people who have enjoyed visiting or staying in the village and ex-residents, among many others. A group of people in the village, concerned to get the widest possible support for the Parish Council, has set up an on-line petition so that non-residents can make their views known about the future of the lorry park. If you are reading this on-line and haven't completed the Parish Council survey, please visit www.change.org and search for 'Bonsall Park'. Please sign the petition before 20 September.

Editors



The petition reads as follows:

This petition is addressed to the Diocese of Derby to ask it to secure, sell or lease the existing Village Park to the Village in perpetuity for recreational purposes.

Bonsall Village has had a recreation ground and car park for over 100 years. The Park is at the centre of the village and village life revolves around its use. It is owned by the Diocese of Derby, which has leased the land to different public bodies and councils on behalf of the village. Known locally as "Park Bottom", the Park has a green area, with football pitch and village-funded children's play equipment, and an adjoining area that has recently been resurfaced by the Village, which is used for parking.

Derbyshire Dales District Council held the lease to Park Bottom, but that has now expired. The Diocese has said that it will not sell the vehicle park to Bonsall Village as it 'may be suitable for future development, such as affordable housing'. Neither will it lease the vehicle park to the Parish Council,

unless there is a break clause that would allow the Diocese to take it back at short notice for development.

The Parish Council wants to secure the entire park and car park for the Village in perpetuity for recreational purposes. It has consulted village residents and, from the responses received so far, 100% of residents support this. The majority of respondents want to set up a Community Trust to own and manage the Park. The Parish Council also wants to raise funds to improve the Park for children of all ages, but it cannot do this without security of ownership.

We are requesting the Diocese to allow Bonsall people to have control over this important village amenity for the foreseeable future.

The Parish Council has informed the Diocese of the wide range of community uses that the land is put to, and the negative impacts that developing the land would bring. But so far this has not changed the decision. The issues and concerns that have been identified include:

- traffic congestion due to increased on-street parking in the Park area by visitors and by parents who use the car park as a park-and-walk facility for children attending the village school;
- increased risks to children from more traffic along Church St. at school times;
- increased traffic congestion for St James' Church and its neighbours for the same reason, when people attend weddings, funerals, Christenings, etc;
- loss of essential parking for the annual village Open Gardens and hen racing events;

The Diocese has said that if the Parish Council does not take up the lease offer on the terms specified by the Diocese, the vehicle park will be closed.

The Diocese is making its final decision on 26 September. However, it has said that it will take into account further information. This is the last opportunity to influence the decision.

Survey responses from households in the village are being collated to present their views to the Diocese. However, it is important that we demonstrate to the Diocese that it is not only residents, but also visitors to the village and wider the Dales and Peaks, that will be affected by its decision.



Please sign this petition to support our village.

- loss of the annual village carnival, which has been held for over 90 years on this site. For the last 20 years, there has also been a spectacular firework display to mark the end of Carnival Week, which would not be able to continue;
- loss of off-street parking for visiting walkers and tourists, and consequent impact on local businesses;
- loss of the only available facility for farmers and businesses to transfer supplies from bulk carriers, which are unable to access local farms.
- loss of an overnight lorry parking facility - haulage has been associated with the village and the site for over 80 years;



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Correction

The photo of 'Open Gardens - some exotic visitors to our allotments' (p.3 of July Mutterings) should have been credited to Sue Brunton, not Sue Quick - our apologies.

Thank you

Thank you to all the residents of Bonsall who sponsored me in aid of Ashgate Hospice Sparkle Nightwalk which took place on 1 July. I would especially like to say an extra big thank you to Jean Hardy who once again has helped me raise £270 towards this worthwhile charity. Thank you all once again.
Alison Hardy

Matlock Bath illuminations and fireworks

One of the main sources of funding for the Bonsall Carnival is Matlock Bath illuminations, which pay the Committee for stewarding. This year the Committee needs to provide four stewards for the fireworks on each Saturday evening from 9 September to 28 October, from 7.30 - 9.00 pm (that is eight evenings with a total of 32 stewarding slots to be filled). The Committee is only a small group of people who give up a lot of their time, and filling all of the slots proved difficult last year. It would be great if there were more volunteers to help with stewarding. There are some benefits - for example, stewarding the path on High Tor, where the fireworks are set off, gives you an unparalleled view. If anyone or any couples are interested in joining us, please either drop an email to richard_grover99@hotmail.com or give me a call on 259558.
Richard Grover

Annapurna base camp talk

Jane, Chris and I would like to thank everyone who attended our illustrated talk in the Village Hall on 8 July. It was great to see so many people there, and we hope that everyone who attended enjoyed the evening as much as we did. We would like to thank Judy Land for providing delicious refreshments during the interval, and Janice Broome and others for helping out during the evening. We hope that everyone was impressed by the redecoration work that has been carried out in the Village Hall, and the new screen and projector that have been installed. We would like to thank Peter Fox and Chris Broome for all their efforts in getting the technology up and running in time for our presentation, and to thank Hazel Baldwin for painting the hall in double quick time, it looks great!

Thanks to the generosity of the people who attended, we raised £275 towards the cost of providing a drinking water supply to the small primary/kindergarten school that we visited near to our friend Bijay's village in Nepal. The money raised will go a long way towards the purchase of a water supply pipe and water storage tank for the school. We will keep you posted on how the project progresses over the coming months. If anyone would like to add a donation towards the Nepal school project, please contact either Alan David on 822983 (alandavid1955@gmail.com), or Chris Broome on 824512 (c-broome@sky.com). Thank you once again for your support.

Alan David, Jane David and Chris Broome



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Beating the bounds

Bonsall History Group has been approached by the Council of British Archaeology (CBA) to participate in a regional initiative to record the form and condition of parish boundaries. Bonsall parish boundary is about 11 miles long and rises from 400 feet above sea level at Cromford to over 1100 feet on Masson hill. Some people will remember beating the bounds in the past on Rogation Sunday. The CBA started the study last year to identify features of archaeological or historic significance on parish boundaries. Their website www.archaeologyuk.org/cbaem/parish%20boundaries.htm gives more information on their aims and processes. The History group can register to carry out the survey for Bonsall and is willing to coordinate the effort, but before doing so, needs to know that there are at least 8-10 volunteers in the community willing to do the site-work. There is no time limit by which the survey needs to be done and it may be more relevant if the boundary is looked at more than once and in different seasons. However it would be useful to know by 30 September if you are willing to survey a section of the parish boundary. Please let Peter Greaves know on peter.greaves@bonsallhistory.org.uk or telephone on 822374.
Peter Greaves

U3A

A University of the Third Age group was established in Wirksworth and District in June and is rapidly putting together a programme of activities to commence in September, with about half a dozen interest groups including gardening, Spanish language, music for pleasure, photography, walking, and hopefully more to follow. We will hold a series of monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of the month for coffee, tea and updates on progress. These will take place in the Memorial Hall between 10.15 am and 12.15 pm. All are welcome to find out about us. The chief mission of this U3A group is to reach out to neighbouring villages such as Idridgehay, Bonsall,



Wirksworth & District U3A Steering Group at a recent meeting

Brassington etc. so that all can share in our activities and learn from each other. Although we use 'university' in our title there are no tutorials or examinations or any certificates awarded, but we do hope to promote a community spirit. So come and join in. Any queries, either contact me as chairperson on d3poll@talktalk.net or our secretary Bob Cartwright on bobcartwright@w3z.co.uk, or look for details on the www.gowirksworth.org website. We look forward to seeing you on 6 September
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Please come and visit. Sit or stand for a while and ponder what a lovely new facility it is for the village, visitors and church users. So the next time you're desperate, take no fear, the loo is near!

If you're inclined when using it, then remember the cockerel is looking down on you. Please help save him and remember

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David Kirkham

Fashion Show

There will be a Fashion Show on Wednesday 9th August at Masson Shopping Village. The Ukraine children, who are over at the moment on their recuperation holiday with CCLL, will be

taking part in the show. Proceeds will go to the Bonsall & Derbyshire Dales Link of Chernobyl Children's Lifeline. Tickets are available from Janice Broome,



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Chris Broome

The Council AGM unanimously elected J T Prince as Chairman; he had been Chairman in the year of George V coronation (1911). C C Oliver was elected Vice Chairman. The Council convened itself as a Military Tribunal with Mr W E Smith, as the local military representative and Mr J G Goodwin for Board of Agriculture. They were joined by Lieut Kersley, a visiting military representative. Charles Gregory 31, Lees Farm, Grangemill, farmer and carter. He had attested in Matlock and was in Group 36 No 8141. He had already had two six-month exemptions. He was alone on the farm and was subject to a medical examination. Another six months granted. Francis William Roper, 18, single, applied for by Mrs Annie Eliza Roper, Uppertown. He also attested in Matlock and was in Group B No 19 although he was Class C1. He was the sole support for his mother and sister and farmed 14 ½ acres. Lieut. Kersley asserted that as he had attested he was already in the Army reserve and could be called but this was unlikely as C1 and working on the land. John (Jack) Mountney, 18, was applied for by his father John Mountney of Hollies Farm which was 42 acres all grass. He too had attested at Matlock and was in Group B No 252. Lieut. Kersley "No help needed. He should go." His case was adjourned for a medical examination. Jno William Young, 31, butcher/farmer with two previous exemptions. Although he was Class A he was farming 70 acres with only a spare time man to help. A six months exemption was granted.

William Dakin Smedley 20, horseman, Lees Farm, Ible. He had attested at Barngreave(?) and was Group 2. Mrs Smedley applied for him and it was said "It is not right him not appearing", at which point he arrived. 220 acres land and there were four other sons who should come back to farm. There was a case for substitution. "He attends drill very well." Lieut. Kersley "I am very glad because he will not take much training for the Army." Exemption granted with recommendation for substitution. Councillor Arthur Eyre Harrison, 41, The Cross, grocer and provision dealer, had attested Matlock and was Group 45 No 624 Class B1. He had sole business control, was married with three children including a son aged 16. He had had two previous six month exemptions. Lieut. Kersley enquired the value of the business and this was written down. There is no other business of the size in Bonsall. Lieut. Kersley asked the Tribunal "to break their record. It is said this Tribunal never sent a man into the Army." Mr Harrison is a Volunteer. Lieut. Kersley "The Volunteers will be mobilised within six months. I suggest you join the B Section of Volunteers. "Mr Harrison agreed readily. Six months exemption granted. Lieut. Kersley asserted that he understood Bonsall Tribunal had not sent a man into the Army and appealed for a change for the good of the country in its grave crisis. This statement was to be reported and misrepresented nationally and led to considerable anguish and controversy at the next Military tribunal.
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Report for 18 July 2017 meeting

Future of the Park: the Council had a report from the park working group. The key points were that:

- The Diocese has recently reaffirmed that they would not sell the vehicle park or lease it without a 12-month break clause because they wished to hold it for potential development such as affordable housing;
- Informal legal/planning advice provided to the Parish Council makes it clear that, in planning terms, permission for affordable housing on the site is more than a possibility;
- There was concern that the response rate to the questionnaire suggested that many people may not have understood that there was a real threat of losing the vehicle park land to development;
- The Diocese had offered to consider the issue again and would consider new information before they took a final decision at a meeting on 26 September;
- There was consequently a final opportunity to influence the Diocese on their decision by showing the strength of support in the village for retaining the current use of the vehicle park.

The Council agreed the following actions:

- To update the information on the questionnaire, and set up a stall at Carnival to encourage resident's responses;
- To welcome any independent petition to the Diocese from the wider public supporting the community recreational use of the land;
- Members of the Diocese involved in the decision-making to be invited to attend the Carnival (Saturday or Friday evening events);
- Carnival Committee to be asked to publicise the potential effect on the Carnival during this year's event;
- To seek to involve Patrick McLoughlin MP in the issue;
- A formal valuation of the recreation and vehicle park land should be obtained to aid discussions with the Diocese;
- Future discussions with the Diocese to emphasise that the preferred option was a lease or sale to a charitable trust that could hold the land solely for community recreational purposes;
- Detailed negotiations on the recreation ground lease should not go ahead while the situation concerning the vehicle park was still uncertain.

The park questionnaire (updated) is again enclosed with this month's Mutterings. The Parish Council asks all residents to take this final opportunity to make their

views known. Questionnaires need to be returned by 15 September to Tony Payne, Clerk and Finance Officer, or to one of the Parish Councillors

Moor Lane: concerns raised by two members of the public about the continued delay by the County Council in putting up signs at Moor Lane and Moorend Lane, which were agreed to be done in May 2016. Further incidents of 4 x 4 damage and misuse by vehicles was reported. It was agreed to ask for a timescale for the work, and if this was not met, to take the issue further within the County Council.

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 will be the Parish Council meeting on 15 August at 7.30pm. If you have any issues to be raised at the meeting please contact the Clerk Tony Payne with details by 7 August.

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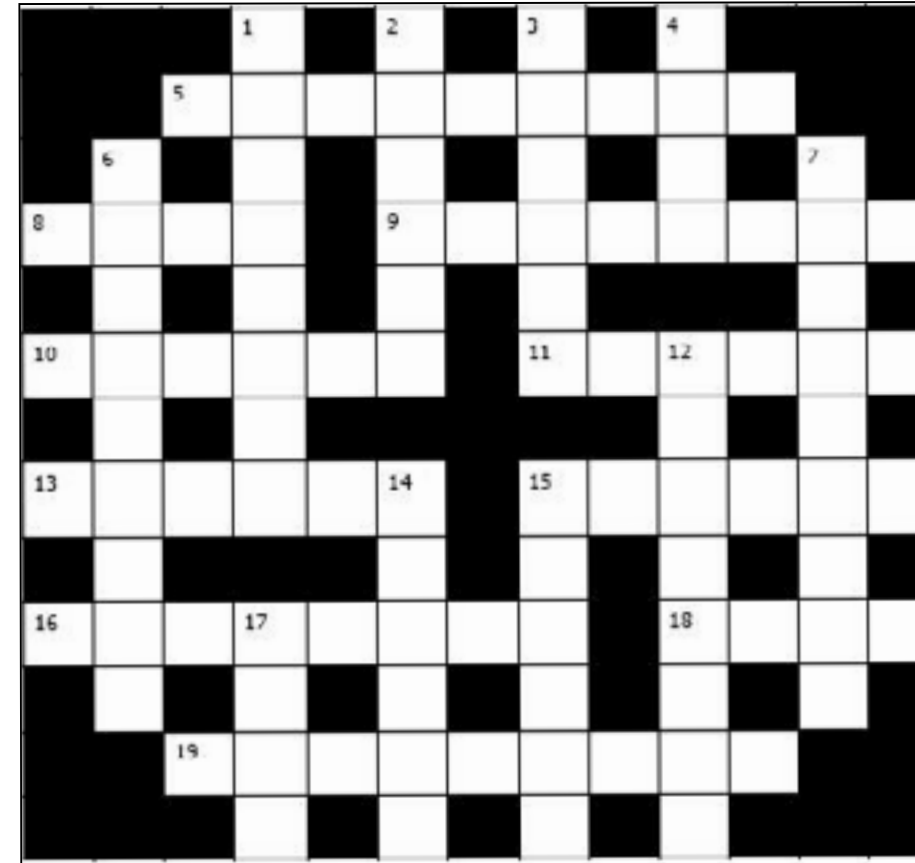
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CROSSWORD No 86



Across:

- 17s - in just over 33.3 yards? Yes! (5-4)
- Woolly story? (4)
- A cry sent out for 17? (8)
- Negligent about girl. (6)
- First take off pay for fee for pulling along - using a 17, probably. (6)
- Loose woman in ship jumps. (6)
- Member breaks prohibition - he pulls pints! (6)
- This stops you doing some things - a prat eating mashed lime, for instance? (3-5)
- 17 seen in Loch Inver. (4)
- Anarchic misrule an impracticality. (9)

Down:

- A 17. Show cockney's present, by the sounds of it. (8)
- Damage in ship. Curses! (6)
- Small piece not on copper tap, initially. (6)
- 17s - what a chicken does, reportedly! (4)
- Father tore mature 17. (9)
- Description of Ben: crazy, poor, gray, in possession of heroin. (9)
- Large animal who's rare in battle? Yes! (8)
- One politician in Kent (i.e.) has right weak smile! (6)
- Kentish Town - can go in front of 17. (6)
- Row Nile badly. (4)

Collective nouns

Which animals are collectively known as a 'Flick' and a 'Husk'?

Answer to Collective nouns:
A. Rabbits and Hares

Answers to crossword no. 85

Across: 5. Catamaran. 8. Boat (BO=stench). 9. Quagmire. 10. Severe (Kent = SE). 11. Renown. 13. Shades. 15. Divine. 16. Trimaran. 18. Gust. 19. Snow-White.

Down: 1. Masthead. 2. Barque. 3. Bazaar. 4. Calm. 6. Foreshore (sounds like for sure = certainly). 7. Crow's Nest. 12. Navigate. 14. Screws. 15. Dinghy. 17. Mine.

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