

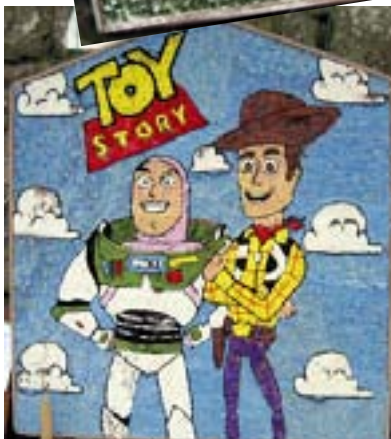


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September 2017

# T'Owd Man's Mutterings

## Well Done Bonsall!



## CARNIVAL SPECIAL INSIDE



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

September

St James

3 9.30am Morning Worship  
10 9.30am Eucharist  
17 11.00am Morning Worship  
24 9.30am Eucharist

Village Life Church

Sunday 10.30am Morning Worship  
10.30am UNO Sunday School  
Monday 6.00pm Prayer Meeting  
Tuesday 7.00pm Craft Club  
Wednesday 7.00pm House group

Sunday Funday Family Service is on Sunday 10 September from 10.30am to 11.30am followed by lunch.

Coffee Morning will be on Tuesday 26 September from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. A warm welcome to everybody.

Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel (The Dale)

Sunday Services during September are at 6.15 pm  
Check the notice board for other events.  
Friday 15 September, Cuppa & Cake Afternoon 2.00 - 4.00pm.  
All are welcome to join us at any time

CHURCH NEWS

Be Joyful

Sitting in the sun with my morning coffee and a chocolate biscuit (in place of sugar!) I review my day so far and count my blessings - breakfast and a quiet time; washing drying in the sun, letter delivered to a neighbour; blackberries picked; sweet peas given by a kind neighbour; conversation with an 87 year old passing by in his vehicle. He's a man with a twinkle in his eye, a very good sense of humour and a "millionaire"! Well not in the sense of £1,000,000 rather the riches of a contented life and thankfulness for God's daily blessings in a myriad of ways. This reminded me of a verse from the Apostle Paul's letter to the Thessalonians (chapter 5 v 16-18) "Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." What does this mean? Is it possible? God has given us a rich and diverse creation that speaks volumes about Him. In love He has given us His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ that we may know God in a personal way along with His forgiveness and peace. Through Jesus, God's giving brings a deep, lasting joy that does not depend on happenings as does happiness.

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We enter into a relationship with Him through prayer, talking and listening and at times just being still and quiet in His Presence. All of this leads naturally to a thankful heart; counting our blessings; trusting Jesus, that is all! Being "always joyful, always prayerful, always thankful" has an impact on our lives resulting in a change of attitude to life, our families, friends, neighbours and the people we meet. Oh yes, I confess that there are times when I complain and moan and wonder why ... God hasn't finished with me yet! It is at those times that I need to "Count my blessings, name them one by one and it does surprise me what the Lord has done!" Have fun taking part in the Horticultural Show on Saturday 3 September, even if you only attend the auction to purchase some of the tasty delights on offer! As Autumn begins and the nights draw in, look around, stop and think, and practice "counting your blessings" too!

Judy Land

Catholic Church Services

Our Lady and St. Teresa of Lisieux

Gorsey Bank, Wirksworth  
Mass Sundays 9 am, Holy Days 7 pm.  
Service of Holy Communion every Wednesday morning at 10 am.  
Contact Fr. Robbie O'Callaghan (01773 743336)

Our Lady and St. Joseph Church

Bank Rd, Matlock  
Mass times Saturdays 6 pm,  
Sundays 8.30 am & 10.30 am.  
Holy Days 9.30 am & 7 pm.  
Daily Mass Mondays and Fridays 7 pm.  
Tuesdays – Thursdays 9.30 am.  
Sacrament of Reconciliation –  
Fridays 6.30–7 pm, Saturdays 10.30–11 am, Adoration Thursdays and Fridays 7 am – 11 pm  
Contact Fr. Bernard Needham (582804)

There is a fortnightly newsletter listing ongoing events.

On Sundays breakfast is available in the church hall after the 8.30 Mass and tea/coffee and biscuits after the 10.30 Mass. All are welcome.

OBITUARY

Richard Morgan

On Friday night, 11 August (NZ time), Richard 'Dik' Morgan died suddenly. He is survived by his wife Jean and their three cats. Dik and Jean married in 2000, at St James, and lived in Ember Lane. Both lived in beautiful Bonsall for about 30 years. In earlier years, The King's Head figured largely in a social life surrounded by friends. Dik was a Special Needs teacher, known for his sense of humour and kindness, but perhaps not his shyness. As many friends had died or moved on, Dik and Jean decided to start a new life in Jean's previous homeland, New Zealand. Dik adored his new country, the people, the relaxed attitude, the rugby, the great weather, the earthquakes, oh, and the wine. On Dik's behalf, Jean sends his last goodbye to all who knew him.

Jean Morgan (via Ann Hambly)

Our Uncle Don

I have written this poem as a tribute to our dear Uncle Don on behalf of us all.

We are gathered here today to say our last goodbyes

All of us will reflect and remember you with tears welling within our eyes

Tuesday the tenth of May nineteen thirty two

Was the day your loving Mother 'Emma' gave birth to you

The eighth child to be born from your family of ten

With five brothers, four sisters and we mustn't forget your devoted Dad, Len

You were a loyal husband and a very proud Dad

Eva being your wife and our Richard your precious lad

Your role as an uncle gradually extended throughout all your life

With nieces and nephews steadily arriving from the families of both you and your wife

You were a gentleman, always loving and kind

There could be no other uncle like you that we could ever find

You had an ability to make each of us feel special and quite unique

You would say "Ey up my little duck" and give us a soft squeeze upon our cheek

LETTERS

It's so hard to think that now you have gone

So rest in peace our wonderful dearest Uncle Don

Diana Woodhouse

Thanks

We would like to thank all those that have sent get well cards, messages and flowers to Alice during her recent illness. We're happy to report that she's now feeling better!

The Land Family

Following the article in last month's Mutterings about "Volunteer drivers", I contacted Loreen who kindly took me to my appointment at the Whitworth Hospital, providing a door-to-door service. I would just like to say "Thank you, Loreen".

Beryl Webster

Closure of Via Gellia at Cromford

We draw attention to the pending closure of the Via Gellia at Cromford (Chapel Hill) and note that an earlier sign was placed on the Via Gellia stating the road would be closed from 29 August to 22 September. This has since been changed to show the full period mentioned in the Permit (copy below). There are more detailed references to this closure in the Parish Notes Section.

The Editors

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Via Gellia Road Cromford

WHEN: 4th September 2017 to 23rd October 2017

WHERE: Via Gellia Road Cromford from its junction with Chapel Hill for a distance of 130 metres in a north westerly direction

REASON: To facilitate major repair to a retaining wall.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: Via Gellia Road, Unnamed Section Of A5012 From Griffe Grange Farm To New Road, Unnamed Section Of A5012 From Moor Lane To Griffe Grange Farm, Aston Hill, Unnamed Section Of A5012 From Newhaven Crossing To Aston Hill, Unnamed Section Of A5012 From A515 To Newhaven Crossing, Unnamed Section Of A515 From Main Road To Brundcliffe Farm, Unnamed Section Of A515 From Unnamed Road Leading To Hyde Lane To Brundcliffe Farm, Ashbourne Road, Unnamed Section Of A515 Between Tagg Lane And District Boundary, Unnamed Road Section Of A515 From Brierlow Bar To District Boundary, Brierlow Bar, Old Coalpit Lane, Unnamed Section Of A5270 From Old Coalpit Lane To A6, Unnamed Section Of A6 From Senners Lane To District Boundary, Unnamed Section Of A6 From Senners Lane To The Dukes Drive, The Dukes Drive, Ashford Road, Buxton Road, North Church Street, Rutland Square, Matlock Street, Haddon Road, Unnamed Section Of A6 From Haddon Road To Bakewell Road, Bakewell Road, Dale Road North, Old Station Close, Dale Road South, Derwent Way, Dale Road, North Parade, South Parade, Derby Road, Water Lane Cromford and vice versa

Access will be maintained, whenever reasonably possible, on the affected length of road. The road will re-open as soon as the work is finished. This may be earlier than advertised.

Derbyshire County Council apologises for any inconvenience caused while work takes place. Anyone needing further information should ring Call Derbyshire 01629 533190.

The County Council intends to make/has made an Order under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) to prohibit its use by traffic.

Mike Ashworth, Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities, County Hall, MATLOCK DE4 3AG

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

The Church will again be illuminated this year. The second week of September brings birthday memories of Ron and Pam Hardy with loving thoughts from Gordon, Christine and family. September birthdays

also recall thoughts of Granma Christine and Grandad Addis for Phil and Ronnie. There are this month fond memories of Patrick Sewry for all his family.

John Sewry



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## LETTERS

### Message of Thanks

Thank you to all the people who helped during Carnival week. We would not be able to run Carnival week without people coming forward to offer their help. Thank you again.

**The Carnival Committee.**

### Bonsall Seniors Carnival Day

The Seniors Committee would like to thank all that contributed cakes, produce, Tombola items and raffle prizes to the Seniors stall and indeed to all those that bought produce or raffle tickets on the day. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

**Bonsall Seniors Committee**

### Park Questionnaire:

Bonsall Parish Council want to thank everyone who has completed the park questionnaire to date and for helping to ensure that the views of the whole village are being represented. Questionnaires can still be returned up to 15 September. Thank you.

**Tony Payne, Clerk and Finance Officer**



### Help needed for Mutterings' deliveries

We have a team of people who deliver Mutterings each month, and we very much appreciate the time that they put into doing this - in all weathers. But we sometimes come across a problem, especially at this time of year when people are away on holiday. So it would be good if we could have 'backup' people who can step in occasionally when the usual deliverers

are away. Specifically, we would like to have backups for Church St (23 copies from Town End Farm to the School and Beech Tree House, plus Glebe Close), for Greenhill (6 copies), for High Street (35 copies from Mayfield House to No 55 and from Brook House to The Mount), Study Drive (14 copies) and Yeoman St, Stepping Lane and the Cross (55 copies). If you are able to help, please let one of the editors know.

**Editors**

### Wednesday workshops

Now that summer is almost behind us, come and join us for some more sewing, making and doing. We have some new ideas to tempt you or you can bring along your current project. We'll be meeting in the Village Hall again on Wednesdays, 27 September, 25 October and 29 November from 7pm till 9pm.

**Jeanette 826557**  
**Marion 821816**

### Dog Attacks on Livestock

Could I please remind all dog owners that if their dogs are found to be chasing/attacking sheep or any livestock then they can be prosecuted and their dogs can be shot.

There have been recent incidents of dogs chasing and causing the deaths of 4 lambs on the fields on stepping lane (near the top on the right going up). These lambs died a terrifying and agonizing death probably lasting several hours. A white/light coloured dog has been seen chasing the sheep but unfortunately it had gone by the time we got there. Other dogs have also been seen chasing the sheep. There are no footpaths through these fields and if dogs are found chasing the sheep and lambs then they will be shot.

If anyone has any information about these incidents then please ring me on the number below.

**Norma. 07971798138**



## VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD



### Carnival 2017

Well there it was done and dusted for another year! What a great week was had! Who would have believed on the Friday, as the park was full of sodden and bedraggled folk getting things ready for Saturday, that the sun would come out and all would be well! But come out it did and we had a great day. Charles Hanson and his family really enjoyed the afternoon too joining in all the fun. Thank you to those who took part on the day or in any of the preparations for Saturday and the rest if the weeks' events, not least Friday night's magnificent display of lanterns and fireworks. If there is anybody who thinks that next year they would like to take part in the carnival planning and preparations then do give me a ring or come along to a meeting in the new year. Look out for the date in the Mutterings.

**Marion Heasman, Chair of Carnival Committee, 821816**

### Results of Carnival Week Events

#### Fun Run, Monday 31 July

• 72 Entrants. Youngest runner – Heath Fairey aged 5. Oldest runner – Bonsall's Mick Biggin aged 73.

Two Laps :

- 1st place Harry Holmes in 22 minutes 31 seconds breaking the course record held by Steve Penney in 2002 by 1 second.
- 2nd place Luke Beresford.
- 3rd place Mike Blair.
- 4th place Ricky Wood of Slaley.
- 5th place Joe Currie age 13.
- 1st lady runner, Shelley Fairey 17th
- 1st girl Freya Lester, 18th age 10.

One lap (children U16):

- 1st place Henry Frost of Bonsall,
- 2nd place William Croft
- 3rd place Alex Currie
- 4th place Charlie Ross
- 5th place Sam Sargeant.

#### Wheelbarrow Race, Wednesday 2 August

Disappointingly, only 2 barrows entered.

- 1st place Todd Webster and Cameron Orr.
- 2nd Henry Frost and Elliot Poplar.

Well done you 4 Bonsall lads.

#### Five-a-side Football, Final on Friday 4 August

Winners of the Herbie Massey Cup

- 1. Winners -Study Drive Terrors
- 2. Runners up SBM
- 3rd. The Kids

#### Tug of War, Friday 4 August

3 Teams entered:

- 1st. Winners – Townhead
- 2nd. Deadly Dale
- 3rd. Study Pullers.

**Leigh Johnson (Carnival Committee)**

#### Treasure Hunt, Thursday 3 August

Congratulations to the Ward family who were the lucky winners of Michala Naughton's art work gift for the treasure hunt prize. It was a plaster relief of the view to the church from Stepping Lane. Many thanks to Michala.

**Editors**



Michala Naughton.

### Village Well Dressings 2017

I just wanted to say many congratulations to all who took part in any of the well dressings this year. We had eight wells all completely different and all marvellous. There seemed to be a lot of visitors walking and looking at them during the week (despite the weather!) and I hope folk raised good amounts for their charities. Speaking particularly about St James,

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I was thrilled when we had a visiting family from Spain who came to lend a hand during the week and then turned up to help as it was going up on Saturday morning too. We also had some fantastic help from some young nimble fingers from the village too. Needless to say every hand helps! So thank you to all who turned up at the rectory room or the various garages, sheds and barns again this year or for the first time. I think we should be very proud that we are carrying on this ancient local tradition.

**Marion Heasman**

### 20 Years of lanterns, fireworks and fire pictures

In 1997, to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Carnival, a new Friday evening event involving a lantern procession, fireworks'

starts with a lantern procession down the Church steps and around the Park. The lanterns are made each year by children at the School and by visiting children from Belarus or Ukraine; and there are usually 70 plus in the procession. The lanterns are made using a willow framework, covered with tissue paper and coated with PVA to strengthen it. Originally, the lanterns were lit by candles but, after a few caught fire, they were replaced by battery-powered lights on health and safety grounds. This year, to help promote funding for a replacement weathervane on the Church, the lantern theme was cockerels and a small group of villagers also worked to create the giant cockerel lantern that paraded around the Park, lit by LEDs.

Ex-resident, Ian Brookes, has provided a firework display for the village since 1997. His company, Electrify, has developed increasingly sophisticated displays, synchronised with music, and often incorporating laser lights – said by many to be the best firework displays they have ever seen ([www.electrifypyrotechnics.co.uk](http://www.electrifypyrotechnics.co.uk)).

The first fire picture was created 20 years ago as a finale to the firework display. Each year, a small group make the pictures by soaking paper rope in paraffin, wrapping



it in polythene and fixing it with wire to a metal grid. The pictures depict different topical subjects each year, from astronaut Tim Peake, to the threats to bees or world peace.

display and fire picture, was introduced by the Carnival Committee to mark the end of Carnival week. And it is still going from strength to strength. After dusk, the event



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This year the cockerel theme also featured Donald Trump. This year's fire picture depicted a cartoon cockerel with a floppy comb, standing next to Trump with a sign that read 'What comb-over?'



The Carnival Committee has developed the event in recent years, now offering a range of foods, and people from many other towns and villages now put it in their diaries as a not-to-be-missed evening. Let's hope it is able to continue, with the village giving its full support to the Parish Councillors in their discussions with the Diocese this month.

**Peter Fellows (Carnival Committee)**

### Bonsall Village Hall – Film Club



If you have been in the village hall recently you will have instantly noticed the new look to the ground floor? Not only is there a fresh new colour scheme, a picture rail, ceiling coving and blackout blinds but the village hall committee have also purchased and installed a new integrated AV system, giving Bonsall its own cinema facility. We now have a ceiling projector, a 3.5m wide electrically operated screen, a digital receiver, blue ray DVD player and wall mounted sound surround speakers including a plug-in subwoofer! The receiver and DVD player are permanently wired up in a locked steel wall cupboard. All the wiring is hidden behind the coving and above the ceiling. Much of the new equipment was bought using funds donated to the village hall committee by the BADFilm committee (what was the Bonsall Film Society) last year when it wound up. The film society equipment was also donated

to us and we have re-used the speakers. Unfortunately, the projector couldn't be reused and the receiver was quite old and didn't have digital HDMI connectors needed for Blue Ray DVD players.

The new cinema was first used by myself and Alan David in July for our illustrated talk on our recent trip to Nepal which was attended by over 50 people! The slides and video presented using the equipment were well received by the audience. As well as the blackout blinds, new curtains are being made and will shortly be hung at both of the windows. These, along with the roll of carpet that is available in the hall will help to improve the acoustics but the best way of improving the acoustics is to have a hall full of people! Now that we have this brilliant facility in our village hall we need to make good use of it. As well as being able to show films, the equipment is there to facilitate Powerpoint presentations and video using a laptop computer. All you need to do is plug in your lap top using the HDMI connector that is kept in the steel cabinet and away you go! The DVD player will also play music CDs for parties etc. It takes only a minute to set up the cinema!

We are proposing to hold a demonstration of the new facilities at the hall on Wednesday 20 September 2017 at 7.30pm. One of the hopes is that there will be enough interest in Bonsall and Slaley and possibly with residents in Cromford too, to start up a film club based at the village hall. If you are interested, please come along on the 20 September. If you unable to make it, please get in touch with me, Chris Broome, Peter Fox, or any member of the village hall committee to register your interest. From some initial research into the potential cost of showing films at the hall, obtaining the necessary licences, hiring of the hall etc. we would probably need to raise an income of around £100 for each film shown to cover the cost. This should be achievable. Suggestions and volunteers to help run a film club are welcomed.

**Chris Broome Tel 824512**

### World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Please come along to our coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

It is on Friday, September 29th in The Village Hall at 10am till 12 noon.

Donation of cakes welcome!

**Kath Punchard and Di Moor**

### Village Hall Committee AGM

The Village Hall Management Committee AGM is on 27 September 2017 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. We are always looking for new committee members to join us. Please come along to the AGM and show your support for the village hall.

**Chris Broome, Village Hall Secretary**

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### Garden & Allotment Notes

August/September

Harvest time! Raspberry Vodka, Pickled Plums, Strawberry Jam.....the shelves are filling up with jars and the freezer is completely full with broad beans, peas, raspberry and blackberry ice cream etc. etc.



One of the differences between plant gardening and fruit and vegetable growing is that you can never have enough flowers and they only need looking at, either in the garden or as cut flowers in a vase. Fruit and vegetables on the other hand need to be "dealt with" and you can only cook and eat so much of them at a time. GLUT – the word that every allotment gardener dreads and relishes. August and September are the months of allotment harvest when everything just keeps on coming. And this season which has given us such hot weather to start with and lots of rain more recently has been a bumper. The soft fruit was abundant enough (when you've so many raspberries and strawberries to deal with and you've enough jam to last years, bottling them in the cheapest gin or vodka you can find, is a great solution!), but now the plums are coming and they're cracking their branches the crop is so heavy. More jam, wine, chutney, pickles.....soon there won't be enough shelf space left. And if anyone has a new courgette cake recipe let me now because although we have about 6 or 7 already, the courgettes really do go on and on.

**Penny Collier**

### A Welcome to the New School Year

It seems incredible that all at Bonsall School are, again, at the beginning of a new academic year. So much was achieved last year, thanks to the efforts of all staff; support from all parents and hard work from pupils where their willingness to respond to challenges could not be questioned.

Thanks to the efforts and support from all, the pupils of Bonsall School have benefited from so many opportunities which have extended every aspect of their education; allowed them to work with confidence and the will to succeed and given them an

understanding of the world in which they live.

We know that as governors we are very fortunate. We are always welcome at school; able to see the children learn within the different educational environments and able to participate in so many of the varied opportunities and initiatives that are offered to the pupils. To recognise how often the pupils are praised for their preparation, interest and good behaviour by others is a privilege. So many opportunities with so much learning and increased awareness and understanding.

There was much to celebrate last year. The academic success was excellent; the musical skills from singing to brass playing to drumming, ukulele, recorder and piano playing were always a joy to witness; the P.E. and Dance within lessons, clubs and competitions was always enjoyable for those participating and those supporting. Display boards confirmed what had been achieved with Art work and pottery.

External staff, volunteers and staff from Anthony Gell School offered support for many of the opportunities, both on a curricular and extra-curricular basis – we are grateful to everyone.

We hope that you will be able to join us this year when celebrating the success of pupils. Information will be within Mutterings and, for large events, it is hoped to post individual notes through doors.

We are pleased to say that after all the support from the school and the community the school does now have a 15 year lease of the Rectory Room with planning permission for the required changes within a Conservation Area. The Rectory Room will, within the Autumn Term become an additional much needed area for the education of the pupils. It can be safely accessed from the school without pupils having to walk on the road and will be fully equipped and resourced offering opportunities for class teaching, small group work, additional initiatives and interventions. The room will be available for use by the local community, when not in use by the school. When the room is complete it is hoped to have a school event where, in addition to participation from the pupils, the whole school will be open for all to see.

Although there will always be challenges that lie ahead for small schools within the education system of today we are really looking forward to the new academic year and the new pupils who will be joining the school. We would also like to take this opportunity to wish the Year 6 pupils who left Bonsall School in July every success as they move into secondary school.

**The Governors of Bonsall CE VA School**

## PARISH COUNCIL

# Bonsall Parish Council Special Meeting 15 August 2017:

### Closure of the Via Gellia:

The Council had recently received confirmation that the Via Gellia is to close at Chapel Hill Cromford for a seven week period. This will commence Monday 4 September to 23 October. Closure will be permanent in both directions day and night.

During public speaking Councillors heard from Sam Bradley, who said that she spoke on behalf of the other main local quarrying and haulage transport interests. The main points being made in relation to the current closure plans on behalf of local transport companies were as follows:

1. Concurrent closure of Manystones Lane until 22 September (assuming works there go to schedule): this will create serious traffic issues and potential accident hazards as lorry traffic is forced to use the steep (and frequently wet) road from Via Gellia to Ryder Point in conjunction with other vehicle traffic in both directions including local buses and school buses; there were similar issues with lorry traffic backing up descending Cromford Hill or in Brassington;

2. During previous discussions in April with the County Council about the closure haulage companies had made clear that any Via Gellia closure could not be concurrent with road works on Manystones Lane for safety reasons; there is considerable concern that this appears to have been ignored;

3. Lack of consultation: there is similar concern and frustration at the lack of any prior consultation with local haulage and quarry companies on the proposals despite the issues raised earlier in the year;

4. Deferral: on safety grounds the Via Gellia closure should be deferred for three weeks until the Manystones lane works are completed.

Bonsall Parish Council and District Councillors Garry Purdy and Joyce Pawley endorsed those concerns and asked that they be given serious consideration by the County Council. In addition, they agreed to write asking for the County Council to take the following steps to minimise the impact of the closure work on local residents and businesses:

1. Buses: confirmation that local bus companies (including school service providers and schools themselves) will be given early notification of the closure and safe alternative arrangements;

2. Emergency services: similar confirmation for emergency services;

3. Consultation with businesses and haulage/quarry companies: that hauliers should be consulted on where best to place diversion signs, and that companies and businesses on the Via Gellia and at Longcliffe should be contacted direct to notify them of proposals and discuss alternative arrangements;

4. Bonsall signage: that specific road signage should ensure that traffic does not attempt to follow satnav routes from or to Bonsall Moor via the Dale Bonsall along Bankside. Previous road closures have resulted in this road being blocked by vehicles that become stuck or burnt out clutches etc.;

5. Diversion routes to be made available in digital form for use by local businesses on their websites;

6. Businesses open: that early notification is given that Bonsall businesses will be open throughout the closure period.

### Future of the Park:

Councillors received a summary of the 247 questionnaires received to date:

Recreation area: 98.7% rated this as 9/10 or more; 100% as 8/10 or more. Vehicle park: 91.5% rated as 9/10 or more, 96.4% as 8/10 or more. Retaining current use: 99.2% wish to retain current use. Types of use: 51.4% said they used the vehicle park; the highest main stated use was for casual parking (63%), then school parking (17.8%), then farm deliveries (13%). Management: 61.5 % wanted management by a Trust, 30% by the parish Council and the remainder expressing no preference. Volunteer Trustees: 19% (47) of those consulted had put their names forward as potential Trustees.

A paper prepared by Phil Heasman the warden of St James' Church was read out. This made two main points relevant to the park: It explained how the Parochial Church Council (PCC) was not responsible for the decisions of the Diocese, and that members of the St James' PCC had urged the Diocese to reach an agreement which ensured the use of the whole of the Park Bottom land was secured for the village. The position set out by the Parochial Church Council was welcomed by the Parish Council.

It was agreed to write to the Diocese prior to their Business Committee meeting on 5 September with the interim summary of the questionnaires returned to date, and provide to the Diocese copies of all completed questionnaires as they had

## 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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requested. The Bishop's Council of the Diocese meets on 25 September.

The Parish Council ask all residents to take this final opportunity to make their views known. Questionnaires need to be returned by 15 September to either your local Councillor or to the clerk (details below).

**Parish Burial Ground:** Councillors agreed to commission a feasibility study from Derbyshire County Council on the extension of the burial ground at an approximate cost of £400.

**Car parking charges in Cromford:** District Councillor Garry Purdy reported that there is a District Council consultation exercise on car parking charges in Cromford at the Greyhound and Lime Yard. Anyone concerned that this may happen should complete the questionnaire on the front page of the Council website (<http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk>).

**Circulation list for minutes and agendas:** Councillors considered a proposal to set up an extended emailing list for Parish Council minutes, papers and agendas. This was agreed, on the understanding that only the Clerk was authorised to use the circulation list for official Parish Council business. Anyone wanting to be added to the mailing list please contact the clerk on; [bonsallclerk@gmail.com](mailto:bonsallclerk@gmail.com).

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

The next meeting will be the Parish Council meeting on 19 September at 7.30pm. If you have any issues to be raised at the meeting please contact the Clerk Tony Payne with details by 11 September 2017.

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BONSALL -The Tribunal's Honour Vindicated. Lieut. Kersley's Withdrawal Bonsall Tribunal (and incidentally the parish) has been under a cloud of unpatriotic suspicion. Councillor Allsop presided and the members attending at the Public Hall were the Rector, the Rev J C T Taggart, Councillors A E Harrison, J T Prince, J P, (Chairman of the local Urban Council) W Potter, A Gratton, C C Oliver, J Bunting, the military representative W E Smith (The Cascades) Lieut Kersley the visiting military representative: and Mr J G Goodwin of Matlock representative of the Board of Agriculture. Councillor Oliver said he would like to say a few words with reference to the report that appeared in a Manchester newspaper with reference to that Tribunal. Well, he thought it was rather unfair. They were told that Bonsall was a place that did not know there was a war going on. Well, they had fourteen vacant chairs in the village today; fourteen had been killed and belonging to one house two sons had been killed. He wondered whether those people knew there was a war going on. He thought the man who wrote that ought to go to one of their memorial services and hear it and he would know there had been a war to see the mourners and the church crowded with people; And then with reference to the Tribunal not sending any men to the Front, - well he had two nephews at the Front, one had been killed and the other was somewhere in France. What had been said about them in the paper was very unfair. Councillor Prince JP corroborated what Mr Oliver had said. That Tribunal he could assure them- and he had attended every one of their meetings- was quite all right. At the last Tribunal meeting certain statements were made by the military representative, Lieut Kersley, with respect to the doings of that Tribunal. He stated

that it had been given to him that not a single man had been sent into the Army. Well, that was quite false (hear, hear) as they all knew. They had sent five men into the Army. They were an agricultural district. He thought the statement ought to be withdrawn altogether. It had been very disgraceful the letters he had received as chairman of the local Urban District Council from all up and down the country pointing out what a place Bonsall must be. He thought that if any justice ought to be done the man that came from Manchester to Bonsall in a taxi-cab and spent a whole day there ought to be in the Army. It was, he repeated, very disgraceful and he considered the remarks ought to be withdrawn. They had acted quite fearlessly, he had himself, and honourably and whenever he had had a case in which he himself was interested, he had always retired to allow the Tribunal to conduct their affairs any way they thought fit. The Clerk stated that of 114 applications they had dealt with they had now only 16 exemptions on the list, 55 applications refused, but there were quite a number of men who were given short exemptions and went into the Army. Councillor Oliver said he had an idea it was 200. Mr Smith: I think you will find you are a little over the mark. It was only 160 a few weeks ago and I do not think 40 more have gone since then. Even the 160 included the men already in the Army and Navy when war began. They did not come before that Tribunal, they were already in the Army. Councillor Oliver: "They all volunteered". Councillor Prince thought the greatest drawback to the statement was the one that was made that not a single man had been sent into the Army from Bonsall. He could not think where Lieut. Kersley got his information. Councillor Oliver remarked that Mr Smith or Lieut. Kersley should have known that it was not so. It was a harmful thing to say and it was no use saying it was a mistake. It had gone all over the country, in the London papers and everywhere. The Rector had letters from quite a number of people, friends here and there in the country, asking what kind of a place he lived in. It had been his painful duty to visit so many of the houses where people had been suffering owing to the loss of sons in the Army and he had also conducted memorial services in Bonsall and could assure them he felt it very keenly indeed because the article was absolutely untrue and unfair and vilifying in the statement saying Bonsall did not know there was a war going on. One had only to live there to realise that Bonsall was trying to do her best, and nobly too, in the way she was sharing the sorrow of the nation. To his mind it was very unjust that such a statement should have been published, ("hear,hear"). Business was then proceeded with. The first appeal was that of John Mountney for

Jack Mountney, Hollies Farm, farm hand (18) single. The grounds were that the boy was the only help on the farm. There was a certificate from the War Agricultural Committee and he was on work of national importance and could not be called up while so doing. In reply to Lieut. Kersley, appellant said the farm was 52 (sic) acres all grass. Lieut. Kersley stated the new order had come out by which the County Committee could exempt from service. He fearlessly said that this was not a case where that should be applicable. It was a terrible misuse of the powers vested in the committee. Mr Gratton: "It appears there is no one of importance except farmers". Mr Oliver: "I wish you had a farm". The appeal was accordingly left with the committee at Derby. Mr W. J. Harrison JP, Wirksworth, secretary of the Oddfellows, appealed for H Bunting of Hollow Brook, grinder, Class C3, age 41, on the grounds of indispensability as secretary of the local friendly society. Granted conditional exemption. Councillor William Potter appealed for Arthur Allsop (31) of Horse Dale cowman, married Class B1. There was also a personal application. The grounds were he had 88 acres of land, very scattered and difficult to work. He had had two previous exemptions of six months each. Lieut. Kersley ascertained that three acres were under plough. Cllr Potter had no help but this man, excepting in harvest. Allsop also had 9 acres of land and two cows. Lieut. Kersley did not oppose. Granted six months exemption. Miss Boam appealed for Adam Gratton, Yeoman Street, cowman Class B1 and the grounds were that this was the Low Farm with 114 acres and the farmer died recently. Lieut. Kersley considered there was no difficulty if these men were working on the land. He had no objection to the decisions they gave. He would give an exemption to the



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end of harvest at all events. Granted six months exemption. For review there attended Councillor A E Harrison, grocer etc., of the Cross, age 41, and the grounds were he would suffer serious hardship if called. Lieut. Kersley had no desire to alter the decision given last time. Mr Smith said all these cases were brought up by instruction of the military authorities. He had explained the cases, but the order was that all not in agriculture granted exemptions were to be reviewed. Lieut. Kersley agreed Mr Harrison was entitled to conditional exemption. Richard Platts, Via Gellia, miner, married, was the next for review. Platts said he was in the caulk and lead mining and worked for himself with another man. Lieut. Kersley: "It is rather interesting to know two men can own a mine". Councillor Oliver: "There are a lot about here". Appellant said he passed B2 and had no family. He lost time because of ill health at periods. He had had a long illness. Lieut. Kersley did not press. While he could not take lads of 18 he had not much heart to press for 41's. Conditional exemption granted. In the case of J W Hofton manager of Wm Hollins and Company at the Via Gellia Mills, it was stated he was indispensable, and he had conditional exemption in November last. The Representative of the Company said Mr Hofton had not been medically examined, but he was to go next Thursday but it was a voluntary examination. Lieut. Kersley ascertained the total employed was 40 males and females. Lieut. Kersley: "Forty males?", Mr Hofton: "No, he had 36 females and four males at work and 85% of the firm's men had joined up". Lieut. Kersley: "That's a big percentage". Mr Oliver: "Fifty per cent of our males have gone from here. He is married with three children and is 41 years of age". Lieut. Kersley suggested adjournment for the

medical examination. The representative of the firm said the Military representative had not proved a case for the military. Lieut. Kersley replied all he had to prove was the needs of the Army were greater today than when he was granted exemption. He agreed this man was a pivot man and he would not remove him for the moment. It was left that if he was Class A the Military Representatives could review. The Via Gellia Colour Company had the following employees called for review:- J Bunting (34) single, Ember Lane, grinder, C2; Geo Jenkins (25) High Street, C3, single labourer; F W Gratton (37) married, Yeoman Street C3 labourer, and Joseph Holbrook (40) Clatterway, grinder C2, and Harry Prince (41) B3 married, colour grinder. Mr G H Key, JP, the managing director (and the chairman of Matlock Bath Council and Military Tribunal) attended and said probably they employed 100 men now and 120 before the war. It was impossible to employ women. The Chairman: "It's not fit work for a man" (Laughter). Lieut. Kersley was afraid he could not get many recruits there that night. Mr Key said Bonsall had sent its best men. The review allowed the old decisions to stand. A Land (41), also employed by the Via Gellia Colour Company, was not appealed by Mr Key. He did not think it necessary. If there was a claim in England he thought Land had it. He had seven children, an ailing wife and was C3. The previous decision stands. Mr W Barker JP appeared for Barkers and Son of Cromford in the review of Charles Hodgkinson (32) of Staffordshire Terrace, millers waggoner. It was not possible to replace him and if he went the work could not be carried on. Lieut. Kersley: He is Class A. Mr Barker said the man had four children, and he appeared for his son, who was the employer, but was away. The son was a miller. They were in a worse position than ever because they could not get horses. They had only one man. If this man went they could shut the mill up. Lieut. Kersley: "He's in a certified occupation". The previous exemption stands. Mr W Wildgoose attended for A Wildgoose Yeoman Street, joiner C3. He is in partnership with his father. They are the only joiners in the village. No opposition was raised and the previous decision stands.

At the conclusion of the business Lieut. Kersley said before they broke up he found there was no possibility of adding to the strength of the Army from Bonsall for he was sure Bonsall would have been proud to have sent another man or two that night, particularly as they had referred to the 100 who had gone voluntarily. His remarks about that Tribunal were made in perfectly good faith and at the last meeting he had said what he thought to be correct when he said they had not sent a man. He could scarcely conceive a body of

men sitting there and having applications brought before them and giving all exemption. So he thought they would agree with him he was perfectly justified in his remarks. As far as the Press went he had not had anything to do with that and had no responsibility. Had the statement been correct that Bonsall had not sent a man to the Army they would have deserved whatever censure was passed. But he now saw that that was not correct. The official vindication of Bonsall's patriotism was received with hearty applause by the general public and members of the Tribunal thanked Lieut. Kersley. The apology was reported as follows;

The falsity of various statements, which have appeared in certain sections of the Press, concerning the work of the Bonsall Tribunal, were thoroughly exposed at Tuesday's meeting and not the least pleasing circumstance was the manly apology of Lieut Kersley and his tribute to the gallant share Bonsall has taken in the present conflict. Nevertheless, the wholesale publication of incorrect statements is a most serious matter and one which requires stopping with no gloved hand for, in addition to the harm it does to the village and the annoyance it causes to residents, it inevitably finds its way across the Channel and lads in khaki from the village are subjected to much unjust criticism and, we are afraid, gibes. The admissions of the Military representative however that, with perhaps one exception, a case in which the Derbyshire War Agricultural Committee had given exemption, there is not a man in Bonsall who would be of greater use in the Army than in his present employment must reassure everyone and demonstrate that Bonsall is one of those small places which has done its "fullest best" to help in the great cause.

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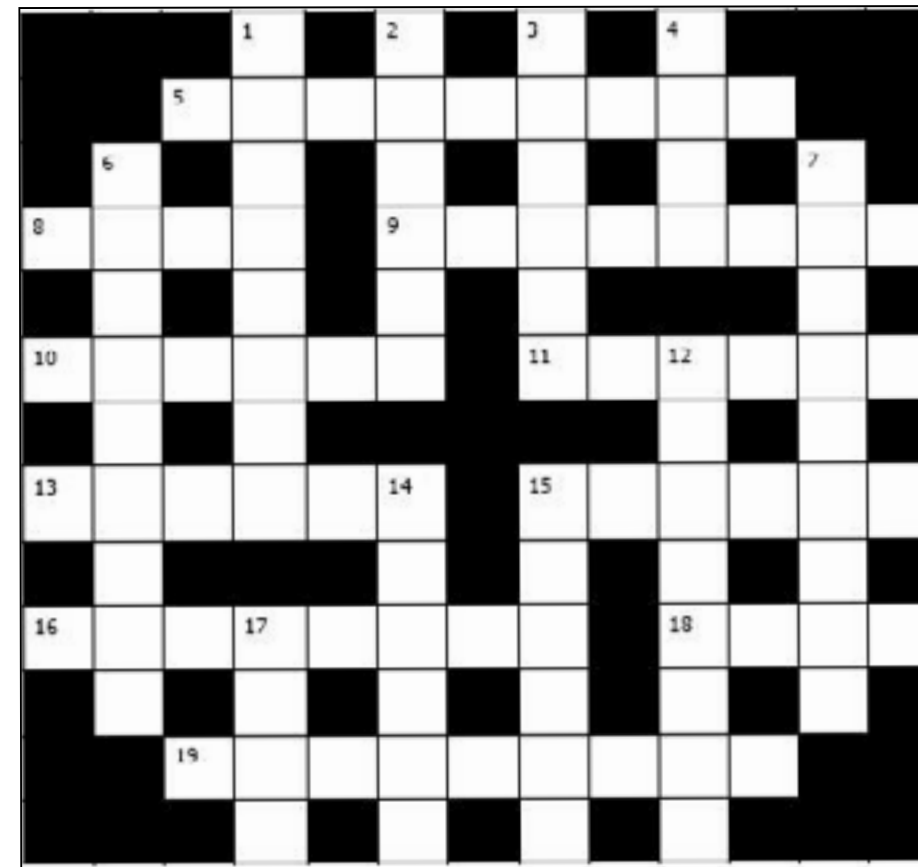
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### Across:

5. A 17 that gets faded over time. (9)
8. Tree spotted in palace rockery. (4)
9. Work too hard - or live to work? (8)
10. A 17? Not! (6)
11. Leaders of soccer, cricket, hockey or organise other lessons. Rugby, maybe? (6)
13. A 17 is French father. (6)
15. Thug is a rum egg gone bad. (6)
16. Investigator, in lots of papers, re-writes leader. (8)
18. The man meets the Spanish rat-bag. (4)
19. A 17. I'm ill over marg. contamination. (9)

### Down:

1. Baby eagle ate tiger? Surprising! (8)
2. Ditched king's chair, by the sounds of it. (6)
3. Fruit with kernel removed for French elevens. (6)
4. A 17 with a non-drinker. (4)
6. Elite confess about crying blue murder. (9)
7. A 17 like metro crash? (9)
12. A 17. H. (8)
14. Enlist over the pond. (6)
15. Motorway madness - or an illusion? (6)
17. One French night ruined. (4)

### Collective nouns

Q. What are the alternatives to a 'herd' of pigs?

### Answers to crossword no. 86

Across: 5. Crows' feet. (rows = lines in C = a hundred feet). 8. Yarn. 9 Ancestry. 10. Remiss. 11. Towage. 13. Starts. 15. Barman. 16. Age-limit. 18. Ochi. 19. Unrealism

Down: 1. Frontier. 2. Swears. 3. Offcut. 4. Leys. 6. Parentage. 7. Orography. (Ben = mountain). 12. Warhorse. 14. Simper. 15. Battle (sorry, I realise now that Battle is in E. Sussex, not Kent!). 17. Line.

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