



Issue 184

August 2019

T'Owd Man's Mutterings



TWENTY'S PLENTY
Will you support our kids?



Thanks to the children of Bonsall , aided by Councillor Mark Harris and others, and generously sponsored by Andrew Clark And Moira Elliot of Interiors PLUS at Via Gellia Mill (see page 8).



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

August

St James

4	9.30am Morning Worship
11	9.30am Eucharist
18	11.00am Morning Worship
25	9.30am Eucharist

Village Life Church

Sunday 10.30am Morning Worship

Tuesday 2.00pm Craft Club

All our midweek meetings will not be running over the summer break and will resume on week commencing 9 September.

Please check out our website www.villagechurch.org.uk for more events and information.

Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel (The Dale)

Thanks to all who have supported us through the Well-dressing and Flower Festival; your generosity is so appreciated.

Sunday Services during August are at 6.15 pm

Friday 16 August 2.00 - 4.00 pm

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CHURCH NEWS

As I write, Bonsall is in the throes of preparing for the Well-dressings, Carnival and the week of events that follow. I've been reading through the colourful programme and couldn't understand why on the opening page there was a snippet of T'Owd Man. Poor printing, I thought, until I read the next page and then began the hunt for T'Owd Man.

Reading the Bible can be much the same for many people; snippets - a verse here, a verse there - may bring comfort. For others, there is confusion and controversy. However, if we read the Bible prayerfully, asking the author for help, we shall find wonderful and amazing truths that can impact our lives for good. It is indeed a treasure hunt and, as one Bible commentator says, the Bible is God's gold mine where really thrilling treasures are found.

There is an old hymn, written by Maria M. Penstone, which says:

"God has given us a book full of stories, which was made for His people of old.

It begins with the tale of a garden and ends with a city of gold.

There are stories for parents and children, for the old who are ready to rest, but for all who will read them or listen, the story of Jesus is best.

For it tells how He came from the Father, His far-away children to call, to bring the lost sheep to the Shepherd, the most beautiful story of all."

God says: "you will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29 verse 13.

Well, I'm sure we will be seeking all the joys and pleasures of Well-dressing and Carnival week and holiday time too. May God bless you all throughout the holidays and may you seek the Lord and find Him too. Every Blessing,

Judy Land

Catholic Church Services

Our Lady and St. Teresa of Lisieux

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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.

LETTERS

Climate heating

Most people are aware of the crisis of climate heating that is now taking place and threatening the existence of all life. But, to many, it seems remote and not connected to our lives in Bonsall. Others believe that it is all the fault of the big polluters, like the USA, China, India, etc., and the impact of our emissions is negligible in comparison. While there is some truth in this, if everyone plays a part in reducing their CO₂ production, the cumulative drops in the ocean might (just) be enough to turn the tide. There have been few obvious changes in the village so far (although I have noticed many fewer insects around and fewer swallows and bats). But if we do nothing, our lives certainly will change. Time has nearly run out and changes in our lifestyles are needed now, or substantially worse changes will be forced on everyone as the climate heats further.

There are the beginnings of some progress locally: schoolchildren in Matlock and Wirksworth are taking a lead to push the issue up the local political agenda and DDDC has recently voted to become carbon-neutral by 2030. Greta Thunberg has called for adults to support the children by joining a climate strike on 20 September to show the national government the strength of public concern (<https://globalclimatestrike.net>). The worldwide Extinction Rebellion movement is addressing climate heating through non-political, non-violent methods (<https://rebellion.earth>). The local group for Bonsall, formed early this year, is the Peak Extinction Rebellion (contact me for details). Other groups are in Derby, Nottingham and Sheffield. These are ordinary people like the rest of us and they need more support.

If joining groups is not your thing, there are many ways that you can reduce

your own carbon footprint: use the car less, or change your gas-guzzler to a hybrid or electric vehicle; travel by train for your holidays instead of flying; shift to one of the green energy suppliers; increase the amount of insulation in your loft and invest in an energy-efficient boiler and double glazing; reduce what you put in the grey waste bin that goes to landfill and generates methane (a potent greenhouse gas); eat foods that are in-season and locally produced, and not those that are flown half-way around the world. I'm sure that people reading this can suggest many other changes you can make. These might be small steps but, if everyone does something, then cumulatively we may be able to reduce the impact of the impending calamity.

Peter Fellows

(825267, pfellows@btinternet.com)

A huge thank you

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the residents of Bonsall who sponsored me for taking part in the Ashgate Hospice Sparkle Nightwalk which took place on 6 July. 3,000 people turned out for the Ashgate Hospicecare Sparkle Walk - it was a great night and the atmosphere was amazing. The hospice provides its service free of charge to patients with a life-limiting illness and extended support to patients' families. I would especially like to say an extra big thank you to my mother-in-law, Jean Hardy, who once again helped me raise £380 towards this worthwhile charity. Thank you all once again for your support and generosity, which is most appreciated.

Alison Hardy



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Advance notice

We will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Rectory Room in September. A chance for all those who haven't already seen this wonderful new space, which is now used by the school on a daily basis, to come and support a worthy cause at the same time. The date and time will be in the next issue of the Mutterings.

Di Moor

New deliverers needed for Mutterings

We have recently introduced some changes to the Mutterings delivery rounds to make them more equal in size. The changes mainly affect Yeoman St. and The Dale, which have both now been split into two rounds. We are asking whether you can volunteer to deliver Mutterings eleven times per year on the Lower Dale round, which includes Arter Hill and Puddle Hill, and down the Dale from Burnside, but excluding School House and the adjoining cottage (28 copies). We also need backup deliverers for when the main deliverer is on holiday or otherwise not able to do the round. These are 1) the Lower Yeoman St. round from No.54 and the Baptist Chapel to The Fountain, plus School House and the adjoining cottage in The Dale (36 copies); and 2) the Upper Dale round, which includes Bankside below Dodys Cottage, Horsedale and houses down The Dale to Flixon Croft (29 copies). We have backup deliverers for the other rounds, but we occasionally have a problem, especially at this time of year, when both people are away. So if you are able to help with any Mutterings deliveries, we would be pleased

to hear from you (Editors' details on back page).

Editors

Bonsall Seniors Summer Outing

- A Military Bonanza!

July 6 heralded a rather damp and muggy start to the annual outing but, true to form, this didn't dampen the spirits of our 52 intrepid seniors. As is customary, our destination venue was a well-guarded secret and this became even more mystifying by a sudden detour from our planned route, which took us initially up the Via Gellia towards Buxton, but then veered from this direction towards Bakewell! Paul, our driver, did a grand job in killing some time for us. After a scenic ride through our Derbyshire villages, the weather began to improve when we re-joined the route north. On our arrival in Buxton, all was revealed: we were there to see the Buxton Military Tattoo - an annual event like a mini Edinburgh Tattoo. Incidentally, the Committee have to thank Claudine Balmer for this venue suggestion; it was just perfect. Prior to the trip, it is reported that Claudine had to undergo some serious interrogation by Anne and Jon Barry as to how she knew certain information related to the trip, but to her credit her lips were sealed - and she didn't crack under the pressure either!

The Tattoo, as you would expect, was staged in the beautiful and historic Buxton Dome, which is currently managed by Derby University as its Buxton Campus. The Dome was originally built for the 5th Duke of Devonshire to house 120 horses, but was then gifted to the Buxton Bath Charity Trustees for use as a hospital for the 'sick poor' - some of our guests could

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remember and relate to these times. The Tattoo provided an immaculate display of precision marching, sterling music by the Scots Guards, pipe bands, drummers, buglers and more. We even enjoyed the performance of the All Ireland Girls' Dance Group, who provided a wonderful display of traditional Irish dancing. The afternoon's entertainment was provided by both young and old musicians, regular soldiers and volunteer bands from far and wide, with some of the younger participants only just being able to see over their drums and instruments! A truly magical display was enjoyed by all in attendance. The ambience of the Tattoo was captured by a fabulous finale, featuring the massed bands and a Guardsman singing a stirring and poignant remembrance song.

Sadly, the display came to an end and our group left Buxton, heading back to the Village Hall, where a small group of our committee members had given of their time, both on Friday and Saturday afternoons, setting up and decorating the tables and preparing and serving the most wonderful and sumptuous meal of steak and Stilton pie, decorated with fresh watercress, baby new potatoes, peas, carrots, gravy and mint sauce, followed by gateaux, cream and copious amounts of tea, coffee and juices. The food service organised by the ladies was a 'precision' performance, executed as efficiently as the

one we had witnessed at the Tattoo - a truly splendid effort and our thanks to the whole team on both days.

The Committee hopes that our guests enjoyed the whole experience and we look forward planning further events in the future. Our thanks must also go to all the groups and individuals who contribute in so many ways to the fund, without whom we would be unable to continue. Just as a reminder, we offer our thanks for all who will have contributed to the Carnival Seniors stall. Our next event is the Craft, Culinary and Horticultural Show, so put the date, Saturday 7 September, in your diaries. Schedules are included with this edition of Mutterings. There are classes for everyone to enter, so do come and have a go - it's a lot of fun. Parents, please encourage your children to enter the show - the children of today are the future of our village show, so we need to encourage them in any way we can. Finally, just as a reminder, we have the auction of produce in the evening, always an entertaining event! Your support is needed. Let's make this show even better than last year.

Ron Brown

On behalf of all the Committee and contributors to the Bonsall Seniors Fund.

(3 photos contributed by Ron Brown)



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Bonsall defibrillators

A course for training and retraining will hopefully be taking place around the end of September. There isn't a charge for this, but any donations toward the first responders from A.I.M, who will do the training, would be appreciated. Anyone who wants to attend, please contact me or Ann at the Fountain Tearooms. Leave your name and number and I will contact you when the date is fixed. Thanks.

Richard Taylor
(07860 214503, Kathandrichard50@hotmail.co.uk)

How about this for an 'afters'?

Summer fruits pavlova! This is what the lucky people eating the village lunch this month were offered after lasagne, salad and garlic bread for 'firsts'. All are welcome to join in with the next lunch on Wednesday 21 August, but if you did not tick your name on the list please phone 826309 by Wednesday 14 August to book your place. Please mention any special food requirements you may have. Best wishes for a good summer.

Jenny March



Many thanks

The Carnival Committee would like to extend a warm thank you to Marion for all her hard work over the last two years as Chair of the committee. We wish Marion and Phil all the very best for their move and their future in the West Country. Jackie Smith has taken over as interim Chair until the next meeting.

Peter Fellows,
on behalf of the Carnival Committee.

Bonsall School PTFA

First, thank you to all who supported in any way the school summer fair last month. It was a great afternoon, many beautifully decorated faces, tea and cake, games, a barn dance and baked potatoes, all made for a great event, raising much needed funds for our school. Our next event is to be a village 'Jumble Trail'. We are planning it for Sunday 22 September, so anyone, who has any 'stuff' they need to move on, can join the trail and have a table or car boot outside their house. All you need to do is let me know where your stuff will be and I will add you to the map. We will ask for a £5 donation for the school. If you have any questions, give me a ring on 821816 or knock on the door of the Queen's Head. So put the date in the diary and start collecting your jumble and bric-a-brac. There will be more information about times etc. in the September Mutterings.

Marion Heasman

Honouring a brave family member

Sharon Waterhouse, the daughter of Marjorie Loxley, and her husband, Andrew, made a poignant trip to Belgium to visit the grave of Private Arthur Walker from East Bank, Winster; the uncle of Marjorie. Arthur died on 17 July 1917 and Sharon visited on 17 July 2019. Before the war, Arthur worked at Stancliffe Stone Quarry in Darley Dale and was a keen member of the Morris men. He enlisted at Bakewell on 7 October 1916 and served with the Northumberland Fusiliers, before transferring to the 8th Battalion Yorkshire Regiment. He had been on the Western Front for only a month when he died from wounds he had received. The Battalion was stationed in the Ypres Salient in July 1917 and, in the week before he was wounded, the Battalion Companies were acting as working parties, carrying up materials in preparation for the start of the Battle of Passchendaele on 31 July. On 14 July there was increased artillery action from both sides. A severe enemy bombardment concentrated on the left sector of the Battalion position, resulting in 30 casualties, with five men being killed. One of the wounded men, with gunshot wounds, was Arthur Walker. Immediately after the engagement, he was conveyed to the Second Canadian Casualty Clearing Station at Lijssenthoek, where he passed away three days later on 17 July, aged 31. Arthur is buried at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery.

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Photo shows Sharon with a photograph of Arthur at his grave in Belgium, 102 years after he was killed.

Text and photo from Sharon and Andrew Waterhouse,
(information from 'Winster, Bonsall, Elton, Birchover Remembered - Aspects of Village Life Through Peace and War', by Keith Taylor)



Some anagrams

(spotted by Peter Fellows)

DESPERATION:	A rope ends it
THE EYES:	They see
THE MORSE CODE:	Here come dots
DORMITORY:	Dirty room
SLOT MACHINES:	Cash lost in me
ELECTION RESULTS:	Lies, let's recount
A DECIMAL POINT:	I'm a dot in place
ELEVEN PLUS TWO:	Twelve plus one
THE TITANIC DISASTER:	Death, it starts in ice
CHRISTMAS:	Trims cash
A GENTLEMAN:	Elegant man
LISTEN:	Silent
A DOMESTICATED ANIMAL:	Docile, as a man tamed it
A SHOPLIFTER:	Has to pilfer
WAITRESS:	A stew, sir?
ACHIEVEMENTS:	Nice, save them
SNOOZE ALARMS:	Alas! No more Z's
THE COUNTRY SIDE:	No city dust here

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PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the meeting on 16 July 2019

Twenty's Plenty speed limits: Councillors welcomed the new signs and thanked Cllr. Jon Barry and Pete Spencer for their work installing them, and all the residents who had agreed to put them on their land. It was agreed that another sign was needed at the bottom of Clatterway and noted that one had been requested on Study Drive. Locations and signs would be changed as needed in future. Publicity photographs taken with the schoolchildren who had done the artwork were displayed. It was also agreed to formally record the thanks of the Parish Council to Andrew Clark of Interior PLUS at Via Gellia Mill for his generosity in underwriting the costs of the project.

New Parish Councillors: the Council welcomed new Councillors, Stephen Smith and Jackie Smith, of 55 Yeoman Street to the Parish Council. This leaves one vacant post remaining and if anyone is interested in applying for this please contact the Clerk.

Peak District National Park Authority: Kath Potter was congratulated on her re-election to the Board as Parish representative for the Dales. Kath can be contacted by email on kmpr21@google-mail.com for help in relation to any Peak District National Park issues.

Protected trees in the village: the District Council has produced an online map of all trees protected by Tree Preservation Orders or by being in a Conservation Area; the link to it is <https://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/environment-and-waste/trees-a-hedgerows/tree-preservation-orders>.

County Council flood report: the County Council report on the flooding in the village on 20 /21 September 2018, has now been produced. The full report is available to be downloaded from the Parish Council website at <http://www.bonsallvillage.org/parish-council/phoca>. Anyone unable to access the report online can contact the Clerk for a printed version. The report details a number of actions that the County Council has undertaken or are planning to:

- Working with residents to ensure that riparian land owners (those owning land around the brooks) are aware of their maintenance responsibilities; they have issued guidance notes to assist with this, as well as attended site visits;

- Culverts: the Council has investigated the role of the culverted watercourse sections in the flooding event; they have little information on their size and construction, so are going to conduct a full culvert survey this summer (a quote has now been accepted and is to be funded jointly between DCC Structures Team and DCC Flood Risk Management Team).

- Culvert ownership: the Council has added the sections of culverted watercourse onto the asset register. They will however remain as private assets where they are within private landownership.

- The Highways Team has ensured that the highway drainage network received additional cleansing following the flooding event.

- Severn Trent: the Council has liaised with Severn Trent Water in relation to understanding the design criteria on the sewer network and whether it is appropriate. Further data analysis is being undertaken by Severn Trent.

- Natural flood risk management: the Council is working closely with the Trent Rivers Trust on the 'Derbyshire Villages Slowing the Flow Project', where Bonsall is being evaluated for the potential to introduce Natural Flood Risk Management Techniques, to mitigate the flood risk to properties in the village.

- Flood Warden scheme: the County Council is working with the Parish Council to set up a Flood Warden Group, to be able to assist with potential future events. The County Council Flood Risk Team is assisting with this request. DCC Flood Risk Team has some funding available for assisting with equipping/starting up a Flood Warden Group.

Parish Council response to Flood Report: the confirmation from the County Council that a full culvert survey would be undertaken this summer, and that funding had been secured for it, was welcomed. It was agreed to delay a formal response to the report until the contents had been publicised in Mutterings, and residents had had the opportunity to express their views, but two initial points were recorded:

- The report needs to further address the question of adequacy and capacity of the combined sewers;
- A programme of more frequent gully maintenance to prevent recurrence needs to be implemented.

The Parish Council will be considering this again at its September meeting and, in the meantime, views on the report for feedback to the County Council are welcome; please contact the Clerk or your Parish Councillor.

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

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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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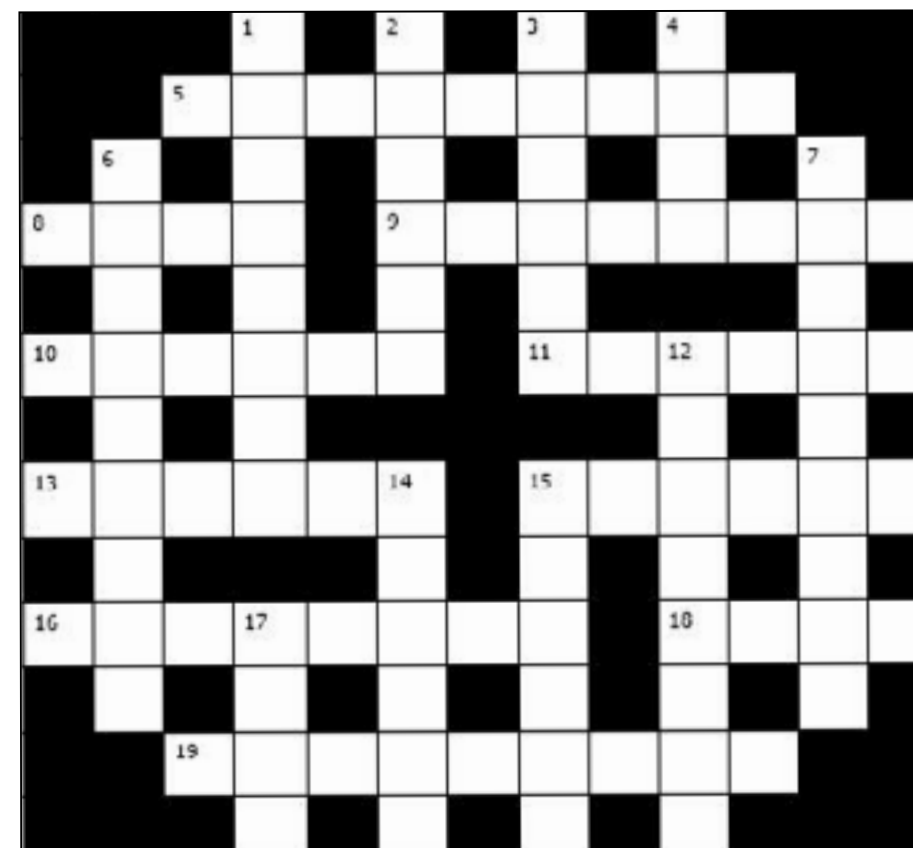
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CROSSWORD #108



Across:

- 1 of 8. In three times after Roy, Tony and Theresa initially. (3,3,3)
- Follows Venetians lacking any energy. (4)
- Heading west, call about Ben as appointee. (8)
- One of eight from Albania, France, Germany, Holland and Nigeria, primarily. (6)
- 1 of 8 - a Scottish girl, that is. (6)
- Gather together and confine fuel in luxury car? No, the reverse! (6)
8. Teaches, but left for North. (6)
- Curse three articles on graduate. (8)
- Pull an American? (4)
- Races hectically around gallery - in this? (6,3)

Down:

- 1 of 8 that restrains Sonny's partner? (8)
- What you don't want to do to 8 poo?! (4,2)
- Sick after hospital department limitation? (6)
- One of eight from Yorkshire, by the sounds of it! (4)
- 1 of 8. Flow back on Harry! (9)
8. Father takes tablet on Sundays. (9)
- Lay shame somehow for 1 of 8. (8)
- Freedom for fish going up street! (6)
- Badgers rest in outskirts of Totnes. (6)
- 1 of 8 found in pesto salad. (4)

Answers to crossword No. 107

Across: 5. Gardening. 8 Rake. 9. Inundate. 10. Fading. 11. Lopper. 13. Hedger. 15. A watch. 16. Clippers. 18. Tree. 19. Strimming.

Down: 1. Watering. 2. Edging. 3. Annual. 4. Send. 6. Bagatelle. 7. Stretcher. 12. Planting. 14. Re-edit. 15. Assume. 17. Pots.

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