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August 2018

T'Owd Man's Mutterings

Twenty's Plenty!



Photo by Tony Payne



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

August

St James

- 5 9.30am Morning Worship Mr P Lewis
- 12 9.30am Eucharist Revd R Rhodes
- 19 11.00am Morning Worship Revd R Prince
- 26 9.30am Eucharist Canon M Hulbert

Village Life Church

Sunday 10.30am Morning Worship

Please note our midweek meetings and Sunday school have closed for the summer holidays. They begin again on the w/c 3 September.

Please check out our website villagelifechurch.org.uk for events and socials that may occur over the summer weeks.

Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel

Thank you for all the support and help given towards the Flower Festival & Well Dressing.

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'Schools Out for Summer, Schools out forever!'

(Alice Cooper)

Well it is that time of year again. The last chime of the school bell has been rung and the 6 weeks hols have begun. For those still at school, this is the truest holiday. There are no more exams, no more homework to be done and no real attention given to what may be happening come September. For those parents of children at school, the 6 weeks can be quite daunting when you see the days lined up before you on the calendar and wonder what can you do to fill them for your children. There may be a week's holiday, and the odd event or day out. Perhaps a visit to family or a football holiday club. But every parent will know it is impossible to fill every day, and invariably sooner or later those words every parent hates to hear, will be uttered... 'I'm bored!!' We do not hold too much sympathy for bored children, we look at them and think I wish I had enough free time to feel bored, so we send them outside and watch them wander aimlessly around the garden until it is time for the next meal or time for them to go on their iPads. We might get frustrated with our bored kids, but how much boredom is there in your life? 'Well I am too busy to be bored!!!' You might say. But please, please, don't think that boredom is laziness. Boredom is a lack of interest in the thing or things that you are doing. You may work hard for 50 hours a week and still be completely bored. People become disinterested in all kinds

of areas of life. It is so easy to stop finding joy in our work, in our free time and sadly, sometimes in the people we love. Boredom can creep up on us and cost us years of our lives if we are not careful. So what can be done about it? Firstly, assess your boredom. Most people never give themselves a chance to ask questions about their lives, to see if they are really happy. The bible is full of encouragement for 'stillness'. To just stop, be quiet, and reflect. We live in a society where we have to constantly fill our 'stillness', to the point where we can't even go up an escalator without checking our emails, or we can't walk through the countryside without a continuous soundtrack pumping in our ears. When was the last time you were truly still? Secondly, find the joy again in the things and the people in your life. The only way to do this is through something called 'gratitude.' The bible encourages us 'Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is lovely... think about these things' It is easy to be cynical and negative, but your life will be full of many good things, and sometimes we have to be disciplined to remember them. But once we begin to see them and appreciate them afresh, it reminds of the joy in our life. Finally if your life is full of boredom, maybe you need to fill it with different things. If you can't find joy in your work, maybe it's time for a new job, if you can't find joy in your free time, maybe it's time for a new hobby. The bible tells me about Jesus 'I have come that you might have life in ALL IT'S FULLNESS.' So if boredom persists, maybe it's time to meet Jesus.

Pastor Matthew Quinn

Catholic Church Services

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Contact Fr. Robbie O'Callaghan
(01773 743336)

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Contact Fr. Bernard Needham (582804)

There is a fortnightly newsletter listing ongoing events.

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

FLOODLIGHTING

Having taken over from John Sewry, who has done a magnificent job for many years, I think now is an opportunity to make changes to the way donations are made by those who wish to contribute regularly towards the lighting. It is also a good time to remind ourselves and let those who recently moved to the village, know that this was all possible through the generosity of Margaret and Maurice Fellows, who funded the installation of the lights in memory of their grandson, Connor who passed away aged 4 years, nearly twenty years ago. It was and is a way for them and others who wish to remember their loved ones in this unique way, and we thank them. For those who would like to carry on donating as before that is fine, but if you prefer to use on-line banking or pay by standing order, please contact me and I will provide details and standing order forms. Please let me know details of the month and the names of those to be remembered even if you have been doing so for years. This way no one will get missed in the changeover. We start in September and go through to May, so please let me know soon especially for the months before Christmas. The spire is lit between 4.30 and 10pm and at other special times such as the carnival, so please help us to continue this tribute to those who are no longer with us.

Di Moor, 824376

dimoor2014@yahoo.co.uk

LETTERS

New Mutterings Distributors

We welcome Anne Wood and Michaela Newton who have volunteered to distribute Mutterings in Uppertown Lane and Slaley respectively. We also thank Sharon Rowlands for initially stepping in to distribute the newsletter in Slaley.

Editors

Bonsall School - After School Activities

Volunteers are wanted to help organise 'After School Activities' Clubs, as from September 2018, for small groups of pupils for one day a week from 3.30 - 4.15pm. All interests/activities/skills welcome! Indoor and outdoor areas will be available. We do of course understand that there will be times when you are not available.

Please contact Gill Wood at Bonsall CE (VA) School on 01629 822573 or email info@bonsall.derbyshire.sch.uk for more information. Many thanks
Gill

Volunteers?

Would anyone be willing to sell poppies from the Pig o' Lead to the top of Black Tor Road?

Please call **Norma** on 826350

Accident

Pat, Phil and family would like to say a very big thank you for all the cards and gifts, the thoughtfulness, kindness, and care shown to us since the accident. We are slowly but surely on the mend and are so thankful to be living in this lovely friendly village. Thanks

Pat & Phil Spencer

Sponsored Walk

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the residents of Bonsall who sponsored me for taking part in the Ashgate Hospice Sparkle Nightwalk which took place on 7 July 2018. I would especially like to say an extra big thank you to my mother in law Jean Hardy who once again helped me raise £260 towards this worthwhile charity. Thank you all once again. Kind regards

Alison Hardy

VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

Speeding in the Village

The Parish Council continues to get complaints about speeding and a group has been looking at ways of reducing this problem in the village. The Parish Council now wants to introduce an informal 'Twenty's Plenty' warning notice scheme, backed with children's posters. These would go in gardens or on land next to the Clatterway, High Street and the Dale. The school has already offered to help on this, and if anyone else wants to help, either making signs or is able to put the signs in their garden etc, please let us know. The Council also decided to ask the County Council to install a formal warning notice at the bottom of the Clatterway to the effect of 'Kill your speed not children' or similar, and to conduct a survey of current road warning signs to see if they needed renewal.

Tony Payne on behalf of the Parish Council



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Photo by Liz Stoppard

Sergei Podobedov

Russian concert pianist and newcomer to Bonsall, Sergei Podobedov, gave us a special treat last night on the Dale. A free pre-concert practice before a big event at the weekend in London. Sergei played Mozart Sonata 5, Schubert Liszt songs and Schumann Carnival. The evening was exquisite. Thank you Alison for organising this epic event.

Liz Stoppard

Bonsall Art Group 1st Annual Exhibition

The Art Exhibition held over the open gardens weekend was a tremendous success and was received very well by all those that visited. Feedback given during the weekend was very positive with around 300 members of the public visiting us. The judging of the work fell into five categories:-

Best Mixed Media Painting won by Andrew Hamilton for 'Great Longstone'

Best Water Colour Painting won by Julie Leggett for 'Tulip Explosion'

Best Pastel Picture won by Erica Strike for 'Twilight'

Best Acrylic Painting won by Marion Heasman for 'Flower Madness'

All those visiting were asked to vote for their 3 favourite paintings and the results were as follows:

1. 'Geranium' Mixed Media - Sue Stevenson
2. 'Honesty' Mixed Media – Julie Leggett
3. 'Midsummer' Pastel – Erica Strike

Money raised via refreshments over the weekend was £46.00 profit after costs, which has been donated to Open Gardens Weekend. Due to the success this year we hope to do something similar again next year. Bonsall Art Group holds its sessions on a Tuesday Morning in term time and new members are always welcome - please take a look at our FB Page.

Julie 07809413154

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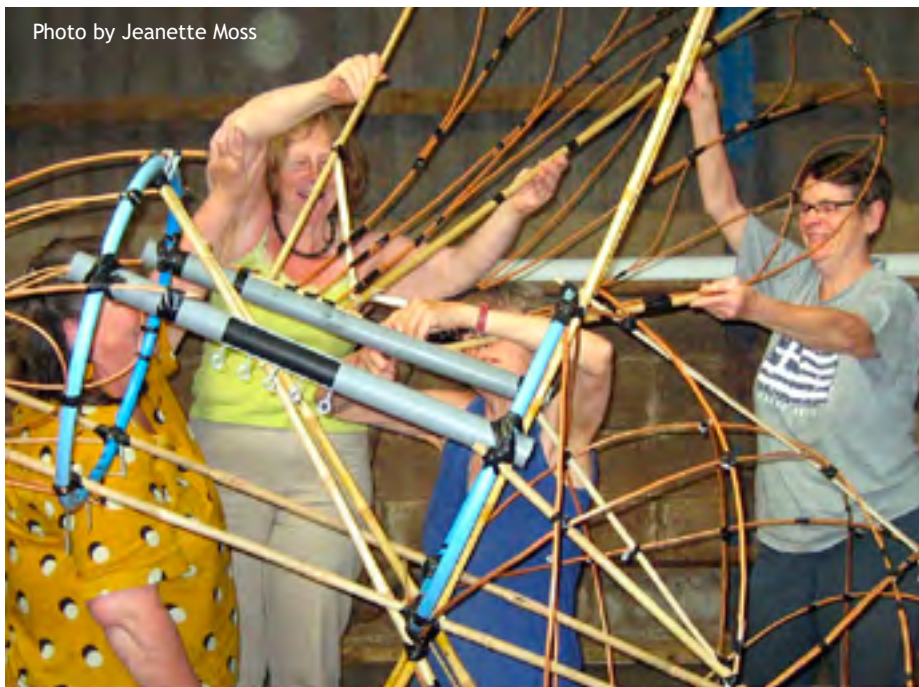
Carnival Drummers

Hard at work in preparation for the big parade! Village 'Brazilian' street drummers in training, ably coached by our drumming wizard Adam.

Ricky Moss

VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

Photo by Jeanette Moss



Carnival Capers

People from all over the village have been working hard creating amazing carnival spectacles. Any guesses what this will be when it's finished? Watch out for it.

Jeanette Moss

Village Lunch Club

Another enjoyable lunch was held in the village hall on July 18 when all enjoyed Gammon and Pineapple with veg followed by homemade Meringues, Strawberries and Cream finished off with tea or coffee. Marion's quiz stretched everyone's brains to add to an enjoyable midday break. The next meal will be on August 15 at 1 o'clock; every one welcome, but please phone Jean on 823751 before Wed August 8 to book a place.

Jenny March

Chernobyl Children's Lifeline Fashion Show

The Bonsall & Derbyshire Dales Link are holding a Fashion Show as a fundraiser in the restaurant area at Masson Mills Shopping Village on Wednesday 8 August starting at 7.30pm. It's a really fun evening and has become an annual event as it is so popular. Tickets are £4.00 obtainable from the Broome's or Krystina Johnson or you can just turn up and pay on the door. There will be cakes and drinks available, a speed raffle and Belarusian crafts for sale. The Belarusian children and their Leader, Ludmila, who are here with us on their health recuperation holiday will be taking part in the show. The group arrived in Bonsall on 14 July and return home on 11 August. They are having a wonderful time with us and I'd like to thank everyone in Bonsall who is taking part in the children's visit this year.

Chris Broome, 824512



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Anthony Land was a stonemason in Bonsall, married to Mary née Jones. Their son Anthony Land was a coachman initially at Cromford but by the start of the war he was living in Derby. He enlisted in the Royal Field Artillery, which used horses in great numbers (we have all seen War Horse). Later he transferred to the Manchester regiment and by 1918 he had transferred again to the 1/8th Battalion Middlesex Regiment. In preparation for an attack on the German defences (Hindenburg Line), assaults on strongpoints were undertaken. On August 24th his battalion advanced at Blairville, south of Arras, after an artillery barrage and achieved their objective (with the loss of 3 officers and 51 men killed or wounded). However the enemy put up a stiff resistance and they were forced back to their starting position. In this phase of the action a further 120 casualties were incurred. Anthony Land was one of those killed and his body was recovered and he was buried near where he fell. He was aged 37.

Benjamin Gratton was a lead miner and at the age of 27 married Mary Elliott in 1886. He was the son of a lead miner and became a mine deputy at Mill Close Mine. They had four children including Walter born in 1893. In addition to being a lead miner Benjamin had a smallholding and built the terrace of Rose Cottages in Uppertown where the family lived in No 3. When Walter left school he worked in the quarries.

His older brother Horace had been a Territorial soldier and enlisted at the start of the war in the 6th battalion Sherwood Foresters. He survived the war. Walter also joined the 6th Battalion.

In preparation for the attack on the Hindenburg Line the strongpoints covering the Loigne River had to be taken. The 6th Battalion spent some months in an area subject to gas shelling which meant gas masks had to be worn continuously. After a night sheltering in shell holes the patrols advanced at dawn on August 31st and by a series of rushes established a salient in the enemy line. However this meant they were subjected to enemy fire from three directions. They took what cover they could and during this engagement Walter was killed. His body was recovered and he was buried nearby. He was aged 25.

At home Mr. William Walker, landlord of the Barley Mow for over 25 years died. He was 65 years of age but had not enjoyed good health for a considerable time.

It was reported that GH Key, owner of the Via Gellia Colour Company, had bought, from the Gell family, 1500 acres of land being both sides of the Via Gellia from the Pig of Lead to the Hollybush at Grangemill.

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PARISH COUNCIL

Report for 17 July meeting

Speeding in the village

see separate article.



Potholes and road conditions

A letter was read out from a member of the public; the letter expressed deep concern that a cyclist had recently been killed and another injured in accidents involving a pothole in Cromford. County Councillor Ratcliffe also expressed her concern, and agreed to pass on the letter to the County Council and take up the issue. Councillor Ratcliffe reported that resurfacing of Uppertown Lane was now included in the Capital programme, but she did not have a timescale for

completion. Work to potholes on Slaley lane and the Dale and on the Clatterway had now been completed.

Defibrillators

The fundraising target for two new defibrillators at Town Head and the Dale has now been reached; £2574 has been raised to date. They will be installed on site in the next few weeks. Councillors recorded thanks to all who had donated, and for the work of Richard Taylor in organising recent donations. It was also reported that Richard was hoping to start fundraising later in the year for a further unit at the school/Church Street.

Arts Trail

A proposal from a local artist Amanda Graham to develop a village Arts Trail was outlined. Marion Heasman on behalf of the Arts group explained that a similar project had operated in the past, and she would be keen to be involved in discussions on this. It was agreed that in principle the idea should be welcomed, and the Parish Council would wait to hear from Marion as to further developments. Anyone interested in this please contact Marion on 821816 or the Clerk.

Improvements to Via Gellia

The Department of Transport has announced a grant of £3 million for improvement to the Via Gellia from Cromford to Newhaven. Safety upgrade work was likely to include the construction of a new roundabout

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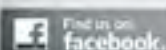
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(location not known), installation of average speed cameras, junction improvements lane widening and verge clearance, and extra road hatchings. The work may not be scheduled until 2021/22. The improvement scheme was welcomed, subject to seeing the details and ensuring that implementation works were well managed to avoid disruption to traffic and local businesses.

Dog control

There was a report on dog control in the village and the key points are here for information:

District Council Dog Control Orders: the District Council, have designated various areas throughout the District as subject to dog control orders. In Bonsall these are:

- Bonsall Recreation Ground
- Clatterway Memorial Gardens
- Yeoman Street
- Bandstand at the Cross
- Yeoman Street
- Old School Yard
- The Dale
- Nether Green
- Clatterway
- Horsedale Path, The Dale

The control order on these sites requires dogs to be on a lead and prohibits fouling. The exception is the Recreation Ground, where dogs are excluded from the children's play area, dog fouling is prohibited throughout the park, and outside the children's play area dogs are only required to be on a lead 'By Direction'. This means that if a Council

worker directs the owner to put a dog on a lead it is an offence not to.

Enforcement: All of these orders are enforced by the Council, so offences would be reported to District Council Environmental Health (environmenthotline@derbyshiredales.gov.uk; 01629 761215)

General fouling complaints: there is also a facility on the District Council website to report general dog fouling; <http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/environment-and-waste/roads/street-care-and-cleaning/dog-fouling/report-it>. The report form asks for details such as the name and address of the owner, if known. This would be the route to follow for persistent dog fouling problems.

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

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21 August. If you have any issues to be raised at the meeting please contact the Clerk Tony Payne with details by 9 July. Clerk and Finance Officer: Tony Payne 27 High Street DE4 2AS. T: 822311; email bonsallclerk@gmail.com.

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:

Chair: Cllr Mark Harris, Stepping Lodge, Bell Lane, T: 820285 sandraandmarkharris@btinternet.com

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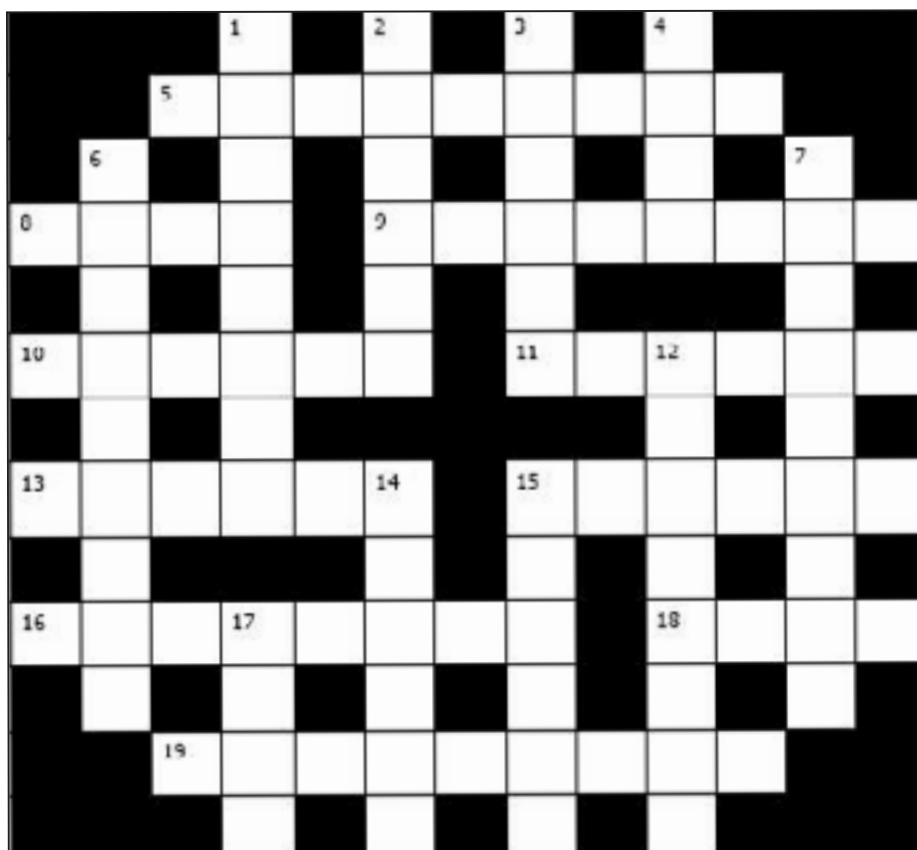
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CROSSWORD #97



Across:

5. Old clue is scrambled around 5 for 9. (9)
8. Green light no good for medal. (4)
9. Great one, or better? (8)
10. 9. Banks of Severn and Tay contain two ducks! (6)
11. Guy hugs the Spanish kid. (6)
13. Noticed in Uist, as isolation leads to period of inactivity. (6)
15. Retreat discovered in a foul marsh. (6)
16. 9. Admirer loses head over Lisa (at first) or Penny? (8)
18. Animal live in 9. (4)
19. Problems in Baltic are germ-related. (9)

Down:

1. Tiny old boyfriend heads in goal up over both you and me. (8)
2. 9. Girl in both sides of controversy. (6)
3. Woodlouse, for example, poos messily in document. (6)
4. 9. Paramour is beheaded. (4)
6. Voicing the heartless struggle about understanding (9)
7. 9, in which drunkard imbibes milk! (9)
12. 9. Start of Lent, I had double trouble. (3-2-3)
14. Erratic agent embraces the excessive. (6)
15. Snakes that don't multiply? (6)
17. The King is all shook up - true! (4)

Answers to crossword No. 96

Across: 5. Sportsmen. 8. Boon. 9. Overturn. 10. Lillee. 11. Detest. 13. Bedser. 15. Tea-urn. 16. Presumer. 18. Kanu. 19. Underwood.
Down: 1. Spindles. 2. Broome. 3. Ascend. 4. Best. 6. D,Oliveira. 7. Armstrong. 12. Thankyou. 14. Ramsey. 15. Thrown. 17. Sand.

Brain Teaser

Q. Find the next letter in the series: d e g h k l.

A) o, B) m, C) n, D) p, E) q

Answer: D

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