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# T'Owd Man's Mutterings

## Full Speed Ahead for Spring



*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

### April

#### St James

Due to Coronavirus (Covid-19) there are no services but the church will be open for private prayer, see website [www.wirksworthteamministry.co.uk](http://www.wirksworthteamministry.co.uk) for information.

#### Village Life Church

As part of the fight against the spread of COVID-19 we have decided to temporarily close the doors of the church for the short-term. We will still be very much active at this time, we are still regularly making space for prayer and moving our pulpits to online platforms.

We have such a passion for this amazing community and if you need any help, support or encouragement at this time please do not hesitate to call me on 07988071682.

If anyone would like access to our online content or like to join our Whatsapp community at this time, please let me know and we would be very happy to add you.

Many blessings and love to you all.

**Pastor Matthew Quinn**

#### Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel (The Dale)

The Chapel is closed and there are no services taking place. Please check the Chapel noticeboard.

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## CHURCH NEWS

As I write this we have started to practice social distancing and schools will close on Friday, not to open for a while yet. Supermarket shelves are left empty by the fear of the unknown and the fear that we will not have enough if we're asked to go into complete lockdown. The uncertainties are many, the fear for vulnerable loved ones is real, as is the fear for many how they will manage financially. The self-employed, and owners of small businesses are particularly at risk of going under.

Nevertheless, amidst this strange new reality I'm discovering amazing initiative in all my churches and all the villages the Team Ministry takes me into. There is local organisation, groups looking after the most vulnerable and creating networks that will guarantee they will have food and medicines brought to them as the need arises. There are friendship groups phoning around various people so that, even though they may need to self-isolate, they won't be cut off from human contact (one of the worst factors for deteriorating mental health). Local people are supporting their shops and pubs, promising to buy a take-away meal a week from their local provider, now that they can't go in and enjoy the food as they could before.

The Church of England has taken the decision to cancel services, to help maintain social distancing. This means the church here in Bonsall might look a bit different for a while. Nevertheless, the church building will remain open as usual for private prayer and a quiet space and also to serve as a village hub for whatever is needed. We will continue to be drop-off point for the Food Bank, and if your situation permits it, then please consider continuing to donate to that (or start if you have never done it), as demand for

their services will increase over the next few weeks and months. As a church we continue to partner with Jigsaw for our Food Bank. If you know of anyone who is, or becomes, vulnerable and in need of these services please contact John Searl on [john.i.searl@gmail.com](mailto:john.i.searl@gmail.com), who will help co-ordinate resources and help. Also if you find you are able to volunteer to take deliveries to people then contacting him as well and you can be placed on our list of volunteer drivers – we're particularly looking for people who are not in the High Risk categories, so if you happen to be under 70 and healthy consider volunteering.

I believe that over the next few months we will learn more about one another, we will grow closer as a community and will learn new ways of working and co-operating. I'm not minimising the hard times ahead but I guess my faith gives me hope, and as Bishop Barbara Harris (1930-2020), the first woman to be ordained a Bishop in the Anglican Communion, put it so eloquently:

"The God behind you is greater than the problem in front of you".

Keep safe Bonsall. God bless you all,

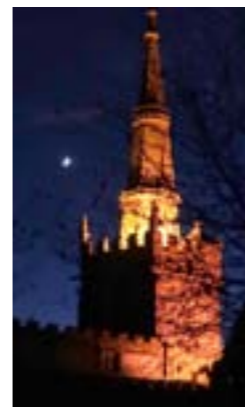
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## FLOODLIGHTING



Special memories of Kevin for Val, Steven, Sophie and children, also Kevin's parents, Ken and Celia Baker on 5 April.

Loreen, Steve, Robert and Lorna fondly think of Jack and Dorothy Malone during April.

Dorinda remembers Colin Broad with love and Stephen, Trisha and families fondly remember Joan Gregory.

21 April is a special day for Janet, Hayley, Laura and their families when they remember David with much love.

Please let me have your donations or you can pay on-line. Details are: National Westminster. Bakewell 60 14 15 a/c no 80567622 PCC of Bonsall, ref. floodlighting.

Next month will be the last till September when the spire will be lit so if anyone would like to name a family member or friend in the next issue please let me know. [dimoor2014@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dimoor2014@yahoo.co.uk)

**Di Moor 824376**

## LETTERS

#### Annie Phillips

Geoff and family would like to thank all those who attended Annie's funeral at St. James on 13 February and for the generous £300 donations to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

**Geoff Phillips**

#### Libraries closing due to Covid-19

Just a thought, with the news that libraries are closing; although there are no church services, St James' church is still open and there is a small library in there that anyone can use, although you should keep any borrowed books for the foreseeable future.

**Di Moor**

## VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

#### Carnival on hold

Due to current circumstances, it is with a heavy heart that the Carnival Committee has decided to put the Carnival on hold this year. We will continue to follow government advice and this decision will be subject to further review throughout the coming weeks.

The Easter draw tickets, the proceeds of which help to fund the Carnival, will continue to be sold but will not be drawn until later in the year. The money raised will go to Carnival funds as usual.

The committee will post updates in Mutterings as and when we have any further information. If you would like to discuss this further please contact me.

**Jackie Smith**

Carnival Committee Chair

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#### Derbyshire County Council Community News

The Council now produce a fortnightly newsletter giving information for local groups, societies, clubs, parish and town councils. Issue 1 was in March 2020 and included information on support for residents and businesses affected by recent flooding.

If you want more information then email the council at [news@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:news@derbyshire.gov.uk). or visit the website at <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/news-events/news-updates/news-and-updates.aspx>

Community News

#### Bonsall Arts Trail Cancelled



Dear Artists, Bonsall village artists, hosts and Supporters

As you may have heard from members of the Parish Council and from our Bonsall Arts Trail Facebook page, we have had to take the inevitable decision not to run the Trail this year. Several artists who are in



Signs of Spring by Jeanette Moss

vulnerable groups have, understandably, had to pull out and of course the risk to our hosts, artists and the people of Bonsall became unacceptable very quickly. However, by this point we had done 90% of the work and we are in a good position now to put the Trail 'on ice' over the following months. We envisage that a rescheduling for the first weekend in April 2021 is the most likely new date. For the artists, we will work to promote you, your work and your businesses as best we can over the coming difficult months in which, sadly, many artists' events, exhibitions and other cultural gatherings will be cancelled or postponed.

To Host venues and supporters- what can I say other than an enormous thank you? But please bear with us because we needed you this year to be able to run the Trail and we'll need you next year as well! You're the backbone of the Trail and without you it wouldn't ever have been possible. We will continue to promote events taking place in the two Bonsall pubs, support the Hazy Horse mobile bar and Bonsall Open Garden Festival and Cascade Gardens into the future and of course continue to spread

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awareness of the positive aspects of living with dementia. Sadly, we are now not able to do this as part of the Trail. It's a huge shame not to be able to show the work of the Wabi Sabi group. However, we'll use our Facebook page and the Website to spread the word and urge people to support dementia friendly initiatives. With vulnerable people living with dementia most likely needing to self-isolate, these are more important than ever.

Finally, I have to thank the fantastic group of people who 'are' Bonsall Arts Trail group and have devoted so much of their time so far: Julie Leggett and Richard Grover, Susan Botting, Marion Heasman, Chris and Krystyna Tkacz and a recent addition to the group, Stephen Smith. Everyone has given their time voluntarily and there's not been so much as the cost of a cup of coffee taken from the Trail account in reward! However, we have sufficient funds now, as a not for profit organisation, to allow us to simply "roll over" the trail until next year. I hope to have everyone with me when we need to begin planning for 2021 but for now- I think we all need a break! Take care everyone, a huge thanks again to you all, and please stay safe.

Best wishes,  
**Amanda Graham**  
(Chair, Bonsall Arts Trail Group)

## Open Gardens : 6 and 7 June 2020 Now Cancelled



(Landscape with Goat, Vence 1924)

With the Corona virus issues moving so quickly the Open Gardens organisers have unanimously decided that Bonsall Open Gardens Weekend cannot go ahead. We are very sad about this but the health and safety of our gardeners and of the general public, is very important to us.

Bonsall is a beautiful, floral paradise to be locked down in, we are very fortunate indeed. Stay safe.  
Thought the Landscape painting looked so very much like Stepping Lane in summer.  
**Elisabeth Stoppard**

## Village Lunch Cancellation

Due to the ongoing Corona Virus situation, the monthly Village Lunches are cancelled until further notice. Hope everyone keeps well and see you soon.  
**Jenny March**

## Village Diary of Bonsall

I would like to keep a village diary of Bonsall during this period of upheaval. The idea is that anyone who wishes should submit their diary comments to me via my email - tobinann0@gmail.com and every two weeks I will produce a compilation of items, articles, thoughts, descriptions of events, however great, however small, but all relating to your experience during this very peculiar period that we are all going through.

I would like the diary to cover everything - from the farmers through to schoolchildren, from the shopkeepers and publicans, from people who are self-isolating and from people who are key workers and still delivering the services we all need, from the good things that we do for each other, the hard things we have to put up with, from celebrations through to commemorations, small things to big things. When it is all over and we have survived, we can then produce a final version that will provide a full record of the "time of the plague". I am inspired by the fact that we are so near to the village of Eyam that sacrificed itself in the time of the Great Plague - although I hope with all my heart it doesn't ever get as bad as that.

In my time I have worked as a writer and producer for television drama and documentary, as well as having trained as a historian, so hopefully I will have some sense of how to put all the material together into a coherent whole.

I would also welcome input in terms of contacts, connections and ideas for content from anyone else who would like to join with me in this enterprise.

Please let me know if you are interested in this idea, and if you wish to contribute any items on your experience so far - don't hold back.

If you are interested and want to submit pieces for inclusion, but would like it to be anonymous, then just let me know and I will make sure that your name is not published.

Over to you Bonsall.  
**Ann Tobin**,  
95 Yeoman Street, DE4 2AA

## VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

## Community Support Team

We are distributing the leaflet displayed throughout the village to explain the support your local village store can provide and to help people through the isolation that many will be suffering.

**Rachael Richardson**

## Auction of Pledges and Items - Masson Mills, Friday 24 April 2020

You are duly invited to an Auction of Pledges and Items evening which is to be held at Masson Mills Shopping Village in the restaurant area on Friday Evening on 24 April with the auction itself starting at 7.30pm. Viewing of the pledges and items that will be on display prior to the start of the auction will be from 6.30pm. Free entrance. All proceeds from the auction will go towards funding the Ukraine children's visit this summer organised by the Bonsall & Derbyshire Dales Link of Chernobyl Children's Lifeline. There will be refreshments available i.e. wine, beer and soft drinks, along with homemade cakes along with Russian Crafts for sale. This is our main fundraising event of the year - we need to raise several thousands of pounds before June! If anyone would like to donate an item or pledge a service for the auction, please contact Janice Broome on 07581 874762 or Krystina Johnson on 07857 617103. If you have any suggestions of potential donors who we could approach, either in Bonsall or elsewhere then please let us have their contact details. It is quite a few years ago since we last held an auction. They are great fun and can raise a lot of money for charity. There will be an opportunity to do some shopping in the store as well during the evening (before and after the auction) with 20% discount

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off many items. Please come along and support us. Thank you.

**Chris Broome**  
Link Chair

### Easter Extravaganza and Zip Wire Challenge - Chernobyl Charity Fundraising Event, Sunday 5 April 2020

The Bonsall & Derbyshire Dales Link of Chernobyl Children's Lifeline would like to invite Bonsall and Slayley residents along to a fun filled and family orientated fundraising event at the Mount Cook Adventure Centre, Wirksworth, on Sunday 5 April. There will be crafts and many other stalls, children's games, Bungee Trampolining, a display of Birds of Prey, tombolas, raffles and much

more. Take a ride on the famous Treetops Zip Wire, only £5.00 a go! We are open from 10.00am until 4.00pm. There is a café on site. Entrance and car parking is free. All proceeds will go to the charity to help to fund 4-week health recuperation holidays for eight children and their Group Leader from Ukraine this summer. For more information and to book your ticket for the zip wire challenge, phone Janice on 07581874762 or email her at janicebroome@sky.com You can also pay on the day (limited spaces available). We are grateful to Mount Cook for hosting the event free of charge. Please note: dogs (apart from Guide Dogs) are not allowed on the site at Mount Cook.

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## PARISH COUNCIL

### Parish Council Report for meeting on 17 March 2020

Community response to coronavirus: Councillors discussed how the Parish Council could help the community to organise for those in isolation and those who might become ill. The Clerk reported that the District Council and County Council were working to co-ordinate a central log of volunteers, and he had already been contacted with offers of volunteer help.

Some measures are already in place:

A voluntary group is being co-ordinated by Rachael Richardson organising community support in conjunction with Hannage Brook Medical centre. They are leafleting the village to identify vulnerable people. They are offering help with deliveries, collecting shopping and medication, posting mail, and social support via a 'friendly phone call'. Contact Rachael at Cubley House the Dale (07873 674983).

St James Church is open as a community hub and for private prayer; the church is also open for food bank donations. Regular services have had to be suspended due to government and national advice, but they are working on a continuity plan and are ready to work with other groups and organisations.

The Fountain Cafe and shop are open for business. They are also taking orders by phone or email for home deliveries (including offering telephone card payment). This is a daily order and delivery service (except for Maycock's

meat orders which need to be placed Monday and Thursday); contact 01629 825582 / 07876 506595 / enquiries@thefountainbonsall.co.uk).

The Barley Mow is open and also offering a home delivery service for food and drink (01629 825685).

The Kings Head is also open and offering home deliveries for food and drink (01629 259729).

David Allsop's milk round is available for doorstep deliveries of milk and dairy products (01629 824795).

The Parish Council agreed that they would work to do all possible to assist in providing community support and public information. We have been in touch with the voluntary group organisers and with the church to see how we can work together to do this, and suggestions on that are welcome. Please speak to the Clerk or to your local Councillor.

Bonsall Arts Trail: the event organiser Amanda Graham attended to confirm that the Trail would be postponed until April 2021 (provided that it could be put on safely). Councillors thanked those involved for their work on this to date.

Flood Warden Scheme: a volunteer group had met at the village hall on 12 March to prepare for future flood events. Councillors agreed to support the key tasks agreed by the team:

-To prepare a Community Flood plan. The initial steps would be to circulate contact details of the wardens, to obtain plans of highway and Severn Trent drains, and to allocate responsibility for

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tasks by locality to the group members.

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-To ask DCC to contact as soon as possible the riparian owners of land through which the culverts passed to discuss any works that were needed.

-To contact Severn Rivers Trust for an update on their project on how flood risk could be alleviated by land management around the village.

Anyone wanting to join the working group please contact the Clerk or your local Councillor, or the Chair of the working group Alan Clements at Cascades (alan.clements@cascadesgardens.com / 01629 822813).

Ragcroft path: thanks were recorded to Pete Spencer and to Jon Barry for their work in clearing the Ragcroft path.

Website improvement: the website group had met on 10 March; the aim was to have a new site with improved links and access for village groups operating in the next few months. Any group wanting to have space or a link on the village website should contact Brett (brett@statetostate.co.uk).

Full details of the meetings can be found in the minutes on the Parish Council page of the village website at [www.bonsallvillage.org/](http://www.bonsallvillage.org/), or on the village noticeboards.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for 7.30pm on Tuesday 21 April 2020. If you have any issues to be raised at the meeting please contact the Clerk Tony Payne with details by Monday 13 April. If the meeting cannot take place in the village hall then Councillors will try to arrange a meeting by video link or similar; we will put details on the website and noticeboards.

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### Addendum to Parish Council report: Night time road closure Via Gellia 20 April to 15 May:

Derbyshire County Council have announced a road closure to allow carriageway resurfacing, 19.00pm to 5.00am daily, from Water lane (at Cromford Hill junction) to Ryder Point. A diversion will be in place. The Council say that Access will be maintained, whenever reasonably possible, on the affected length of road. The road will re-open as soon as the work is finished. This may be earlier than advertised.

Full details are at <https://one.network/?tm=116284814>.

## COUNCILS & MP/MEPs

### 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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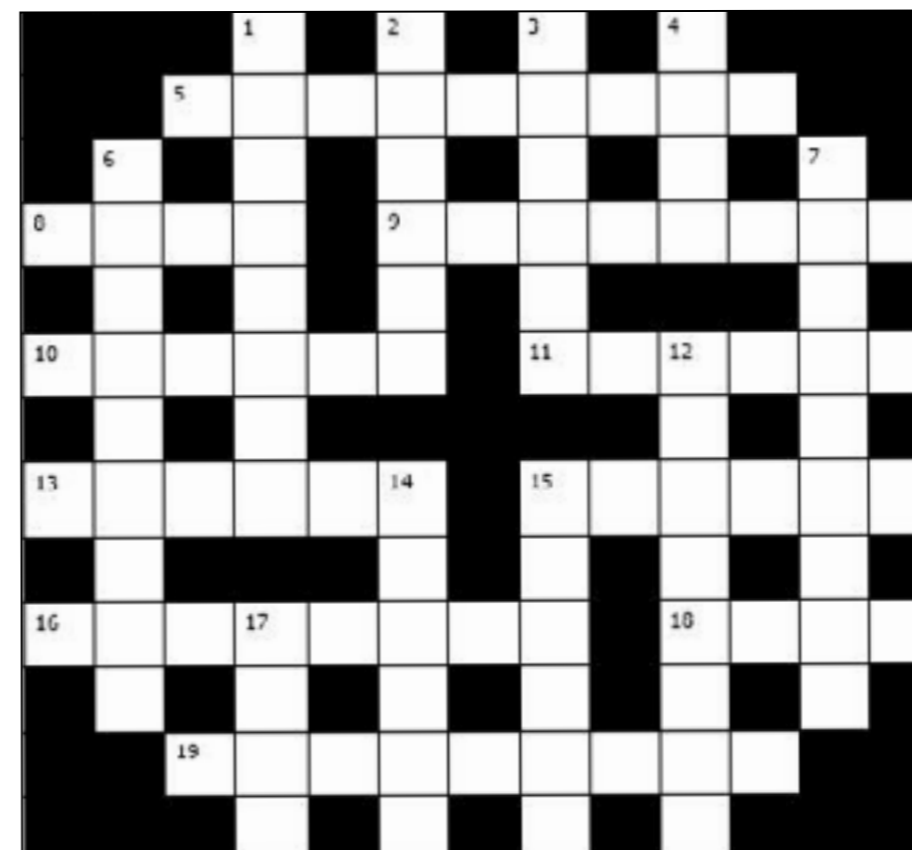
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## CROSSWORD #115



### Across:

5. 4. Coco in hip replacement. (9)
8. Dish for four. (4)
9. Violently, men are stuck in pen with mother-in-law. (8)
10. 4. Those ones embrace female leads at first. (3,3)
11. Scripture books on tape. (6)
13. 4. Laugh out loud in the auditorium openings. (6)
15. Going backwards in final at Rome? Fatal! (6)
16. Separate from prince, Cinders suffers. (8)
18. Solid company? (4)
19. Low ranker disrupts 4. (9)

### Down:

1. 4. Oil! Piffle! Cock-up! (4,2,2)
2. Throw back; throw again? Difficult! (6)
3. One who copies English - horrible chore! (6)
4. Spiderman, maybe, seen going up in stadium lift. (4)
6. Panel in car is broad? Yes! (9)
7. 4. Tail-less leopard and cat fight. (9)
12. 4. Norb? Yes! (4,4)
14. 4. Short reply includes fib. (6)
15. 4. Am ten? Yes! (3,3)
17. Slack look - in Cornwall, perhaps? (4)

### Answers to Crossword No. 114

**Across:** 5. Liverpool. 8. Riga. 9. Garotted. 10. Prison (on = working). 11. Ostend. 13. Slalom. 14. Bilbao. 16. Helsinki. 18. Aden. 19. Jealously.

**Down:** 1. Limassol. 2. Bergen. 3. Oporto. 4. Port. 6. Gibraltar (mea culpa again - I mis-read my a for an e, so Gibraltar isn't spelled correctly. I'll try to manage without a mistake this week!). 7. Herniated. 12. Talkable. 14. Manila. 15. Beirut. 17. Suez.

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