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T'Owd Man's Mutterings

**“Autumn is a
second spring
when every leaf
is a flower.”**

- Albert Camus



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

November

St James

- 5 9.30am Memorial service
- 12 10.50am Remembrance Sunday
- 19 11.00am Morning
Worship with toys
- 26 9.30am Eucharist

Village Life Church

Sunday
10.30am Morning Worship
10.30am UNO Sunday School

Monday
6.00pm Prayer Meeting

Tuesday
2.00pm Craft Club

Wednesday
7.00pm House group

Coffee Morning will be on
Tuesday 27 September, 10.00am
to 12.00pm. Come along for warm
drinks and a warm welcome.

Please visit our website www.villagelifechurch.org.uk for more
information about the church.

Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel

Thanks to all who supported
and generously gave to our
Harvest Thanksgiving.

The Harvest Supper raised £77; the
Harvest Sale including donations
£181.50 and a total of £300 is being sent
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Sunday Services in November
are at 6.15pm except Sunday 11
November which is at 2.30pm

Friday 16 November, 2.00 -
4.00pm Cuppa & Cake. Everyone
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Living Life Large

My wife and I were recently ambushed, manipulated and coerced by our children to finally allow pets into our home. This embargo had not been enforced due to a dislike of animals, it was simply that our previous record of keeping things alive (our children notwithstanding) has not been good. And if you can't keep a plant alive for more than a couple of weeks, perhaps a pet was not a great idea. But we were finally worn down, and compromised by getting the smallest animals we could possibly find in the local pet shop. We took home 2 tiny dwarf hamsters, which have since been named Toffey and Scratch. These tiny creatures have now become the new focus of our attention. We spend so much of our time watching them run around their small cage, as they dash from the food bowl to the water bottle, through a toilet roll tube and to their bedroom (Half a hollow coconut.) Every time we hear the sound of their squeaky wheel we dash in to see if we can spot them before they burrow under the sawdust and sleep away the daylight hours. The more I watch them, the more I am aware of the sad truth, that this cage and where it sits in our dining room, will be the limit of their existence. They will never see the vastness of the world in which they live. And with the exception of small changes we make to their living environment their routine of eat, drink, run, sleep, repeat... is extremely unlikely to ever change. The worrying thing, that keeps bugging me, is that even our lives can mirror the small, unchanging world of the hamster if we are not careful.

And the hamster wheel takes on the sinister allegory of a life of continuous movement, but never really getting anywhere. It has really made me reflect on breaking free out of the 'smallness' of things and Living Life Large. You might think that being a Christian is the worst idea in the world for a large life. I hear many people say 'being a Christian is just living by a long set of boring rules and routines. You can't have any fun. It's one big list of do's and don'ts.' Well if that is your experience, you have fallen foul to seeing people who put their passion in a religion rather than their passion in God himself. Christianity was born as a revolutionary movement that stood opposed to the legalistic and stagnant religiosity of Israel in Jesus' day. It was and still should be a reflection of the life of God. 'In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.' (John 1:4). As for the list of do's and don'ts, well yes, that is a fact that I can't deny. The Christian faith does ask for you to lay things down in your life. But this is not some kind of meaningless asceticism. The point is to lay down something insignificant to embrace something glorious. To sacrifice the smallness of life, to embrace the large life of God. Jesus puts it like this "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. For me there is no greater joy than knowing Jesus and knowing him is what makes my life large. If you feel trapped within the smallness of things, I encourage you to seek him out.

Pastor Matthew Quinn

Catholic Church Services

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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.

FLOODLIGHTING

November brings thoughts for many. Stephen, Trisha Potter and family remember Stephen's Dad, Arthur on 5th of the month. The 19th is special for Eric Gregory who remembers his parents, his brother Joe and sister Noleen. Linda Gould and all her family remember Brian Stone on the 24th and also Jane and Caroline. Louis Pearson has fond memories of Lily especially on the 28th of the month. The 26th of the month is special for Jean Hardy, when she and her family think of Raymond Alan. Jean also remembers her Mum and Dad, Son, David and Grandson, Craig. Richard and Kath Taylor have fond memories of Richard's Mum and Dad, Billy and Greta Taylor during this time.

Di Moor, 824376

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LETTERS

Kings Head Harvest Auction

Again a tremendous success. The sum of £1820 was raised and will be distributed between the Village Hall, St James Church, Mothers' Union, Carnival, Bonsall School, Bonsall Seniors and the School defibrillator. Each will receive £260. Our thanks to Kath and Charlie for hosting the event. Also to all the people and local companies for their donations and support. And thanks to everyone who came and supported the evening.

Richard and Kath Taylor

Village Advent Calendar

BONSALL SCHOOL. To help raise funds for school the PTFA are thinking about promoting a village window advent calendar this year if there are enough people interested (a £5 donation to school). We would need 24 Windows in houses or businesses in the village who would each undertake to decorate a window however they want including some lights. Each would be given a date and from that date agree to have their window lit from 6pm increasing one window a day and finishing with St James on Christmas morning. Then folk could walk round the village as December goes on finding the windows. If you would like to provide a window then do get in touch with Claire on 07880851083 Thank you.

Marion Heasman

VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD



Derbyshire Community Male Voice Choir (DCMVC) Concert

On Friday 9 November the DCMVC will be giving a charity concert for Chernobyl Children's Lifeline in St. James Church, Bonsall starting at 7.45pm. Up until quite recently, this choir were known as the Derbyshire Constabulary Male Voice Choir. They last performed for CCLL in 2016 at St. Mary's Church in Cromford. This year we are pleased to be able to welcome them to Bonsall. Tickets are available from Chris & Janice Broome (Tel 824512) or from Krystina Johnson (Tel 823591) and on the door. Adults £6.00, Concessions £5.00, Children £4.00. Refreshments will be available and a raffle will be held. A retiring collection will also be taken at the end of the concert by the choir. Please come along and enjoy a wonderful programme of choir music.

Chris Broome Bonsall & Derbyshire Dales Link Chairman

Village Hall Autumn Fair

The Village Hall Autumn Fair is from 10.30am to 12.00noon on Saturday 3 November. Last year, the attendance was slightly better. Let's improve this year! Please find a few minutes to attend, enjoy some refreshments and spend a couple of quid. This is an important annual fundraiser for the Village Hall funds. Remember the Hall belongs to the village and is run by a voluntary committee. If you want a stall at the fair, please phone me on 823591. New committee members are most welcome.

Leigh Johnson
Treasurer & Trustee
Bonsall Village Hall Committee

Charity Pig Racing – A Big Thank You

A charity pig racing evening was held in the village hall on 14 September to raise funds for the Bonsall & Derbyshire Dales Link of the national charity, Chernobyl Children's Lifeline. It was a great turn out for what was a really fun evening and I'm very pleased to be able to report that a magnificent total of £900 was raised for the Link funds which will go towards the cost of a children's visit to the area next summer. On behalf of CCLL I would like to thank everyone who supported the event. Each of the eight races was sponsored by a local business, Gareth Blood, Richard Webster Building Services, Brett Taylor, T Nutt and Sons, Townhead Farmhouse B&B, H Strange & Sons, Auto Engineering and Sue Genders & Will Carr. Each race had six jockeys with the race winners receiving a prize. In the last race, the pigs were auctioned off to the highest bidding 'syndicate' and the amount taken was split 50-50 between the winning 'pig owners' and the charity. There were some really close calls on who crossed the finish line first but the organisers' decision was final! The final race was won by Paul Scott after a late charge on the final 'reverse' sprint over the finish line! Thanks to all the jockeys who took part and to those who brought raffle prizes and who helped in the kitchen preparing the pie and pea supper for everyone, all 60 of us! The pies from Figgshaws were great. Finally, my thanks to those who couldn't make it but who gave a donation to the charity nevertheless. I'm sure we will be staging another pig race in the future sometime.

Chris Broome
Bonsall & Derbyshire
Dales Link Chairman

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THE KINGS HEAD

Charity Karaoke (3.11)

James Taplin - Great Singer (10.11)

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Karaoke with Tony (24.11)

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Wed-Fri: 12pm-3pm + 5.30pm-12am
Sat-Sun: 12pm-12am

Jean Morgan



Message from New Zealand

A message from Jean who we stayed with last night. A quick 'Hello' to all in Bonsall from Jean Morgan who returned to her home town of Wellington on the North Island of New Zealand eight years ago. She sends her best wishes to all her friends from the past.

via Ann Hamblay

Youlgrave Christmas Concert – Peak Wind Orchestra

A versatile lively 30 piece band will perform a Christmas concert at Youlgrave Parish Church on Saturday 22 December at 7.30pm. Our neighbour on the Dale, Alison Lea, will be playing her flute and this promises to be a very happy rousing start to the festivities. You simply pay on the door and admission includes refreshments. Tickets are £7.50. Please come to support the well-loved and established Peak Wind Orchestra. I had never heard of it either but I have heard that a few Bonsall folk went last Christmas and loved it.

Loreen 822067

Defibrillators

The new signs for Town Head and the Fountain/Park defibrillators have been received, kindly donated by Jon and Lisa Howson of Raptor Graphic in Ashbourne, and will be put in place as soon as possible. Also the fund for the School/Church St. defibrillator has now reached £900. There is £400 still needed and if anyone would like to make a contribution for this, please contact me on 823704.

Richard Taylor

Show of Hands

There is a discussion taking place about hosting a Bonsall Arts Trail.

It would be for local artists to display and sell their art. At this point, in order to draft a budget, please consider allowing an artist to use a room in your house to display their work.

If you would do this, or you are an artist and would like to display work in your own house could you let us know? This would not be a commitment at the moment, just an offer, so we get an idea of the potential size of the event. The organisation would be securing public liability insurance. The event would probably be over a weekend in early summer.

Please phone Claire Taylor on 823243 to offer a room or ask any questions. Many thanks.

Claire Taylor

Village Lunches, November/December/January

For October the Village Lunch group provided Pork Steaks with stuffing and Crab-apple sauce with Cheesy potatoes and vegetables followed by Rice Pudding with homemade raspberry jam - much enjoyed by all!!

The next lunch will be on 21 November at 1.00pm. All are very welcome but please phone 826309 to book your place by 14 November.

For December will be having a Christmas Lunch on 19 December. Please phone now, again to 826309 and by 14 November (same date as above) so we can start planning the festivities.

In January the date is January 16 and please phone 826309 by 9 January to secure your place. We are adding this now as Mutterings does not appear in January.

For all of these meals everyone is welcome and we can supply take-outs to those unable to make it to the village hall. Please let us know of any special dietary requirements. We ask for a donation of £3 per person for each meal.

Wishing everyone a happy autumn

Jenny

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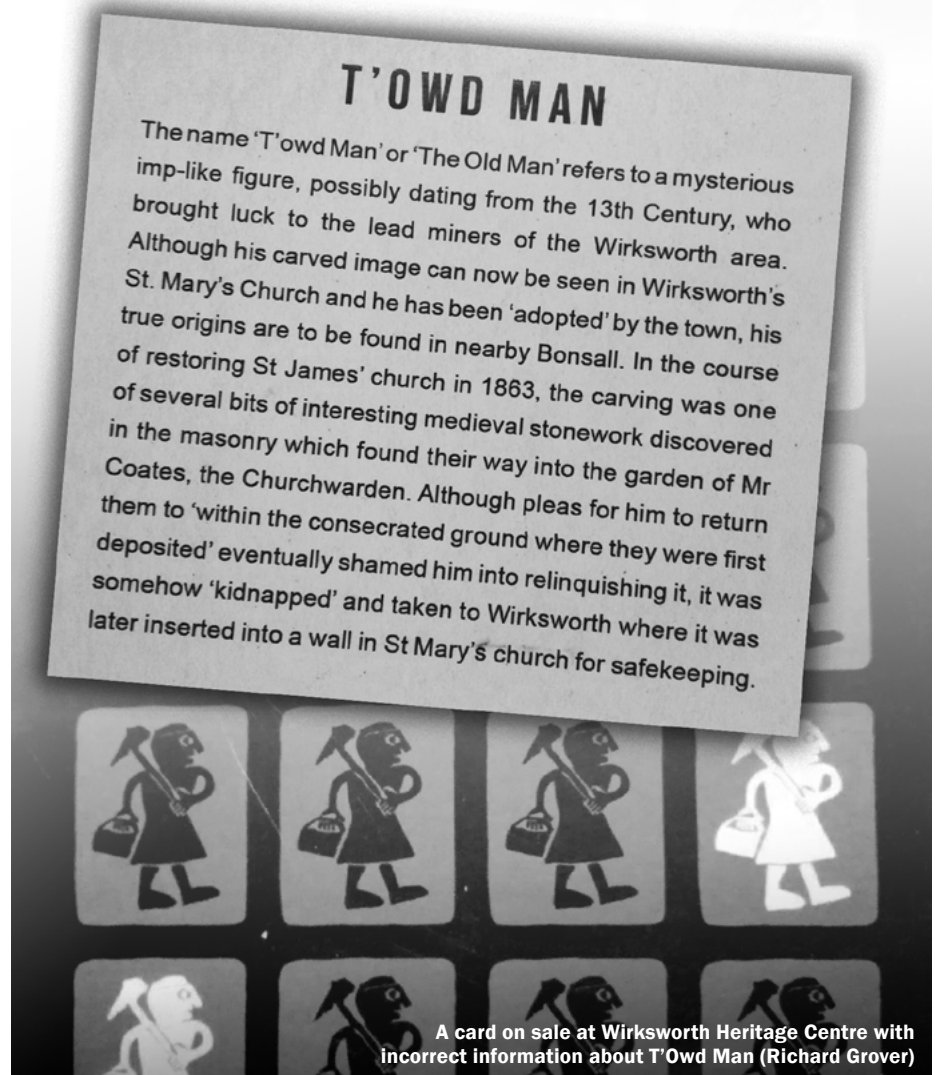
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T'Owd Man Update

A second meeting in October showed increased support to stop Wirksworth's appropriation of Bonsall's T'Owd Man. As a minimum, the group wants all references to T'Owd Man credited as 'T'Owd Man of Bonsall' and an end to the wholesale exploitation of T'Owd Man's image by Wirksworth's businesses and Heritage Centre. The group noted that further examples of exploitation have been found and that someone from Wirksworth had visited the Kings Head several times to take photos, presumably of the T'Owd man's beer on sale. The Heritage Centre appears to have taken out copyright on the image of T'Owd Man that it uses in its publicity and on products for sale at the Centre. The group also discussed ways to achieve the longer term aim of returning T'Owd Man to St James' Church. This will involve discussions with both the Church of England Diocese and Historic England (because St Mary's in Wirksworth, where T'Owd Man was relocated, is Grade I listed). A process to gather further information was started after the September meeting and the results are expected soon. If you care about protecting this important part of Bonsall's heritage, please come along to the next meeting on 21 November at 8 pm in the Kings Head.

Peter Fellows



A card on sale at Wirksworth Heritage Centre with incorrect information about T'Owd Man (Richard Grover)

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(albeit a little early I know)

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100 Years Ago

It is only with hindsight that we know the fighting was to cease between the Allies and the Central Powers during this month. It would be three more years before a Peace treaty was signed during which time the former allies would fall out as their aims for the peace were different. In addition, it was thought necessary to challenge the Bolshevik state in Russia by intervening in support of the White forces fighting the Reds. The Armistice brought very little change in Bonsall. The menfolk drifted back on extended leave but not yet discharged from the Forces. More was learned of missing, prisoners and wounded men. Rationing continued and the Food Control Committee was re-elected with the addition of Mr. Webster (nominated by the Discharged Soldiers Association) and Mr. Boden (nominated by the Railwaymen's Union).

Possibly the main preoccupation was the holding of the deferred General Election, particularly when it became known that the Liberal candidate was to be Charlie White, former resident, bootmaker and Bonsall Councillor. This selection was quite remarkable as Mr. White had been made bankrupt in 1914 and only discharged from his bankruptcy in February of 1918. His opponent was Lord Kerry, described in the liberal Derbyshire Courier as, "the languid young aristocrat whose only qualification to represent West Derbyshire is the fact that he is the son of his father and the brother-in-law of the Duke of Devonshire." It was many years since the Duke's nominee had not been successful in West Derbyshire but in this election the returning servicemen and the women (over 30 and with a property qualification), voting for the first time, ensured Charles Frederick White was elected to Parliament. Bonsall had the unique distinction in the constituency at this election of having more women than men casting their votes.

The Urban Council fixed a rate of 2s 6d (12.5p) in the pound which was an increase on the current rate.

Domestically, Mr. Hall at The Cascades had a rocking horse for sale in "excellent condition: height 50", stand 58" long; £5" for some lucky child that Christmas.

Peter Greaves

Correspondence regarding '100 years ago' article from November 2017

Hello Peter,

I think I may have been in contact with you a few years ago in relation to Frederick and Clara Hawley, nee Wright, my Great Grandparents. We actually visited Bonsall in 2013 and visited many places of interest. Fred Marples of Chestnut Farms was my mother's cousin. I noted with interest the Bonsall Mutterings Nov 2017 '100 years ago' write up with Fred and Clara Hawley mentioned. Of course Fred sailed to Australia in 1886/87, remarried, and my Nanna, his daughter, came looking for him in 1914. Frederick had died in 1901 and we have only just found out this information during the last month.

I was wondering who supplied the information about Clara and Fred and when they knew that Fred died in 1901...was that known back in 1917? Was that research gained from an article written in 1917?

We had been trying for many years to find details of Frederick, my Great Grandfather's life in Australia, to no avail. It is only during the last month that we found his Aussie life story. Frederick Hawley changed his name to Frederick Spencer, his mother's maiden Name, remarried in 1888, and had another family.

Neither his Aussie nor English Descendants living in Australia have a photo of Frederick or his Family, or his parents.

I was wondering if you would be able to help me? If some descendants living in Duffield would have some photos, or if you know or have contact with W Hawley & Sons, the Colourworks, family or know of any contacts, your help would be appreciated. We have come a long way with research, but no photos.

Love the Bonsall Mutterings newsletters especially the articles re "100 Years Ago".

Kind regards

Joy Fiedler from Australia.

PS Clara Hawley's maiden name was Clara Wright. Are you able to tell me when you will be doing a write up on the Wright Family? They were a Bonsall family. You may have already done so and I have missed it.

Joy.

Peter replied on 4 October to Joy Fiedler on the query as follows;

Joy,

We know Fred was dead in 1901 because Clara is shown as a widow on the census; obviously she knew at that time she was a widow. In the 1891 census she is shown as married but strangely she is shown as Married in the 1911 census. In all 3 census she is the Head of the household. Clara is the daughter of James and Alice; James was a grocer and farmer. I do not have access to Duffield records to check the Hawley/Spencer connection. I am struggling to disentangle the Wright family which as you have noted are a Bonsall family. There are at least 3 strands, all with a James in but Alice seems to disappear from the census returns. However in the churchyard is grave X19 In / Memory / of / ALICE, the beloved wife of / JAMES WRIGHT / who died Sept 13 1886 / Aged 60 years / Also of JAMES WRIGHT / At rest Jun 6 1913 / Aged 88 years.

William Hawley and Sons Colourworks were in Duffield from at least 1875. (In December 1875 the partnership of W Hawley snr, W Hawley jnr, F Hawley and W Record of Duffield colour manufacturers was dissolved so far as W Record was concerned.) Was "F Hawley" our Frederick?

I am not aware of the Mutterings team planning on doing family histories, so you have not missed the Wrights. Indeed the "100 years ago" will cease in December as we get past the end of the Great War.

Sorry I can only produce more questions and few answers.

Peter Greaves

CLEAN WATER TO BONSTALL



Clean Water to Bonsall - Part 1: Nor Any Drop To Drink

"In one drop of water are found all the secrets of all the oceans" said Kahlil Gibran, and by the later nineteenth century Bonsall's drinking water must have been like GCHQ. Many households near the Brook must have relied on it, and although access to water might have been easy from the marble bridges of legend, even when waste was not deliberately discarded in the Brook, runoff from the street with its dogs, horses and cattle and from the ubiquitous pigsties, and percolation from earth closets must have compromised the quality to say the least.

And even those lucky enough to have private wells would have been blissfully unaware of groundwater percolation.

By this period the souls of the villagers were well catered for, and philanthropic effort was directed towards that which is next to godliness. Three major cholera epidemics had shocked the nation, and thanks to the work of the physician John Snow, who proved (using statistics) that the disease was water-borne, and to that of Louis Pasteur, who showed that microbes could cause disease, the provision of clean and safe water became a focus of attention. Thus it came about that, at the start of 1870, the churchwardens of Bonsall formed a committee to bring water from springs unaffected by domestic pollution to most of the village.

In fact, this was not the first attempt to provide at least some parts of the village with good water. At some unknown date, a remarkable little engineering feat had been carried out by unknown hands. Watercourses had been engineered in Bonsall, probably for hundreds of years- to make room for buildings, to power watermills, to reduce flooding, to widen roads- and scarcely an inch of either branch of Bonsall Brook flows in its natural channel after it enters the village. But this little work was broader in conception if not in scale. The stream that flowed from a spring on Wellhead Lane then down the little nameless valley that leads to The Nook at the hairpin bend at the bottom of The Bank, had been turned out of its natural bed and led along the valley side in a well made, stone-lined channel, bringing water

closer to Uppertown, then flowing from a well to serve the houses on the Bank itself- as it still does most of the time. You can still see some of the forsaken stones from its old bed, if you walk the footpath that follows its former course. This had probably been done before 1835, as Sanderson's map of that date hints at its path, and certainly by 1848, as it is clearly shown on the Tithe Map. The name Wellhead Lane itself suggests to me that the work could even date to before the first mention of that name in 1675.

There was another burst of activity around 1860, when two natural springs, at Wellfield in The Dale and at Nether Green, were given stone surrounds to keep them clean and unmuddied. That at Nether Green, which when tested not long ago proved to be good hard Derbyshire water pure enough to drink, was already in use, as shown by the inscription telling that it was repaired by Robert... sadly the benefactor's surname has spalled. In fact there were several other wells and springs around Bonsall, which may have been in use, but that above Town Head (now half-buried by the metalling of the road, and partly filled in by some unappreciative person) was away from the housing of the time, and the two (disappeared except for some enigmatic variations in kerbstones and walling) on the climb up to Uppertown were downhill from the settlement. At twenty pounds weight a bucketful, water's too heavy to lug any distance uphill.

But only a small part of the village was so served, churchwardens John Broxup Coates and Charles Hallam

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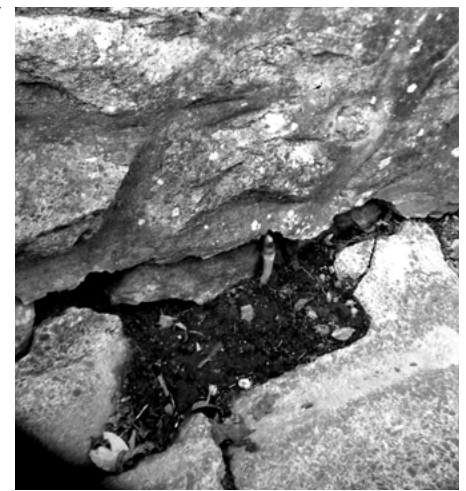
CLEAN WATER TO BONSTALL

called a meeting in 1870, held in the schoolroom on the 29th of January, at which it was unanimously agreed to form a committee. They had done their homework, as they already had the signatures of all the millowners to an agreement allowing abstraction of water for domestic purposes – though since the water thus taken would have returned to the Brook, and as all the working mills at that date were below what is now the Fountain, they had little to lose. They had also clearly canvassed the better-off of the parish, as subscriptions received allowed work to go ahead rapidly. Mrs Prince of The Study led the way with £100 – at least £10,000 in today's money- and by the autumn of that year, Uppertown, High Street, Church

Street, Ember Lane and Yeoman Street had been furnished with water taps.

Springs at "Jenkinson's farm" (I don't know where it was) above Town Head were diverted into a reservoir at Manor Farm, and this provided over 10,000 gallons a day to supply the village from Town Head to the bottom of Yeoman Street, with an extension to The Cascades and Nether Green House and a branch to Ember Lane. The old spring at Wellhead Lane was diverted into another reservoir, and this supplied Uppertown and The Bank. Over half the village was now within easy reach of clean water, and most of those not so served were away from the denser housing and so less at risk. Notable exceptions were the Clatterway below Nether Green, and Slaley.

The zeal of the subscribers was such that some of these taps were embellished by ornate surrounds with drinking fountains, the very ones that are today decorated each year by well- dressings- an appropriate act of appreciation of the Committee and its supporters, even if the reason is long forgotten. Some of these had inscriptions commemorating the donor, Margaret Prince of the Study at the Cross, J.H. Twigg at Town Head, and most spectacularly, a memorial to Henry Forth of Manchester, Mrs Prince's father, at the bottom of Yeoman Street- the area now known as the Fountain after this remarkable miniature steeple. Dignified though they were, each had a tap below the drinking fountain, to serve villagers who came with buckets and jugs to satisfy their domestic needs. Though the wells of Uppertown now show no trace, I feel they must have had



taps too, the evidence being obliterated by the new non- functional bowls put in to mark the Millennium. Perhaps they only had taps, as we shall see. In 1876 another elaborate drinking fountain (with tap) was added at the bottom of Ember Lane, convenient for church and school, this time paid for by grateful parishioners to commemorate the late churchwarden Robert Clay, of Nether Green House. If he was the Robert who repaired Nether Green well, sixteen years before, it was an apt tribute.

Sadly the detailed Ordnance Survey (OS) map of 1896 doesn't show the positions of the humbler taps which provided convenient water without frills in other places, though they must have existed. They do show "D.F.'s" (for Drinking Fountain) from Town Head down to the Fountain, but strangely not those at Uppertown, nor that at the Cross. Perhaps these were out of commission? (to be continued)

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Report of the 16 October Meeting

Flooding and Storm water damage

The recent flooding was the most important topic for discussion. Councillors detailed flood incidents throughout the village 20/21 September. The clerk reported that following discussions with the County Council flood management team, a formal flood investigation was to be carried out by them. This will include a site visit with a member of the flood team and a highway inspector.

Flooding report forms

The County Council are encouraging anyone affected by the floods to complete their report forms so that they can get a full understanding of the impact and causes. These forms are being distributed and are also available from the website (www.bonsallvillage.org/) or the Clerk.

Concern was expressed that some flooding incidents resulted from the sewerage system backing up, and that this should be highlighted on the forms and reported to Severn Trent.

It was agreed to report back to the next meeting, including on any emergency planning advice received.

Twenty's Plenty signs

The school will be starting to work on the artwork for the signs after half-term. In the meantime, the Parish Council has had an offer to fund the printing and production of twelve double sided signs at a cost of £920. The Council recorded their thanks to Ken Clark for this extremely generous offer.

Fracking

There was a resolution on the agenda in relation to fracking. This led to a full and lively discussion on the government's changes to the system for planning applications for exploratory shale gas well pads and gas production, and also on the perceived advantages and disadvantages of fracking itself.

It was agreed to respond to the consultation process that it was the view of the Parish Council that (1) that bringing fracking applications under the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects regime will be harmful to local communities; (2) that local authorities are best placed to continue to make decisions throughout the planning process for shale gas exploration drilling, appraisal and production; and (3) that moving decisions about fracking, which have huge implications for local communities, to a national level would contradict the principles of localism.

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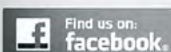
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Frack free Zone

There was also a proposal to declare Bonsall a 'frack-free Zone'. It was agreed that before any further consideration of this could be given the views of the village should be requested. Anyone wanting to comment on this please contact your Councillor or the Clerk. The issue is likely to be debated at the meeting on 18 December.

T'Owd Man

The Parish Council agreed to support the campaign to restore the T'Owd Man to Bonsall, and to discourage commercial and other use of the image unconnected with its history.

Burial ground extension

New plans for extending the current Parish burial ground have been prepared by the County Council landscape design team. There is a copy available for viewing on the village website. The proposed layout would give approximately 50 new single plots. Costings for structural engineer and planning fees should be available for the next meeting. The plans were welcomed.

Defibrillators

Richard Taylor has arranged for a donation of direction signs for the defibrillators at the Fountain and Town Head. Thanks were recorded to John and Lisa Howden of Raptor Grafix Ashbourne for supplying the sign work, which will be installed soon.

Blakemere pit

The Parish Council has had complaints about noise disturbance from off-road vehicles on the moor, vehicle and other activity at Blakemere pit, and vehicle and other activity at disused farm buildings off Moor Lane. Blakemere pit was subject to existing enforcement notices prohibiting unauthorised use.

The Peak District National Park Authority had been asked to advise on the status of the Moor lane use; it was agreed to also ask them to investigate the alleged activities at Blakemere pit and to express concern that any unauthorised activity on this site should not be allowed to recommence.

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 20 November. If you have any issues to be raised at the meeting please contact the Clerk Tony Payne with details by Monday 12 November.

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

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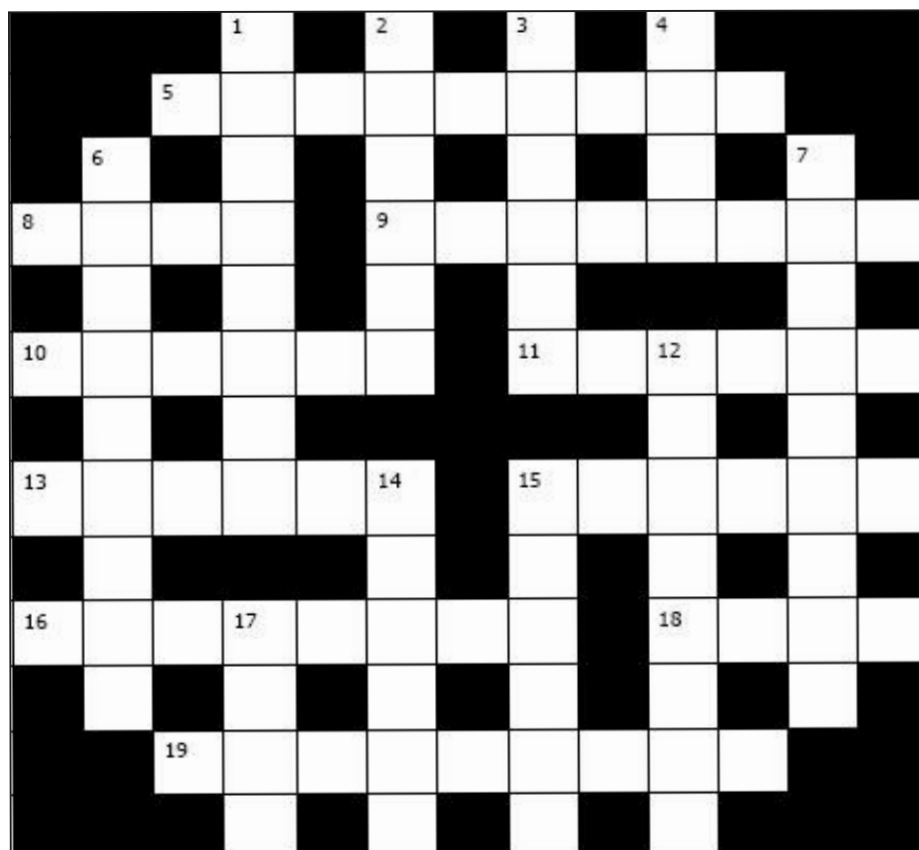
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Across:

5. 1s. Timed solo run. (9)
8. 1. Endless noise heads west. (4)
9. Bin seven, possible, for one. (3,5)
10. Appearance inside ruined a cafe's turnover. (6)
11. 1. Nailed you and me, by the sounds of it. (6)
13. Snooze as Tom takes unlimited snaps. (6)
15. 1. Late leader of the PLO substitutes force for resistance. (6)
16. 1. Knit a topless ra-ra dress. (8)
18. Little auntie? (4)
19. 1s. Primates hug heartless nun in final move. (9)

Down:

1. Man in? Out? Shake it all about, Ben! (8)
2. Tie up two bishops in pit. (6)
3. Snatch sleep and climb inside. (6)
4. It's only a pool! (4)
6. Ones incorporating old state, belonging to him. (9)
7. Fake lust I made? Yes! (9)
12. Not bitter, Newcastle, for example, support rising. First ever English revolution. (4-4)
14. Opposite of 1s and left in agony on Sabbath. (6)
15. Bitter Amin possibly held in a county court initially. (6)
17. Ones found in disloyal pseuds. (4)

Answers to crossword No. 99

Across: 5. Variation. 8. Amen. 9. Vertebra. 10. Indoor. 11. Skinny. 13. Emetic. 15. Carafe. 16. Inkstand. 18. Turn. 19. Gangplank.
Down: 1. Raincoat. 2. Silver. 3. Stares. 4. Move. 6. Amendment. 7. Transform. 12. Irritant. 14. Change. 15. Cuddly. 17. Swap.

Brain Teaser

Find the next letter in the series: f, a, g, j, b, k, o, c, p.
A) w B) u C) s D) t E) v

Answer: B) (f - g is followed by two missing letters (h, i), j - k is followed by three missing letters (l, m, n) so the next letter after o - p is after four missing letters (q, r, s, t).

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