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# T'Owd Man's Mutterings

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus lockdown we are unable to publish, print and deliver a regular version of Mutterings for May. Therefore for this edition, we have pulled together a shorter newsletter, which we hope you will find helpful. An on-line copy will be placed the Bonsall Village Website at [www.bonsallvillage.org](http://www.bonsallvillage.org).

Please feel free to print a copy for any friends or neighbours who may not have internet access. Please send any news, views, stories, letters and diary events for the next edition by noon on 20 May to [mutterings@hotmail.com](mailto:mutterings@hotmail.com).

**The Mutterings  
Editorial Group.**



The beautiful Longhorn cattle at Four-Lane Ends. Originally bred as draught animals, they are also renowned for the butterfat content of their milk, giving good quality cheese and butter. Photo: Jonathan Ogilvie



3/4 size Ram with fabric legs, card horns & fleece coat. Spotted on Salters Lane. Does anyone know the story behind this mysterious creature? Has the Derby County mascot 'Rammie' gone feral near Bonsall? Photo: Wendy Bullar

## OBITUARY



### Ron Brown

Janet, Jason and Lisa Brown and family would like to say a big thank you to everyone for the beautiful cards, letters, texts, flowers and donations received following the sad loss of Ron. It has all been quite overwhelming and very much appreciated. Once the current situation is over, there will be a service of thanksgiving and a celebration of Ron's life at St James Church to which all will be very welcome.



*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 NEWS

### St. James

Information from : <http://wirksworthteamministry.co.uk/events-and-notice/>

By now everyone will be aware that not only have services been suspended due to the coronavirus, but our churches have had to close as well.

This is what we can offer by way of worship:

We meet daily at 9am and 5pm for morning and evening prayer and on Sundays at 9:30am for a Eucharist. We'd love for you to join us.

The latest edition to our prayer life is a prayer wall which can be accessed at

<https://padlet.com/revcarla/h3g2wc6zlac4>

You can leave a prayer there either for yourself or for someone or something that you have a concern for. You could make use of the Church of England prayer resources as the Church seeks to offer prayerful support to the Nation at this unprecedented time of crisis.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-liturgy-and-prayer-resources>

We have established a gathering for morning and evening prayer each day, finding support both from praying together and having contact with each other. You can join us by using Zoom, the details of which are to be found below.

To access our service online click on this link and follow instructions on your screen: <https://zoom.us/j/2732241372>

If you know of anyone who doesn't have access to the internet but would still like to join us, they can do so using their landline. This is how:

A few minutes before the time of the service:

1. Call 0208 0806591
2. The recorded message will ask for a host or meeting number: Key in 2732241372#
3. You are then asked another question. Key in #

You will be then asked to wait to be connected to the meeting and once connected you will be able to hear and contribute.

Provided your personal circumstances allow, please don't forget that your

Church still needs your financial support, both now & for the future. If you would like details of how to give via direct debit please contact your local Treasurer or Churchwarden (contact details can be found on the website).

And finally, Amanda Stamp at Idridgehay has been in touch to let us know of a new service for those who are elderly and are having to self-isolate for up to three months. Some very talented local people in Derbyshire have created an online radio station for the older generation, playing songs from the 30s to 70s and sharing memories from times gone by with Ashley Franklin (Ex. BBC/Saga presenter). You can read all about Radio Reminisce here: <https://mailchi.mp/cc1d8414099f/radioreminisce> or you can listen for yourselves now at: [www.radioreminisce.com](http://www.radioreminisce.com)

With our prayerful good wishes

**Canon David Truby and Revd Carla Vicêncio Prior**

### Wesleyan Reform Chapel, The Dale

We are unable to meet just now.

However we are remembering one another and all neighbours and friends in our prayers.

May the Lord bless you in His love and peace until we are able to meet again.

### Village Life Church

Unfortunately there are no services until further notice.

## FLOODLIGHTING

This month is special for Glen Griffiths when he lovingly remembers Steff particularly on the 7 May.

30 May is when John Taylor, Wendy, Neil and their families remember Rita on her birthday with much love.

David and Caroline Kirkham remember David's Mum, Muriel who died a year ago on 25 April. She is forever in their thoughts.

### Di Moor

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Please let me know by the middle of August for any new contributions to be included in the September edition

I know some people are now paying on-line but if others can let me have their donation, it would be much appreciated.

## VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

### Carnival news 2020

The Carnival this year is still on hold pending government advice. If the Carnival cannot go ahead as planned, the committee has agreed that we will still have a family day or days of celebrations once we are able to do so later in the year. The raffle tickets in support of the event will continue to be sold when it is safe to do so and will be drawn later in the year.

**Jackie Smith**

Carnival Committee Chair

### Fountain Village Store

The shop is still able to supply any general groceries that they have in store, although deliveries from wholesalers are a bit hit and miss at the moment so it does vary.

Bakery deliveries, fruit and veg', milk and eggs come every day - special orders are available if there is a particular requirement.

Maycocks deliver to the store Tuesdays and Fridays - orders by lunchtime the previous day i.e. Monday and Thursday.

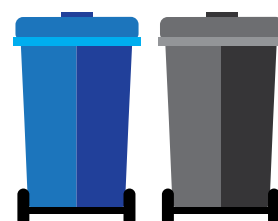
Orders can still be placed by phone on 825582 or 824814 or 07876 506595 or by email to [enquiries@thefountainbonsall.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@thefountainbonsall.co.uk) or [enquiries@thefountainstore.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@thefountainstore.co.uk) or in person in the shop.

Thanks

**Anne Young**

### Bin Collection in May

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| Tue 5  | Blue Bins only (Green Bins suspended)                               |
| Fri 8  | Early May Bank Holiday – VE Day                                     |
| Tue 12 | Grey Bins and Food Caddy  |
| Tue 19 | 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting : Village Hall or remote audio/visual |
| Tue 19 | Blue Bins only (Green Bins suspended)                               |
| Mon 25 | Spring Bank Holiday   |
| Wed 27 | Grey Bins and Food Caddy  |



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## Revised Bus Timetable

Please note the updated Matlock to Bonsall bus timetable has been significantly reduced.

### 216 Bus service - Matlock to Bonsall

Monday to Saturday  
No service on Sunday

#### Matlock - Starkholmes - Cromford - Bonsall

Matlock Bakewell Road (Stand B)	09:36	11:20
Starkholmes, opp High Tor Road	09:40	11:24
Cromford, opp Greyhound	09:46	11:30
Bonsall, opp Fountain	09:49	11:33
Bonsall, adj Uppertown Lane	09:57	11:41

#### Bonsall - Cromford - Starkholmes - Matlock

Bonsall, adj Uppertown Lane	09:59	11:43
Bonsall, adj Fountain	10:02	11:46
Cromford, adj Greyhound	10:07	11:51
Starkholmes, adj High Tor Road	10:14	11:58
Matlock Bakewell Road (Stand A)	10:18	12:02

Timetable data from the Stagecoach website using 'personalised journey timetable.'

## Kings Head

Although the pub is currently closed, Andy and Sam are doing take-away meals. Please call 01629 259729 or message them on Facebook to order and book your 15 minute pick-up slot.

Limited numbers available.

### Wednesday Pie Night

Choice of steak, steak and stilton, chicken, ham and leak, or meat and potato pie, with homemade chips and mushy or garden peas.

£8 each or 2 for £15.

Available between 4pm and 7:30pm.

### Friday fish/scampi night

Choice of beer battered cod, homemade chips and mushy or garden peas, or breaded scampi, homemade chips and mushy or garden peas.

£8 each or 2 for £15.

Available between 4pm and 7:30pm.

### Sunday lunches

Choice of beef, pork, chicken plus homemade yorkies, roast potatoes, new potatoes, stuffing ball, cabbage, carrots, peas and gravy. £7 each.

Available between 12noon & 3pm.

### Andy and Sam

## Parish Council Report for April

### Report for 21 April 2020 meeting

The monthly Parish Council meeting was held by video and conference link.

The meeting was open to all, and members of the public are encouraged to join in any future meetings that have to be conducted in this way. It is not necessary to have a computer, or to appear by video link, you can simply telephone from a landline and listen in or contribute to the public speaking session. Different ways of participating are explained at the end of this report.

The meeting was joined by the leader of the District Council Councillor Garry Purdy, ward Councillor Joyce Purdy, and County Councillor Irene Ratcliffe.

Grant funding support for coronavirus emergency: Councillor Joyce Pawley advised that the Local Projects Fund rules had been changed to allow applications from individuals as well as groups; this was intended to help where there were particular needs that might not be met in other ways. Application can be made online at the Derbyshire Dales District Council website (<https://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/your-council/news-and-publications/latest-news/2855-applications-invited-for-local-projects-fund-grant-scheme>).

County Councillor Ratcliffe said that the County Council Leadership grant

funding was also available for bodies such as village hall committees or churches which may be affected by reduced income or increased need (contact County Council or Councillor Ratcliffe, (or via Clerk).

Refuse collection: Councillor Pawley and the Council leader Councillor Garry Purdy asked to record their thanks for the work of all District Council staff who were keeping services operating in very difficult circumstances, including the refuse collection crews. Cllr Purdy said that crew sizes were reduced because of the limit on numbers in the cab, and had been affected by sickness. The green bin service was still suspended, and Food caddies are collected fortnightly with household waste. There had been some fly-tipping locally, and residents were asked to report it via the DDDC website.

Council Funding and Business support: Cllr Purdy said that as a result of local authority pressure the government were releasing further funding for Councils.

Business owners requiring support should contact the District Council.

<https://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/services-business/business-support-events-funding/coronavirus-support-for-businesses>.

Lockdown rules and non-essential travel: There was discussion on continued use of holiday properties, and Cllr Purdy cautioned people not to jump to conclusions, as some holiday cottages were being legitimately used for people to self-isolate who could not do so at their home. Any concerns about abuse of lockdown should be reported via the Derbyshire police website, as this was solely a police responsibility.

Bonsall Covid 19 Community support group: this had been set up by Rachael Richardson working with Hannage Brook Medical Centre. A full rota of street co-ordinators and volunteers had now been established, and Safeguarding advice and ID advice for volunteers issued, and the village had been leafleted twice. A separate group was working to cover Slaley. Those in vulnerable categories or over 70s were encouraged to use the group for shopping and other services.

The Council recorded their thanks to Rachael Richardson and to Anne Young for the service that she was providing through the village shop and home deliveries

They also agreed a contingency grant



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fund of £200 that could be made available for the work of the group if and when needed, to be paid by the Clerk to the group in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.

Anyone wanting help from the group should contact your local street co-ordinator, or Rachael Richardson.

Footpaths and churchyard: County Council are continuing to operate the footpath maintenance scheme, and maintenance of the churchyard and burial ground. Thanks were recorded to Pete Spencer and Mick Biggin for that work.

Bus services: there was discussion on the reduced bus service due to the lockdown. The Stagecoach timetable showed two services per day, but residents reported that only one was operating. This left Bonsall at 10.01am arriving in Matlock at 10.18am, and then returned departing Matlock at 11.20am. Residents had complained that this left insufficient time for essential shopping. Cllr Ratcliffe agreed to pass on these concerns to County Council staff.

The minutes are on the Parish Council page of the village website at [www.bonsallvillage.org](http://www.bonsallvillage.org).

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30pm on Tuesday 19 May.

If you have any issues to be raised at the meeting please contact the Clerk Tony Payne with details by Monday 11 May.

This meeting will be conducted by Zoom audio and video link.

The following are ways of joining in the meeting:

1. From a landline phone or mobile without wanting video:

Dial one of the following numbers: 0131 460 1196 or 0203 051 2874. Then when asked input Meeting ID: 896 0587 0102, Password: 714453.

2. From a mobile phone wanting to use video: download the Zoom app then use the instructions above. Alternatively you can use One Tap mobile numbers: +442034815237, 89605870102#, 714453# or +442034815240, 89605870102#, 714453#.

3. Via a web browser (for video or voice call or both):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89605870102?pwd=OXJQOFRaMDBZUzZQQTJkY2E5eDVQdz09>, then again use the

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Meeting ID and password above.

4. For any help on this please speak to the Clerk Tony Payne.

5. Alternatively, you can pass any views to be considered at the meeting to the Clerk or to a Councillor.

Clerk and Finance Officer: **Tony Payne**  
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## Parish Councillors

If you have any concerns or requests of the Parish Council, they should ideally be raised in Public Participation section of the monthly meeting. If however there is an urgent matter, while individual councillors will try to assist, a direct response is better achieved by contacting the Clerk to the Parish Council directly:

**Chair: Cllr Mark Harris**, Stepping Lodge, Bell Lane, T: 820285  
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## Bonsall COVID-19 Community Support Group

### Hello there, Neighbours.

Are you unable to leave your home because of Covid 19/Coronavirus?

### We are here for you.

This is a follow-up message to the leaflet that you may have received from Rachael Richardson. This leaflet explains more about the group. We are a group of local

residents who have come together to help during this time where some people are finding it hard to access the help they need.

We would like to support the community that we live in and ensure that nobody is left isolated or without support.

We don't ask for anything in return, we just believe in helping each other in a time of difficulty.

We are your local neighbours and not a professional body. We can only offer help within reason, and in ways we can also stay safe. If you need medical advice, use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service at [www.111.nhs.uk/covid-19](http://www.111.nhs.uk/covid-19), or if you have no internet access, call NHS 111 from your phone. In a medical emergency, dial 999.

The group is linked to Hannage Brook Health Centre (contact Dr Penny Blackwell), and is registered with the Derbyshire County Council Community Response Hub.

### Need support ?

If you would like to speak to us, or want to ask for help, please text or phone one of the Co-ordinators for your street and they will link you up with your nearest volunteer/s:

The Dale, Study Drive, Puddle Hill – Rachael Richardson 07873 674983

Clatterway and Black Tor Road – Liz Pritchett 07716 191030

Yeoman Street – Jackie Smith 07771 764366

Pounder Lane and Town End – Claire Duma 07880 851083

Uppertown and Bankside – Sandra Harris 07808 097375

High Street – Deborah Pearson 07902 792530

Brightgate and Bonsall Moor – Jill Wood 07917 205706

Church Street and Ember Lane – Claire Taylor 07989 597811

Via Gellia–Stuart and Donna Poplar 07889 166888 and 07866013204

### Give support

If you would like to support the community and join in, we can add you to our volunteer register.

Please text 07873 674 983 Rachael or 07808 097375 Sandra to join the group.

### How can we help ?

Let's work to prevent the spread of this disease. Take care everyone.

# CROSSWORD #116

Crossword this month is coronavirus specific!

## Across:

5. See 8.

8 & 5. Fairy in MI6? No? Get organised tail on. It's what we've all been in! (4-9)

9. Blue hair? No, the reverse. Again, what we've all been in! (8)

10. Chaos! Malfunction blamed. (6)

11 & 16. Thus, initially, check Italian supermarket policy - at least 2 metres! (6,8)

13. Write again about character. (6)

15. Virus tackles resistance - hoodie, maybe. (6)

16. See 11.

18. Annoys horses.(4)

19. Abandon, keeping 100 in to do something that might put an end to our current predicament. (9)

## Down:

1. Exploit to the utmost, in a productive way. (8)

2. Small duck wobbling from side to side. (6)

3. Stays right on board. (6)

4. The old Derbyshire talk. (1'3)

6. Leaderless, re-electing in trouble, although it looks good on TV. (9)

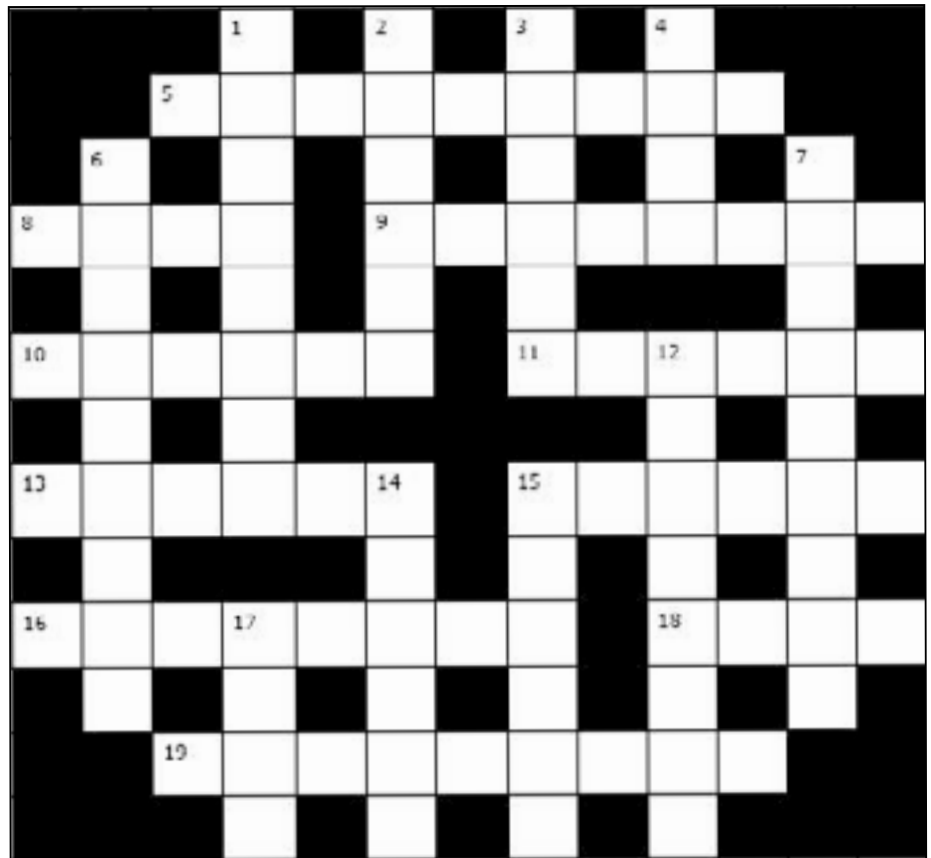
7. Curses! Irksome on board ship. (9)

12. Having a crest, virus dis-embowelled turtle. (8)

14. Abelard, for example, in community supported by national university, Switzerland. (6)

15. Washes scale off, adding nothing first. (6)

17. Melt the heart and win heads, primarily. (4)



## Answers to Crossword no. 115.

Across: 5. Pinocchio. 8. Babe. 9. Stormily (men = OR. ie Other Ranks). 10. The Fly. 11. Ribbon. 13. Lolita. 15. Mortal. 16. Prescind. 18. Firm. 19. Moonraker. Down: 1. Life of Pi. 2. Bolshy. 3. Echoer. 4. Film. 6. Dashboard (broad dashed. ie anagram.) 7. Cleopatra. 12. Born Free (free = anagram of norb). 14. Aliens. 15. Mad Max (mad = anagram of am + x). 17. Slow

## Wild Bonsall: Up on the Moor the Flowers begin

This time of year there is a great variety of wildflowers up on the Moor. Already in bloom are Early Purple Orchids, Cowslips and Heartsease (Violas). Coming soon - Spotted Orchid, Bee Orchid, Wild Thyme, Leadwort and Eyebright.

Below left: Cowslips and Early Purple Orchids. Below right: Early Purple Orchid

