



Issue 166

T'Owd Man's

December 2017

January 2018

# Mutterings



## *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*



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

## St James

### December

- 3 9.30 am Sanctuary
- 10 9.30 am Eucharist
- 14 7.00 pm Village Carol Service
- 17 11.00 am Morning Worship
- 24 5.00 pm Crib Service
- 25 9.30 am Eucharist

### January

- 7 9.30 am Eucharist
- 14 9.30 am Eucharist
- 21 11.00 am Morning Worship
- 28 9.30 am Eucharist Candlemass

## Village Life Church

### Sunday

- 10.30 am Morning Worship
- 10.30 am UNO Sunday School

**Monday** 6.00 pm Prayer Meeting

**Tuesday** 2.00 pm Craft Club

**Wednesday** 7.00 pm House group

Our Christmas Family Service is on Sunday 10 December at Bonsall Camp, 10.30 am to 11.30 am followed by Christmas Dinner.

Our Carols by Candlelight service is on Saturday 16 December. 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm followed by refreshments.

Coffee Morning New Year Special will be on Tuesday 30 January from 12.00 pm to 2.00 pm.

A warm welcome to everybody.

## Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel (The Dale)

Sunday Services during December alternate 6.15 pm 3 Dec & 10 Dec;

Carol Services 2.30 pm 17 Dec & 24 Dec.

Advent Bible Studies Tuesdays 10.00 am 7 Dec & 14 Dec

Christmas Cuppa & Cake 2.00 - 4.00 pm Friday 15 Dec.

All Services during January are at 2.30 pm

New Year Cuppa & Cake 2.00 – 4.00 pm Friday 19 Jan

Everyone is welcome to join with us.

We thank all members, friends and visitors for their support and pray God will Bless them over Christmas and through the New Year, 2018

Time is ticking by. There's much to catch our attention and prompt us to be prepared for Christmas - people who say they wrote their cards and wrapped their presents back in August; supermarkets and shops advertising and displaying in glossy magazines and TV adverts 'food, glorious food' and so much more; questions "where are you spending/ what are you doing at Christmas?" Christmas - for me personally, is singing carols; listening to Handel's 'Messiah'; a good book and I don't feel guilty spending time reading it; eating simply with family and friends; a walk in Chatsworth Park, wrapping up warm if its cold and frosty; a sprinkling of snow; taking time to be still and ponder what Christmas is all about. Was Christmas an idea in God's mind after He had created this wonderful world, men and women in His image and then sin creeping in and marring everything? Perhaps God's Master-plan did encompass Christmas? Beautiful lights to shine through the darkness; an Angel choir singing 'Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth, good will towards all people', a family celebrating a birth in extraordinary circumstances; a tree in the shadows; a table spread with bread and wine and the most amazing gifts. In fact the Best Gift of All. John records in his

Gospel chapter 3 v 16, 17 "God so loved (the greatest lover) the world - you and me, that He gave (the greatest giver) His one and only Son so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life (the greatest gift). You see, God did not send His Son into the world to condemn it but to save it." Time is running out to receive this amazing free gift. Don't leave it until it is too late, for one day and it may be soon, Jesus will return to this earth. Take time to read the Christmas Story in the Bible (Isaiah 7 v 13-14; Isaiah 9 v 1-7; Micah 5 v 2; Matthew 1 v 18-24; Matthew 2 v 1-12; Luke 1; Luke 2 v 1-20; John 1 v 1-18) and also share in the various village carol services. Why not ask the Lord to make His free gift real in your thoughts and heart and personally receive the best gift ever? It will be a special gift for Christmas and will be a blessing through the coming New Year 2018 too.

Thought for the New Year: "Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould, but let God remake you so that your whole attitude of mind is changed." Romans 12 v 2 J B Phillips. May you and your families and friends experience God's blessings throughout Christmas and the New Year, 2018.

**Judy Land**

# CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

## December

Mary Potter is remembered by Stephen, Tricia and family through the Church lighting, especially on December 10th. The 16th of the month brings thoughts of Peter, a brother and fond uncle to Nathan and Emily. David and Julie and their families remember parents, Dennis and Jean Allsop, on both the 18th of December and on January 2nd. Peter Hall is in mind for all his family, particularly on Christmas Eve. This is the day on which the lighting also remembers Connor Fellows for all his family. Christmas is also the season at which Jeff Land and Annie and Albert are in the thoughts of all the family. Memories of family at Christmas are very much in the mind of Louis Pearson.

## January

The first week of January has special memories of Harold Bunting for Dorinda and for Simon and Stephanie and their families. Norma and Cliff

remember Auntie Olive at this time, especially in the second week of January. The 16th of the month is when Jenny Mellors and family call Mum, Joan, to mind. There are, during the third week of January, loving thoughts of Gwen and Jack Fellows from Peter and Wendy. For Richard and Kath Taylor the lighting holds memories of Kath's parents and brother, Keith, from 20th January through to February 2nd. Birthday memories for the 23rd and 24th of the month of Mum and Dad Rickards are shared by all the family at this time. Janet, Ron, Daphne and Peter bring parents Bill and Winnie Gregory to the fore, particularly on the 27th. Parents Nora and Herman Martin are lovingly remembered this month by Janet, Christine, June, Michael and their families. Hilda Morris' birthday, 31st January, is a time when Rita, Eunice, Rachel and Danny and their families especially remember her.

**John Sewry**

# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



Best wishes for a Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year to all my friends and neighbours. A big 'thank you' for all your help and support during the past year; I could not have managed at home without you. Bless you, Love Claudine

Ruby Gratton would like to wish all her family & friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Marjorie, Ron and Andrew would like to wish all relatives, neighbours and friends a happy Christmas and best wishes for a healthy and peaceful New Year

Wishing all family and friends a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Love Stephen, Tricia and family

Charlie and Sonia Webster wish everyone a Happy Xmas and New Year

Wishing all our friends and neighbours a Very Merry Christmas & a Happy and Healthy New Year. Rosie and Jim Martin

Ron and Janet Brown send all family, friends and neighbours their very best wishes for a good Christmas and a Happy New Year

Best wishes for Christmas and the coming year to all our friends, family and neighbours. To newcomers, may this be the first of many Bonsall Christmasses and, to visitors, what a good choice! Ken and Gill

Wendy and Pete send best wishes to our Bonsall friends and neighbours for a peaceful and happy 2018

A blessed Christmas, happy New Year to my family, neighbours and friends. God bless. Love Beryl Webster

## Catholic Church Services

### Our Lady and St. Teresa of Lisieux

Gorseley 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.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation –

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

Contact Fr. Bernard Needham (582804)

There is a fortnightly newsletter listing 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.

## Wirksworth Team Ministry

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KATHY AND CHARLIE WOULD LIKE TO WISH OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## THE KINGS HEAD

**2<sup>nd</sup> Big Al sings** **Charity Darts Match**  
Men and Women, £2.00 per person with Spot Prizes. Come along for a fun night! **20<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm**

**9<sup>th</sup> Jane Allen**

**16<sup>th</sup> Gabby Jordan**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Cottage Blue Grass Band**  
Informal jamming session **Sign up for it by 19<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Karaoke with Tony**

**30<sup>th</sup> Jason Comfort**

**31<sup>st</sup> Disco till the early hours!**

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## Christmas Tree Of Memories

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**Claudine**

## Open House

The Open House group has suspended its Wednesday afternoon Village Hall meetings until next March. It is hoped to restart then and would welcome any new members. All retired people are invited to join this very friendly and informal group for tea, chat, table games and an occasional outing. If you would like more information, please ring me on 823493.

**John Sewry**

## White Poppies

A message originally associated with Remembrance Day, after the First World War, was 'never again'. This message slipped away. In response, white poppies were developed in 1933 by the Co-operative Women's Guild to affirm the message of 'no more war'. Many of the activities around Remembrance Day are detached from any meaningful attempt to learn the lessons of war. Arms companies instruct their staff to pause work for the two minutes' silence. Politicians, some of whom who plough billions into weapons manufacturing, lay wreaths at the Cenotaph. Arms dealers sponsor Remembrance events, even while their work makes war more likely. Working for peace is the natural consequence of remembering the victims of war. If, for example, we were remembering the victims of road accidents, we might do so by working to prevent further road accidents. The best way to respect the victims of war is to work to prevent war in the present and future.



White poppies recall all victims of all wars, including victims of wars that are still being fought. This includes people of all nationalities. It includes both

civilians and members of armed forces. Today, over 90% of people killed in warfare are civilians. We need to tackle the underlying causes of warfare, such as poverty, inequality and competition over resources. A temporary absence of violence is not enough. Peace is much deeper and broader than that, requiring major social changes to allow us to live more co-operatively.

*Text and photo courtesy of the Peace Pledge Union, 1 Peace Passage, London N7 0BT.*

*For more information, contact Symon Hill on 020 7424 9444 or at coordinator@ppu.org.uk*



## Halloween Mischief

Halloween around the Cross was another great success this year. A really great selection of little monsters, ghouls and assorted undead

experienced at the brand new spookier venue. Thick smoke swirled as the intrepid entered the Wardrobe of Mystery and ventured through the maze. Some even managed to make it all the way through...!

Excellent costumes and community spirits made the night special. Fabulous pumpkins adorned The Cross by morning. The winners of the Pumpkin Competition were:

- Danny – 4 years
- Evelyn – 7 years
- Alisa – 8 years
- Mason and Louie – 11 years.



And a special mention for the Gladwin's entry in the grown-ups category... it was astonishing. Thank you all and thank you for the generous contribution from Open Gardens. See you next year!

**Mark and Doro**

## Open Gardens

We had a hugely successful week end in early June with record takings. We were so lucky with the weather and the fact that there was no competition that weekend with other open gardens in the area. We plan to do the same early June weekend next year. We always

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welcome new gardens, so if anyone would like to open their garden next year, please let us know by email to [office@bonsallopengardens.co.uk](mailto:office@bonsallopengardens.co.uk). We have donated £100 to the Halloween event at Doro and Mark's house, £200 to the Carnival, £200 to the Bonsall pensioners, £300 to St James Church, £200 to Bonsall School and £200 towards the purchase and installation of a defibrillator in Uppertown. We also plan to make a donation to the refurbishment of the bus shelter.

**Olivia Gerrish and Liz Stoppard**

### Allotment Harvest Meal

In October, the Allotment Group celebrated another good harvest with a terrific meal that was mainly made with the fruit and vegetables that had been grown. There is something special about producing, preparing and sharing food with others – it was a memorable evening with a good communal atmosphere. After the meal, we watched 'The Lunchbox', an Indian film about

the tradition of lunches being sent into workplaces in tiffin boxes; the food often prepared by a wife at home and sent via bicycle, then rickshaw and train. It gave an insight into Indian life, a feelgood, lighthearted film with a romantic twist.

We were the first group to use the recently installed film equipment in the Village Hall, with a large electric screen, surround-sound and a great image; it was really good. Minimal setting up was needed, it was all wired in and ready to go; it couldn't have been easier. Well done to the Village Hall Committee for getting it done; I hope others make use of a great facility. Also well done to the Committee, and I understand especially Hazel, for the redecoration. What a difference the colours make, with the new window, new lighting and pictures from the Art Club – the place is so much better and improved. On an allotment note, if anyone is interested in having a half-plot, we will have one vacant from the New Year.

**Mike Lynch**  
820096



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## Barrows 2017

Next year, 2018, will be the 10th anniversary since the squadron was formed as a one-off fill in a gap at the carnival moment. Quite a bit has happened since then, so what did 2017 bring in our diary? We made a call not to do too many events, like all organisations, getting the right people together, practicing and somehow paying for it all, is a challenge. Without Red 1, I think we would have been stood down a few years ago, so I am going to embarrass Mark S by thanking him for all his efforts. It is not just about performing in front of thousands, but washing the barrows at 10pm and organising the team, which at times is like knitting fog, plus keeping a sense of humour.

So, the opening gig this year was at major music festival. Again back-stage passes, with headline acts such as Madness, we have the honour of being told to move our rented Transit van by stressed security guards, so that the world's biggest tour bus (double-decker plus trailer) could park where we were. Yes, we got to look inside on the promise of not touching/liberating anything etc., and it was like a palace on wheels...perhaps next year, or we could just carpet Greg's van instead and put in a couple of deck-chairs.

After three events with the Red Arrows, they rang us again and asked if we would go back to Scampton ... choose our own slot etc. when want to perform ... but we had to say a polite "no" – but what an honour for Scampton to ring us again.

So we went back our roots and did a local carnival at Ambergate; it is good to do these, like a major rock band doing the Uni circuit, all about being level-headed. At the music festival, a very well known local brewery owner (OK Thornbridge) saw our act, liked it, and, to cut a long story short minus the beer bribes, persuaded us to gig at the Bakewell Beer Festival. I never tire of having my picture taken, surrounded by young ladies holding a pint of beer for some reason. I met some of the

niciest and best organisers there that I have come across; they gave us free rein and what we asked for we got. Yes, we got paid in beer and old fashioned cash with Red 3, 4 and 5 attempting to bankrupt the owner all by themselves. They failed, and I spotted them eight hours later in Bonsall, just back from the event and very happy pilots. And the final gig, a very large military show in Preston, where the White Helmets motorcycle display team were doing their last ever event before they were to be disbanded and the bikes sold off due to defence cuts ... sad.

All was going so well till we decided to leave: with myself and Red 1 in the Range Rover, we attempted to get out of the base. We failed big style. We did three circuits of the camp and ended up on the parade ground, just as about 200 soldiers plus band appeared. We literally sunk down into our seats, but for some reason we were spotted. Range Rover on parade ground etc. We were told to stay where we were by a few people wearing green uniforms, carrying guns ... we said "yes". Thirty years ago, I would have been jailed and demoted; this time I just said "sorry mate" and smiled. So that is 2017: every year we get away with it; not sure what next year holds, but that is part of the fun.

**Mike Howsley**

## Village Hall Autumn Fair

Thanks to everybody who contributed to the Fair on Saturday 4 November, including stallholders, people who made donations of money, cakes or gifts/items for sale/raffle prizes and contributors. The contributors include all those who purchased 251 lucky number squares from me prior to the Fair, raising £251, with 50 of these squares sold on the day. The 4 winners in the lucky whisky square draw were Peter Fox (no. 252), Keeley Burnside (no. 234), Verna Stanley (no. 221) and Thomas c/o of Grandad Paul Gould. Christine Hardy won the 1st prize of a hamper in the raffle

draw. The attendance at the Fair was reasonable, raising £369.35. However, with donations, the useful overall amount of £692.85 was raised. To be able to keep down the rental hire cost for village organisations and villagers, we need to try to do even better next year.

**Leigh Johnson**

## Christmas Tree Decorations

I'd just like to say how absolutely flabbergasted I am at how many people turned up and supported this event to raise money for Bonsall School PTFA – the support was overwhelming! All the kids had an amazing time as well as all the adults. There was enough glitter used to start our own Bonsall glitter factory I think. All the decorations and memories will be up on the tree in The Park soon, so we can all admire the fantastic work that the children did. We managed to raise £120 and all proceeds have been given to the School. Thank you so much for helping make this such a success; it really is appreciated.

**Siobhan Haymes**

## Village Hall Film Screening Licence

The Village Hall Committee has obtained a film screening licence for the hall which means that films can now legally be screened on the premises on an ad hoc basis.

One of the terms of the licence is that no entrance charges be made and we also cannot advertise films in advance to the general public. We can publicise screenings in Mutterings and using posters displayed in the Village Hall, and at specific village organisation premises such as the School and Church.

We hope the new equipment recently installed by the committee will be used by village organisations and village residents' private hire. The equipment can also of course be used for giving presentations (e.g. using PowerPoint) as well as screening video and DVD films. Details of the hire charges are given in each edition of Mutterings. The first time you hire the equipment, you will be shown how to use it by one of the committee. We also have a 10ft x 8ft portable screen, which can be hired for £5 a day. A £75 deposit will be required, which will be returned to the hirer on return of the screen, undamaged.

Should you have any queries or would like to know more about the equipment, contact Chris Broome, the Village Hall Committee Secretary.

**Chris Broome**  
(824512)

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## Christmas Events

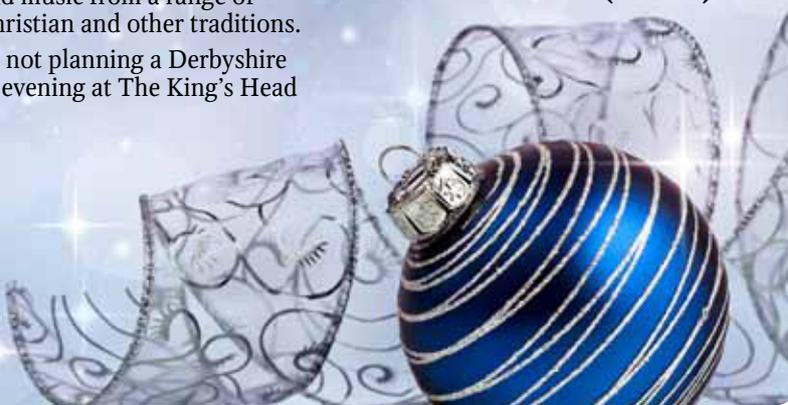
As well as the usual festive activities at School, in Bonsall's groups and at the churches (see the various notices in this edition of Mutterings), you are very warmly invited to join in:

- Saturday December 2 from 9 am for about an hour, the monthly 'Saturday Sanctuary' session at St James': coffee and croissants, Saturday papers to browse, reflective music to ease you into the weekend and into December. Followed by a 'Clean and Gleam' working party in the Church (from about 10 am) getting St James' spick and span ready for the Advent and Christmas services. No experience necessary, equipment provided!
- Sunday December 3 from 9.30 am in St James': our every-other-month 'Sanctuary Service': an informal service of prayers, readings, images and music from a range of Christian and other traditions.

We are not planning a Derbyshire Carols evening at The King's Head

this year (just too much to do in too little time), but everyone – especially children (accompanied by parents or carers) and families, along with adults of any and every age – is very, very welcome to join in one of Bonsall's renewed traditions: Carols and Christmas Songs around the village on Monday December 18. Starting from outside the Fountain at 5.30pm, we plan to wend our way up Yeoman Street and High Street with frequent stops to serenade the good folk of Bonsall and then on to Uppertown – for refreshments courtesy of Ann and John (with thanks!). Please bring lanterns, shakers, drums and your hale and hearty voices to join us in what, over the past couple of years, has become a favourite event in the festive calendar!

For further information on any of these events, please contact **Phil or Marion Heasman (821816)**



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## Buster Keaton Silent Movie Night

The Bonsall & Derbyshire Dales Link of the national charity, Chernobyl Children's Lifeline, invites residents of Bonsall and Slaley to come along to a silent movie night on the big screen at

the Village Hall on Friday 19 January at 7.30pm. There is no entrance charge.

We are very honoured to have Gerry Kreibich, 83 years young, to accompany the films live on piano keyboard and the Link would like to thank Gerry very much for agreeing to do this for us.

We will be showing two classic Buster Keaton comedy silent films: 'One Week', a short 22 minute film, produced in 1920, in which Buster and his new wife build a portable home, and another, longer feature length film, yet to be chosen, which will be announced on the night. There will be an interval for refreshments and a raffle and wine and a selection of beers will also be available throughout the screening of the films. Proceeds from the evening will go to the Link funds and be will used to help fund the visit in the summer of a group of children from the Rogachev District of Belarus, who will be invited over by the Link for a four-week health recuperation holiday, hosted by local families in the Derbyshire Dales.

Bonsall Link, as it started out as, back in 2002, has hosted over 150 children from Belarus and Ukraine over the 15-year period that it has been operating. Please come along and support the event, it should be a really fun evening.

### Chris Broome

Bonsall Link Chairman

## Volunteering at Cromford Mills

The Arkwright Society is looking for enthusiastic individuals to join the team of over 100 volunteers at Cromford Mills. It is a charity that has limited resources, and couldn't deliver everything it aims to do without the help of volunteers. Many of the roles involve working with the public, so if you love talking to people and inspiring them about local culture, you could be just the person. The Arkwright Society also owns the Lumsdale Valley, Slinter Woods and Dunsley Meadows, and all of these sites need care in woodland management and fundraising events. It organises volunteer working parties to help clear vegetation, build footpaths and fencing. So, if you're interested in working outdoors this could be for

you. There is a contribution towards travel expenses and, if you volunteer for a full day at Cromford Mills, there is a £5 lunch voucher to use in the cafes. The majority of volunteers help out part-time, some roles involve a longer term commitment, and others could be helping with a short-term project. The current volunteer vacancies are:

- Visitor Centre hosts
- Tour guides
- Costumed interpreters
- Learning volunteers
- Events volunteers
- Promotions assistant
- Christmas shop volunteers

Alternatively, if there is something specific you want to offer then get in touch. Further information and a Volunteer Registration Form are available on the website at [www.cromfordmills.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.cromfordmills.org.uk/volunteer), or call 823256, or email [volunteering@arkwrightsociety.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@arkwrightsociety.org.uk). Or by post to Volunteer Department, Cromford Mills, Mill Lane, Cromford, DE4 3RQ.

**Laura Smith**

## Drinking Water Project in Galtar, Nepal

Following the successful illustrated talk that Jane, Chris and I gave in the Village Hall on 8 July about our trip to Nepal in April, we would like to provide an update on our project to provide a drinking water supply to the small junior school that we visited in the village of Galtar in southern Nepal, located near to the home of our Nepalese friend Bijay. In recent months Bijay has been talking to local people about the project and putting together for us costs to construct a concrete water storage tank at the school.

Chris has also been in touch with a UK-based charity 'Kids at School in Nepal'. This carries out aid work in Nepal, specifically to providing teacher training, and classrooms and equipment, for disadvantaged schools. A representative of the charity, Patrick Wherity, told us that it would be able to provide additional funds for the drinking water supply project. Patrick went to Nepal at the end of October and, following a visit to the school on 5 November, he informed us that the school already has a drinking water supply, in the form of a water storage tank, that was installed by 'Save the Children' two years ago, which is still functioning satisfactorily. This came as a complete surprise to Jane, Chris and I. The tank is located on a part of the site that we did not see when we visited in April. It would appear that there was a misunderstanding in what we were told

during our visit. Patrick informed us that the main concern of the head-teacher was not the drinking water supply, but the lack of an English teacher, teacher training, and lack of junior school equipment. Unfortunately, the 'Kids at School in Nepal' charity is unable to help us provide an English teacher or teacher training, as the school is too far away from the Kathmandu valley, where it concentrates its efforts and resources.

Jane, Chris and I have decided that it would be very difficult to raise the funds required to train a teacher or pay the salary of a teacher. However, the £275 that we raised on the evening of our talk should be sufficient to buy a useful amount of classroom equipment for the school. We therefore propose to ask Bijay and his father, who are both well-respected in the local community, to find out exactly what classroom equipment the school needs. We will then send the money directly to Bijay, so that he can purchase the materials in Kathmandu and transport them to the school. We will obviously monitor how the money is being spent and ask Bijay to provide us with receipts and photos of the materials being presented to the head-teacher. In the New Year, we will provide a final update on how the money was spent.

If anyone who kindly made a donation on the evening of our talk has any concerns or objections to the way we now propose to spend the money, we would be happy to provide them with a refund of their donation. If you have any questions or queries, please contact me on 822983 or Chris on 824512. Thank you once again for your support.

**Alan David on behalf of Jane  
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William (Bill) Swift's parents were James Swift and Frances Mary, nee Wheeldon, and he was born on July 14 1885 at Blakelow Farm. From there the family moved to Yew Tree Farm, Slaley. William started work, alongside three of his sisters, at Hollins Mill. On December 26 1914, he married Sarah Elizabeth (Lizzie) Bunting from Yeoman Street; her father Reuben was a blacksmith. They began married life on Yeoman Street, opposite the King's Head and, in November 1915, their daughter, Winifred, was born.

Bill's enlistment date was 4 December 1915 and he joined the Sherwood Foresters, but he was put into the Army Reserve. His employer obtained three-month exemptions for him on three occasions, as he worked as a fettler, cleaning machinery at Hollins Mill, where he was a valued employee and his work was vital for its continuance of business. However on June 19 1917, he was called up to the 4th Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment at Canterbury for four months' training. On 17 October, the battalion landed in France and was moved to the Ypres salient. Bill wrote letters home comparing the conditions in France and Belgium and reassuring his wife that 'I am still in the pink and I hope to still keep so. It is all shell holes here which is full of water and the guns are going night and day.' The battalion was in the front line at Langemark, north of Ypres on November 18 in a forward zone, when he was killed, aged 32. He had been on active service for 32 days. After his death, his colleague, Lance Corporal Harry Allen, wrote to his wife, Lizzie: 'It is with deep regret that I write this sad news, to inform you of the death of your husband, who has been killed

this day, whilst on a working party. We have buried him on the battlefield by the side of his mates, who were killed at the same time by a shell. There will be a nice cross erected over him and, if we're all kept in this district, we will try and keep his grave in good order. I can tell you it has grieved me deeply. We joined up together, came on leave together and have known each other since childhood. So please accept our deepest sympathy.' Bill had been a loyal churchman and member of the Church Men's Committee, and a sidesman and a memorial service was held for him on January 6 1918.

In 1911, Harry Fern was already at work at Masson Mill as a reeler. He was living with his parents, Harry and Annie Elizabeth, and five siblings on Yeoman Street. They had moved from Ember Lane in the early part of the century. He was a member of St James football team, playing in goal, and the Church Bible Study Class. He enlisted in Derby at the outbreak of war in the Sherwood Foresters, before transferring to the 11th Battalion Royal Inniskillin Fusiliers. He was wounded in December 1915 but returned to the front and was promoted to sergeant. On November 20 1917, the first day of the Battle of Cambrai, the Inniskillin Brigade were to mount a surprise attack (with no artillery or tank support) on the German trenches, on each side of the Canal du Nord. The Inniskillings were successful in clearing the trenches and reducing strongpoints. During these operations Sergeant Fern was killed. The bullet also went through the photograph he had in his pocket of himself in his dress uniform. His personal items were returned to Bonsall by a wounded officer and his Captain wrote: 'I

want to tender you my sympathy and that of the officers and men of my Company in the great loss you have sustained in the death of your son. As a soldier he was reliable, energetic and in every way all that a soldier should be; as a comrade, the best I can say of him is that he was the friend of every man in the Company. It may in a small way lessen your grief to know that he died fighting like the man he was, and when he died he had a smile on his face as of one who is quite satisfied that he has done his duty. I was just beside him when he was hit by a bullet through the heart.' On February 3 1918, a memorial service was held in Church. On September 14 1918, his father received a posthumous Military Medal for his son's bravery in a ceremony, held in the Church Schoolroom instead of at The Cross due to bad weather. He was aged 21 when he died.

Charlie Gratton was born in 1879, the third of nine children of Benjamin and Mary Gratton on High street. In 1901, he married Jane Wildgoose, daughter of Walter Wildgoose, who had the joinery works on Clatterway. They went to live at Hollowbrook and had five children. At the Military Tribunal in July 1916, Charlie had sought exemption as a lead miner and bricklayer, employed by the Via Gellia Colour Company. It was observed that he was 'not really a lead miner' nevertheless a three months' exemption was granted. In September, he appeared before the Tribunal and explained his family circumstances, with two brothers already serving (he apparently did not know at this time that his brother, Thomas, had been killed in late August), and with five children, the oldest only 13. He was granted two



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months' exemption and, if called up, it was to be for munitions work. However, by 1917 he had enlisted at Matlock, in 2/5th Battalion Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. On the 20 November, the battalion attacked the Hindenburg defensive line, as part of the Battle of Cambrai and, catching the enemy off guard, achieved their objective. On the 27th, with tanks in support for the first time, they advanced on Bourlon village and wood. They partly succeeded, before reaching barricades protected by heavy machine gun fire. There many casualties in the fierce fighting and the troops were forced back. Charlie was reported missing in action and his body was never recovered. He was aged 38. He had survived less than a year of active service.

These continuing losses put pressure on the military tribunals to replace the Army's manpower. Bonsall's tribunal considered the cases of :

Frank Herbert Loxley, who in 1911 had been the landlord of the Fountain and by 1917 had four children still at school, and was living on Greenhill with his wife, Susan. He was working as a farmer and he had never indicated that he was willing to serve (attested). He was 37 and an exemption was applied for by J W Young, a local butcher, and six months was granted.

Benjamin Gratton, of 3 Rose Cottages Uppertown, applied for his 18 year old son, Elliott Gratton, who was single and 'a farmhand who helped other farmers'. It is possible that an exemption was granted on compassionate grounds: Benjamin had two sons already serving; the eldest, Horace, had been a Territorial and served with the 6th Battalion Sherwood Foresters. His second son,

Walter, had enlisted in the same battalion. Elliott did enlist in due course and served in Ireland and survived the war.

Next door, at 2 Rose Cottages, Charles Kirkland lived with his widowed mother and sister, both called Alice. He was 23 and single, and worked as a cooper at the Via Gellia Colour Works, having completed his apprenticeship. He was registered as Class C2. A six-month exemption was granted.

Daniel Massey applied for his son, Albert Massey, at Cottage Farm, Brightgate, who worked as a cowman and horseman, managing 103 acres, including 26 acres arable. He was 26, single and classified as Class A. Daniel Massey was lame. A third exemption of six months was granted.

Colin Charles Charlesworth was the sixth child of William Charlesworth and Jemima Bunting, both from Bonsall, who married in 1853 at Bonsall. He was born in 1872 in Uppertown. William had been a lead miner, then merino weaver, and finally a labourer. Colin was married to Ruth by 1901 and living in Uppertown, and he worked as a general labourer. By 1911, the family, including six children, had moved away to Rowthorne near Chesterfield, close to his wife's family, where he worked as a skilled farm labourer. He enlisted at Mansfield early in the war, reducing his age so that he would be accepted. He was invalided home early in 1917, but after a short stay in a military hospital, he returned to the front in the 1/19th Battalion (St Pancras) County of London Regiment. The battalion was involved, in late November, in the battle of Cambrai. A telegram to his wife on the 7 December said he was dangerously ill. A second telegram on the 10th reported that he had died of his

wounds at a hospital camp at Etaples on 8 December 1917. He was aged 44.

On the same day, at noon on Saturday 8 December at the Queens Head, there was an auction of the 'TRADE FITTINGS, UTENSILS etc. Two pull Beer Engine, Tables, Glasses, Crockery, Cutlery and Catering Requisites in large quantity.'

Arthur Allen's younger brother, Harold, who had been a regular soldier before the war with the Manchester Regiment, had died of his wounds in April 1917. Their father, Frank Allen, was from Matlock Bath or Cromford but their mother, Frances (Fanny), was from Bonsall. Arthur was born on Scarthin in 1892. The family moved to Harpurhey, Manchester, where Arthur worked as a lapper in a cotton factory. Early in the war, Arthur enlisted in the 8th Battalion Manchester Regiment and served in Egypt, before the battalion was transferred to the Western Front in March 1917. By December, the battalion was in the Givenchy sector near Bethune. On the 21st the battalion was in support, and it was cold with two inches of snow. On the 22nd they were relieved and dispersed to their billets. During this manoeuvre, an enemy aeroplane dropped 50 bombs, causing heavy casualties, with 22 killed and 44 wounded. One of the latter was Arthur Allen. On December 25 1917, he died of his wounds at the casualty clearing station and he was buried in the Chocques Military Cemetery nearby. He was aged 25.

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## Report Of The Meeting On 21 November

**Slinter Top Quarry planning application:** there was a busy speaking session, dominated by the planning application and impact of current workings on the site. Residents raised concerns about noise nuisance associated with current operations at the quarry. Questions were asked as to why the Parish Council had raised no objection to the planning application when it was considered at the September meeting, and it was explained that there had been no awareness of any complaints linked to the use of the site at that time. Residents complained at the lack of pre-planning consultation for the application as it affected Bonsall, and in particular that the noise impact had not been measured at those parts of the village that would be most directly affected. For example, Church Street is badly affected but there has been no environmental impact assessment on properties and residents there, and no consultation. There was also concern at the short period that had originally been made available for public consultation on the planning application by the County Council, and the lack of publicity (such as on-street notices) to enable affected residents to respond. Concern was expressed that the current operations are commencing early in the morning and continuing throughout the day, and badly impacting on enjoyment of daily life. Noise problems were said to be worse depending on the wind direction, but the prevailing wind would bring the sound to the village.

The Clerk read out an email received that afternoon from the County Council Planning Enforcement Officer, who had carried out an inspection of the site on 14 November and had taken noise readings in the village on 16 November. His report stated that 'it seems clear that any elevated noise levels are associated with a new top bench (quarry access ramp), which is currently being developed in order to stabilise an area of unstable ground that developed within the quarry earlier this year. This Authority has previously accepted that a detailed scheme of stabilisation works was necessary for health and safety reasons. The current situation at the quarry is reflected in one of the plans which forms part of the current planning application for the site'. In relation to noise levels measured in the village, he said 'I spent some time at the top of Clatterway in order to assess any noise associated with the processing of the previous day's blast. I am aware that one element of the stone processing involves the use of a 'pecker' to reduce oversize blocks before they can be placed in the crusher. During my monitoring on Thursday, while I could hear the pecker, along with general plant noise, I determined that at that time any noise was well within the CM3/0507/30 planning condition limit. I will add that a light northerly breeze would have been affecting

the noise levels at the time I was monitoring. I am happy to come out again when weather conditions allow. If at any time the noise levels are considered to be particularly high perhaps the best thing to do is call me and if I am available then I will try to come out.'

The Parish Council agreed to reconsider the application in the light of complaints of noise and disturbance that had been received since the 19 September meeting. It was agreed, unanimously, that in the light of the complaints of noise and disturbance associated with the site, which had been received since the previous comments on this planning application had been submitted, (1) to object to the planning application on grounds of noise nuisance and disturbance that would be caused to residents of Bonsall if the mineral extraction were to go ahead; (2) to express concern at the inadequacy of the current Environmental Statement as it affected Bonsall, in terms of lack of any pre-planning consultation and inappropriate choice and extent of locations in the village for assessing impact; (3) to request that the Environmental Statement should be required to address noise disturbance and general environmental impact on all areas of the village that are affected, in particular those elevated areas directly exposed to the quarry face, such as (but not exclusively), Church Street, Clatterway and Black Tor Road; (4) that in the event that planning permission was given, conditions should be imposed to prevent early morning and evening working, and to prevent noise nuisance at the levels currently being experienced, and requiring noise monitoring measurements to be taken at all affected locations as detailed in (3) above; (5) to express concern at the lack of publicity for the planning application in terms of notices available to the general public.

The Parish Council has made those submissions to the County Council. If anyone wishes to make their own representation, this can be submitted directly to the County Council via the planning link on its website at [https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/environment/planning/planning\\_applications/current\\_applications/application\\_details/app-details.asp?AppCode=CM3/0817/40&AppType=2](https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/environment/planning/planning_applications/current_applications/application_details/app-details.asp?AppCode=CM3/0817/40&AppType=2)

**Second defibrillator:** more contributions have been received to the fund for a second defibrillator: £200 from the Open Gardens Project and £350 from the District Council fund of £1000 for local projects, which each District Councillor holds; (£300 from Councillor Purdy and £50 from Councillor Pawley). Money raised for a defibrillator currently stands at £720.

**Mutterings Grant:** the Parish Council approved a grant of £250 towards the cost of producing Mutterings.

**Vacancy for Councillor:** thanks were given to Anna Williams, who is standing down, for her work for the Council. The vacancy will be advertised and, unless there is a request for a contested election, the Council will be seeking to co-opt a replacement Councillor. Further information on this should be available next month and on the website.

**Improvement to village website:** the Council is looking to make changes to the website to allow easier loading of information from the various groups that contribute to it. Anyone with interest and expertise in this area is welcome to join a group who will be looking at the current system and how it might be improved; please contact the clerk Tony Payne. 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 December at 7.30pm. If you have any issues to be raised at the meeting, please contact the Clerk Tony Payne with details by 11 December.

### Parish Councillors

If you have any concerns or requests of the Parish Council, they should ideally be raised in Public Participation section of the monthly meeting. If however there is an urgent matter, while individual councillors will try to assist, a direct response is better achieved by contacting the Clerk to the Parish Council directly:

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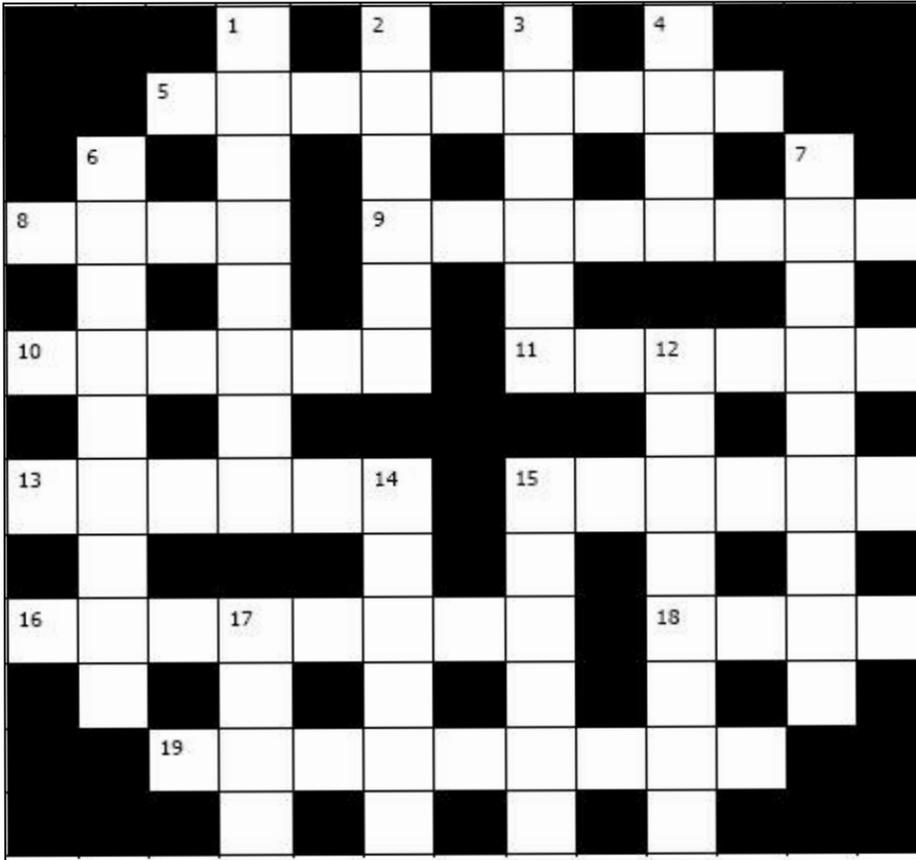
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# PRIZE CROSSWORD



## Across:

5. Desire first occurred in French wood – how very middle-class! (9)
8. Maiden pick-up is speechless. (4)
- 9 & 12d. Ring bitch about a plate breakage – better spell it out using this! (8,8)
10. Seen in Mozambique because part of 9, 12.
11. Lack of untangled thread. (6)
13. Sounds like masses of reserves. (6)
15. Press undisciplined sapper. (6)
16. London thoroughfare switches top of avenue for bottom, hurriedly. (8)
18. Got name wrong – so be it. (4)
19. Dress up bride more? Yes!! (9)

## Down:

1. One of 9, 12; one of 12. (8)
2. Left back in charge – of hot region? (6)
3. Little time to transfer deputy. (6)
4. One of 9, 12. Little Owen, maybe. (4)
6. Two of 9, 12 – in their element! (9)
7. One of 9, 12 that is second winnings. (9)
12. See 9ac.
14. One of 9, 12 in range. (6)
15. First put crushed tulip on desk. (6)
17. One of 9, 12 has a pulse, by the sounds of it! (4)

## Answers to crossword no. 89

**Across:** 5. Subatomic. 8. Peed (deep going left, ie west). 9. Religion. 10. Shiite. 11. Mormon. 13. Adamic. 15. Ambits. 16. Isotopes. 18. Toc-H. 19. Christian.

**Down:** 1. Buddhism. 2. Faerie. 3. Moslem. 4. Ring. 6. Methodism. 7. Pogo-stick. 12. Rebuttal. 14. Coptic. 15. Assets. 17. Tahr.

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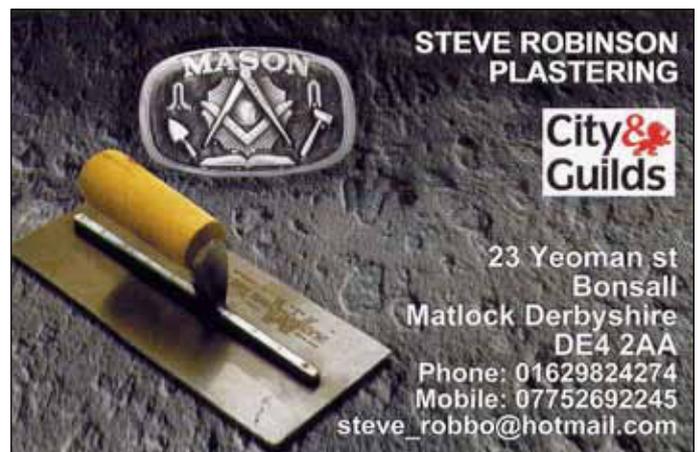
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## In Words And Pictures

Peter Greaves gave monthly updates throughout the year on what was happening in the village 100 years ago during World War I.

'Sanctuary Saturdays' were held at St James' for about an hour, with Saturday papers to browse, croissants, 'proper' coffee and beautiful recorded music. The Community Library was open every day and the second 'Wander and Ponder' trail was up and running around the Churchyard.



In February's 'Garden and allotment notes', Penny Collier reported: "... digging up a last parsnip, a bank vole leapt out of its hollow centre. It was rather cute, but it and its cousins had devoured a lot of parsnips". At the beginning of March things were warming up and drying out, and the first rhubarb was cut.

At their January meeting, Parish Councillors discussed the Park, owned by the Diocese, which was considering arrangements for transfer of whole or part of it. The Parish Council surveyed residents and, after a slow start, received 267 completed questionnaires. In addition, in July, group in the village set up an on-line petition so that non-residents could make their views known, and received 700 signatories. In September, the Diocese's Business Committee had been made aware of the survey results and petition, and taken on board the strength of feeling, stating that it had no intention of developing the land. It offered a lease with a break clause of five years for the lorry park and not the recreation ground. The final decision was taken by the Bishop's Council on 2 October.

The PTFA and children from the School had afternoon tea and cake on 7 April and, as an Easter treat, the children performed songs in the School Hall.

In the Carnival Easter draw with 30 prizes, of which 29 were donated, 893 tickets were sold with a good profit towards Carnival funds.



The Barley Mow held an Easter beer and music festival in April with over 30 real ales and ciders.



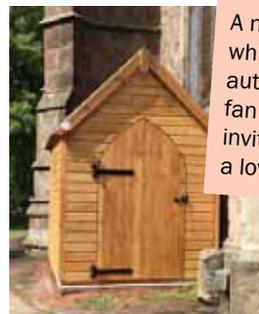
The Chernobyl Charity held a pig race and pie and pea supper evening at the Village Hall on 22 April, with proceeds going towards funding the visit of Ukrainian children in the summer.

An art show took place at the Via Gellia Mill as part of the annual Derbyshire Open Arts event, over the Bank Holiday weekend from 27 May to 4 June for visitors to see and buy pictures, sculptures, jewellery, textiles, ceramics, woodwork and metalwork made by local artists.

In May, the Parish Council agreed to support maintenance costs of the defibrillator at The Fountain and the purchase of a second defibrillator to be located at Town Head.

At the end of May, a craft group that meets on the last Wednesday of the month, made 12 cotton dresses that were sent to Africa.

A University of the Third Age group was established in Wirksworth in June, with a programme of activities to commence in September, to reach out to neighbouring villages such as Bonsall.



A new 'Eco Loo' landed in the Churchyard, which is powered by a solar panel for automatic lighting on dark nights and a fan to process the waste. Villagers were invited to 'sit for a while and ponder what a lovely new facility it is for the village!'



The 'Magical Open Gardens' event was held over the weekend of 3-4 June, but there were parking problems arising from the success of the event. Buses had been unable to get beyond the lorry park and a coach had to reverse back to Clatterway. There was also concern over access for emergency vehicles.

Bonsall History Group was approached by the Council of British Archaeology to participate in a regional initiative to record the condition of parish boundaries.

Street drumming workshops resumed and leader, Adam Watkins, held a free 'taster' workshop at the Village Hall in June.



In July, further incidents of damage and misuse by 4x4 vehicles were reported and concerns were raised about the long delay by the County Council in putting up signs at Moor Lane and Moorend Lane.

Alan and Jane David and Chris Broome visited the Annapurna Sanctuary in Nepal in April and gave an illustrated talk in the Village Hall on 8 July.



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Carnival 2017: After months of planning and hard work by the committee, it was another great carnival, with a dry day for Saturday. Auctioneer, Charles Hanson, opened the festivities and was very complimentary about the event. Local Sculptor Michala Naughton made a unique T'Owd Man's artwork for the Treasure Hunt, which was designed by the 2016 winning team of Kath and Rosilea Punchard, and Abigail Warwick, seen in the photo with Alan Pugh. After a week of activities, there was yet another spectacular Friday night of lanterns, fire picture and fireworks.

On 31 August, 48 Bonsall seniors had their annual outing, first to Fairways Garden Centre for coffee and cake, and then to Derby's Hallmark Midland Hotel, where to everyone's surprise, a welcoming the party was hosted by Basil Fawley!

The first 'Speedwatch' training session in September, with PCSO Sue Lester at the lorry park (30 mph zone), monitored about 70 vehicles, of which 10% were exceeding 35 mph and one was measured at 47 mph. By 10 October, there had been an improvement in vehicle speeds and only one speeding from the 50-60 cars observed.



The Harvest Auction on 8 October in the Kings Head raised £1360, with £170 each distributed to: the School, Mothers' Union, Carnival, Village Hall, Church, Pensioners, School (raise the roof) and the new defibrillator.

The Via Gellia was closed for eight weeks for repairs to a garden wall in Cromford.

30 people enjoyed pies, peas and puddings at a Harvest Supper at the Wesleyan Reform Chapel on 4 October.

Bonsall Horticultural Show had record numbers of entries in all classes, with standards of exhibits being extremely high. While other shows no longer exist, it continues to grow and the future the show looks safe many years to come.



The Village Hall Autumn Fair was held on 4 November. With the new video equipment installed, the Village Hall Committee had a film night on 17 November, featuring short archive videos of the local area. These were followed by the film 'Skeletons', written and produced by Bonsall resident, Nick Whitfield, and filmed in Bonsall, Matlock Bath and other local places.

PTFA raised money for the School by making Christmas decorations for the tree in the Park on 21 November and the Christmas Fair on 25 November. Rehearsals for the pantomime started on 2 November.

A coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support raised £360 and Christian Aid week raised £636.74.

The weather vane appeal raised over £700 through fundraising events during Carnival and Open Gardens and, by October, the fund stood at £5000 towards the £15000 needed.



In 2017, we said farewells to Rick Jones, Ron Webster, Don and Eva Spencer and Richard Morgan.