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T'Owd Man's Mutterings

**Blows the thaw-wind pleasantly,
Drips the soaking rain,
By fits looks down the waking sun:
Young grass springs on the plain;
Young leaves clothe early hedgerow trees;
Seeds, and roots, and stones of fruits,
Swollen with sap, put forth their shoots;
Curled-headed ferns sprout in the lane;
Birds sing and pair again.**



Say hello to Spring

Poetry: Christina Rossetti Photography: Ian Daisley

Due to the ongoing lockdown, we are unable to publish and deliver Mutterings for April. There is also little taking place in the village, leading to a shorter newsletter. An on-line copy is available on the Bonsall Village website at www.bonsallvillage.org. Please print a copy for any friends or neighbours who may not have internet access. The deadline for any news, views, stories, letters and diary events for the May edition is noon on **Monday 26 April** to mutterings@hotmail.com. Editorial Group.



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

St James

We meet daily at 9am and 5pm for morning and evening prayer and on Sundays at 9:30am for a Eucharist. You can join us by using Zoom: Click on this link and follow instructions on your screen: <https://zoom.us/j/2732241372> If you don't have access to the internet, you can do so using a landline: 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 #. Once connected you will be able to hear and contribute. You can leave a prayer at a prayer wall at <https://padlet.com/revcarla/h3g2wc6zlac>
 4. You could make use of the Church of England prayer resources at www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-liturgyandprayer-resources.
- Please don't forget that your Church still needs your financial support. If you would like details of how to give via direct debit please contact your Treasurer or Churchwarden. Further information from: <http://wirksworthteamministry.co.uk/eventsand-notices/>

There will be a Eucharist in St. James on Easter Sunday 4 April at 9.30am

Also on Sunday 11 April at 9.30am

The APCM will take place after the service on 11 April. This is a public meeting and all are welcome.

Forward notices:

Services on 9 May and 23 May at 9.30am

Also on 13 June at 9.30am

**Canon David Truby and
Rev'd Carla Vicêncio Prior**

Village Life Church

Although the church building is closed we have a Sunday Service broadcasting live every week at 10:30am online. To watch the service please go to the website: <https://villagelifechurch.online.church>

We are also praying regularly for the village and for our nation. If you would like us to pray specifically for any situation you're facing, or you need any help or support that we can safely do under the current restrictions, then please don't hesitate to get in touch:

Tel: 07988071682

Email: villagelifechurchbonsall@gmail.com

Pastor Matthew Quinn

Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel (The Dale)

During the current lockdown we are not meeting at Chapel for services.

However, we continue to remember all our members, neighbours, friends and residents in the Village of Bonsall in our prayers. Our hope is that before too long we will be able to meet together for fellowship and worship and share again with Cuppa and Cake.

CHURCH NEWS

The radio was on in the background as I ate my breakfast today. The news was about vaccine shortages this month, exhausted carers and doctors, and how the fear of Covid is still prevalent and rightly so, amongst the population. This was followed about an article about a famous female writer, from the turn of the century, who wrote about the fear of loneliness in old age and the fear of death, or worst still, a lonely death... then came an article on the deteriorating economy and fear of an increase in unemployment brought about by the current pandemic restrictions. By the end of the news, I felt that FEAR was the topic of the day – not that it was named as such, it was just quietly but effectively thrown in. How easy it would be to let fear sink into our bones and dominate our lives... as it has at some points over the last year.

And yet, amidst all the gloom hope springs forth. And it has done over the whole year. We have relied on each other and organised locally to support those in need, creating networks that guaranteed the vulnerable had access to food and medicines. There were friendship groups phoning around various people so that, even though they needed to self-isolate, they weren't cut off from human contact (one of the worst factors for deteriorating mental health). In the gloom of a winter lockdown: "the light [shone] in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1:5)

And Spring is here and with Spring comes Easter. Reba McEntire, the Country music singer, I think put it well, she says: "Easter is very important to me, it's a second chance." It is an unorthodox way of putting it but it really summarises it. Despite the worst that life can throw at us, Easter is the festival of rebirth, of hope and immeasurable love. Easter equals new life. It is the celebration of God's unlimited love washing over his creation.

Easter is a great reminder of the grace that abounds all around us and thanksgiving can be a great remedy for fear. I'm perfectly aware that thanksgiving is hard when our life is mired by pain, sorrow, grief or fear. Nevertheless, as Bishop Barbara Harris (1930-2020), the

first woman to be ordained a Bishop in the Anglican Communion, put it:

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

May this Easter time be one of joy for you and your loved ones.

Keep safe Bonsall. Happy Easter!

Rev Carla Vicêncio Prior

Team Vicar, Wirksworth Team Ministry

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

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

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

Please text 07873 674 983 for **Rachael** or 7808 097375 for **Sandra** to join the group.

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

VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

Carnival 2021

Due to current circumstances it is with a heavy heart that the carnival committee has decided to put the carnival on hold for another year

The Easter draw tickets sold to fund the carnival will be drawn later in the year when all restrictions are lifted by the government

Understandably this will cause some disappointment. The carnival takes months of preparation and unfortunately the committee numbers have dwindled to such an

extent that, even given more time post lockdown, it would be unlikely that there would be enough of us to organise it

When it is allowed the current carnival committee will meet to discuss the way forward

In the meantime please contact me if you would like to discuss this further

Jackie Smith

07771 764366

Jaqsm@aol.com

How they ate in the 1950s

Pasta had not been invented here.

Olive oil was kept in the medicine cabinet.

Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.

Leftovers were for the dog.

Fish was only eaten on Fridays.

Ready meals only came from the fish and chip shop.

Frozen food was called ice cream.

No-one had heard of yoghurt.

Milk and cream were bought at the same time (in the same bottle).

Bacon and ham were sliced on the grocer's bacon-slicer.

Anyone suggesting bottled water would be laughed at.

Pineapples came in chunks in a tin.

Cornflakes were on sale but we knew they wouldn't catch on.

Eggs were only fried or boiled.

Garlic was only used to ward off vampires.

FLOODLIGHTING

The 5 April brings special memories of Kevin for Val, Steven and children, also Kevin's parents, Ken and Celia Baker. Loreen, Steve, Robert and Lorna fondly think of Jack and Dorothy Malone during April. Dorinda remembers Colin Broad with love. 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. David and Caroline

Kirkham remember David's mum, Muriel especially on the 25 April; she is forever in their thoughts.

Please let me have your donations or you can pay on-line

Details. National Westminster.
Bakewell 60 14 15 a/c no 80567622
PCC of Bonsall, ref. floodlighting

Di Moor

824376 or dimoor2014@yahoo.co.uk



Ice and snow at the start of March. Dew Pond on Bonsall Moor. Photo: Jonathan Ogilvie

Bonsall Primary School

It has been a busy few weeks since all the children returned to school on 8 March. It has been lovely to have school buzzing with activity and learning once again! The Year 6 have written about some of the things we have been doing...

Derbyshire Cricket Foundation came to school on Monday to teach us how to play cricket. At the beginning, we did a catching exercise so we all got a ball and ran round trying to catch them. Then we did a bit of work with a bat and they showed us how to get the best accuracy for aiming where you want the ball to go. Lastly, we played a match, so we split up into two teams, batters and fielders. On the first round, the team that were fielders first won, on the second round we drew 18 points each. My favourite part was definitely the batting when we were playing the match. I really enjoyed the cricket workshop! By Ethan.

On Red Nose Day, Bonsall School raised £68.00 for comic relief. We did a quiz and everyone had a superhero mask to decorate as this year's theme was superpowers. We all had fun doing the quiz and everyone got stickers at the end. The money we raise will be used to benefit others. Thank you to everyone who brought in a donation! By Ev, Ellie and Flo.

During the final week of term each class will be preparing a project for Easter. All the children in school will write prayers which we will display in St James Church ready for the Easter holidays.

Rebecca Smart

Could you be a School Governor?

Bonsall C of E (VA) Primary School are looking for a Governor to join our enthusiastic, friendly and supportive Governing Body.

The Governing Body meets every half term, currently by Zoom, and there are opportunities to become involved in specialist Sub Committees which include Curriculum; Finance; Health and Safety; SEND and Personnel and can be linked to your own areas of interest or expertise.

In addition, governors become involved with chosen areas of the curriculum.

Applicants do not need to have experience with serving on a governing body but currently, experience of Health and Safety would be advantageous.

There is a programme of induction available to support new governors, as necessary.

Please contact school if you are interested in applying for this position or would like more information.

Gill Wood. Clerk to Governors.
01629 822573.

Fountain Tea Rooms

The Fountain Tea Rooms are excited to be able to start taking table bookings for our partial reopening on 12 April.

We will initially have 9 outdoor tables: 3 in the gazebo, 3 partially covered in our rear courtyard, and 3 uncovered on the front patio. Obviously we are very dependent on the weather and table numbers are limited, so we recommend booking if you want to guarantee a space.

Think of all those cream teas, cakes and coffee stops you've missed over the last months, call in and make up for lost time.

We are also hiring. If you are looking for 2/3 days a week (including some weekends) in your friendly neighbourhood tearoom, this may be the opportunity to join our team.

Please contact Anne on 07876 506595 or enquiries@thefountainbonsall.co.uk for details.

Anne Young

Diary for April

Sun 4 Eucharist in St. James at 9.30am
Wed 7 Blue & Green Bins and Food waste
Sun 11 Eucharist in St. James at 9.30am
Mon 12 Fountain Tea Room re-opens
Tue 13 Grey Bins and Food waste

Wed 14 Kings Head re-opens
Tue 20 Blue & Green Bins and Food waste
Tue 20 Parish Council Meeting at 7:30pm
Tue 27 Grey Bins and Food waste

Albert Biscuits

Around 200 years ago there was a bake house in Bonsall and the baker at that time was Leedham Kirk. He later emigrated with his family to America and settled there. Recently one of his descendants sent a copy of some of his recipes to the History Group in Bonsall.

There are no instructions given in Leedham's recipes, just quantities, it has been a voyage of discovery researching to provide a recipe that works. Albert biscuits seem to have many versions historically and apparently featured in afternoon tea in Downton Abbey. They are almond flavoured and a cross between a biscuit and a scone. You could use other flavourings - I intend trying them with orange essence next time.

Ingredients

6 oz plain flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
6 oz caster sugar
2 oz butter
1 beaten egg
Few drops almond essence
Preheat oven to 200 (fan oven)

Prepare 8 inch loose bottomed cake tin

Mix flour, baking powder and sugar in bowl, rub in the butter to breadcrumb consistency, add the beaten egg and a few drops of almond essence, bring together by hand until thoroughly mixed. The consistency will be a bit rough but press this into the prepared tin and bake for 25 minutes. Remove from tin and leave to cool on the base. When cool cut into wedges and enjoy with a cup of tea.

Brenda Greaves

Kings Head

We are looking forward to welcoming you all back from 4pm on Wednesday 14 April.

We will be allowed to do outdoor seating only with table service, all subject to the 'Rule of 6 or 2 families'.

The full menu plus pizza menu will be available Mon-Sat 4:00-8:30pm and Sunday lunches 12:00-4:00pm. Takeaway specials are still available every Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Message or call 01629 259729 for any information.

Andy and Sam

VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

Red Priest



Peak Music Society

I have recently taken on a voluntary role promoting the Peak Music Society (www.peakmusicsociety.org.uk).

Peak Music is a member based society which holds classical (including modern classical) music concerts in the Cavendish Hall, Edensor. Whilst Members subscribe annually for a full season of concerts, tickets are generally also available in advance for non-members. We welcome new members throughout the season.

In the event that events are allowed only with social distancing we will stage two concerts on each date, with seating and ventilation arranged to comply with the current regulations.

Live Music Returns to the Peak.

After over a year of cultural starvation, the Peak Music Society is back to feed your soul with a stimulating series of classical concerts. We kick off on 19 May 2021 with that amazing baroque group Red Priest, follow up with pianist Tim Horton on 10 June and complete the summer with the stunning Brodsky Quartet on 29 June. At just £45 for all three concerts, take up of seats is already brisk to say the least! After no live music for over a year, our musicians are as excited as we are in the audience to enjoy the true sounds of music in a fabulous setting on the Chatsworth estate. Call us now to guarantee your seat,

or if you aren't able to commit to all concerts, give us a call to check whether individual concert tickets are available.

Described by BBC Music as "sheer technical wizardry, charismatic showmanship and expressive devilment", Red Priest will entertain us with the soaring delights of Vivaldi and Albinoni through to Handel and JS Bach.

To ensure everyone's safety and compliance with social distancing, we will only be able to release tickets in advance and not on the door, unless government regulations change to permit us to do so. We will be organising seating to ensure that everyone is safe and we are fully compliant with necessary social distancing measures. Should the situation change and concerts not be permitted rest assured that we will refund the balance or allow carry over of tickets to a future performance.

We look forward to seeing you at the Cavendish Hall, Edensor, as we enjoy the sounds of music live once more. Call us now to make sure you don't miss out - 01629 640482 or email us at tickets@peakmusicsociety.org.uk

Many thanks in advance for your help, and I hope that 2021 is kinder to everyone than 2020 proved.

Ali Clarke

07930 988433

Big Theatre

Big Theatre is very excited to create a one-off virtual community choir for the village of Bonsall - and anyone (of any age) who is interested is invited to take part. We will send you backing tracks along with the vocal line that we would like you to record. We will then edit everything together to create a virtual choir.

It will be fantastic to have as many people as possible involved - we are going to

do "(What's So Funny 'Bout) Peace, Love and Understanding". You can sing the main tune, you can sing backing vocals, or you can sing both. If you are a musician and can play guitar, a wind or a string instrument let us know and we can write you into the instrumental section. Just drop us an email to: jo@bigtheatre.co.uk and we will send you the full information. **Let's make music together.**

Jo Shannon

Update on BMMX track, Bonsall

Land at: BMMX Track, Blakemere Lane, Ible, Grange Mill, DE4 4HT
Alleged Breach: Bonsall Moor MX Track near Leys Lane/Blakemere Lane Ible

ENFORCEMENT NOTICE SERVED

PI Reference: APP/M9496/C/
20/3257888

The Peak Park Authority issued an enforcement notice relating to the above breach of planning control. It is now the subject of an appeal and a copy of the appellants grounds of appeal are available on the planning portal website below.

Third parties are given the opportunity to state their views and the Planning Inspectorate require that you be consulted about this development.

The Planning Inspectorate has introduced an online appeals service which you can use to comment on this appeal. Deadline 4th May 2021
You can find the service through the Appeals area of the Planning Portal - see <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>.

The Inspectorate may publish details of your comments, on the internet. Your comments may include your name, address, email address or 'phone number. Please ensure that you only provide information, including personal information belonging to you that you are happy will be made available to others in this way. If you supply information belonging to a third party please ensure that you have their permission to do so.

Karen Harrison

Democratic and Legal Support Officer

Peak District National Park Authority
01629 816352

Karen.Harrison@peakdistrict.gov.uk

Draft Recommendations on new electoral arrangements for Derbyshire Dales District Council February 2021

The draft proposals of the Local Government Boundary Commission are available online, and the Commission has asked for comments by 12 April. These proposals have a serious impact on Bonsall.

The DDDC has changed the number of wards from 25 to 24. The boundaries of all wards except two have changed, and the people of Bonsall need to be aware that major changes are proposed that could seriously affect our electoral arrangements, and adversely affect our representation. It is proposed that we leave Masson ward with its two councillors and form a new ward called Bonsall & Winster, with only one councillor.

According to the Draft Recommendations there are three statutory criteria with which they must comply. Wards must have equal representation, effective arrangements for local government, and must reflect community.

In the case of Bonsall village, they fail to achieve all of these three legal requirements.

They have also introduced a new guiding principle, that wards should not combine areas inside the National Park and areas outside the Park. Unfortunately, they have failed to recognise that almost all of Bonsall village lies outside the Park.

Within the review there are several examples where the Boundary Commission has formulated wards by allocating parts of parishes into different wards, so it is clear that a ward does not have to follow the parish boundaries and a parish can be split between two wards if there is a good reason to do so, as long as the proposed ward boundary is strong and identifiable. This could apply to Bonsall.

Placing Bonsall village into a non-Park ward is essential for electoral equality. Our interests cannot be promoted by a councillor elected to represent the interests of electors living within the Park. This is the Commission's own logic in forming Park and Non-Park wards.

I also believe that Bonsall and Cromford form a close and tight community. We have common issues such as quarrying and the Via Gellia. Bonsall people use Cromford Post Office, hairdressers, newsagents, convenience stores and takeaways. Some people in Bonsall can see the quarry that is part of Cromford. Unfortunately, most people in Bonsall can very clearly hear this quarry.

Furthermore, the statutory criteria appear not to have changed, so if Bonsall, Cromford and Matlock Bath shared community identity and common interests at the time of the last boundary review in 1998, then they must still share them now. In paragraph 63 of this review they state that community identities and shared interests are the main criteria for formulation of wards, and this consideration even trumps electoral equality. Therefore, the communal identity and shared interests of Bonsall and Cromford must be the main statutory criterion for the Boundary Commission when placing us in a ward now.

My proposal is that Bonsall parish should be divided between two wards - a new ward that covers only areas inside the Park, and the current Masson ward. This will give them a headache as their proposed Bonsall & Winster ward will lose most of the 638 electors in Bonsall parish (which also is currently 27% of the electors in Masson ward). They are trying to achieve an average of 1700 to 1800 electors per councillor, plus or minus no more than 10%. Therefore, taking the electors of Bonsall village out of the proposed Bonsall & Winster ward will have a large impact on numbers. Also, to compensate for removing us from Masson ward they have contrived a new ward consisting of Cromford, Matlock Bath, Tansley, Matlock Moor and the Cuckoostone area of Matlock parish and called it Cromford & Rural Matlock ward. This ignores the issues of community and common

interests. Also, within the Boundary Commission review is a principle that "effective and convenient local government" requires that one can travel through the whole ward on main roads without leaving and re-entering the ward, but, their recommended Cromford & Rural Matlock ward obviously would require leaving the ward in order to reach the areas that have been added. This ward is a contrived boundary cobbled together to maintain electoral equality because of the loss of Bonsall electors. However, Tansley and Matlock Moor are completely different communities with completely different interests from the close-knit communities of Bonsall, Cromford and Matlock Bath. I understand that Tansley electors consider they are not part of Matlock, but the document contains nothing to suggest they feel any community ties nor share common interests with Cromford and Matlock Bath.

Finally, one might wonder why they have proposed such changes and why they have been unable to comply with their statutory duties and stated principles. In August 2020 the Derbyshire Dales District Council decided that it could carry out its roles and responsibilities effectively with 34 instead of the current 39 councillors. So, they started with an arbitrary, fixed figure and are struggling to make it work. It is clear - they put the cart in front of the horse. Unfortunately, this has left Bonsall immediately behind the horse.

You can see the recommendations for boundary changes at and make your views known on line at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/22484>. It is not stable, so I suggest email or post.

You can give your views by email at : reviews@lgbce.org.uk or by post to: Review Officer (Derbyshire Dales), LGBCE, PO Box 133, Blyth, NE24 9FE

You only have until 12 April to make submissions.

Peter McNally, Church St, Bonsall

Parish Council Report for 16 March 2021 meeting

Councillor Joyce Pawley

The meeting opened with a minute's silence in memory of Masson Ward District Councillor Joyce Pawley. The Chair Mark Harris and the District Council leader Garry Purdy paid tribute to her work on behalf of the public, and her contribution to the work of the Parish and District Councils. A card of condolence had been sent to her family on behalf of the Parish Council.



District Councillor Joyce Pawley

Coronavirus

Councillor Purdy explained that the very high infection rate showing for Derbyshire Dales was attributable to a serious outbreak of the virus at Sudbury prison; this was being managed by the prison and health authorities. When that factor was removed, the area was in the lowest bracket of infection rate.

Waste collection

Green waste collection had been suspended due to difficulties caused by weather and virus-related staff sickness absence. Councillor Purdy said that the green waste collection would be recommencing shortly for those who had joined the collection scheme.

Ward boundaries

Councillor Purdy said that he had submitted a second objection to the proposed ward boundaries as they affected Bonsall and Cromford; the two communities had shared histories of work and communications which

continued to the present day, and should not be separated as the Boundary Commission had proposed.

Via Gellia closure 12-16 April

The road is to be closed between Grange Mill and the Hopton junction from 9.00am to 5.00pm for retaining wall repairs. The Parish Council has asked for signage to ensure that the public are aware that Bonsall businesses are still accessible from Cromford. Councillor Purdy said that he had also written to the County Council to seek assurance that there would be no repeat of the difficulties caused by previous closures, and he agreed to ask the County Council to undertake litter collection on the Via Gellia whilst the road was closed.

Motocross site on the moor

Councillor Purdy said that he had been contacted by the Bonsall Moor Action Group and several residents in relation to issues relating to the track. He undertook to consult with District Council officers and to report back to the Parish Council.

The Park

Complaints had been received about daffodils having been cut and removed from the bank; the message was please leave them for everyone to enjoy. Also to please encourage children not to remove the netting protecting the seeded areas where the goalmouths have been re-laid. Following recent incidents the police have been informed.



Goalposts

Thanks were recorded to Councillor Jon Barry for donating replacement goal nets; it was also agreed to purchase additional goal post sockets

to allow the goals to be moved and reduce wear on one area of the pitch.

Vehicle park container unit

Further to discussions at the February meeting it was agreed to purchase a 20 foot unit for storing carnival well-dressing and flood prevention equipment; this was to be sited in the southern corner of the vehicle park against the bank. The Carnival Committee had agreed to contribute £600 towards this, and the Parish Council committed £1400. Councillor Addis requested that his vote against this decision be recorded.

Trees at Clatterway opposite Black Tor Road

Residents had reported these trees next to the road to be in a dangerous condition; the land ownership was unknown and it was agreed to refer these concerns to the County Council highways department.

WC doors

The entrance doors are in need of replacement, and the main door to the ladies' is no longer closing. It was agreed to obtain quotes for replacement.

Flooding

A DCC Highways engineer and team had carried out an inspection of the key problem sites on 24 February. Work had since been undertaken at Cascades and the entrance to the park to raise the kerb level, and also to raise a low bund at the bottom of the vehicle park. The Parish Council was waiting to hear as to when the next key work was planned, in particular for the culvert at the top of Yeoman Street. The work in the village was welcomed.

Volunteer weeding scheme

A volunteer scheme was now in place to carry out weeding on pavements etc which had previously been

sprayed by the District Council. Collection bags are now available for distribution, and anyone wanting to help with this please contact the Clerk or your local Councillor.

Meetings at the village hall from May?

In line with the government's plans for easing lockdown, Councillors discussed some of the measures that were advised to be in place to allow public meetings. These included control of numbers of building occupants, ventilation, wearing of masks, and enabling remote access to the meeting (by video streaming) to reduce the need for public attendance. Further national advice is expected on this, but at present it looks as if meeting will resume at the hall for the AGM on 18 May.

Full details of the meetings can be found in the minutes on the Parish Council page of the village website at www.bonsallvillage.org/.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th April. If you have any issues to be raised at the meeting please contact the Clerk Tony Payne with details by Monday 12th April. This meeting will be conducted by Zoom audio and video link. To join the 20th April 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 input

Meeting ID: 850 4546 9769

Password: 222016

2. Via a web browser (for video or voice call or both): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85045469769?pwd=ZGRxRG05eUUwVDR3b3pMRldhYUJFZz09>

then again use the Meeting ID and password above.

3. 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 27 High Street
DE4 2AS. T: 822311; email
bonsallclerk@gmail.com.

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
sandraandmarkharris@btinternet.com

Vice-Chair: Phil Addis
Dale House, The Dale. T 826309
philaddis0@gmail.com

Councillors:

Cllr Denise Pountain
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Bonsall Nature Notes March/April 2021

Our earlier wildflowers are already heralding the return of spring. In warmer south facing spots in The Dale, celandines began flowering in February and have since been joined by coltsfoot, primroses, more recently a few barren strawberries, common daisies, ground ivy and the first dandelions and forget-me-nots. The leaves of the wild arum or cuckoo pint are showing well now and their strange flowers will soon be appearing along with wood anemones. As the name suggests, wood anemones are mostly to be found in woods but they sometimes occur out in open fields, along with blue bells, indicating where the grassland was previously woodland habitat, for example on the shadier north facing side of Horse Dale. A few orchid leaves are also beginning to appear, reminders of what is to come as spring progresses towards summer.

The birds too are preparing for spring. Mistle and song thrushes are to be heard widely across the village and surroundings, singing to proclaim their territories and attract mates. Skylarks returned to Bonsall Moor from their lower and milder wintering areas during February and began singing as soon as the snows had melted in the latter half of the month. They have been joined by meadow pipits since mid-March and the occasional pied wagtail. Long-tailed tits, one of our earlier breeders, have left their winter flocks and can now be encountered widely in pairs, often associated with bramble thickets where they build their intricate moss and lichen dome-roofed nests.

A few of our wintering thrushes, Fieldfare and Redwing, are still around and will depart for their Scandinavian breeding grounds over the next few weeks. In March, a

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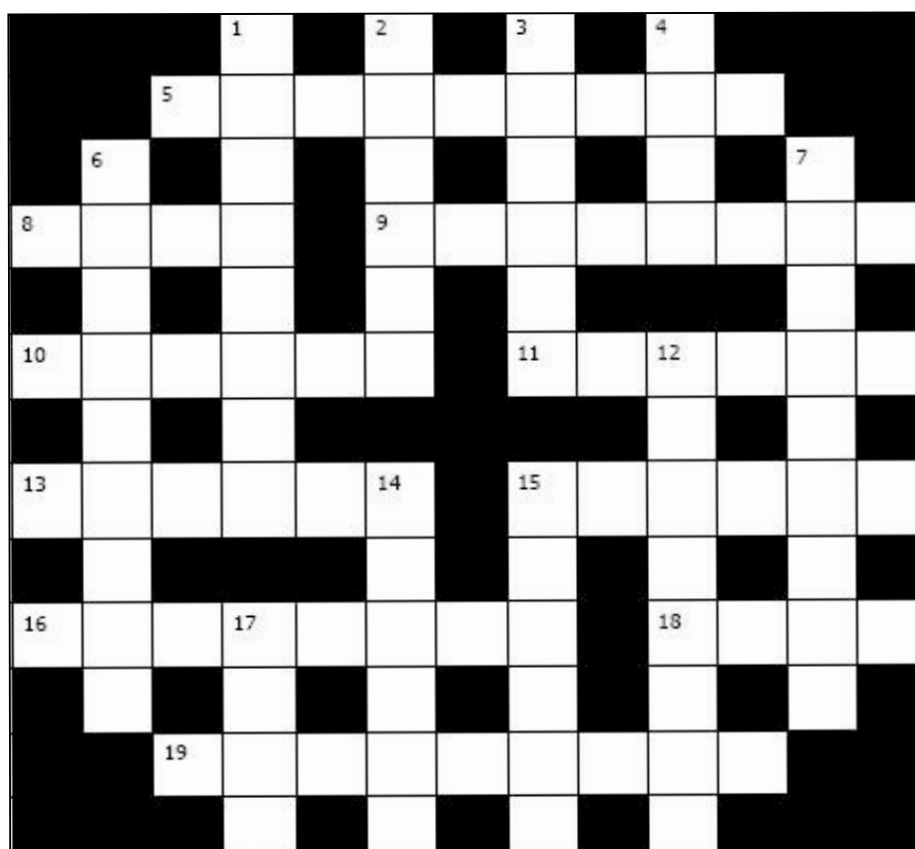
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Great Grey Shrike was also present for a while on Bonsall Moor. Being an uncommon winter visitor, once its whereabouts had been published on the internet, the twitchers arrived and it was relentlessly pursued by "digiscopers", hoping for a closer view, but only managing repeatedly to drive the poor bird away from bush to bush.

Whilst the first few chiffchaffs returned in the latter part of March, a reminder of what is to come, the first individuals of our other summer

CROSSWORD #126



Across:

5. & 10. Book in which one imperilled mortal flees war. (1,8,2,4)
 8. 5 that sounds like dog food. (4)
 9. N,O,P and U,V,W, perhaps. Three consecutive letters followed by two sentences at first. (8)
 10. See 5.
 11. 5 is very extensive. (2,4)
 13. 5. Bottoms up! (6)
 15. Alters 5? Yes! (6)
 16. 5. The Yorkshire ducks (four of them) surround the French ducks, initially going in front. (6,2)
 18. 5. Thanks, and thanks again. (4)
 19. Currency trading contracts done rob U.S. rotten. (9)

Down:

1. Focus or ramble on. English? Yes indeed! (2,6)
 2. Does the opposite of 5 - cries! (6)
 3. On board, go on toilet at last! Spotted dicks, maybe?!! (8)
 4. Merriment among single Europeans? (4)
 6. Plight of dowager who I'd injured in wood? (9)
 7. Travel from place to place - i.e. tear around to get hold of money. (9)
 12. Freedom of idiot in American city with topless nude? Yes! (8)
 14. 5. Two letters read on the radio. (3,3)
 15. Observe crackpot accepting fine. (4,2)
 17. Raise murder with no hesitation? Then, take the rap. (4)

migrant species have still to appear. The early indication is that things are getting off to a relatively slow start, compared with recent years. The progress of migration for these birds is sensitive to the local weather encountered en-route. As warmer temperatures develop across the Iberian Peninsula and France, promoting their onward migration to the breeding grounds, they will soon be with us.

Mark Eddowes

Answers to crossword no. 125.

Across: 5. Propagate. 8. Snug. 9. Increase. 10. Ardent. 11. Profit. 13. Amused. 15. Evenly. 16. Interest. 18. Fate. 19. Afternoon.
Down: 1. Progress. 2. Uplift. 3. Eggcup. 4. Styte. 6. Increment. 7. Oscillate. 12. Overflow. 14. Deepen. 15. Extend. 17. Effs.

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Jaqsm@aol.com, 823544, or 07771 764366.

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- **Village organisations:**
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• Village people private hire:

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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

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
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