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T'Owd Man's Mutterings



WORLD BOOK DAY AT BONSCALL SCHOOL

photo by Rebecca Smart



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

CHURCH NEWS

St James

Church Services in April::

Sunday 2 Palm Sunday
Eucharist at 9.30am

Sunday 9 Easter Day Service at 9.30am
including the thatching of the cross

Sunday 16 The Annual PCC meeting
in Church at 11am. All welcome

Sunday 23 Eucharist at 9.30am

Di Moor & Revd Rod Prince
(Associate Priest)

Village Life Church

We meet every Sunday @ 10:30am
in the church building and online at
villagelifechurch.online.church.

Craft Club Every Tuesday 2pm

Coffee Morning Thursday 13 April
10am to 12pm, Drop in and stay for as
long as you want. All are welcome.

We have various other events and
gatherings each month. For the
full details of our calendar, please
don't hesitate to contact us: email:
villagelifechurchbonsall@gmail.
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Pastor Matthew Quinn
Bonsall Camp Site Manager

Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel (The Dale)

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

Cuppa and Cake Friday 21 April 2.00 -
4.00pm

All are welcome to join with us.

Judy Land

New Team Rector for Wirksworth Team Ministry

In early February Rev Neil Griffiths was
interviewed for the role of Team Rector.
As part of the process Neil visited all the
churches in our team and met some of
the staff, volunteers and parishioners.
He also had lunch at Jimmy's café in
Bonsall church and led an interactive
School Assembly in Kirk Ireton. We
are pleased to announce that Rev Neil
Griffiths, Rector of Colsterworth Group
of Churches, Diocese of Lincoln has
been appointed Rector of the Wirksworth
Team Ministry. Neil will be licensed by
Bishop Libby at St Mary's, Wirksworth
at 7.30pm on Thursday 25 May and his
first Sunday will be Pentecost on 28 May.
Please pray for Neil and his wife, Lesley,
and all the people of Colsterworth and
our team in this time of change.

Wirksworth Team Ministry

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Easter is my favourite Christian
celebration. You can keep Christmas but
Easter is for me at the heart of my faith.
Not because it promises eternal life – be
careful what you wish for; but because
it offers hope, that is Christian hope;
not I hope for a better time, a win on the
lottery but like the rainbow for Noah,
it is a covenant, an expression by God
of His continuing joy in and love for his
creation. Easter is perhaps the final proof
of Advent that God is with us, not just
for a short spell on earth but always, in
life, through death and into life eternal.
The glory of the resurrection is not in
its miraculous nature, that would make
it the greatest of all conjuring tricks but
in the love it reveals. Of all the stories
about the encounters of Jesus' followers
after his resurrection, for me the most
moving is the first one; Jesus meets Mary
Magdalene. Lost in her grief she fails to
recognise her risen Lord and the depth
of tenderness in that encounter is deeply
moving. You, like she wants to reach
out and hold the person you thought
lost. Men should feel humbled too; for
Jesus appeared first to a woman. The
first person to know of God's immanent
arrival on earth was a woman. The first
person to receive the revelation of eternal
life was a woman. Perhaps if men saw
themselves more in a support role and
less in a leading one humanity might be
in better shape.

Religions all come with their own
baggage and that baggage increases

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.

with time; no more so than in the case
of Western Christianity. The baggage
masks the glory and smothers the life and
energy of the message

I read a book recently entitled Speaking
of Jesus. It was given to me by Revd
Nick Grayshon the retired Vicar of Holy
Trinity Church in Matlock Bath. In the
inside cover he wrote that it would help
me to preach Christ in my ministry. It
has and it will. The book is written by
a man who has spent his whole life
involved in Christian ministry and
missionary activity. For many years
he was based in Beirut in the Lebanon
talking to Muslims about Christianity.
He became increasingly frustrated by
the difficulties and the resistance he
encountered when talking to people of all
faiths and none about Christianity. No
sooner had he started talking to others
than he found himself having to defend
the accumulated baggage that is the
legacy of history – slavery, persecution,
colonialism, misogyny, abuse, the
inquisition, multiple interpretations
and internal disagreements and much,
much more. He could not get past first
base. All his attempts to talk about the
Christian faith were thwarted by baggage.
So, he talked of Jesus as a person and
that made the connection. This Easter
jettison the baggage and read of Jesus
the person, God made flesh, and see if
you like His message better when free
of the accumulated mistakes of human
intervention over the last 2,000 years.

Rev Rod Prince

FLOODLIGHTING

On the 2nd of the month, Sharon,
Andrew and Andrew have loving
memories of their mum, Marjorie,
on her birthday. The 5th of the month
brings special memories of Kevin for
Val, Steven and children, also Kevin's
parents, Ken and Celia Baker. Loreen,
Steve, Robert and Lorna fondly think of
Jack and Dorothy Malone during April.
Dorinda remembers Colin Broad with
love. Stephen, Trisha and families fondly
remember Joan Gregory. April 21st is a
special day for Janet, Hayley, Laura and
their families when they remember David
with much love. David and Caroline
Kirkham remember David's mum,
Muriel, especially on the 25th of the
month; she is forever in their thoughts.

Di Moor

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LETTERS

Glyphosate

It was with great sadness that I learned of the Parish Council's decision to resume the spraying of glyphosate weed killer on the Clatterway and Church Street. With growing concern for global food security due to lack of pollination, and ever-increasing biodiversity loss, it can be hard to have hope for the future when we still lack the policies to protect much of the environment. Even little actions, such as weed killer use on road verges can have a knock-on impact, which adds to the snowball of nature's decline. However, this news only reflects what conservationists struggle with on a national scale. Councils and governments worldwide are struggling with policy making to balance both the environment and human priorities such as transport ease, road conditions and the cost-of-living crisis. Decision making involving both human safety and the environment is recognisably complex. There is a widely held attitude that governing bodies must be the first to make decisions to protect nature. I would argue that we should take this opportunity to reflect on our own lives, and consider how, when the change is not coming from above, the change can come from within. We can all make small changes to benefit the world we inhabit - from reducing household food waste, to adding wilder elements to gardens, there are multitudes of ways we can collectively make a difference, without the need for council input. Reducing food waste can save hundreds of pounds a year on an individual level, and growing your own food, from herbs to potatoes can be a great start to a more sustainable and self-sustaining lifestyle. The council's decision may be a setback, but it is also an opportunity to seek other ways to protect nature and to keep gathering support for a wilder community. **Molly Ross**

Litter

In this issue you will read about our wonderful day of planting and tribute to Elizabeth II, including involvement of our local school. Prior to the ceremony I decided to prepare by clearing litter from the road at the Fountain, the car park and the field/ playpark. It took me about an hour. I collected plenty of plastic - bottles, wrappers, a discarded football etc. I also tidied up a number of items of young peoples' clothes leaving them in the playpark or off the grass.

I would like to invite residents to choose an area of the village which is used by the public which needs tidying of litter (and contact the parish clerk with your suggestions and pledges) to help keep it clean of plastic rubbish. I would like to think the council will support our efforts to improve the village and we may have a donation of litter picking devices and/or gloves so we can organise a litter clear-up at least annually, as many other councils do. The Keep Britain Tidy website is an annual campaign and I am proposing we join it. They say 'The Great British Spring Clean and Great Big School Clean 2023 will take place from 17 March to 2 April, and you can pledge to pick up a bag of litter - or more - from today.' We don't have to do this within those dates, but for future years it could be a reminder.

Sue Quick

Carnival programme adverts

Would you like to advertise your business in this year's carnival programme? Not only will you, hopefully, gain some new business, but you'll be helping to ensure the future of our village carnival. Prices range from £20 to £70 depending on the size of your advert. Please contact me on 07415 607016 or email jayneallsop18@gmail.com by the end of April to discuss. Thanks.

Jayne Allsop

VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

Village Hall Lunch

Happy Easter everyone, and thank you to the Village Hall decorators! The window decorations were much appreciated. We had another enjoyable get together in March with a meal of sausage, chips and peas, Yorkshire pudding and onion gravy followed by freshly baked scones with jam and cream (thank you, Anne Punchard!)

If you would like to join us on Wednesday, 19 April at 12:30 pm, please phone 826309 before 12 April, unless you have already put your name on the sign-up sheet. Please mention if you have any special dietary needs or would like a take out in returnable containers.

New faces are always welcome!

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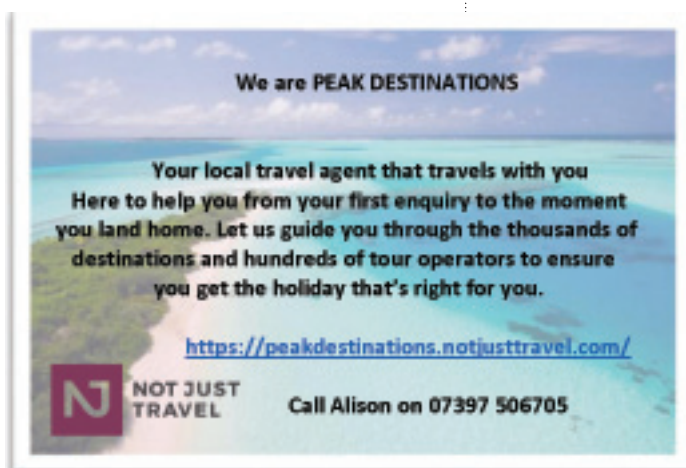
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Bonsall Players Pantomime-

Jack and the Beanstalk

Did you know that Bonsall has its very own drama group? Oh, yes it does! Did you know that their latest production -Jack and the Beanstalk- sold out for all three performances? Oh yes it did!

And what performances they gave. There ain't nothing like a dame.....and when it comes to Mac there certainly isn't! Our very own milkman, David Allsop, played Simple Simon, the loveable but hapless dairyman with aplomb. King Bertram was played by Sharon Rowlands ...a veritable power house. Our very own bad asses (can I say that?) were Jayne "where's me wig", Allsop and Rachael "my wand's bigger", Richardson. Their first foray into bad characters ..and, on the strength of this performance, won't be their last. Sarah Smith was the very lovely princess and Bonsall School's Class 1 teacher, Kelly Burton, a fearless Jack. But where did you find the giant? I hear you ask. Peter Greaves of course! And what a giant he was, complete with his own steps and club. The Good Fairy was just magical. I loved the light up wings. How Claire Land managed to do that part as well as such a superb job at directing I just don't know. You can't have Jack and the Beanstalk without a very special cow. Step forward Freya land and Kate Humphreys who were just so sassy and bold in a fantastic costume made by Sharon Rowlands. The chorus: Hazel Baldwin, Sandra Harris, Leanne Hicklin, Tom Rowlands, Lorraine Taylor and Louise Ward, had no idea what they had let themselves in for. Hazel Baldwin had said "as long as I don't have to dance." Well, famous last words... no fewer than 4 dances later..... Talking of dancing, Krystina and Lesley always knew those tap lessons would come in handy one day. Imagine being upstaged by your own costume! Thank you, Daisy Butler. Mike Richardson did a superb job on sound and lights. Thank you to Finn Shannon for lending his lamps.

That just leaves you, the audience! Panto just doesn't work without a good audience and you were Simply The Best. You booed in the right places, laughed and clapped, exhorted Simon to be brave. The children, too, were amazing at sweeping the show along. We were bowled over by the enthusiasm and goodwill. You raised the amazing total of...drumroll.....£2190 for the PTFA funds which will be put to great use for our village school. Along with the fantastic sum of £464.74 from the PTFA bar

Thank you. See you next year! Oh, yes, you will! **Lesley Murhall** on behalf of Bonsall Players



Bonsall Carnival Easter Raffle

Roll up, roll up for the Easter Raffle to raise funds for the Brilliant Bonsall Carnival! Tickets are only £1 to give you the chance to win some awesome prizes. The list keeps growing, but here's what we have already:

£50 cash prize

Gulliver's Kingdom: 3 Tickets

Barley Mow: 2 Course meal for 2

Kings Head: Meal for 2

The Boat Inn Cromford: £40 voucher

Chatsworth House: House & Garden 2 Adults and 3 children

Haddon Hall: Family Ticket 2 Adults & 2 Children

Matlock Town FC: Family Ticket to any game

White Peak Distillery: Tour for 2 people

New Bath Hotel & Spa: Cream Tea for 2

Beautiful crocheted blanket from Sue Knowles and cardmaking-workshop voucher for 2

Move & Massage: Sports Massage

Racheal: £30 Treatment voucher

Baileys Barn: 3- or 4-Night Stay (locals for family)

Benji Brownlee original Painting

Lavender Gardens: Artificial flower arrangement

Hamper of wine, chocolate and treats.

Taylor Wilde: Gift Voucher

The carnival committee will be delighted to sell you tickets as they door-knock in the next few weeks. You can also buy tickets from The King's Head, The Barley mow or The Fountain Tea Rooms. The draw takes place on Easter Saturday 8 April.

Louise Stevenson

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Jane Warren - a papermaker's journey

Jane Warren was born at Countess Wear near Exeter on 31 August 1809 and baptised at nearby Topsham on 16 September that year. Her mother was also called Jane and her father Robert was probably a papermaker. On 10 July 1831 she married a papermaker from Darley Dale, Thomas Bestwick Debanks, at Ide near Exeter. Thomas was described as a 'sojourner' meaning that he had not settled in the area at that time.

Thomas had migrated to the area alongside (or following) his elder brother John, a foreman papermaker who between at least 1828-1830 was living at Wear Hamlet, probably working at Countess Wear Mills. John had inherited their father's papermaking business at Masson papermill near Cromford, but moved to Devon via Rickmansworth in Hertfordshire, another area known for its paper mills. Later, John was recorded as a wholesale stationer and dealer in paper, rags and rope at a shop in South Street, Exeter where tragically he lost three of nine children, including his eldest daughter, on one day in 1832, to the cholera outbreak there. None of his surviving children entered the paper trades.

I know nothing more about Thomas and Jane until their first child, also called John, was born on 27 December 1838 at Milnthorpe in Westmorland. John's birth was registered by his father Thomas, who was described as a papermaker, probably working at one of the Milnthorpe area paper mills. Then their second child, William Napoleon was born on 22 September 1839 at Brixham, Devon, where once again Thomas registered the birth and is described as a papermaker. Maybe he worked at the nearby famous Tuckenhay Paper Mill? I can find no more mention of Thomas in the records. Did he die unrecorded, emigrate or go to sea, influenced by the Brixham maritime trades or the seafaring sons of his brother John?

The next time Jane appears in the records is in the 1841 census when she is shown living with her two young sons in the household of Charles Hall, his wife, their five children and a young female servant at premises with the address of Higher Passage Lane, Topsham, near Exeter. Charles Hall was a well-known publican and ferryman and it seems probable that they were living at what is now the Passage House Inn on Topsham

waterfront. Jane is described in this census as 'Independent', rather than a widow.

Then at the 1851 census Jane and her sons are living at St Cuthbert's Street in Wells, Somerset, a short walk from the Wookey paper mills, including the Wookey Hole mill, now a visitor attraction where demonstrations of papermaking by hand can still be seen. At this time, she is lodging in a household headed by Sarah Chamberlain, and both women are described as journeywoman papermakers, but Jane's marital status was not recorded. Jane's sons now aged 13 and 11 are described as scholars.

At some point, Jane must have applied for parish support, because in 1850 the parish officials at Wells had endeavoured to re-settle her in her birthplace near Topsham. This move was successfully resisted by Topsham officials who pointed out that legally Jane's parish of settlement should be that of her (seemingly late) husband Thomas i.e., Darley Dale in Derbyshire, where she should seek support.

Jane did go and settle in Derbyshire, along with her two sons, John working as a coal miner in Ashover and William as a quarrier in Cromford. Whether she found support in Darley Dale (or possibly from her husband's relatives still living nearby) I don't know, but in 1859 she re-married at Holloway, to William Hadfield or Hatfield, a widowed framework knitter, when they were both living in Matlock. Unfortunately, William died suddenly in June 1862, and she married another William on 8 February

1863 in Bonsall. William Bunting was himself a papermaker, probably at Dunsley Mill, and they were living in Yeoman Street in 1871. Jane died on 31 August 1879 (her birthday) of 'natural decay' and was laid to rest at Bonsall Parish Church in an unmarked grave two days later - a resourceful and, for the age, an extremely well-travelled lady. Such personal stories play out against the background of a papermaking industry rapidly changing from a skilled handicraft to mechanised mass production in the early 1800s. These families moved long distances hopefully (and desperately?) to find mills where their skills were still needed and could be affirmed. Jane was my great-great-great-grandmother.

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Papermaking

(From Bonsall - a village and its history)

There were many small papermaking factories in Derbyshire during the 19th century. George Simons from Nottingham started a paper factory on the Clatterway in Bonsall Hollow in 1850. The census of the following year records George Wragg as a 'paper maker overlooker' living on the Clatterway with his wife, Ann, and two daughters. George arrived in the village from Matlock the year before, and it is likely that he was brought in to manage the factory on behalf of George Simons. Ann was a sorter in the paper factory. Living next door were Hannah Davis, a retired paper maker from Redditch, and her son John, who worked as a grinder in the paper works. It is possible that Hannah may have been brought in to assist in setting up the factory.

Swift running water was essential for paper making, and the brook flowing down Clatterway provided the power for the pulping machinery and the clean water to mix with the shredded rags to form the pulp. This was then drained to form soft sheets of tissue paper, which were pressed in a simple screw press and dried to form sheets of paper. The paper was likely to be brown wrapping paper, used by shopkeepers for wrapping groceries, ironmongery, parcels, hosiery etc.

Bonsall CE (VA) Primary School

The Governors of Bonsall Primary School would like to wholeheartedly thank everyone who played any part in the production of Jack and the Beanstalk. The performances were so enjoyable and entertaining and will provide the school with significant funding to support the curriculum and planned activities. Thank you to everyone.

Our school is a huge part of the village community and is governed by twelve governors. As there have been some changes recently, this is the present governing body. As a voluntary aided school the majority of the governors are appointed by the Diocese upon recommendation by the PCC. At the present time they are

Di Moor (Chair)

Caroline Kirkham

Louise Stevenson

Also:

Kim Gray LEA (Co-Vice Chair)

Tom Harrison & Alison Clifford, Parent Governors

Kate Samways, Staff representative

Member of the Clergy Ex-Officio, Vacant

Rebecca Smart, Headteacher Ex-Officio

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

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

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

Di Moor

Although waste cloth would be available locally from the textile mills, there was unlikely to be enough, particularly as the Via Gellia mill and Cromford mills were involved in spinning cotton at this time. Rags were therefore supplied by 'rag-and-bone men' who collected them from all over the county.

George Simons's paper works on the Clatterway operated for twenty years and employed five people as rag-sorters and another seven as rag-cutters. Rag sorting and cutting were unskilled jobs and many of those employed were in their teens. There were also two older paper makers, Robert and William Bunting, and Robert's daughter, Sarah, who worked as a paste-board maker. Other jobs included an 'engine tender' (tender) and paper sorters, giving a total of twenty-two employees. They were often fathers, mothers and children from the same family.

In 1870 it seems that the company was merged with another business operated by a Mr. Pickard of Matlock Bath, and the company became 'Simons and Pickard'. Production moved from the Clatterway to Dunsley Mill in the Via Gellia, and there was another factory in Matlock Bath, producing cartridges and pasteboards. This paper-mill was built around 1771 by Robert Shore of Snitterton and George White of Winster and was still in operation at the beginning of the 20th Century.

Ann Hambly (Co-Vice Chair)

Norma Marshall

Jackie Smith

Coppa Feel Quiz Night

Tuesday 11 April 7pm at Village Hall.

£5 entry. £1 for under 16. Nibbles, tea and coffee provided. Bring your own booze. Prizes to be won! Preferably teams of 6 for the quiz, but still come along if you've not got a team as we can add people together. Organised by Leanne Willmot from Yeoman Street, who received a breast cancer diagnosis in February last year. After a hellish year of surgery, chemotherapy, radiotherapy and hormone therapy, she is now raising money for a charity called 'Coppa Feel'. Coppa Feel aims to raise awareness for early breast cancer detection in young people, for educating young women and men how to "coppa feel". In June Leanne is trekking 100km over 5 days along the route of Hadrian's Wall. Hope to see you there!

Leanne Willmott

World Book Day

"Book Day was so much fun," said Mia and Lola, bouncing around excitedly with the opportunity to chat about it. Mia and Lola, in Year 6, have looked forward to World Book Day each year, but for them, this year was the greatest! From Reception class they have listened to other children read their favourite stories whilst dressed up as one of their favourite characters from the book. Finally, in Year 6, Lola and Mia got to read to ALL the children, in groups of around 7, from Reception up to Year 5. Lola dressed in her market clothes and Mia dressed as the old lady with a cardigan and her hair in a little bun, as characters from a favourite book. They had learned through past experience what they were expected to do and so were relaxed and confident about their performance. They read from a book called 'A Squash and a Squeeze', written by Julia Donaldson of 'Gruffalo' fame. It is about an old lady who was dissatisfied with her small house so she was given some very good advice, which she quickly followed. A pig, a hen a goat and a cow were all brought into her little cottage. "You can guess what happened," said the girls with delight. "The house was trashed!" So, the old lady threw them all out and without the animals the house felt gigantic and full of frolics and fiddlededees! Lola and Mia thought their mothers might like to try this experiment but unfortunately the children were not prepared to help clean up afterwards.

Rebecca Smart and Karen Firth



THE VILLAGE GREEN



Community Garden Tree Planting Ceremony

The Bonsall Spindle

The Queen's Green Canopy (queensgreencanopy.org) is a unique tree-planting initiative that was established to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. People from across the United Kingdom have been invited to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee". The scheme was due to close in December – the end of the Jubilee year. However, as the official tree planting season in the United Kingdom is from October to March, the initiative was extended to include the full tree planting season, ending March 2023. Following the Queen's passing in September 2022 the 'Queen's Green Canopy' is proud to be creating a living legacy with over a million trees planted in Her Majesty's name across the nation to serve as a lasting tribute to Her Majesty's extraordinary service to her country and her people.

On Friday 3 March Bonsall School assisted Wilder Bonsall and Bonsall Parish Council with the planting of the village Spindle tree in the Community Garden. The Spindle is a deciduous tree, native to Europe and one of only three trees gifted via the Derbyshire Lieutenancy to the Derbyshire Dales. This is a small tree that goes largely unnoticed for most of the year but then more than makes up for it in autumn, when its leaves and fruits take centre stage. The foliage turns bright shades of red, which is complemented by pink fruits that split open to reveal orange seeds (known as arils). The fruits remain on the tree for some time and, as well as being attractive, they are an excellent source of food for birds in winter. Outside autumn, spindle is a fantastic wildlife plant, as its leaves are eaten by several species of moth, including the spindle moth, and its inconspicuous flowers are visited by pollinators.

Louise Stevenson and Kate Samways, teacher, escorted 12 children from Year 5 of Bonsall school to the Community Garden where they helped to plant some colourful flowers. The plants were bought with money donated from Bonsall Well Dressings. The children read out a poem and said a prayer written for the occasion.



Poem

Petals as red as rubies
The centre yellow like the sun
Brown as the soil beneath you
May your roots grow strong beneath the earth

Uneven and tall
Wispy branches glistening in the rain
Long like her life
Strong to hold nests

Home to many
All different species
Birds and bees
Lush green leaves

In the autumn be as glorious as the platinum jubilee
So plant me with my planted friends
My branches will remember
When I am as old as her

Grow strong like our community
Be as happy as us
Make friends with others
Reach out your branches and live

Prayer

Hands together and eyes closed
Thank you God for Queen Elizabeth. We remember that she kept her promise to serve her people.

Thank you for her generosity, her care for others and kindness to people in need. Help us to be generous and kind like her.

We will remember our past queen as we watch this beautiful tree in our community garden. Let her rest in peace.

Thank you God for the people around us: our village, our school and our community, where everyone cares for each other and helps each other. Thank you for this lovely environment that we live in.

As we have planted this tree today may it help our community to remember Queen Elizabeth and to appreciate the beauty of nature.

Amen

Our thanks go to Alan Pugh, who made the stand for the plaque (photo on following page).

Wilder Bonsall group have also made a mosaic which has now been placed on the back wall of the Community Garden (photo on following page, by Wendy Bullar).

The Community Garden is a place for all the village to enjoy. We hope you enjoy and take care of it.

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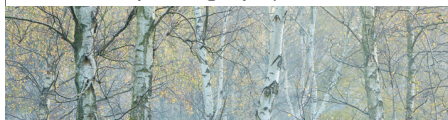


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Why Did the Toad Cross the Road?

Last spring, local conservationists got Nailor Lane added to the nationwide map of active amphibian crossings. This spring, local volunteers have worked tirelessly to protect toads and newts from road traffic as they return to their spawning ground in Becks Mere. Toads usually begin their breeding migration during a mild damp spell in February or March and this year they started on 13 March and are still active today (23 March). So far, we have helped over 600 toads and several smooth newts to safety, which is more than double the figure from last year, so our efforts are clearly paying off.

Common toad numbers have declined very rapidly in recent decades, mostly due to habitat loss. The disappearance of ponds, hedgerows, woodlands and scrub because of intensive agriculture and building development is the main reason for the decline, as well as the widespread use of herbicides and pesticides which diminish their food supplies and can even poison toads and other amphibians. Road traffic is a significant killer as toads have like to linger on the tarmac waiting for mates to arrive.

This makes the Nailor Lane crossing to their breeding pond even more important and we give our warm hearted thanks to everyone who has helped out and to the drivers who have slowed down and shown care and concern. Unfortunately, not everyone has been friendly and sympathetic, so we are now appealing to you to think about the toads and to help us ensure they will be with us for future generations. We know you will want your children and grandchildren to enjoy the countryside and wildlife as you yourselves have been lucky enough to do. Bonsall is a wonderful place!

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PARISH COUNCIL

Report for 21 March meeting

Chair's announcements

The Chair reminded councillors that they need to re-apply to the Council as this is election year.

Weeds and verges

A representative of Wilder Bonsall spoke against the reintroduction of weed spraying. She underlined the detrimental effects of glyphosates on human health and biodiversity. She questioned why this decision had been taken since the Health & Safety Executive advise it should only be used where there is a demonstrable need. The Chair said the decision had been made after much debate due to damage to walls by self-sets and uncontrolled growth of weeds. Cllrs J & S Smith spoke of the dangers to pedestrians from weeds in the verges and said that they did not believe working groups to remove the weeds would be effective. The Clerk reported back that DDDC would spray sometime in May. The areas for spraying are The Clatterway and Church Street from the Cross to the first footpath on the left. The representative made another plea for the spraying to be stopped but this was rejected. She was thanked for her contribution and was asked to report back after she has spoken to DDDC.

Trees

Clerk reported that Matlock Tree Services is due to remove the dead branches from the lime tree at the school gate during the holidays. She will inform residents and put up signs.

Park and vehicle park

(1) Litter: there is an ongoing problem with litter in the park. Residents are requested to join in picking up litter (pink litter bags can be found outside Cllr J Smith's house in the log store or from the Clerk). There is concern that large objects left in the park will impede mowing when it re-starts. (2) Honesty Box: Cllrs Harris and Barry will empty the honesty box, keep a record of the takings, and deliver to the Clerk for banking. Cllr S Smith will alter the policy to reflect this. (3) The Clerk reported that she has ordered 'No camping' signs. (4) It was decided to keep the request for £10 donation for larger vehicles for now. The matter will be discussed by the Park Working Group at its next meeting. (5) Cllr Grover will report back next month on the condition of the WC's.

Website

Cllr Tobin reported that she is waiting to discuss with Brett. She emphasised that BPC needs to decide what the purpose of the website is to be. She also advised finding a different host. Cllrs were asked to consider this before the next meeting. In the meantime, the Facebook page will remain in use as a way of keeping the village informed. Cllr Grover kindly uploads information to this.

Project schedule

Cllr S Smith will administer the project schedule. Clerk and Cllrs are asked to update him each month with any developments.

Village sign

To be discussed next month.

Coronation

There was a discussion about the possibility of the Parish Council buying commemoration items for the schoolchildren. Cost is an issue. Cllrs to look at possibilities.

Full details of the meetings can be found in the minutes on the Parish Council page of the village website at www.bonsallvillage.org/ or on the village noticeboards.

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 18 April 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 April.

Clerk & Finance Officer

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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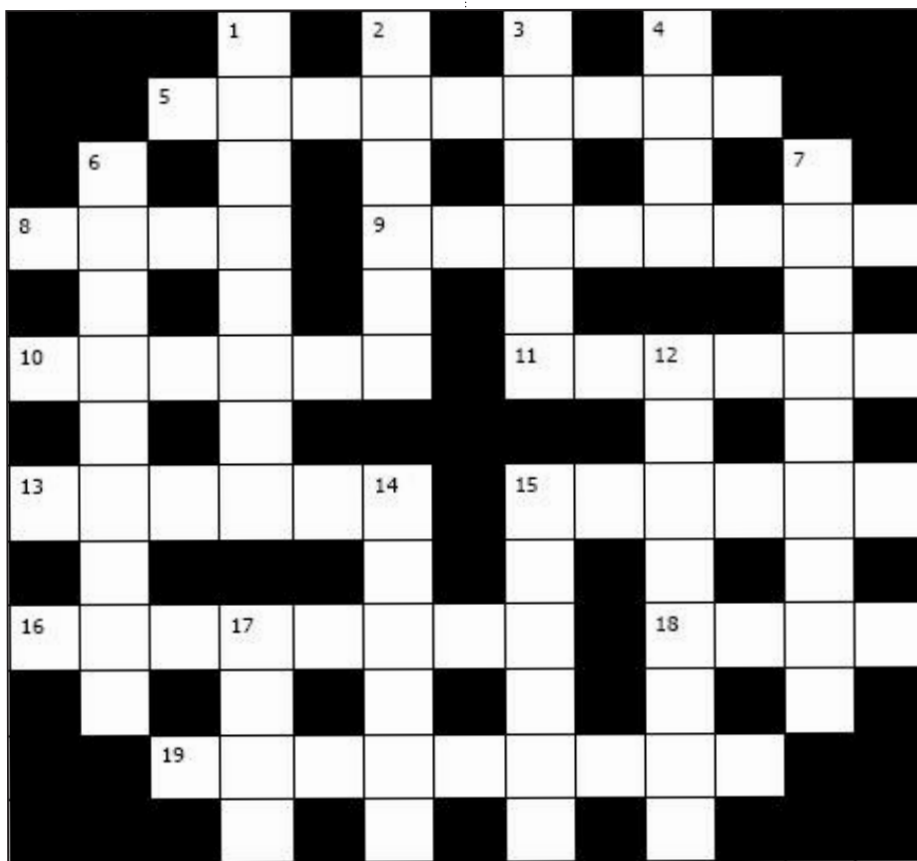
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PRIZE CROSSWORD #148



NB: Themed clues: 10 across always refers to the first word; 11 across always refers to the second word

Across:

- 5. 10. Hesitate over mushroom cooked on it. (9)
- 8. 11. Death rattle with no end in sight. (4)
- 9. Helping a person to accept race. (8)
- 10 & 11. Othello (for instance) is back on at the 'The Other Place', initially, so book! (4,2,3,3)
- 13. Line can set off. (6)
- 15. Bread and butter? Fish swallows six! (6)
- 16. Booster to cheer nan, perhaps. (8)
- 18. Spotted in Scottish educational building. (4)
- 19. See firm agreement in time. (3,4,2)

Down:

- 1. 18, flying around middle of reservoir, is followed by worker - shepherd? (8)
- 2. Renter of 10, maybe. (6)
- 3. Detailed starter working? No, not working! (2,4)
- 4. 10. Introductions to Lord of the Flies have been prepared. (4)
- 6. Over, over, glint repellent? Yes! (9)
- 7. Meet Dracula (e.g.) surrounded by reindeer, even. (9)
- 12. Imagine Vinnie's embarrassment in possession of ball! (8)
- 14. 11. Old bean on the phone. (6)
- 15. Ten seen reversing in sponsored rally. (6)
- 17. 11. American cut exercise inside. (4)

Answers to Crossword no.147

Apologies for missing out 17 down, but I hope the answer became obvious because of 3 down! Across: 5. Weaklings. 8. Plus. 9. Pugilist. 10 & 11. Of Mice and Men. 13. Alfred. 15. Crabby. 16. Soldiers. 18. Guys. 19. Actuality.

Down: 1. Measlier. 2. Skopje. 3. Viagra. 4. Egal. 6. Old Fellow. 7. Essex Boys. 12. Draughts. 14. Die Out. 15. Castle. 17. Dick (clue should have been 'Idiotic one of 11')

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Krystina

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Sat	8	Carnival Easter Raffle Draw	
Tues	11	7.00 pm Coppa Feel Quiz Night	Village Hall
Weds	12	Bin collections: grey bin and food waste caddy	
		Deadline for booking Village Lunch	
Thurs	13	7.00pm Bonsall Energy Group	Village Hall
Tues	18	Bin collections: blue and green bins and food waste caddy	
		9.30 am-12 noon Bonsall Arts Group	Village Hall
		7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Weds	19	12.30 pm Village Lunch	Village Hall
Thurs	20	6.30pm Wilder Bonsall meeting	Kings Head or Community Garden depending on light and weather
Tues	25	Bin collections: grey bin and food waste caddy	
		9.30 am-12 noon Bonsall Arts Group	Village Hall