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# T'Owd Man's Mutterings

## Bonsall Panto goes down a storm!

Full Panto report on page 6.



*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*



## Easter

You are reading here a second writing of this article. The first one I wrote had the typical nuances of encouragement to seek Jesus, and conviction that Jesus should not be ignored in the overt consumerism of Easter.

But when reading through the article I realised that it was riddled with comments to try and make the reader feel guilty about enjoying a 4 day weekend and ignoring Jesus. WHAT A PLONKER I AM. And how hypocritical too. I can't wait to lounge around and enjoy the extra long weekend.

And it highlighted to me that this is quite a problem in the church today, that well-meaning Christians try to guilt-trip people in their communities to attend church rather than demonstrating the joyful reality of knowing Jesus in those same communities.

I don't want people to think I am more enlightened, or do more practical good than anybody else. In fact, if I were to record all the things I have done wrong or the people I have upset in this last month, there would not be enough pages in the Mutterings to contain them all.

What you need to know about Christians and the church, is that we are all flawed and imperfect people worshipping and serving, a loving and perfect God. So the failings and hypocrisy of Christians do not reflect a failure of God. In fact it should highlight his love and grace that he still loves us despite the mess we sometimes make.

And that is why I choose to celebrate Jesus this Easter. Because 'God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son.' A beautiful and powerful gift borne out of love, to draw mankind back to himself.

So I celebrate Easter not because I am bad and need God's mercy, but because He is good and gives his love generously.

**Pastor Matthew Quinn**

## St James

### Forthcoming Church Services:

Sunday 10 April 9:30am  
Palm Sunday Eucharist with Carla Vicêncio Prior followed by the APCM in Church

Friday 15 April 2:00pm  
The Watch with David Truby

Sunday 17 April 9:30am  
Easter Day Eucharist with Bob Rhodes

Sunday 24 April 9:30am  
Eucharist with Rod Prince

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For further information : <http://www.wirksworthteamministry.co.uk>

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### The Wirksworth Team Ministry

## Floodlighting

The 5th of the month brings special memories of Kevin for Val, Steven and children, also Kevin's parents, Ken and Celia Baker.

Loreen, Steve, Robert and Lorna fondly think of Jack and Dorothy Malone during April.

Dorinda remembers Colin Broad with love.

Stephen, Trisha and families fondly remember Joan Gregory.

April 21st is a special day for Janet, Hayley, Laura and their families when they remember David with much love.

David and Caroline Kirkham remember David's mum, Muriel especially on the 25th of the month; she is forever in their thoughts.

### Di Moor

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### Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel

Sunday Services are at 6.15pm and 2.30pm on the fourth Sunday in the month.

Easter Sunday Service 17 April 6.15pm.  
God Willing Cuppa and Cake will reopen Good Friday 15 April 2pm - 4pm.

All are Welcome to join with us.

### Judy Land

## Village Life Church

We meet every Sunday at 10:30am in the church building and online at [villagelifechurch.online.church](http://villagelifechurch.online.church).

Easter Sunday Service. 10:30am followed by Sunday Dinner at Bonsall Camp. All are welcome.

Craft Club meets every Tuesday at 2pm.

Coffee Morning Thursday 14th April 10am to 12pm. Please come and join us.

If you have any questions about the church or if you need any practical help please don't hesitate to contact us:

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## Ruby Gratton: 1930 - 2022

Ruby was born in Bonsall on the Holly Finnis on 16 October 1930. She was the youngest daughter of John and Eliza Taylor and had 3 sisters Winnie, Joyce and May.

She attended Bonsall Girls School and when she left at the age of 14 she worked first at Hollins Mill on the Via Gellia and then Masson Mills at Matlock Bath.

She met her future husband Butch, a farmer, at the Masson Mill dances. They were married in June 1952 and lived at Bottom Leys Farm until 1958 before moving to Uppertown and Brumlea

Farm. When living on the Leys she would walk up and down the fields to Horsedale each day to catch the bus from the Fountain to her work at Masson.

In 1954 she left Masson when her first daughter Denise was born, followed by Lynn in 1956, Beverley 1957, Jill 1961, Valerie 1962, Norma 1963 and Mandy in 1967. A son never having arrived it was the Gratton girls who worked alongside Butch on the Farm, whilst Ruby ran the large household with military precision. The girls were always a source of pride to both Butch and Ruby.

Butch was a very competitive dart player and played in several different leagues. Ruby went with him as a supporter and in 1975 started to play herself when she joined the Kings Head Darts and Domino Team along with some of her girls. She was also very competitive, as her children and grandchildren can attest. No-one was ever allowed to win a game of cards, dominoes or board game other than on merit.

She had many hobbies over the years including dancing, flower arranging, patchwork, embroidery, line dancing, reading and of course her many holidays. Back in the day she was an active member of the Bonsall Young Wives Group, always happy to meet with her friends in the Village. Ruby was often referred to as being a glamorous lady and insisted on having her hair and nails done right up to her death. She loved clothes and was a bit of an Imelda Marcos when it came to shoes. It was not unknown for her to purchase multiple pairs of the same style in different colours!

When Butch died suddenly in 2001 Ruby was devastated. She had lost her soul mate and always said that wherever he went she would be hanging onto his shirt tail. After 6 months she decided to move from the Farm and whilst she was on holiday for 6 weeks in Australia with her sister Joyce (Butch, Ruby, Joyce and George had always talked about going there together) the bungalow on Black Tor Road was purchased for her. She lived happily there until her death.

Always an independent person she found it hard when her illness took her independence away and she had to rely on others. She bravely faced each day and, as each challenge came along, she was always pleased to find a solution to help her overcome small tasks.

In addition to her 7 daughters she had 18 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. Everyone loved Grandma Ruby and each one has their own fond memories of happy times with Grandma.

Ruby was blessed to have many good friends in the Village and the surrounding local area where she was well known. Her family and friends were a great joy to Ruby and a source of comfort after the death of Butch. She will be remembered as a happy and caring person, always having a smile for everyone. Bonsall "born and bred" she loved the place she lived all her life and would often recount tales on its history and former residents. Bonsall has lost one of its true characters.

**Jill Beacham**

## Bonsall School World Book Day

(Some of our Year 6 have written a short report about our celebration of World Book Day.

### World Book Day Readaround

World Book Day happens every year when we think about how much we love books. This year it was different, Year 6 did something special. I'm in Year 6.

We had to find a place around the school to make it neat and tidy for everybody coming to listen to us. We chose our Head Teacher's Office and made sure everything was comfortable for everyone.

Me and my friend chose a new book called 'Gangster Granny Strikes Again' by David Walliams. My favourite bit was when she blew up a gate with dynamite!

I have been here for all the Read arounds and they have been great but this year it was us! (Contd. pg.4.)



Photo: Rebecca Smart



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### Bonsall School World Book Day (contd.)

We read and then asked the younger children questions and asked what their favourite part was.

Other people around the world dress up as their favourite character from a book but we did a Read around. It was fun and after everything was done all the Year 6 got a chocolate treat! My favourite is a Twix but chocolate is chocolate!

### Rossi, Year 6

Every year in Bonsall we have a World Book Day Read around where the year 6 read a book to younger children. This year, the Year 6s put a great effort in! Every year the Read around is amazing and I was really happy to finally do it myself.

This year me and my friend Rossi chose 'Gangster Granny Strikes Again' by David Walliams. We added some sound effects and after we'd read the book we asked the others questions about their favourite part and their favourite vehicle.

I dressed up as Granny (the Queen) and we made crowns to wear.

After everything finished all the Year 6s got a treat of some chocolate.

The reason we chose to write about Read around is because we want people to know Bonsall is a really nice place and



Photo: Rebecca Smart

### Bonsall CE (VA) Primary School

Our school is a huge part of the village community and is governed by twelve governors. Do you know who they are and what they do?

As a voluntary aided school the majority of the governors are appointed by the PCC.

At the present time they are :

Di Moor (Chair)

Ann Hambly (Vice Chair)

Caroline Kirkham

Norma Marshall

Karen Firth

Jackie Smith

Also: Kim Gray LEA, Tom Harrison & Sue Grattan Parent Governors, Anna Williams Staff representative, Rev Carla Vincencio Prior Ex-Officio, Rebecca Smart Headteacher Ex-Officio.

We also have two associate governors for Finance and Buildings Maintenance/ Health & Safety, Jon Dodsley and Steve Smith

Each one serves on one or more of the sub committees and is involved in a part of the curriculum in which they have a particular interest or expertise. They serve for four years after which the term can be extended if they wish apart from Parent Governors, as an election takes place when a vacancy arises.

We have a full governing body at the moment but if this is something you may be interested in when a vacancy arises we are always happy to explain what the 'job' entails.

Di Moor

the school is really good. All the teachers are very kind and supportive.

Joey, Year 6

Rebecca Smart, Headteacher

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### Chernobyl Children's Lifeline

#### CCLL Ukraine Crisis Fund

On behalf of the Bonsall & Derbyshire Dales Link, I would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who came along to the Quiz Night at the village hall on the 11 March, and to those who later made a donation to the Ukraine Crisis Appeal. We raised a magnificent £700. This money and some extra donations I have received from people outside the village meant that I was able to give £1,000 to the Chernobyl Children's Lifeline Ukraine Crisis Appeal. The money in this fund is being used currently to assist children and their families in the war torn areas of Ukraine. We are sending in urgent aid including medicines, food, nappies, sanitary products etc. using our partners and contacts in the areas where we bring groups of children over in 'normal' times. We are also assisting with the evacuation of children who are sick or are injured from the bombing and who need urgent medical attention in hospitals in Poland and Germany. More aid is urgently needed and I am looking into the possibility of taking out a minibus full of aid to Chelm in Poland and then using the minibus to transport children with accompanying adults hopefully back to England under the Homes for Ukraine scheme. I am also looking to match up Sponsors in the Bonsall area with refugee families - they can't start to apply for UK Visas until they have a sponsor. Sadly, CCLL will not be acting as a Sponsor under this scheme, at least for the time being. They don't have the necessary funds nor the resources to take this on, not at the present time anyway. I have had over 60 families in the area come forward to offer their homes for the refugees. This is quite remarkable. Hopefully, we can start to pair up these sponsors with Ukrainian refugees in the near future so that the Ukraine families can get away from the very difficult conditions they are currently experiencing in Ukraine but also in Poland and Slovakia where they are being temporarily 'housed' in gymnasiums, sports halls and other such premises by the thousands. Many families want to stay close to Ukraine for the time being. They will soon need to be able to move on and for some of them to come to the UK. Many of them are traumatised and will need professional help once in the UK. Let's hope they will be able to get their visas soon. I am sure that Bonsall & surrounding towns and villages will make them very welcome in our communities.

#### Mount Cook Fundraiser Day for CCLL

The Bonsall & Derbyshire Dales Link of CCLL are having a fundraiser day

which will be hosted by Mount Cook Adventure Centre, at Middleton-by-Wirksworth on Sunday 12 June. This will be the second year that the event has been held there and we are extremely grateful to the staff at Mount Cook for supporting the event. Last year we raised over £2,000. This year we are hoping to raise even more, so note the date in your diary. Attached is the poster for the event. You will need to book early to guarantee your ride on the Roof Top Zip Wire ride. Details are on the poster. Also, if you would like a stall at the event please contact Janice Broome, it's a £15.00 donation per stall.

Chris Broome 824512

Chair, Bonsall & Derbyshire Dales Link  
Chernobyl Children's Lifeline

### Boat shares

There will be an opportunity later this year to buy a shareholding in Bonsall's village narrowboat. If you think you might like to join the group, please let me know and I can provide details of the boat, the likely cost of the shares, and arrange for you to visit the boat while it is cruising over the summer.

Peter Fellows 825267 pfellows@btinternet.com

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Thanks to Jayne Allsop for these great pictures

## Bonsall Panto Success!

**Panto is a great dollop of garishness and exuberance and was dealt out in spades by Bonsall School's PTFA over the last weekend of February.**

The cast threw themselves wholeheartedly into this production of Cinderella. Outrageous performances by Mac McLennan and David Allsop (aka the Ugly Sisters) were backed up by Sharon Rowlands as a wicked scheming Baroness and Peter Greaves as the much put upon Baron. Their dance was a delight. Cinderella, played by our school's infant teacher Kelly Burton, was lovely and won the hearts of the audience. The versatile chorus: Erin, Lorraine, Louise, Sandra and Sarah sang, sashayed and smiled through a variety of scenes, never batting a false eyelash at what they were asked to do. Krystina-where did you get those flamingo glasses-Johnson was a superb comic turn as the hapless PC99 who ably assisted me as Sergeant 'Lets Be Havin You',

chasing Burglar Bill (Shane Taylor). Rachael Richardson sparkled as the Fairy Godmother. The Prince (Hazel Baldwin) and Dandini (Jayne Allsop) were acted with humour and style. Buttons was "Well.....Buttons", Claire Land doing a superb job directing, set building, organising, and generally herding cats, really brought the audience on board. And what audiences! They joined in, in true panto style making each show a success. It's a special community that can laugh and boo together and Bonsall has that in spades too.

All of us would like to thank: Beth and Carmen, Daisy and Jenni for their artistic talents. The horse was gorgeous. Finn Shannon for his generous help with lighting. The indomitable, unflappable Mike Richardson for all techy stuff and Jake and Deacon as stagehands. Special thanks to Pete Spencer for the fabulous photography and video. Thanks too to Bev, Claire, Evie, Gill, Jen, Maria,

Siobhan, Theresa and Wendy for door, raffle and bar work. Finally, we raised a grand total of £2,272 for our school!

See you next panto season.

**Lesley Murhall**

On behalf of Bonsall Panto

PS – DVDs available soon from Rachael Richardson

Staff and governors of Bonsall CE VA School would like to give a huge thank you to all of those who played any part within the production of 'Cinderella'.

An amazing performance which entertained so many and, in addition, raised funds which will be so beneficial to the pupils of Bonsall School.

A sincere thank you to everyone.

**Gill Wood**

School Business Officer

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### Village Lunch

The first Village Lunch after Covid was very much enjoyed by everyone. After a very stressful start for the organisers as the hall heating was not working and the heaters that took over the job seemed to affect the electric power to the oven's ignition. All was resolved and cottage pie with vegetables and a delicious fruit crumble where served piping hot.

Next month the meal will be on Wednesday 20 April at 12.30pm when we will welcome a group from the school for a short entertainment.

If you would like to join in please phone to book your place on 01629 826309 by Wednesday 13 April. This is to give us the numbers so preparations can be made. If you have any special food requirements please do mention them. We are happy to provide take-outs if ordered.

**Jenny March**

### Little Poem

I came across this and thought it might ring a few bells with some of us!

Just a little line to say I'm living  
And I'm not among the dead  
Though I'm getting more forgetful  
And mixed up in my head

I've got used to my arthritis  
To my dentures I'm resigned  
I can manage my bi-focals  
But God, I miss my mind!

Sometimes I can't remember  
When standing by the stair

Should I be going up for something  
Or have I just come down from there

And before the fridge, so often  
My mind is filled with doubt  
Did I put some food away  
Or come to take it out

Sometimes when it's night-time  
With my nightcap on my head  
I don't know if I'm retiring  
Or getting out of bed

If this is not my turn to write  
I hope you won't feel sore  
I forget if I've already written  
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## PARISH COUNCIL

### Report for 15th March 2022 meeting

#### Refuse collection

Councillor Purdy referred to the independent report into the SERCO contract which he said showed that Serco were responsible for the collection problems that had occurred. He said that there were continuing problems, that the Council were looking at different options for the future, and that residents should continue to report problems with collection.

#### Bankside

Councillor Murphy said he had passed on the Parish Council's request for additional signage and was waiting for a response. Councillor Addis reported that another HGV had become stuck on the lane the previous weekend, and that the retaining wall was now bulging. This had also been reported to the County Council. Councillor Murphy agreed to chase progress on this.

#### Slinter Quarry

Application CM3/0817/40 extension of the quarry to the south west: the Clerk reported five complaints from residents about recent noise levels attributed to the quarry, and objecting to the delays in resolving the planning issues and the processes adopted.

Councillor Murphy said that the County Council were still assessing the responses to the Environmental Impact consultation to which the Parish Council had responded in January 2022. In relation to the application for time extension on the current permission, Councillor Murphy said that this was being held in abeyance until it is considered to be a valid planning application. He said that the Council must follow statutory guidance and the Environmental Impact Regulations, and could not proceed until all information was available or they would be vulnerable to legal challenge.

The Council agreed to request a further update from the County Council on progress with the current applications.

#### Jubilee grant

There is District Council grant funding up to £500 available for groups organising Jubilee events. The application for the grant would be made by the Parish Council, and any group organising an event who wishes to apply for this funding should contact the Parish Council.

#### Village Hall

Councillor Jackie Smith reported that the Village Hall Committee was applying for lottery funding for a new disabled access and towards the cost of investigating structural problems at the front of the building. They were seeking Council

support for that application; Councillor Phil Addis proposed that the Council support the application and that was agreed.

#### Local Government Boundary Commission Ward Boundary Review 2nd Consultation

The Clerk explained that there was a second round of consultations by the Boundary Commission in relation to ward boundaries. It was agreed to submit again the comments agreed at the January meeting, requesting restoration of the link between Bonsall and Cromford.

#### Highway storm damage

Councillors discussed damage caused by recent storm water, in particular on Yeoman Street (where the road surface had lifted again), High Street and Clatterway. Residents Councillors and the Clerk had all reported damage to the County Council via their website, and the Council encourages people to report damage so as impress on the County Council the need for repairs. The website link for that is Report a road fault - Derbyshire County Council (<https://www.Derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads/report-a-road-fault/report-a-road-fault.aspx>).

You can also report by phone on 01629 533190.

#### New wall in the DDDC area

The Council recorded their thanks to Mr. Biggin for his voluntary work in rebuilding the wall at the lower end of the District Council part of the churchyard, and for the professional quality of the work.



#### August meetings

The Council reviewed the meeting schedule, and have decided to adopt the approach of other similar Councils and not hold an August meeting unless there is urgent business. The Council has a Planning Committee that could meet to cover any applications arising during the month.

Appointment of Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer: the Chair welcomed Julia Milverton to the meeting who has been appointed to the role of Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer from 01 April. He said that he wanted to record the thanks of the Council to the outgoing

Clerk Tony Payne for his work on behalf of the Council over the previous 8 years.

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

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19 April at the Village Hall. If you have any issues to be raised at the meeting please contact the clerk Julia Milverton with details by 11 April.

#### 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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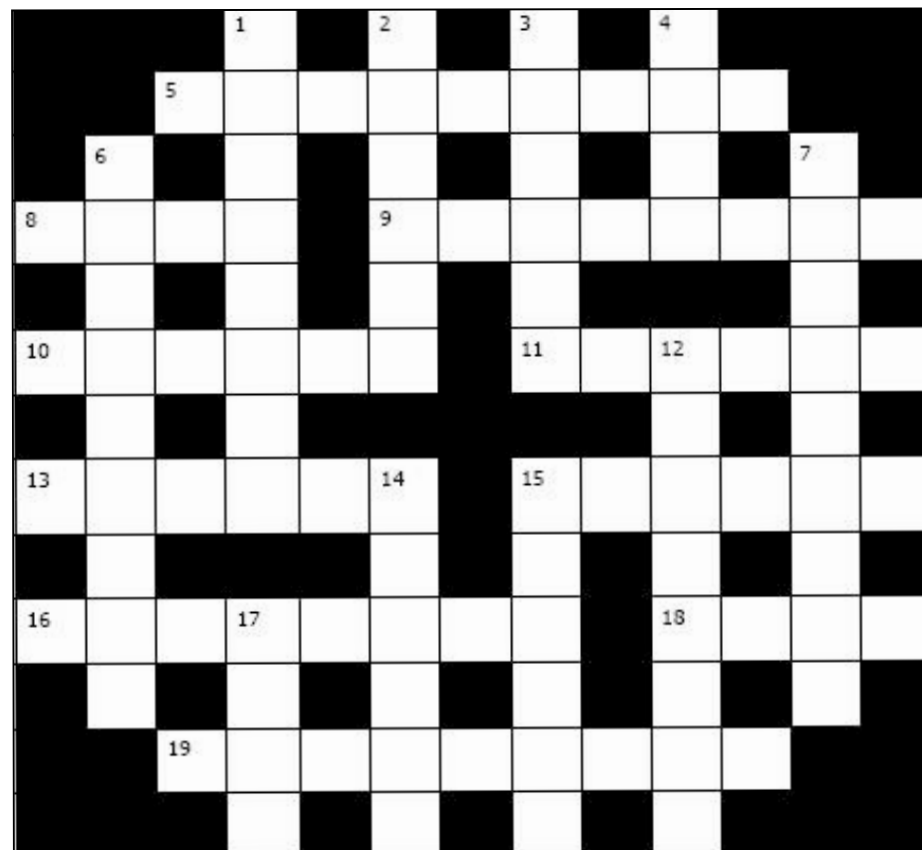
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## CROSSWORD #137



### Across

5. Unexpressive? Embarrassed? VIP is same! (9)  
8 & 18. Egg-on violent, raging Irish lout at first. That’s novel! (4,4)  
9. 8. Act in role? No, the reverse! (8)  
10. Broken bail against England. (6)  
11. 18. Stain spreads around top of mattress. (6)  
13. 8. Hospital department gives support to muscles. (6)  
15. 18. I greet criminal. (6)  
16. 18. Dick, maybe, now 8. (8)  
18. See 8.  
19. Pound for a penny, brain dead, diseased, but can be bled. (9)

### Down

1. 18. Lemming loses its tail, panics, and dives into middle of Tees. (8)  
2. 18. Blokes welcome help. (6)  
3. A bed for Cinders after a fire? (6)  
4. 8. When attached to 2, it signifies ..... (4)  
6. 18. Country music singer, maybe, attached to another singer. (5-4)  
7. Measure small shop with lights on. (9)  
12. 18. A grim old doctor. (8)  
14. 18. Trump really in charge in American capitals. (6)  
15. Not an 18! Half of Maharajahs head west to capital of Gujarat at first. (6)  
17. 18 seen climbing in polar ascent. (4)

### Answers to Crossword No. 136.

**Across:** 8 & 5. Just So Stories (sorry, got the letter count wrong!). 9. Rallying. (ry = railway = lines). 10. Issues. 11. Themes. 13. Nimble. 15. Moiety. 16. Inferred. (G-men = Fed). 18. Idol. 19. Agreement.  
**Down:** 1. Tom Thumb. 2. Storms. 3. Armlet. 4. Very. 6. Questions. 7. Invention. 12. Editions. 14. Earned. 15. Mrs French or Miss West, perhaps, hugs mother. 17. Ergo.

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Fri 1	PTFA Tuck Shop	Bonsall School
Tues 5	Blue and Green Bins and Food Caddy	
Thurs 7	PTFA Easter Disco	Bonsall School
Sun 10	9.30am Palm Sunday Eucharist	St. James
	4.30pm Open Gardens Tea Invite	Herbert Lodge
Tues 12	Grey Bins and Food Caddy	
Thurs 14	2pm-5pm, Sue's Workshop	7, High Street
Fri 15	2pm The Watch with David Truby	St. James
Sun 17	9.30am Easter Day Eucharist	St. James
	6.15pm Easter Sunday Service	Wesleyan Reform Chapel
	10.30am Easter Sunday Service Followed by Sunday Dinner at Bonsall Camp	Village Life Church
Tues 19	Blue and Green Bins and Food Caddy	
	7.30pm Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Sun 24	9.30am Easter Day Eucharist	St. James
Tues 26	Grey Bins and Food Caddy	