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# T'Owd Man's Mutterings

Photo by Ian Daisley



## Bonsall Village Hall reopens!

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*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*

## St James

### Forthcoming Church Services:

#### December

Sunday 11 December Eucharist at 9:30am taken by John Spreadborough

Thursday 23 December Ecumenical Carol Service at 7:00pm

Christmas Day 25 December Eucharist at 9.30am The Archdeacon Carol

#### January

Sunday January 8 Eucharist at 9:30am

Sunday January 22 Eucharist at 9:30am

**Revd Rod Prince (Associate Priest)**

## Village Life Church

Come and Join us for our Christmas Celebrations:

Thursday 8 December: Christmas Coffee Morning. 10am to 12pm all are welcome

Sunday 11 December: Carols by Candlelight 6pm with refreshments

Sunday 18 December: Festive Family Funday Sunday. Followed by Christmas Dinner. 10:30am

Sunday 25 December: Christmas Morning Celebration 9:30am

We are very aware of the pressures on people currently because of the cost of living, and in particular the cost of energy. If you need any help or support, or you are in need a Warm Space this winter, please get in touch.

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**Pastor Matthew Quinn**

## Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel (The Dale)

Sunday Services are at 6.15pm except the fourth Sunday in the month which is at 2.30pm.

A Carol Service, followed by light refreshments, is on Sunday 18 December at 2.30pm.

There is no service on Christmas Day.

Our thanks to you all for your support through 2022.

**Judy Land**

## Bonsall Church Café

Refreshments are available in Church from 12noon to 3pm on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

We offer ham, cheese and hot sausage cobs, homemade soups and cakes, all at reasonable prices.

It is proving popular with locals and visitors alike. If you haven't been yet, come and see us soon, we would love to welcome you.

**The Wirksworth Team Ministry**

## Church Market

Our next Church market will be on Monday 5 December from 10.30am to 3pm. We will have the ukulele band from Wirksworth from 12.30pm to 1.30pm so hope you will come and enjoy them. There will also be Bev selling Christmas wreaths along with all of our other stalls including children's books, skincare products, stocking fillers and our usual refreshments.

**Kathryn Punchard**

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## Catholic Church Services

### Our Lady and St. Teresa of Lisieux

Gorse Bank, Wirksworth

Mass times - Sundays - 8.45 a.m., Holy Days 7 p.m., 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.**

I have been getting my work forward this year by reading a Book called "Christmas – Tradition, Truth and total baubles" by Nick Page. It appears that most of assumptions we make surrounding the celebration of Christmas fall into the last of those three categories! Yep, it has come around again – the older I get the faster time seems to pass – I am eligible for a bus pass next year! The book is a light-hearted look at the festive period but it helps to sort out the tinsel from the meaning. In the darkness of night and in the darkest of all seasons we celebrate the birth of a living hope. The creator of the world and humanity quietly enters "His" world. The Divine becomes incarnate – literally, God becomes flesh and lives among us. Right from the moment of Jesus' conception God turns worldly priorities on their head. Don't look for me in palaces among the powerful, you will find me among the poor, the displaced, the oppressed, the cold and the powerless says God. The rich and the wise are at the back of the queue to meet God in human form – Jesus. They are behind the poor and the despised. Within days of his birth even the security of temporary accommodation has to be abandoned as Jesus becomes a refugee hastily leaving the country of his birth to escape being murdered. If we want to hold fast to the meaning of Christmas we need to cut through all the baubles and in the words of that well-known Carol "O little town of Bethlehem" ask "O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray, cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today." At Christmas and every day, we must invite God's Spirit to dwell within us and at Christmas and every day we must support those whom God chose to live among on earth, the poor, the hungry, the displaced, the oppressed, the sick and the dying. If we do then hope will continue to be born in a world which needs it as much if not more than it did two thousand years ago.

**Rev Rod Prince**

Wirksworth Team Ministry

## CHURCH NEWS

As I was shopping on Tuesday, I met a lady who was buying the ingredients to make a Christmas cake. In her book "Delia Smith's Christmas", Delia writes of preparing for Christmas in October . . . perhaps a little early for me !

Well our Father God began His preparation for 'Christmas' almost as soon as He had finished creating this wonderful world in which we live. The Bible is an amazing book, living, active and sharper than a double-edged sword (Hebrews 4 v 12). On the darkest day it will provide the brightest light, giving encouragement and hope.

The experiences of men, women and children portrayed in its pages, provide examples of faith and trust in a living God who is just, merciful, gracious, and loving to all, prepared for anything. The Lord Jesus Christ is the express image of His Father God; the work of the Holy Spirit is to make Him fully known and give reminders of His words. The words we sing in the old familiar carols, provide us with the true essence of Christmas, even as we celebrate the season in our nation and world in December 2022 with all its uncertainties.

God provides new life and hope for all who turn to Him in faith. In his Christmas broadcast on 25 December 1939, at a time of grim foreboding and uncertainty in Europe, King George VI quoted an extract from Minnie Louise Haskins's poem 'The Gate of the Year' - "And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.'" For me personally I find this a challenge and yet a comfort; I pray that you too will be willing to put your faith and trust in God as 2022 closes and the New Year 2023 opens.

May you all know God's blessings during the Christmas season and through the coming New Year.

**Judy Land**

## FLOODLIGHTING FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY



St James' Steeple by Ricky Moss

### December

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

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

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

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

Pat, Sara Jane, Ruth, Anne and their families have loving memories of Phil especially on his birthday on December 16th.

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

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

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

### January

David, Julie and their families remember their mum, Jean especially on 2nd of January.

The first week of January holds special memories of Harold Bunting for Dorinda, Simon and Stephanie and their families.

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

There are loving thoughts during the third week of Jack and Gwen Fellows from Peter and Wendy.

Birthday memories on 23rd and 24th of January of Mum and Dad Rickards are shared by all the family at this time.

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

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

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

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

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If you would like to make your donation of £15 for each memory on-line the details are

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## CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

**Janet Brown would like to wish all family and friends a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.**

**Pat and family wish to send a Happy Christmas and all good wishes for the New Year to friends and neighbours.**

# VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD



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## Bonsall Village Hall reopens

On Saturday 19th November Bonsall Village Hall was re opened by Trustee Leigh Johnson. Oliver Savage, representing the National Lottery Community Fund joined us for the event and was thrilled to see how we had spent the grant. We thanked the Lottery, for their huge contribution, Better Derbyshire Dales fund, Duke of Devonshire charitable trust and to help get

us started The local projects fund and the Earnest Bailey charity.

The Village Hall porch has been repaired, steps have replaced the steep ramp to the front door, a wheelchair friendly lift has been installed to allow access into the hall, through a semi automatic door to the side of the porch. New lighting has been fitted down the path, the path has been resurfaced and railings similar to the surrounding railings have

been installed. The Village Hall site has its limitations, but the improvements should make access easier for visitors with physical disabilities. Two visitors in wheelchairs and a stall holder who came to the Winter Fair held on the reopening day, said it had helped them access the hall.

**Hazel Baldwin, Chair**

## Winter Fair at the Village Hall

Many village people came to the Winter Fair to have drink, cake, sausage roll, and buy something unique from the stalls. We had many raffle prizes donated by local businesses and thank The Fountain tea rooms, The Barley Mow and Kings Head pubs, Wells garden centre, Crich Tram museum, The chocolate shop, Cromford and many others. All proceeds will go towards maintaining and improving the Village Hall.

We hope to see more people use the Village Hall, so come and have a look around when thinking of having an event, celebration or meeting.

**Hazel Baldwin, Chair**

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### Bonsall CE Primary School pupils mark Armistice Day

Two lovely girls from Class 3, Lola and Lily, discussed their reactions to Remembrance Day. They had learned a lot about Flanders Fields and were very concerned about all the people who had died, as well as lots of horses and other animals. Lily's family have the medals for Robert Worthy, their relation, who died in one of the World Wars.

Class 3 wrote a poem about poppies. They knew how the poppies had grown and flourished in the disturbed ground where the battles took place, and they are now a symbol of peace. They made beautiful poppies out of clay and painted them red with splashes of orange and purple. (The paint came off on their fingers if the clay was still wet!) Then they covered them in a coat of glue which



### Bonsall Players Pantomime

Bonsall Players are pleased to announce that next year's pantomime will be Jack and the Beanstalk.

Save the dates - Friday 24 February doors open 6.30pm for 7pm performance, and Saturday 25 February doors open 1.30pm for 2pm performance, and 6.30pm for 7pm performance.

Tickets go on sale Monday  
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insider info on cast members and sneaky  
peeks at how rehearsals are going!

**Jayne Allsop**





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made the poppies glisten. They are on show in the church porch.

On Friday, Class 3 walked down to the Cross. Everyone who wished to, read out their thoughtful poems, trying to read with clear, loud voices.

Then there was 2 minutes silence and they reflected on all the sad things that happen in war, including what is happening in Ukraine.

It felt calm and peaceful while they stood together quietly.

**Rebecca Smart**

### Bunting family

Our great great grandmother, Jane Warren, was born in Devon but moved up to Derbyshire to work in the paper-making mills. She was twice widowed but then married William Bunting, who was living on Yeoman Street in 1871. He died in 1879 and was buried in St James' Church. William had 3 children, Mary, b 1844, William b 1849 and Eliza b 1852. If anyone has any knowledge of Jane and/or William Bunting, we would love to hear from them.

Karen Firth and  
Richard Kirk,  
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or 9 Ember Lane.

Thank you

**Karen Firth**



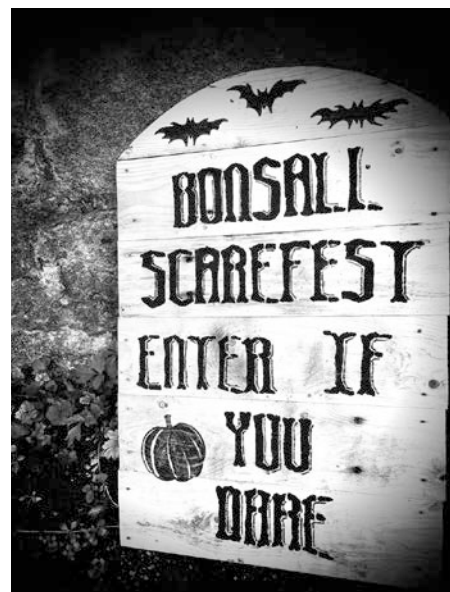
### Halloween

Such a fun time setting up these incredible scenes of horror for Halloween!

Bonsall is so very lucky to have the setting of the 17th century Bonsall Cross area, plus a very creative and fun community that make these annual gatherings so unique.

Thank you to Amy Hancock for opening the Manor House, Julie Howell, a national exhibition designer, for setting up Miss Havisham's decaying wedding breakfast table, and to Helen for becoming such a Miss Havisham star and looking very ethereal and ghostly in an old dress and net curtain. Stunning!

Lots going off by the Cross with Mark and Doro's legendary House of Horror open again and Benji



and Claire's brilliant Freddy Krugar lair extremely scary and immersive. Both venues were very popular with the children.

Thanks to Robert and Louise Stevenson for lending the Queen's Head!

It has truly been wonderful to have life back to normality again after the pandemic.

We have raised £250 for the Parents and Teachers Association. Thankyou Bonsall Open Gardens for the £100 donation included too.

The children had the greatest time, and to say the heavens opened at exactly 6 pm when we started the event, well, it made no difference! Fun and hauntings were still had!

**Elisabeth Stoppard**

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## Bonsall Field Barn Project

Many thanks to the generous private donation of £6000 towards the Bonsall Field Barn Project and also Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust.

£4000 will go towards restoring two beautiful little barns on Horsedale and the remainder towards the restoration of Wingfield Station, the oldest surviving train station in the UK.

The Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust has helped with many buildings in Bonsall in recent times. As a registered charity, any donations for work on our field barns can go through the trust.

I have been a trustee now for nearly ten years and have been overjoyed to be part of the team that has

seen Aqueduct cottage (on the Cromford canal) restored to its former glory. Have a look online at the incredible work the trust has achieved over its 48 years.

I shall keep an update on the field barns as they are being restored on Horsedale.

The Field Barn Project has always been funded through private donations, fund raising and a grant from the quarry industry. Never from the tax payer.

**Liz Stoppard**

## Village Lunch

Looking forward to 2023 we are Happy to announce that the first meal of the year will be Wed 18 January in the newly refurbished Village Hall at 12:30pm.

For those who would like to join us for the first time we serve a two course meal followed by tea/coffee for £4 but a place must be booked by phoning 01629 826309 before 11 January to allow us time to plan. If you signed up at the Christmas meal there is no need to phone.

Best wishes to all for the Festive season.

**Jenny March**

## Bonsall Senior Citizens

As we all know, it has been a very stressful, sad time these last 2 ½ years. Therefore (until these last few months) we have been unable to do fundraising. So, sadly, we are unable to organise a Christmas outing. But we are hoping to see you all in the New Year/early spring. Until then, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. We would also like to say a big 'Thank you' to Richard & Kath Taylor and Andy & Sam at the Kings Head for the generous donation from the Harvest Auction in October. It is very much appreciated.

**Janet Brown** on behalf of the Bonsall Senior Citizens Committee.

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## EPC reports demystified

### Part 4, Insulation

Peter Greaves continues his examination of inconsistencies in EPC reports by surveyors.

#### Cavity walls.

17 properties with cavity walls are (assumed) not to have insulation. Two of these are nevertheless rated 'Average' and 13 'Poor', with only two 'Very Poor'. Of 70 properties that have cavity-wall insulation, 12 are rated 'Average', two 'Very Good' and the rest 'Good'. Those with none and rated 'Poor' had potential points increases of +1, +3, +8, +9. Those with insulation and rated 'Good' had potential points increase of +4, and three of the 'Average' properties +3, and one +4. There was no consistency in the markings (all that had no insulation should have the same ranking) nor in the enhancement due to insulation.

#### Solid Walls.

130 properties. A lack of knowledge by the surveyors reports these walls to be constructed of granite, whinstone, sandstone, limestone or brick. One property with internal insulation is ranked 'Very Good', 10 with internal insulation are 'Good'. Of those without insulation, 14 are ranked 'Poor' and 105 'Very Poor'. Points potential varies from +1 (three properties), +2 (2), +3 (3), +4 (5), +5 (8), +6 (3), +7 (7), +8 (6), +9 (7), +10 (9), +11 (5), +12 (9), +13 (4), +14 (3), +15 (7), +16 (11), +17 (5), +18 (7), +19 (2), +20 (3), +21 (3), +22 (2), +23, +24, +25 (2), +28. In some cases the cost of installing insulation has "no information available", but where it is shown it ranges from £4,000 to £14,000 and the annual savings are from £177 to £488.

#### Floors.

17 properties with solid floors were assumed to be insulated (although one of these was recommended floor insulation at a cost of £4,000-6,000 with an annual saving of £27 and 2 points on their ranking). Of 113 properties with a solid floor and (assumed) no insulation, 23 properties were not recommended insulation, 32 were recommended a solution costing £800-1,200 with savings ranging from £28 to £215.89 pa and points from +1 (four properties), +2 (9), +3 (6), +4 (3), +5 (2). 57 were recommended a solution costing £4,000-6000 with savings ranging from £27 to £177 pa and points from +1 (17 properties), +2 (30), +3 (12), +4 (3), +5 (3) to +6 (1).

17 properties had a suspended floor and (assumed) no insulation. Of these, 10 properties were not recommended insulation, seven were recommended a solution costing £800-1,200 with savings ranging from £44 to £136 pa and points from +1 (1), +3 (3), +4 (3). Eight properties had a solid floor where part of it was (assumed) to be insulated. One was not recommended insulation, four properties were recommended the £4,000-6000 solution (savings £44 - £129), points +1 (3), +2 (1), and three properties the £800-1,200 solution (savings £96.92 - £177.38), points +1 (1), +3 (2).

Where the floor was part-solid and part-suspended, there was one property where both areas were (assumed) to be insulated and one where the suspended part was thought to be uninsulated. Neither of these properties were recommended for insulation. However, five properties where the solid floor was thought to be uninsulated but the suspended area insulated were all recommended for the £800-1,200 solution with savings of £53 - £168 and points +1 (2), +2 (1), +3 (1), +4 (1).

#### Lofts.

The thickness of the insulation determined the ranking: No insulation 'Very Poor', 25mm to 50mm 'Poor', 75mm to 100mm (11 properties), 'Average'. 150-270mm 'Good', 300mm (five properties) 'Very Good'. Increase 0 to 270mm gave points increases of +2, +6, +7, Increase 25mm to 270mm gave points increase of +4, Increase 50mm to 270mm gave points increase of +4. Increase 100mm to 270mm gave points increases of +1 (2), +2 (3). Increase 150mm to 270mm gave points increase of +1. Increase 200mm to 270 gave points increase of +1. Surprisingly even where no loft insulation was present it was not always recommended. The cost was suggested as £100-350 with payback within a year.

Peter Greaves

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### Home grown energy. Not costing the earth!

The report sharing (some of) Bonsall's resident's views on how renewable energy might be generated in the Parish will be available at the Community Energy Vision meeting on Tuesday 6 December at 7.00pm at the Village Hall.

Back in the summer and with help from the CPRE (UK's countryside charity) the village hosted a short series of workshops where residents discussed e.g. what do we value about our local landscape; how much energy does Bonsall need and could we generate our own? All the suggestions and ideas have been gathered into a short report.

Entitled 'The future of Renewable Energy in Bonsall – A community vision' the report offers a starting point for the village meeting on 6 December. Please come and share your ideas, add detail for the report or correct any assumptions. Hopefully the meeting will be a spring-board to further developing a renewable energy scheme for the village. The report will be a valuable tool for progressing our renewable energy ideas to a Feasibility Stage.

We need to have a community-friendly, low-carbon countryside, where the choices of how and where energy is generated are made by residents. With extremes of weather more frequent and international energy supplies less reliable, renewable energy make good sense. Fuel prices are soaring, so local



energy generation could avoid the stark choice between 'heating or eating'.

Please join us at the Village Meeting on Tuesday 6 December at 7.00pm at the Village Hall.

If you would like a copy of the draft Bonsall community energy report, please email the mutterings@hotmail.com

**Wendy Bullar**

### Weedkiller Ban in Bonsall

The recent Parish Council meeting usefully gave an insight into the issues that the current glyphosate ban in Bonsall gives rise to. Glyphosate is manufactured, predominantly for use in agriculture, but this does not justify its use on local verges and roadsides. It is increasingly acknowledged that it has negative impacts on food chains which support biodiversity within the local

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area. Studies have also revealed that glyphosate, also known as Roundup, is toxic to the normal metabolism of dairy cows, as well as it being catastrophic for pollinators and the wider food chain, which verges support.

Wilder Bonsall therefore greatly respects the Parish's ongoing ban on such weedkiller use. Also classed as 'probably carcinogenic', glyphosate is dangerous to the people who administer it and to those exposed to it. Scientists believe it affects human biochemical pathways and is linked to hormonal disruption. While firm evidence for these health effects is hard to accumulate, the existing evidence suggests that Bonsall's rejection of glyphosate is beneficial for plant and humans alike.

However, we acknowledge this creates issues with a narrowing roads and soil accumulation. Wilder Bonsall's willing volunteers are working to cut back self-setters and, in conjunction with other community members, aims to organise voluntary sessions to clear roadside growth manually. This will not only bring together members of the community, but is ecologically friendly. We want to see a thriving population of insects and pollinators, such as butterflies and bees, next summer, so any voluntary help with our goals would be greatly appreciated. We know that together we can sustain a ban on glyphosate weedkillers, creating a wilder Bonsall and inspiring other local Parishes to do the same.

**Molly Ross**

## Food for Thought (carbon saving)

As we approach the run-up to Christmas, I am aware that never before have we had quite such a bleak outlook. The world is in chaos, the planet burning and the cost of living rising by the day; how are we to feel festive when everything feels so overwhelming?

For me, all this has inspired a bit of a rethink. As we'd usually be piling into the supermarkets and department stores around now, queuing up to spend our hard-earned cash (on statistically 20% of unused food and gifts), I wondered is there another way?

I recently read the book 'How Bad Are Bananas? The Carbon Footprint of Everything' (not too awful if you're wondering, but bear with me...) and, without wanting to rub salt in an already sore wound, it has really left me thinking.

A banana actually has a fairly low carbon footprint compared to what you'd expect (around 110g CO<sub>2</sub>), because they're grown naturally and keep well, so typically travel by boat and ripen in their own 'packaging'. Whereas other out-of-season or shorter-life products, such as green beans, which are hot-housed and flown from countries like Kenya, have a much higher footprint. They are inevitably mass produced, sprayed with chemicals and over-selected for supermarket appeal (no wonky beans). I won't go into the animals, it's just too sad.

There is a solution that is much better for us, the planet and for the economy. Buying local and in-season goods is a brilliant way to make sure that our bodies are getting the very best nutrients and minerals from quality soil to keep us healthy, reduce emissions and support local British farmers and independent businesses above the greedy supermarkets, stimulating the UK economy just when it needs it most. Lots of reasons to feel good about that, in body and spirit!

I've been using a local farm delivery service called Ooooby ([www.Trinityfarm.co.uk](http://www.Trinityfarm.co.uk)) who bring locally grown, farm fresh products to my door every Friday, with handpicked items (coffee, cakes and booze too!). Much less hassle than shopping, less packaging, plus you get to have a natter with the driver, Scott. You might also like to go via The Farmer's market on a Tuesday morning if planning a trip to Wirksworth. It's always a





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pleasure to meet local producers. Or better still, share and swap home-grown. Seems to tick all the boxes doesn't it?

### Carbon footprint from different types of food shopping

	Kg CO2
Vegan, no airfreight, no waste	17
Vegan, average	36
Vegetarian, average	46
Average diet, including meat	61
Average diet, including meat, airfreight	88

*(From Mike Berners-Lee's 'How Bad Are Bananas?', a week's food shopping)*

Imagine if we had one delivery-van per week coming to Bonsall, saving all of those supermarket trips, airfreight, plastic production, and the rest... Imagine what a big impact that small change could make. Could we set the example for a more carbon-neutral community-based future? I'd like to think so.

With lots of love and  
Season's best wishes,

**Amy Hancock**

P.S. here are some other carbon- and money-saving Christmas tips for inspiration

- Shop meaningful or second-hand gifts (try Ebay)
- Make your own gifts, search Youtube and TikTok for craft ideas
- Invite people to be honest about liking their gifts and keep receipts!
- Play friends or family secret Santa
- Buy recyclable wrapping (or gift bags)
- Choose who you visit and in how many cars
- Be imaginative with leftovers (try [www.lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com))
- Go veggie for a day or two (try [www.maxlamanna.com](http://www.maxlamanna.com))
- Plan meals to buy less and balance overeating in the coming weeks
- Burn Hempcrete blocks instead of logs

## PARISH COUNCIL



## Report for 15 November 2022 meeting

### Plants & Paths

A member of the public said that although the Mutterings report in October referred to evidence that growth in verges can inhibit flooding, flooding is exacerbated when growth prevents water draining away. He noted that the situation is much better since Cllr S Smith cleared the verge at the bottom of Church St. Cllr Grover offered to remove self-sets from Clatterway.

### Motocross on the moor

Cllr Purdy reported that the Legal Dept at the District Council is still considering how to proceed with legal action against the operators of the motocross site. Potential escalation was discussed due on-going issues with the site.

### Village sign

Questions were raised about issues involving this including cost, legal requirements and maintenance. Cllr Taylor provided a summary of requirements. Cllrs Barry and Grover offered to consider the matter and report back to the Council in due course.

### Website

Cllr Taylor reported on meetings between herself, Cllr Tobin and Brett Biedscheid. There is now a photograph on the website and she presented a proposal for managing the website. There was a discussion as to whether there should be an added page containing links to websites of local businesses and community groups, and concern was expressed that this should not detract from Mutterings which relies on paid advertising. It was felt there is a general need to understand how the system will work: for example, who has access, who will be responsible for which process. It was agreed Cllr Taylor should prepare an explanation.

### Quarrying update

Cllr Harris reported that he had attended the meeting of the Quarry Liaison Group. Complaints from Bonsall resident have decreased in the last 3 months. There has been agreement to reinstate a footpath at the quarry. There has also been concern at the amount of mud on the roads.

# PARISH COUNCIL



## Christmas trees

Council agreed to give funds for a Christmas tree and some new decorations for the Cross. Clerk to liaise with Mark Sobey who has offered to arrange.

## Park and Vehicle Park

Council discussed damage to park benches caused by being used for bike jumps. These benches were donated for everyone to use and they have proved to be a lovely resource for picnics and socialising so this damage must stop. There was a discussion about the vehicle which is still parked in the vehicle park and the Clerk will write to the owners again. It was agreed the Clerk will contact Valley View to follow-up on their generous offer to carry out re-surfacing work. The King's Head has kindly prepared their Yeoman St car park so a bin can be put there for the flood sacks. Clerk will purchase a suitable bin and liaise with P Spencer to decide the best place to put the bin currently used for flood sacks so it can be used for grit. Clerk will continue efforts to have the doors of the WC's mended.

## Trees

The Clerk reported that she has one quote for removing the dead lime tree branch by the school gate, but is waiting for another from Emery Landscapes. She will report back once she receives it.

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 20 December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. If you have any issues to be raised at the meeting, please contact the clerk Julia Milverton with details by 8 December.

### Clerk and Finance Officer:

**Julia Milverton** 69 Yeoman Street DE4 2AA. T: 07306 311451; email [bonsallclerk@gmail.com](mailto:bonsallclerk@gmail.com).

## 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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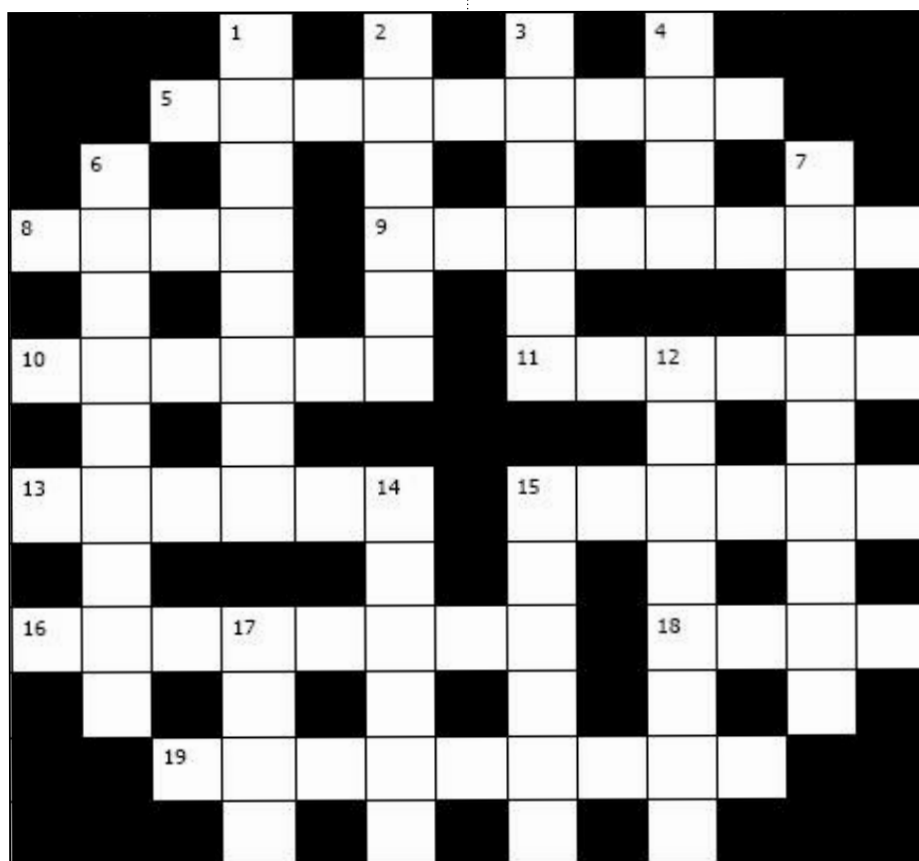
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## PRIZE CROSSWORD #145



Here is the **PRIZE CROSSWORD** for Christmas.

### Across:

5. Stealth an activity for this 12 (second word). (9)
8. 12 (second word) seen in Carlisle area. (4)
9. Ignore six deliveries on air. (8)
10. First captive eaten by giant, playing? Yes! (6)
11. Father hides a crazy dog in tower. (6)
13. America took a long time to create customs. (6)
15. Little Bill grabbed pig on ship. (6)
16. Artist botches 12 (second word). (8)
18. 12 (second word). Body travelled west with no resistance. (4)
19. 12 (second word) is musing about on the first of December. (9)

### Down:

1. Reportedly pounds 12 (first word). (8)
2. Fit musk (e.g.) into empty bag. (6)
3. Snake bites Mack (possibly sparked out!) (6)
4. 12 (second word). Short girl goes up to enter university? No, the opposite! (4)
6. See 12.
7. 12 (first word). Rising today, the German drunk is cut short! (9)
- 12 & 6. Zeus (maybe) eats duck family, followed by bottomless tumbler full of heartless birds, for a song! (4,4,9)
14. Finch is back on film. (6)
15. Take on a special problem with drug. (6)
17. Kier bamboozled 12 (second word). (4)

**Drop your answers into the Old Rectory on Church Street by Christmas Day and first out of the hat will get a couple of bottles of wine to help see in the New Year!**

### Answers to Crossword No. 144

Across: 5. Moonshine. 8. Aqua. 9. Resident. 10. Masses. 11. Yum Yum. 13. Giants. 15. Grubby. 16. Eagle Owl. 18. Fire. 19. Stockroom. Down: 1. Mocassin. 2. Snorts. 3 & 15. Whisky Galore (Gorka is one of the professional dancers in Strictly, so I was pleased with this clue!) 4. Dine. 6. Aqua Vitae. 7. In Numbers. 12. Moufflon. 14. Scotch. 17. Lots.



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Krystina

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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

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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

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# Mutterings

## Diary for December

Date		Event	Venue
Fri	2	3.30pm to 6pm – Winter Fair in Bonsall School	Bonsall School
Sun	4	10am to 1pm Wreath making in the Village Hall	Village Hall
Mon	5	10:30am to 3pm Church market	St James Church
Tues	6	Grey Bins and food caddy	
		7pm Community Energy Vision Meeting	Village Hall
Sun	11	9:30am Eucharist	St James Church
Tues	13	Blue and Green Bins and food caddy	
Wed	14	Village Christmas Lunch	Village Hall
Fri	16	3:30pm to 5:30pm, Movie Night	Bonsall School
Tues	20	Grey Bins and food caddy	
		7:30pm Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Thurs	23	7pm Ecumenical Carol Service	St James Church
Sat	25	9:30am Eucharist, The Archdeacon Carol	St James Church
Wed	28	Blue and Green Bins and food caddy	

## Diary for January

Date		Event	Venue
Tue	3	Grey Bins and food caddy	
Sun	8	9:30am Eucharist	St James Church
Tues	10	Blue and Green Bins and food caddy	
Tues	17	Grey Bins and food caddy	
		7:30pm Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Wed	18	12:30pm Village Lunch	Village Hall
Sun	22	9:30am Eucharist	St James Church
Mon	23	Noon, deadline for submissions of Mutterings articles for Feb issue	
Tues	24	Blue and Green Bins and food caddy	
Tues	31	Grey Bins and food caddy	

### Future Events in February:

Fri 24 Feb      7pm Jack and the Beanstalk panto', Bonsall School  
 Sat 25 Feb      2pm and 7pm Jack and the Beanstalk panto', Bonsall School