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T'Owd Man's Mutterings



Photo by Jayne Allsop

The Bonsall Players Pantomime!

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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

CHURCH DIARY

St James

Forthcoming Church Services:

Church Services for May are:

Sunday 14 May Rogation Sunday
at 9.30am taken by Rod Prince

Sunday 28 May Pentecost at 9.30am
taken by Martin Hulbert

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 11 May
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:

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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.

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.

The Wirksworth Team Ministry

Church Market

There will be a Spring Market on 27,
28 and 29 May over the Bank Holiday
weekend. We have toys, books and
bric-à-brac to sell. If you would like
a stall on any or every day, please
bring your own table. If it's sunny
and warm we can set up outside.

Kathryn Punchard
07974304067

CHURCH NEWS

Christian Aid Week

Envelopes will be distributed
during the week of 14-20 May by
volunteers in Bonsall. Please give
generously, and envelopes can be
dropped back to Krystina Johnson,
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humanity. It robs people of their
dignity and lets injustice thrive.

Krystina Johnson

Ring for the King

We are very pleased to announce
that a team of expert ringers
(not from Bonsall - none of us
could contemplate this!) will
be ringing a Peal to celebrate the
Coronation of King Charles. They
are taking the name of Bonsall
and ringing 7 different methods,
each one beginning with each
letter in our village name. So
far they haven't got one starting
with 'O' but are confident that one
will be found before the day.

A Peal takes nearly 3 hours to ring
without a stop and is both physically
and mentally challenging so it's quite
an honour that they want to use our
bells in St James'. We do appreciate
that not everyone is a fan of the
bells, and so this is a warning to
go out if they might annoy you.

They are starting at 9.30am on
Sunday 7 May, and will complete the
Peal at about 12.15pm which is just
in time to come along to the church
and celebrate their achievement with
some cake. During the time they are
ringing, the church will be locked so
that the ringers are not disturbed.

Caroline Kirkham



Photo by Brett Evans Biedscheid

Floodlighting for May

May 30th is when Wendy, Neil and
their families remember Rita, their
Mum, with love on her birthday.

This is the last month until
September for floodlighting items.
If you would like to be included
in September please let me know
by the middle of August.

Di Moor

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Details for payment are : Nat
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Catholic Church Services

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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

On 6 May 2023, millions from all over the world will descend upon our capital to be a part of the party to celebrate the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. The event will be broadcast all over the world, and shown in pubs, village halls and churches up and down the country, it can even be watched legally in the UK without a TV licence.

It is, as they say, 'history in the making'. King Charles will be taking his place as Royal Highness in the long list of Britain's monarchy. It is his time to be the figurehead of the royal family, and what legacy will he leave behind? Only time will tell.

It is strange to think that Charles III officially became king on 8 Sept 2022, but the coronation has not taken place until this month, May 2023. The coronation doesn't make Charles more of a king than he already is, but it is when he is ceremonially accepted by church and state.

But not everyone accepts him. There is a growing number of people who think that the monarchy is an archaic and irrelevant tradition. Nearly 1 in 4 people hold this opinion in the UK. But despite this opinion (and I make no comment, of it being right or wrong) it makes him no less king.

And this makes me think about Jesus. As a Christian I believe that He is the Son of God, the Lord of lords, the King of kings, and all through his life and ministry, he was rejected and spurned. No one wanted to acknowledge him as king. He even tells a parable about this, the parable of the 10 Minas, recorded in Luke 19. It says...

'A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king...But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We don't want this man to be our king.'...He was made king, however.'

So he was rejected as king, but it makes him no less king. I believe that people may (and sadly do) reject Jesus as king, but I believe it makes no difference to his position. He is still King.

And this wonderful, mighty King, often mocked and rejected, still deigns to reach out to all people, with a hand of love, acceptance and mercy. He longs for you to know Him. But he still gives each one of us the right to choose. To accept Him or reject Him. The choice is yours.

So as the country celebrates our new king, I will take the time to think of my great King Jesus, and thank Him, for the life of joy and fulfilment I have in Him, because of his great love for us.

Matthew Quinn

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Easter Draw Results

Thank you to everybody who partook in this year's Easter Raffle Draw on Saturday 8 April. This includes prize donors (individuals and companies), Ticket sellers and Ticket buyers. Tickets sold were an outstanding £1135. We had 26 prizes in total of which 25 were kindly donated. The Carnival Committee provided the £50 cash first prize from the takings and paid £66 for printing of the tickets. Which left us with a useful profit of £1019 to go towards this year's carnival fund.

Prize Draw at The Barley Mow:

1st Prize £50 Cash – Pete & Sandra Brownlee 00142
2 Course meal for 2 At The Barley Mow – Kirsty Young 00752
White Peak Distillery Tour – Beth Ward 00540
New Bath Hotel Cream Tea for 2 – Peter 00440
Move & Massage £45 Voucher – Tony Goulding 00059
Family Ticket for The Great British Car Journey – Herbert Land 00610
Family Ticket Chatsworth House & Gardens – James Curson 00193
Celebrations & Easter Egg – Pat Spencer 01154
Carnival Home Products Hamper – Jenny Horsler 00173
£25 Voucher for Lavender Florist – Jacob Johnson 01390
Richard Taylor Bottle of Wine – Andrew Clarke 00597
Chess set – Mr & Mrs Cummings 00803
Bag of Beer – Vicky Webb 01104

Prize Draw at The Kings Head:

Meal for 2 at The Kings Head – Mr & Mrs Simpson 00884
The Boat Inn £40 Voucher – Ms Jepson 00947
£250 Baileys Barn Voucher – Jenny Pugh 00644
Family Ticket for Matlock Town FC – Kirsty Phillips 00428
3 Tickets for Gulliver's Kingdom – High Street 00950
Family Ticket for Haddon Hall – Anna Williams 00757
Taylor Wilde Chocolatier Voucher – Dave Hill 01020
Heros & Easter Egg – Terry Nash 00311
Carnival Home Products Hamper – Jackie Daisley 00563
Afternoon Tea for 2 At The Fountain Tea Rooms – Phil & Sue Williams 00224
Hollies Farm £20 Voucher – Lesley Murhall 01039
Crochet Blanket – Deborah Pearson 00997
Card Cutting Class – Jane Birch - 00304

Sarah Smith



Photo by Elisabeth Stoppard

Bonsall Open Gardens

Just to remind everyone, that this year's open gardens is a week later than usual. It falls on the weekend of 10 and 11 June, 10am until 5pm each day. This is due to a birthday celebration and the Open Gardens committee apologies if this has caused any inconvenience.

There is still room for late entries for gardens.

We have been having consultations regarding the parking here in Bonsall and the problems that arose last year. We plan to have extra parking available for visitors this year.

'No parking' signs and hazard tape are available for properties that had problems last year. We shall publish parking advice on our leaflets and website encouraging everyone to park sensibly in the village, allowing tractors, trailers, buses, fire engines and ambulances plenty of room to get by.

We hope that the weekend is enjoyable for all, that the shops, cafe, pubs and businesses do well and that we raise good money for the school, church, OAP's Parish Council and carnival and many of the great projects flourishing in Bonsall.

Many thanks to the gardeners who work tirelessly, creating beautiful gardens and opening up their spaces to the public.

This year, artists shall be exhibiting in some of the gardens, so this will be new and exciting.

Lots of refreshments dotted around the garden trails too.

We are on Facebook for any messages, or e-mail office@bonsallopengardens.co.uk

Liz Stoppard

Bonsall Open Gardens committee

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Bonsall Players Pantomime

A few photographs from our recent Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime.

The show raised over £2,000 to help the village school improve its library facilities.

Thanks you to everyone who was involved and attended.

Jayne Allsop

(Colour photos can be viewed on-line at www.bonsallvillage.org/mutterings)

Photos by Jayne Allsop



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Bonsall School Spring Fayre

The PTFA is running the Spring Fayre on Sat 20 May 2023 from 12:30pm to 3:30pm on the Bonsall School Field. We want to make it bigger and better than last year, so please come and join the fun as its open to the whole community. Watch the amazing school pupils open the fayre with a traditional Maypole dance. There will be numerous stalls to enjoy with prizes to be won and gifts to take home. Refreshments for all including cream tea offerings. There will also be spring animals and face-painting.

Why not enter the bake-off competition! With three categories to enter and each split into two age brackets (children's 1-11yr olds and 12+yr olds). Please bring your entries to the competition gazebo by 12:30pm.

8 inch Sponge cake

6 buns

6 cookies/biscuits

All funds raised will be going towards the PTFA revamp of the school library. The refurbishment project includes new furniture; book cases, sofa, bean bags, flooring and new books covering the curriculum topics and fiction books. The new library will benefit all the pupils at the school for many years.

The PTFA is run by a small number of members and we are always welcome to offers of help. If you have a spare few hours to help set up the spring fayre at 10am or you can help support a PTFA stall then get in touch. This spring fayre we are embracing the farming community that surrounds us. If you have any farming items/ machinery/tractors that we can display please get in touch.

The spring fayre is open to stall holders if you would like to book a slot (discount price for Bonsall villagers). Please contact Claire Duma (clairejduma@gmail.com or 07880851083) or message us on Facebook.

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A Brief History of Weed Control

When I first became interested in agriculture, chemical weed control was still in its infancy. Many people insinuate “chemicals” are harmful, while continuing to put chemicals in their food, (salt, preservatives and sweeteners), or on their hair (dyes), or even injecting it into their skin (ink)!

Selective weed control was first achieved in the 1940's with synthetic plant hormones such as MCPA; selective by the fact that weeds have broad flat leaves for the herbicide to stick to, and grasses, including wheat and barley, have thin, vertical leaves that the spray runs off. MCPA does not persist, so grassland that has been sprayed can be safely grazed after 10 days.

Often complete weed control is needed; perhaps pasture has become infested by unpalatable grass weeds with low feed value, such as couch grass. Originally, this was controlled by ploughing the field and setting it fallow. Frequent harrowing brought the rhizomes to the surface, and with a few days' good weather and a bit of luck they dried out and could be burnt. The scientific name for couch, *Agropyron repens*, refers to its creeping habit and the control by fire. From the late 1950's, the herbicide Dalapon killed most grasses, but was an organochloride (see Rachel Carson's “Silent Spring”). While not particularly toxic to mammals, it persisted in the soil, built up in the food chain and is moderately toxic to honeybees and other insects. It is still used, only in a few very restricted situations.

In 1962, complete kill of all green plants could be achieved with paraquat, it had limited effect because it only burnt off the leaves, the roots surviving. This was an extremely unpleasant chemical, causing many human health issues and fatalities. It is now banned in Great Britain.

In the 1970's a transformative weedkiller was developed; glyphosate, marketed commercially as Roundup. It is absorbed through the leaves of a growing plant. It is highly effective in controlling couch grass, and other perennial weeds. It is also used to control

weeds in non-crop areas, like roadsides and yards. It breaks down rapidly in the soil and has very low toxicity to mammals and insects. The trend in arable farming is to reduce soil cultivation and eliminate ploughing since these actions require a lot of work with large tractors burning a lot of fuel, whereas one pass with a sprayer can reduce the farm's carbon footprint dramatically. Where vegetables are grown, it kills plants left over from a previous crop, for example, in parsnips following potatoes. At first Roundup was quite expensive, but we learnt that it could be used at lower concentrations if a wetting agent was used. As some of these agents increased the toxicity to water life this action now has strict recommendations attached to it and Roundup should not be used in an aquatic environment. Some wetting agents also probably account for the apparent toxicity to bees, in a way like soap or washing up liquid kill aphids. There have been rumours that glyphosate is carcinogenic, but there is absolutely no evidence to back this up. It is of course impossible to prove a negative.

In conclusion, Roundup is probably the most useful weedkiller available today; if used according to the instructions it is extremely safe, controls difficult weeds including Japanese Knotweed. It helps increase crop yields and makes a significant contribution to reducing the carbon footprint of agriculture. A weed is only a plant growing where it is not wanted, so let us use whatever tools are available to control them. Roundup is the most appropriate tool for this job. Do those opposed to the use of Roundup really want the verges to become so overgrown, that the effective width of our already narrow roads is reduced, forcing pedestrians and motor traffic to use the same narrow strip?

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Save Money on your Home Heating

After the energy price-hike last autumn, home heating is now costing a significant part of our incomes. So what are the alternatives? Gas, coal, liquid propane gas (LPG) and oil are fossil fuels, which are responsible for the CO₂ emissions that cause climate heating. The Bonsall Energy Group (BEG) has been researching alternatives to fossil fuels and is looking at the pros and cons of renewable fuels and other ways to heat our homes. These could possibly save you hundreds of pounds per year, while at the same time reducing your 'carbon footprint'. There are also many simple measures to save energy and reduce your gas and electricity bills (see www.moneysavingexpert.com/utilities/energy-saving-tips). Please let BEG know of any tips that you have found to work and we'll share them via Mutterings.

Change your energy supplier or boiler fuel

One of the simplest ways to potentially save money and reduce your carbon footprint is to change your energy supplier to one that offers 'green' energy generated by renewable technology. The price of fossil fuel is rising, whereas the price of renewable energy is falling, and this gap will increase as time goes on. This year, half of the top-ten cheapest energy tariffs are green providers, offered by suppliers such as Octopus Energy (<https://octopus.energy>) and Ecotricity (www.ecotricity.co.uk). They provide 100% renewable electricity from solar, wind and/or hydro power generation. Changing your supplier involves no financial costs and there are switching websites that can help guide you, for example:

- Money Saving Expert (www.moneysavingexpert.com > utilities > cheap-green-energy);
- Energy Saving Trust (<https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/advice/switching-your-energy-supplier>);
- The Ecoexperts (www.theecoexperts.co.uk/energy-switching/why-you-should-switch).

By far the majority of gas used for domestic heating is derived from fossil fuel. However, companies like Ecotricity are also producing 'green gas' (currently 12% of their output) from processing grass in a biodigester. The CO₂ given off by burning this biogas is reabsorbed as a new grass crop is grown. Similarly, there

are developments to replace heating oil: hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) can reduce carbon emissions by up to 90%. It is currently used as a diesel replacement for vehicles, but by this autumn at least one boiler manufacturer will introduce a conversion kit for domestic boilers to use this fuel (www.worcester-bosch.co.uk/professional/hvo).

There are a number of green options for heating, which require an initial investment, but the energy they save can reduce your gas or electricity bills and, although the pay-back rate is currently low, they will eventually be self-funding.

Consider changing your boiler

Old central heating boilers are much less efficient than new ones, so changing to an 'A-rated' condensing boiler could save you up to £300 per year on energy bills (www.myboilerservice.com). The boiler can be either a 'combi' (combination) type that supplies hot water on demand or a boiler that heats a hot-water tank. Both supply hot water for central heating, but combi boilers do not need a hot-water tank. Prices start from around £1500 plus installation costs.

Legislation is now in place to end the installation of new gas boilers from 2025 (this will not affect existing boilers). The government offers a 'Boiler Upgrade Scheme' of £5,000 grants towards the cost of replacing your fossil fuel boiler with a heat pump or biomass boiler (see www.gov.uk/apply-boiler-upgrade-scheme). This should be done by an installer who is part of the Microgeneration Certification Scheme (www.gov.uk/guidance/find-a-heat-pump-installer). To qualify, your property must have a current Energy Performance Certificate issued in the last 10 years, with any recommendations for loft or cavity-wall insulation completed.

These are green alternatives to fossil-fuelled boilers:

Heat pumps

There are two types: air-source and ground-source. They both work like a fridge in reverse: instead of taking heat out the fridge compartment and releasing it into the atmosphere, heat pumps absorb heat from the air or the ground and concentrate it to heat water for the radiators. A ground-source heat pump requires a large area of land (e.g. 30m x 100m with soil at least 1.2m deep) adjacent to the house, so this is an unlikely option for most Bonsall residents. An air-source heat pump only needs a space of a couple of square metres.

In order to minimise their power consumption, heat-pumps are normally run at a lower temperature than a gas boiler. This means that the home should be 'heat-pump ready': sometimes needing larger radiators and a good level of insulation. Without these, the heat pump has to work harder and is more expensive to run. The heat pump does not produce hot tap-water, so you also need a hot-water tank with an immersion heater. A heat pump installation costs around £8,000 (before the £5000 Government grant), but you could save between £200 - £1,000 a year, so it could eventually pay for itself. Further detailed information can be found at <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/advice/in-depth-guide-to-heat-pumps>.

Biomass boilers

Dave Headon, one of the BEG members, writes: "In 2014 I took advantage of a Government grant towards a wood pellet biomass boiler. These boilers are amazingly efficient and fully automatic. Installation is very easy, with minimal changes to the existing plumbing. One of the main advantages is being able to order pellets from a multitude of suppliers. I usually order a tonne in 10kg bags, which make them easy to handle and store (the delivery train is an optional extra!) although you can have them delivered in 20kg bags or in bulk. As the boiler is so efficient, it produces only about a mug-full of ash per week. Overall, I would highly recommend looking into biomass boilers." These boilers are larger than equivalent gas or oil boilers and you also need space to store the fuel. The cost ranges from £4,000 - £10,000 for a manual-fed pellet boiler before the Government grant (www.boilerguide.co.uk/biomass/biomass-boilers-prices-costs). Further information can be found at <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/advice/biomass>.

If you are interested in learning more about any of these alternative heating methods, please get in touch with BEG on 825267.

Peter Fellows



Report for 18 April 2023 meeting

Chair's announcements: The Chair announced the Cllr Phil Addis has decided to leave the Council. He recorded the Council's thanks for Phil's many years of service.

Parking

There is a growing problem with inappropriate parking in the village. Please bear in mind that:

- Bonsall in a working village and room is needed for tractors, buses and emergency vehicles
- We do not have yellow lines, common sense is needed
- Do not block doors, gates and drives
- Do not park on corners or opposite lanes
- Drive slowly

Flooding

Richard Ward, Senior Project Engineer from DCC, reported back on flooding issues following a long consultation which has been carried out in Bonsall. He reported that the culvert which runs down High Street and Yeoman Street is very old, damaged in places, and cannot cope properly with the extra water flow due to climate change. It is not felt to be possible to replace this due to expense and the fact that it runs under private property.

DCC intends to instigate a flood resilience scheme. They will be writing to all residents of High Street and Yeoman Street, together with homes in The Dale and Bankside which have been affected by flooding. Residents will be invited to join the scheme. If they do, a survey will be carried out and any equipment recommended will be installed. This equipment will be free for the residents, but they will then be responsible for its maintenance.

Following enquires about the possible effect on insurance premiums, Richard will get back to BPC with further information. He will also look at problems caused by the camber of the roads where it is contributing to the flooding problems.

Defibrillators

The Chair asked for retrospective approval of the purchase of batteries and child pads (£329) and also for new pads for another defibrillator (£114) which was agreed.

Lengthsman

While there is no vacancy for any recruitment, BPC has asked Alan Walker to undertake ad hoc work on a casual basis to assist Peter Spencer.

Park and Vehicle Park

(1) The Clerk reported that J Barnacle has mended the door of the Ladies WC. Cllr Grover reported the WC's are generally not in a bad state, but the doors need painting. Clerk to contact B Allsopp to ask for estimate. The Council also approved buying a hanging basket for the WC's. Cllr S Smith volunteered to carry out repairs to the woodwork on the windows. (2) It was decided to buy a 1 tonne bag of limestone scalpings to fill the worst of the potholes to minimise damage to cars. (3) The Clerk reported DCC do not feel it is necessary to do any work on the path from the car park to the churchyard to reduce muddiness. However, they are looking at creating a revetment on the higher portion to prevent slippage.

Website

Cllr Tobin reported that she has spoken to Brett who is still happy to help. It was decided to keep the website simple, with another page added with useful information (e.g. bus timetables). Brett will advise on finding a new host.

Village sign

Village sign to be discussed next month.

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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Cllr Claire Taylor, 6 Ember Lane, T: 823243 Mob. 07989 597811.
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Clerk and Finance Officer:

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PARISH COUNCIL

Project schedule

Cllr S Smith reported on updated items. Cllrs Harris and Smith to investigate the electricity supply at the Cross with a view to disconnecting and replacing with a solar-powered light. Cllr Grover reported that the eco-friendly weedkiller seems to be working on the fountain.

Coronation

Commemorative medals have been purchased for the schoolchildren. The Chair will present these Friday 5 May at the school. Open Gardens was thanked for covering the cost of the medals. Cllrs J & S Smith were also thanked for providing flower seeds which will also be given to the children. The Chair reported that a couple in the village has kindly offered a generous contribution to provide the children with a further

commemorative gift. Thanks were given for this and it was decided to suggest this is given to the school direct as BPC has already bought the medals.

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 16 May 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 6 May.

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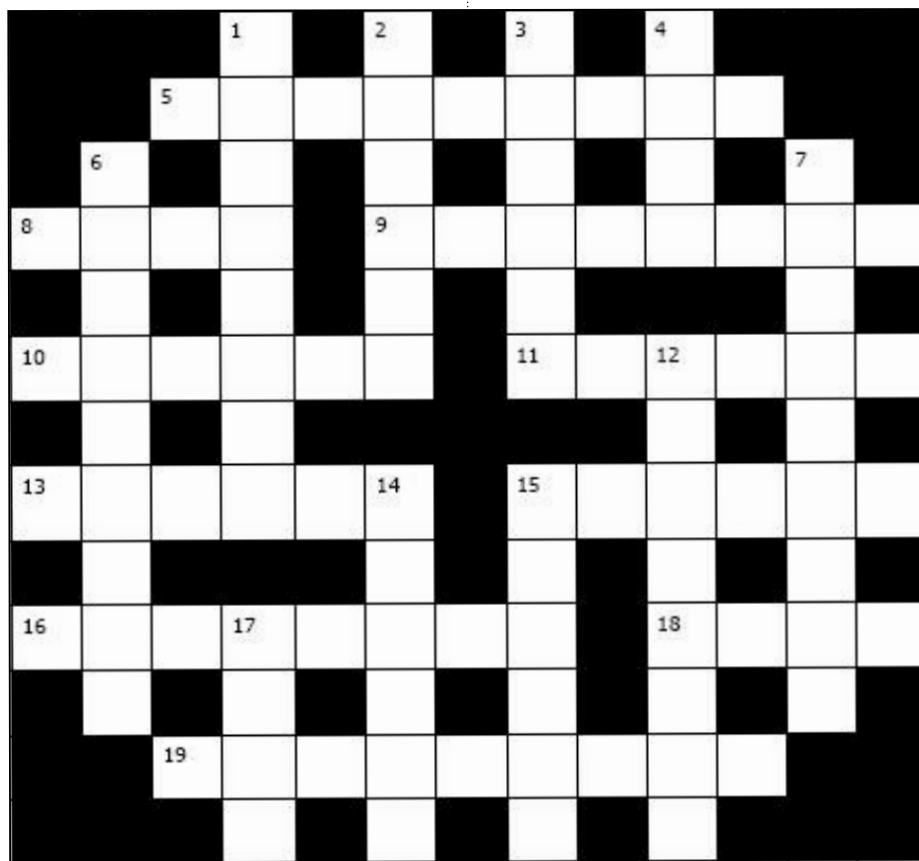
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CROSSWORD #149



Across:

- 5 & 11. Initially, the hungry elephants eat about six - with fun! Epic! (3,6,6)
 8. Someone who 5s (second word), spotted in coarse erotica! (4)
 9. On heat and available! (2,6)
 10. 11 is tastier scrambled without the starter. (6)
 11. See 5.
 13. Referring to an old Hercule Poirot, perhaps? (6)
 15. One in touch with 5 steps on hill. (6)
 16. 11. Luxury car seen in outskirts of Derby. (8)
 18. One in touch with 5. Setter is supported by army regular. (4)
 19. Skill is fastidious when made in a traditional way. (9)

Down:

1. Caught spoiling 5 (second word). (8)
 2. Mad about Fury? Yes! (6)
 3. Container for eggs - half a dozen in very large unlimited pack. (6)
 4. Cain mutilated old South American. (4)
 6. Cute arses fumbled. What a tool! (9)
 7. Slave? Pussy Galore was one! (9)
 12. Weird calamity when soprano replaces alto? Yes! (8)
 14. One in touch with 5. 150 idle, maybe. (6)
 15. Pence? Yes! Pence? Yes! - Probably at the end of the week or month. (6)
 17. A 5 (second word) recorded praise. (4)

Answers to Crossword No. 148

Across: 5. Reception. 8. Head. 9. Abetting. 10 & 11. Room At The Top. 13. Stance. 15. Living. 16. Enhancer. 18. Shed. 19. Set Eyes On. Down: 1. Herdsman. 2. Tenant. 3. At Rest. 4. Loft. 6. Revolving. 7. Encounter. 12. Envision. 14. Exceed. 15. Larder. 17. Apex

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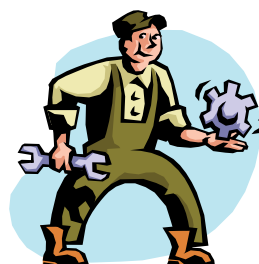
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Mutterings

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Tue	2	Blue and Green Bins and food caddy	
Sat	6	Kings Charles III Coronation	
Mon	8	Bank Holiday for King Charles III Coronation	
Wed	10	Grey Bins and food caddy	
Thurs	11	10am-12noon Coffee Morning	Village Life Church
		7:30pm Bonsall Energy Group Meeting	Village Hall
Tue	16	Blue and Green Bins and food caddy	
		7:30pm Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Sat	20	12:30-3:30pm Spring Fayre	Bonsall School Field
Tue	23	Grey Bins and food caddy	
Sat	27	Spring bric-à-brac market	St James Church
Sun	28	Spring bric-à-brac market	St James Church
Mon	29	Spring Bank Holiday	
		Spring bric-à-brac market	St James Church
Wed	31	Blue and Green Bins and food caddy	

Future events

Fri 2 June 7:30pm, Film Night fundraiser, Village Hall
 Sat 10/Sun 11 June Bonsall Open Gardens