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T'Owd Man's Mutterings



In the deep midwinter...

A view of Masson Hill from Four Lane Ends after drifting snow in March 2013. Photograph: Jonathan Ogilvie



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

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St James

December 2019

- 1** 9.30 am Sanctuary
- 8** 9.30 am Eucharist
- 15** 11.00 am Morning Worship
- 22** 9.30 am Eucharist
- 25** 9.30am Eucharist
- 29** 10.00am Team Eucharist
- Wirksworth

January 2020

- 5** 9.30 am Eucharist
- 12** 9.30 am Eucharist
- 19** 11.00 am Morning Worship
- 26** 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

There is no coffee morning in December but our New Year Lunch will be Tuesday 28 January 12pm - 2pm.

Our Festive Family Funday Sunday will be on Sunday 8 December 10:30am to 11:30am followed by Christmas dinner at 12pm.

Our Carols by Candlelight Service will be on Sunday 15 December 6pm with festive treats.

Sunday 22 December 'The Nativity Story' movie with popcorn 10:30am.

Our Christmas Day Service will be from 9:30am to 10:30am.

For more information please check out our website: villagelifechurch.org.uk

Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel

Services during December and January alternate between 2.30pm and 6.15 pm commencing:

Sunday 1 December 2.30 pm

Sunday 22 December 2.30 pm
Carol Service

Sunday 5 January 6.15 pm
New Year Service

Sunday 19 January 6.15 pm
Songs of Praise

Friday 20 December 2.00 - 4.00 pm
Christmas Cuppa & Cake

Friday 17 January 2.00 - 4.00 pm
New Year Cuppa & Cake

Thank you for all the support you have given during the year. Every Blessing for Christmas and the New Year.

December in a vicar's life is simply Christmas. During the Christmas week alone we will have 28 services across the Wirksworth Team Ministry Benefice! Make sure you get to one, they are great community events, and a great reminder of God's love. This year we are hoping to do some inventive new things together with the school and the local community for Christmas. December is all go! I love the "over-the-topness" of it all! But for some, December is a month of "too much". Too much loneliness, too much stress, too much food...And then before you know it, January comes along! Why am I talking about January in a Christmas issue? Well, because even though we often think of January as a time to start over – often seen as the month of new beginnings – in reality though, it's often the month to deal with leftovers – and not just of the food variety! Don't get me wrong, I quite like leftovers...you can make lovely new meals out of your leftovers. But often we can make a meal out of other things too: negative comments from difficult family members, or sibling rivalry, or pushy bosses, or ungrateful children, or loved ones that just don't appreciate us... you know what I mean. I have found that when dealing with leftovers (food or otherwise) there are only

ever three approaches: they are either something you can deal with straight away (fridge option), or something that is too big to deal with now (freezer option) or something you really don't need and you decide to discard immediately (bin option). Fridge: Deal with these things now. The emotional leftover equivalent is the saying: "don't let the sun go down on a disagreement". Freezer: Some things need time to process – like the death of a loved one. You need time to grieve. Eventually though, these experiences can leave us with memories and feelings that pepper who we are. Bin: this option requires honesty. Have you ever left ½ tin of baked beans in the back of the fridge only to uncover it two weeks' later, covered in mould? Well, unfriendly comments from a colleague or a put down from a family member are the half-tins of baked beans of the soul. If you leave them to fester they become a health hazard. Bin, bin, bin – let them go, don't hold grudges and set yourself free. Jesus had a simple approach to human interactions, his motto was: "always do to others as you'd have them do to you". I wish you all a very happy Christmas, with very few leftovers!

Rev'd Carla Vicêncio Prior
07767087530

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.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation –

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

Contact Fr. Bernard Needham (582804)

There is a fortnightly newsletter listing ongoing events.

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

Wirksworth Team Ministry

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Contact: The Team Office, Parish Rooms, St Mary's Gate, Wirksworth, DE4 4DQ.

Tel/Fax 01629 824707. email: teamoffice@wirksworthteamministry.co.uk.

Website: www.wirksworthteamministry.co.uk

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

December

Christmas is a very special time for remembering those friends and family members who are no longer with us.

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

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 dad, Dennis particularly on 18 December.

At this time, Alice Land and her family remember her 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.

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

January

David, Julie and their families remember their mum, Jean especially on 2nd of January.

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

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

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

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

For Richard and Kath Taylor the lighting brings memories of Kath's dad on 26 January and her brother, Keith on 26 of January.

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

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

Janet, Christine, June and Michael lovingly remember their parents, Herman and Nora Martin this month.

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

If you would like to make your donation on line, please contact me for the bank details.

Thank you.

Di Moor

824376
dimoor2014@yahoo.co.uk

LETTERS

Christmas tree of memories

At St. James' church the Christmas tree of memories will be decorated on Saturday 14 December from 2-4pm. Tree decorations and labels for your personal message are provided at £1 each. Please come along and help to dress our tree in memory of a loved one. Everyone is most welcome. Refreshments provided. Please ring 824279 for further details.

Claudine

Open House Sale

Thank you to all who came to the sale. I'm thrilled to say it raised £300! So I can happily pass on £150 to both the school and the St. James Spire Fund.

Marion Heasman

LETTERS

Help

A letter has been delivered into Bonsall addressed to Anthony Finch, Bonsall, DE4 2AE from an address in America. The postcode is Church Street but there is no house name or number on the envelope. Does anyone know who he is and how he can be contacted? Please give me a call or text with any information.

Thanks

Jayne Allsop
07415 607016

Thanks

Nina Langton has decided to step down from the Editorial Group and the editors would like to thank her for supporting Mutterings over the last ten and a half years. If you would like to get involved helping with distributing Mutterings, please contact one of the editors. The work involves packaging up copies of Mutterings and taking them to thirteen people around the village. It takes about a couple of hours and we would ask you to distribute them three times per year.

Mutterings Editorial Group

St James' Church

From April St James PCC (Parochial Church Council) will need a 'secretary' / minute taker. There are approximately 6 meetings a year which need to be minuted and then typed up and sent out and the occasional letter. It is an unsalaried post but it helps to keep the day to day workings of our village church running smoothly. The secretary does not need to attend St. James as is not a member of the committee. If you think you may have a couple of hours of so every other month and would like to chat about what it entails then just give me a ring or knock.

Marion Heasman
Tel:821816 The Queens Head

Harvest Auction – grateful thanks from St James' Church

A very sincere thanks for the donation to St James' Church from the proceeds of the Harvest Auction at The King's Head in October – what a magnificent sum was raised and split across 6 Bonsall groups... Thank you!

Phil Heasman
pp. St James' PCC.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We'd love to wish our family and friends that are like our family the most fantastic Christmas and New Year, we love you all lots from Siobhan, Darrell, Daisy and Henry Haymes xx

Marjorie, Ron and Andrew wish happy Xmas greetings and a happy and healthy New Year 2020 to all friends and neighbours.

Happy Christmas wishes and a peaceful New Year to my friends and neighbours. Claudine.

A Merry Xmas and a happy and peaceful next year to everyone who knows us. Pete & Wendy

*Wishing you love, peace and joy this Christmas and the coming year
Ken and Gill Edgar*

*Blessed Christmas,
Happy New Year to all my Family, Neighbours and Friends, Love Beryl Webster xxx*

Ron & Jan Brown would like to wish all family and friends a Very Merry Christmas and our best wishes for the New Year.

Ruby Gratton would like to wish all family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*A Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year to all our friends and neighbours. Love and Best Wishes
Jane and Trevor
(Donation to UK Youth Change Coalition)
ukycc.com*

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our customers and friends from the Allsop Family (and Griff) x

*Season's Greetings and Happy New Year to all our friends and neighbours from
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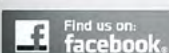
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Tree Work at St James' Church

Tree works are being undertaken by Valley View Landscapes for the Parish Council, after concerns were raised regarding the safety of some of the trees in the churchyard. A full bat survey was carried out prior to the work but the only inhabitant found was a grey squirrel. We are happy to announce that the said squirrel has now taken up residence in a neighbouring tree. Wood left on site was free to a good home.

Norma Rickards

Valley View Landscapes

History Walk postponed from Carnival Week

The re-arranged History Walk will take place at 11am on Sunday 1 December 2019 and will be approximately 2 hours in duration. It will be a local walk but the exact route will be decided by Tony on the day and is dependent on the conditions underfoot. It will start from the Fountain on Yeoman Street. Just turn up in walking shoes and suitable clothing.

In the event of inclement weather, Tony will re schedule the walk for the following Sunday, 8 December 2019.

Jackie Smith

Tel 07771 764366

People involved in Mutterings

In total, nearly forty people volunteer to help produce and deliver Mutterings eleven times each year. Currently, eleven editors divide the work between them, with four taking it in turn to collect articles and photos sent by village groups, and five who design each issue and liaise with the printer. After volunteers who work in Sheffield collect the copies from the printer, four editors take turns to distribute copies to thirteen deliverers (or a similar number of back-up deliverers when they are away) around the village. Eight editors have various supporting roles, including managing the advertising, crossword compilation, and management of the Hotmail account and the website (some having multiple roles).

Editorial Group

Advertising Policy

Mutterings welcomes either box adverts or classified ads from any business in the village. Because advertising revenue funds 80% of the cost of producing Mutterings, we also accept non-village business adverts when their products or services do not compete with village businesses. For sale and wanted ads are free to residents.

Editorial Group

Christmas Music

Chesterfield Symphony Orchestra is doing a Christmas concert at the Winding Wheel, Chesterfield on Sunday 8th December at 7.30. Tickets will be available from me and I will soon have leaflets available about it – including cost. The programme will include The Nutcracker, Sleeping Beauty, Waltz from Eugene Onegin, Dvorak Carnival Overture and music from Aladdin.

Peak Wind Orchestra who performed in Bonsall Church in March are doing a Christmas Concert in Youghreave Church on Saturday 21 December at 7.30. The programme will be Christmas favourites plus other popular music.

Alison Lea

Tel: 2559584

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Village Lunch

Those taking part in the November meal were treated to a delicious meal of Chicken Casserole, Mashed Potato and Mixed vegetables followed by the most sumptuous Sticky Toffee Pudding and Sauce. The hot drink and the TV quiz finished things off nicely. To start the lunch, pupils from Bonsall School gave very interesting descriptions of the work they were doing that week.

Our next meal is the Christmas Celebration on 18 December 2019. If you have not signed up already please do so by ringing 826309 by 4 December giving two weeks' notice so preparations can be made. We will only be able to cater for reserved places. Please mention any food needs and if a take-out is needed.

Hoping to see you and wishing you a very happy festive season.

Jenny March

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Monday 23 December 6pm,
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Once again you are invited to join us this year in one of our newer revived village traditions: Christmas songs and carols round the village.

Gathering at The Fountain, we'll wend our way round Bonsall – stopping off for a sing: everything from BoneyM to 'Once in Royal' (solo verses round the cross), from Slade to 'While Shepherds'. Refreshments and a chance to warm up 'chez Barry' in Uppertown and the obligatory 'Away in a Manger' is followed by a walk back down The Dale to The Fountain – carolling all the way!

No experience necessary, all voices welcome as long as they are hale, hearty and uninhibitedly joyful! So please bring yourself, lanterns and torches, shakers (other percussion welcome), hi-vis jackets, children (accompanied by an adult please), parents, grandparents and all the family and friends!

For further details please contact
Marion or **Phil Heasman** 821816

T'Owd Man Tea Towels

Just a reminder that our very own T'Owd Man of Bonsall tea towels make great stocking fillers! All the remaining stock is now with Ann at The Fountain and will be until they're all gone. She also has the last few T'Owd Man key rings. So don't miss out!

Marion Heasman

Bonsall School

As you might expect, this is a busy term for the school although we try not to mention the C.... word until Advent! However, here are some of the events that you might like to be involved in:

Christmas Play

The Christmas play dress rehearsal is open to senior citizens and toddlers. We still miss Nancy who always sat in the front row and then got out a bucket to collect donations! It is on Tuesday 10 December in the hall at 2.00pm. Please come.

Carol Service

Years 5/6 are planning a special nativity scene with Reverend Carla on the 19 December to tie in with the ecumenical carol service. We will meet at the church at 6.00pm for a shorter carol service and then proceed to The Cross with Mary and Joseph for a tableau. This is in the early stages of planning so check with the school and church for further details.

Vacancy

School has a vacancy for an After School Club Leader. The post requires someone to organise activities with the children and plan and prepare a small snack. The sessions run Monday – Thursday 3.15pm – 5:30pm during term time. If you would like further details please apply to the school office. 01629 822573. Interviews will be held on 4 December 2019.

Thank You

On Flood Friday the school dinners could not get here so Anne at the Fountain came to our rescue with a range of hot meals. The children really enjoyed them – and said so. Thanks a lot, Anne, you were a star!

Bonsall CE VA Primary School would like to thank all the Open Gardeners for their generous donation of £200. We will spend it on a new wheel barrow and garden tools, plants and seeds and hopefully turning the rectory garden into a wild flower garden. Thanks also to Phil Heasman who played the Last Post so poignantly at the Armistice Service at The Cross led by Class 3 and Reverend Carla.

Lesley Murhall

Headteacher

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Bonsall Arts Trail Update!

Arrangements for Bonsall Art Trail, 4-5 April 2020, are well underway. We're delighted to have received funding from our sponsors: Bonsall Open Gardens, Derbyshire Dales District Council, Longcliffe Community Fund, Barley Mow pub and Turner's Art Supplies. Huge thanks to you all. The Trail has been featured in Arts Beat and applications from artists are arriving through CuratorSpace (www.curatorspace.com) via our website (www.bonsallartstrail.org).

The Trail offers Derbyshire artists an affordable opportunity to sell and exhibit their work in a beautiful and supportive environment. Another big thank you to householders who have volunteered to accommodate exhibitors. By the way, we've also secured free-standing boards, specifically to display wall art. So no plaster repairs needed! If this changes your mind about hosting an artist, please let us know by calling 07881 021742 and leaving a message.

Over the course of the weekend there will be workshops covering techniques for making textiles, ceramics and painting. There will be live music on the Saturday night in the Barley Mow pub, the famous home of hen racing! The pub also serves delicious food that caters for all the family. All in all, visiting the Trail is a great way to spend the pre-Easter weekend.

Amanda Graham

Bonsall Arts Trail group



Photo: Jane David

Wednesday Workshop

First of all, a big thank you to Sue Knowles for inspiring us with Christmas cards and decorations at the last two meetings. We are having a month off over Christmas and will meet again at the end of January. We are back to Wednesday again, so the date will be Wednesday 29 January, 7- 9pm and we will meet at my house, 51 High Street. Bring along your current project and give a thought to anything special you would like us to focus on in the next month or so. Phone or email with any queries.

Jeanette Moss

Tel: 826557

email: jeanetteemoss@aol.com

Village Hall EGM

There will be an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held in Bonsall Village Hall on Tuesday 10 December at 7.30pm. The main purpose of the EGM is to appoint a 'new' Bonsall Village Hall Management Committee. For many years, it has been the same five members on the committee. Following some recent resignations, there is the opportunity and the need for new people to join the committee. The Village Hall (Holding) Trustees remain, unchanged. The Trust Deed for the hall is our governing document. It sets out how the hall should be managed on behalf of and for the benefit of villagers. The management committee should consist mainly of user group representatives (one representative per user group) who then have a say in the running of the hall. For years now we have been short of user group representatives on the committee.

We would like to invite village hall user groups to nominate someone from their group to come along to the EGM and join the committee as their representative. Representatives are appointed/re-appointed at each AGM, so it is not a 'permanent' commitment. The four Trustees of the village hall will be present at the EGM and will provide new committee members helpful information taken from the Trust Deed on the workings and responsibilities of the committee and also a summary of the current financial position. Everyone is welcome to attend. The EGM will be followed by a Committee meeting.

Chris Broome

Village Hall Holding Trustee

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- Gloves
- Baby or handwipes
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Please do not include money or any items that contain alcohol such as hand gel
If you are only filling one sock remember to put the other one inside as well. These can be tied with a coloured ribbon to mark as Male or Female if necessary.
Why not consider asking your workplace, school or friends to join you?
We see up to 90 people a night, so the more socks filled the better.



Fill a Sock and Help the Homeless

This idea has come from Norwich, but if anyone could help by doing this for Doorways Derby, it would be very much appreciated. I can collect them or you can leave them at my house.

Thankyou.

Kathryn Punchard

27 Church Street. 07974304067.

Anyone For Table Tennis?

Just a few months back Wirksworth and District University of the Third Age started what, in a short time, has proved to be a very popular table tennis group. It is an excellent recreational activity and a good, but not excessive, means of keeping fit. Wirksworth U3A is looking to start a U3A table tennis group in Bonsall to make use of two tennis tables which were bought many years ago when the village had a table tennis club for the youngsters. Since then the tables have been gathering dust and taking up space in the village hall. If you are interested in joining a table tennis group which would meet one morning or one afternoon in the village hall please contact me. We are also hopeful that if the table tennis group proves popular with the older age group in Bonsall we could consider reopening a table tennis club for the youngsters.

So please feel free to contact me if you would be interested in supervising a table tennis for young people in the village. Wirksworth U3A have a wide range of activities so check our website to see if there are any others which take your fancy.

Bob Cartwright

Tel:01629 822702 or
bobcartwright@w3z.co.uk.

Traditional Derbyshire Village Carols – In Our Traditional Derbyshire Village!

Saturday 14 December in St James' Church from 4.15pm.

Have you heard of the tradition of singing carols originating in the villages of Derbyshire and South Yorkshire – often sung in pubs! (and sometimes in churches)?

Over the past few years, we have had a couple of evenings learning and singing them and we thought it would be good to have another session – and to link it with the afternoon in St James' Church where everyone is invited to come and place a bauble on the Christmas tree in memory and thanks for family and friends.

So, you are invited very warmly to come and 'bauble' the tree (anytime from 2pm to 4pm), to have some refreshments - but also why not either stay or just come along at 4.15pm to learn and sing some traditional Derbyshire carols for an hour or so.

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Bonsall Parish Council Report for meeting on 18 June 2019

Flooding

Councillor Garry Purdy explained the work of the District and County Council in dealing with the Matlock flooding and praised the work of the teams involved in emergency response.

He said that the 100 year event for which the Matlock flood defences were designed was now occurring much more regularly and that the District Council would be pressing the government for additional funding for the area.

Flood alert information

The District Council had sent out the following links to local flooding information and it was agreed to publicise them:

- Government free text/email/phone flood alert message service: register for the alerts at <http://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings> (main source; available for Matlock valley not Bonsall);
- District Council email updates on flooding and other issues: register at <http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/enewsreg>;
- District Council social media: <http://www.facebook.com/derbyshiredales> and www.twitter.com/derbyshiredales;

You can find further advice on the District Council website at www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/flooding.

Village traffic speed

The Parish Council wants to look at what more can be done to reduce speeding in the village. Anyone interested in this is welcome to join the working group; please contact the Clerk.

Bandstand

Councillors discussed a proposal for a bandstand for carnival and events; it was agreed that in principle this could be beneficial, subject to cost, and to look at this further next year once the land was in Council control.

Vehicle park

The Council received a report from the working group meeting of 29 October 2019. The group is looking at managing the vehicle park once in Parish Council control. Key issues identified by the working group were:

- allocating an area for camper van and other longer term parking (no more than 25%), and that type of use to be charged;
- an honesty box for visitors including coaches;
- park and walk to school to be encouraged, with a proposal to seek grant aid to hard surface the footpath from the vehicle park to the church;
- signage to be provided on the Clatterway, and in the vehicle

park setting out terms of use;

- improvement works to include repairs to dry stone walls, landscaping and thinning of trees to allow the rose hedge to grow;
- the possibility of a storage unit for carnival and well-dressing equipment (a plan had been prepared by Leigh Johnson, although other locations for this were discussed);
- discussion on managing lorry usage was deferred until the next working group meeting when Sam Bradley would be in attendance;
- the importance of retaining the current facility for loading of farm vehicles and similar was agreed;
- it was recognised that the situation had changed as the park area moved from management by the District Council/ Diocese at no cost, to where the Parish Council needed to meet rent of £800 pa and pay all maintenance for the recreation ground (excluding currently play equipment), and for the wooded bank and walls to the road. A mixture of voluntary and fixed charges for the vehicle park was needed to help with those costs and improvements to the land.

It was agreed to support these proposals in principle and to await the outcome of the next group meeting when further work on them would be undertaken.

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District Council sign next to the playground

Risk assessment work on the park had identified this sign as a hazard to children running or cycling down the path, and it was agreed that it should be moved, or ideally removed. The District Council had said that it would have to be retained, but that they would agree a new location with the Parish Council.

RNIB Christmas Stamp Appeal

The Parish Council have been asked to support the attached RNIB charity appeal; see the RNIB poster below if you can help with this.



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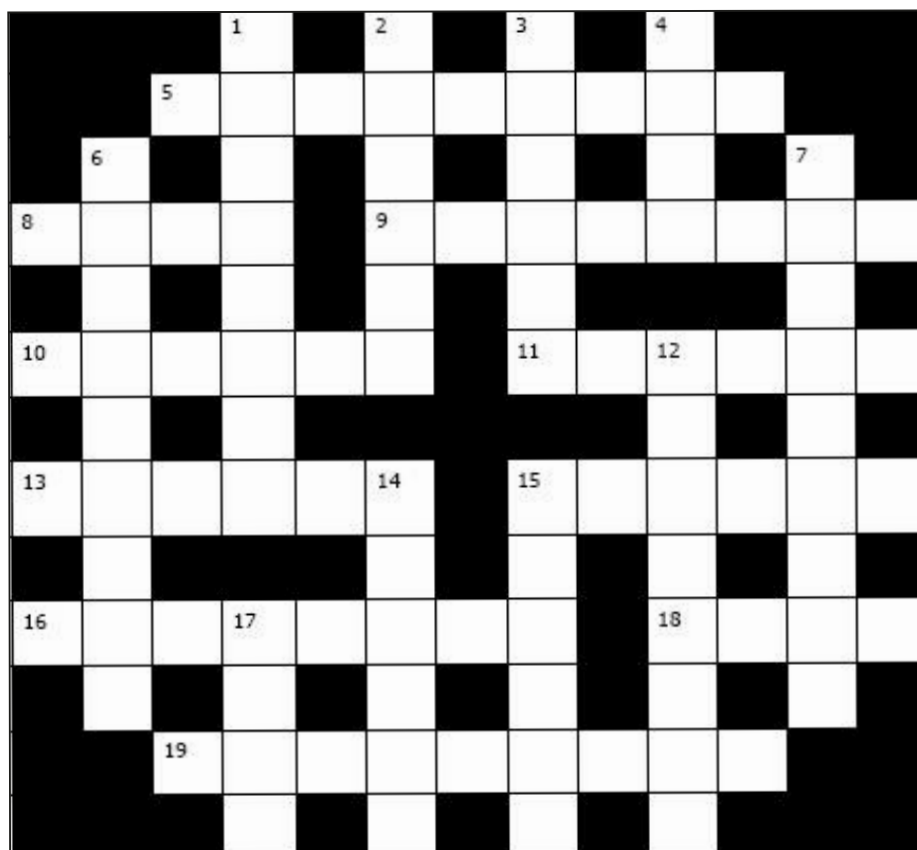


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CROSSWORD #112



Across:

5. 18. Neuter cat horribly! (9)
 8. 18 imprisoned by pianist Ellington? (4)
 9. At first, an NCO, traumatised in defence of the Empire, gets remedy. (8)
 10. 18 sieved vigorously. (6)
 11. 18 that makes a loud noise? (6)
 13. Arranged seat with heartless god? Yes! (6)
 15. Gosh! Thou, struggling within, doth 18 too much! (6)
 16. Place near Manchester loses recipe for broth. (8)
 18. Gas found in stimulant alkaloid. (4)
 19. 18. Bury six partners! (9)

Down:

1. Following 18 in grass. (8)
 2. 18. Vampire, possibly, found in river. (6)
 3. 18. Abstainer drinks liquidised pear? No, the reverse! (6)
 4. First of this month, heading north, got frozen! (4)
 6. 18. First of attacks contained by two offensives, reportedly. (4-1-4)
 7. Stiffly mix crystal with hydrogen and iodine. (9)
 12. Go around chimney and turkey for fruit-bearer. (8)
 14. Duke, with a very quiet hesitation, is debonair. (6)
 15. Second time, I have little reason! (6)
 17. 18. Incapable philosopher on the phone! (4) 12. To do with 5. Aim can at top of garbage. (8)
 14. Again, organise dieter? Yes! (2-4)
 15. Think bastard amuses! (6)
 17. End up with items associated with 5. (4)

Answers to crossword No. 111

Across: 5. Goddesses. 8. Apse. 9. Reinsure. 10. Trader. 11. Ganesh. 13. Adonis. 15. Hestia. 17. Startler. 18. Gods. 19. Pernettya.
Down: 1. Poseiden. 2. Adorer. 3. Aswing. 4 Zeus. 6. Aphrodite. 7. Prescinds. 12. Nosegays. 14. Selene. 15. Hereto. 17. Rhea.

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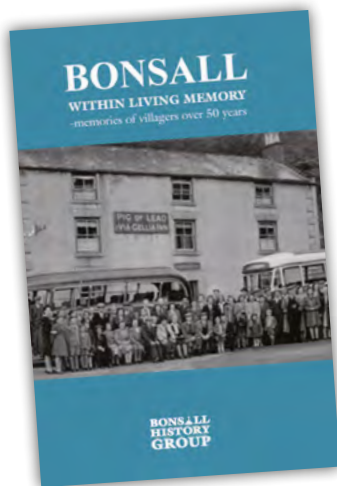
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Mutterings roundup of 2019

FEBRUARY

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.



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.

Village Hall Luncheon Club

From all who attended pre- and post-Christmas lunches, 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.



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.

Film Night at Bonsall Village Hall

There was David Gilmour's spectacular 2016 concert "Live at Pompeii" on the big screen and in glorious surround-sound – a stunning audio-visual experience.

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 Allsop for her work.

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>.

MARCH

Bloodwise Half-marathon

Evie, Mollie and Amy Allsop 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.



Peak Wind Orchestra 'raise the roof'

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, it proved to be a village evening to remember.

Defibrillators

The fourth village defibrillator has now been installed at the school, and the Council recorded thanks to Iain Benzie for his voluntary work in putting this in place.

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 that it will copyright and use for publicity materials. It also agreed to register a website, www.towdmanofbonsall.co.uk, and discussed methods to reinforce the identity of T'Owd Man within the village.

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.

APRIL

Thank You and Goodbye!

Kathy and Charlie said 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".

Village Lunch

This month the menu was mini-Yorkshire puddings with chicken casserole, peas, carrots and new potatoes, followed by pear crumble and custard. All was delicious and enjoyed with a cup of tea afterwards while stretching the brains with the quiz. Well done to John Sewry's table with a score of 22/26!

Slinter Top Quarry

A large residents' group spoke to express their concern at recent levels of noise, dust and disturbance associated with current activity at Slinter Quarry, and expressed fears of this continuing or worsening if planning permission was granted. There are now 53 pages of comments from Bonsall residents on the planning website. These covered a range of issues including: The Pre-Planning and Consultation Process, Ecology and Noise, Conservation Area impact, Tourism and Employment, Quality of Life and Health, Visual impact, World Heritage site impact, and Dust Health and Pollution; and that none of these issues appeared to have been properly addressed in the planning process.

Bonsall Carnival Easter Draw

Thanks to everyone who partook in this draw on Saturday 20 April. 999 tickets were sold with a very useful profit of £906 towards this year's Carnival Fund.

MAY

Local Election Results

Joyce Pawley (Labour) and Gary Purdy (Conservative) were re-elected for the Masson Ward with 459 and 386 votes respectively. The electorate was 2,400 and the turnout was 43.1%.

JUNE

Bonsall Fun Dog Show

Following last year's successful Fun Pet Show there was a Fun Dog Show this year on the park on Sunday 23 June. In addition to the dog show and a dog racing course, there was also snail racing (bring your own snail) and our photographic competition for your pets and wildlife. Proceeds to go towards funding this year's visit of six children from Belarus who have been invited by the Bonsall & Derbyshire Dales Link of Chernobyl Children's Lifeline.

Wednesday Workshop

For the last couple of months we have been working together on a new project. This has required only basic sewing skills but is for a very worthy cause none-the-less. The results of our labours will be sent off to Kenya next month in support of the 'Pad Project'.



Stile Destroyed

Would the energetic person who destroyed the stile which leads from the Town End down into the Park with a saw on the weekend of 14/15th June please get in touch!! We will need your energy to help us get the cattle back in when they are running around the park! If you have a problem accessing the footpath please get in touch with me and we will work to sort out a solution.



Bonsall Art Club Exhibition

The second exhibition was held over Open Gardens weekend. It was another success, with over 300 visitors enjoying the artwork and refreshments in the Village Hall.

Vehicle Speed Data

The Council reviewed the data that had been obtained from the County Council speed survey at two locations on the Clatterway. The Council felt that the data for the two sites justified the need for a 'Twenty's Plenty' scheme and for slower traffic speeds in the village.



Carnival 2019

What a week! Thank you to all of you who turned out in the rain on Saturday and Sunday, along with the other events of the week, supporting the carnival. What a relief that we were lucky for the Friday night fireworks and what a night that was ... again! Thanks to everyone who turned out on the floats, fancy dress and as individuals; determined to enjoy Carnival Day, despite the weather. It is a lot of hard work for the Carnival Committee for one week in the year,

Twenty's Plenty Speed Limits

Councillors welcomed the new signs and thanked Jon Barry and Pete Spencer for their work installing them, and all the residents who had agreed to put them on their land. The Parish Council thanked Andrew Clark of Interior PLUS at Via Gellia Mill for his generosity in underwriting the costs of the project, sometimes for very little thanks.



Photo: Siobhan Rowlands

Coins Around the Cross

We would like to thank everybody who donated coins for our 'Coins Around the Cross' on Open Gardens weekend to raise money towards Bonsall PTFA. Although we were all a little windswept and a lot wet, we had an absolute ball! Not only did we reach all the way around the cross, we also raised a grand total of £279.19. Brilliant!

Christian Aid

This year Bonsall raised £856.78. Thank you to all Bonsall residents who have donated this year and to all collectors around the village.



Photo: Ron Brown

JULY

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. 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 - in the beautiful and historic Buxton Dome. 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.



AUGUST

County Council Flood Report

The County Council report on the flooding in the village on 20/21 September 2018 has now been produced. A full culvert survey will be undertaken this summer and funding had been secured for it. Two initial points were recorded: The report needs to further address the question of adequacy and capacity of the combined sewers; and a programme of more frequent gully maintenance to prevent recurrence needs to be implemented.



Photo: Jeanette Moss

SEPTEMBER

JumbleTrail

A huge thank you to those of you who took part in the Jumble Trail in September. What weather, a real shame! However, the PTFA is over £200 better off thanks to those who had a table and those who braved the weather and walked around.

OCTOBER

Village Hall key

The lock on the front door of the Village Hall was changed during the first half of October. The new key will be placed in the key-box located on the wall next to the door. You will need to obtain the key-box code, which will be changed every month.



Photo: Chris Broome

Illustrated Talk on Climbing in Nepal

Chris Broome gave a talk in the Village Hall on 11 October on his attempt in April/May this year to climb Mera Peak in the Everest Region of the Nepalese Himalaya. "This was probably the most challenging thing I've done so far in my life, taking me to my physical limits". The Chernobyl Children's Lifeline banner was proudly photographed on the summit at 7.45 am on 26 April, the 33rd anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster.



Photo: Peter Fellows

Kings Head Harvest Auction

A tremendous amount of £1963.00 was raised, to be donated to the Church, the School, the Village Hall, Bonsall Seniors, the Mothers' Union and Bonsall Carnival; each will receive £327.00. We all wish Bill and Jill all the best and thank them deeply for reopening the Kings Head since Carnival and their devotion to the village.

New Village Noticeboard

Hopefully, you will have noticed the large noticeboard that has appeared on the wall by the Fountain Cafe. It is deliberately open with no cover, so that everyone can access it. Please use this resource as much as possible to communicate village activities and areas of interest.



Photo: Ricky Moss

NOVEMBER

Village Hall Autumn Fair

The fair was on Saturday, 2 November. This is an important annual fundraiser for the Village Hall funds.

Christmas Fair

The school Christmas Fair was on Friday 29 November, 2.30-5.30pm at school, if you wanted a peaceful wander around(!). The children sang at 3.15pm and then the whole family enjoyed the stalls, games, refreshments and a visit to see Father Christmas.

Village Advent Calendar Windows

This was a great success last year, thanks to all who took part. We are planning to do it again this year. So if you would like to decorate a window with a Christmas/Winter theme, let's make Bonsall look magical again this Christmas. Your donation of £5 will go to the PTFA.

Compiled by Peter Fellows



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