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T'Owd Man's Mutterings



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 DIARY

St James

February

13 9.30am Eucharist

27 9.30am Eucharist

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

Village Life Church

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

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

Pastor Matthew Quinn

Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel (The Dale)

We continue to hold Sunday Services at 6.15 pm, except on the fourth Sunday when the service is at 2.30 pm.

Hopefully the monthly Cuppa and Cake will resume in March.

Judy Land

Catholic Church Services

Our Lady and St. Teresa of Lisieux

Gorsey Bank, Wirksworth

Mass times - Sundays - 8.45 a.m., Holy Days 7 pm., every Tuesday Mass at 9.30 a.m. (No bookings needed.)

Parish Priest: Fr. Ka Fai
(01335 418902)

Our Lady and St. Joseph Church

Joseph's Street, Matlock

Mass times - Saturday reciting of rosary at 3.30 p.m. Vigil Mass at 4.00 p.m. and reciting of rosary at 5.30 p.m., Mass at 6.00 p.m., Sundays 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. (Check with the newsletter – you may need to book for weekend masses.) Week day masses - No mass on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.30 a.m. reciting of rosary and mass at 10.00 a.m., and Friday 5.30 p.m. reciting of rosary and mass at 6.00 p.m.

Confessions Saturday 10.30-11.30 a.m.

Parish Priest: Fr. Robbie O'Callaghan.

CHURCH NEWS

Photo by Brett Biedscheid



I always think of February as a dark month. The nights draw in early, the cold sets in, the days are gloomy and overcast, viruses are rampant and... well, you get the picture, not my favourite month of the year. But then little things can brighten up my day and often do. Today for example my day was improved by dozens of little blessings: a hot shower; access to a lovely cup of tea; a helpful receptionist at my local dentist making my life easier; the pleasure in helping someone who needed a lift, or a bag of shopping fetching; the fact that my computer worked this morning and my car started... it is easy to just let these moments of light pass us by without us noticing them. But noticing them is important because we are children of light, after all we are made in the image of God, and that gives us the duty and privilege to be the light in the darkness – we can lighten up our day and most importantly someone else's. John Wesley, one of the founders of Methodism, had a prayer

that summarises this beautifully and is a good way to way to start every day – specially a cold, dark February one:

“Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.”

It isn't long till spring, so let's keep our spirits up. And if you would like a bit of company, or a nice cup of tea or soup to warm yourself up till then ,why not pop into St James on Saturday, Sunday or Monday and try some lovely home baked goods?

God bless you and all whom you love.

Rev Carla Vicêncio Prior

FLOODLIGHTING



Photo by Brett Biedscheid

For Richard and Kath Taylor, the 2nd of the month has loving memories of Kath's Mum. Val and Steven remember Val's brother, David Evans, on his birthday on 4th February. Mick Baugh is remembered by Rita, Rachael, Danny and their families on his birthday, also on 4th. The beginning of the month is when Dr Jayme Rolls is remembered fondly as a teacher and a special friend. The 5th of the month is when Ron is especially remembered by Janet, Jason, Lisa and family on what would have been a special birthday. Beryl Webster, Jenny and family lovingly remember Jack, particularly on the 12th. The lighting helps bring fond memories of Auntie Joan to all the Rickard family around 14th of the month. The 20th is when Eric Gregory's thoughts are very much of Mary with much love.

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Church Update

More than a few months ago, the PCC delivered a letter to each household in Bonsall, as a result we received a number of suggestions on fundraising and future extended use of St James'. Lockdowns and Covid restrictions have meant that the promised open meeting has been cancelled twice. So we are trying again! You are invited to an Open Village Meeting at the Village Hall on Wednesday 23 February at 7.30pm. Bring your expertise, enthusiasm, suggestions and ideas. There will be tea, coffee and, of course, cake. Come and learn how you can help us to keep our church open, in good running order and there for the use of all in our community.

Jane David

Bonsall PTFA's Cinderella

Saturday night is now SOLD OUT.

Tickets are still available for the evening performance on Friday 25 February and the matinee on Saturday 26 February.

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Claire Duma on 07880 851083 or from Gill Wood at the school office. Bar, Refreshments and Raffle available. See you there!

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John Harris

john@walkinginengland.co.uk

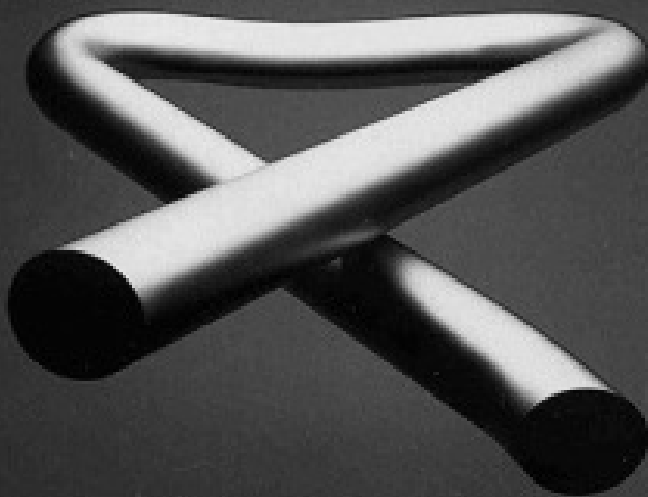
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Film Night

You are invited to come along to a film night at the Village Hall on Friday 18 February at 7.30pm, where we will be showing Mike Oldfield's Tubular Bells II and III live performances, recorded at Edinburgh Castle and at Horse Guards Parade, London. The show will last about 125 minutes in total with a 15-minute interval between the two performances. There is no entry charge (in accordance with the terms of the Hall's licence to show films). A voluntary donation towards the upkeep of the Village Hall would be welcome. We have a really good cinema set-up with a large screen and sound surround! Why not come along, bring your own drinks, sit back and enjoy the concert?

Any film can be shown at the Village Hall, provided we don't advertise it outside the village and we don't sell tickets. The Village Hall committee and Trustees would like to see the Hall being used to show more films in order to justify the continued purchase of an annual film licence. If you have any films you would be happy to show please contact either me or the Village Hall Secretary, Jackie Smith.

Chris Broome (824512)

Bonsall School Toddler Group

The sessions run on Monday mornings 9.30-11.30 and Wednesday mornings 9-11am in the Rectory Room. We now have a good selection of toys for inside and outside and at certain times have use of the Early Years school play area. There is craft, singing and dancing sessions are planned led by a professional teacher when we will join the reception class in school. There are drinks and snacks for all and the cost is £1 per family. Call in and see what we offer.

Di, Ann and Kath

Carnival Committee

At the last meeting we agreed to organise the events on Carnival day (30 July), the Sunday afternoon teas and Friday's lantern procession and fireworks. Other events during Carnival week would be reviewed at the next meeting, depending on whether enough people could be identified to organise and coordinate activities. So we're looking for peoples' ideas, suggestions, thoughts and proposals to make this year's Carnival a special 'We're Back Celebrating our Community'. We also need more offers of help to staff events, set things up and clear away afterwards. Please send your suggestions and offers of help to the Carnival Chair, Deborah Pearson, at pearsondeborah330@protonmail.com or 07902 792530. The next meeting will be on Monday 21 February at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Peter Fellows



Wilder 4 All in Bonsall

Bonsall has joined the budding 'Wilder 4 All' network of villages across the DE4 area. Wilder Bonsall unites with Wirksworth, Matlock Bath, Cromford and Matlock, each playing an active role in the recovery of wildlife and habitats. The single DE4 All 'umbrella' organisation enables autonomy, whilst the tasks of fundraising and banking etc. can be shared between groups. At its first meeting, the newly formed Wilder Bonsall came up with a few ideas for projects that people might enjoy and which could benefit wildlife. These include:

- Planting of wild flower seeds;
- Planting of the right trees in the right places;
- Removal of unwanted plants from road edges;
- Workshop on building bird boxes;
- Local speakers on subjects like helping nature;
- Wildflower walks and more besides.

Are there any farmers who would like to team-up to restore or create dew-ponds? Would the schoolchildren like to grow wild flowers around the Park Bottom? Or maybe Open Gardens could have a Wilder Patch. Please bring your ideas and support to the next Wilder Bonsall meeting at the Kings Head at 7.00pm on Wednesday 23 February.

It's a good time to be thinking about planting and just imagine those green swathes around the village with primroses, cowslips, 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. If you are shielding (Covid remains with us) but would still like to be involved, or would just like more information, please contact Deb Smith or Maggie Duggins on 825228 or Wendy Bullar on 825267.

**Deb Smith
and Maggie Duggins**
Wilder Bonsall

Coffee Morning

We would like to invite everyone to a coffee morning in the Village Hall on February 9, starting at 10.30am. While you chat and enjoy being with others, we'd like to find out what you feel about the Village Lunches. Is it a good time to start up again? Any suggestions for menus? Could you help with the preparation and serving? Or would you just like to come and eat our fabulous two-course meals? We'll space out the room for the coffee morning and ventilate it well. Please wear face coverings if that makes you comfortable.

Hoping to see you on 9 Feb.

Lunch Cooks

History Group

The group met by Zoom in January to discuss contributions to the new book on Bonsall within Living Memory. We have identified a possible 90 people who either still live in the village or have moved away after living here during the 1960s – 1990s. Many have agreed to be interviewed to share their memories of living in Bonsall during this time and others will be contacted shortly by the group to ask if they are willing to take part. Four people have so far volunteered to interview residents and record the conversations. The recordings will be transcribed to use in the new book.

If you would like to get involved in this new project, either as an interviewee or to help out recording interviews, please get in touch on 825267 or at pfellows@btinternet.com. The next meeting will be on 17 February at 7pm (venue or Zoom to be decided)

Peter Fellows



Grants for electric vehicle home chargers

The scheme ends on 31 March 2022.

The Government offers grants to support the wider use of electric and hybrid vehicles via the Office of Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV). This includes The Electric Vehicle Homecharge Scheme (EVHS) which provides grants of up to 75% towards the cost of installing electric vehicle charge-points at domestic properties. After April 2022, the EVHS will no longer be open to most homeowners and installations need to be completed by 31 March and a claim submitted to the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) by 30 April. The scheme will remain open to homeowners who live in flats and people in rental accommodation (flats and single-use properties).

For more information visit www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-grants-for-low-emission-vehicles.

Editors

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Villainous Zoo

by Pam McInally

Vlad the Impala was stuck in a zoo
With no one to play with
And nothing to do.
He shared his enclosure,
Such as it was,
With Genghis Kangaroo from Oz.

Ivan the Terrapin lived close by
With a tiny pond
In which to lie.
While overhead
Accompanying Vlad
Flew Joseph Starling from Leningrad.

Up in a tree lay Alaric the sloth,
Lolling around
Before nodding off.
Nearby in a stream
His eyes peering down,
Bobbed Jack the Dipper from London Town.

Next door but one lived Attila the Hen,
Scratching about
In her tiny pen.
In an aquarium
Deep underground
A dolphin from Germany swam round and round.

Mad monkey, Rasputin, a playful boy,
Loved to cause havoc,
Loved to destroy.
And rolling in mud
(A bad idea) -
Pol-pot-bellied pig from Cambodia.

The beasts were looked after by Jabba the Mutt;
He fed them and cleaned them
And played with them, but
The person who owned
This motley crew
Was Doctor Jackal from Timbuktu.

One night when Herod the Great White Shark
Was floating around
In the cold and the dark,
He grabbed Doctor Jackal
And bit him in two.
And that was the end of this weird little zoo.

(There are 13 villainous men hidden in this poem. Can you find them all?)

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Storm Arwen

In December, high winds brought down several trees, including this one that partly blocked Clatterway until it was later removed.



Poppy Appeal

Thank you so much to everyone who gave so generously to the Poppy Appeal. A total of £840 was raised here in Bonsall. Thank you to the people who went door to door collecting – it's not an easy task. Thank you also to the Barley Mow, Kings Head, Fountain Café and Bonsall School. At last my wish has come true – we have a Tommy taking pride of place on the Park. Thank you all.

Norma Marshall



Update on Nepal Covid-19 Appeal Fund

Last year, Alan David and I raised some money to help families in the local villages and town of Bardibaas in southern Nepal, where our friend and trekking guide, Bijay, and his family live. A lot of families are struggling to get through the hard times brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic. The situation has not eased yet in Nepal, made worse by the winter weather, and many families are still struggling on virtually no income from a lack of jobs and from Covid-related health problems. There is little if any support for these families from their government. So far, we have sent Bijay £200 from the fund. This money has been spent on buying foodstuffs such as sacks of rice and lentils for several local families living in the area around Bijay's family home.

We keep regular contact with Bijay to get updates on the situation. Just recently, he told us of the plight of 52 families who are living in Musahar Tole, Bardibaas, in basic but reasonably well-built new homes with electricity and water services. These were funded by a locally well-known film star from Nepal through a Nepalese charity, the Dhurmus & Suntali Foundation. When Alan and I were last in Nepal together, Bijay took us to see the houses being built

and introduced us to the man who funded the project. The people who were fortunate enough to get a house also had to volunteer some of their time to help in the building of the houses, which we saw them doing at the time. We are told that these families are all struggling to feed their children through the ongoing pandemic, as the men folk are on very low incomes working mostly as general labourers on construction sites. The work is unreliable and the pay is low. We have asked Bijay to price up the provision of a sack of rice and lentils and a bag of salt for each of the 52 families. Through his father, they should be able to get a good discount for a bulk order like this.

Winter is the hardest time for families in Nepal; it is cold and wet and little food can be grown until the summer. Rice and lentils are the main ingredients for the basic meal, Dal Baht, for most Nepalese people. We will write another article for the next Mutterings with more photos of and information about the families that the money that has been raised is being used to help.

Chris Broome

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Photo by Brett Biedscheid

Second homes and holiday lets

How many village homes are lived in by Bonsall families? It's a good question. Although Bonsall is not affected to the same extent as some other Dales' villages, and tourist hotspots in the Lake District, Devon and Cornwall, the number of second homes and holiday lets in the village has increased from a total of 19 a few years ago. A current count is that there are at least 43 in Bonsall, Slaley and Uppertown. Excluding places such as Town Head Guesthouse, Chestnut Farm, and outbuildings that families have converted to AirBnB-type accommodation, there are 35 houses that might otherwise be available for people to live in. The growth in 'staycations' may mean that this number could continue its upward trend in coming years.

Of course, people wish to holiday in the Peak District, and Bonsall is an attractive place to visit, and I've no problem with this. Holiday accommodation can have a positive benefit for the pubs and Fountain Tearooms. However, in a village of this size (345 households), if the number of houses given over to second homes and holiday lets increases too much, it can have detrimental effects on the community and its viability. Properties that are bought by non-residents as second homes and those let for holiday accommodation reduce the availability of housing stock for local youngsters to rent or

buy and set up homes of their own. Over the last few years, the school has recorded a fall from its target roll of 84 to 65 pupils this year. The size of the school roll influences the number of staff employed and therefore the range of subjects and extra-curricular activities that can be supported. If numbers of pupils continue to fall, this could threaten the school's future. In streets where houses stand empty for long periods or have holidaymakers who stay for only a couple of days at a time, the feeling of local neighbourliness is lost, reducing community cohesion. Also the regular appearance of unknown people wandering about outside residents' homes can lead to feelings of insecurity and intrusion for some. Social and activity groups in the village can be less well attended, as the demographics of the village slowly change to a more itinerant population. To me, one of the attractive features of Bonsall, compared to many other Dales' villages, is the mixture of people working from home or in local businesses and farms, and I think we should make every effort to keep this healthy demographic mix.

In January, the District Council completed a consultation asking Dales' residents about their views on increasing the Empty Homes Premium* on properties that remain empty for long periods (search for 'empty homes premium' at www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk). Given the increased numbers of holiday lets and second homes, there may also be a case to encourage the Council

to introduce a similar 'Holiday and Second Homes Premium' to increase the Council Tax on such properties. This could partly compensate for some of the harms that this type of property ownership causes and ensure that second homeowners contribute their share to the local services that they benefit from.

If you would like to make your views known to DDCC on such an increase in Council Tax, or other measures you feel are needed, please contact one of our District Councillors. If you are planning to sell your house, I would ask that



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you carefully consider whether prospective buyers intend to live in the village and contribute to it.

* In April 2019, the Government gave councils the power to double the Council Tax on homes that stand empty for more than two years. DDDC adopted this change following a consultation in which 74% of respondents wanted to see the premium introduced. The latest consultation was to give the Council power to triple the Council Tax on homes empty for five to ten years and quadruple it for those empty for more than a decade.

Peter Fellows

Addendum

Shortly after this was sent to Mutterings, The Times published an article on 15 January by George Grylls, titled: 'Airbnb owners may need licence amid fears for rural communities.' In part, it read: 'Airbnb owners in rural communities may need to acquire a licence to offer their homes as short-term holiday lets due to fears locals are being driven out due to a lack of rental properties. Crispin Truman, chief executive of CPRE said: 'Across our most traditional rural communities ... homes that used to be rented to local families sit empty for much of the year.' Second homeowners could be forced to obtain permission from their local council to operate short-term holiday lets under a proposal being considered by ministers. The proposal comes after the Scottish government announced a similar licensing scheme last year. From April 2023, holiday lets must be rented out for at least 70 days a year to qualify for business rates under the new rules. Kurt Jansen, Director of the Tourism Alliance, added: 'Establishing these new operational thresholds for self-catering businesses is welcomed by the tourism industry as it makes a very important distinction between commercial self-catering businesses that provide revenue and employment for local communities, and holiday homes which lie vacant for most of the year.'

Revised electoral boundaries

The following letter [in part] was sent to Sarah Dines, MP:

In February 2021, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England published its draft recommendations for revised electoral boundaries in Derbyshire Dales. Part of this proposal was to change the existing Masson Ward, which includes Bonsall, Cromford and Matlock Bath, and to place Bonsall into a new ward called "Bonsall & Winster". The objectives of the Boundary Commission were stated to be:

- Improving electoral equality by equalising the number of electors that each councillor represents.
- Ensuring that the recommendations reflect community identity.
- Providing arrangements that support effective and convenient local government.

In several places the draft recommendations referred to submissions requesting that wards should not consist of a mix of areas which lie within the National Park and parishes which lie outside the National Park, because of differences in the character of the settlements and differences in planning processes. The vast majority of Bonsall electors live outside the Park boundaries.

By placing Bonsall into a new ward with Winster, this removed the village from Masson Ward, within which we share a strong community identity with Cromford and Matlock Bath. Winster lies a considerable distance from Bonsall, provides no amenities that are commonly used by Bonsall electors, shares no obvious community identity, and lies entirely within the National Park.

The initial feedback was that the objections by electors in Bonsall were likely to be accepted and the recommended plan changed to retain Bonsall in Masson ward. However, the final report, which has just been published, has ignored Bonsall residents' objections and reverted to the new ward that the Commission proposed in its draft recommendations.

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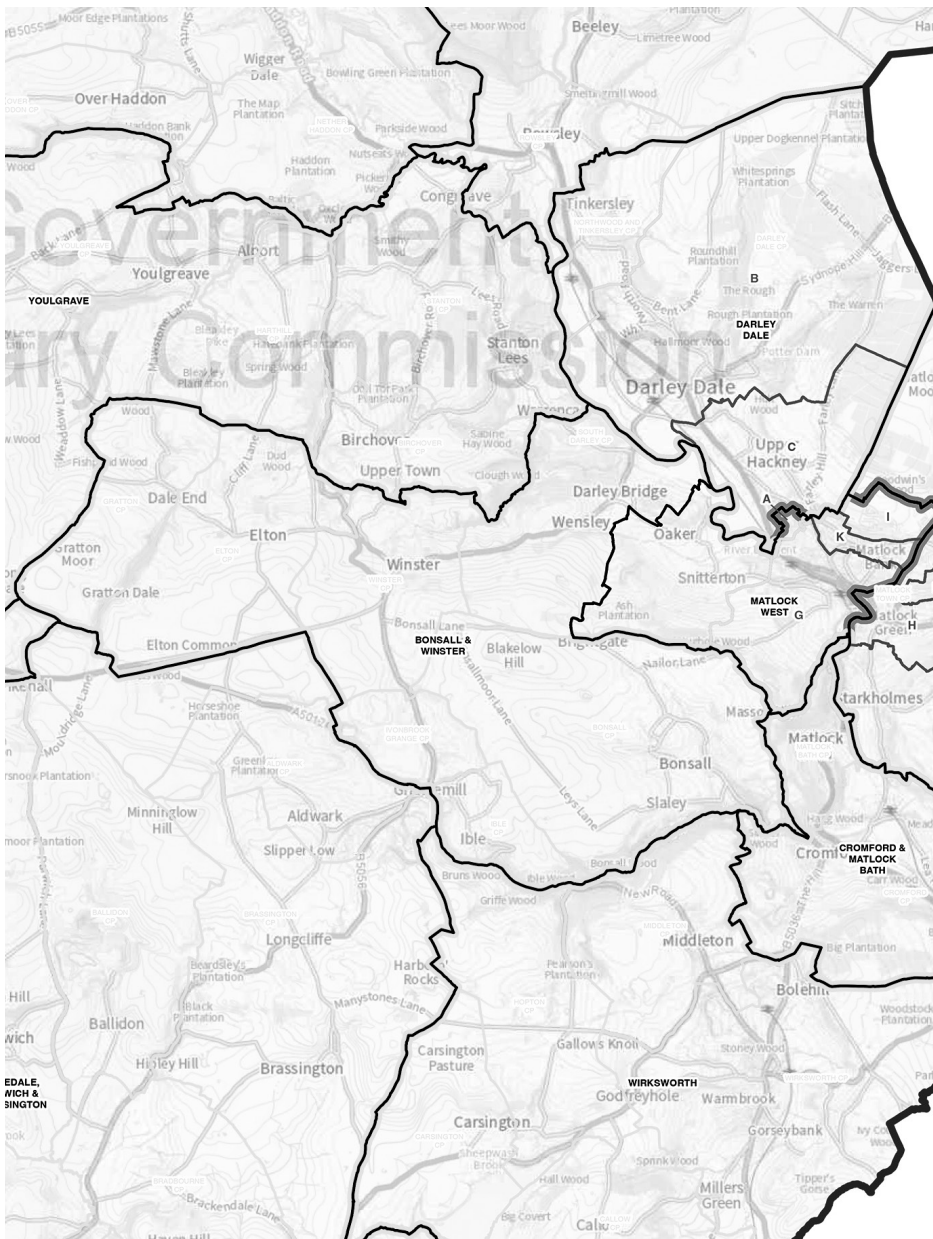
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I consider that the Local Government Boundary Commission is now in breach of two out of the three statutory requirements, with regard to the electors of Bonsall. Reflecting well-established community identity and provision of effective representation for the electors of Bonsall have been sacrificed to satisfy an arithmetic formula regarding the ratio of electors to councillors.

The draft recommendations show (Clause 18) that the decision to reduce the number of councillors from 39 to 34 and to reduce the number of wards from 25 to 21 was made on 18 August 2020, and this preceded the process of consultation, which commenced on 25 August 2020. Therefore, the number of councillors was not decided by

the determining the number of councillors that are needed, but was predetermined as the "number of councillors you will be allowed".

The proposed Bonsall and Winster ward is in breach of the two most important principles that are supposed to guide the work of the Commission. Therefore, I request you as our Member of Parliament to make strenuous representations on behalf of the electors of Bonsall to have the new boundaries overturned, and either maintain the existing Masson Ward or retain all existing wards in DDCC until such time that revised wards and the required number of councillors can be contrived in a manner which does comply with the electoral laws.

Peter McNally

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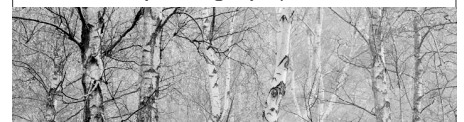
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Report of meetings on 21 December 2021 and 18 January 2022



Refuse Collection

District Councillor Purdy told the December meeting that SERCO had now picked up all the costs of the recent pay increase for their drivers, and that the District Council's 50% contribution towards that increase had not been used. Councillor Taylor asked that the District Council amend its website so that non-collection for a whole street could be reported, as well as for individual properties. Councillor Purdy updated the Council on this in January; missed bins for individual households should be reported via the Council website Missed collections - Derbyshire Dales District Council. If a whole street was missed then residents could report by email to waste@derbyshiredales.gov.uk. Councillor Purdy said that the independent review into the waste management contract with SERCO should be finalised and published in the next few weeks.

Safety improvement works on Via Gellia

County Councillor Murphy reported to both meetings on a project in the early stages of design work to improve the Via Gellia. He said that it was hoped that an outline scheme would be available for consultation in a few months' time and he understood that approximately £3.5 million of Department of Transport funding is available.

Bankside

In December, Councillor Addis outlined the problems of continued use of Bankside by unsuitable vehicles. It was agreed to ask the County Council whether it had powers to introduce a width and/or weight restriction on the road, and if so to determine the maximum width and weight of a vehicle that could safely use the road.

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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The Park

At both meetings, arrangements were made to fit racking into the new container storage unit and to move Council and Carnival Committee items, including a new supply of flood sacks.

Slinter Top Quarry

In December, the Clerk and Councillor Grover reported on the situation concerning expiry of the current planning permission for use of Slinter quarry on 31 December 2021. The County Council had been asked to extend the current permission until 2025. In response, the Parish Council agreed to ask that this should be the subject of full public consultation, including Bonsall residents, and should be determined by the County Council's planning committee (as against delegated officer powers). In January, the County Council confirmed that the requested process would be applied to the new application. At the January meeting, the Council considered new environmental information that had been submitted by the company in relation to the application to extend the working area of the quarry, and it was agreed to submit detailed comments on this (the detail is available in the draft minutes for 18 January on the village website).

Bonsall and Winster ward

Final Recommendations of the Local Government Boundary Commission: At the January meeting, the Clerk reported that the Boundary Commission had now made its final recommendations into the arrangements for new ward boundaries for the Derbyshire Dales district. The final recommendation for Bonsall was for a single District Councillor to represent a new ward of Bonsall and Winster. That proposal had been previously put forward by the Commission in early 2021, and had been heavily opposed then in submissions from Bonsall residents and the Parish Council. As a result, the Commission had reinstated a Masson ward, comprising Bonsall, Cromford and Middleton by Wirksworth, but then reversed that decision in their final recommendations. Comments from residents objecting to these final proposals were reported.

The Council agreed a detailed response objecting to this recommendation, based on (1) the strong links and common interests of Bonsall and Cromford; and (2) that Winster was located within the Peak District National Park, and Bonsall is predominantly outside it, which appeared to go against the guidance that the Boundary Commission had set. The response has been sent to Sarah Dines MP with a request to intervene, and to the District Council and the Boundary Commission. Full details of the response can be found in the meeting minutes on the website.

Motocross on the moor

A member of Bonsall Moor Action Group spoke to the December meeting about their preparations for the public inquiry. Councillor Purdy advised the December meeting that the District Council continued to be in discussion with the operators, the Health and Safety Executive and UK Health Security Agency in relation to lead contamination issues. DDDC had received a report on this from the operators and were awaiting the views of the HSE on the implications. DDDC was still unable to disclose any details of their discussions. At that meeting, the Chair, Councillor Mark Harris, was authorised to represent the Council at the Public Inquiry on 15 February 2022 at Aldern House, Bakewell, which will be open to members of the public to attend. At the January meeting, complaints were reported about noise from the track on 16 January. The owner of the track had updated the Council about the lead contamination report, which he had obtained and submitted to the District Council, which he said demonstrated that the track was safe to use. He had also outlined his plans for operating the site if the planning appeal was successful, and that he wanted to manage future use of the track after the enquiry on a 'moderate basis' – not seven days a week. He said that he would also want to work with the Parish Council and the Peak District National Park Authority to run it in a 'proper and reasonable way', and that the Council should contact him to discuss any issues. The comments were noted.

Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer: the Chair, Councillor Mark Harris, said that he was sorry to report that the current Clerk, Tony Payne, would be leaving the Council at the end of March. Arrangements are being put in place for recruitment, and the post will be advertised on the website and social media and in Mutterings, once full details are drawn up.

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 15 February at the Village Hall. If you have any issues to be raised at the meeting please contact the Clerk, Tony Payne, with details by 7 February. Clerk and Finance Officer: Tony Payne 27 High Street DE4 2AS. T: 07306 311451; email bonsallclerk@gmail.com.



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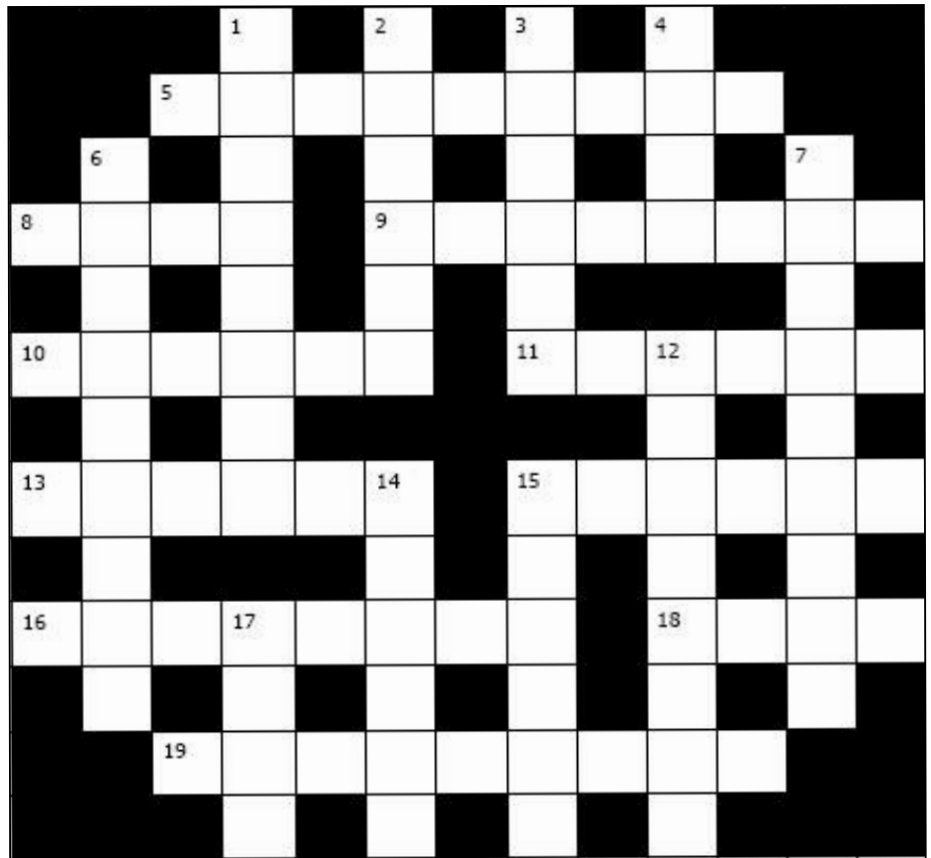
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Across:

All themed clues refer to the second word of the answer.

5. 6. Plastic rubbish put in empty sack. (9)
8. Soho criminal? Buzz off! (4)
9. See 6 down.
10. Read short account of drug found on board. (6)
11. 9. Leaving Spain pleases drunk. (6)
13. What 6 does. Erato, maybe, swallows arsenic? No, the reverse! (6)
15. 6. Company is surrounded by swirling mist. (6)
16. Instrument for measuring bad mood and bad temper (not using mental patient at first.). (8)
18. One of 9. Knock back non-alcoholic drink. (4)
19. At first, Ernest Shackleton granted break-up. Then divorced. (9)

Down:

All themed clues refer to the second word of the answer.

1. 9. Heads of British Petroleum executives on last of summer holidays stuck in the toilet? No, the reverse! (8)
2. Forms of 6. Sudden disappearance on board? (6)
3. Surely, old Scottish law, combined with foremost English theological edict is a mess?! (6)
4. Tree is on board space rocket. (4)
- 6.& 9 across. Play me? Sorry for the code violation! (3,6,2,6)
7. BBC, for example, open to successor, by the sound of it. (4,2,3)
12. Fertilisers for tree in container and hollow elms. (8)
14. 6. Meter-maid rises in Kent, perhaps. (6)
15. Holy man hastened to Dover at first - for the beach? (6)
17. One of 9 who's unmarried? (4)

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Answers to Crossword no. 134

Across:

5. Fieldfare. 8. Bird. 9. Predator. 10. Canary.
11. Techno. 13. Coasts. 15. Avocet. 16. Redstart.
18. Shag. 19. Unuttered.

Down:

1. Wild oats. (anagram of coasts with outer letters removed).
2. Flappy. 3. Affect. 4. Aria. 6. Pinafored.
7. Roundelay. 12. Chop suey.
14. Shanty. 15. Anthem. 17. Song.

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Diary for February

Date		Event	Venue
Tues	1	9.30 am - 12 noon Bonsall Arts Group	Village Hall
		Grey bins	
Wed	2	9 -11am. Bonsall School Toddler Group	Rectory Room
Mon	7	9.30-11.30am Bonsall School Toddler Group	Rectory Room
Tues	8	9.30 am - 12 noon Bonsall Arts Group	Village Hall
		Green and blue bins	
Wed	9	9 -11am. Bonsall School Toddler Group	Rectory Room
		10.30am Coffee Morning, Village Lunch group	Village Hall
Mon	14	9.30-11.30am Bonsall School Toddler Group	Rectory Room
Tues	15	9.30 am - 12 noon Bonsall Arts Group	Village Hall
		Grey bins	
		7.30pm Parish Council meeting	Village Hall
		Motorcross Public Inquiry	Aldern House, Bakewell
Wed	16	9 -11am. Bonsall School Toddler Group	Rectory Room
Thurs	17	7pm History Group	Venue to be decided
Fri	18	7.30pm Film night: Mike Oldfield's Tubular Bells II and III	Village Hall
Mon	21	9.30-11.30am Bonsall School Toddler Group	Rectory Room
		7pm Carnival Committee	Village Hall
Tues	22	9.30 am - 12 noon Bonsall Arts Group	Village Hall
		Green and blue bins	
Wed	23	9 -11am. Bonsall School Toddler Group	Rectory Room
		7.00pm Wilder Bonsall meeting	Kings Head
		7.30pm St James' Open Village Meeting	Village Hall
Fri	25	6.30pm for 7:00pm Panto performance, Cinderella	School Hall
Sat	26	1.30pm for 2:00pm Matinee Panto performance, Cinderella	School Hall
Mon	28	9.30-11.30am Bonsall School Toddler Group	Rectory Room