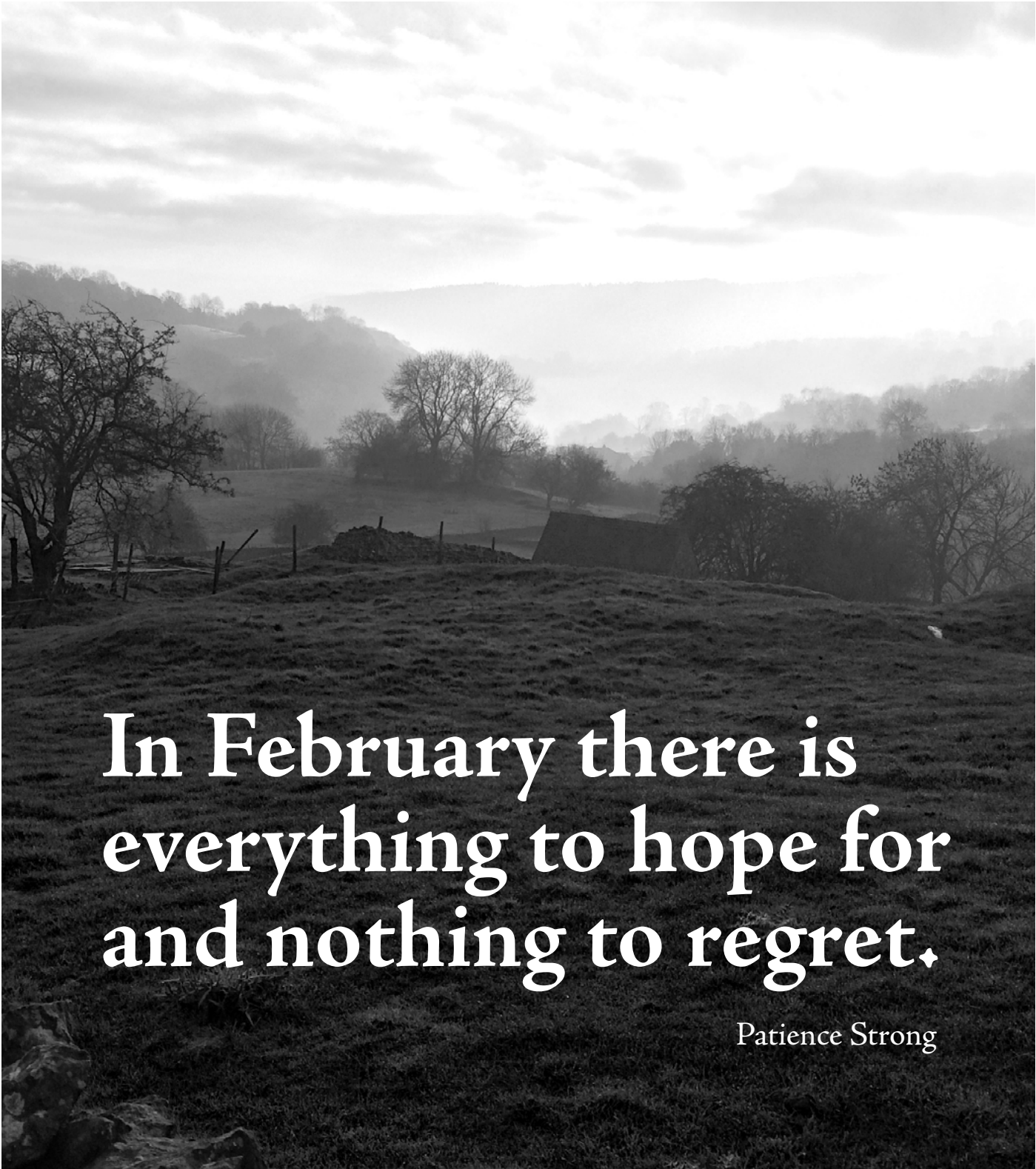




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# T'Owd Man's Mutterings



In February there is  
everything to hope for  
and nothing to regret.

Patience Strong



*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*

## February 2019

### St James

- 3 9.30am Sanctuary  
10 9.30am Eucharist  
17 11.00 am Morning Worship  
25 9.30 am 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

Our coffee morning is on Tuesday 26 February 10am to 12pm. A warm welcome to everyone. Our Family Sunday will be on Sunday 24 February 10am to 11:30am. Followed by lunch at 12:00pm. We would love to see you there. For more information please check out our website:  
[www.villagelifechurch.org.uk](http://www.villagelifechurch.org.uk)

### Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel

Sunday Services during February are at 2.30 pm.

**Friday 15 February**  
2.00 - 4.00 pm Cuppa & Cake

**Friday 1 March** 1.30 pm  
Churches together - Women's World Day of Prayer with girls from Bonsall School taking part.

All are welcome to join with us at any or all of the above events.  
Every Blessing for 2019

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## The Season of Epiphany

As I write this the Church is celebrating the season of Epiphany.

When the world moves on from listening to Noddy Holder declare that 'It's Christmaaaaaas!' we explore key events in the life of Christ. According to every nativity play ever (except the ones with a selection of odd animals – no there was not an octopus present at the birth of Christ, as far as we know) the Magi, the three kings, wise men, turned up shortly after the baby entered the world. He was still wrapped in swaddling bands. But that is not the case in scripture. They came much later, Jesus was a toddler, essentially, by the time they arrived. Fair enough, they had a long walk...

Their visit, and the presents they gave, tell us that they saw Jesus as a king, and that they imagined him as a king whose kingdom would include everyone. Even them. He was not simply for one group of people. Jesus was for the whole world.

The next week, we learn about the baptism of Christ. He was an adult at this point, and he presented himself, humbly, before John the Baptist (who initially refused to perform the baptism saying that Jesus was greater than him). John was persuaded, and he took Jesus out into the river.

Jesus was a man not given to drawing attention to himself, he didn't have to assert any importance. He came, like everyone else, to John and was baptised in the same waters. Here it was declared that he is the Son of God. But he doesn't claim any special treatment.

And then we have the turning of water into wine. This is the story of Jesus' first miracle. I love this because it shows us that Jesus approves of a party. He was all for taking joy in the everyday things of life: marriage, family, food and drink. He does as his mother asks him, and in doing so he demonstrates that he is more than just an earthly man, more than just a leader. He is the one to bring hope, to show us the God who loves us.

That is still the case, all these years later. Christians still find hope in the God who loves us and the world. Sometimes faith is hard, sometimes it doesn't make sense, but in remembering these events, the beginnings of Jesus' ministry, we can remind ourselves why we committed to this way of life. This one, who came as a human just like us, but showed himself to be someone extraordinary, he can be our light and our hope. So, in dark and complicated times, I hope you can find some peace in Him.

Best wishes,

**Rev'd Lindsay Pearson, St James**

## Catholic Church Services

### Our Lady and St. Teresa of Lisieux

Gorsey Bank, Wirksworth

Mass Sundays 9 am, Holy Days 7 pm.

Service of Holy Communion every Wednesday morning at 10 am.

**Contact Fr. Robbie O'Callaghan**  
(01773 743336)

### Our Lady and St. Joseph Church

Bank Rd, Matlock

Mass times Saturdays 6 pm,  
Sundays 8.30 am & 10.30 am.  
Holy Days 9.30 am & 7 pm.

Daily Mass Mondays and Fridays 7 pm. Tuesdays – Thursdays 9.30 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation –

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

**Contact Fr. Bernard Needham (582804)**

There is a fortnightly newsletter listing ongoing events.

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



## VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

### Doreen Rickards

It is with great sadness that the family have to report the death of Doreen Rickards on 28 November 2018. Doreen was born and bred in Bonsall on 18 February 1930, the eldest daughter to Isaac and Millicent Gratton. She was followed by a brother Peter who sadly passed away in 1983. Doreen began her working life as a secretary for the railway at Rowsley and cycled to and from home every day. She met and married husband Ian in February 1955 and a path had to be cleared to the church after heavy snowfall. Her first son David was born in 1957 followed by Martin in 1959. Doreen returned to work after having her children; working for Harry Evans, Derbyshire Stone and latterly Tarmac, working at Longcliffe, Middleton, Cawdor Quarry, on Dale Road and finally at Gordon Lodge in Snitterton. Sadly her husband Ian had passed away in 1978 and she then became more involved in a great deal of hobbies from flower arranging, lace making, decoupage classes, embroidery at the Imperial Rooms and Starkholmes Church Hall, whatever project she was undertaking she gave it her all and we cannot think that she failed at anything. She was a member

at Starkholmes over 60's club and loved to go on their outings as she had a great fondness of travelling. Doreen was extremely proud of her family and never tired of listening to all the tales that were told regarding her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Doreen will mostly be remembered for her organ playing in church for a great number of years, never missing only when cancelled due to the weather or when she fell and broke her wrist. In recognition of this she was awarded the Bishops Badge and took eight members of her family to Derby Cathedral to be presented with this. I don't think she realised what a huge hole she was going to leave but we can rest assured that her great grandchildren will never forget what a wonderful woman that she was. The family would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their cards and messages of sympathy which have been so greatly appreciated and the generosity of donations which amounts so far to over £700.00 which is to be split equally between St James's Church, Bonsall and Wesleyan Reform Chapel, The Dale.

Many heartfelt thanks to you all.

**David, Martin, Jill, Di and families**



## FLOODLIGHTING

### February

For Richard and Kath Taylor, the 2 February has loving memories of Kath's Mum. Val, Steven and family remember Val's brother, David Evans, on his birthday 4 February. Mick Baugh is remembered by Rita, Rachael, Danny and their families on his birthday, also on 4 February. The beginning of the month is when Dr Jayme Rolls is remembered fondly as a teacher and a special friend. Beryl Webster, Jenny and family lovingly remember Jack, particularly on 12 February. The lighting helps bring fond memories of Aunty Joan to all the Rickard family around 14 February. On 20 February is when Eric Gregory's thoughts are very much of Mary with much love.

**Di Moor, 824376**

dimoor2014@yahoo.co.uk

## LETTERS

### Mutterings needs your help

We have a team of people who volunteer to produce Mutterings each month, with each having a different role. Some distribute the copies to the 15 people who deliver Mutterings around the village, and others focus on collecting the photos and articles, or take it in turns to design each issue. Tanya has been one of the designers for many years but has now moved away from Bonsall. She has offered to continue helping out until we can find someone to replace her. So if you think you might be able to help, please get in touch with one of the editors (phone numbers on the back page) to see what is involved. We can arrange for you to spend as much or as little time as you can afford, but for 2019 it is likely to be about half a day's input in April and August. We would also welcome extra help collecting the articles and photos. We can offer as much training and support as is needed for both roles.

**Editors**

### Appeal for unwanted items

This is an appeal for unwanted items to help a couple of fairly local causes. The items will be given to the people in need, not sold in shops.

They need warm clothes, food, sleeping bags and toiletries for a charity called Doorways. It's run by volunteers who go out several evenings a week to provide hot and cold food, drinks, clothing, bedding and social interaction to the homeless, rough sleepers and vulnerable. You can find out more from Doorways Derby.

Secondly if you have any clothes, toys, books or toiletries they would be given to families who have fled from domestic violence. It doesn't matter if the toiletries are part used.

I can collect any bags of things if you ring or text, or you can bring them to my house. They will be gratefully received. Thankyou.

**Kath Punchard**

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## LETTERS

### The Peak Wind Orchestra - coming to Bonsall! Saturday 23 March 2019

We are very pleased to say that the Peak Wind Orchestra will be performing in Bonsall Church on Saturday 23 March 2019. Some of us have already had the joy of watching them perform in Youlgrave at Christmas, but this time they will be banishing the Winter and welcoming the Spring with a programme full of vitality and variety guaranteed to propel us into the warmer weather and longer days.

Tickets at £10 will be available from me, Caroline (01629 823762) or on the door and will include a glass of wine or soft drink and nibbles at the interval. All the proceeds will go for the last push to make the Cockerel safe on his perch at the top of the spire of St James' Church.

Please ring if you require further information.

**Caroline and David Kirkham**  
01629823762

### Poppy Appeal

Thank you so much to the people of Bonsall for your brilliant generosity to the Poppy Appeal. The collection raised £723.78. A big thank you to the collectors - it's not easy up and down steps and paths - and to raise over £700 is wonderful. Thank you all again.

**Norma Marshall**

### Village Hall Luncheon Club

I am sure we speak for all who have attended pre- and post-Christmas lunches in conveying our grateful thanks to the team of volunteers who willingly give of their time to provide these excellent meals and at such reasonable rates we wonder how you manage to do so. The events are always a convivial and social affair with quizzes and good company - to be recommended to all. Once again, Thanks to all the team, your efforts are very much appreciated.

**Ron & Janet Brown**

## VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

### Thanks to Doreen

The Editors would like to express their condolences to Doreen Rickards' family and note our thanks to both her and son David for delivering Mutterings since we started in 2003 - and many years earlier for Doreen, who also delivered the Church Bulletin before that. David has offered to continue deliveries along The Dale until we can find another person to take over. If you live in The Dale or Arter Hill/Puddle Hill and would be willing to take on the deliveries, please get in touch with one of us.

**Editors**

### Women's World Day of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday 1 March 2019 at the Wesleyan Reform Chapel in The Dale at 1.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

**Norma**

### Allotment News - Vacant Allotments available!

Several allotments are likely to become vacant this season and although it's early for planting the ground is in fair condition for making preparations. Despite the drought through June and July, last year turned out to be a great growing year and fruit and vegetable crops were some of the best we've had up there. Fruit from the community orchard - plums, apples and pears - were especially good.

Plots range in size, from a quarter plot (approx. 16 X 8 metres) at £15 pa., to a full plot (approx. 25 X 10metres) at £70 pa. If anyone is interested, get in touch with me on 825591 and we can arrange to meet up on the site and see what's available. It's worth thinking about it now because once the season gets going there will be more competition for the vacant plots.

**Penny Collier**

# VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

## BONSALL

WITHIN LIVING MEMORY  
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BONSALL  
HISTORY  
GROUP

### New Bonsall History Book: Bonsall within Living Memory

The latest book by the Bonsall History Group is now on sale at £10 + P&P. It is a record of the memories of people who grew up in the village from the 1920s, when the oldest of the 42 contributors remembered their childhoods, over 50 years to the 1970s. Topics covered (with a few quotes from the book) are:

How we lived: "People used to go and tip their rubbish in The Park and it were buried there."

"Whatever drop of water we took in the house we had to use it; we had no drainage."

"Jim Bunting was the night-soil collector and we used to call the night-soil cart the 'Cadbury Wagon'."

School: "Sometimes we would play truant and go and watch the monkeys in their cages on Matlock Bath Parade."

Leisure and entertainment; "In winter, you could get on a sledge at Uppertown and not stop 'til you got to Pig o' Lead."

"The gangs from Cromford used to fight with the gangs from Bonsall - they had a great time."

"We were not allowed to play out on Sundays. The swings in The Park were chained together to stop them being used."

Church and chapels: "Oswald gave her and other children sixpence each not to laugh during his sermon!"

"We attended various chapels, depending on where you believed they were going on their annual trip!"

Earning a living; "I used to measure the milk into customers' jugs - no pasteurisation or anything. The milk was just sieved to get any bits out of it."

Accidents: "He was struck by a piece of rock that fell from the roof. He sustained a fractured skull and was carried by other workmen some two miles to the foot of the shaft and taken to the surface."

Court cases; "Alfred Conway was summonsed for driving a horse and cart without lights."

"A railway shunter of The Cross, Bonsall, was given six months' hard labour for stealing a pair of woollen pants, a pair of ladies slippers and five cleaning cloths, value £2/10/-."

World War II: "We had to sleep in the Clubroom behind the Fountain Inn overnight and go out on manoeuvres on Masson Hill."

"The Home Guard used to practice marching. I remember they only had sweeping brushes on their shoulders, instead of guns."

With 194 pages and nearly 150 photographs, the book is a detailed and compelling record for anyone interested in the daily lives and concerns of people in the village during the middle of the 20th Century. You can order a copy online at [www.bonsallhistory.org.uk/Shop](http://www.bonsallhistory.org.uk/Shop) or contact me on 825267 or [pfellows@btinternet.com](mailto:pfellows@btinternet.com). Although there are no further books planned, the History Group will continue and sales of the books will fund future projects and reprints. If you have an idea for a history project, please get in touch to discuss it.

**Peter Fellows**

### Bonsall Community Development Trust

As there had been no requests for grants from the fund for quite some time, the trustees took the decision to close the accounts and asked for suggestions as to whom the money should be given. It was decided that the school defibrillator fund would be the beneficiary and a cheque for £364.03 has been given to Richard Taylor.

**Di Moor.**

### Film Night at Bonsall Village Hall - Friday 22 February 2019

Come along and see David Gilmour's spectacular 2016 concert "Live at Pompeii" on the big screen and in glorious sound surround - a stunning audio-visual experience. The performance takes place in Pompeii's Roman amphitheatre, where gladiators once fought nearly 2000 years ago. It was the first time anyone had performed in the amphitheatre in front of a live audience since 79AD. The concert includes classic Pink Floyd tracks as well as some of David's own (solo album) songs. Free admission, drinks bar. Film starts at 7.30pm, bar open from 7.00pm.

**Alan David**

### Village Lunch

Bonsall folk ranging from 2 to ? (I won't mention the oldest!) all enjoyed themselves thoroughly on 19 Jan 2019 and ate a meal of Cottage Pie with Kale and mixed vegetables followed by Apple Pie with custard or ice cream, finished off with tea or coffee. We will be pleased to welcome all on 20 February 2019 for the next installment. If you would like a place please be sure to phone 826309 by 13 February 2019 mentioning if you have any special food needs.

Happy Cold Season.

**Jenny March**



# VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD



## Call for Host Families for this year's Chernobyl Children's visit

Local CCLL link members are looking for volunteer families to host Belarusian children this summer. It's that time of year again for CCLL's Bonsall and Derbyshire Dales Link to appeal for local families who can offer a temporary home for two Belarusian children this coming summer.

For more than 15 years the link has been bringing kids over from areas of Ukraine and Belarus most severely affected by the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant disaster. The total number of children brought over by the Link since 2002 comes to over 150! During their visit the children enjoy living in a clean and healthy environment, being looked after by a caring group of friendly Link members, and having lots of fun taking part in an extensive activity programme.

Last year the link brought over a group of six children from Belarus. Even though more than 30 years have passed since the tragic nuclear accident, many poorer families still live in the affected areas and have to drink contaminated water and eat contaminated food. It takes over a hundred years for the most harmful radionuclides to reduce to a safe level and the families have no money and no help from their governments to escape their harmful environment. Spending a holiday in the UK significantly boosts the children's health and self-esteem, and gives them a chance of making it to a healthy and successful life in the future.

Our plan for this year is to bring over another six children from Rogachev,

Belarus. We are looking for local families who might be interested in hosting two children between 9 and 15 years of age for two or four weeks (it's up to you) in this year's 4-week summer programme, July 13th to August 10th, 2019. If you are interested, please don't delay contacting us as it takes time for the charity to make all the arrangements for the children's visit.

Hosting children is a fun, mutually enjoyable and rewarding engagement. A pair of children will live with you in your house for two or four weeks, sharing your lifestyle, eating with you at your table and participating in a number of recreational activities organised by the Link committee. Although hosting children certainly requires a level of dedication and responsibility, you are not left on your own or completely tied to the kids, as our support families will happily give you a hand if you need the odd day off. The children are generally well-behaved, and come over with their Group Leader who is also a translator, so there are no particular issues with the language or cultural barrier. All the children will understand some English.

We would be delighted to hear from families living in Bonsall and Slaley and the rest of the Derbyshire Dales area. While Bonsall is the heart of the Link, we have host and support families that live in Matlock, Wirksworth, Darley Dale, Rowsley, Starkholmes, Lea and Birchover, as well as in other Derbyshire villages. If you would like to make a real difference to the lives of Belarusian children this summer, please contact Chris Broome, the Link Chairman, on

Tel. 01629 824512 or by email to chair.bonsall@ccll.org.uk to find out more. For more information about the work of the charity visit the national charity website at [www.ccll.org.uk](http://www.ccll.org.uk).

The Bonsall and Derbyshire Dales Link of CCLL (registered charity No. 1014274) was formed back in 2002 by its current and founding Chairman, Chris Broome, a Bonsall resident for over 28 years. One of over 70 active Links throughout Great Britain, the Link raises its own funds to bring groups of between six and twelve children who live in contaminated areas of Ukraine and Belarus to the UK, to offer them four weeks of fun and TLC along with free eye tests and glasses and dental treatment for those of them who need it.

**Chris Broome**

## Finding lost footpaths

The Ramblers Association is running a project to identify lost footpaths throughout the country. If anyone would like to get involved and identify any lost footpaths around the village, go to <http://www.ramblers.org.uk> and click on 'Don't lose your way' or phone 020 3961 3300 for more information.

**Pete Fellows**

## Winter activities

Here are some further suggestions for winter activities we can do together. There is a lot on in Manchester at the various galleries. In particular at the Whitworth Art Gallery. Exhibitions include 'Thread Bearing Witness' – large textile works concerned with the refugee crisis, 'Textiles from the Islamic World' – self explanatory and 'Bodies of Colour' – breaking with stereotypes in the wallpaper collection. All these exhibitions are free. I would suggest car shares to Buxton station and the train in, as the best way to reach Manchester. Contact me on 822702 or Loreen on 822067 if you are interested in any of the above, or if there are other exhibitions, places to visit or wildlife watching you fancy.

**Maggie Howells**

# VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD



## Bonsall Seniors' Christmas Celebrations

The year has flown by and we entered December with the thoughts of Christmas looming large upon us all. This being so, our merry band of 52 village seniors boarded the coach for another away-day of Christmas cheer on 3 December; this time the venue was the Cherry Tree restaurant at Willington. On arrival we were promptly served with the first of three hearty courses- a choice of starters, soup, carvery or vegan options and a selection of desserts.

Once all had been fed and watered, we were entertained initially by the Manageress who took a shine to a certain Phil Spencer as she sang a rather naughty number called 'Hanky

Panky' - originally a Madonna song we were advised - I think we will leave the rest to the imagination! Albeit to say that Phil's blood pressure has now returned to normal! Our compere for the afternoon sang a few Christmassy songs which were followed by an invitation to all to take to the dance floor. One or two of our group did manage to shake the Christmas dinner down without dislocating any knees or hips! Activities returned to a more leisurely pace in the form of bingo and a raffle, the latter of which Bonsall seemed to pretty much clean up on the prizes, much to the chagrin of the other groups enjoying the occasion.

In all, a very pleasant afternoon ensued, taken in a nice festive spirit, and our party was safely delivered back to the village. The Bonsall Seniors

Committee would like to thank all who continue to support the Seniors in so many ways throughout 2018 and to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

Addendum: Just as a reminder, invitations to the Seniors events are open to all Bonsall residents aged 60 years or over. If anyone feels they qualify and would like to add their names to our lists then please let us know either through a committee member - Linda Cauldwell, Di Moor, Anne Hambly, Jenny March, Pat Spencer, Danielle Whittaker, or Ron or Janet Brown.

**Ron Brown** for Bonsall Seniors Committee

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## VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

### Friends of T'Owd Man

A group has been holding monthly meetings to plan activities that will restrict the increasing exploitation of the T'Owd Man of Bonsall by the Heritage Centre and businesses in Wirksworth. Having gained support from the Parish Council, the group wrote to the Parochial Church Council in October as follows:

To: Members of the PCC

Use of the T'Owd Man's image by Wirksworth.

I am writing on behalf of a group of villagers who are concerned about Wirksworth's increasing appropriation and exploitation of the T'Owd Man of Bonsall. The group met in September and October to discuss how to achieve two aims:

- 1) In the short term, to make all references to T'Owd Man say 'T'Owd Man of Bonsall' and to curtail Wirksworth businesses and Heritage Centre using T'Owd Man for commercial purposes.
- 2) In the longer term, to return T'Owd Man to St James'.

The group acknowledges that T'Owd Man is part of Wirksworth's recent history, but it is not part of its heritage – it is an important part of Bonsall's heritage and should be acknowledged as such. We are drawing the group's activities to the attention of the PCC to request its support to achieve both the short and longer term aims.

The PCC met in November and sent the following reply:

"We are very supportive of any efforts to recognise and promote Bonsall's heritage and recognise what seems to be the original residence and extensive association of the carving of the T'Owd Man of Bonsall, with Bonsall – prior to its relocation in Wirksworth in the late 19th Century. We certainly support and encourage full recognition of T'Owd Man's original heritage in all circumstances and by all groups, not least through the full use of T'Owd Man of Bonsall's name at all times. If this is recognised, then the power of the T'Owd Man of Bonsall as a 'brand' for Wirksworth would be less persuasive, we would have thought. However, we imagine that the issue of 'repatriation' (relocation) from St Mary's Wirksworth to Bonsall after c.150 years is complex: legally, practically, bureaucratically and probably emotionally, and cannot envisage circumstances in which moving him back to Bonsall would be feasible. We wish the group well and support efforts to press for the recognition of T'Owd Man of Bonsall's heritage and full name and to promote his association with the village, but would not want activities relating to the T'Owd Man of Bonsall to foster difficulties with our good neighbours in Wirksworth, with whom we share many things, including a role as co-guardians of the T'Owd Man of Bonsall."

The group will next meet on Tuesday 5 March 2019 at 8pm in the Kings Head. You are very welcome to come and share your views.

**Peter Fellows** On behalf of the Friends of T'Owd Man

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## PARISH COUNCIL

### Report for 18 December 2018 and 15 January 2019 meetings

#### Slinter Top Quarry

The Parish Council responded to another consultation about the environmental impact of the proposed extension to the quarry. They have reiterated concerns about noise from the current operations and how that will be if the quarry is extended, and about how that has been dealt with in the Environmental Impact Assessment, and expressing concern about previous consultation. The planning application may be heard by the County Council committee on 4 March 2019, so anyone who wants to give their views to the County Council needs to do so by that date. This can be done online at:

<https://apps.derbyshire.gov.uk/applications/planning-applications/form.asp?AppCode=CM3/0817/40>;

by email [planningrepresentations@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:planningrepresentations@derbyshire.gov.uk); or by post (quoting application no. CM3/0817/40) to:

Don Mitchell; Department of Economy, Transport and Environment, Derbyshire County Council, County Hall, Matlock DE4 3AG.

#### District Council waste collection

The District Council contract is due for renewal in 2020. Cllr Purdy told the December meeting that the District Council was working to keep the waste collection service unchanged, except that they would have to charge for garden waste collection; the charge is still to be decided.

#### Churchyard trees

After a tree fell from the rock face across Ragcroft and into a neighbour's garden in the autumn, the churchyard trees have been inspected. The District Council has been asked to deal with others above Ragcroft, and the Parish Council are looking to remove some on the boundary of the old churchyard above Yeoman Street. This work would be done as part of the Parish Council's new responsibility for the closed churchyard, which has been transferred from the Parochial Church Council.

#### Churchyard unconsecrated ground

Canon David Truby has offered to arrange for consecration of six plots in the Parish Burial Ground which are currently unconsecrated; a final decision on this will be taken at the meeting of the Parish Council on 19 February 2019. There is limited space remaining now in the cemetery and there has been no call to date for unconsecrated plots.

#### Community Noticeboard

The Parish Council has obtained grant funding of £380 towards a community notice board at the Fountain. The grant was from the District Council Local Projects Fund, £180 supported by District Councillor Joyce Pawley and £200 by Councillor Garry Purdy. The Parish Council has made some provision for this in the budget, and further grant funding is being sought.

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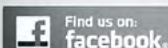
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- dial 999 / Ambulance Services, give your location and the ambulance service will give you a code to open the defibrillator case;
- Ambulance services will talk you through the process, and the defibrillator units themselves give automated instructions on use.

## Parish Council Precept

The Parish Council have agreed a budget for 2019-20 (on the website) and also set the precept for 2019-20. This will be unchanged from last year at £18,500, equivalent to £55.79 for an average Band D household. The precept was left unchanged on account of:

- the need for contingency costs of £1000 for website development, £500 for new community notice board, £300 for legal costs on the park sub-lease, District / Parish Council election costs of £886,
- £500 for planning fees for the churchyard extension and £1500 for churchyard tree work; and
- that projected reserves at the end of 2019-20 were still £4K below the recommended levels.

## Public toilets

The Parish Council is in the process of taking over full responsibility for the toilets from the District Council, and is now waiting for the legal title to be transferred. At the January meeting the Chair reported a letter of thanks from a member of the public praising the cleaning standards, and it was agreed to record the thanks of the Parish Council to Becky Allsopp for her work.

## Twenty's Plenty'

In January the school worked on the artwork for the 'Twenty's Plenty' speed campaign, and the Chair Mark Harris and Councillor Jon Barry did a presentation to the whole school explaining the project, including a dashboard video taken going through the village at 20mph. Asked who had seen accidents or near accidents involving cars, quite a few children put their hands up.

Some great artwork was produced by all three classes, with the help of Julie Leggett and Liz Stoppard from the Arts Group. Ken Clark who has sponsored the project is going to have the difficult job of helping to choose the final set. Many thanks to Julie and Liz and to all at the school for their help.

## Cromford Parish Council joint meeting

In December a joint meeting was held with Cromford Parish Councillors to look at issues of common concern. Traffic problems on the Via Gellia and at Water Lane were one of several topics discussed, and on that it was agreed that both Councils would act together to press the County Council for road works to be co-ordinated, and tree works etc to be undertaken when closures were anticipated. Another meeting is being held in six months' time.

## Flooding Working Group

Following the flooding incidents in the village the Parish Council is setting up a working group to look at any practical planning that can be done to help with future incidents. Anyone who would like to help on this work please contact the clerk.

## Parish Council elections

The term of office of current Parish Councillors ends on 6 May 2019, and a new Council will be appointed. The process was explained at the January meeting: the Notice of Election will be published on 19 March 2019, and anyone wanting to stand should submit nomination papers to the District Council between 19 March and 3 April 2019.

Nomination papers will be available on the District Council website from the beginning of March. If more than eight nominations remained there would be a contested election. Anyone wanting further information on this can contact the District Council 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/](http://www.bonsallvillage.org/), or on the village noticeboards.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19 February 2019. If you have any issues to be raised at the meeting please contact the Clerk Tony Payne with details by Monday 11 February 2019.

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## Parish Councillors

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

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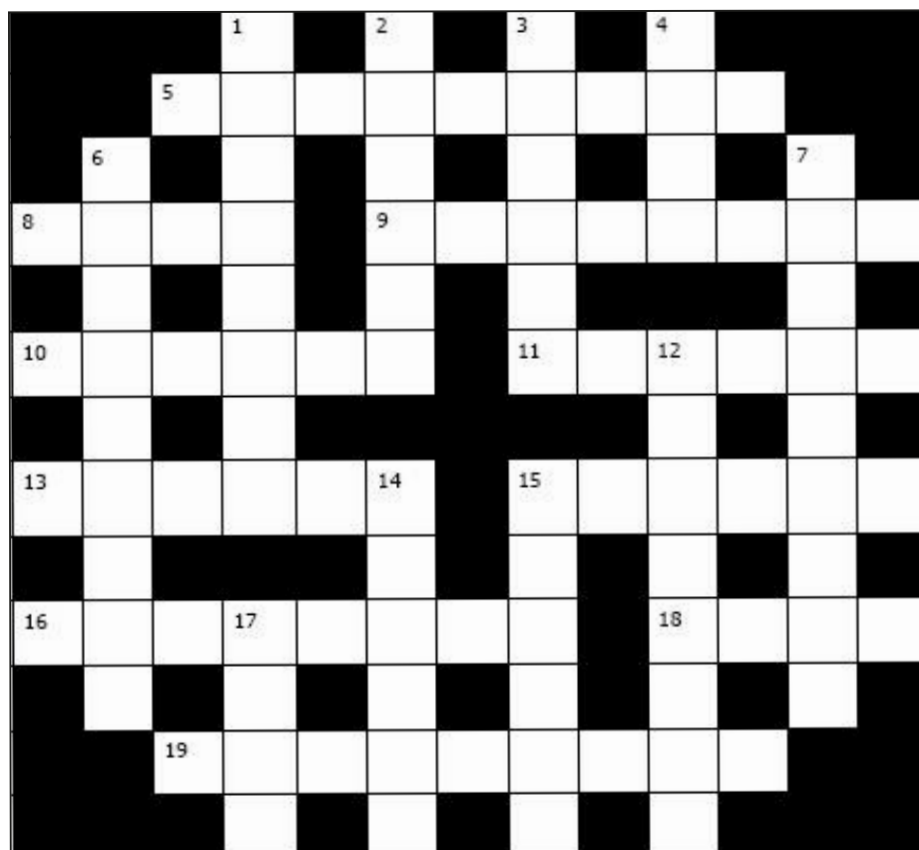
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## CROSSWORD #102



### Across:

5. 10 made from cocoa mixed with the batter. Top of lemon added. Yes! (9)
8. Spin around for Shakespeare's 10. (4)
9. Made the boat ready again for Diana, maybe, with skirt of grass! (8)
10. Redden as cool is abandoned, followed by limitless fury. (6)
11. Row with hesitation in river. (6)
13. 6,0,50 and French 10. (6)
15. Roll and key for Number Ten. (6)
16. Flimsy little rumour - half-American. (8)
18. Steal back device (4)
19. Assailant in rags gores violently. (9)

### Down:

1. Mrs Mop has fuel for Number 10. (8)
2. Etcher who's successful with women? (6)
3. Bicycle, rickety, carries churchman. (6)
4. Detailed platform for male. (4)
6. Revolutionary troops die for banker. (9)
7. Little priest raises 1,000,950 for Number 10. (9)
12. There's a pouring of wine when I join disorganised battalion after Territorial Army deserts. (8)
14. Last two bits of wood exchanged for 10. (6)
15. 10. Part of Dancer is exhausting! (6)
17. A wise man at Number 10!

### Answers to crossword No. 101

Across: 5. Top Banana. 8. Head. 9. Dominant. 10. Digits. 11. Leader. 13. Ushers. 15. Nettle. 16. Firm Hand. 18. Tick. 19. First Lady.

Down: 1. Gold-mine. 2. Abides. 3. Animal. 4. Anon. 6. Be-first-in. 7. Intellect. 12. Aptitude. 14. Sparse. 15. Noodle. 17. Main.

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