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T'Owd Man's Mutterings



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Merry Christmas!



In folklore T'Owd Man is a spirit that inhabits mines and caves. T'Owd Man of Bonsall is a carved figure of a miner that was taken to Wirksworth when St James church was being refurbished in the 1860s. It was said that strange noises coming from the old Ball Eye mine at the end of Church St. were of T'Owd Man muttering

CHURCH DIARY

St James

December

2 9.30am Sanctuary
9 9.30am Eucharist
16 11.00am Morning Worship
23 9.30am Eucharist
24 5.00pm Crib Service
25 9.30am Eucharist
Carol Service on Thursday
20 December at 7.00 pm

January

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

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 will be on Sunday **9 December** 10.30 am to 11.30 am followed by a Christmas Dinner. Our Carols by Candlelight Service will be on Saturday **15 December** 6.00pm to 7.00pm. Our Christmas Day service will be at 9.30am to 10.30am. There is no coffee morning in December but we will start with our New Year Meal on Tuesday **29 January** 12 pm to 2.00 pm. All are welcome. Please visit our website www.villagelifechurch.org.uk for more information about the church.

Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel (The Dale)

Services during December alternate between 2.30 & 6.15 pm commencing Sunday **2 December** at 6.15 pm. Carol Service Sunday **23 December** 2.30 pm followed by refreshments. Come and sing your favourite carols.

Friday **21 December** 2.00–4.00 pm Christmas Cuppa & Cake. Services during January 2019 are at 2.30 pm. Special New Year Service Sunday **6 January** 2.30 pm. Friday **18 January** 2.00–4.00 pm New Year Cuppa & Cake.

Thank you for your support through another year.

Every Blessing to you all for Christmas and the New Year

CHURCH NEWS

Why celebrate Christmas? Bombarded with adverts, it seems to be all about money and getting. Shouldn't Christmas be the simple giving of a gift in love?

From my perspective, as I seek to live out my Christian faith, some days better than others, God in His love made a beautiful world that was marred by temptation and sin. He then put His rescue plan into place, over many centuries, giving His "indescribable gift" as the apostle Paul writes, His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He was born as a baby in Bethlehem, wrapped in swaddling bands and laid in a manger because there was no room in the Inn. At 33 years of age Jesus gave His life to ransom me and whoever will believe, from sin and death. In simple faith there is the assurance of sins forgiven and the hope of eternal life and heaven.

Christmas is a season of contrasts — the darkness of sin that spoils and the light of life, life in all its fullness that Jesus offers. The simple faith of Joseph and Mary and the bringing forth of new life — the baby Jesus, with the ignorance and fear of Herod and the death of

innocent children. The status and poverty of the shepherds compared with the riches of the Magi; East meeting West and yet each with their part to play. The Angels message — Good News of great Joy for all people, to conquer doubt and fear and bring life and hope.

Why not find your Bible or call into Church and sit and read the Bible there. Turn to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke and ask God to speak to you as you read the account of Jesus' birth.

I'm looking forward to buying my first pot of mini daffodils and seeing the first snowdrop in my garden. I can see tiny green shoots appearing and they will endure through rain, frost and snow. "Into a dark world a snowdrop comes, bearing a green heart, symbol of God's renewing love." Hope for a New Year.

May the Lord bless you.

May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord show you His favour and give you His peace — for Christmas and the coming New Year.

Judy Land

Wesleyan Reform Chapel

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

December

This month is especially poignant for those who remember family who are no longer with us.

Stephen and Tricia Potter remember Stephen's mum, Mary, especially on 10 December.

16 December brings fond memories of Peter Wood, a special uncle to Emily and Nathan Taylor.

David and Julie Allsop and their families remember their father, Dennis, especially on 18 December.

Christmas Eve is the time when Margaret, Maurice, Justin, Deb and their children remember Connor, in whose memory the Church spire lighting was given.

At this time, Alice Land and family remember husband Jeff and her brother and his wife, Albert and Annie Britland.

Memories of family at Christmas are very much in the mind of Louis Pearson at this time.

Di, Kath and Andrew remember their dad, Jimmy, on his birthday 8 December.

January

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

David and Julie and families remember their mum, Jean, particularly on 2 January.

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

Norma and Cliff remember Aunty Olive at his time especially in the second week of January.

On 16 January is when Jenny Mellor and family remember mum, Joan.

There are loving thoughts during the third week of Jack and Gwen Fellows from Peter and Wendy.

For Richard and Kath Taylor the lighting holds memories of Kath's Dad on 26 January and her brother, Keith, on 20 January.

Birthday memories on 23 and 24 January of Mum and Dad Rickards are shared by all the family at this time.

Janet, Ron, Daphne and Peter have special memories of parents, Billy and Winnie particularly on 27 January.

Mary, Joe, Stephen and Tricia remember Arthur on his birthday on 27 January.

Nora and Herman Martin, parents of Janet, Christine, June and Michael are lovingly remembered this month.

Hilda Morris' birthday on 31 January is a time when Rita, Eunice, Rachael and Danny and their families especially remember her.

Di Moor (824376)

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Catholic Church Services

Our Lady and St. Teresa of Lisieux

Gorsey Bank, Wirksworth

Mass Sundays 8.45 a.m. Holy Days (see Newsletter).

Mass Tuesdays at 9.30 a.m.

Contact Fr. Robbie O'Callaghan (01629 582804)

There is a fortnightly newsletter listing ongoing events.

Our Lady and St. Joseph Church

1 St. Joseph Street, Matlock

Mass Times Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm,

Sundays 10.30 am,

Wednesday and Thursday 9.30 am,

Friday 6.00 pm

Contact Fr. Robbie O'Callaghan (01629 582804)

There is a weekly newsletter listing ongoing events

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Happy Christmas wishes and a peaceful New Year to all my friends and neighbours in Bonsall. With love, Claudine.

A very Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year to all our friends and customers from the Allsop family.

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

Pat and Phil send good wishes for a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Marj, Ron and Andrew would like to wish all friends and neighbours a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

A merry festive season to all our friends. Pete & Wendy

Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year to all our friends and neighbours from Maggie and Deb

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THE KINGS HEAD

Merry Christmas from the Team at The King's Head!

Evening of Reggae with EBA	11.12
Karaoke with Tony	8.12
James Marten - let's make him feel welcome	15.12
Surprise, Surprise!	22.12
Dave Grant	29.12

New Year's Eve ABBA and Motown Disco - get your ABBA outfits on!

Our Christmas Menu is on the Home Page of our website. Bookings essential.

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LETTERS

Request for Information

Dear Editors,

I recall from the time that I lived in Bonsall, one of the residents, Stella Lindup, who lived at The Nook with Peter, undertook a project to record the oral history of some of the residents.

One of the people whom I understood Stella recorded was a resident of The Dale who had fought in the First World War.

Following the armistice, he was shipped out to Russia to fight for the White Russians against the Bolsheviks.

Does anyone know anything about this project, the resident in question, or where I might get hold of the recordings from?

Kind Regards,

Ian Banton

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

Treasurer & Trustee Bonsall Village Hall Committee

Poppy Placements

Dear Editors,

We would like to congratulate the person or persons who came up with the idea for the poppy placements this year.

The effect was very poignant.

Jim and Rosie Martin

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 7.30.

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 Elliott

822067

Village Hall Autumn Fair

Thanks to everybody who contributed to the Fair on Saturday 3 November 2018, 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 260 lucky number squares from prior to the Fair (raising £260).

The 4 winners in the lucky whisky square draw were:

- Chris Wood, High Street No. 272;
- Chris Lomas, Slaley No. 65;
- Bonsall Bike Club No 74
- Mick Boam, Barley Mow No. 47.

The attendance at the Fair was reasonable, raising £352.15. However, with donations, the useful overall amount of £642.15 was raised.

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Santa Is Coming To Bonsall

The Wirksworth Rotary Club's sleigh will be bringing Santa to Bonsall on Sunday 16 December 2018. He is expected to arrive at The Fountain at 5.00 pm and move on to The Cross at about 5.20 pm. Children please come and meet him, and parents remember to bring your cameras.

Santa will be visiting all the villages around Wirksworth over the next couple of weeks and all money raised by Wirksworth Rotary Club over the Christmas period goes to local charities and good causes.

The Club is always happy to get ideas on causes we should support over the coming year. Please let Martin Cruttenden know if you have any suggestions on 01629 56305 or mcruttenden@btinternet.com.

Martin Cruttenden

Charity Community Concerts

Thank you to all those who turned out to the St James' Church on a wet and windy night last month to listen to the Derbyshire Community Male Voice Choir charity concert in aid of the Bonsall & Derbyshire Dales Link of Chernobyl Children's Lifeline. It was a great evening which raised £213.

My thanks also for the donated raffle prizes. Cromford Community Band are performing at St Helen's Church in Darley Dale at 7.30 pm on Saturday 8 December 2018 where they will be presenting "A Celebration of Christmas" music. Tickets are just £5.00 available on the door or from Krystina Johnson. There will be refreshments and a raffle and all proceeds will go to the Bonsall & Derbyshire Dales Link to help fund next summer's children's visit.

Chris Broome

Chairman, Bonsall & Derbyshire Dales Link

Village Lunches

All are very welcome to the Christmas Village Lunch on Wednesday 19 December at 1 pm in the Village Hall but PLEASE ring: 826309 to ensure your place before Saturday 8 December so that we can prepare enough for everyone.

In January the date is 16 January 2019 and again, please phone 826309 by 9 January 2019 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.

Jenny

Tree of Memories

The annual community Christmas tree of memories will be decorated on Saturday 15 December 2018 from 2-4 pm in the Church. Everyone is welcome.

Tree decorations and labels for your personal message are provided at £1.00 each or for a donation. Please come along to help decorate the tree. Refreshments provided.

For further details, please ring Claudine on 824279.

Christmas Trees

If anyone has a Christmas tree with roots that you do not intend to plant, please consider donating it to the Church to grow on for future use.

Thank you.

Contact Claudine or Mick Biggin on 823223

A Big Thank You

As many of you know about a year ago I was diagnosed with Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma. The doctors recommended a course of chemotherapy followed by a bone marrow transplant once I was in remission, to hopefully prevent it's return. I have now made a full recovery and am happily back at work. I would like to thank everyone in the village and beyond for all of their good wishes, cards, gifts, home baking (which went down a treat), and also give a special thanks to everyone who visited me to keep my spirits up.

I feel very lucky to have been diagnosed early enough to have made a full recovery, especially as I had no symptoms, so I would like to somehow give something back. As I'm not really strong enough yet, as anyone who has seen me walking up the church steps to school will tell you, Evie, Mollie and their friend Amy have taken on the challenge and are now training to do a half marathon at Carsington Water in February.

They are raising money for Bloodwise, which is a charity that funds both research and treatment for all types of blood cancer, although I think they may be regretting their decision now the cold weather has set in!!

If you are able to sponsor them I know they would very much appreciate it, and thanks again to anyone who has already donated.

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Jayne Allsop

Bonsall's Round-the-Village Christmas Songs and Carols

You are invited to bring your enthusiasm for Christmas songs and carols; your hale and hearty voices; your shakers, drums, tambourines and other noise-makers; your lanterns and torches; your need for getting-started mulled-wine/soft drinks from The Fountain (6 pm) and your craving for legendary Uppertown- refreshments courtesy of Anne and John as we wend through the village.

Friday 14 December 2018 gathering at The Fountain at 6 pm.

Phil and Marion 821816

Murder Mystery – Murder in the Village

Nick Cheatham found dead in Bonsall Village Hall, The murder weapon – a silver paper knife through his jugular. Guests held as suspects until a conclusion and arrest made.

Police officers PC Hard Drive and Detective Chasseur, on secondment from France, arrived immediately to investigate. Pulled away from their own Christmas party, they arrived in unconventional uniform, much to the delight of the party guests. Guests listened, enthralled, as detailed questioning of the suspects led to an arrest being made.

Music and dancing continued after the conviction with some fantastic 'Christmas Fare' followed by stupendous deserts to die for (literally).

Thanks to all who entered into the spirit of the party and those who took parts to the Kings Head and the Barley Mow who generously donated

raffle prizes, and to our friends from Hunsdon in Hertfordshire who travelled to Bonsall to perform and add dramatic kudos to the performance.

An impressive total of £660 was raised and will be put toward the Church Spire repair fund, so thank you all for coming, taking part and making it a "night to remember".

Caroline and Dave Kirkham

Churchyard Lime Trees

Advanced warning – please do not park alongside the Churchyard wall up towards the school on Church Street from the evening of 9 December 2018 while work is carried out on Monday 10 December and Tuesday 11 December 2018 on the three lovely (but very tall!) lime trees in the churchyard: to reduce the deadwood, raise the crown, to thin and generally spruce up and make safe the trees.

This work has been funded by St James' Church, the Parish Council and an anonymous donation – thank you all round!

St James' Churchwardens (Phil 821816)

New History Book

After many years in the making, the latest Bonsall history book will be on sale shortly. It is titled Bonsall Within Living Memory and contains recollections by 42 village residents, covering 50 years to the 1970s, which were gathered from interviews.

There are seven chapters that record their memories of how they lived, school, entertainment, churches, earning a living, accidents and court cases, and the 2nd World War. Their memories show that, although the village had begun to change in the years after the 1st World War, it remained largely self-sufficient.

People shopped in the 20+ village shops and made their own medicines. They

entertained themselves at home, at the Red Triangle Hut in Park Bottom, or in one of the ten pubs. For many families, housing was poor quality by today's standards, and many people had low incomes and few possessions.

Their lives changed when electricity, running water and mains drainage were introduced in the inter-war years.

Every village child attended one of the two schools, leaving at 14; the boys to find work on local farms or businesses and the girls in the textile mills in Cromford and Lea, or in domestic service. There was regular Sunday worship by almost all families in the churches and chapels, with organised trips for Sunday school children.

In pre-NHS days, a system of 'recommends', supported by funds raised during the Carnival, allowed people to get subsidised health services in local hospitals.

After the 2nd World War, changes to the village began to accelerate. Incomes increased and younger people regularly went to Matlock's cinema, clubs and dance halls. Village football teams thrived, pigeon racing was an important recreation, and well-dressings underwent a renaissance in the 1960s.

By the 1970s, more people were moving to Bonsall from other areas and young people had more diverse opportunities to find partners, work and further education.

For some older residents, this changed their sense of community, but it was the start of many improvements to the village that continue today.

To order a copy of the book, please contact me on 825267 or at pfellows@btinternet.com.

Peter Fellows



photo by Dave Kirkham



BONSALL
HISTORY
GROUP

photo by Jeanette
and Ricky Moss

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Bonsall T'Owd Man's 'Muttering Song'

Introduction: This song was written as a bit of fun for the March 2016 Bonsall Primary School fundraising variety show. It has had two public performances: at the show itself and then (bravely and with only ukuleles for protection) in the Red Lion, Wirksworth, by the Bonsall contingent of the 'Raise Your Voices' choir.

Chorus:

Bonsall T'Owd Man's muttering:

'I want to go home!

Wirksworth's a lovely place,

But I want to go home!'

1) I mined away on Bonsall Moor

Up above Townhead;

I'd dig and sweat and sweat and dig

To liberate the lead.

Chorus

2) Once I breathed the country air

A family man of flesh and bone;

But then a mate he captured me,

Chiselled into stone.

Chorus

3) My resting place here in the Church

Was restored in 1863;

But I was moved to Wirksworth town,

They said to protect me.

Chorus

4) For decades I've been cared for

By the Virgin Mary;

But St James, he was a fisherman,

A worker like me.

Chorus

5) Well they may have 'Ken's Discount Store'

But we've got 'The Fountain Deli'!

Yet-another-Wirksworth-fancy-coffee-shop might quench your thirst,

But Anne's café will fill your belly!

Chorus

6) Wirksworth folk can have trouble parking,

Pay and display or face the fines!

But come to Bonsall, parking's free:

We've no double-yellow lines.

Chorus

7) I've planned my route deep underground

Skirting round Dene quarry;

Then I'll thumb a lift up Clatterway

In Massey's shiny lorry.

Chorus

8) My first pint'll be at The Barley Mow

I might even race a hen;

Then on to the King's Head quiz night

Armed only with a pen!

Chorus

9) So, there's fresh lead in my pencil,

New blood in my veins;

I'm heading back to Bonsall

I'm coming home again...

Chorus

10) Well this song it started

As just a bit o' fun;

But a smidgen of controversy

Has recently begun!

Chorus

11) So, I'm 'The T'Owd Man of Bonsall'

Let's all celebrate my fame;

Now a resident of Wirksworth,

But please use my proud full name!

All acclaim together: 'The T'Owd Man of Bonsall'

Chorus

Spoken words over atmospheric chords...

"When the displaced people of the world can go home. When lead miners and all those working in dangerous conditions or experiencing exploitation can earn a proper wage and work in safe conditions; when their families can live together and in decent homes with access to sanitation, safe water, sufficient food and accessible health care; when their children can go to school; when the Elgin marbles are returned; and (for the December 2018 'Mutterings') when the Christmas spirit is not just for Christmas... then may be, just may be 'The T'Owd Man of Bonsall' might also find his way home!"

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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.



▲ Bus Shelter

In February fundraising and the donations of materials, the bus shelter was faced with limestone, stone quoins, lintels and cills, including a T'Owd Man panel chiselled and donated by Allan Pugh.

Negotiations with the Land Agents for the Diocese continued over the Park lease. The Parish Council agreed a budget and precept for the year to meet the cost. The January meeting fixed the annual precept at £18,500, equivalent to an increase in council tax of £12.03 for a Band D household in the village.



Also on 31 March, the Church Easter Fair was held the Village Hall, with tea and cakes (of course) an tombola, raffle, bric-a-brac, colouring competition, treasure hunt with prizes and Easter hat making.

◀ Bonsall Carnival

Carnival was a great success, although we might have wished for a little less rain for the cream teas on the Sunday. The Youlgrave Brass Band and the Wirksworth ukulele band had an appreciative audience. There were more than 30 teams in the Treasure Hunt. The Fun Run had 66 entrants (youngest was Rezzi Mettam aged 3, oldest were Jan Forrester and John Gorman aged 66). The Wheelbarrow Race was won by Elliot Poplar and Josh Taylor. The five-a-side football was won by Logan and Co. and the tug of War winners were the Study Pullers. A great carnival week of other activities topped off by another Friday night of wonderful lanterns and fireworks.



▲ The Rectory Room

In March the School had an additional room to teach pupils with completion of the Rectory Room. The final stages are equipping the room with furniture and ICT. An auction to raise funds was held at the Kings Head on 3 March and raised £2617.96 for the new classroom. The grand opening of the Rectory Room was held on 18 May.

In May, the Parish Council was ready to take delivery of two new defibrillators for Townhead and The Dale.



▲ The Inaugural Gathering of the Bonsall Lunch Club

It took place on 16 May when 16 people enjoyed their meal of home-cooked fare at the Village Hall. It is held on the third Wednesday of each month, open to all, of any age, to sit down to a two-course wholesome meal with coffee/tea afterwards.

Cameron Orr competed in the Commonwealth Games at the Gold Coast in Australia in April ▶



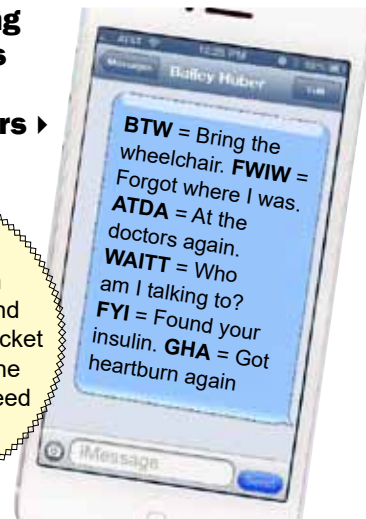
In May, the Parish Council had a report from the Quarry Liaison Group about Slinger Top Quarry in Cromford. The timescale for the current works, which were causing noise complaints, was to be extended as work had not progressed as expected during the winter. The revised date for expected completion was the end of 2018. Ball Eye Quarry was reported to be for sale and not active.

Bonsall Fun Pet Show ▶

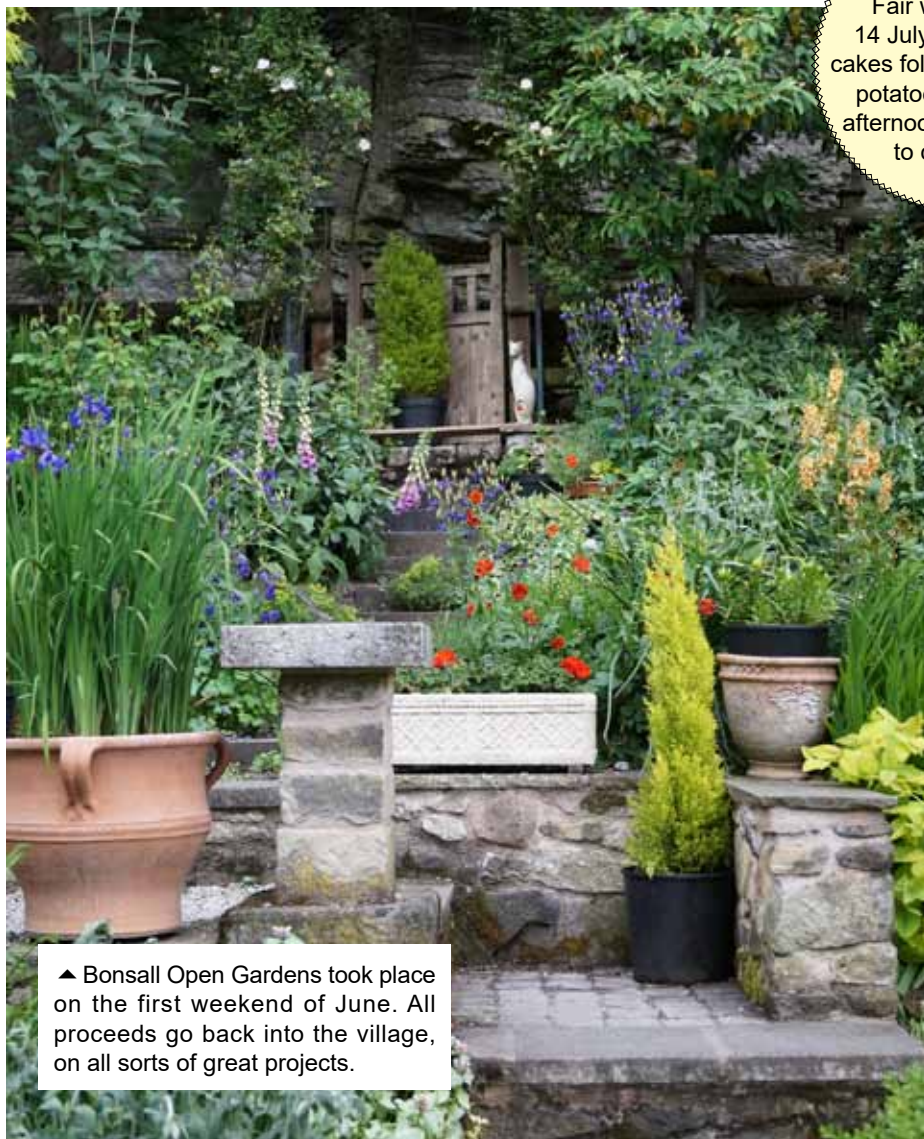
It was held on 17 June in the Park and the Village Hall. There were dog races throughout the afternoon and also photographic and fruit and vegetable animal competitions and snail racing. Plus a 'vintage bric-a-brac' stall and the CCLL Charity stall with children's tombola and a raffle.



Texting Codes for Seniors ▶



The School Fair was held on 14 July with tea and cakes followed by jacket potatoes later in the afternoon (so no need to cook tea!)



▲ Bonsall Open Gardens took place on the first weekend of June. All proceeds go back into the village, on all sorts of great projects.

The Horticultural, Culinary and Craft Show had another exceptional show. Carnival Queen, Erin Taylor, made the presentation of cups, rosettes and certificates of merit. The Family Trophy was won by the Morris family. The auction of produce followed, led by the ever mercurial and amazingly well-behaved Jon Barry, and generously supported by the audience. Proceeds from the show go entirely to the Bonsall Seniors Fund ▶



▲ Drumming Sessions

Four practice sessions for the street drumming group for the Carnival Procession were held during July at the Village Hall with super chilled Adam Watkins leading the group.



▲ The Parish Council continues to get complaints of dangerous speeding through the village; in addition to the Speedwatch initiative there is a group setting up to look at other measures that might be taken to reduce this.

In July, two trail booklets with 14 readings and poems on the themes of "Commemorating the First World War" and "Journeys" were added to the Wander and Ponder Trail in the church and churchyard. A third trail booklet is planned for the autumn to coincide with the centenary of the ending of World War One, with a proposed theme of "Peace".

This year's Harvest Auction took place on 7 October in the Kings Head.

The Village Hall Autumn Fair was on Saturday 3 November.



The Seniors' Xmas Party was held on 3 December.

In October, the Church Spire Cockerel Appeal passed £10,000. A Murder Mystery fundraising evening was held in November ▼



◀ October 31 and once again, as if by magic, Halloween arrived at The Cross. Between 6pm and 8pm, the magical and mysterious haunted house was open for ghouls, ghosts and other creatures of the night. The pumpkin carving competition decorated The Cross.

Genuine Accident Reports On Insurance Claims

"I told the police that I was not injured, but on removing my hat found that I had a fractured skull."

"No one was to blame for the accident but it would never have happened if the other driver had been alert."

"I didn't think the speed limit applied after midnight."

"The indirect cause of the accident was a little guy in a small car with a big mouth."

"The accident was caused by me waving to the man I hit last week."

"Windscreen broke. Cause unknown. Probably Voodoo."

"No witnesses would admit having seen the mishap until after it happened."

"I had been learning to drive with power steering. I turned the wheel to what I thought was enough and found myself in a different direction going the opposite way."

"I had been driving for forty years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident."

"I left for work this morning at 7am as usual when I collided with a bus. The bus was five minutes early."

"An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my car and vanished."

"The accident happened because I had one eye on the truck in front, one eye on the pedestrian, and the other on the car behind."

"I started to turn and it was at this point I noticed a camel and an elephant tethered at the verge. This distraction caused me to lose concentration and hit a bollard."

Spotted by Peter Fellows

Bonsall had paid a huge price during the war. Altogether forty nine men, with close Bonsall links, had paid the ultimate sacrifice. Over eighty other Bonsall men served at some stage during the war. Not all of them faced enemy action.

Nationally, 1 in 10 of the men serving were killed; in Bonsall it was nearer 1 in 3. Some men returned physically scarred and disabled and all who had seen action returned affected by their experiences.

On Saturday 19 July 1919, peace celebrations were held throughout the country.

In Bonsall, the morning saw a cricket match between teams of married and single men (the married men won), followed in the afternoon by a parade of Boy Scouts and their bugle band through the village, saluting the Union Flag at the Cross. A substantial tea was provided for all the villagers, with the Cross decorated with evergreen garlands, and with flags and bunting displayed throughout the village.

In the evening, children's sports were postponed due to rain and a free dance was hastily arranged in the Church Schoolroom. Mrs Taggart, the vicar's wife, played the piano and dancing continued until after midnight.

There was also great rejoicing a fortnight later on 2 August 1919, when a 'dinner and smoking concert' was held to welcome home Bonsall servicemen. Before this there was a procession, headed by Whatstandwell Brass Band, of demobilised soldiers and sailors, officials of the Urban District Council, Bonsall Boy Scouts and Bugle Band and scholars of the different denominations.

After proceeding around the village, with a stop at The Study to play a selection of music in front of the house, there was a service in Park Bottom, where Col. Brooke-Taylor spoke of "the ready response made by Bonsall's boys at their country's call" and how he would never forget the arrival of Bonsall's first contingent at Derby, with their "More to follow" flag.

Colonel Brooke-Taylor then presented a Military Medal to ex-Private J. Massey and said how well Bonsall lads had acquitted themselves and everyone should be proud of them.

At 6pm, the servicemen, their friends and relatives, and the nearest relations of the fallen sat down to a four-course dinner in the Church Schoolroom. At 7 pm, the postponed sports took place in one of William Potter's fields, along with a band and dancing and then followed a smoking

concert until 10 pm with Annie Buckley, landlady of The Fountain, who had lost her husband Frank in the war, undertaking the catering and obtaining a temporary licence to sell refreshments.

In February 1920, there were entertainments in the Red Triangle Hut to raise funds for a war memorial. It was also decided to make a rood screen for St. James' Church, dedicated to the men who had fallen, at a cost of £140. The Service of Dedication of the rood screen was held in the church on 27 of March 1920, and was presided over by the Rector, Reverend Joseph Taggart, and the Right Reverend Bishop of Derby.

Reverend Taggart gave thanks "to Almighty God for his mercies in granting victory to our arms" and asked the Bishop to dedicate the memorial to "the lasting memory of those from this parish who nobly made the supreme sacrifice".

On Sunday 2 October 1921 the civil authorities paid their respects at the ceremony to unveil the War Memorial by the Cross. The unveiling was carried out by Charles F. White MP, who had served for a number of stormy years on Bonsall Urban District Council and other dignitaries present included the Chairman of Bonsall UDC, C. Allsop and the Rector. The hymns sung at the unveiling included O God our Help in Ages Past and 'Rock of Ages, and the ceremony ended with the playing of the Last Post and the singing of the National Anthem.

In this way Bonsall drew a religious and a secular line under the Great War although, for those who had lost loved ones, we can be certain that they were never able to forget the effects it had on them.

On 28 July 2014, to mark the 100 years since the start of "the war to end wars", villagers gathered at the Cross for a reading of the Rev Taggart's letter to the troops, a poem read by the great grandson of a survivor and the sounding of the Last Post. Finally, the names of the fallen were read out. On 4 August candles were lit round the Cross.

We will remember them.

Peter Greaves



Bonsall Parish Council Report for 20 November 2018

Christmas car parking: District Councillor Purdy advised that from 1st December parking for all vehicles in all Derbyshire Dales Council car parks would be free after 2.00 pm daily.

Lamp post poppies: the Chair Mark Harris thanked Councillor Jon Barry and Anne Barry for their work on the village poppy display, which had been widely appreciated.

Planning/noise problems Bonsall Moor: a member of the public expressed concern at increased activity at the motocross site at Leys Lane (former White Low pit). He said that the noise nuisance used to be occasional but that the activity was being commercially advertised and was now regular and intrusive. He recently counted 41 vehicles on site. The business is advertising race events for next year. He had been advised by the Peak District National Park that the planning use is being looked at, and that there was no permission for the cafe building and that this had been ordered to be removed 12 months ago. There was also further discussion about the double decker bus which appears to be being lived in at Blakemere pit, and vehicle and other activity at disused farm buildings off Moor Lane. The Peak Park authority is aware of these and is investigating. It was agreed that the Parish Council should seek to secure discontinuation of any unauthorised activity on these sites, and to reduce as far as possible the noise

and other environmental nuisance associated with the White Low pit site.

Slinter Top Quarry: there was no further information on the timetable for the planning application, and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to the County Council for an update. Complaints were still being received about noise, although some of this related to Dene quarry. The Quarry Liaison meeting was discussed, and it was agreed to ask (1) for a visit site to understand the works; (2) how long current works are likely to now last.

Churchyard responsibilities: the Parish Council is going to take on formal responsibility for maintenance of the closed churchyard so that the management of the land can stay within the control of the village.

After discussions with the Parochial Church Council a formal request has been received to take on responsibility for maintenance of the remainder of the closed churchyard. The Parish Council had been carrying out this work since at least 1984 and claiming for the cost of doing so from the District Council. The main additional responsibility would be for maintenance of walls and trees.

The District Council contended that the Parish Council was already responsible for maintenance by virtue of the work done and claims; they had suspended payment for the maintenance work until the legal responsibility was resolved. There

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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was an option for the Parish Council to now pass on that responsibility to the District Council under the legislation, although the District Council had previously indicated that such a transfer might be challenged.

After discussion, and after taking into account the external advice received by the Council, it was agreed that the Parish Council should assume responsibility for the maintenance of the closed churchyard for the future, on the grounds that:

- It would allow the village to retain control of this important facility, in particular to control the quality and frequency of mowing and strimming work (there had previously been complaints about District Council work on the churchyard area they currently maintain);
- It would enable retention of the Parish Council staff member to undertake the maintenance work at the current high standard;
- It would avoid a potentially expensive dispute if responsibility were transferred on to the District Council, and release the claims that were suspended while the issue was in dispute (approximately £2500);
- It would avoid the possibility that in future the District Council could recharge their costs direct back to Council taxpayers in the parish (likely to be at a much higher cost than current).

It was recognised that there would be ongoing costs associated with tree work but that the Council could seek competitive rate schedules from local contractors to reduce these.

Flooding and Storm water damage: the Clerk reported on the flood inspection by the County Council on 5 November 2018. Their staff had visited other properties in the village since. Councillor Addis said that the highway team had just been working on Bankside. Councillors discussed the report submitted for Cascades, which was noted, and it was hoped that the County

Council report might give some explanation on the questions raised.

There was also concern that the current surface water from the Clatterway drained into Bonsall brook, which did not have capacity to take all run off. It was agreed that these issues needed to await the outcome of the flood report and the Clerk was asked to request the County Council to update on progress.

Community Noticeboard: the Council welcomed a proposal by a village group for a new community notice board to be sited at the Fountain. Examples of similar boards in Winster and Youlgrave were shown. The possibility of a board within the bus shelter was discussed. It was agreed that the proposal should be supported in principle, and potentially part grant aided, and that the group should also consider Action Grant and other grant funding.

Defibrillators: the Council noted with thanks £364.03 from the Bonsall Community Development fund and £27.20 from Linda Cauldwell and Rita Bough towards the defibrillator fund for a unit at the school. This meant that the fund stands at £1300 against a target of £1500 for the new unit; the Parish Council is to seek grants towards the remainder but any donations would be welcome (please contact Richard Taylor or the Clerk).

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 7.30 pm on Tuesday 18 December 2018. If you have any issues to be raised at the meeting please contact the Clerk Tony Payne with details by Monday 10 December 2018.

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Clean Water to Bonsall — Part 2: Tap Dancing

For we are getting towards the next stage in the surprisingly involved history of Adam's Ale in Bonsall.

The winter of 1894-95 was exceptionally frosty, and the water supply was severely damaged. Some places were still without water in late March. Critical letters were written to the local papers, and ONE WHO KNOWS replied, usefully for historians giving many details recounted above.

He (probably a he) told of the voluntary subscription that had allowed the water mains to be installed, and of the voluntary subscriptions that had maintained the system up to the winter catastrophe. A plumber's bill of £10 had come in and must be paid, and another £25 and more was needed, and he called for public support for the repairs.

Perhaps the voluntary system had reached its limits — there had only been three calls for maintenance money in the 25 years of operation, and maybe the winter had merely caught up on upkeep skimped in that time. A lesson for these days of "austerity"?

Whatever the outcome of the newspaper correspondence, the 1896 OS map shows the Wellhead Lane reservoir as belonging to the recently formed Bonsall UDC (Urban District Council). It's possible that very little was done immediately, as in 1899 the "piggeries" controversy was acted out, the newly elected populist council declining to enforce a bye-law prohibiting pigsties



within 50 yards of the water supply. If the supply had been only from taps taking water from the Manor Farm and Wellhead Lane reservoirs, very few pigs would have been made styleless.

Prior to this, the previous council had balked at spending £750 on the water supply, and it looks possible

that parts of the village had reverted to the arrangements before 1870.

An alternative interpretation is that the water was fine, if a bit intermittent in parts, and that the old elitist council had been trying to define every tap as a water source, in order to suppress The People's smelly but nourishing and profitable piggeries.

I hope the latter is true, because many years passed before a scheme to improve and extend the water supply was implemented. The supply from Manor Farm to High Street, Yeoman Street and Ember Lane remained in the hands of the original Trustees until 1901, so presumably that was patched up.

In 1902 the UDC considered a four page report by a Matlock Bath engineer, William Jaffrey (Chartered Engineer), who besides indicating that the cost had now gone up to £805, gave some details of the existing supply. Although the reservoirs were in good condition, they needed updating — roofing and better filtration — and one of the springs feeding that at Manor Farm was liable to pollution.

He recommended abandoning this spring, and using another that he had located. The pipework of the Manor Farm supply was, he believed, in good condition, but that at Uppertown was poor, and needed replacing. (Maybe the supply had failed at the time the 1896 OS map was surveyed; in any case, no drinking fountains are marked

there, although the others are). He also recommended extending the Uppertown pipework down The Bank to Dale Top, and the Manor Farm pipework down Clatterway to the Pig of Lead (sic- though it was still the staid Via Gellia Inn on the OS map).

The biggest change was to add a completely new reservoir at Boiling Pot Well on Byeways Lane, to supply Puddle Hill, Arter Hill and The Dale. It took some time for the UDC to agree to this scheme,

and raise the money. The work was not finished before the end of 1906, but at last a comprehensive water supply covered almost all the village. Town End and Herbert Lodge, Horsedale, and much to the annoyance of the inhabitants, Slaley, were still beyond the pail, though paying for the water through the rates.

A new edition of the 25" OS map was published in 1922, showing changes up to 1920, and this gives, for the first time, the locations of the public water taps as "W.T.". Twenty-five of them, if I've counted right, all the way from Uppertown to the Pig of Lead, as well as the drinking fountains. Mrs Prince's contribution at the Cross, with its quotation from John's Gospel, was marked as a W.T. - had the drinking bowl already been broken by then? And the Uppertown wells were marked W.T., so maybe they were there in 1896 when taps didn't get on the map, and never had a drinking fountain bowl until the millennium. Only local memories can tell, and they are at a premium these days.

I had hoped to finish here, an uplifting story of local enterprise and progress, from rural

squalor to a good, clean, abundant water, even if the engineer's calculations were stingy by modern standards.

Jaffrey's report of 1902 had allowed between 10.5 and 20 gallons per day per person, the lower figure being "a fair allowance for a rural district". 48 litres a day. My bath alone holds about 120 litres.

But, thanks to newspaper cuttings dug up by our local Herodotus, Peter Greaves, I now know that the long delay between the engineer's report and the final implementation was due in large measure to political squabbling. That 119 ratepayers signed a petition opposing the scheme, perhaps afraid of the cost. That the scheme ended up costing £1100 (or £1250 in another report) not £805, despite a fall in the price of labour — the cost was borrowed from the Public Works Loan Commissioners, and paid back at £55 a year from the rates, about 4d in the pound and all ratepayers paid whether they had a supply or not. It also appears that the construction was unsatisfactory, with badly filled trenches making the roads uneven, that supply was intermittent at times, and that a contractor walked off with the lead piping from part of the 1870 scheme.

There was argument about who owned the Boiling Pot spring, and, surprisingly, the Wellhead Lane spring that had already been in use for over 30 years. And people were still complaining in 1922. (to be continued)

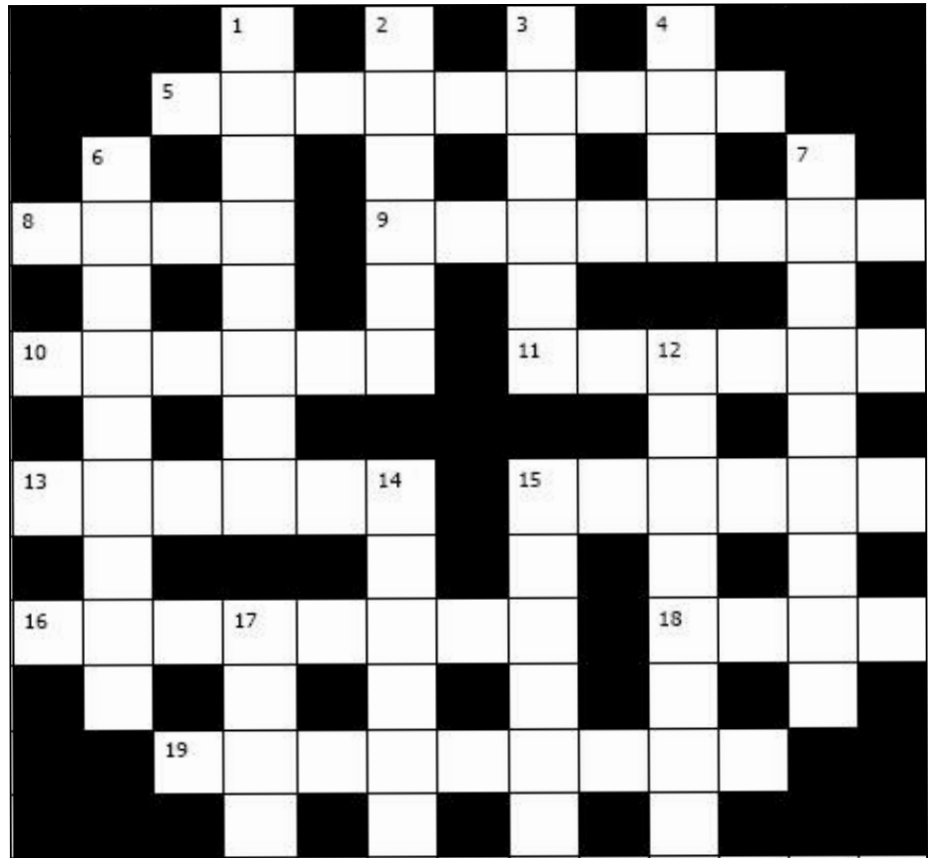
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Across:

- 5. 8. Three articles support leading barrister, initially. (3,6)
- 8. Found in the Adriatic - a floating toilet! (4)
- 9. 8. Murder worker with top of machete embedded. (8)
- 10. Fingers poke. 'Tis terrible! (6)
- 11. 8. Hero's mate is lacking any heart. (6)
- 13. Escorts topless drug-dealers! (6)
- 15. Wind up slice of svelt tennis-player making a come-back. (6)
- 16. Company worker is kept in order - with this? (4,4)
- 18. Check credit? (4)
- 19. Topless, satisfy last two of Donald Trump's second character? Poor woman! (5,4)

Down:

- 1. Excavation or bomb? (4-4)
- 2. Lives in a messy bedsit, briefly. (6)
- 3. Beast seen heading north in Bedlam in August. (6)
- 4. Soon, Arthur noticed our nervy introductions. (4)
- 6. 8. Live trees sting with no limits. (2-5-2)
- 7. 8. Let client stew. (9)
- 12. 8. A prude with no resistance embraces idiot! (8)
- 14. Spears scattered? Yes! (6)
- 15. 8. Short friend of Big Ears takes on the French! (6)
- 17. 8. Amin blown up! (4)

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Answers to crossword no. 100

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13. Catnap. 15. Ararat. 16. Taranaki. 18. Beeb. 19. Apennines.
Down: 1. Mountain. 2. Hobble. 3. Kidnap. 4. Mere. 6. Himalayas.
7. Simulated. 12. Near Beer. 14. Plains. 15. Acidic. 17. Alps.

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Electricity emergencies 0800 0568090

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Household Waste Recycling Centre

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Monthly 2nd Fridays at the Fountain,
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PC Pat Squires and PCSO Spencer Nixon
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Victim support 825544

Antisocial behaviour coordinator 761187

Community safety 761101

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Wirksworth 823034

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