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# T'Owd Man's Mutterings

## Spring on Bonsall Moor



Photo: courtesy of Ian Daisely



*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'

**April 2019**

7 9.30am Sanctuary Service  
14 Palm Sunday Eucharist  
20 2.00 pm The Watch  
(Ecumenical Good Friday Service)  
21 9.30am Easter Eucharist  
28 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

Family Funday Sunday will be on Sunday 14 April. 10:30 - 11:30am followed by lunch at 12:00pm. All Age Easter

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Our coffee morning is on Tuesday 30 April 10am to 12pm. A warm welcome to everyone.

For more information please check out our website: [villagelifechurch.org.uk](http://villagelifechurch.org.uk)

### Catholic Church Services Our Lady and St. Teresa of Lisieux Gorse Bank, Wirksworth

Mass Sundays 8.45 a.m. Holy Days  
(See Newsletter)  
Wednesdays Service of Word and Communion  
Fridays Divine Mercy Prayers at 3.00 p.m.  
Contact Fr. Robbie O'Callaghan  
(01629 582804)  
There is a combined weekly newsletter listing ongoing events.

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Sundays 10.30 a.m.  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday  
Mass at 12.15 p.m.  
Friday 6.00 p.m.  
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## CHURCH NEWS

Almost 2,000 years ago the Apostle Paul wrote a letter to a young man called Timothy, encouraging him to continue to be a godly leader. Nero was emperor in Rome, where a fire would burn and Christians would be to blame! Part of what Paul wrote very aptly fits the description of what is taking place in our nation and the world today. . . "difficult times, people who love only themselves and their money, boastful, proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unloving, unforgiving, people who slander others, have no self-control, cruel, no interest in what is good." Paul then encourages Timothy to remain faithful; to hold fast to what he has been taught for "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realise what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right. It is God's way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do." (2 Timothy

Chapter 3) As Jesus celebrated the feast of Passover and shared the Last Supper with His disciples, as He faced death on the cross, He too held fast to Scripture, meditating on the Psalms (see Psalm 22). When He rose from the dead He appeared to His disciples and said to them "When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about Me by the Prophets and in the Psalms must all come true." Then He opened their minds to understand these many Scriptures. (Luke 24). Easter here in the UK resonates with the New Life of Spring and assures me of the truth of the resurrection and gives a glorious hope! May you be especially blessed as you celebrate the Easter Season with family and friends. Why not join with us on Easter Day at St James Church, the Village Life Church (High Street) and at the Dale Chapel? A warm welcome awaits!

### Judy Land

### Wesleyan Reform Chapel

Thanks to all who supported the World Day of Prayer and a big thank you to Mrs Johnson and the girls from Bonsall School who led an excellent service.

April Sunday Services are at 6.15 pm. Lent Bible Studies Tuesdays 10.00 - 11.00 am.

Good Friday 19 April 2.00 - 4.00 Cuppa & Cake.

All are welcome to join with us.

## CHURCH FLOOD-LIGHTING

The fifth of the month brings special memories of Kevin for Val, Steven, Sophie and children, also Kevin's parents, Ken and Celia Baker. Loreen, Steve, Robert and Lorna fondly think of Jack and Dorothy Malone during April. Dorinda remembers Colin Broad with love and Stephen, Trisha and families fondly remember Joan Gregory. April 21 is a special day for Janet, Hayley, Laura and their families when they remember David with much love.

Next month will be the last until September when the spire will be lit, so if anyone would like to name a family member or friend in the next issue please let me know.

### Di Moor

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# VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

## Village Meal

A great meal of Chicken with stuffing and Vegetables followed by Lime Cheesecake was much enjoyed at March's Village Lunch. If you would like to join in on April 17th at 1pm in the Village Hall please ring 836309 by Wednesday 10 April to book a place. We make newcomers very welcome! Just mention if you have any special food needs.

Jenny March

## Thanks

The Editors would like to thank Andrew Frost for helping to collect Mutterings from the printers in Sheffield for many years. Gareth Blood visits regularly and is able to collect the issues (in two boxes) and we have a couple of other people who can provide occasional backup. If anyone else works in Sheffield, travelling by car as the boxes are too heavy to carry by hand on public transport, and would be willing to help out, please get in touch with one of the Editors.

## Thank You and Goodbye!

Kathy and Charlie would like to say a big thanks to the people of Bonsall who have supported the Kings Head over the last 4½ years. We have thoroughly enjoyed our time in this beautiful village and would have stayed forever if the Brewery had followed through with their promises. We sincerely wish the new tenants the best of luck and hope that the Kings Head remains successful. Come and join us for our farewell weekend on April 27 and, believe it or not, Charlie is offering discounts!

## Help

An all-black male cat, who appears to be hungry, is visiting me daily and probably spending the night in my porch. I do not want to take him to a rescue centre if he is someone's pet. Please ring 824279, **Claudine**, 56 Church St. Thank you.

## Charlie Chaplin Silent Film Night

We are having a Charlie Chaplin silent film night at the Village Hall on Friday 26 April, starting at 7.30pm. There is no entry charge but we will be asking for donations for the Bonsall & Derbyshire Dales Link of Chernobyl Children's Lifeline. We will also be having a raffle and there will be a bar. Please come along to support the event, it should be fun.

Chris Broome



## Open Gardens

We have set the date for Open Gardens this year on 1-2 June from 10 am - 5pm. Entry is £5 per person, children free. Could all those who so kindly open their gardens for this event please confirm for entry this summer by 1 May. The maps have to be designed, printed and delivered by the end of May so this gives us time. New gardens are always welcome. Please contact [Office@bonsallpengardens.co.uk](mailto:Office@bonsallpengardens.co.uk) or write to Olivia Gerrish at Herbert Lodge, Church Street, Bonsall. The Open Gardens is indeed a magical weekend that shows Bonsall at its finest in early summer. Money raised goes back into village projects - the school, church, village hall, OAP outings and many more great things.

Elisabeth Stoppard

Photo: courtesy of Elisabeth Stoppard

## Temporary Road Closure and Bus Change for Carnival

There will be a temporary Road Closure for Carnival on Saturday 27 July 2019 to permit the Carnival Float procession to pass through the village. The Carnival Procession will leave the Park at 13.15 and proceed up Yeoman Street, High Street, turn left onto Abel Lane, left onto Moor Lane, left onto Uppertown lane then right onto High Street and back down to the Park for 14.15. The bus route will finish at The Fountain by the Park during these times. We will have marshals around on the day and please do feel free to raise any queries about the temporary road closure with **Marion Heasman** 821816 (on behalf of Carnival Committee)

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### Want to Borrow some Cake Making Equipment?

As some of you know, I make and decorate cakes as a hobby, from wedding cakes to small celebration cakes. I have enough cake making and decorating equipment and cake books to stock a small shop. So, in order to raise funds for the Village Hall, if anyone would like to borrow any item in return for a donation to the Hall funds please contact me. I am in the process of cataloguing the items, but in short, I have most things you will need to create your own masterpiece other than the edibles. I am happy to give demonstrations on how to use the items if you want to try anything. Check out my Facebook page at Bonsall Cakes and Sugar Flowers, to give you some ideas. I shall post further updates as I complete the cataloguing.

Please contact me on 07771 764366, email Jaqsm@aol.com, or message my Facebook page.

**Jackie Smith.** Village Hall Committee Member, 55 Yeoman Street

### Meeting of the Friends of T'Owd Man of Bonsall

The group met at the Kings Head in March and selected an image of T'Owd Man produced by Peter Fox that it will copyright and use for publicity materials. It also agreed to register a website, [www.towdmanofbonsall.co.uk](http://www.towdmanofbonsall.co.uk), and discussed methods to reinforce the identity of T'Owd Man within the village, for example: • Making gingerbread men using the carving's image that could be sold in

the village and/or on stalls at Carnival.

- Using existing tea-towels and key-rings with the T'Owd Man's image as part of a launch event on Carnival day.
- Creating a T'Owd Man walking trail, starting and finishing at St James'.
- Asking a local brewery (the Barley Mow?) to produce a new T'Owd Man beer, possibly for Carnival.
- Creating postcards of the village, featuring the carving.
- Making a 'bring back T'Owd Man' well-dressing.
- Having a replica carving made for St James'.

To increase awareness of T'Owd Man among villagers, the group will organise a petition in April to gather support from households.

The group has obtained an application form from the County Council for erecting two new innovative and interesting 'welcome to Bonsall' road signs, with the words 'Home of T'Owd Man of Bonsall'. It has also produced a shortened version of Richard Grover's article on the history of the T'Owd Man that appeared in the last issue of Mutterings, with the aim of having a single page of text to put alongside the replica carving at the Bandstand and possibly an information sheet for St. James'.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 4 at 8.00pm in the Kings Head. Everyone is welcome.

**Peter Fellows**, on behalf of T'Owd Man's friends

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Last month Evie, Mollie and Amy completed their half-marathon at the gruelling Carsington course. All the training, aching legs and pulled muscles paid off though, as they have raised an amazing £3258.00 to date. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has donated; you have made all the hard work worthwhile. The fundraising page is still open if anyone would still like to give. It's at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/evie-all sop](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/evie-all sop).

## Jayne Allsop



Photos: courtesy Jayne Allsop



Photo: courtesy David Kirkham

## Peak Wind Orchestra 'raise the roof' on Saturday 23rd March

Last night St James' rang out to the fantastic sounds of the Peak Wind Orchestra. It was a varied entertaining programme ranging from 'The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba' to 'The Symphonic Beatles' 'Joseph' and 'Superman'! With a glass of wine and tasty nibbles at the interval, and amusing interjections from Nick - the conductor, it proved to be a village evening to remember. It was wonderful to have the church filled with music and we all thought it would be great to have more live music played there, so watch this space!

If you missed it and would like to see them perform (or indeed would like to see them again) they are celebrating being 10 years old this year by holding a big musical evening on Saturday 20th July in Youlgreave Church. Alison Lea (flute) is the best contact in Bonsall for more information on 259584.

A total of £615 was raised for The St James Spire fund on the night and thanks to everyone who came for their support.

Caroline Kirkham



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## Parish Council Report for March

**Slinter Top Quarry:** The public speaking session was attended by a group of residents who were very concerned about the current activity at the quarry and that noise nuisance would potentially worsen if the planning permission for the extension was given. There was also concern that this would increase the visual impact of the quarry from Bonsall and the National Park. A resident expressed the view that there did not seem to be a case in the quarry extension for small vein mineral extraction, when current use showed a very low ratio of ore extraction to limestone, and that there were other existing local supplies for limestone. Residents expressed strong support for the draft resolution on this issue that had been circulated. Cllr. Ratcliffe said that, in general terms, the quarrying industry was vital for the County, but that she would add her own comments to the resolution with a view to ensuring the Parish Council's views were taken into account in the decision and, if it was approved, in the conditions imposed.

The Council received a report from Cllrs. Grover and Harris on a site visit of 11 March. The area of future expansion of the quarry was above the current work area, so it was thought this would increase the visible landscape scar. There was concern that the noise would have more impact from workings at a higher level and that the whole of Bonsall is likely to be affected. The visit made it apparent where the problems would be. The company had talked about building bunds to mask the work but there was doubt as to whether this would be effective, and that there was no planning requirement to do this.

After discussion the Council agreed unanimously to submit further comments to the County Council, again underlining the complaints of noise, the impact on village life and businesses and employment, asking for effective conditions to prevent noise if permission was granted, and questioning the need for further limestone extraction. The planning application has been deferred again, and is now due to be heard by the County Council on 13 May.

**White Low Motocross:** the clerk reported that two complaints of noise and disturbance had been received since the last meeting, and the Council viewed photographs and video taken

by a complainant showing activity at the motocross track on 17 and 24 February, when 60 vehicles were counted on site. The Peak District National Park Authority had served a Planning Contravention Notice on both the owner and operator to establish information about the current and historic use of the track over the past ten years. It was agreed to consider Parish Council representations on this to the Park Authority at the next meeting.

**Flooding:** recent rain had caused flooding of the Barley Mow car park and highlighted problems with a blocked gully at Abel Lane where surface water was flowing down the High Street. The Parish Council has reported these and a County Council team has been out to work on the blocked culvert in The Dale.

**Churchyard Trees:** the District Council has agreed to remove dangerous trees overhanging Ragcroft from their area of the churchyard, and the Parish Council will be taking out trees on the edge of the closed churchyard above Yeoman Street. The self-seeded trees on the cliff should be taken out at the same time, subject to discussions with the Parochial Church Council.

**Park Stone:** there is still some rubble stone in the vehicle park left over from the work to the bus shelter (piled near the wall to the recreation ground by the road); anyone wanting to take this please do so, and any left is going to be removed by the Parish Council.

**Arts Trail:** the Bonsall Arts Trail group is working to run an event on the weekend of 4/5 April 2020. For more information contact Amanda Graham (amanda@amandagraham.co.uk).

**30 mph and Slow Road Markings:** the Parish Council has asked the County Council to repaint or restore five sets of road markings on the Clatterway, next to the vehicle park and at the top of the village.

**Road Management Via Gellia for YNOT:** from 25 - 29 July during carnival, the County Council is planning to suspend the parking bays at the millpond to improve traffic flow.

**Village Welcome Sign:** the Council considered a request from Cllr. Hewitt and from the Friends of T'Owd Man of Bonsall group to create a village sign incorporating the T'Owd Man image. The proposal was welcomed;

it was agreed to support in principle a sign at the bottom of the Clatterway, and to wait to receive costs and funding ideas from the group.

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 16 April. If you have any issues to be raised at the meeting please contact the Clerk Tony Payne with details by Monday 8 April.

Clerk and Finance Officer: Tony Payne  
27 High Street DE4 2AS. T: 822311;  
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**Below and on facing page - the five sets of road markings in need of restoration.**

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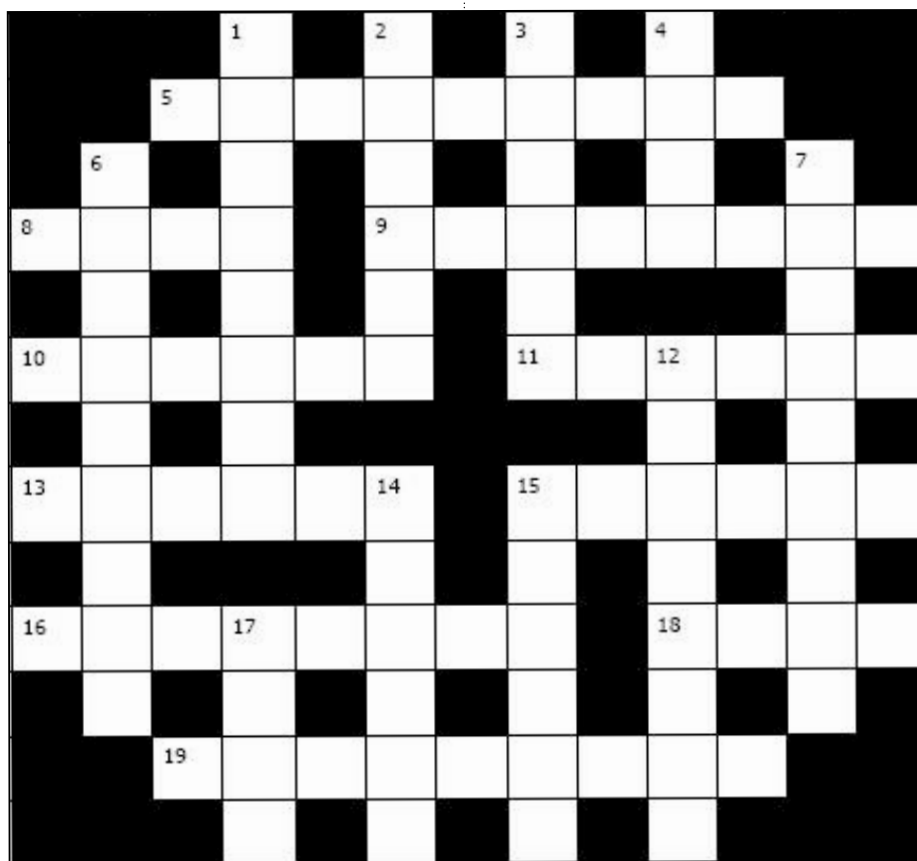
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# CROSSWORD #104



## Across:

5. See 19 across.
8. Stop who approaches inside. (4)
9. Was not a 19, 15? Yes! (2,6)
10. Rose that is a 19, 15. (6)
11. Quiet little fellow is a 19,15.
13. A cat in charge of tiny particle. (6)
15. Vague, empty day filled with papers. (6)
16. Assimilating animal apropos a 19, 15. (8)
18. Box found in cabin roof. (4)
- 19 & 5. The northern California catcher is violent - Norman Bates, perhaps! (9,9)

## Down:

1. Strike with hesitation for a 19, 15. (8)
2. Cheese-sandwiches overdose for a 19, 15. (6)
3. Hood on board gives a dirty look. (6)
4. Depress a 19, 16. (4)
6. Ex-Scotsman for a 19, 15 in progress. (9)
7. A 19,15. Rodent eats dandelion at first, followed by two fifths of mouse and gutted rat! (9)
12. A bloke cuddles another bloke - from New York, perhaps. (8)
14. Dog polished off clergyman! (6)
15. Use of French scheme. (6)
17. A sleep for a 19, 15. (4)

## Answers to crossword no. 103

Across: 5. Ginger Ale. 8. Cola. 9. Nanogram. 10. Lapdog. 11. Sponge. (SE = Kent perhaps). 13. Pastis. 15. Sherry. 16. Beverage. 18. Date. 19. Dead Drunk. Down: 1. Gin-and-it. 2. Egg-nog. 3. Drinks. 4. Slug. 6. Soda-water. 7. Margarita. 12. Overdone. 14. Shandy. 15. Spears. 17. Ewer.

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## OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

Interesting local events spotted  
by Jonathan Ogilvie

### Old Images, Newly found from the Derwent Valley (Talk)

7.00pm. Tuesday, April 16, at  
Cromford Mills, Gothic Warehouse.

Arkwright Society Evening Talks

Adrian Farmer looks through photos  
and other images of the Derwent  
Valley Mills World Heritage Site  
which have surfaced in the past year,  
adding to our understanding of the  
Derwent Valley's fascinating heritage.  
Call 823256 to book.

### Cromford's Industrial Heritage - a 5-mile walk

Meet at Cromford Mills at 1.30pm on  
Good Friday  
An uphill and down dale 5-mile walk  
exploring Cromford and its surround-  
ings; we will look at and learn about the  
industrial heritage of the area, whilst  
enjoying breath-taking views of the  
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Pictured left: After a largely dry  
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