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T'Owd Man's Mutterings

We're Back!!

Bonsall School Proudly Presents
CINDERELLA



Photo by Ian Daisley



In folklore T'Owd Man is a spirit that inhabits mines and caves. T'Owd Man of Bonsall is a carved figure of a miner that was taken to Wirksworth when St James church was being refurbished in the 1860s. It was said that strange noises coming from the old Ball Eye mine at the end of Church St. were of T'Owd Man muttering

CHURCH NEWS

St James

Services December

Sun 12 Eucharist 9:30am
Thurs 16 Ecumenical Carol Service
7:00pm

Sat 25 December Christmas Day
Eucharist 9:30am

January

Sun 9 Eucharist 9:30am
Sun 23 Eucharist 9:30am

We will also be collecting gifts for young people aged 1-14 years to be distributed by Jigsaw Foodbank in Matlock. They would like Duplo, Lego, puzzles, games, craft kits, paper/felt tips, toiletries and hats, gloves and scarfs. Any items can be brought to the church, or collected if that is easier.

From 4 December the refreshment times in Church will be 12 noon till 3:00 pm

Canon David Truby and Revd Carla Vicêncio Prior

Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel (The Dale)

Our Sunday Services are at 6.15 pm, except the fourth Sunday each month which is at 2.30 pm.

The annual carol service is planned for 19 December at 2:30 pm
All are welcome to join with us.

God willing, we are hoping to reopen our monthly Friday Cuppa and Cake Afternoon on the third Friday of the month from 2:00 - 4:00 pm from January.
Judy Land

Village Life Church

Village Life Church is now meeting again for in person services and live streaming at : villagelifechurch.online.church

Please join us as we celebrate Christmas:
10:30am Sunday 12 December:
Christmas Family Service
6:00pm Friday 17 December: Carols by Candlelight
9:30am Saturday 25 December:
Christmas Day Celebration

If you need any help, support or encouragement over these winter months, we would love to help, if we are able. Please don't hesitate to contact the church at villagelifechurchbonsall@gmail.com or call/text on 079 880 71682.

Pastor Matthew Quinn



"When we were children we were grateful to those who filled our stockings at Christmas time. Why are we not grateful to God for filling our stockings with legs?" (G.K Chesterton)

I love this whimsical little quote from the late G.K Chesterton. It is encouraging us to reflect upon what we are grateful for. It begins by talking of the joy and excitement of receiving gifts. And I don't know about you, but I still get the thrill around 5:00am on Christmas morning, anticipating any moment the stirring of excited children with full stockings sat at the foot of the bed. But the quote says we should be much more grateful than just what we get in our stockings. Perhaps a child might not see more than the sum of their Christmas presents. But there is need for all of us to learn the art of appreciating the many, many gifts we already have, like stockings filled with legs. And I hope that this year you may find a few quiet moments to appreciate what you do have.

If you are reading this article in a relatively comfortable house... be grateful for it. There are 1.6 billion people in this world living in inadequate homes. And 150 million people don't even have a home. If you have been able to spend money on extra treats, decorations and gifts for the season... be grateful. Nearly half of the world's population live on less than £4.00 per day. If you are planning on a wonderful Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, followed by a healthy portion of Christmas pud... be grateful. 1 in 9 people don't have access to enough food. They are living on 1800 calories or less. Now I am not presenting these facts to make you feel guilty about enjoying Christmas, and enjoying the things you have. I am just trying to encourage you to be grateful for them. To appreciate your health, wealth and security.

It is easy, especially under the cloud of the Covid pandemic to focus on what we have lost, rather than appreciating what we still have. And in the greater scheme of things we are truly blessed with many good things. BE GRATEFUL FOR THEM. The Bible tells me 'that every good and pleasing gift, comes from above.' (James 1:17) As a Christian I believe that everything good I have in this world, comes from the hands of God. That is why church services usually have times of worship and praise. We use the music and songs to express our gratitude to the greatness of God's generosity & goodness. And it is our real joy to celebrate Jesus at Christmas. God's most generous gift to the world. We want to invite you to join us this Christmas season as we express our gratitude for the many good things we have.

Pastor Matthew Quinn

Floodlighting Memories

December

Christmas is a very special time for remembering those friends and family members who are no longer with us.

Di, Kath and Andrew remember their dad, Jimmy on his birthday on 8th December.

Stephen and Tricia Potter remember Stephen's mum, Mary especially on 10th December.

16th of the month brings fond memories of Peter Wood, a special uncle to Emily and Nathan Taylor.

David and Julie Allsop and their families remember their dad, Dennis particularly on 18th of the month.

Christmas Eve is when Margaret, Maurice, Justin, Deb and their children remember Connor in whose memory the lighting was given and dedicated.

Ronald Loxley is remembered by Marjorie, Andrew, Sharon and Andrew especially on his birthday, 30th December

January

David, Julie and their families remember their mum, Jean especially on 2nd January. The first week of January holds special

memories of Harold Bunting for Dorinda, Simon and Stephanie and their families.

16th of the month is when Jenny Mellor and family remember their mum, Joan.

There are loving thoughts during the third week of Jack and Gwen Fellows from Peter and Wendy. Birthday memories on 23 and 24th January of Mum and Dad Rickards are shared by all the family at this time.

For Richard and Kath Taylor the lighting brings memories of Kath's dad and her brother, Keith on 26th January.

Janet, Daphne and Peter have special memories of their parents, Billy and Winnie particularly on 27th of the month.

Mary, Joe, Stephen and Tricia remember Arthur with love on his birthday on 24th.

Hilda Morris' birthday on 31st January is a time when Rita, Eunice, Rachael and Danny and their families remember her.

If you would like to make your donation of £15 for each memory on-line the details are: Nat West. 601415 a/c 80567622 PCC of Bonsall

Thank you.

Di Moor 824376 dimoor2014@yahoo.co.uk

Catholic Church Services

Our Lady and St. Teresa of Lisieux

Gorsey Bank, Wirksworth

Mass Sundays 9 am, Holy Days 7 pm.
Service of Holy Communion every
Wednesday morning at 10 am.

Contact Fr. Joseph Keogh
(01773 743336)

Our Lady and St. Joseph Church

Bank Rd, Matlock

Mass times Saturdays 6 pm,
Sundays 8.30 am & 10.30 am.
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Tuesdays – Thursdays 9.30 am.
Sacrament of Reconciliation –
Fridays 6.30–7 pm, Saturdays 10.30–
11 am, Adoration Thursdays
and Fridays 7 am – 11 pm

Contact Fr. Bernard Needham (582804)

There is a fortnightly newsletter listing ongoing events.

On Sundays breakfast is available in the church hall after the 8.30 Mass and tea/coffee and biscuits after the 10.30 Mass. All are welcome.

Tree decoration

The Christmas tree will be up in Church for those wishing to place a bauble in memory of a loved one on Saturday 11 December from 12 noon till 4:00 pm, and after that any time when church is open.

Di Moor

Get your lovely cards in Bonsall

There are three ways you can easily buy hand-made greetings cards in Bonsall. You don't need to get the car out and spend your hard-earned cash outside the village. Sue lives at no 7 High Street, near the Cross, and gives all the profit from the sale of her cards to St James' Church. Linda (on High Street) and Rita (near the Barley Mow) give all the profit from their cards to any of the village organisations who are in need of support. Sue produced cards all through lockdown and is still working hard. She offers a variety of greeting cards for all occasions in a box on her drive, with lots to choose from. She designs all sorts of cards, for all occasions, some simple, others more

Ruby Gratton would like to wish all family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year

Happy Christmas to all our friends and neighbours from Ken and Gill Edgar, 22 Church St.

A merry festive season to all our friends.

Pete & Wendy

Janet Brown would like to wish all family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

elaborate with beautiful built-up layers of decoupage. She can personalise or design a unique card for you with a particular theme. She can also put lights on them if you wish! Christmas cards are available now.

And as I said, all the profits from Sue's cards stay in Bonsall and go to St James' Church. (Don't forget to visit the Church on Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays, 12.00 – 3.00pm, for rolls, drinks and gorgeous home-made cakes). Rita (at Cubley House) and Linda (at 39 High Street) make beautiful greeting cards for all occasions: birthdays, get-well and now, for Christmas. Not only is each card unique, Linda and Rita can personalise a card for you, popping a special greeting or a loved-one's name on the front of your chosen card. They enjoy the Village Life Craft Club (Tuesdays, 2.00 -4.00pm) where everyone is very welcome. Rita and Linda make all their cards from recycled materials and would be happy to receive your old cards for recycling into new, artistic greeting cards - and they will recycle any leftovers correctly. Sorry for repeating myself, but all the profits stay in Bonsall! So, we don't have to struggle into Matlock, wasting fuel and time to buy expensive, mass-produced cards when we have three generous people beaver away at producing lovely hand-made cards and donating all their profits to our village charities. Let's support them: Sue (01629 356700), Linda (01629 823790), Rita (01629 823888).

Karen Firth



Church Fundraising

After receiving the letter from Rev. Carla about the need to raise funds for Church maintenance, we decided to have a go at offering light refreshments in Church for villagers and visitors to enjoy. Our target was the £10,000 mentioned in the letter. We formed a group of three which rapidly grew to seven and now to ten with other very welcome volunteers. Since we began on May Bank Holiday, I am thrilled that we have so far raised over £7000 thanks to the group's hard work week in week out, and the amazing generosity of both villagers and visitors. We also have our sights set on bigger projects - a proper kitchen. In order for the Church to continue as a valuable asset, we have to move with the times and be able to offer it for concerts etc. as well as services, weddings, christenings and funerals. To do this we need facilities. It's a long term project and there will be grants available, but in the meantime we will continue to offer our refreshments of rolls, homemade

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soups and cakes on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays 12 noon till 3:00 pm
If you would like to have a delivery, then please get in contact and I'll do my best. Thank you for your continued support, you are very much appreciated.
Kath Punchard. 07974 304067.

P.S. If anyone can spare 3 hours, maybe once a month or on an ad hoc basis, they would be very welcome. They wouldn't have to bake or cook and wouldn't be on their own

Bonsall CE Primary School

Harvest Donation

Thank you so much for the generous donation of £400 from funds raised at the Harvest Festival Auction. It is lovely to know that your local school is so well supported by the community. The donation will come in very handy to help fund our ukulele and clarinet lessons
Rebecca Smart
Headteacher

Bonsall School Toddler Club

The Club would like to thank Sam and Andy at the Kings Head and Richard and Kath Taylor for their generous donation from the Harvest Auction. The money will go towards storage and more play equipment.
Di Moor



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Remembrance Day

On Thursday 11 November, Class 3 went to Bonsall Cross and did the two minutes of silence. After that, Isaac Falconer-White read the war poem 'For the Fallen'. Then they walked back to school.

Thomas Gell and Isaac Falconer-White
(Photo by Rebecca Smart)

School PTFA

Due to Covid cases in the community, it was with regret that we had to cancel the Bonsall School Christmas Fair. We are hoping to run a Christmas hamper raffle and would appreciate donations towards this.

Movie night is on the 23 December in the Village Hall at 5:00 pm, £2 per ticket, limited availability due to Covid procedures in place. Films to be shown are 'Nightmare Before Christmas' followed by 'The Christmas Chronicles'. Contact **Claire** 07880 851083 or **Rachael** 07873 674983

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to do an advent window, we are now full.

Deborah Pearson
PFTA Secretary

Kings Head

We are having a brass band and carols around the cross on the 19 December from 7pm. There will be free mince pies and mulled wine in the Kings Head. The event will be inside if the weather doesn't favour us.

Andy Bunting

Pantomime : Cinderella

The Bonsall pantomime is back !
Bonsall School is proud to present Cinderella as this years' pantomime. Performances are on Friday 25 February - doors open at 6.30 pm for 7:00 pm performance, and Saturday 26 February - doors open at 1.30 pm for 2:00 pm performance and doors open at 6.30 pm for 7:00 pm performance.

Tickets available from Gill Wood at the school, or Rachael Richardson (07873 674983) and Claire Duma (07880 851083).

Family ticket (2 adults/2 children) £18
Adult ticket £8
Child (5- 16yrs) £5
Under 5's Free

Bar, refreshments and raffle (any raffle prize donations gratefully accepted).

All proceeds to Bonsall Primary School
Jayne Allsop



(Photo by Ian Daisley)

Allotment Christmas Trees

There will be a few 6ft to 8 ft Christmas trees for sale from the allotment this year. Arrange to meet me at the site to negotiate prices, but they'll be much cheaper than anywhere else I'm sure. And if anyone is interested in taking on an allotment plot, there are several vacancies, as of this winter. Contact me for further details.

Penny Collier 825591

Village Hall

A massive thank you to Richard and Kath Taylor for organising and running the Village Auction event, to Sam and Andy at the Kings Head for hosting the event and to everyone who brought, bought and attended. A great night and a huge £400 donation to Bonsall Village Hall
Jackie Smith on behalf of the Village Hall Committee

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Mutterings Editorial Meeting

The Editors met in October for the first time since the pandemic started. We reviewed the restarting of printed issues in August, using the printer in Matlock. The print quality is acceptable but, unlike our previous printer, he doesn't have the equipment to insert single pages into the newsletter. We will therefore need to design issues that have multiples of four pages wherever possible, if we are to avoid asking people to insert the single pages (it takes several hours by hand and would cost us around £80 per issue for the printer to insert them). This means that we will dispense with the single diary page and it will become the back page in future issues.

We noted that some village groups are advertising events on the Bonsall Facebook page without copying them to Mutterings. There have also been recent issues with people sending images that are copyright, either in articles or as part of an advert, sometimes embedded in a web-page. We will request that any submitted articles are posted directly to Mutterings rather than relying on a link to a website, and that all images are credited to the correct source. If necessary, we will advise the sender that we cannot use an image if there is likely to be a copyright infringement. Although, we have plenty of support from the 11 editors, plus another 20+ people who help distribute Mutterings around the village, we always welcome new ideas about what goes into the newsletter and its design. So if you want to join this vibrant group, or you would like to have more information about what the editorial group does, or what you could contribute, please get in touch. The next meeting is scheduled for March 2022, Covid permitting.

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WilDer 4 All

The Derbyshire Wildlife Trust (DWT) is getting wilder by the week. They've teamed up with Wilder Wirksworth and Wilder Matlock and hope to create a Wilder DE4. This means they aim to enlist lots of villages in the DE4 area to join the WilDer 4 All project. Bonsall is invited to become a member of the WilDer 4 All 'family'. What is WilDer 4 All? Many people are rightly concerned about the state of nature and the threatened



loss of so many of our native species. This loss is partly due to our urge to control the natural world, resulting in wildlife quite literally being 'tidied' away in a whirl of strimmers, pesticides and concrete. WilDer 4 All hopes to be something of an antidote to this over-orderly arrangement of the natural world around us. Things are getting serious, nature is in a state of crisis; 25% of our native mammals are on the red list (threatened to go extinct) and among them our beloved hedgehog. This together with the intrinsically linked climate crisis, means that rapid change is essential.

In 2021, Bonsall Parish Council asked the District Council not to spray our verges. So, this summer, people around the village were out with bags and tools to remove unwanted plants from road edges. There have been various suggestions about improving this scheme for 2022, but there could be added benefits if people decided to join WilDer 4 All project. For example, DWT could offer contacts for local speakers able to share their knowledge of all things wild to help nature. The Trust can donate seeds and trees, give practical help and advice. We could organise wildflower walks, do workshops on pond making, building bird boxes, swap seeds and lots more besides for youngsters. Just imagine green patches around the village with primroses, cowslips, native bluebells, ox-eye daisies, wavy grass heads; all making more homes and food for insects and pollinators and for the birds and mammals that depend on them. We could celebrate the sharing of our spaces with wildlife and see how richly rewarding it can be. Let's encourage a love and respect for all things wild, through walks, talks and work with children. Come and join WilDer 4 All Bonsall – you'll never regret going wild!

To find out more please contact Wendy w.bullar@btinternet.com, 825267 in Bonsall, or Danielle at Derbyshire Wildlife Trust enquiries@derbyshirewt.co.uk.

Wendy Bullar and Karen Firth

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Carnival Committee

Following the delivery of leaflets to village households, the Carnival Committee met in October to decide a new committee and begin plans for next year's Carnival. The new Chair is Deborah Pearson and Robert Stevenson is the Vice-Chair. The role of Treasurer is shared by Sarah Smith and Louise Ward. Other roles of secretary, publicity coordinator and organising the treasure hunt, lantern procession and firework display remain unchanged. A new group to coordinate well-dressings will be Richard Grover, Susie Botting, Peter Stratton and Robert Stevenson. Responses to the leaflets from some households indicated that people would be happy to help with Carnival, but not by taking on a formal role on the committee. It was decided to review the list of jobs that are needed throughout the year to hold a carnival and identify people in the village who could be asked to help with them. The Easter Draw will take place as usual next year. It is planned to hold events on Carnival day, the Sunday afternoon teas and the Friday lantern procession and fireworks display. Depending on the level of support from people in the village to help organise and coordinate activities, other events during Carnival week would be reviewed at the next meeting on 21 February at 7:00pm in the Village Hall.

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Bonsall Open Gardens

Open Gardens has decided on a date for next year, the weekend of 4/5 June. This time, the Manor House gardens will be included which is great news. We are looking for other gardens to show. They don't have to be perfect, because everywhere in Bonsall is lovely and all views spectacular.

Hopefully Covid will be a thing of the past by that date, and we can get back to a sense of normality in Bonsall. Carnival week has been sorely missed and all other celebrations too.

For any new gardens, ideas, volunteers etc. then please private message the Bonsall Open Gardens Facebook page or email: office@bonsallopengardens.co.uk

Elisabeth Stoppard

(Photo from Nic Barfield)

Safer Neighbourhood Team

The Derbyshire Dales Safer Neighbourhood Teams are working closely with partners to make the area a safe place to live, work and visit.

If I haven't introduced myself before, I do apologise, but I am making my way around to everyone. I am one of the local PCSO's that covers Matlock Bath, Cromford, Wirksworth, Middleton by Wirksworth and Bonsall along with PCSO Charles Foster.

As a Safer Neighbourhood Team, we are creating a monthly newsletter so that we can send out information to the whole community, we will be sharing information in there such as crime statistics, good news stories and where we will be holding street meets. The first newsletter contains some basic information of how to contact us and for the community to let us know what issues they are concerned about. You can contact us via the following methods:

Via e-mail:

Kirsty.Hunt@derbyshire.police.uk or

Charles.Foster@derbyshire.police.uk

On Facebook, you can send us a private message to either:

- Matlock, Cromford, Wirksworth and Darley Dale SNT. (Please do not report crimes/incidents to this one).

- Derbyshire Constabulary.

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PCSO Kirsty Hunt

Matlock Bath, Cromford & Wirksworth
Matlock Safer Neighbourhood Team
Matlock Police Station, Bank Road

Bonsall Riders 2021

After nearly a two year break with the
pandemic, the Bonsall Riders are back
and chomping at the bit, rearing to
go. A meeting was called over the late
summer months, and we all gathered for
a sumptuous feast, a much needed catch
up and to make plans for the future.

Many thanks to our new member Amy
Hancock for hosting the meet outside on
the terrace at the Manor House. It was a
truly memorable evening, full of fun and
in a beautiful setting. We all met another
new resident, talented dressage rider
Emily Perry and Sue, who has a horse on
livery with her.

Despite being in lockdown, the group
has managed to restore a fallen dry stone
wall on the Dobb/Pounder lane junction,
using a contribution from Bonsall Open
Gardens. This has restored a beautiful
part of Bonsall, not only for horse riders
but for cyclists, dog walkers, holiday
makers and residents.

Sandra Harris and Jane Williams have
continued to work on the legalities
regarding preserving the bridlepaths, in
the meantime, Sandra was voted in as a
Trustee of the British Horse Society. So,
very exciting times ahead.

I myself sadly lost my beloved
Barney to old age during the first
week of lockdown. Not a good start
to it. Interestingly with advances in
technology, I managed to buy a beautiful
youngster that I had seen advertised
online, view his You Tube videos, email
chat with the seller, pay for him by bank
transfer and have him delivered... all at
the touch of a button during the darkest
days of the dreadful lockdown. Incredible
technology.

Our new horse Troy has brought
me great happiness and it has been
wonderful to meet Emily Perry and for
her to take him in for training. He arrived
at the farm a bit wild via horse trailer and
after his training she rode him back to
Bonsall. It was very moving indeed.
So here's to a happier 2022 to all, and
Merry Christmas.

Liz Stoppard

P.S. New members always welcome,
volunteers too.



Photo from Liz Stoppard

History Group

The group met in November to decide
who to approach to see if they would
be interested in contributing to the new
Bonsall within Living Memory book. We
identified around 90 people who have
lived in the village since before the 1960s
or moved here between 1960s-1990s.
Over the next month or so, members of
the group will ask these people if they
would like to be interviewed for the book.
The next meeting will be on Thursday
13 January at 7:00pm in the Kings Head,
when we hope to finalise the interview
procedures. If you would like to join the
project, you will be made very welcome.

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Derbyshire Wildlife Trust (Wye and Upper Derwent Group)

There are two talks planned over the next couple of months. An illustrated talk is being held by award-winning, professional wildlife photographer, Tesni Ward, who has photographed projects across the world and promotes conservation and education through her images. Tesni has spent four years documenting a family of badgers in the heart of the Peak District, spending in excess of 2000 hours with these "highly intelligent social and loving creatures". Learn more about these wonderful animals along with the other wildlife they share the National Park with. My Badger Family, Monday 13 December starting

at 7.30 p.m. Imperial Rooms, Matlock DE4 3NL or watch via Eventbrite website (www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/my-badger-family-tickets-189795442277). All welcome £3.00 either in person or online via Eventbrite/Zoom. It is essential to pre-book for this talk. More information at 01629 650480. The second is 'A Wildlife Artist in Borneo and Madagascar' on Monday 17 January, starting at 7.30 pm. Please book through Eventbrite (www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-wildlife-artist-in-borneo-and-madagascar-tickets-189808160317).

Irene Osborne



The Bonsall & Derbyshire Dales Link invite you to a

QUIZ NIGHT

on Friday 3rd December

at 7.30pm

at Bonsall Village Hall

Teams of four will be formed on the night

Tickets: £5-00 Adults; Concessions £4-00

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MISS HAMPER DRAW

Chernobyl Children's Lifeline, Bonsall & Derbyshire Dales Link

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Report of meeting 17 November

Motocross on Bonsall Moor: a member of the Bonsall Moor Action Group outlined the current position in relation to the involvement of the group at the public enquiry into the appeal against planning enforcement. The hearing was to be on 15 February 2022, at the Aldern House Peak District National Park offices in Bakewell. The inspector is to visit the site on 14 February. The hearing would be open to the public. Councillor Murphy said that the situation in relation to lead levels was still subject to legal discussions and there was no information that could be released at present.

Village Sign: the Clerk reported two comments from residents expressing support for a sign incorporating T'Owd Man of Bonsall. Councillors discussed the various drawings that had been submitted and agreed that the following elements should be incorporated into the final design: the Bonsall broach; the Church and rural setting; prominence to T'Owd Man (including the detail of T'Owd Man digging underground). One of the favourite styles was that of a drawing from Graham Hill. After discussion it was agreed to take this on as a Parish Council project, and first steps would be to establish a working group to look at finalising the design and fundraising. It was intended to ask a graphic designer to work these elements into a final composition. Councillor Murphy said that there may be potential County Council funding to assist with initial costs, which was noted with thanks.

The Fountain: the Clerk reported two incidents of damage to the railings and plinth of the Fountain monument; one on the northern side by an unknown vehicle around 5-7 November; the other on the southern side on 10 November. The latter had been witnessed and the delivery driver spoken to and admitted the incident; CCTV footage was also available. The delivery company concerned and the Council's insurers had been notified. If anyone has any information on the damage caused 5-7 November, please contact the Clerk or a Councillor.

Dog Control: the Council reviewed a District Council proposal to remove dog control orders from Nether Green and the bandstand at the Cross; it was agreed

to oppose that. The general problem of dog waste around the village was discussed; particular areas identified were Stepping Lane, Dobb Lane, the path from the churchyard to the park and the path between 28/30 High Street. The District Council is to be asked for measures to enforce the dog control laws, and the Parish Council wants to remind residents of the requirements to clean up after dogs to avoid these problems.

Slinter Quarry planning application:

Councillor Murphy provided an update on the current situation with the planning application. The County Council was still waiting for information from the applicant in relation to biodiversity issues, and so the earliest hearing of the planning application would consequently be January or February. If so, it was expected that there may be an application for a variation to the current planning permission which expires on 31 December 2021; if that variation was to allow continued removal of material from the bottom of the quarry it would be difficult to oppose, but any application to work at the higher level would be likely to go to Committee to be heard.

Speedwatch: the Chair reported on a session on 5 November; 80 vehicles had been monitored on the Clatterway and at the vehicle park; on this occasion none were exceeding the 30mph limit. It was agreed to hold another session in January. The Chair emphasised that the object of the exercise was not to catch people speeding and report them, but to encourage compliance with the speed limits in the interests of road and resident safety.

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Parish Councillors

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

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PARISH COUNCIL

Purchase of container unit: the Chair reported that the required green container unit was now available from LCS Containers within the budget previously approved for purchase. The unit cost was £3450 (+ VAT); delivery £190 (+VAT). It was agreed to proceed with purchase of this unit, noting that the supplier would defer delivery until the ground works for the base were completed.

Abandoned vehicles; it was noted that a Mercedes van had been reported to the District Council for removal; it was agreed to ask the Council to expedite this as it was on the potential site for the container unit. A white bus was now on the park; the owner had said that it would be moved by 6 November but that had not happened. It was agreed to commence the process for removal.

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 21 December at the Village Hall. If you have any issues to be raised at the meeting please contact the Clerk, Tony Payne, with details by 13 December.

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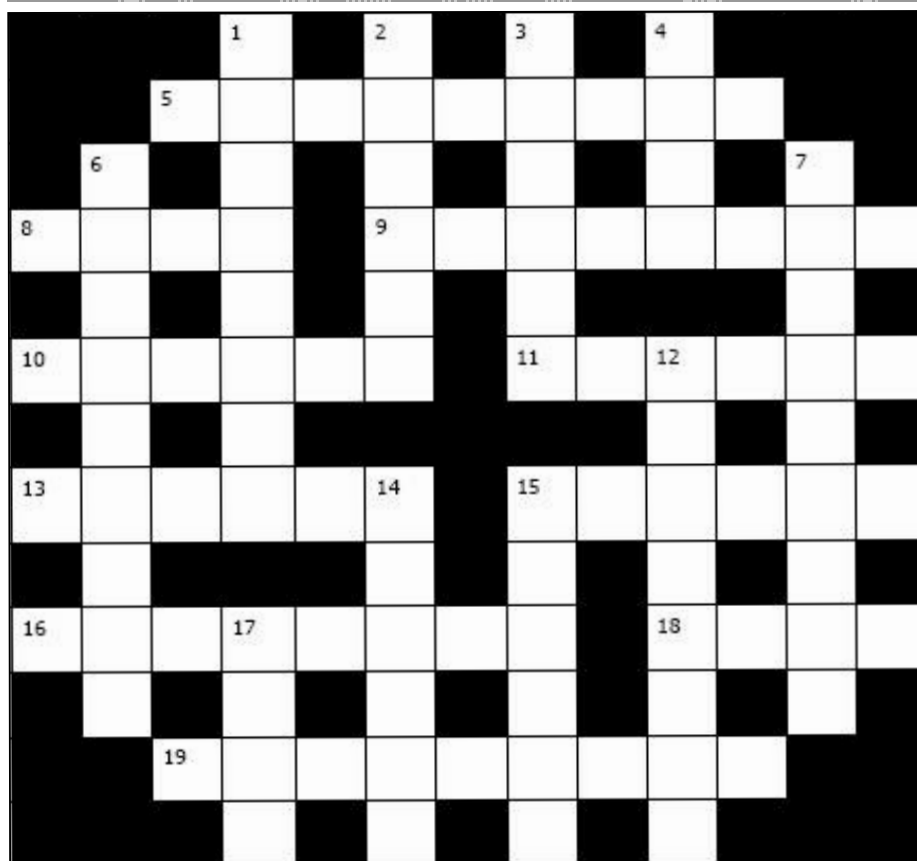
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Across:

5. 8. A picnic on a farm? (9)
- 8 & 17. A novel tweet? (8)
9. Draper to turn into hunter? (8)
10. Grant (eg) hugs an 8. (6)
11. Not hot and cold? Swallow drug. Rock to dance music! (6)
13. Cruises Caribbean, Orient, Australia, South Tasman Sea at first. (6)
15. Eggs over this French 8. (6)
16. 8. R. (8)
18. 8 seen in hellish agony. (4)
19. Posh teachers, supported by the heart less communist, kept quiet. (9)

Down:

1. 13 with no limits? Yes! (4,4)
2. Play around with gutless fop - limp? Yes! (6)
3. Alter fact about iron? Yes! (6)
4. 17. Seen in air ambulance ascending. (4)
6. Wearing protective item, pined for a cock-up. (9)
7. Race about topless - round 17? (9)
12. Sue is a dish. (4,4)
14. 17 won't last, anyway! (6)
15. 17. Bond's boss supports two articles. 17. See 8.

Answers to Crossword no. 133

5. Penny Lane. (Penne eating NY and LA). 8. Yoga. 9. Farthing. 10. Glulier. 11. Copper. (Cu = symbol for copper). 13. Advised. 15. Avenue. 16. Dreadful. 18. Path. 19. Steadying. Down: 1. Denarius. 2. Knifer (refink backwards). 3. Cleric. 4. Inch (anag of chain without the a). 6. Boulevard. 7. Ingenuity. 12. (game = ping pong). 14. Defeat. 15. Alleys. 17. Ante.

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Tue	7	Grey Bins	
Thurs	9	2:00pm to 5:00pm Sue's Workshop	7, High Street.
Mon	13	7.30pm. Derbys Wildlife Trust talk, My Badger Family	Imperial Rooms
Tues	14	Blue & Green Bins	
Wed	15	12.30 pm Christmas Lunch	Village Hall
Sun	19	7.00pm. Brass Band & Carols plus mince pies	The Cross/Kings Head
Tue	21	Grey bins	
		7.30pm Parish Council meeting	Village Hall
Thurs	23	5.00pm Christmas Movie Night	Village Hall
Tues	28	Blue & Green Bins	
January			
Tue	4	Grey Bins	
Tues	11	Blue & Green Bins	
Thurs	13	2:00pm to 5:00pm Sue's Workshop	7, High Street.
		7.00pm History Group Meeting	Kings Head
Tues	25	Blue & Green Bins	

Future events in February:

Thurs 17 2:00pm to 5:00pm Sue's Workshop, 7 High St. Mon 21 7:00pm Carnival Committee Meeting, Village Hall;
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