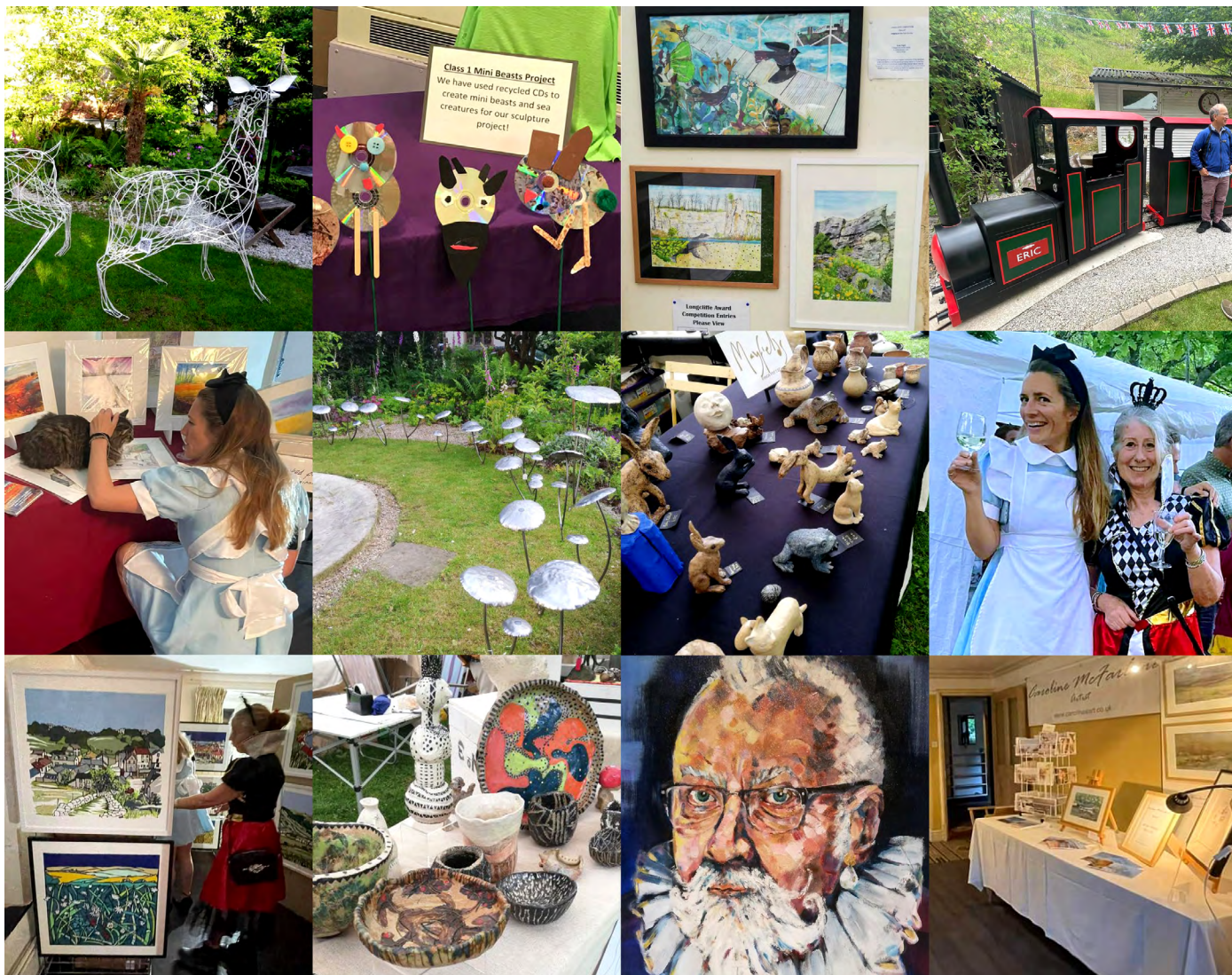




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# T'Owd Man's Mutterings



## The Bonsall Arts Trail

*Full report of the event inside*



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

#### July

10 9.30am Eucharist

24 9.30am Eucharist

31 9.30am Patronal Eucharist  
Blessing of Wells

**Canon David Truby and  
Rev'd Carla Vicêncio Prior**

### Village Life Church

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[villagelifechurch.online.church](http://villagelifechurch.online.church)

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**Pastor Matthew Quinn**

### Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel (The Dale)

Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel  
(The Dale) Sundays Services are  
at 6.15pm and on the fourth unday  
in each month at 2:30pm.

All are welcome to join with us.

**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: Phineas Biedscheid-Schmidt

I have recently been doing a little research about the makeup of the people and the populations of the surrounding towns and villages within the Derbyshire Dales. And an interesting statistic started to arise in my investigations. Within these villages, 60% to 65% of the population would acknowledge themselves as Christian. According to the 2011 census, 63% of Bonsall residents call themselves a believer. That is 503 people out of the 830 (ish) that make up our beautiful village. Wow! That is a huge percentage. But as only approx. 8% of that number attend a local church, I wanted to make sure the other 92% are making the most of their faith.

The word Christian literally means 'little Christ' describing a person that is so invested in their faith, they are seen as miniature versions of Jesus in regards to how he lived his life. Not just in his moral values, or pursuit of doing good to others, but in his zeal and passion for his Father (God).

Many times people look at church services and think that is what it means to be a Christian. But sometimes we find that there seems to be very little or no passion in the churches. Everything seems mysterious, and let's be honest, boring!

The church has failed over the years to express the most vital truth about faith

... we have a life changing, powerful, joyful relationship with God. The bible tells me this in 2Cor 5:17:

'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, they are new creation: The old has gone, the new is here'.

When faith is stirred in hearts who turn to God, newness begins. And as humans we are hungry for newness. We like to fill our lives with new things, new tech, new cars, new jobs, new relationships, fresh starts. New things excite us; fresh beginnings are adventures waiting to happen. And for me there is nothing more dramatic than the Newness of the new creation.

The Greek word that is translated 'new creation' literally means something that has never existed before. The verse is trying to express the transformation from something old, weary and lifeless, to something full of vitality and vigour.

Sadly there are so many who have a belief in God, but never realise they can experience Him for themselves. They may have had an experience of church, but never an encounter with Jesus.

My prayer for the 508 who have a belief in Jesus is this... that you may know Him better! And that he might pour out new life into open hearts.

**Mathew Quinn**



# OBITUARY

## Victor George Chandler

8 February 1949 - 23 May 2022

Vic was born in Battersea and attended Rutlish Grammar School in Wimbledon, where he developed a love for rugby that continued into his early adult life, playing for the Old Rutlishian's team. He had itchy feet as a teenager and a desire to travel, and his first school trip to Switzerland reinforced this. Having finished school, Vic and his friends travelled across Europe in a campervan, with canvas tents and precious little else.

He initially worked as a Lloyds' underwriter, but he preferred something other than an office job, so he took himself back to Switzerland and worked in bars and chalets. After a year or so, he came home and continued bar work, until joining London Underground's Civil Engineering Department for several years.

During this time he met Bill Holt, his long-term partner. They lived in Barnes, establishing their antiques business; they had an eye for the rare and the unique – much like themselves. Many of their trips to buy antiques took them to Derbyshire and they decided Bonsall was where they wanted to live. Vic and Bill bought a small cottage on High Street in the 1980s and had an antiques shop in Leek for a few years until Bill retired.

Vic then became head barman and held the licence for the Monsal Head Hotel for a number of years, before taking a job at the Monsal Head café, where his friendly approach and natural charm kept tourists and locals fed and watered – and entertained. Longstanding friends recall that he was one of the first people they got to know when they came to the village 30 years ago, and he was always fun, thoughtful and kind. When their son broke his ankle in London, they brought him to Bonsall to recuperate and, as they were working all day, Vic and Bill – completely unasked – went round every day to cook lunch for him and keep him company – there were so many lovely things that Vic did over the years – not least the incredible care he gave to Bill in his final days.

When he worked at the Monsal Head, he would always arrive very late at their parties after finishing work, but he then injected oomph, life and often more wine to get the party going again. He stayed at Monsal Head for several years, until he transferred to work at the newly opened Queens Head café

at The Cross, where he worked until it closed in 2009. Vic also regularly helped his friend, Kevin Stockton, with building work, cottage refurbishment and holiday let handovers, with their favourite tracks blasting out at full volume from the stereo while they worked.

When Bill passed away in 2016, Vic was consoled by his remarkable friends, and Kevin in particular helped him to resume his lifelong passion for motorbikes, travel and music. He bought a BMW motorcycle and, along with a group of fellow bikers from Chesterfield, set off each year on a two- to three-week summer tour of Europe.

In December 2019, Vic met Peter Nunn online. They progressed from swapping mobile numbers to 40 WhatsApp messages, to a long phone call, to fixing a date for Vic to visit – all in the space of one evening. They seemed to see eye-to-eye on everything, and enjoyed each other's company very much. Further visits in both directions followed, and they soon decided it would be a good idea to save petrol by moving in with one another. They decided to live in Welshpool – a bigger house, a garage, a garden, handy shops etc., although they both loved Bonsall and determined to come back whenever they could. Plans had to be put on hold when Vic went to California for six weeks to visit a friend and Covid erupted while he was away. He managed to gather his stuff from Bonsall and move into Peter's house the day before lockdown started. That might have put a strain on some relationships, but it just seemed to strengthen theirs. They shouted at the same politicians on TV and loved the same music, especially the blues, Louis Jordan, Bob Dylan, Tom Waits and Ella Fitzgerald. As restrictions eased, they bought a small electric camper-van and had some wonderful holidays exploring the beauties of mid-Wales and its coast. Vic also loved exploring the back lanes on his motorbike.

It was during a tour of Spain this year, with the same small group of friends,



that Vic was involved in an accident. He lost control of his motorcycle in Granada province, and one of the party was with him to give some comfort as he slipped away a few minutes after the accident, aged 73.

Vic was a loveable, caring man and his rebellious nature married well with his roguish cheek. His strongly held views on most subjects, and his quick and ready wit, made for enjoyable wide-ranging daily conversations around the kitchen table or over the neighbour's wall. Beneath the slightly gruff exterior, he was a kind, loving, generous, clever, funny man, a brilliant cook and devoted to his family. He leaves behind his sisters, Diane and Judy, his nephews and niece, a loving partner Peter, and a large convoy of friends. Peter speaks for all of Vic's friends, when he says: "The news of his death hit me like a sledgehammer. I'm still reeling and not sure how long it's going to take me to recover, if ever. He was a small man but he is going to leave an enormous gap in the lives of everyone he left behind".

There will be a celebration of Vic's life, held in Bonsall, the date to be announced.

Compiled from contributions by **James Taylor, Kevin Stockton, Peter Nunn, Phil and Ron Addis, Wendy Bullar and Peter Fellows.**

## LETTERS

### A New Empire?

About twenty years ago, Melvyn Bragg presented a programme on Radio 4, entitled 'The Language of Empire.' While listening, I realised the Blair government was using similar language with regard to the rural population. One example was the change in department name: from Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food to The Department for the Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs. Note the distinct change of emphasis! This did give rise to unrest, with protests, ostensibly about the price of fuel. Sadly, this Imperial attitude to the countryside persists to this day. Those seeking power now use the word 'Environment' as a weapon to subdue those who live and work in agriculture and other rural industries. 'Conservationists' and walkers believe they have a right to wander freely in 'their' countryside, ignoring the damage they do to crops and walls, letting dogs run free to worry livestock or defecate on the animal's food; other leisure activities can be even worse, but we are expected to maintain the infrastructure by re-building walls and keeping footpaths, tracks and stiles clear! Car parking is always going to be a problem in a village that existed before automobiles were even imagined, but milk tankers, lorries, fire engines, ambulances and tractors now need to pass. Although this is just the most recent example, I am sure that Open Gardens will get a grip on this problem from now on.

Opposition to quarrying and other extractive industries that create the wealth we all enjoy is so fierce it is scarcely believable! Lead mining would not be permitted today, yet historical

research reveals that previous inhabitants of Bonsall were very charitable, and we had a school before the 1870 Education Act. Interestingly, some of the habitats that excite 'conservationists' are previously mined sites. Bonsall could have been poorer in more ways than one.

The latest pre-occupation of the urban imperialists is 're-wilding', enthusiastically embraced by the Prime Minister. A way of signalling 'virtue' as well as wealth, as if to say: "I am so rich I don't need an income from all this land I own!" Ignoring the need for food production, the ill-informed desire farmland to revert to the natural vegetation yet cannot quite leave nature alone; they know best and give it a helping hand by planting wildflowers without regard to habitat, and even 'weeding' wild plants they don't like! The climax vegetation for this area is deciduous woodland, probably lime trees. The patch of scrub on the North side of The Dale above the Village Hall is heading there fast! A rewilded Bonsall Moor would be devoid of skylarks and hares, two of my favourite wild animals. Further afield, great swathes of good agricultural land are being bought by large companies for tree planting, to offset their carbon footprint.

The British Empire declined because it tried to impose British rule in foreign countries; I hope the modern urban imperialists show more consideration to the indigenous population. Lord Curzon, one of the most derided of all Viceroy of India, at least left the beautiful Victoria memorial in Kolkata. Sadly, the urban elite will just leave us with wind turbines and solar panels, only

generating electricity when conditions are suitable, or trees obscuring the wonderful vistas we all currently enjoy - all, of course, subsidised by us.

**Mick Moor**



### Churchyard

A big thank you to Mick Biggin for leaving parts of the churchyard unmown. I know he has been doing this for years now and it's starting to pay off. Not only does it look really beautiful, it has given a chance for our native wildflowers to seed. I've never seen so many cowslips at the bottom of the churchyard and cuckoo flowers, which I hadn't seen before! Patches have been buzzing with insects and birds have been feeding off seed heads. Amazing. Thank you Mick.

**Sharron McCabe**

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## Well-Dressings

After an enforced break of three years, Bonsall well-dressings will be back this year! We are looking forward to the grand unveiling of the wells on 30 July at the start of the Carnival. The wells being dressed (followed by the contact person for each) are: Village Life Church (Dawn Quinn), Pounder La (Potter family), Dale (Judy Land), Fountain (Theresa McClennan), Cross (Louise Stevenson), and Clatterway (Richard Grover). Come and be part of this tradition and enjoy the community spirit that it brings to the village. We need as many of you as possible to join in during the week before Carnival (starting 25 July). Experienced well-dressers will know what it takes to create these wonderful displays, so we hope that you will be back to pitch in this year. We are also keen for beginners to join us and we guarantee a warm welcome for all (perhaps with a pint or two to keep us going!) So – don't be shy – give us a call and get involved!

**Louise Stevenson 07891 686333**

## Gift from Twiggs

The Carnival Committee would like to thank Twiggs in Matlock for their donation of a 4 x 3 metre sheet of metal reinforcing mesh, delivered free of charge for the carnival fire picture. Twiggs' letter offering this gift added: "We also wish you well with the Carnival".

**Wendy Bullar**



## More help needed

The Editors would like to thank the people who volunteer to deliver Mutterings around the village each month. We have very positive feedback from many villagers about the variety and quality of the content of the newsletter, but we need more help to maintain this. Mutterings is produced by a small editorial group, with some people having more than one role. We would really like to hear from you if you think you could help spread the workload a bit more. Although the Editorial Group meets only once or twice a year, we understand that some people do not like attending meetings or having their names published in the newsletter. Others who have recently moved into Bonsall may not yet feel confident enough to get involved in joining the Editorial Group. We have therefore decided that we would welcome more 'backroom' people who would like to help out but not necessarily be members of the Editorial Group. Examples of the jobs that we need help with are annual invoicing of advertisers and following them up by email to collect advertising income, paying the printer each month, and general correspondence as required. Each of these jobs can be done from home. We would also welcome one or more villagers who can help us produce two issues of Mutterings per year. If you think you can help out, please get in touch with one of the Editors (listed on page 10?? of this issue).

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## Church market

The first market was a great success and our next one is on 4 July. Sellers from 9.30am, visitors from 10.30am. All welcome.

**Kathryn Punchard**

## Open Gardens

Open gardens this year was a great success in spite of the rain on Sunday. It was a real mixture of people with quite a few who live locally and some Americans too. Everyone was very enthusiastic about the variety of gardens and they loved Bonsall. We raised the grand total of £2419.70, which will go towards helping support village amenities and projects. We will publish the list of donations in due course. Thank you so much to everyone who opened their gardens and we hope that you had an enjoyable time after all the hard work you put in.

**Olivia Gerrish, Liz Stoppard and Richard Grover**

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### Village Hall improvements

**- celebration after receiving  
National Lottery funding.**

The Village Hall management committee and Trustees are delighted to announce that we have been awarded £89,960 in funding from The National Lottery Community Fund, the largest funder of community activities in the UK. We want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone who has been involved with helping us put this bid together over the past year. This includes those of you who gave your time to advise us, provide us personal testimonials and encourage us throughout the process.

The Village Hall committee will use this funding to improve the access to the entrance, which will involve resurfacing the access ramp, making the entrance accessible for wheelchair users and pushchairs and making repairs to the Victorian front porch area. Funds will also be used to improve the look of frontage, make the path surfaces smooth and non-slip, as well as creating better lighting onto the walkways.

This new National Lottery funding will support all our regular users such as the Art Group, Yoga Groups, Luncheon Club, as well as all those who use the Village Hall for other events. We anticipate that the improvements will make the hall more accessible to more people and we look forward to welcoming you. Once the works are completed in autumn 2022, we are planning to start a programme of regular events such as arts and live music.

Sandra Harris, who led the grant application, said: "Thanks to National Lottery players, this grant means that we will be able to welcome more people to the Village Hall to enjoy the facilities and events that happen in our vibrant and friendly village. We are thrilled to have been awarded this money and it will make a big difference to people's lives."

We have arranged a community meeting in the Village Hall on 29 July and we welcome anyone to come along to see our plans in detail, speak to us, and also meet the contractor we have appointed. We will be providing regular updates about the works and how they are progressing on our website



Example of work needed to improve access and repair the Village Hall

(<https://bonsallvillagehall.org.uk>). The website will also indicate when the hall will be closed to bookings and when it will reopen again on the "What's On" page (<https://bonsallvillagehall.org.uk/events>).

**Jain Holmes**

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Whales tail from plastic bottles

### Bonsall School art week

Bonsall School has been having a really arty time this month. Daisy and Imogen chattered away about all the exciting things going on. Here is some of what they said. "All the school designed and made bunting for the Jubilee. The weather was poor so we had our sandwiches in the hall, surrounded by

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the bunting, some with flags on and some with '70 years'. We sang the National Anthem and Class 1 put bunting round the church. We felt proud."

"One day we had two buses to take us to Chatsworth to see the sculpture exhibition. The boys started singing a song very loudly, but we didn't join in! The sculptures were amazing! They were made of all different kinds of materials, with different messages to make you think. There was a Canadian bear made out of Canadian coins set in a forest and there was a WW2 plane made out of disco lights and covered in flowers, meaning after death comes life. There was a sculpture called 'Wings of Glory'; it moved every hour and there was another one made of crows (a murder of crows is the name for a group of crows). The artist had asked all his friends to draw him a crow and these were represented here. One sculpture was made of stone and you could climb up it. Mrs Samways went up and she was a bit wobbly! Really there were so many sculptures we can't describe them all.

Because we saw all these sculptures made of different materials, we have been making different things ourselves. We are making a collage of colours and shapes to represent what we were thinking and feeling at the time. We are making a huge whale's tail out of plastic bottles, raising awareness about how we damage the world's oceans with throwaway plastic. We've also been weaving colourful plates to place on a background like a mosaic, mostly using just waste materials. We're looking forward to the Bonsall Art Trail where our Art work will be displayed in the school for everyone to see. We've been having a really great and very thoughtful time!"

## Village lunch club

We have been inspected and found to be 5\*. Here is the evidence!:



Before the meal this month we met, for some for the first time, the Head of our school and three very interesting pupils. They talked of a visit to Chatsworth

and brought work to show everyone and talk about how they are becoming aware of environmental issues.

For the first course there was a delicious steak and onion pie with veg and new potatoes. That was followed by fairy-light scones with jam cream and strawberries .... umm. After stretching the memory in the quiz about the Queen's reign, a refreshing cup of tea finished proceedings.

If you would like to join in the next Village Lunch it will be on Wednesday 20 July at 12.30pm.

Please ring 01629 826309 to book a place by 13 July unless you used the sign-in sheet circulated at the June meeting. This gives the cooks time to plan. Please mention if you have any special food requirements or if you would like a take-out. (If you've had a take-out before it would be helpful if you could return the containers please).

Very best wishes

**Jenny March**



Amy and Julie with the display at the Manor House

## Wilder Bonsall

Wilder Bonsall was a guest at the Open Gardens Trail; thank you to our host, Amy Hancock, at the Manor House for her hospitality. The display and mini plant sale attracted lots of attention and some good discussions. We hoped to remind people about the urgency of our ecological situation. We've lost 1 in 6 bird species and insects have declined by 75% in the past 50 years. Across the European continent, 84% of our crops and 80% of wildflowers rely on the pollinators; further loss of pollinators could threaten food production. If you support our theme of 'caring for nature and pollinators', then please join us at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 19 July at the Community Garden on Yeoman Street, for a bit of garden watering, a chat about future projects and a cuppa. All are welcome.

**Wendy Bullar (825267)**

## Valuing our Verges (Reasons not to use Roundup)

Helping biodiversity is often overlooked as a crucial part of responding to the climate emergency and Wilder Bonsall want to give biodiversity all the help we can. The village verges hold such a great diversity of plants providing valuable habitat and wildlife corridors. In this series of articles we hope to raise awareness of this diversity by exploring some of the species we see and encourage our community to let the verges flourish.



### Borage (*Borago officinalis*):

A historic medicinal herb with one of the few naturally blue flowers that are edible, tasting a little like a sweet cucumber. It's a fantastic pollinator as it quickly refills its nectar stores, it also repels pests. Amazingly, it adds trace minerals to the soil so is also helpful to its neighbours. It's great for mulching and composting too. Something to encourage in your veggie patch perhaps?



### Red Campion (*Silene dioica*):

The Campion has distinctive pink-red flowers which are either all male or all female on each separate plant. You will see all shades from red to white as it often cross-pollinates with the introduced white Campion. The flower shape encourages pollinators such as long-tongued bumble bees and hoverflies and they produce a heady scent at night attracting feeding moths. Simmering its roots in hot water produces a handy soap substitute.



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## Red Valerian (*Centranthus ruber*):

A garden escapee, Red Valerian has a reputation for being invasive but is easily pulled up if it occurs somewhere it is not wanted. It likes to grow in old walls due to a preference for alkaline conditions. Its long flowering season and many flower heads mean it is loved by bees and butterflies and is a particular favourite of the hummingbird hawk moth. Let us know if you see this remarkable daytime moth darting about.

Elaine Pickersgill

## DDDC Annual Electoral Registration Canvass

The annual canvass ensures that Derbyshire Dales District Council can keep the electoral register up to date. It aims to identify any residents who are not registered to vote so that they can be encouraged to do so. The canvass letters and emails will be sent to households from 12 July. The email will come from [electoral@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:electoral@derbyshiredales.gov.uk) and we ask that residents monitor their junk/spam folder. If any resident hasn't received either a letter or email by 25 July they should contact the District Council on 01629 761335 or the above email. If we do not receive a response to our initial canvass communication we are obliged to send a reminder and therefore a response to the initial communication would be appreciated.

If you need more information, please get in touch with Chris Bond, Electoral Services,

DDDC on 01629 761335, or using the email above.

## Bonsall Red Barrows

It has been a challenging past two years; very few planes in the sky and even fewer barrows in the fields. The only time when we have all met, virtually, was when we did a team head-shave with Laurence, who had no choice in the matter as he had just gone through a life-changing operation when it was found all was not medically well; it was the least we could do.

And in lockdown, son of lockdown, Tier1, etc. etc., myself and Mark thought about what we had achieved since 2009: performed to thousands, appeared on national TV and had the RAF Red Arrows as our support act from 2013-16. Being the warm-up act for some of the biggest names in music, Madness as an example, was not a bad place to be in, standing on stage looking across at a few thousand people thinking: "How the hell did this happen?", with 'access all areas' wrist-bands is something most performers only dream of.

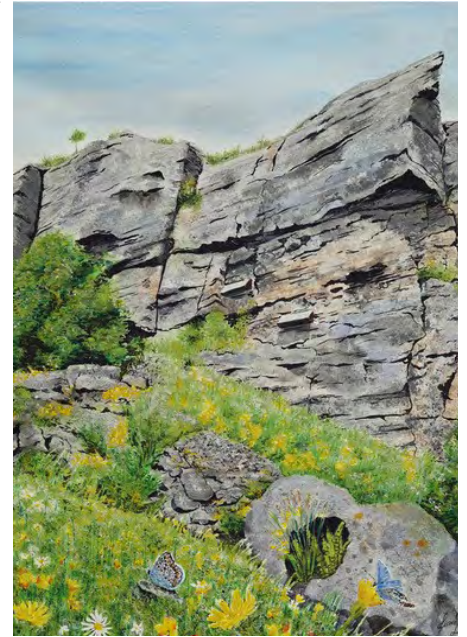


And it all started off in Cromford meadows with a bit of an idea for Bonsall Carnival to fill a gap...just a one off! Taking two years out of a business is never easy and although bookings are there, we have struggled to get pilots into barrows (I'm thinking about giving this line to Tom Cruise for his next remake of *Top Gun*). People and ambitions move on: Mark Harris has finally worked out left from right, something that, when he joined us, was a major challenge for all.

Will we perform again? Not sure, it would be a shame to mothball the squadron, but as we all get older and the routines become more challenging, well even White Snake is on its farewell tour this year. We would like to perform in 2023, so if anybody is interested in joining us, just ping me a message at [redbarrow10@gmail.com](mailto:redbarrow10@gmail.com). If you know right from left, have a sense of humour and think Bonsall is best village in the world you are in.

And as I am on centre stage, just wanted to say a sad farewell to a fellow villager, Vic. I had known him and Bill for many years, one of the nicest people I have been honoured to know. His stories of working for London Underground, their antique business moving from London to Derbyshire, plus how he was chattered up by Freddie Mercury in the 1980s were priceless. Since Bill died, Vic had made a good new life for himself and, from the little bit of information I know, his final moments were on his bike loving what he did. Will miss you, Vic, and all the wise counsel you gave, plus making great food for Yvette at the Queens Head Café.

Mike Howsley



Bonsall artist Fiona Drake's prize winning entry

## Bonsall Arts Trail

The idea for an Arts Trail was first mooted by Amanda Graham in 2019. A few villagers joined Amanda to explore whether a trail on a smaller scale to Wirksworth, Melbourne and Belper could be held. The idea was to feature artists from Derbyshire and surrounding counties. A decision was made to go ahead and the Bonsall Arts Trail group (BAT) started the long process of getting the Trail off the ground. Seed funding from Open Gardens led to key grants from Derbyshire Dales Council and the Longcliffe community fund. Other supporters included Turners Arts Supplies of Matlock.

Everything was set for 2020, with venues, artists, and even a full programme ready to be sent to the printers, when Covid struck and the reluctant decision was made to postpone. However, when Covid restrictions were still in place at the time of the planned 2021 festival, the community of artists were still keen to do something: 2021 saw an online Trail weekend, which included a very successful art sale, artist features throughout the year, and publication of a professional book showcasing both artists' work and Bonsall village. Finally in 2022, the Trail went ahead with a date to fit in with other Bonsall events and other Derbyshire arts events.

Well over 500 visitors were able to enjoy both the art and our beautiful friendly village. In total there were over 80 curated artists ('curated' is artspeak for 'not everyone who applied was accepted!'). The team worked hard and tirelessly to make the Trail happen and



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managed to negotiate with Melbourne Arts Trail to hire their display boards and gazebos. Many householders were approached to host artists in their homes and gardens and we would like to say a resounding "Thank you" to all who took part, we couldn't have managed without you. A slight underestimation of the weight of the display boards caused a few logistical issues: the 62 boards actually weighed two tonnes!

The idea to take the strain off cars coming to Bonsall by using two small buses was a huge success and many elderly people were able to access the top of the village, which they couldn't have done by foot. Our fantastic drivers not only managed to stay cheerful, but even gave their passengers an informed commentary on the village and the art. It also allowed Tufa Cottage to be added to the map. Without the buses it was virtually impossible to get numbers of people down the Via Gellia safely. Tufa Cottage was one of the star attractions and people had a rare glimpse of the famous cottage with its lovely gardens, miniature train and famous cable car gondola. Dave and Ruth Headon kindly hosted a jeweller, an artist and a blacksmith sculptor, plus lovely food and drink on offer.

Amy Hancock, who is new to the village, offered the use of the whole of the Manor House to the Trail which was incredibly generous; 12 artists fitted into the Manor House. On Friday evening, Amy helped host the 'Alice in Wonderland' opening reception for exhibitors, hosts and event organisers to get together to get the

Trail kicked off. This was a resounding success and was officially opened by Claudine Balmer, a long established and respected Bonsall resident.

The School and Rectory Room were hired for the weekend, which allowed us to house 22 artists along with some fabulous art from the pupils of the School. It was a tight programme to get the school ready and the artists in place as we needed to assemble display boards within a short time frame. Again, a big thank you to the school and the children for embracing the trail. Our next generation of artists. At the Rectory, there were artists, a gin bar and Indian street-food, which proved very popular.

The Village Hall housed the new portrait group who meet once a month on a Friday. Portraits were of Bonsall people and were very well received. The number of people who said: "I recognise you from your portrait" was incredible! Liz Welby held a lino-cutting workshop upstairs which was a resounding and popular success.

The Via Gellia Mill was the start of the Park and Ride and a thank you to Ian Daisley who opened his studio to allow a further three artists to exhibit. Our lovely Church venue housed the well-established Bonsall Art Club which meets weekly on a Tuesday in the Village Hall. Other venues included the Queens Head, Cascades, Nethergreen House, Dower House, Study Lodge, Townhead, Long Row House, 17 Church St, 91 Yeoman St, The Gables, the Old Britannia Inn and Ardenkash, and the team will be extending more thanks to

the hosts for their support and kindness in opening their homes and gardens.

On Sunday a local ukulele group led by Andrew Hamilton played and, throughout the weekend, the Church café was in popular demand, hopefully raising more funds for the Church.

The Park was the hub of the trail and apart from some super catering and a bar, the large marquee housed a well-known group of potters called the Northern Potters. There were also workshops running over the weekend and music from acclaimed band, Codger.

The 85 artists, potters and sculptors were all of a tremendously high standard; they certainly made the event. The eight shortlisted finalists from all over Derbyshire competing for the Longcliffe Award were on show and included three artists from Bonsall. The brief was for an artwork which referenced environmental reclamation. Bonsall artist, Fiona Drake, was the overall winner chosen by Longcliffe and received a well-deserved £200 prize. David Hunns, an artist in the Manor House, was selected by the public as their favourite artist and he will be receiving 'The Turners Prize' of £100 kindly donated by Turners Art Supplies.

There was also an art themed T'Owd Man Treasure Hunt which was for all ages.

We need to give thanks to the village, its businesses and people who have contributed. Another thank you to those that helped with the setting up and taking down, their help was very much appreciated.

Thank you for your patience with the traffic congestion in Church St during setup and takedown. We planned carefully to minimise traffic congestion, so there are lessons learned for next time! Overall, the feedback over the weekend has been tremendous and the team have received kind messages of support and thanks with lots of messages saying: "looking forward to next year"! The team are taking a well-deserved break before reconvening to discuss the possibility of any future event. It has been a huge learning curve for such a small team and we have a lot to think about.

If anyone missed the Bonsall Trail, the Melbourne Arts Festival is being held on 17 - 18 September. Melbourne are tremendous supporters of Bonsall and it is worth going to their event. A number of the artists who were at Bonsall will also be exhibiting.

**Bonsall Arts Trail Team**



## Electric vehicles

**This month, three families in the village recount their experiences of owning and using an EV.**

We bought our all-electric Citroen Berlingo van in December 2020. It was used as a demonstration EV since 2016, with about 1000 miles on the clock, and cost about half the price of a new one. We also benefitted from a Government grant of £500 to install a home charger that would have cost £850. We booked a local company to install it and they arrived two weeks later and finished the work in a morning without any problems.

Overall, we are extremely happy with the van: it needs no regular engine servicing; we pay no vehicle tax; it is almost completely silent when driving; and, most of all, it is very cheap to run. At home, the charger uses power from solar panels, so for much of the year recharging is free. At other times we charge it overnight using off-peak electricity. Being an older model, it has a more limited range than modern EVs, typically around 85-90 miles in warm weather and 70 miles in winter. But this is fine for return journeys to Derby, Nottingham, Sheffield etc., and we rarely do more than 40 miles per day locally.

A common question with EVs is about 'range-anxiety' (running out of power before you can reach a public charging station). At first, we were not sure how quickly the batteries would lose charge, or what makes them discharge faster. We soon learned that the electric heater causes the charge to disappear in front of our eyes – so it's coats on in winter. The batteries also really don't like going up hills! We can use the equivalent of four miles going up Cromford hill. But EVs have 'regenerative charging'; if you take your foot off the accelerator going downhill, the motor turns into a generator. We recently added eight miles worth of charge coming down Swinscoe hill near Ashbourne. Regenerative charging has some curious outcomes. Because Bonsall is higher than Derby, the 18 miles there uses zero net energy and the battery charge is the same as when we set off. However, coming the other way, the loss of charge is equivalent to travelling 30+ miles. We accelerate and drive more slowly, typically at 50 mph, than we did with internal combustion engines to maintain the charge.

So the van is great for us, but we cannot say the same about public charging stations. The situation is ridiculously over-complicated. A couple of dozen companies operate them; some require a subscription account or you have to buy a RFID (radio frequency

identification) card to be able to use the chargers, whereas others operate pay-as-you go using a credit card. There are also three different types of connector: the most common is a Type-2 with others being a CCS (Combined Charging System) socket and a CHAdeMO socket (our van has a CHAdeMo 50kW rapid charger and a Type-2 7kW home connector).

Typically, public charging costs around 30-40p per kWh, but it can be as high as 80-90p per kWh at some motorway services. We can recharge the van for around £3, which takes 20-30 minutes with a 50kW charger.

Zapmap ([www.zap-map.com](http://www.zap-map.com)) is one of a number of mobile phone apps that helps find the nearest charging points along a route. It tells you which types of chargers are there and whether they are working properly or out of action. It also estimates the remaining charge in your car at each charging point along a route, so theoretically we can plan where to stop and recharge. However, a long journey needs much more planning than filling up with petrol or diesel because charging points are fewer than fuel stations, and we may need to make a detour to find a charger.

There are four problems that make life more difficult than it should be: Zapmap doesn't take account of the additional power used on hills, and our actual remaining charge can be much lower than its estimate; there are areas of the country that are charging wildernesses, with many miles between charging stations, or none at all on some routes. So we have to plan our journey to use roads where recharging is possible when we are likely to need it. Thirdly, even if Zapmap says a charger is working, we have quite often found ones that refuse to accept our card, or fail to work for no discernable reason. Finally, some chargers are insufficiently powered and you can't use them if another EV is being charged. So you have to wait until they are finished – adding up to another half-hour delay to a journey. We have rarely had to queue for a charger, but this may change with large numbers of drivers now opting for EVs as fossil fuel costs increase dramatically. These problems may ease with the current roll-out of new charging points across the country and hopefully better customer service standards by the competing operators.

So overall, the significantly lower costs of running the van and producing zero carbon emissions when travelling mean that we will not be returning to an internal combustion engine. If you are thinking of buying an EV,

do some research and go for one that has the highest range and the lowest mileage that you can afford.

**Wendy Bullar and Peter Fellows**

Just to add to Peter's excellent article, we have had an electric car for over four years. We had a lease agreement for a Tesla model S and have recently changed to a Tesla model Y, which is based on a smaller chassis and is more practical for Bonsall.

We love it! Fully charged it will do 320 miles so hence we don't have the anxiety about public charging. Tesla also runs an excellent charging network so that if we do need to top up we can generally find one without too much problem. We would wholeheartedly encourage people to look into buying an electric car. You would be very welcome to come and look at ours and have a chat.

**Caroline and David Kirkham**

We have the Hyundai Tuscon Hybrid. We decided to go for a hybrid first before we went fully electric. I am really pleased we did this because the biggest problem that we've had is finding electric plug-in stations around the country that work efficiently or work at all. Many have complex log-in apps and quite often end up not working after many failed attempts, so we've still had to rely on the petrol element of car a lot. I think over the next few years the availability of electric charge points and the speed of charging is going to improve; therefore, having a fully electric car is going to be a lot more reliable.

Because it's a hybrid the range is quite small, on electric it goes just under 30 miles, which allows me to get to work and most of the way back on electric every day. I think next time I would go for one that's maybe 50 miles so that I could do the whole commute on electric. Again, with it being a hybrid the petrol tank is also quite small. However, I have now got used to how the two power sources interact and it's less of an issue than I first thought it would be. Getting the home charging point was a bit of a hassle too: the people we went with got there in the end but the timeframe they gave was way off (three months longer than promised) and they seemed to have communication issues about the parts needed etc. All in all, despite these setbacks, I would say it has still been worth doing, it does feel good to be a bit greener and it's a good car to drive.

**Beth and Dave Brierley**



## Report of 21st June meeting



### Weeds and verges

There was a long discussion about the growth of weeds since the decision not to use weedkillers. This will be discussed further at the July meeting where it is hoped there will be more feedback from residents and a plan can be drawn up. Wilder Bonsall expressed support for finding a compromise to protect monuments from damage while preserving the wildflower growth which is so useful for pollinators. Everyone agreed that monuments need to be safeguarded.

### Village Hall

At the Annual Parish Meeting the Chair read out a note for thanks from the Village Hall Committee for support in gaining a grant from the National Lottery Fund for £89,960. The scope of the works includes repairing the porch where it is moving away from the building, resurfacing the ramp and installing new railings, installation of a platform lift for wheelchair/pushchair access and re-instating the steps at the front of the building.

### Bankside

It was agreed to cut back the overhanging branches which are impeding traffic.

### Vehicle Park

The money box has now been installed and the permanent sign will follow soon. Visitors are already leaving money which is encouraging. Unfortunately, it was reported that over the Jubilee weekend there were dreadful amounts of dog mess and litter. This not only makes it difficult to cut the grass but is awful for children playing in the Park. Cllr Grover has fitted a new manhole cover for the electricity supply.

### Motocross

Cllr Purdy reported that DDDC is waiting for a response from the owner regarding Improvement Notices and the noise nuisance continues to be monitored. He noted the concern from the Environmental Health Dept. about the issue of lead. It is recommended already that no one should use the site for more than 14 days/year. There are further concerns for vulnerable groups. Cllr Addis reported back from the first day of the public enquiry which is dealing with planning aspects of the case.

### Website

It was agreed to set up a working party to develop the Parish Council/village website.

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### Slinter Quarry

Cllr Grover detailed the latest issues  
around the scoping for the enquiry.

### Planters

The new planters are at the bottom of  
The Dale. It is hoped that residents  
will adopt the planters here, at the  
Fountain and the war memorial, and  
keep them watered and refreshed.  
Anyone willing to help should please  
contact the Parish Council.

### Dead trees in the churchyard

Concern was expressed about the  
condition of two dead ash trees near to  
footpaths and a dead branch on the lime  
tree near the school gate. It was agreed  
to carry out a bat survey, preparatory to  
removing these trees, and to seek quotes  
for the work. The school will be alerted to  
the potential danger of falling branches.

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 Parish Council Meeting will  
take place on Tuesday 19 July at 7.30pm.  
If you have any issues to be raised at the  
meeting please contact the Clerk, Julia  
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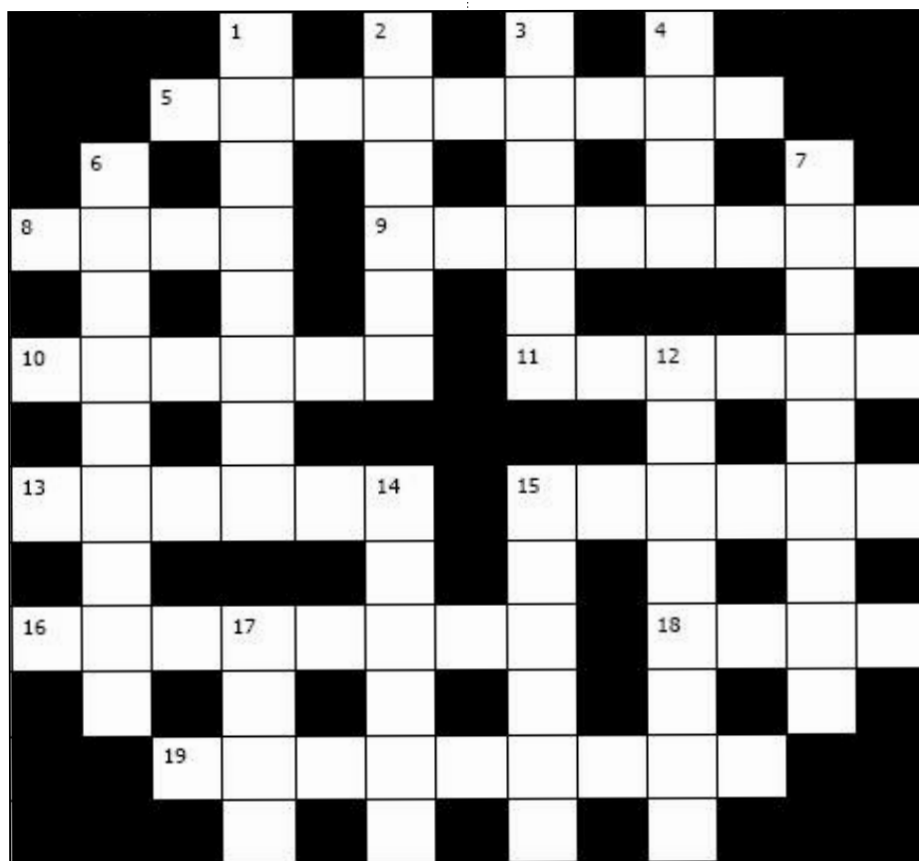


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## CROSSWORD #140



### Across:

**Themed clues - 11 across are all first word, 15 across are all second word.**

5. 11 with German in broken door on railway. (9)
8. Pull an American? (4)
9. 15. Damnation with a twist! (8)
10. Consequence of groups hotel housed. (6)
- 11 & 15. Book accommodation in the attic? (4,2,3,3)
13. 11. Odd Manx cat? (6)
15. See 11.
16. Peacemaker with a dim plot to unravel. (8)
18. 15 found in Ireland. (4)
19. 15. Short Royal with one friend. (9)

### Down:

1. 11. Hops? Yes! (8)
2. Among the first, I'm sad, upset. (6)
3. Failure of muster? Yes! (6)
4. Bird found in St Paul's Cathedral? (4)
6. Sailor, with Macca (perhaps) in 15. (9)
7. Sweet, maybe, but disgusting! (9)
12. 15. Excess hair. (8)
14. Trafficking, like Paul or Pegg? (6)
15. Bird ate small bit of food. (6)
17. Game bird! (4)

### Answers to crossword no. 139

**Across:** 5. Supernova. 8. See 18. 9. Thievery. 10. Sirius. 11. Staffs. 13. Planet. 15. Battle. 16. Red Dwarf. 18 & 8. Star Wars. 19. Agincourt. **Down:** 1. Question. 2. Set-tos. 3. Gneiss. 4. Lviv. 6. Ramillies. 7. Trafalgar. 12. Artistry. 14. Trains. 15. Befooled. (Be = live). 17. Dogs.

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<b>Barn End</b>	3 bedroom cottage (sleeps 6)



Free WiFi



Parking



Self Catering



Book Online

Enquiries / Bookings: 01629 820946

[www.chestnutfarmcottages.co.uk](http://www.chestnutfarmcottages.co.uk)

[facebook.com/chestnutfarmholidaycottages](https://www.facebook.com/chestnutfarmholidaycottages)

Abel Lane, Uppertown, Bonsall DE4 2AW



## VILLAGE GROUPS & RESOURCES

<b>Allotment Group</b> Penny Collier	825591
<b>Art Club</b> Julie Leggett	07305 594084
<b>Bonsall Barn Project</b>	
Liz Stoppard/Mike Susko	823712
<b>Bonsall Camp</b>	
Matthew Quinn	07988 071682
<b>Church Bell Ringers</b>	
Melissa Welbourne	826303
<b>Church Floodlighting</b> Di Moor	824376
<b>Community Library</b> Vacant	
<b>History Group</b> Peter Greaves	822374
<b>Bonsall Map</b> Wendy Bullar	825267
<b>Carnival Committee</b>	
Deborah Pearson	826685
<b>Chernobyl Children's Lifeline Group</b>	
Chris Broome	824512
<b>Cromford Playgroup</b>	
Karen or Jayne	07905 937371
<b>Horticultural Society</b>	
Dave Headon	07738 425374
<b>Kick-boxing</b>	
Hayley Capewell	07773 149935
<b>Open Gardens</b> Ollie Gerrish	824498
<b>Pensioners' Fund</b> Vacant	
<b>Pigeon Club</b> Gordon Hardy	823549
<b>PTFA</b> Claire Duma	07880 851083
<b>Riders Club</b> Jane Williams	825632
<b>School Head</b> Rebecca Smart	822573
<b>School Toddler Club</b> Di Moor	824376
<b>School Foundation, Clerk, Norma Rickards</b>	822257
<b>St James</b> Revd Carla Vicêncio Prior	
<b>Village Hall Committee</b>	
Jackie Smith	823544
<b>Village Life Church</b> Pastor Matthew Quinn	
<b>Village Lunch Club</b>	
Ron Addis	826309
<b>Wesleyan Reform Chapel</b> (The Dale)	
Judy Land	

## RESOURCES

### Bonsall Publications

**The Bonsall Map** - wall poster £3.50 + P&P (the folded map is available from village pubs and B&Bs)

**Bonsall - a village & its history**  
£15 paperback, £25 hardback + P&P

**History booklets**  
£2.50-£3 or £10 for a pack of six + P&P  
**Bonsall within living memory**  
£10 + P&P

**80 Years of Bonsall Carnival Book**  
£9.99 + P&P

**History Walking Guides**  
pack of six £5 + P&P

All available from 19 High St., DE4 2AS,  
Tel: 825267, pubs or Fountain Tearoom.

### Village Hall

For bookings contact Jackie Smith  
Jaqsm@aol.com, 823544, or 07771 764366.

**Cost per session** (a session is a morning, afternoon or evening):

- Village organisations:**  
£10 – one floor, £16 – both floors

- Non-village organisations:**  
£20 – one floor, £30 – both floors
  - Village people private hire:**  
£25 – one floor, £35 – both floors
  - Non-village people private hire:**  
£40 – one floor, £50 – both floors
- For information on sale of alcohol/ private bar, use of the Village Hall audio equipment, screening a film, or any other matters, please contact Jackie Smith. 823544, 07771 764366. Jaqsm@aol.com, 55 Yeoman Street

## TRAVEL SERVICES

### Assisted Travel

Derbyshire Connect transport for shopping, weekdays 9am - 4pm, booked in advance.  
Tel: 01335 300670 between two and seven days before travel or email: info@ashbournect.org.uk.

Derbyshire Connect Active Travel to healthcare appointments, weekdays 9am - 5pm, booked in advance. Charges vary.  
Tel: 03333 444125 at least 48 hours in advance or email: office@sdcs.org.uk

### Bus services

216 Bus service - Matlock to Bonsall Monday to Saturday. No service on Sunday or Bank Holiday

### Bonsall - Cromford - Starkholmes - Matlock

Bonsall, adj Uppertown Lane 09:59 11:43  
Bonsall, adj Fountain 10:02 11:46  
Cromford, adj Greyhound 10:07 11:51  
Starkholmes, adj High Tor Road 10:14 11:58  
Matlock Bakewell Road (Stand A) 10:18 12:02

### Matlock - Starkholmes - Cromford - Bonsall

Matlock Bakewell Road (Stand B) 09:36 11:20  
Starkholmes, opp High Tor Road 09:40 11:24  
Cromford, opp Greyhound 09:46 11:30  
Bonsall, opp Fountain 09:49 11:33  
Bonsall, adj Uppertown Lane 09:57 11:41  
Timetable from <https://www.travelinedata.org.uk>. 0871 2002233

**Taxis** 822072, 813774, 826060, 07967 273237, 07815 773706

**Train services** 0845 7484950

**Travel line** 0870 6082608

### Volunteer Drivers

Loreen 822067  
Richard Shipley 259809

## USEFUL NUMBERS

### Defibrillator Trained Volunteers

Richard Taylor	823704	07860 214503
Brett Taylor	824407	07950 036657
Anne Young	825186	07876 506595
Phil Addis	826309	07951 189727
John Ratcliffe		07896 924824
Maxine Ellis		07742 749854
Jo Hanby	822767	07872 641409
Julia Milverton		07584 895644

### Health

NHS Direct 0845 4647

**Chemists:** Wirksworth Market Place 822607; 12 Bank Road, Matlock, 57924

**Dentists** Matlock: 584746, 55645, 582218, 56558

**Doctors:** Wirksworth Hannage Brook

822434; Matlock Imperial Road 583465

**Hospitals:** Chesterfield, Calow 01246 277271; Derby City 01332 340131; Derby Royal 01332 347141; Matlock Whitworth 580211.

Non-emergencies 111

### Derbyshire County Council

[www.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk)

All enquiries 580000. Out of Hours numbers: 536673 or 'Call Derbyshire' 533190 or 0845 6058058

### Derbys Dales District Council

[www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk)

All enquiries	761100
Environmental health	761212
Tourist information	
Matlock	583388
Matlock Bath	583834
Trading Standards	585858
Electricity emergencies	0800 0568090
Fire station, Matlock	582849
Gas leaks	0800 111999

### Household Waste Recycling Centre

Harrison Way, Darley Dale, 8.30am – 6.00 pm.

**Mobile Library** 01773 824333

Monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays at the Fountain, 10.55–11.30 am

### Police/Safer Neighbourhoods 101

PCSO's: Charles.Foster (Charles.Foster@derbyshire.police.uk) covering Bonsall, Cromford and Matlock Bath and Kirsty.Hunt (Kirsty.Hunt@derbyshire.police.uk) covering Wirksworth and Middleton.

matlock.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk.

**Crimestoppers** 0800 555111

**Victim support** 825544

**Community safety** 761101

### Swimming

Matlock (Arc) 581322

Wirksworth 825704

**Vets** Matlock 582844, 581234

Wirksworth 823034



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# Mutterings

Diary for May			
Date		Event	Venue
Mon	4	10.30am. Church Market	St James Church
Tue	5	9.30 am Bonsall Arts Group. Au plein air sketching/painting. Refreshments available.	Middleton Top car park
		Grey bins and food waste caddy	
Tue	12	9.30 am - 12 noon Bonsall Arts Group. Assisting schoolchildren with lantern making. Last session of Summer Term - September term to be announced later.	Village Hall
		Green and blue bins and food waste caddy	
Wed	13	Last bookings for Village Lunch	
Tue	19	Grey bins and food waste caddy	
		7.00 pm Wilder Bonsall meeting	Community Garden, Yeoman Street
Wed	20	12.30pm Village Lunch	Village Hall
Mon	25	Well-dressings start this week	
Tue	26	Green and blue bins and food waste caddy	
Fri	29	pm. Community meeting to view Village Hall plans	Village Hall
Sat	30	am. Unveiling of the wells	
		1-11pm. Carnival Day The Park	
Sun	31	9.30 am Service at St James Church followed by blessing of the well at The Cross	