



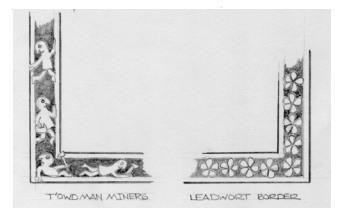
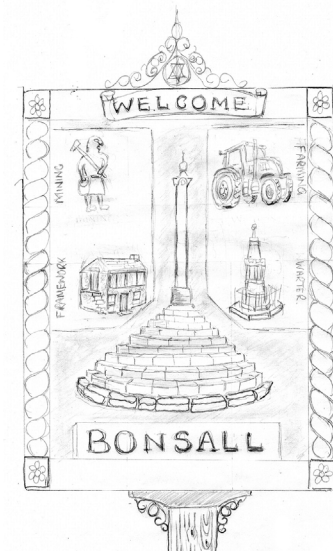
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T'Owd Man's Mutterings

The signs are good...

See inside to find out more about the ideas for the Bonsall Village Sign.



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 & CHURCH NEWS

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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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/>

Canon David Truby and Revd Carla Vicêncio Prior

Services

Sunday November 14 Remembrance Day. 10.50am

Sunday November 28 Eucharist. 9.30am

Our service on Sunday 28 November will be our annual Toy Service when gifts collected will be given to children and teenagers by the foodbank in Matlock. Donations of new unwrapped gifts can be left in Church or can be collected beforehand.

Refreshments are being served in the church from 11am to 2pm on Saturday, Sunday and Monday every week, and are planned to continue through to Christmas.

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

Services during November are at 6.15 pm except 28 November which is at 2.30 pm. God willing we hope to resume Cuppa and Cake on the third Friday each month, in the New Year 2022. See the Chapel Notice Board for other events. All are welcome to join with us.

Judy Land

Remembering

Over the last few weeks we have been considering the past year and remembering folk linked with chapel who have passed away and their loved ones who mourn. Time seems to go by so quickly and as we approach the Christmas Season and the end of another year, we inevitably look back for there is much to consider. However, the past is gone and is unchangeable; the future lies before us, so we need to look forward recalling that "Yesterday is history; Tomorrow is a mystery; Today is a gift!". I find remembering God our Creator and His great love and His precious promises a real blessing; here are a few verses worth pondering! Genesis 8 v22 While the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease. Psalm 103 v 2 Praise the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits . . . for as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear (have reverence and worship) Him. Isaiah 49 v 15,16 I will not forget you. See I have engraved you on the palms of my hands. Lamentations 3 v 22 The Lord's great love . . . His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness Lord! John 3 v 16 For God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him should not be lost but should have eternal life. John 14 v 27 Jesus said . . . I leave behind with you - peace; I give you my own peace and my gift is nothing like the peace of this world. You must not be distressed or daunted. To quote words from the little book of Jude in the New Testament "May you know you are loved by God the Father and be kept in the faith of Jesus Christ - may you experience more and more of His mercy, peace and love."

Judy Land

Floodlighting

November brings special thoughts and memories for many. Stephen, Trisha Potter and family remember Stephen's

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.

Dad, Arthur on 5th of the month. The 19th is special for Eric Gregory who remembers his parents, his brother Joe and sister Noleen. Linda Gould and all her family remember Brian Stone on the 24th and also Jane and Caroline. Richard and Kath Taylor have fond memories of Richard's mum and dad, Billy and Greta Taylor during this time. If you would like someone remembered in this way, please let me know.

Donations on-line to PCC of Bonsall a/c 80567622 at 60.14.15

Di Moor 824376
dimoor2014@yahoo.co.uk

OBITUARIES

Cliff Marshall

A Tribute to our Neighbour, Cliff.

Norma and Cliff have been our close neighbours for 37 years, sharing a path and many happy memories. I keep thinking and saying 'Norma and Cliff' because I always see them as a couple ... and a very close and loving couple. Married for 57 years, theirs has been that rarest of marriages ... very long, very happy and up to Cliff's last breath, devoted to each other. It will be so hard for Norma to move forwards without Cliff by her side, supporting her, championing her causes, providing the steady arm she has always known was there for her to lean on. Hopefully all the happy memories she has of her years with Cliff will sustain her. Along with the support of her family and friends.

As well as being a loving husband, Cliff was always a devoted family man, so proud in his own quiet way of his children and grandchildren. Seeing how Tim and Carol and Nichola and Rob, along with Terri, Declan, Harvey, Reece and Kaden, have all rallied round Norma so magnificently since Cliff died is testament to their upbringing and the strong ties that bind them.

So many other people have rightly commented on the Bonsall Memories website and in the many cards and letters to the family since his death that Cliff was a lovely man. He was. I can honestly say that in all the 37 years I have known him, I have never heard him say a bad word about anyone. Cliff was genuinely nice. He would help anyone and had time for everyone. For example, when we first moved here, I'd never lived in a house with a lawn, so I set about cutting the grass with a Flymo and with my inexperience, it's fair to say my new Flymo was flymoing everywhere. Cliff was walking past to his garden and could see it wasn't going well. He exchanged knowing glances with Margaret and then offered to show me how he did it, making sure he didn't make me feel incompetent. And that was Cliff; helpful, but never superior ... even when he clearly was!!

Cliff thought deeply about things and had the most wonderful dry sense of humour. I can think of so many times down the years that he has had us laughing out loud with his sage, deadpan one-liners. All he'd permit himself to do was smile ... but oh the twinkle in his eyes as we rolled around!! My lack of gardening skills continued to be a talking point between us. I was so bad at strimming the trees in our garden that Norma and Cliff couldn't bear to watch, especially after I'd cut through the washing line twice, cut through the strimmer's electrical cord AND surfed



Photo: Andrew Brown

to the ground as the dry stone wall I was standing on collapsed. Afterwards, I left Cliff a note to tell him where I'd put his ladder. Next time he saw me, he said with a twinkle in his eye, how happy he was to get the handwritten note because then he knew I still had at least one good arm left after I'd been strimming!

So Margaret and I feel truly blessed that Norma and Cliff have been our neighbours for all these years. We will miss Cliff SO much. Cliff was the kind of man who never blew his own trumpet, he never sought the limelight, but he had a lasting impact upon the people lucky enough to get to know him well. Margaret and I will cherish the memories we have of a gentle, wise and witty man who lived such a good life.

Alan Brown



Sonia Gladys Webster

Sonia was born on 19 April 1938 in Bonsall and lived in The Dale near the Chapel, along with her brothers and sisters – Dennis, Betsy, Sheila and William. She attended school in Bonsall and on leaving school, worked at Masson Mill and Hollins Mill (The bottom of the hill mill). She met Charlie when she was walking through the village. Charlie had

come over from Elton on his motorbike with two mates Enoch Brownlee and Chuck Johnson. They chatted, romance blossomed and four years later they were married at St James Church on 25 July 1959.

They first lived in Slaley and then moved to Uppertown. Their twin sons were born in 1963. The midwife delivering her first-born son, Charles, asked if she would like another baby. Sonia replied: "Yes in another two years' time". "How about now?" said the midwife and Richard was born! Sonia had not known she was expecting twins! Greg was born three years later. The boys' friends were always welcomed into Sonia's home as were family and wider friends too. Sonia's hospitality was well known – the buffet table was full to overflowing, and everyone looked forward to fantastic parties and celebrations.

Sonia loved Bonsall and loved participating in village life in various ways – Carnival, Well Dressings, Chapel and the Chapel Ladies Choir, singing duets with Norma and Linda at various services near and far, Young Wives, Fountain Youth Club and Barley Mow darts team. She was also gifted – writing plays and pantomimes performed in the village; Sonia made costumes for all the children and adults in the family for Carnival and decorated the floats, believing all had to be made from scratch.

Sonia was well known for her love of animals and she rescued bats and jackdaws. Hedgehogs would be left with her to hand-rear – you name it, Sonia cared. Bonsall Football Team appreciated her support but the linesmen and referees had to beware – Sonia soon sorted them out if there was something amiss in her eyes!

When the boys were older, Sonia worked as a career at Herbert Lodge Care Home, where she was highly thought of by those she cared for. When the home closed, she went to Winster Manor Care Home, again going the extra mile for those she cared for. Sonia enjoyed visiting Australia five times to see her sister and nieces, plus sightseeing.

Sonia recovered from a stroke around 15 years ago, and she then had second one and was diagnosed with vascular dementia. In 2017 she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Sonia lived at home until developing pneumonia, resulting in a few days in hospital. Then a move to Valley Lodge Care Home on 1 October for one day only, where she was briefly cared for by nieces Pamela and Nellie, passing peacefully away on 2 October 2021.

Hazel Baldwin and Richard Webster

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Harvest Auction Results

Thanks to Andy and Sam at the Kings Head for hosting the auction. Also all the people who gave and all who came and bought. A fantastic amount of £2,300 was raised, to be distributed to the village:

£400 - Church
£400 - School
£400 - Carnival
£400 - Village Hall
£400 - Bonsall Seniors
£300 - New pre-school

Thanks again for all your help. Congratulations to Bill and Jill Cooper, who won the prize hamper in the raffle.

Richard and Cath Taylor



Photos: Andy Bunting and Jacqui Smith

LETTERS

Thanks

Norma, Timothy and Nichola would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and kind thoughts and donations for the British Heart Foundation. Cliff would have been so happy to see the Church full with his work colleagues, family and friends. Thank you to Reverend David Truby, Alan Brown and our granddaughter, Terri. Cliff was such a wonderful and kind man who loved his family and was kind to everyone he met. Thank you all once again. God Bless.

Norma Marshall

Re Cannonballs

After reading the article from Bob Spowart my uncle, Henry Rickards, told me that he had found similar stone balls. When Parish Quarry was slipping (that stopped the quarrying), they were digging out to try to stabilise the face. They came across various patches of silica sand and buried in this were lots of stone balls in different sizes - some like Bob's, others larger. A scientist on site explained that during the ice age these boulders would have been rolled along with the sand down the Via Gellia from Pike Hall, Minninglow area (DSF uses silica to make their fire bricks and there used to be a sand quarry in the area). These stone balls are very hard, the largest were put into the stone crusher only to break the machine due to being round, ripping the edges off the teeth. It could be that some rolled another 400m down the road to Bob. Hope that this might shed a little more light on the mystery of the stone balls.

David Rickards.

New History Book

The History Group met in October to discuss a possible new book to follow on from 'Bonsall within Living Memory'. We decided to start preparations for researching the book, which would cover the period from 1950s/60s to 1990s. The group hopes to interview both people who grew up in the village and people who moved here during this time. The list of topics from the first book will be used to guide interviews with residents and will include:

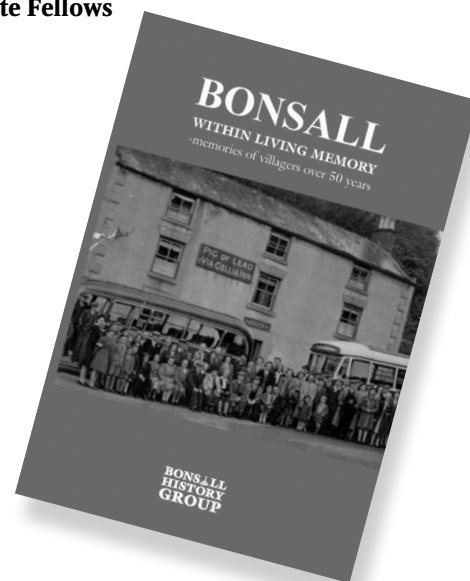
- Transport (e.g. bus services, cars/lorries in the village, cycling)
- Work (e.g. types of work, pay and conditions, travel to work, workmates)
- School (e.g. teachers, lessons, playtime, outings, travel to secondary schools)
- Leisure/sports/pubs/games/outings (e.g. football and other sports, horses, pigeons, pub teams, social events, women's groups, organised outings)



- Church/chapels (e.g. vicars/preachers, attendance, changes to buildings)
- Childbirth/childcare (e.g. local midwives/doctors, birth at home, services/facilities available)
- Celebrations (e.g. national celebrations, carnival and other village events, day trips)
- How we lived (e.g. foods eaten, gardening, home preservation, illnesses/local remedies/medicines, types of clothes/shoes in fashion, shopping, household facilities/gadgets, house repairs)
- Other (e.g. changes to the village, arrival of new people, changing fads and fashions)

The next meeting will be on Wednesday November 10 at 7pm in the Village Hall when the group will discuss who to interview, who will do the interviews and who will transcribe them. If you would like to get involved or if you would like to contribute your memories of Bonsall from the 1950s - 1990s, please contact Peter Fellows for further information on 825267 or pfellows@btinternet.com.

Pete Fellows



Christmas Lunch

A traditional Christmas Lunch will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 15 December - Everyone invited. Essential to book your place by phoning 826309 by November 17. We will be having separate tables this year so if you wish you can book a table of 2, 3, 4 or 6. Please leave a contact number when you book so we can advise you if anything happens to change the plans. Also please tell us if you have any individual food requirements.

A group from school will be coming to sing and play their ukuleles at 12.45 so please be in your seats by then! Doors open at 12.30. Cost just £3 per head. Wishing you all a happy and healthy Autumn.

Jenny March

A Plea for Submitted Articles.

Can readers please remember to include a copy for Mutterings of any announcements on village events placed in other publications? Not all residents in Bonsall can or choose to use social media sites such as Facebook and are therefore unaware of the events being posted on these platforms. Can we also request that any submitted copy material be directly sent to mutterings@hotmail.com rather than relying on a link to the websites? Linking does not always work (e.g. for non-members) and may raise copyright concerns that could prevent publication.

Thanks,

The Editors

The Story of Alfred Godbehere

(Put together by Bonsall folk.)

The story of Alfred Godbehere came to light through a document belonging to Nick and Jane Day and my thanks goes to them for letting me share it. After learning a little about Alfred's childhood, he seemed to disappear from the records. Karen Firth and her brother, Richard Kirk, came to the rescue. They had Godbeheres in their family tree and some clever detective work by Richard found Alfred again as an adult.

Alfred was born in Matlock Bath in 1838 to an unmarried mother but was first recorded in Bonsall census records aged 3 and living on Clatterway with Joseph and Mary Godbehere. The 1841 census shows Alfred's surname as 'Gudless'. His relation to the Godbeheres is not mentioned. Joseph and Mary were both aged 50 at this time and appeared to have no other children. Perhaps this was an informal adoption. Joseph was a stone sawyer, working in the quarries.

In December 1844 when he was 6 years old, Alfred was baptised in St James, Bonsall. His birth mother was given as Caroline Douglas. We don't know if the baptism at the rather late age of 6 was requested by the Godbeheres or by Caroline Douglas or indeed whether the birth mother was present. She is mentioned in the church record as being a sojourner (temporary resident) of Cromford. No other information about her has been found yet.

In 1851 the small family of three was still living on Clatterway. Alfred was listed as 'stepson' and 'scholar'. He was now about 13 years old.

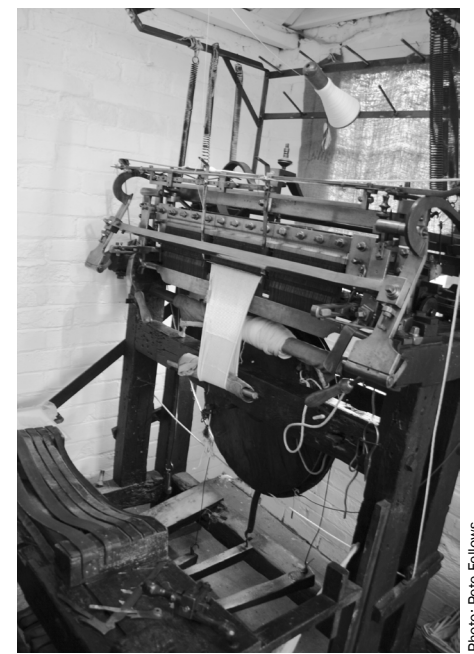


Photo: Pete Fellows

On 12 August, 1853 Joseph and Alfred had a meeting with Josiah Oliver in the presence of a lawyer to sign an indenture of apprenticeship. Josiah was a framework knitter who also became the publican of the New Inn (now the Fountain Tea Rooms). He was the son of William Oliver who owned several properties on The Dale including a framework knitting workshop where Josiah may have worked.

This indenture document was an agreement in which Josiah took Alfred as an apprentice to teach him the art of framework knitting. The apprenticeship was to run for 5 years. Young Alfred was bound by the following conditions: to serve his master faithfully and keep his secrets, to do what his master lawfully commanded, to do no damage to his master nor see any done by others, not

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to waste his master's goods or lend them. He should not commit fornication or contract matrimony, play cards, dice table or any other unlawful games. He should not haunt taverns or playhouses!

Josiah agreed to provide constant employment for his apprentice and to pay him weekly, according to the usual scale paid locally to similar apprentices and teach him his trade to the best of his ability.

Joseph agreed to provide Alfred with lodging, food and clothing, medicine and all other necessities.

Alfred and Josiah were able to sign the document. Joseph made his mark.

It was common for the parish overseer of the poor to find apprenticeships for orphans and very poor children. These were often for domestic work and labouring but this was an apprenticeship to learn a skill and therefore merited a fee. Although he was not a rich man, Joseph duly handed £7 to Josiah to seal the agreement (over £600 today). Josiah acknowledged receipt of this sum on the reverse of the document and all signatures were witnessed by the lawyer.

Had all gone well, the apprenticeship would have finished in 1858. Sadly, Mary Godbehere died in 1854, followed by Joseph in 1857. Both were buried at St James'. This left Alfred potentially homeless and with no means of support. It was unclear whether he was able to finish the apprenticeship and his story might have ended here without the help of Richard Kirk who realised that around this time Alfred stopped using the name Godbehere and started to use his birth mother's surname, Douglas. Alfred Godbehere became Alfred Douglas and appeared again in the records.

In 1857. The same year his adopted father died, he married Charlotte Rosa Henstock at the Reform Wesleyan Methodist Chapel in Holloway. This was before the official end of the apprenticeship which forbade marriage.

There is no evidence to say whether he ever worked as a framework knitter but by the 1861 census, he was living at 1, Cross North Side, Bonsall. He was about 23 years old and living with his wife, Charlotte, his sons Alfred (age3) and John (9 months), his mother-in-law, Elizabeth Henstock, and his sister-in-law, Lavinia Henstock. He was working as a book keeper. In 1866 his only daughter, Gertrude Elizabeth Douglas, died at one day old.

By 1871 the family had moved to Lea and Alfred was still working as a book keeper, almost certainly for the Smedley factory at Lea Mill. It is believed that Josiah Oliver's family took their knitted goods to Lea Mill for payment. Perhaps Alfred was introduced to the factory by the Olivers. He must have shown great promise to be taken on as a book keeper. He remained at the factory as their cashier and book keeper for the rest of his working life.

Charlotte, his wife, died in 1880 at the age of 44 and in 1882 he was married for the second time to Rachel Horsley.

By 1881 he had been joined at Lea Mill by his younger son, John, now aged 20 and also working as a book keeper. His elder son, Alfred H. Douglas, was employed as a cashier at Smedley Hydropathy in Matlock.

Alfred H. Douglas must also have shown great promise and quickly became the manager of Smedley Hydropathy. By 1891 he was living on the Chesterfield

Road, Matlock, with his wife, three sons, his mother-in-law and a domestic servant. In 1893 he died suddenly during a visit to his father's home. According to the dates on the silver plate carried on his coffin, he was 36 years old. He was well liked and respected. There were many friends and relatives at his funeral including the managers of the Smedley Company and about fifty employees connected with the Hydro. He was buried in Holloway

By 1901, Alfred senior was still working at Lea Mill and living with his wife, Rachel, and a domestic servant. His younger son, John, was married with a young son and still also working at the factory.

When Alfred retired, he moved to Bradford Villa, Chesterfield Road Matlock. Could this have been his son's home? Alfred died in 1907 at the age of 69. Probate describes him as a 'gentleman' and his estate was valued at £23,038-17s-11d (equivalent to £2,000,000 today).

This was a long journey for a young boy born illegitimate and raised by elderly adoptive parents on Clatterway. Apart from his baptism, no other details of his birth mother have been found and nothing is known about his father. Whatever genes he inherited, he and his sons were clever, talented men who did exceptionally well.

Thanks again to Nick and Jane Day, Karen Firth and Richard Kirk for their invaluable contributions helping this story to be recorded and remembered.


Jeanette Moss

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Derbyshire Wildlife Trust (Wye & Upper Derwent group) local talk for November

Unfortunately our first online and in person talk in October, had to be cancelled at late notice, as the speaker is suffering long covid and was unable to deliver the talk.

Our next talk is by Christine Gregory, entitled "The land that made us - a Peak District farmer's story". It will take place on Monday November 15 at 7.30pm, Imperial Rooms, Imperial Road, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 3NL or online via Zoom, booked through Eventbrite.

We have a cinema size screen at the venue. The talk will last 50 to 60 minutes, followed by Q and A. Chairs to be set out socially distanced. Sanitiser is provided in the hall. Parking is in the pay and display opposite. 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: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/> and search for 'The land that made us' or web search - Eventbrite The land that made us - this should take you to the web page to book.

For more information or support call 01629 650480

Irene Osborne

Bonsall School Events

Here are the details of what is happening around School and the PTFA in time for the next Mutterings:Advent Windows contact Claire on 07880851083 to be given a number.

Christmas Fair - 26 November, Bonsall school, 3.30-6.30.

Christmas wreath making workshop - 27 November, 10am- 1pm. This will be £30 per person. Contact Claire on 07880851083 to book your place.

Christmas movie night - 23 December. 2 movies will be showing (to be confirmed). 5pm start, £2 per child / adult and includes drink and popcorn for each film.

We would like to encourage as many people as possible to take part in the 100 club. Not only can you win prizes but money goes towards the school as well.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/bonsall-ce-primary-school>

Kind regards

Deborah Pearson

PTFA Secretary

Ideas for the Bonsall Village Sign

On a drowsy autumn Sunday afternoon, a number of residents came to the Village Hall to share their ideas for a new Bonsall Village Sign. Some people came to talk about their suggestions, while others came with drawings (such as those previously published in Mutterings from Alan Pugh and Jean Robertson).

Graham and Jenny from Clatterway showed us a selection of sketches. There was the Skyline sketch showing field-barns, hills, St James Church and a crane, fronted by stone walling. (image 1) Then, there was a delightful cartoon of our T'Owd Man tunnelling around a frame and another border showing locally growing Leadwort. (image 2)

A further exciting idea featured the name Bonsall, with the 'O' depicting the unique bronze brooch, found near the village in 1862. The traces of Ogham Script (on the reverse) suggest an Irish origin, of the seventh or early eighth century. (image 3)

Graham produced two further drawings, one was a complete design (image 4) , showing St James, rolling hills, a Frame-knitters Workshop, the Cross, and T'Owd Man. The other (image 5), more simple; featured a pinch stile in a drystone wall, with hills beyond.

During the afternoon other Village Hall visitors offered their comments: "I like the one with the cross dominating", "Not too much detail or it will all blend into one", "T'Owd Man somewhere",

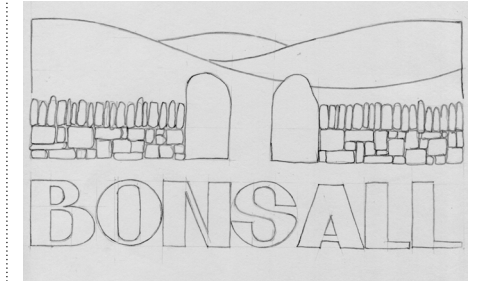
"Meadow flowers and birds possibly", "should mention hamlets too".

Courtesy of pictures kindly shared by the Village Sign Society, there were many examples of sign designs from around the country. The slides also showed a range of production methods from carved wood and cast aluminium, to painted fibreglass and punched metal (image 6). The latter seemed to be most popular for clarity of image and ease of long term maintenance.

It has been suggested that all the ideas might now be presented to the Parish Council and that they be tasked with the difficult decision of selecting the most appropriate design elements. If you have any further suggestions to contribute please send them to the Parish Clerk by 15 November, for Parish Councillors' consideration. Following this there will be a phase of research looking into sources of funding, the best manufacturing company to approach and other considerations concerning County Council and highways regulations etc.

We look forward to reporting on the progress of the Parish Council's deliberations in the December/January issue of the Mutterings.

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PARISH COUNCIL

Report for meeting 19 October 2021

Councillor Denise Pountain

Denise has resigned from the Council with effect from this month, ending a long period of service for the village. The Council recorded their thanks for her work, and have started the process of advertising for a replacement.

Refuse Collection

Cllr Purdy apologised on behalf of the District Council for further problems with the service due to a strike and work to rule of SERCO staff, which was outside of the Council's control. He said that the Council was commissioning an independent review of the operation of the SERCO waste contract and hoped that a report would be available in the New Year.

Coronavirus

Cllr Purdy said that case numbers in the District were rising, particularly in schools. The area did have a high percentage of double vaccinated people but he advised continued caution to reduce transmission.

Motocross on the moor

Cllr Purdy reported that Environmental Health are very aware of the concerns about lead, and are monitoring the situation. As this is a live investigation we cannot comment further at this time but the Council is in consultation with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) to ensure the duty holders are fully informed. He said that a further report on this was expected shortly. The planning appeal for the motocross site has been set for 15/16 February 2022; the venue is still to be announced.

Arts Trail 18/19 June 2022

The Arts Trail organisers came to the meeting to outline the event planned for next year. The group wanted to use the park for a gazebo and marquee; the aim was to centralise the event and make it accessible, although in future years

it should return to being in individual homes. It was possible that a temporary road closure application might be made. Insurance cover and risk assessments would be in place. After discussion the Council agreed to the request for use of the park for the Arts Trail on the weekend of 18/19 June 2022.

Picnic bench at the park

The park has a new picnic bench thanks to a donation from Siobhan Haymes, in memory of her father Haydn Rowlands.

Repairs to Cross

The Cross was damaged by a vehicle around 12 October and left needing serious repair work (see photo). Richard Webster arranged to immediately secure the dislodged stones, and then for the area to be re-mortared the next day. The work was not charged, and the Council recorded their thanks to Richard and those involved.

Public Space Protection Orders

The District Council rules governing the park and other public spaces in the village are being reviewed. The District Council is considering some changes to the orders across the District, including to change 'dogs on lead by direction (of a Council officer)' to a requirement for dogs on lead. The Parish Council supported this change to require dogs on a lead in the park. It was also agreed to request removal of the Old School Yard on the Dale from the order, as it was no longer a public space.

HGV Bankside

On 30 September an HGV was stuck on Bankside for over 7 hours after attempting the route from Uppertown; the Council viewed photographs of damage caused to the road surface, retaining wall and verge. The County Council had inspected the retaining wall but the outcome of that was not known. It was agreed to write to the County Council to seek an update on that, and to report what appeared to be a collapsed drain along the verge.

Yeoman Street land

Pete Spencer and a volunteer group have worked to improve this site, and another volunteer day will be arranged in the spring. The District Council has offered to let the Parish Council manage the land; it was agreed to take up this offer so long as it did not involve repairing obligations.

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

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16 November at the village hall. If you have any issues to be raised at the meeting please contact the clerk Tony Payne with details by 8 November.

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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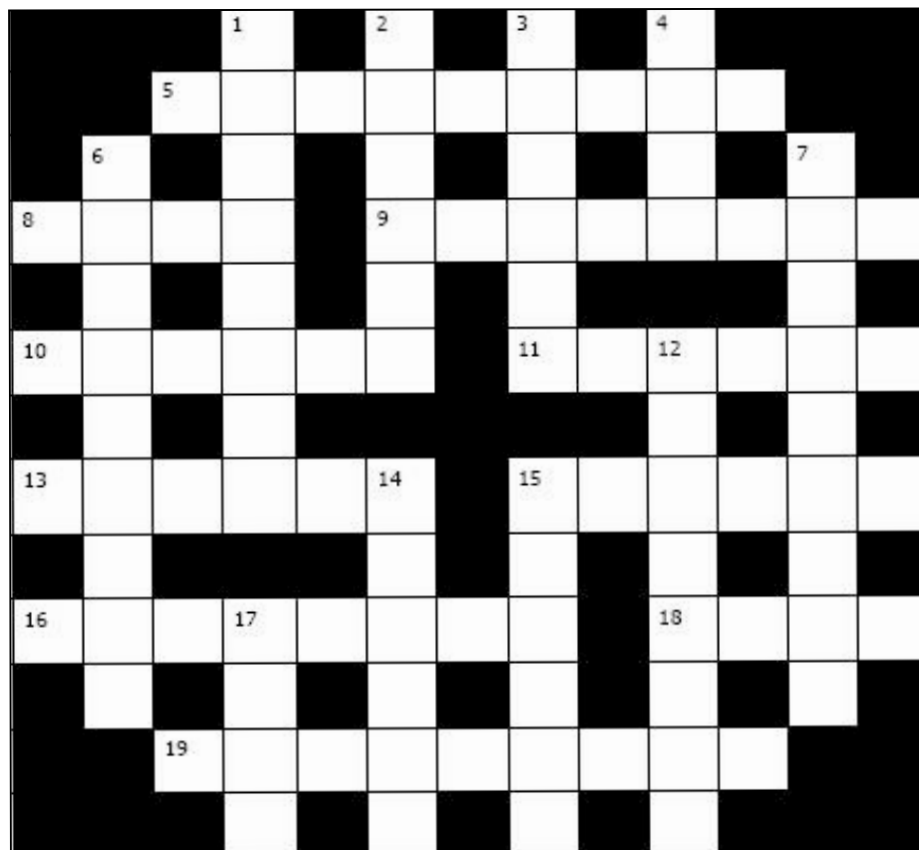
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CROSSWORD #133



Across

5. Pasta eaten in two American cities? No, the reverse is true - for a song! (5,4)
8. Type of exercise for poorly Spanish painter? (4)
9. Quarter of 5 (first word) and can be preceded by it for an old-fashioned ride! (8)
10. More adhesive lure I greased at first, worked. (6)
11. 5 (first word) See you broadcast - symbolic! (6)
13. Informed old Dave is running wild! (6)
15. A meeting-place for 5 (second word).
16. 5 (first word) Comic led fraud? Yes! (8)
18. 5 (second word). The Head, initially, supports secretary. (4)
19. Calming teas stirred, followed by final third of brandy and gin, mixed. (9)

Down

1. 5 (first word). What Caesar might spend in the lavatorium. (8)
2. Blade-wielding person, Cockney, heading north, has change of mind. (6)
3. Imam (eg) is ensconced in bicycle-rickshaw. (6)
4. Measurement - chain? No, a different, much smaller unit. (4)
6. 5 (second word) where the French victory is accepted by Shakespeare. (9)
7. Flair - i.e. untying knots? (9)
12. Organising quiet agent with odourless game! (8)
14. Beat a fêted revolutionary. (6)
15. 5s (second word) revealed in topless boats! (6)
17. Bet volcano blows up! (4)

Answers to Crossword No. 132.

Across: 5. Allotment. 8. Goya. 9. Stretchy. 10. Occult (October + cul(l)) 11. Ever so. 13. Gazebo. 15. Grouch. 16. Hear-hear (present = here). 18. Eden. 19. Acrogenic (not a word I'd come across before! You have to know your tennis: Ac(e)roge(r)nic(k) - all pruned). **Down:** 1. Pleasure. 2. Dorset. 3. Emerge. 4. Knot. 6. Concealed. 7 & 15 The Secret Garden. 12. Esoteric (Eric Idle). 14. Ocelot. 15 See 7. 17. Rock.

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Spot the Giant Puffball

Quiet on the bird front around Bonsall lately. We flushed a Snipe from the top end of Horse Dale a few weeks ago which is presumably one that is looking for somewhere to spend the winter. We are still waiting for most of the wintering species such as Redwings and Fieldfares. A pair of Stonechats have been seen along the lanes around the Bonsall Moor area which presumably have come in for the winter.

Spotted recently around the fields and woods of Bonsall are Field Mushrooms and Giant Puffballs. One of my Fungi books says 'good eating' but that's stretching it a bit. If nice and fresh they're good with some smokey bacon to add flavour. Speaking of which - I met a guy on Stanton Moor the other day who was collecting 'Penny Buns' (cepes or Porcini). He had a basketful and was going to use them at his Italian Restaurant in Belper. Now they are good eating and very flavoursome.

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Sat	6	10am-6pm Autumn Fayre	Village Hall
Tues	9	Grey Bins	
Weds	10	7pm Bonsall History Group re: Living Memory Book	Village Hall
Mon	15	Deadline for ideas on Village Sign to Parish Clerk	
		7.30pm DWT The Land that made us	Imperial Rooms, Matlock
Tues	16	Blue and Green Bins	
		7.30pm Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Weds	17	Deadline for booking Christmas Lunch	Village Hall
Tues	23	Grey Bins	
Fri	26	3.30pm-6.30pm, Christmas Fair	Bonsall School
Sat	27	10.00am-1.00pm, Christmas Wreath Workshop	Bonsall School
Tues	30	Blue and Green Bins	

Future Events

Thurs 9 December 2.00pm-5.00pm, Sue's Workshop, 7, High St.

Weds 15 December 12.30pm, Christmas Lunch, Village Hall

Thurs 23 December 5.00pm, Christmas Movie Night, Bonsall School