



Issue 189

February 2020

T'Owd Man's Mutterings

David (with Pip)
drystone walling in
January on Bonsall Moor
(Jonathon Ogilvie)



February

St James

February

- 2** 9.30am Eucharist
9 9.30am Eucharist
16 11.00am Morning Worship
23 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

Sunday Funday Family Service will be on Sunday 16 Feb. 10:30am to 11:30am followed by lunch at 12.00. Come and join us.

Our coffee morning is on Tuesday 25 February 10:00am to 12:00pm. Everyone is welcome.

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

Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel (The Dale)

Services during February alternate between 2.30 and 6.15 pm, commencing Sunday 2 February at 6.15 pm.

Friday 21 February, Cuppa and Cake 2.00 - 4.00 pm.

For me one of the things that sets apart the human race as special, beyond all other elements of the animal kingdom, is our profound ability to love. Our ability to create a deep connection with individuals, or groups, that we call family or community, that we care for and are invested in completely. And all this happens because we have the remarkable resource of language. The unspoken body language that expresses our mood and feelings, and the spoken word that helps us articulate who we are, our hopes & dreams, our fears & doubts. I marvel consistently at this ability of words. I am an English scholar at heart and I love the sound of words and how structure and form can evoke beauty and emotion. I am amazed at how words can give strength, how they can make you blush, how they can fill you with excitement and make you feel awake. Also how destructive they can be, how a carefully chosen word can be as dramatic as a slap around the face, and can weaken our resolve and steal our motivation. But for me the greatest gift of language, is it gives me the ability to speak to more than just my fellow man, I have the means of communing with my God in prayer. And you have this ability too. You may think prayer is not for you. But you will have done it and you will continue to do it throughout your life, whether you intend to or not.

We have a built in function that we cry out when things are bigger than us. The stress of life, the heartbreak

of a situation, even sometimes the overwhelming beauty of everything, makes us want to cry out. Whether it is a demand for justice or help, or a simply a guttural scream in the wind, we have an urge to express ourselves to the void. But I believe... the VOID IS LISTENING. 'God is near to all who call to Him' (Psalm 145:18). I believe that this need to cry out was created in all human beings because however great our individuality, personality, wisdom or logic... life is bigger than we are, and we are not always equipped to deal with its bigness. But the great security for me is this, when the world seems too big for me, I trust in a God who is bigger.

Let me clarify. This does not mean God is my very own vending machine, that I put prayer in one end and get the things I ask for from another, (even though that is true sometimes). Prayer is not about just requesting stuff. It is about forming a relationship, in the same way you would a friend. It is speaking and sharing life. It is growing in love, with the one who created love. I want to encourage you as we are still near the beginning of 2020, to give time to see if prayer really works. Try calling out to God, see if He is listening. In the words of Humphrey Bogart it could be 'the beginning of a beautiful friendship.

Pastor Matthew Quinn

Catholic Church Services

Our Lady and St. Teresa of Lisieux

Gorsey Bank, Wirksworth

Mass Sundays 8.45 a.m. Holy Days (See Newsletter)
 Service of Holy Communion – Wednesdays 10.00 a.m.

Contact Fr. Robbie O'Callaghan

(01629 582804)

There is a weekly newsletter listing ongoing events.

Our Lady and St. Joseph Church

1 St. Joseph Street, Matlock

Mass Times Saturday Vigil 6.00 p.m.

Sundays 10.30 a.m.

Weekday Masses – please see newsletter

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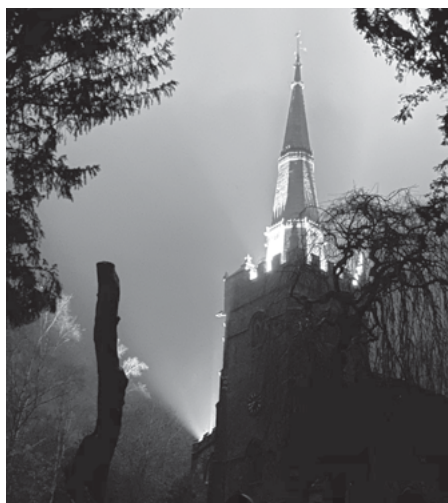
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FLOODLIGHTING



For Richard and Kath Taylor, the second of the month has loving memories of Kath's Mum. Val, Steven and family remember Val's brother, David Evans, on his birthday on 4 February. Mick Baugh is remembered by Rita, Rachael, Danny and their families on his birthday, also on the fourth. 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 the 12 February. The lighting helps bring fond memories of Aunty Joan to all the Rickard family around the fourteenth of the month. February 20 is when Eric Gregory's thoughts are very much of Mary with much love.

Di Moor

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OBITUARY



Meredith Bunting

22.8.1923 – 16.12.2019

Bonsall's oldest lady has died at the age of 96 years. Our Mum, Meredith Bunting, has always lived in Bonsall. She was born in a cottage on Clatterway Hill, then moved to a cottage opposite the Barley Mow, and finally to 2 Abbey House in The Dale (the family home). She was the second child of Minnie and German Land. There were five more children: George, Edna, John, Olive and Herbert (still with us). She left school at 13 to work at the laundry and then to Masson Mill. She married Alf in 1948 and had four children: Norma, Dennis, Linda and Keith; two grandchildren, Timothy and Nicola; and five great-grandchildren, Terry, Declan, Harvey, Reece and Kaden.

She loved her garden, especially her roses, and won the rose trophy on many occasions at the Horticultural Show. Two years ago, she was delighted to be asked to crown the Carnival Queen.

She enjoyed going to the coffee mornings at the chapel and she was in Church for the poppy remembrance service on 11 November.

She had a stroke seven years ago and got over that one, but unfortunately had another one and died on 16 December at Chesterfield hospital, with all her family with her. Her funeral service was on Monday 6 January and she would have been so happy to see the church full. The family would like to thank the Reverend Carla for a wonderful service, Mathew Quinn for speaking about her with such kindness, and everyone for all the cards, flowers and kind thoughts, and the care shown to her over the years. Thank you all once again.

Norma and family.
God bless you all.

Bonsall Arts Trail NEEDS YOU!

Planning is well underway for
Bonsall's **NEW** exciting Arts Trail,
over the weekend of April 4 - 5

We really need more volunteers
to host an artist or to help us
out on the day. For more details,
see our feature on page 8

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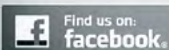
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96 year-old Audrey Ogilvie getting some serious cuddling in with Bonnie at Lilybank Hamlet Care Home, Matlock.)

Pat Dogs Wanted

We are looking for pets and their owners to visit Lilybank Care Home in Matlock. Many of the residents used to have pets when they lived at home and love to see and stroke pets now. We are looking for people, whose pets are calm, like to be cuddled, take treats gently and are not scared of loud noises, to come and visit Lilybank on a regular basis. If you are interested please call 821837. Thanks,

Kay and Jon Ogilvie

Purse Found

On Saturday 28 December, a child's purse was found under the swings at the Park. It contained a £10 note, so probably a Xmas present. If someone can describe it and what's in it, they can claim it. Please call 823960.

Editors

Thanks

Liz Kirk-Smith and Keith McKenzie have decided to step down from distributing Mutterings and the Editors would like to thank them both for supporting Mutterings over at least the last ten years. If you would like to get involved helping to deliver Mutterings around the village, please contact **Julie Hamilton** on 824819.



Seniors enjoying a Xmas lunch (Photos: Ron Brown)



Village Lunches

In a splendidly festive Village Hall, a goodly collection of Bonsall folk were entertained by scholars from the school before feasting on a magnificent traditional Christmas lunch with all the trimmings. January's lunch was warming sausages with Yorkshire pudding, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, followed by apple crumble and custard. We started with a group from our school talking, who already seem well into interesting studies for 2020. During the meal our brains were challenged with a quiz based on 2019 events - interesting how soon things become history! – And we finished with a refreshing cuppa.

The next lunch is on February 19 at 1.00pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome and, if you did not use the signup sheet but would like a place, please phone 826309 by Wednesday 12 February so that the cooks can cater for the right numbers. Please mention any food preferences and ask if you would like a takeout meal.

Jenny March

VE Day

I don't know how many village people are aware, but this year it is the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. To commemorate this there will be an early Bank Holiday on Friday 8 May. I wondered if there are groups or individuals in the village, such as the History Group, Bonsall Seniors, School etc, who might be interested in doing something or have ideas to commemorate the day. If you are interested, we could meet in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19 February or you can contact me on 824724 or 07414 845925.

Hazel Baldwin

Allotment to Share

Do you want to help nature back from the brink and grow some organic vegetables/fruit? I would like to share my Bonsall allotment with a like-minded deliberately 'untidy' gardener, who is committed to assisting cultivation of at least 1/4 plot and helping with general ecologically beneficial maintenance of boundaries, pond, fruit trees etc. This year rent-free with a view to financial commitment in 2021 if you like the idea. Please contact me at sue_quick@yahoo.co.uk or ring 01629-823435 for viewing/discussion.

Sue Quick

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Carnival Committee Xmas Fuddle

Before Xmas, the Carnival Committee invited everyone who helps out with Carnival to a Fuddle. Committee members brought food to share and about 25 people enjoyed a very convivial evening.

Maggie Duggins

Bonsall Seniors Christmas Outing

December 4 heralded the Bonsall Seniors' Christmas outing and this year we were destined for Farmhouse Inns Riverside restaurant in Nottingham. Unfortunately, we encountered some last minute cancellations due to sickness, but at this time of year this is sometimes unavoidable. Nevertheless, 46 seniors boarded the coach and we set off for Nottingham in good spirits.

On arrival, our party was welcomed by the Manager of the Riverside and ushered to our seats. On the menu that day were a variety of starters, a main course of Christmas Carvery with a further selection of desserts to follow. I would like to apologise to some of our guests who had to wait for their desserts; the explanation given was that two members of staff had failed to turn up, which necessitated other staff doubling up in the kitchen and thus causing the delays – this was a pity on such a busy day, but all were fed in the end! During the courses, Christmas music was playing and, following the meal, two games of Bingo ensued. True to form and despite other parties being present, the Bonsall contingent was successful in claiming both prizes of £30 & £35 respectively - a good days outing for some! Our party continued to chat and socialise until it was time to return to the village and we hope that everyone had a pleasant and enjoyable time.

The Seniors Committee will be planning other events for the New Year and would like to thank all who continue to contribute and support in so many ways to the fund and events – thank you so much.

The seniors' outings and events are currently free and open to all village residents who are 60 years and over. If you feel you qualify and have not received invitations previously, but would like to be included, then please contact any committee member (Di Moor, Linda Cauldwell, Ann Hambly, Pat Spencer, Jenny March, Daniele Whittaker or Ron or Janet Brown on 822153) to be added to our invitation lists.

Ron Brown

For Bonsall Seniors Committee

Village Hall Management Committee

We have a new management committee at the Village Hall and now is the right time to extend our heartfelt thanks to Leigh Johnson, Judy Land, Chris Broom and Peter Fox, who remain as Trustees for the Village Hall. They have dedicated their time and skills over many decades, expecting little in return. It is so important to recognise our volunteers because without these people, our community facilities would die and our ability to socialise and support each other would be much more difficult. Village halls are spaces that can keep rural communities vibrant and healthy and our new management committee will take on the roles with gusto that Leigh, Judy, Chris and Peter have fulfilled to date. They have been integral to the everyday running of the Village Hall, taking responsibility for many ordinary tasks, such as changing light bulbs, weeding the exterior, or putting the bins out every Tuesday, which keep the running of the Hall smooth. They have instigated major overhauls, like creating a useable first floor, a new kitchen and adding the cinema equipment, plus many other improvements over the years, which have enhanced the use of the Hall. So again, a huge thank you and the Management Committee look forward to building on the legacy and to continue to provide a local facility for the village.

Hazel Baldwin on behalf of the
Village Hall Management Committee

Carnival 2020

The Carnival Committee AGM was held on 14 January. Jackie Smith was elected as new Chair and thanks were given to Marion Heasman for all her hard work over the last three years. Although we hope that the Carnival will go ahead this year, we need volunteers to help with various tasks. There is a vacancy for Vice Chair and we need someone to carry out various admin tasks, such as promotion/publicity etc. Also, anyone who is interested in offering practical support during Carnival week is very welcome. The next Carnival Committee meeting is on Tuesday 11 February at the Barley Mow at 7.30pm, so if you are considering joining us then please come along. If you can't attend but want to help, then please ring either Jackie Smith (Chair) on 07771 764366 or Pete Fellows (Secretary) on 825267. We need your assistance if Carnival is to continue as an annual event.

Maggie Duggins

(Carnival Committee member)

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Wednesday Workshop

After postponing our January meeting, we are going ahead with ribbon embroidery, led by Sue, on February 26, at my house from 7- 9 pm. Sue has ordered fabric, ribbons and needles for us and Marion has some embroidery hoops available, so you don't need to bring anything, just yourself. There will be a charge of £8 to repay Sue for the materials, payable on the night. Hope to see you then.

Jeanette Moss,
51 High Street, 826557

Poppy Appeal

We have such wonderful, kind and generous people here in Bonsall. You raised £781.70 for the Poppy Appeal, which for a small village is brilliant. Thank you to all the collectors - it's not easy up and down the hills. Thank you to Sam for laying the wreath in church and to Leigh for reading out the names. Thank you also to John Barry for his display of poppies around the village. I would love to see a Tommy on the Park. Thank you again. Love from **Norma Marshall**

Jigsaw Foodbank

The team at Jigsaw Foodbank would like to say a massive Thank You to everyone who donated a toy or gift for us to distribute to the children of the families we currently support in the local area. Your generosity has been amazing! Your gifts will make such a difference to our families who, for a wide variety of reasons, are really struggling to cope with life at the moment - so once again: Thank You!

Ruth Longfellow
foodbank@churchinthepeak.org

Doorways Derby

Good evening everyone.
Can I just say on behalf of everyone at Doorways that we are extremely grateful for every single item that has been donated to us.
Unfortunately we are not able to identify where all the many items come from, and so do not always manage to put a personal thank you post on.
Please do not be offended if you have not been thanked on an individual post and be assured that all donations received go to those in need.
We are very busy this year and are all still trying to do our own full time jobs and have our own personal Christmas as well as organising Doorways.
So once again A MASSIVE THANKYOU FROM ALL AT DOORWAYS.

The lady who co-runs Doorways Derby has posted this on their Facebook page. I thought that the people who kindly donated would like to read it.

Kathryn Punchard

Village Hall Booking Process

From 1 February, the contact for booking the Village Hall will change. Leigh Johnson, who has been doing this for many years, has stepped down from the Committee but remains the Chair of the Trustees. To book the Hall from the above date please contact me by email at Jaqsm@aol.com, phone 823544, or mobile 07771 764366

Jackie Smith

Well-dressings

I know this seems a tad early but, as you may know, Phil and I are in the process of moving to the West Country and this opens up one of the jobs that I have done for the last few years, which is over-seeing the wonderful wells that get produced each year in our fantastic village. It is not a difficult job - a few phone calls leading up to Carnival and a couple of other bits and pieces - it's the people who produce the wells that do all the hard work! If you feel you might have the time and inclination, do give me a call and we can have a chat. It is a wonderful tradition and, as a village, we always produce so many fantastic and varied wells. It has been a pleasure to be part of it.

Marion Heasman 821816 or knock on the door at the Queens Head, I'll either be here or in St Ives!

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For those of you who don't know about the trail, we (Bonsall Arts Trail Group) thought you might find some information about it useful. We're all Bonsall artists (except one from Cromford!) who have organised a new, curated, arts trail for Derbyshire, showcasing the work of Derbyshire artists. This makes us different from other trails who don't have this specific focus. So far, we've received applications from extremely talented painters, photographers, sculptors, ceramicists and jewellers – the response has been fantastic and we anticipate reaching forty, or even more, exhibitors as we approach our closing date. As well as showcasing all of this fantastic work in the village, over the weekend we will be running workshops in various media- watch this space for more details- and of course there will be live

music to entertain in The Kings Head and The Barley Mow. You can also find out more from our next feature in Arts Beat (we were in the November 2019 edition, if you still have a copy) and from our website, details below.

So, if you're a Bonsall artist and haven't yet applied, or if you know other Derbyshire artists who haven't, there's still time! But what we really need is for more householders volunteer to host an artist. We will provide boards and tables, so your furniture and walls don't need to be involved! We would also really appreciate volunteers to help us out over the weekend, particularly with parking and assisting our less mobile visitors to enjoy all of the event. We can be contacted through our website: www.bonsallartstrail.org or email us at bonsallartstrail@yahoo.com. If you would like to host an artist, we have a household liaison group member (Julie Leggett). Julie can be contacted by telephone: (H) 01629259558, (M) 07305594084

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Film Night on the big screen

There will be a showing of 'The Strat Pack Live in Concert' at the Village Hall on Friday 7 February at 7.30pm. It was performed in 2004 with an all-star line-up of some of the world's greatest guitarists and thousands of fans gathered at London's Wembley Arena to celebrate the 50th birthday of a music legend, the Fender Stratocaster. Musicians include Joe Walsh, David Gilmour, Brian May, Paul Rogers, Hank Marvin, The Crickets, Gary Moore and Mike Rutherford. Tickets on the door £4.00. Bring your own drinks. Proceeds to the Village Hall to go towards the film screening licence.

Chris Broome (824512)



Wild Bonsall: Winter Birds in Horsedale

As usual, the arrival of Fieldfare and Redwing, Scandinavian breeding thrushes, in October 2019, heralded the start of autumn proper and the oncoming winter months in Horsedale. Large mixed flocks of several hundred birds feed on the vast supplies of berries that the many magnificent ancient hawthorn trees provide here. Some days, birds can also be found foraging for worms in the surrounding grasslands, often together with large numbers of noisy Starlings.

Snipe returned in November, with at least seven birds feeding in the wet areas at the top end of Horsedale prior to the introduction of cattle. Apparently in response to disturbance from these skittish animals, the Snipe have now moved on from here. Woodcock, that frequent quieter cattle-free wooded areas and hedgerows elsewhere in Horsedale, are still to be found, typically seen only fleetingly when flushed from the undergrowth as they are approached. Whilst this species breeds in UK, the majority of overwintering birds to be found in this country come from much further afield in northern and eastern Europe, with some travelling as far as 7,000 km from Siberian breeding grounds, as shown by recent satellite tracking studies undertaken by the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust. The odd wintering Snipe might still be found by the pool at the top end of Horsedale, but Teal are perhaps more reliably found here now. A flock of around 20 of these small ducks returns to this area each winter, alternating between the pool in Horsedale and Blakemere to the north of the lane, where they often go un-noticed behind the reeds, except for their high-pitched whistling calls.

Mark Eddowes

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21 FEBRUARY

FAMILY BEETLE DRIVE & BINGO EVENING

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Family Beetle Drive and Bingo Evening - for Chernobyl Children's Lifeline

Bonsall & Derbyshire Dales Link invite you to an evening of fun and games for all the family at the Village Hall on Friday 21 February, starting at 7.30pm. We will be holding a Beetle Drive and fun Bingo. There will be prizes, refreshments and a raffle. Adults - £4, Children - £2, Family ticket - £10, available on the door.

Proceeds from the evening will go towards funding this summer's visit by a group of children from Korosten in northern Ukraine, who are being invited by the Link for a four-week health recuperation holiday.

We are currently appealing for host families for this year's visit, to host two children for two weeks.

If you are interested and would like more information please contact Chris or Janice Broome or Krystina Johnson.

Chris Broome,
Link Chair Tel 824512

Talk on the Aquabox Project

Village Hall, Friday 28 February, 7.30pm.

Roger Cassidy, Trustee and Chair of Aquabox, has kindly agreed to give us a talk on this highly important and successful volunteer-led charity and community project. Aquabox is set up and managed by the Rotary Club of Wirksworth since its formation in 1992. They have distributed more than 110,000 aid boxes and water filter units to countries all over the world in response to natural and man-made disasters, helping hundreds of thousands of people in times of crisis. The family filter units are assembled at their depot in Wirksworth. More than 10 billion litres of safe drinking water have been delivered in situations where the available water has been contaminated with life-threatening diseases. Aquabox also sends humanitarian aid with the filters, which include emergency shelter materials and tools, cooking utensils, personal hygiene items, and educational items and toys. No entrance fees but donations received on the night will go to Aquabox. Refreshments available.

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Report of 17 December 2019 and 21 January 2020 meetings



Area dog enjoying the vehicle park
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Vehicle park

A working group is looking at changes to management of the vehicle park once it becomes the responsibility of the Parish Council. At the December meeting, it was agreed to adopt their recommendations as follows (noting that not all recommendations had been unanimously supported by all group members):

- **Long term lorry/trailer parking:** if operator licences were varied by the Traffic Commissioners, and any conditions set by the Council's insurers were met, then permits for this use could be given by the Parish Council. The cost of the permit was still to be determined and this was to be discussed with vehicle owner(s);
- No charges were intended to apply for casual use of the vehicle park for loading/unloading for farm deliveries etc;
- **Charging for lorries:** the views of a member of the public that use should be free were considered. The general view was that the situation had changed due to the tighter regulation of the haulage industry, and also because the village, through the Parish Council, was now being required to pay rent for the land (£800. pa) and to pay to maintain the land and the wider park area;
- **Storage for carnival and well-dressing equipment:** a plan showing a potential site for a 40ft screened container unit was discussed. It was agreed that a 30 foot unit should be sufficient. There was concern that this may need planning permission and that would have to be checked.
- **Parking of cars/vehicles camper vans/caravans and coaches:** it was agreed that it would not be possible or desirable to designate any separate area for this use, and this should be limited to no more than 25% of the Park area;
- **Suggested charges:** casual visitors £1 per day; coaches £5; camper vans/caravans maximum 2/3; permit £400 per year;
- **Improvement works:** the priority was agreed to be the resurfacing of the vehicle park; the material needed to be permeable to allow drainage due to flood risk. The border is to be edged with limestone blocks. The other main priority was agreed to be repair of the wall to the road.



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- **Honesty box:** it was agreed to seek a design for a box incorporated into a rock/stone feature as at the National Stone Centre; the face could be carved with T'Owd Man design. Grant funding is to be sought towards this;
- **Signage:** the need for signage was discussed, in particular that a "vehicles parked at own risk" notice should be installed.

The working group continues to meet, so any comments for them on the plans to date can be passed to the Clerk or local Councillors.

Parish Council Precept

In January the Parish Council agreed a budget for 2020-21 (available on the website) and also set the precept for 2020-21. This will be unchanged from last year at £18,500, equivalent to £55.37 for an average Band D household.

Slinter top quarry

The Council heard in January that the revised planning application is not now likely to be put out to consultation for some months; noise problems associated with the current use of the quarry continue to be reported.

Burial ground consecration

At the January meeting the Council finalised arrangements for consecration of additional land at the Parish burial ground. This will give an additional 18 places. The service on Thursday 6 January was led by the Bishop of Repton, Jan McFarlane.



Village traffic speed:

the January meeting received a report from the traffic working group. Their main recommendations that were adopted were:

- **Twenty's Plenty:** to change signs and locations during the next year;
- **Speed monitoring sign:** to seek to install an electronic speed monitoring sign at the park bus shelter where there was the highest risk to children; either through County support or purchase; it was noted that this would need careful design in the conservation area;
- **Statutory 20 mph scheme:** reducing fatalities/casualties was the key County Council criteria so this was unlikely to be met for Bonsall. The shortcomings of the County Council approach on this, and signage generally, was discussed; it was agreed that an approach jointly with other similar villages was more likely to be successful, particularly if coupled with lobbying the MP. It was agreed this was a longer term objective;
- **Improved publicity:** support of Mutterings on initiatives to date was welcomed. It was agreed to seek to raise the profile of the problem by a monthly article highlighting speed issues in various parts of village;
- **Signage at park:** the Council will look to site further Twenty's Plenty or similar signage at the Park to highlight children's safety;
- **Poster:** to prepare a poster that could be put in pubs/cafe /B& B's/noticeboard etc. encouraging reduced speeding;
- **Traffic priority scheme at top of Clatterway:** to ask the County Council for traffic calming/priority traffic scheme as this was a potential accident point due to speed;
- **'No footways in village' sign:** to ask County Council if this could be considered for Yeoman Street/High Street;
- **Joint working with other villages:** Brassington had reported similar experience to Bonsall in that no substantive action would be taken by the County Council given their casualty data. It was agreed to keep them updated on action, and to seek to identify other villages within the Derbyshire Dales' constituency which were addressing traffic speed.

The group is continuing to meet, so comments can be passed to the Clerk or Councillors.

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Churchyard trees

The Parochial Church Council has made a contribution of £1200 towards the cost of clearing trees in the closed churchyard and cliff above Yeoman Street. The payment was received with thanks.

Lea Road Closure

At the January meeting, County Councillor Ratcliffe said that this closure (caused by a major landslide) was being given high priority, but it was still likely to be some time before it could be repaired as there were very complex ground conditions to deal with. The latest information from the County Council is that the work is aimed to be completed in 2020, but that timescale is subject to the results of ground surveys.

District Council waste collection

District Councillors reported that the waste contract tender had been awarded to the current company, SERCO, from May 2020. Because of changes in the waste collection market (only eight companies tendering for this work in the UK and only one other for this contract) the contract price was more than £1 million above the anticipated cost. The green bin garden waste service would be an opt-in service, at a first year cost of £35 then £50 per year. Questions were asked as to whether that would encourage garden fires or fly-tipping; this was said not to be the experience of other authorities who operated this system.

Armed Forces Covenant

At the December meeting it was agreed to adopt the Armed Forces Covenant, which recognises the contribution of those who have performed military duty, and the obligation on the community to ensure that they did not face disadvantage. Full details of the Covenant can be found on the website.

Faulty street light at the Park bus shelter

Cllr Barry questioned the repair time for this which had been reported by the Parish Council and others. It was apparently due for replacement but needed a new power supply, and this was the responsibility of Western Power, which was causing the delay. Cllr Ratcliffe agreed to chase progress on this.

General Election Results

Sarah Dines (C) 29,356 (58.7%)

Claire Raw (L) 11,975 (23.9%)

Robert Court (LD) 6,627 (13.2%)

Matt Buckler (G) 2,058 (4.1%)

Con majority 17,381. 2.9% swing Lab to Con.

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

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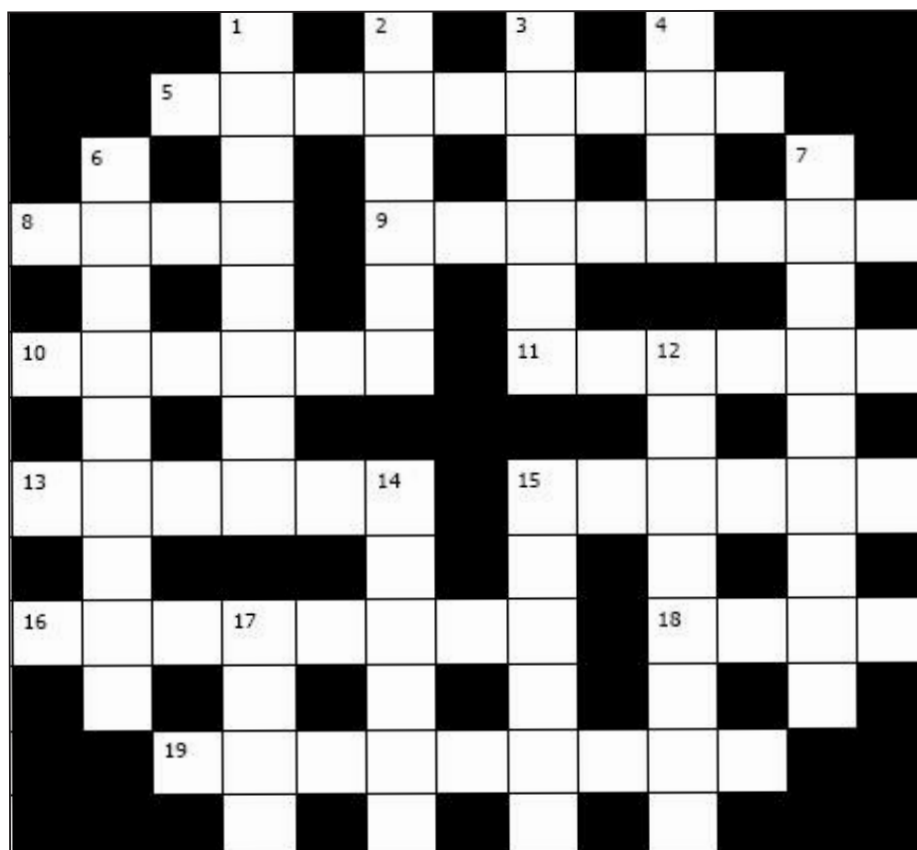
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CROSSWORD #113



Across:

5. Last of the women in ceilidh dances with Roger, a novice. (9)
 8. A 9. Oscar played with sax. (4)
 9. With a gun, Gael slaughters rookie. (8)
 10. A 9 spoken by Hedwig?! (6)
 11. South African gripe results in a 9. (6)
 13. Gone back around horse to find drink. (6)
 15. Show disapproval about clown-fish. (6)
 16. A 9. Have half a laugh at superb Scotsman. (8)
 18. Spots wacky cane! (4)
 19. First I call, 'Exit left, and in charge, number 9.' (9)

Down:

1. A 9. Gloat on phone at Gandalf in film, maybe. (8)
 2. Cut up key inside treasure. (6)
 3. Sings about Hampshire? (6)
 4. Take two turns about road for a 9. (4)
 6. A 9. Wine mixed with argon fizzes! (9)
 7. Rose, say, left worker in Spain. (9)
 12. A 9. Sea swamps north half of Darfur. (8)
 14. Questions heartless governor over tribulations. (6)
 15. Grandma props up graduate - with this fruit? (6)
 17. Norman maybe first in Anglo-Saxo region's conquest history. (4)

Answers to crossword No. 112

This was meant to be a prize crossword, but the information was left out, so saved me a couple of bottles of wine! Also, 7down was clued from an old crossword, and so wouldn't have made sense. The actual clue was, '18. Incapable philosopher on the phone' and the answer was 'Cant'.

Across: 5. Utterance. 8. Tell. 9. Antidote. 10. Devise. 11. Report. 13. Staged. 15. Mouthy. 16. Stockpot. 18. Talk. 19. Interview. (EW= partners in bridge). **Down:** 1. Stalking. 2. Debate. 3. Patter. 4. Iced. 6. Tete-a-tete. 7. Starchily. 12. Plumtree. 14. Dapper. 15. Motive 17. See explanation above.

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