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T'Owd Man's Mutterings



Originally known as 'Harvest', Autumn is a Latin word that first appeared in English in the late 14th century. Albert Camus said "Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower." and then of course there is Halloween!

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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

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:

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Canon David Truby and Revd Carla Vicêncio Prior

Service

Sun 10 October - 9.30am Harvest Festival Eucharist
Sun 24 October - 9.30am Eucharist

Refreshments are being served in the church from 11am to 2pm on Sat, Sun & Mon every week, and are planned to continue through to Christmas.

Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel (The Dale)

Sunday Services are at 6.15pm with the 4th Sunday Service at 2.30pm. Harvest Thanksgiving Service is Sunday 10 October at 6.15pm followed by Harvest Refreshments.

Friday 15 October 2.00 - 4.00pm Cuppa and Cake all being well! All are welcome to join us.

Judy Land

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>.

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Pastor Matthew Quinn

Floodlighting

Memories for October

This month Claudine Balmer and her family remember her mother, Betsy Ellison; she also remembers her brother Fred Peake, especially on 19 October.

This month David, Martin, Jill and Di and their families remember Mum, Doreen, and Dad, Ian along with Millie, Isaac and Peter.

22 October has special memories of Nora and Frank Seedhouse for all their family.

Jenny Webster and all her family remember their mother and father, Joan and Keith, especially on Keith's birthday on 27 October.

Payments on-line to 60.14.15 80567622 Acc. PCC of Bonsall

Thank you.

Di Moor 824376

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New 'Monday Club'

You are invited to join us for a light lunch of soup, with a roll, and a choice of cakes on the first Monday of every month in St James' Church at 1pm. There will be an opportunity to stay and chat with the possibility of board games etc. The charge will be £3 with hot and cold drinks available.

This is open to everyone, regardless of age, and gives us the opportunity to come together again.

For catering purposes, please contact Ron Addis on 826309 to book a place by the previous Friday.

The funds are going towards keeping our church open.

We look forward to seeing you.

Ron Addis

Di Moor

Ann Hambly

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:

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Jackie Smith 07771 764366

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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 07866 013204

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

Please text 07873 674983 for **Rachael** or 07808 097375 for **Sandra** to join the group.

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

LETTERS

Stone Cannonballs

Heyup!

Bob from bottom of Clatterway here!

The photos are of a couple of rough-hewn and more or less spherical stones that have been up the chunk of hillside that laughingly and misleadingly passes itself off as 'My Garden' since long before I turned up on the scene.

I had no idea of their origin or purpose, if any, until during a work stopover in Folkestone a couple of years ago. I found the similar object on display with a plaque describing what it is, which indicates that they may be stone cannonballs.

Does anyone know if Bonsall was noted for the production of stone cannonballs?

Cheers,

Bob Spowart

Litter and weed collection + wildflowers

The Parish Council reports for July and August mentioned wild flowers and litter and weed collection respectively. It is also setting up a volunteer scheme – I may be available on 25 or 26 September in this respect.

As a long-term resident (>25years), and even longer-term member of Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, I have been very pleased to see the encouragement of local wildflower species (and some cultivated escapees) on grass and wall edges within the village. I have noticed that butterflies and other insects make good use of these food resources across the spring, summer, autumn and even into winter. These walls and verges may look a little 'messy' to those villagers who have always wanted a neat lawn in their garden but, in times when we are losing a large number of our vital insect species due to spraying of weedkillers and many of our wildflowers due to over use of fertilisers and other chemicals produced by vehicle emissions, I believe we need to follow the No Mow/Timed Mow principles adopted by the District Council (which prioritise mowing of places where visibility is essential to road safety) so as to encourage recovery and, where the plants do not affect the structure of the road/wall, tolerate a wide range of plants which have found their new niches along our roads. Planting of suitable local wildflower species, to supplement those already present, which fits in with this approach (e.g. in the grass at the bottom of Uppertown Lane/top of High St) is to be encouraged.



After the winter lockdowns in 2020-21, I purchased a litter collecting grab online and armed with a black bag collected tens of cans, bottles and food packaging waste from Black Tor Rd/Bonsall woods and from the recreation ground car park and field, depositing the waste safely in litter bin collection points. I feel we can manage the litter on our roads by physical intervention with the correct tools and education plus reporting of fly-tipping incidents. If the Parish Council authorises volunteer rubbish collection to tidy up waste bottles/cans/litter dropped by residents and visitors, then some signs to show we are proud of our village and its wildlife would help deter the litter bugs – maybe at the recreation park in particular. Segregated public waste bins for recyclable plastic/glass waste would be a bonus.

Finally, I would request that any villager found independently spraying the roadside or pavement should be reported to the council – we should not be spraying without trying manual methods first. I do feel that volunteers who are weed collecting should be supervised on particular 'volunteer' days to prevent use of inappropriate contaminating chemicals which may affect the wildlife, and that registered contractors or wildlife trusts (e.g. Derbyshire Wildlife Trust based in Middleton) must be employed for any invasive species (Himalayan balsam and Japanese knotweed for example which require special disposal methods to prevent their spread) following full safety risk and environmental assessment of the methods used. I trust this opinion will be taken into account.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Quick

Editors' Meeting

The Editors will have a meeting on Wednesday October 6 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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Bonsall Carnival

The Carnival Committee met on 13 September for its AGM, the first time we had got together since our last meeting in February 2020. It is evident that there are not enough helpers and volunteers to be able to run a full carnival next year. If we can recruit more volunteers, we are hoping to run the Saturday event and the fireworks. For our Carnival to continue even in a small way we need volunteers for the following roles:

- Collecting, setting up and taking down the tables, chairs, stalls etc
- Putting out cones and collecting them back
- Stewards on both days
- Marshalls for the procession
- A rota of help for the carnival stalls
- Clearing up after the event/litter picking
- Volunteers to work on the fire picture
- Help at the children's lantern making workshop

There are also vacancies on the committee for the following roles

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Treasurer
- Easter Draw co-ordinator
- Promotion/publicity

Without more help the Carnival cannot go ahead. Please support the very small group of people trying to keep this important event going by volunteering your help, no matter how small. It all makes a difference. Keep a look out for a leaflet being delivered detailing how you can offer your support.

Jackie Smith (Outgoing Chair)

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Sue's Workshops

Many thanks to everyone who has been buying my greetings cards and helping me to raise funds for St. James' Church. The cards are still available from the cupboard in my yard and I am adding Christmas cards too. Please stop and browse when you are passing. If you would like something special for a special occasion just let me know.

I am now also running craft workshops to raise funds for our lovely church and all the profits from these too go to St. James. I supply materials and refreshments and can offer a range of craft activities. Again, if you would like to learn a particular skill just ask. The workshops cost £20.

During October, November and December, you can make a cushion cover, a padded and lined tote bag, or a unique 3D Christmas card which lights up. Please get in touch if you would like to book a place on one of the workshops or would like to arrange something special.

Sue Knowles, 7 High Street
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Masson Ward proposals

The revised Ward has the parishes of Bonsall, Ivonbrook Grange, Ible, Middleton by Wirksworth, Cromford and Matlock Bath. It is now out for consultation. This is the accompanying text:

"57 We made significant changes to our original draft recommendations in this area in response to 58 submissions opposing our Bonsall & Winster and

Cromford & 16 Matlock Rural wards. The latter divided the rural areas surrounding Matlock from the town itself, based on submissions we had received from elsewhere in the district requesting that this distinction be made. In response to our draft proposals, we received evidence that residents in Tansley parish relied upon Matlock for many of their amenities. Many of the submissions that we received also commented that the dominance of the tourist industry in Cromford and Matlock Bath made these parishes a poor match for Tansley, Riber, and Cuckoostone.

58 Several submissions were also strongly opposed to Bonsall parish being separated from the parishes of Cromford and Matlock Bath. These were on the basis that the three share many local amenities and have a similar character, while Bonsall had little relationship to and limited transport links with Winster parish or any of the other parishes grouped into our draft Bonsall & Winster ward. This presented a significant challenge. While Cromford and Matlock Bath could be grouped together in a single-councillor ward with a 0% electoral variance, as in the multi-party scheme, the addition of Bonsall

as per the existing Masson ward would create an electoral variance of 37% for a single-councillor ward or -28% for a two-councillor ward.

59 Two residents, when listing parishes which would be better suited to Bonsall than Winster, suggested Middleton as well as Cromford and Matlock Bath. We decided to adopt this suggestion after careful consideration as, with the addition of Ible and Ivonbrook Grange parishes, it was possible to create a two-councillor ward with an electoral variance of -10%. We are mindful that the full name of Middleton parish is Middleton by Wirksworth and that, together with its present pairing with Wirksworth town in the existing Wirksworth ward, this may be indicative of a close relationship between the two. However, we have not received evidence regarding Middleton to date, save for these two submissions. Conversely, we have observed that Middleton shares the rural character of these parishes, and is well-connected to them through the Via Gellia. We would therefore be very interested to hear from residents of Middleton by Wirksworth and the parish council about our recommendations for the area."

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Village Lunches

After a long gap we hope to restart the Village Lunch tradition with a Christmas event. If you would like to help, know more or give us your views, please come to a meeting at the newly refurbished and great looking Village Hall. Meeting Tuesday 12 October 2021 at 3.30pm.

Jenny March

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Bonsall History Group

It's now three years since we published our last book on the history of the village: 'Bonsall within Living Memory', which was produced from interviews with people who grew up and lived here from the 1930s to 1960s. The book has proved to be very popular, with many people buying copies for relatives and friends who have since left the village, as well as their own copies. We think there is a demand for a new book covering the 1960s to 1990s. This period saw significant changes to the village compared to the previous 30 years, and many people who are now retiring have memories to share about growing up and working here during this time.

We are proposing to hold a suitably socially distanced meeting on Wednesday October 13 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The aim will be to see what the level of support is for a new book, both from people who would like to share their memories and those who could help to prepare the book. If the support is there, we would aim to get a small group together who can begin to plan what would be needed to interview residents and transcribe the recorded interviews. This is an excellent way to meet people in the village and we



Two photos from the last book:
Regulars in the Kings Head and Bonsall
football team in 1961.

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Derbyshire Wildlife Trust (Wye & Upper Derwent group)

Michael Leach talk on the Flower Kissers (Hummingbirds)

Our first talk of the 2021 season will take place on Monday 18 October at 7.30pm, in the Imperial Rooms, Imperial Road, Matlock, DE4 3NL. We have a cinema size screen at the venue. The talk will last 50 to 60 minutes, followed by Q & A. Chairs to be set out socially distanced. Sanitiser is provided in the hall. Parking is in the pay and display opposite, with free after 4pm with a local parking permit. All welcome £3.00 either in person or via Zoom. Book through Eventbrite.

Either follow this link:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-flower-kissers-in-person-and-zoom-event-tickets-168589777563?aff=ebdssbdestsearh

Or, Google: Eventbrite Flower Kissers – this should take you to the web page to book. For more information or support call 01629 650480.

Irene Osborne



Sandra Harris and Jane Williams of Bonsall Riders clearing bridleways around the village in September.

To continue the history of the Fountain

(Mutterings March 2017)

Frank Buckley was born in Matlock Bath around 1885 and by 1901 was a railway clerk later working at the Royal Hotel. In 1908, when he married Annie Gerrard of Bonsall, his occupation was boat attendant for tourists in Matlock Bath. He became landlord of the Fountain early during the war, and he had been conscripted after a deferment by the Military Tribunal in June 1916. As the landlord of the Fountain he had wished to be enlisted after Bonsall Wakes and explained he 'needed time to arrange his affairs'. A two months' exemption was granted, and The High Peak News reported on the 5 August 1916 that Anne Buckley applied for the licence of the Fountain as her husband, Frank, 'has joined the colours'.

A private in the 1st Battalion Sherwood Foresters by January 1917 he was in the Somme area. The hardest frosts known, 23°C below zero, were recorded on some nights. In February the battalion was training for an assault and on 4 March 1917 they attacked and despite being heavily shelled took the front line of trenches after hand to hand fighting. The Germans were gradually retiring to their defensive Hindenberg Line and the British troops followed and during a skirmish Frank Buckley was killed, on 12 March 1917. Later that month Pte Gregory of Cromford wrote in a letter that Frank had been killed in action although he had not seen him die. This unofficial news was the first the family knew. He had no children and was aged 32.

January 17, 1920 Derbyshire Courier page 1. Frolic in an Inn.

Police surprise widow's gay company. Boisterous Bonsall.

A surprise visit paid by the police to a Bonsall Inn on the night of 20 December, when men and women were found indulging in boisterous dancing after closing time, led to a police court case at Matlock on Wednesday, in which an extraordinary amount of interest was centred. Annie Buckley, a young widow, who is the licensee of the Fountain Inn Bonsall was summoned for permitting drunkenness at the Inn, John Allen,

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Eric Lobely, William Lake and Frank Bunting all of Bonsall were charged with drunkenness. Dr Tinsley Lindley, who represented all the defendants, pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

Police Sgt. Tipper Matlock Bath stated that he was on duty in plainclothes with a colleague opposite the Fountain Inn at 10:20 PM on 20 December. Allen and Lake came out of the Inn arm in arm and Lake fell down in the road. Bad language was used, and witness asked who had "filled them" and Allen confessed they had obtained a drink at the Fountain. Lake was "too full for words" and never said anything. "He was hopelessly gone" added the sergeant. Entering the Inn he found the tap room full of men and one or two females. Four men were squabbling over a game of dominoes. The singing room was "Chock full" of men and women in a state of semi-intoxication, five men and a woman were dancing, and Mrs Buckley the licensee was playing the piano. In the living room at the back of the house there were a number of men, several females and a boy of 13. In all no fewer than forty persons were on the premises, fifteen of whom were women.

There was such a din that he was unable to converse with Mrs Buckley without taking her outside. Mrs Buckley admitted that Allen had been served with one pint of beer. While they were talking Eric Lobely and Frank Bunting came through the back door. Witness said to the landlady: "These two are drunk and I shall report them also". Mrs Buckley then said that witness ought to have come the previous Saturday night when she was wanting assistance, as there was a fight. At 11:05 pm Mrs Buckley got the house clear of people and when told she would be reported replied that: "she supposed she must make the best of it". The house should have been closed for the sale of intoxicants at 10 o'clock. PC Wagstaff corroborated.

Cross-examined by Dr Tinsley Lindley, witness said that it was the frequent interjection of swear words that drew the attention of the police to Allen and Lake. Asked to mention the words used witness complied and Dr Linley remarked that he himself had used the expression at times (laughter). Dr Lindley remarked that everybody seemed the worse for drink at Bonsall that night except two policeman?.

Witness: they were, Sir (laughter)
Dr Linley: which was the more sober you or the sergeant? That I could not say.
Dr Linley said the case presented peculiar difficulties, but contended that there had been a sort of over zealous effort to do their duty on the part of the police.
Mrs Buckley, a fashionably attired young woman, said that she had held the licence at the Fountain for three years. On the night of the police visit all glasses were cleared away by 10 PM. At 10.20 the police sergeant told her that he had found Allen drunk, and her reply was that he had left the house all right. The house was cleared by a 10:45 there was nothing wrong in her house that night, and she could not understand why the police should take the steps they did.
John Allen, printer's engineer, one of the defendants stated that he was wounded in the war three times. He had lost the sight of one eye, was unable to see in the dark. It was "an absolute lie" to say that Lake fell down when the two came out of the Inn. The night was pitch dark.
Dr Linley: had you been using such language as Wagstaffe says? Only what they taught us in the army Sir (laughter).
Dr Linley: it is suggested that Lake was so full of liquor that he couldn't speak? Well sir he is very stout but he was not full of liquor (laughter).

William Lake, fitter, denied that either he or Allen were drunk. Frank Bunting, labourer also denied the charge. Eric Lobely, steam engineer, asserted that Allen, Lake and Bunting were quite sober as he was himself. He was the fiancee of Mrs Buckley. Benjamin Gerrard, quarry foreman and father of Mrs Buckley,

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said all the defendants were quite sober. Lobely was a teetotaler. Superintendent Clarke: how long have you known him? Three or four months. Superintendent Clarke: all that time! (laughter). He is a teetotaler you say? Well, he does not get half a pint a month (laughter).

Councillor John Mountney of Uppertown Bonsall said he was in the Inn on 20 December until about 10 o'clock. He spoke to Allen and could say that he was not under the influence of drink. Bunting, Lake and Lobely were also sober.

Superintendent Clarke: about your own condition. Had you had four pints? No. Superintendent Clarke: if you had, should you have been sober? Witness (emphatically): I should think I should with beer at the strength it is today. (Loud laughter).

Councillor Albert Gratton of Bonsall and Herbert Sellers Abell of Manchester spoke to the sobriety of Lobely. George H Bunting, President of the Wesleyan Reform Chapel at Bonsall, and a lifelong teetotaler recollected Bunting being in his shop on the night in question and was sober at 9:45 PM.

John William Alesbrook, quarryman, and Wilford Spencer, plate layer, also spoke for Lobely. He was in the Inn from 7 until 10 o'clock but he never saw the police. Superintendent Clarke: how many pints had you yourself? Can't say, sir. (Loud laughter) Superintendent Clarke: that accounts for it (laughter).

Isaac McIntosh also said that Lobely was sober.

The Bench decided to hear a further charge against Mrs Buckley of permitting on 20 December a child namely Frank Abell, 13, to be on the licensed premises of the Fountain Inn Bonsall at 10:45 PM. Defendant pleaded not guilty. Sgt Tipper said the boy's father said that he had come to tell him that supper was ready. The sergeant added that the boy must have been on the premises since 9 o'clock as neither of the police saw him enter while they were on the watch. Mrs Buckley said that she did not see the boy enter the Inn, but saw him leave.

The Bench fined Annie Buckley £5, Lake and Allen 10s (50p) each; the cases against Lobely and Bunting were dismissed; and in the last case, that of allowing the child to be on the licensed premises, the chairman Mr Tom Wright said the licensee would be given the benefit of the doubt. Dr Linley asked the Bench to give an expression of opinion regarding the future of the licence, which was Mrs Buckley's sole livelihood, but the chairman said that it would be better for the woman if nothing was said about it.

January 24, 1920 Derbyshire times and Chesterfield Herald.

Lobley-Buckley

Much interest centered in the wedding at the Bonsall Parish Church on Monday of Mrs Annie Buckley, a war widow and landlady of the Fountain Inn, Bonsall, to Mr Eric Lobley of Leiston, Suffolk. The bride who was given away by her father, Mr B Gerrard, wore a blue dress with gold trimming and a large picture hat. She was attended by Miss B Buckley of Matlock, who wore a blue dress with gold trimmings, and Miss A Rowland of Bonsall, who wore a cream satin costume. The Rev J C T Taggart rector officiated with Mr B Gerrard, brother of the bride, serving as best man. After a reception at the home of the bride Mr and Mrs Lobley left for Reading where the honeymoon is being spent.

Peter Greaves



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Report of meeting 21 September

Weed clearing/spraying: a resident spoke about their concern that the village streets and roads are becoming overgrown and narrowed. What is being done relating to households/homeowners who do not maintain the fronts to their properties? For people

who tend/maintain their gardens they are now being subjected to weeds and blown seeds overwhelming their gardens. "I have also seen plenty of examples of self-setting trees growing in roadside verges within the road. Bonsall Village is rapidly becoming overtaken and overgrown. What is the Parish Council's policy?" They also expressed concern that gullies would be blocked, exacerbating flood risk, and that plant growth would cause children and others to walk further into the road, and that some properties such as holiday lets may not clear weeds from their own frontage. The Chair explained that the Parish Council had responded in September 2020 to a District Council initiative, and had agreed to replace District Council glyphosate spraying of the kerbs and pavement edges with a voluntary scheme for weed removal where it was felt to be needed. This was the first year of operation of the scheme. Another resident spoke about the context of environmental crises, that wild animals now represented only 4% of life and that species in the UK including birds and insects were in steep decline, and that consequently it was important

for communities to take small steps such as ending glyphosate spraying in order to protect wildlife. They also said that it was important to identify and deal with any problems arising from self-setting trees or growth that might cause issues for traffic or pedestrians. Two other residents made similar comments supportive of the cessation of spraying. The Council agreed to undertake a survey of the village to establish any areas of growth that might represent a health and safety risk or where self-seeding trees needed to be dealt with; Councillor Mark Harris, Wendy Bullar and Leigh Johnson offered to undertake that. It was also agreed to request the District Council to increase the frequency of gully sweeping to help prevent weed growth, and to further publicise the scheme.

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Scheme details: residents are encouraged to clear any weeds at the kerbside or pavement edge around their property that are a problem; green collection bags are available from the Clerk or your local councillors. Bags can be put at one of the following collection points:

- the grit bin in the vehicle park;
- the grit bin at the Cross;
- the grit bin at the top of the Dale;
- the grit bin at the bus stop Uppertown;
- or leave them safely at the kerbside if you cannot get to those collection points (the District Council will need to know the address of the adjacent property to arrange collection).

Collection: when bags are ready for collection we need to notify the District Council; either contact the Clerk or if possible contact the Council direct (Emma Mortimer 01629 761392; Emma.Mortimer@derbyshiredales.gov.uk). The Council have said that SERCO won't be able to collect the bags with the green bins.

Appointment of new Councillor: the Council welcomed Claire Taylor who has joined the Council.

New park goal posts: the Parish Council has new goalposts ready to be installed. They have been fully funded by a resident donor who wants to remain anonymous; they said that the donation was in memory of their father who was a keen football fan and who would have enjoyed seeing the new goals being used for the village. The Parish Council recorded thanks for the very generous gift for the village.

Picnic bench at the park: the Council has approved funding to buy a picnic bench at the park.

Container unit for storage: the Carnival Committee has increased its contribution towards the cost of a unit to £2000, and the Parish Council has made a further £2000 available. The Vehicle Park Working Group had looked to source a storage unit from a local supplier, but unfortunately it was of insufficient capacity, and it was agreed to buy a new container unit from LCS Containers Ltd.

Draft Vehicle Park Policy: the Council has approved in principle a draft policy to manage the use of the vehicle park. A

copy is available on the Council website and it is intended to finalise it at the next meeting of the working group on 13 October and at the 19 October Council meeting. Arrangements for a charging box and signage have also been agreed.

Speedwatch/traffic speed in village: training arrangements with the police for the Speedwatch scheme and the speed gun were finalised. Councillors reported incidents of dangerous speeding on Church Street and Clatterway; they have asked that incidents of near misses etc. due to speeding be reported to Councillors or the Clerk in order to establish evidence supporting additional speed control measures. Residents had asked about 'Twenty's Plenty' signs on wheelie bins; these signs can be bought online and can be used where people think it will help to reduce traffic speed.

Rats at the Cross: a complaint was reported from a resident of increased rodent activity at the Cross and had asked for public authority action on this. This is a District Council function, which is normally charged to individual householders. Councillors suggested that work on the culvert system may have contributed to this. It was agreed to ask for additional evidence of this before any approach to the District Council, so if anyone else has experienced problems with this please contact the Parish Council.

Public toilets vandalism: there has been further vandalism to the ladies toilets, which followed the same pattern as a previous incident and is thought to be being done by children. The police had been contacted and the incident publicised through social media. It was agreed to check costs and legal issues in relation to CCTV coverage from the Village Hall and to report back on this, and also to record the thanks of the Parish Council to Becky Allsop for carrying out the cleaning work after the incident.

Queen's Jubilee Beacon: Parishes have been asked to take part in a project to establish Jubilee Beacons to be lit on 2 June 2022. Matlock Town Council is participating in this and wants to liaise on the siting of beacons so that they are visible as a chain. This would need to be a volunteer led project, and anyone wanting to help organise this is asked to contact the Parish Council for more

information.

Grant application Bonsall School

Toddler group: the Parish Council approved a grant of £450 towards setting up a new toddler group associated with the school.

Slinter Top Quarry: the Council heard about complaints from residents about noise associated with work to increase the height of a bund at the quarry. County Councillor Dermot Murphy reported that the planning application was likely to be delayed further by the need for additional consultation, and that there was no date set for the hearing of the application.

New contact details for the Clerk:

the Parish Council now has a mobile phone, the Clerk Tony Payne can now be contacted on 07306 311451.

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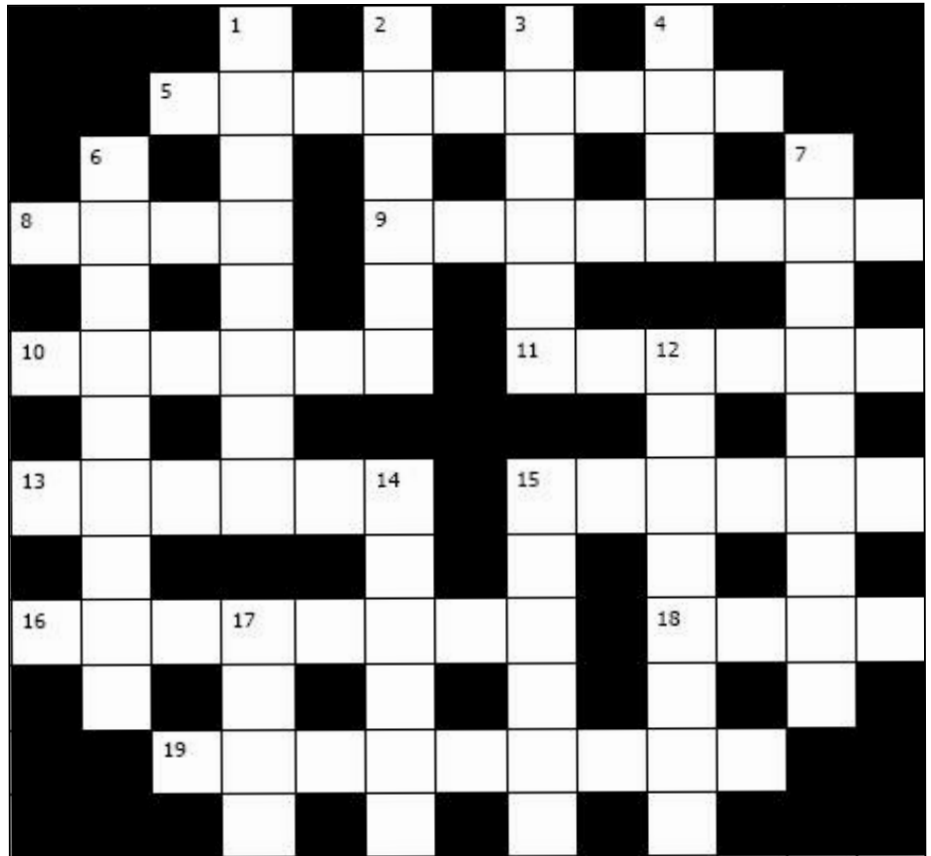
5. Mental lot disturbed 15. (9)
 8. Yoga exercise for artist? (4)
 9. Rubbery vomit found in pig-pen! (8)
 10. 7 (second word). This month is full of endless slaughter. (6)
 11. Very uncontrolled, veers towards end of Lido. (4,2)
 13. Look on smelly building you might find in 15. (6)
 15. Old king reacts to pain - what a whinger! (6)
 16. Two presents, say? I agree! (4-4)
 18. 15 seen in fenced enclosure. (4)
 19. Unreturnable serve by Federer and Kyrgios, for example. All pruned, like flowerless plants. (9)

Down:

1. Type of 15. Request agreed. (8)
 2. Shire is part of Mordor settlement. (6)
 3. Appear, for example, around French sea with tail of whale! (6)
 4. Type of 15? No, by the sound of it! (4)
 6. 7 (second word). Tory stamped on the telephone. (9)
 7 & 15. Book that recreated disturbed nights, troubled by addition of drug and lack of inspiration at first. (3,6,6)
 12. 7 (second word). European, drunk and idle perhaps. (8)
 14. Cat spied in Bristol eco-centre, heading north. (6)
 15. See 7.
 17. Type of 15 that moves back and forth. (4)

Answers to Crossword no. 131.

Across: 5. Cloud Nine. 8. Lost. 9. Smash hit. 10. Damned. 11. No hope. 13. Magmas. 15. Bharat. 16. Paradise. 18. Eden. 19. Shangri La
 Down: 1. Platinum. 2. Cursed. 3. In vain. 4. Inch. 6. Go bananas (bananas = anagram of og!) 7. Misplaced. 12. Heavenly. 14. Skiing. 15. Bleary. 17. Ache.



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