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# T'Owd Man's Mutterings



Photo by Brett Biedscheid

# IT'S CARNIVAL TIME!



*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 August are as follows:

Sunday August 13 Eucharist at  
9.30am with Rev. Rod Prince

Sunday August 27 Eucharist at  
9.30am with Rev. Bob Rhodes

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**Pastor Matthew Quinn**

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## CHURCH NEWS

### The Problem or The Solution?

The world-renowned boxer,  
Muhammad Ali, once said this...  
'Service to others is the rent you  
pay for your space here on earth.'  
What a profound statement.

That no matter who you are, we  
all owe a debt to be here. That  
debt, is in our mutual interest,  
support and aid of one another  
as inhabitants of planet earth.

The sad reality is that so many  
people demand such a lot of 'space'  
and pay such a small amount of  
'rent'. That is a polite way of saying  
there are too many people today who  
think the universe revolves around  
them. And this is a dangerous  
mindset to have, particularly in  
the world we live in today.

There is so much need and  
depravation in our world. We are  
facing a globe shell-shocked from  
war, financial instability, slavery,  
abuse, mental health problems, and  
a future of extreme weather, because  
we didn't look after our planet.

I am not trying to paint a bleak  
picture. And I don't believe we  
are past the point of no return.  
Our nations can be healed. But  
we face a choice. We can either be  
the problem or the solution. We  
either bury our heads and say, 'I'm  
alright, Jack,' or we can tentatively  
raise our eyes, roll our sleeves and  
look for where we can invest our  
energy for the sake of others.

The most beautiful example of  
this for me, is when Jesus after a  
long journey, tired and smelly, sat  
down to dinner. But noticing that  
no-one else was going to do the  
dirty work, he got up, wrapped a  
towel around himself, and washed  
the feet of his disciples. Washing  
away the stench and filth from a  
long journey and then literally  
wiping their feet on himself.

Jesus was an incredible teacher. He  
spoke in parables and astounding  
wisdom that have stood the test of  
time. He could have easily, expressed  
our need to serve and care for one  
another with a clever story, or  
dynamic teaching... but he didn't do  
that. When it comes to serving, the  
best lesson is getting your hands  
dirty. And we must do the same.

How do you start? You look around  
and see what you can do. You  
can literally throw a stone and

hit someone in need (although  
they might not appreciate it!)  
There are lonely, hurting people  
all around us, people struggling  
financially, people struggling  
through depression or family issues,  
people worried about the future.

Well let's build together a better  
future. One where we wash one  
another's feet. But it all comes down  
again to the choice... are you going  
to be the problem or the solution?

**Pastor Matthew Quinn**

### Floodlighting

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**Parish Priest: Fr. Ka Fai**  
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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.**

## LETTERS

Photo by Brett Biedscheid



Mrs. Pickering seems to have been shocked by the state of the Churchyard. This is a bit surprising, since she lived in the village in the 60s and 70s when the churchyard was seriously unkempt, as I found when I took over.

She asks, "Doesn't anybody care?" The fact that some areas are carefully mown, others less so and some parts left wild might have suggested to her that something more than neglect was taking place. It might even have prompted her to ask what was going on, instead of firing off a letter from a position of ignorance.

She could have found all the answers on the village website, where a management plan is posted describing in detail the hows and whys of the Churchyard Maintenance programme. She could even have found a list of the 'weeds' which so offended her - we're way past the 100 species now, so she could have the satisfaction of getting really annoyed.

We call them wild flowers, but each to their own I suppose.

**Mick Biggin**

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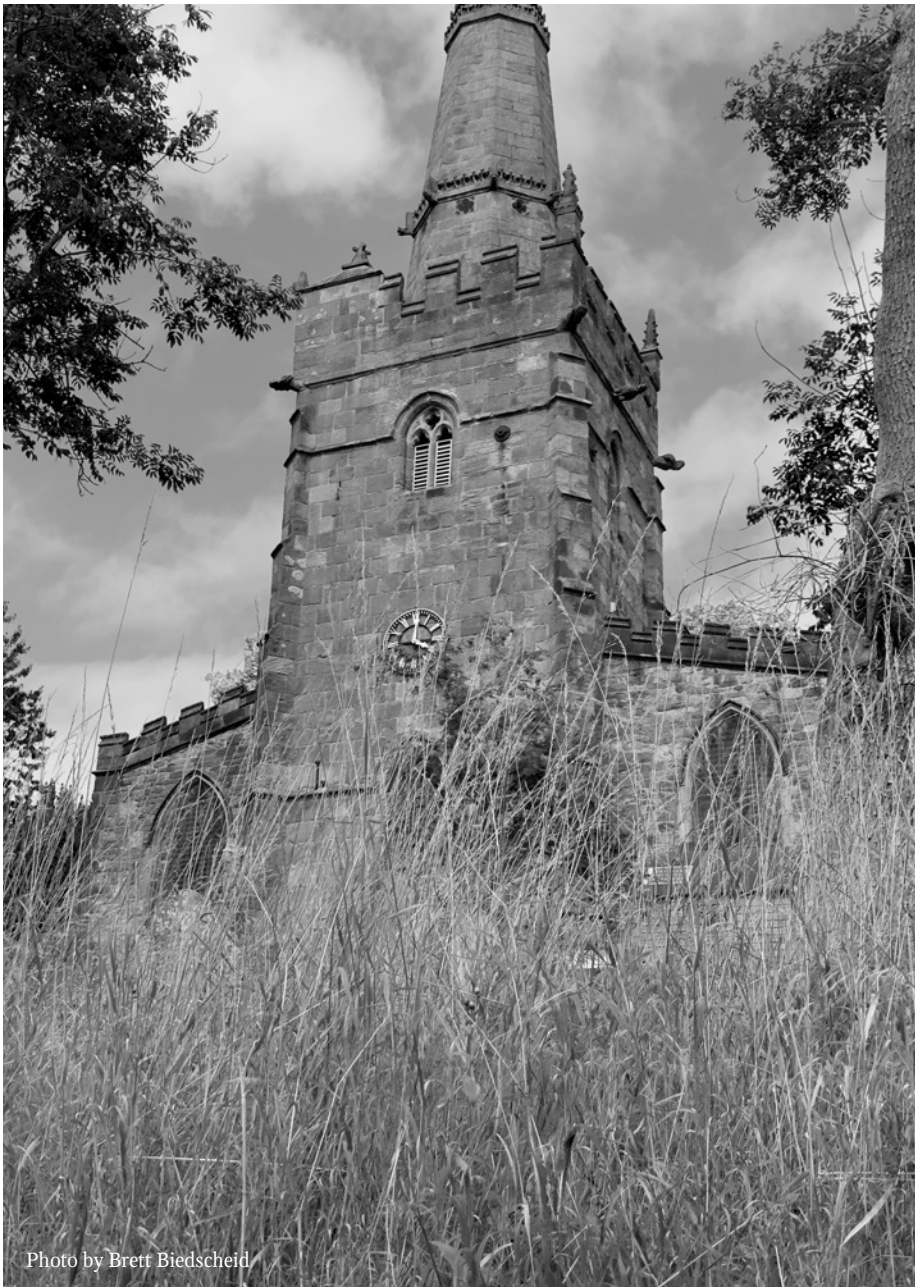


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Responding to the article from Sheila Pickering concerning the graveyard.

I am writing on behalf of Bonsall PCC to support the work of Mick Biggin who we feel does a fantastic job at our churchyard at St James'.

It is certainly the topic of the moment in Bonsall. Re-wilding, mowing, spraying, neat and tidy or natural - there seems to be a wealth of different opinions within our community. What I feel is that there is a need for balance.

I recently attended an Eco Church session that was run by the Diocese on maintaining a greener more wildlife friendly church yard. As they said church yards provide a unique snapshot of the land. The church was built on an already important area in the community. It was then enclosed by putting a wall around this place and in so doing it has remained virtually unchanged over the centuries.

When I returned I took a walk around. It was June and there were a huge variety of wild flowers which had been carefully mown around so that they could reseed. There were some piles of branches and logs to provide homes for both insects and small mammals. I also noted that among the new graves it was neatly mown. I sat for a while and was delighted by the bird song. I came away feeling that we didn't need to do anything to improve our church yard, it is perfect just as it is.

It is true that a couple of the tombs were starting to return to nature with ivy and this has now been cut back but generally we on Bonsall PCC certainly feel that Mick does a fantastic job.

We thought it might be nice to show off the church yard on Sunday 1 October. There will be activities for everyone and as well as the cafe we'll have burgers and sausages available. There will even be a chance to have a go at Bell Ringing and to go up the tower. So please come along and share an afternoon to make the most of this beautiful space in our village.

**Caroline Kirkham**  
PCC Secretary on behalf  
of the PCC of Bonsall

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Abundant bat fodder in the Dale. I respond to the question posed by Peter Fellows in the July issue - where have all the insects gone, and his associated concern over a suggested decline in bats and insectivorous birds, linked to pesticide and herbicide use. Moth trapping in the Dale shows no shortage of bat fodder there. My daughter, a regular moth trapper in rural SW England was most impressed by my recent over-night haul - three species of hawkmoth (eyed, poplar and small elephant), ten buff ermine (the most common species encountered) and a diverse array of other moths of various shapes and sizes too numerous to mention. If fewer of these creatures were apparent to some earlier in the year, I would suggest first considering whether the normal ups-and-downs of nature might be the cause, rather than a marked, longer-term decline.

My main interest is in bird ecology, rather than bats, but the same principles apply and are informative in this instance. The populations of these small, short-lived creatures are susceptible to variability in the weather which affects their breeding success and their over-winter survival. In that context I note the spell of exceptionally cold weather we experienced for a while last December which may have had a detrimental effect on bat survival. Another weather-related factor that may affect the perception of numbers is the timing of appearance, according to the spring weather which varies considerably between years. Early spring 2023 was relatively cold, compared with the recent average, which slowed down the development of the food chain that supports breeding by these insectivorous species, as is clear from my observations of nesting birds

which bred noticeably later this year. These factors are known to influence bats – see the scientific literature for details: <https://besjournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/1365-2656.12832> - so bat activity will have been later to start this year than has been normal recently which may have contributed to a perceived reduction in numbers.

Maintaining and enhancing natural habitat in this country, much of which has been lost to human development, is a laudable aim. Actions we take in that respect are more likely to be successful if they are soundly evidence-based. I seek to contribute by managing a third of an acre of garden as scrub-bordered wildflower meadow, an approach I would recommend to anyone with time and a suitable plot of land and one which the available evidence indicates will not be compromised by current herbicide and insecticide uses in and around Bonsall.

**Mark Eddowes**

I'd like to say a big thankyou to Ken for the lovely tubs he's planted up and tended at Nether Green. They really are beautiful and proof that he has some of the greenest fingers around!

**Penny Collier**

In my recent letter I asked for a cost benefit analysis of the proposals brought forward by the Bonsall Energy Group. Neither of the two replies published answered this question.

**Mick Moor**

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## Bonsall School Colour Run

Bea, Elliott and Wyatt were very keen to tell me about the Colour Run. They had a fabulous time. Bea ran 10 laps of the field, and Wyatt and Elliott ran 25 laps as they were helping the little ones! It is clear that the most fun was hurling colour at parents and grandparents!

Powder colour was thrown as the children (and then the adults) raced round the field. There were difficult obstacles, like tyres and a tunnel, a slip and slide and a mini paddling pool and as the runners had to slow down to negotiate these, it was easy to get them with a good hurl of colour. The weather was mixed, but the running made the children very hot so they cooled down in the little pool which then became horrible and slimy and helped the colour to stick even better. One of the children reported that the parents got very excited and threw too high when they were supposed to throw below the waist. They seemed to be getting their own back!

All the children had a great time and the older ones enjoyed helping the little ones, very much part of the Bonsall School ethos.

There were also medals handed out, really nice ones, lovely to save. There were drinks and lollies and a BBQ but the best thing was that everyone was supportive and all had lots of fun.

Of course, it's time for some children to leave Bonsall School and move on to the next stage of their education, either at Highfields, Lady Manners or Anthony Gell.

Bea, Elliott and Wyatt all reported that they were looking forward to their next school, but that they had had so much fun at Bonsall, a small school with a lot of opportunities for learning and that they will always stay friends with their classmates.

The school would like to thank the wonderful PTFA, all the parents and sponsors who made the colour run such a success. They raised a grand total of £919 which will fund new books for the school library and transport for future school trips.

Thankyou!

**Karen Firth and  
Rebecca Smart**

## Harvest Auction

The auction will be on Sun 8 October, start at 7.30pm. For any donations, please call 07860 214503 or leave them at the Kings Head on the day.

Many thanks

**Richard Taylor**

## Horticultural Show

This year, the show will be on Saturday 30 September. Let's hope we have some sun to bring on the flowers and vegetables. If anyone has any cups or shields etc., would they please let one of the committee members have them before the show. There will be more information in the next Mutterings.

**Linda Cauldwell**, on behalf of the committee.

## Bonsall Defibrillator

The installation of the defibrillator at The Cross is now done. The signs for the defibrillator have again been donated by Jon@raptorgraphix.com at Ashbourne. Thanks again to Andy and Sam at the Kings Head.

Our aim is to now install a unit at Slaley and all funds will be raised for this.

**Richard Taylor**

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## Bonsall Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee are very proud of Bonsall Village Hall and the recent improvements and we have just added one more. We approached Stephen Elliott, a Bonsall resident who has made us a stained glass Village Hall sign for above the porch. Stephen is self-taught and began working with glass around 4 years ago after receiving a 'how to' book for Christmas. For the window he took inspiration from Buxton Opera House. We are thrilled with the result and the decorative touch to the hall. Stephen also helped secure a good deal for a bench from TDP at Wirksworth, which will complement the window.

Thank you Stephen.

**Hazel Baldwin**

Chair Bonsall Village Hall

## Village Lunch

Another scrumptious meal was enjoyed on Wednesday 19 July at the Village Hall, resplendent with its new stained glass nameplate above the door and its renewed 5 star Health and Food safety rating.

Chicken and leek pie, mash and peas courtesy Ron Addis, followed by sherry trifle and lemon pudding, courtesy Ann Barry.

Join us next month on Wednesday 16 August at 12:30pm. Remember it's open to all. Just give us a ring on 826309 to book a place if you haven't already signed up. Please give any details of food allergies or any special requirements.

**Phil Addis**

## Bonsall School PTFA

The Bonsall School PTFA have had a fantastic year raising funds. We had a great Spring Fayre that was opened with the pupils Maypole dancing. The Maypole is becoming a feature of Bonsall Community as we have secured a Heritage Lottery Grant to build a new wooden pole build locally and purchase

training pole. It will be featured at Carnival and if anyone has any memories of past Maypoles please get in touch.

The PTFA organised its first colour run which the children all enjoyed. They ran around an obstacle course on the school field with colour stations where volunteers could through the chalk paint. Parents had an opportunity to purchase chalk paint as well which they took great advantage of. The event raised just over £900 and all the children received medals for participating. Thank you to all those that took part, sponsored and volunteered.

Looking forward to the future where we are planning the official refurbished school library opening combined with Roald Dahl day. We will be selling chocolate bars with a chance of winning a golden ticket. We are looking for raffle prizes please get in touch with Claire Duma, Jackie Smith, Emma Wells or school if you have raffle prizes to offer.

The PTFA have raised and donated lots of funding to different school needs to help enrich the children of the school. Our biggest project we have donated over £4000 to refurbish the library with new shelving, seating and books (lots and lots of books!!!). We cannot thank those that have taken part in our events, donated and volunteered as you have made it all possible. The library is an ongoing project as books are always needed to cover the topics in each class. We look forward to seeing everyone at our next year's events!

**Emma Wells**

Bonsall PTFA Secretary

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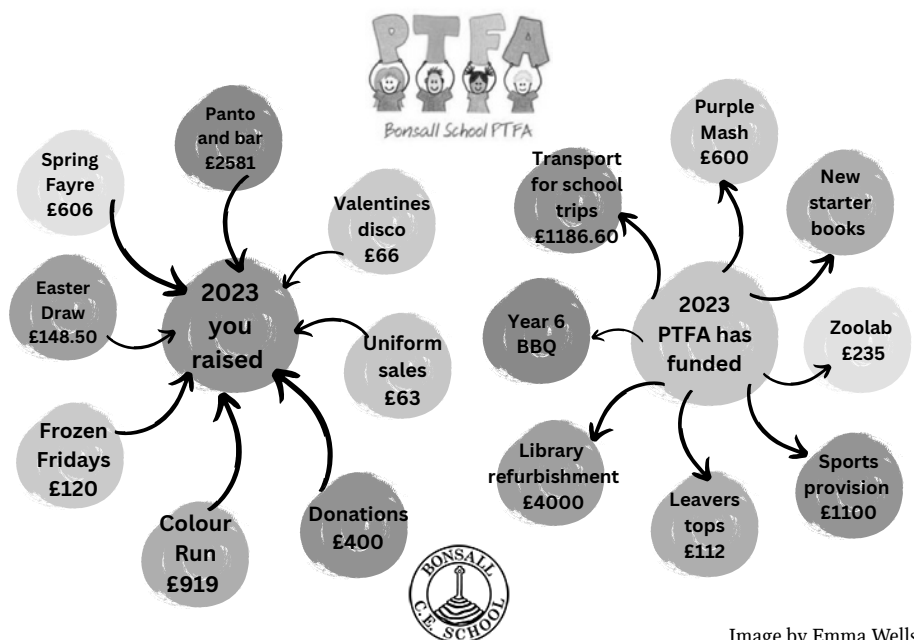


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Photos by Jonathan Ogilvie



## Bonsall Senior Citizens' Outing

Bonsall Pensioners' outing to Winterbourne House and Botanic Garden. Tuesday 27 June 2023.

The Bonsall Pensioners' outing (originally planned for March and cancelled due to heavy snow!) was a great success and gave us all an interesting and memorable day out. We didn't know where we were bound but as we headed south west (A610/A38) many guesses were made: IKEA? (meatballs all round), The D.R.I? Burton Bridge Brewery? Entering Birmingham we knew we were in for something different. On arrival at Winterbourne House we were given a brief introduction to the venue. After the coach ride everyone wanted fresh air and enjoyed the many interesting areas of the garden - woodland areas, pond with giant Gunneras, old greenhouses with cacti and bananas, and immaculate veg. plots. Following refreshments on the terraces, we went inside to take in the Arts and Crafts interior, with its time-capsule bedrooms and William Morris wallpaper. The place was built by one John Nettlefold, Industrialist and Social Reformer, who did a lot

to improve the housing in parts of Birmingham. The weather was kind to us and it was a lovely relaxing hour or so in gorgeous surroundings. On the way back we pulled off the A38 to enjoy a meal and drinks at The Cherry Tree Inn. We enjoyed the day, and it was a great way of bringing us all together for a good chin-wag.

Our thanks go to Janet Brown, Linda Cauldwell, Pat Spencer, Ann Hambly, Di Moor and Ann Punchedard for organising.

### Jonathan Ogilvie

On Tuesday 27 June, the senior citizens visited Winterbourne House and gardens in Edgbaston. In 1944, the then owner of the house died and left the house and gardens to the University of Birmingham (7.5 acres), which is now used for study by the School of Botany and female undergraduates live in the house. As we arrived, a warden gave us all a map and a short talk about the place. We were there for three hours, so we were all left to freely meander in the gardens and house at our leisure, or sit out on the terrace or in the tearoom and enjoy drinks and food etc. as we were lucky with the weather (no rain - or snow!). We

then made our way back to Cherry Tree Farm, where we had a carvery of our choice and sweet, arriving home at 7pm. Everyone said they enjoyed the visit. So thanks to you all for coming and here's to next time.

**Janet Brown** for the Senior Citizens Committee

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## Some facts and figures about Bonsall that you may not know

This article includes some aspects about Bonsall that you may not know of. For example, we guess that not everyone knows that the total distance around the Parish boundary is 10 miles (16.1 km) and that it borders seven other parishes (Middleton by Wirksworth, Ible, Winster, Wensley, Matlock, Matlock Bath and Cromford). The Peak Park boundary runs through the village to the west of Uppertown, Abel Lane and Slaley Lane, and to the south of Black Tor Road.

Parishes adjoining Bonsall  
(from [www.genuki.org.uk](http://www.genuki.org.uk))

The highest point in Bonsall parish is 1203.8 feet (388.32 metres) on Blakelow Hill. Masson Hill by comparison is 1109.6 feet (357.04 metres). The lowest point in the Parish is Chapel Hill, 895 feet (289 metres) lower, at 308.95 feet (99.66 metres). There are 11 miles (17.7 km) of surfaced road in the Parish and 20 miles (32.2 km) of unsurfaced public footpaths and bridleways.

There are 40 roads in the village, half of which have no houses on them.

**Abel Lane** (probably named after John Abel (1670))

**Blakemere Lane**

**Blakelow Lane**

**Bonsallmoor Lane**

**Brick Lane** (now the site of the Kings Head car park)

**Byeway Lane**

**Dobb Lane**

**Fairy Lane**

**Green Lane**

**Hollowchurch Way**

**Leys Lane** (known as 'Leys Gate' in 1620)

**Moor Lane** (formerly known as Destaways or Eastway)

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**Tower Lane** (in 1620 known as 'Blacklowe Tower')

**Wellhead Lane** (1675)

**Whitelow Lane**

**Winster Road**

The roads with housing are:

**Black Tor Road.**

The bungalows at the Clatterway end were built in the 1970s.

**Bonsall Lane** has six houses.

Brightgate is only included as a farm name, which means 'breach gate' or 'the new pastures'.

**Church Street** is a very popular name for a street and there are 75 other Church Streets in Derbyshire, invariably named for having a Church on them. However, in the past the constituent parts of Church Street were better known and widely used. In 1841 there was only one house on Church Street but 13 on Greenhill and nine on Town End. In 1851 Church Gate had seven houses and in 1861 Horsegate also had seven houses. In 1881 there were three houses identified as being at Church Stile and two at The Square. All of these names referred to parts of what is now Church Street. Wirksworth also has a Greenhill and there are five other Town Ends and seven Squares in Derbyshire. Horsegate was the route that horses and carts would have taken from The Cross, via Town End to Cromford, Upperwood and Matlock Bath, before Clatterway was built by lead miners in 1737.

**Clatterway:** Before the track was widened, it was first recorded in 1620 as 'Lattered Way'. On the 1773 Enclosure Award it is 'Clatteredway Gate' and by 1778 it was known as 'Clatterway Gate'. The likely meaning is from 'clater' meaning loose stones, although others attribute it to a 'clauter' or small wagon used to carry ore. A further idea that it was derived from the sound made by horses' hooves, but this appears unlikely. In the 1841 census, there were 17 houses on Clatterway, with five more at Holly Finis, two in Hollowbrook, and eight at Witch Nest. In 1851 it was called 'Latterway' with 14 houses, but it does not feature in the 1861 census at all. Neither does Witch Nest, but The Green had 20 houses.

Clatterway returns in 1881 with four houses, The Green with seven houses and Nether Green with nine houses.

**Dale Close** houses were built in the 1980s.

**Ember Lane** is shown in all the censuses with 17 houses in 1841, 12 in 1851/61 and ten in 1881. The terrace of four houses has a datestone of 1868, indicating when some redevelopment took place. 'Hember' is mentioned as one of the pastures of Bonsall in 1620 that is located 'under Masson eaves'.

**Glebe Close** houses were built in the 1980s on land originally owned by the Church and hence known as 'Glebe' land.

**High Street:** There are 52 other High Streets in Derbyshire but in Bonsall it is a more recent designation. In 1841 the houses that now have an address as High Street were in Bonsall Town (24 of them) and High Street only appears in 1851 with 28 houses. In that year, Top of the Town had 21 houses and in 1861 Town Head had eight houses.

**Pounder Lane** does not appear in any census data of the 19th century, although it was probably named after William Poundall in 1783.

**Slaley Lane:** Slaley is first mentioned in 1326 and the name derives from a word meaning 'sloe clearing'. In 1841 there were 14 houses and this rose to 20 in 1861.

**Study Drive** houses were constructed by the Wildgoose family of builders in the 1930s on a private road that was the access to the, by then demolished, large house named 'The Study'.

**The Cross** appears in all the censuses with houses we now count in Church Street, Yeoman Street and High Street. Sometimes it is quite specific (e.g. the North Side of The Cross). As a feature in the village, The Cross may date back to the 14th century although it has been renovated a number of times and hence the dates carved on it.

**The Dale:** There are only three other 'The Dales' as street names in Derbyshire, including the one in Wirksworth. Bonsall's Dale was first mentioned in 1356 and Dale End in 1549, with Horsedale making a late entry in 1703. In 1841 The Dale contained 47 houses with Puddle Hill having another six. In 1851 Arthur Hill was known as 'Arthur Hill' and was

shown with 12 houses and The Dale with 46, but there is no mention of Puddle Hill. In 1861 Arthur Hill (with 11 houses) and Puddle Hill (also with 11) were registered, with Coldsides having six houses and Horsedale having three. In 1881 there is the only mention of Castle Hill with seven houses and Arthur Hill also with seven. There is no official mention of Warmside, Sunside (or Sunnyside) and Long Row as areas of The Dale until the 20th century, although these names were widely used.

**Uppertown Lane:** Uppertown was identified in 1297 as 'Over Bonteshale' and in 1298 as 'Bonteshale Superior'. By 1776 it was 'Overtown' and first became 'Uppertown' in 1798. Bell Lane is never identified in the census records but The Bank appears in 1851 with 15 houses and Uppertown Lane having 32. The Bank continues as a separate entry but never appears as Bankside.

**Via Gellia** was constructed in 1791/2 to enable the Gell family to exploit the Hoptonwood limestone (known as 'marble'). This had become fashionable after Robert Adams used it for fireplaces at the newly constructed Kedleston Hall for the Curzon family, to which the Gell family was related. The Latinised name supposedly arose from Philip Gell's belief that he was descended from a Roman centurion - a grave marker with the centurion's name 'Gellus' had been discovered nearby. Until, and for a while after 1791, the Via Gellia was known as Bonsall Hollow.

**Yeoman Street:** There are no other Yeoman Streets in Derbyshire and it appears in all the censuses from 1841, although in 1881 there were five houses in Long Lane, which we now call Stepping Lane. Park Stile makes an appearance in the 1901 census with two houses at the bottom of Yeoman Street.

**Peter Fellows**  
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Bonsall History Group

## Report for 18 July 2023 meeting

We still have 2 vacancies for Parish Councillors. Please contact Julia if you are interested in joining the Council and having your say in village matters. (bonsallclerk@gmail.com)

### Public speaking:

K Potter (Peak Park Forum) reiterated her concern at the lack of affordable housing in the Peak Park area and noted that recently produced figures show the numbers of affordable houses created over the past decade are abysmal. She will report back in September following the up-coming Planning Meeting.

Cllr Murphy reported that it is hoped the response from slinter quarry regarding ecological matters will be received in September.

It was noted The Dale has now been trimmed which was welcomed. Cllr Murphy suggested asking a representative from DDDC to come to Bonsall to look at the issue of overgrown verges, overhanging vegetation and road sweeping and explain what Bonsall can expect from DDDC.

He reported that plans for Via Gellia improvements continue and there should be a presentation in Bonsall in September. Some residents on the Via Gellia whose properties are affected, have questioned DCC's plans for removal of trees as unnecessary and excessive. There is also a plan to install average speed cameras.

A member of the public repeated his concerns about a large bush growing at the top of the wall at the bottom of Church Street. He reported he has re-felted the electricity box at the Park. He was also concerned about gulleys becoming clogged with debris particularly after heavy rain and asked how this material should be disposed of. Cllr Murphy will add this to subjects to be discussed with the DDDC representative.

A member of the public gave positive feedback to the Parish Council. Several visitors had praised the management of the churchyard and complimented the way it combined wildness with managed areas.

Another member of the public suggested Bonsall Parish Council could approach Derbyshire Wildlife

Trust to help with producing an overall management plan for public spaces and verges in order to protect wildlife and biodiversity while ensuring safety for pedestrians and traffic. It was agreed to obtain a quotation and the Clerk should contact Matt Buckler in the first instance.

### Chair's Announcements:

The Chair reported that he had attended a meeting with the new owners of Ball Eye quarry. They have a comprehensive plan to remove or deal with trees around the edge of the quarry affected by ash dieback. Cllr Grover has a hard copy of the plans if anyone wishes to view them.

He further thanked Cllr Murphy for securing a grant of £900 towards a new defibrillator.

### Churchyard:

it was noted that ivy has been removed from the two large memorials near the church door. Clerk will contact DDDC concerning the large bush which is overhanging the road. It was agreed that the Council is very happy with the state of the churchyard which has been greatly praised all round.

### Quarrying update:

see above under Chair's Announcements. The Chair also noted that there have been several noise complaints lately connected with the quarry which have been referred to DCC.

### 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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# PARISH COUNCIL

## The Park:

The Clerk again reported instances of dog mess found in the Park. There has also been more litter which will interfere with mowing.

## Road sweeping and overhanging growth:

see above. There were also complaints about the road up to Slaley needing to be cut back. Cllr Barry suggested creating a policy of how matters like this in Bonsall should be managed. It was decided that councillors will all explore and produce suggestions for a document.

## Light at the Cross:

the on-going cost of this was discussed, particularly as it has not been working. Leigh Johnson kindly agreed to replace the bulb. Cllr Barry offered to look at the possibility of installing a solar panel.

## Personnel policy:

the policy amended by Cllr Grover was approved.

## Bankside:

Cllr Barry will look into installing a bench halfway up Bankside. It was agreed this is an excellent idea.

## Website:

It was agreed to replace our existing website provider with a "Parish Online" website at a cost of £360 p.a. which includes writing and support. The current provider is charging £300 p.a. and it still requires other support. Cllr Tobin to advise.

## Village Sign:

Cllr Barry confirmed there is no update. To be carried forward.

## Disposal of land adjacent to 48 High Street:

Chair noted that notification had arrived too late to be included in the agenda. He noted however that BPC had made a request to DDDC that the land would be considered for social housing.

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 19th September 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 9th September.

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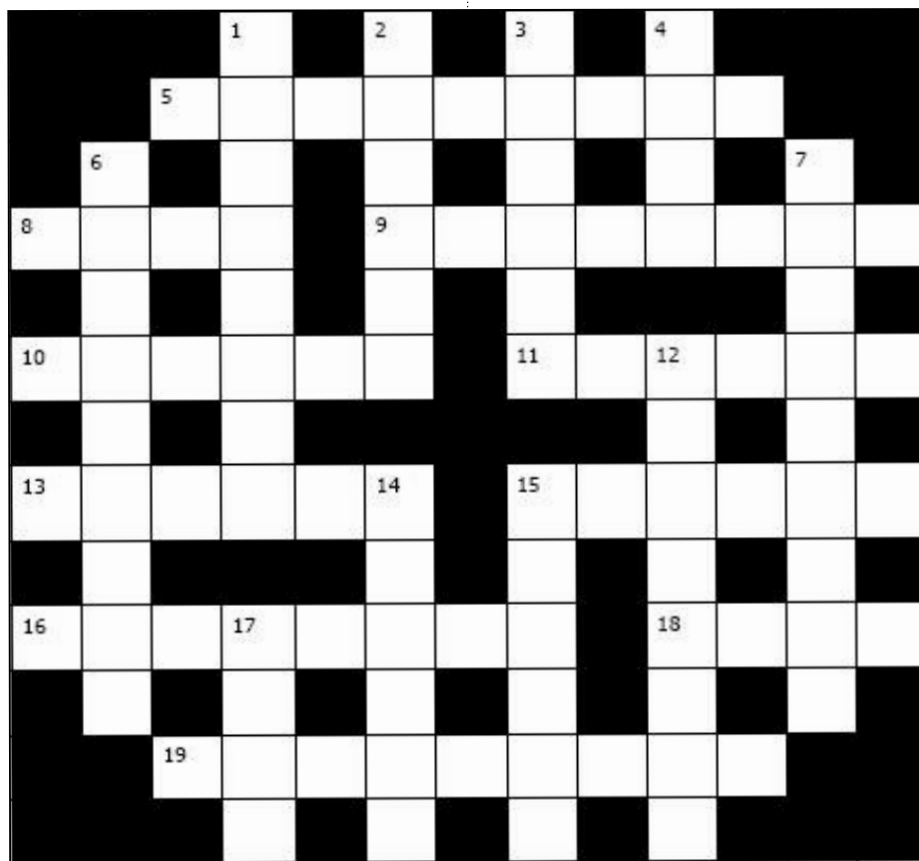
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## CROSSWORD #152



### Across:

5. Book a fight with a youngster? (5,1,3)
8. Dirty Eastender embraces a number five (last word). (4)
9. 5 (last word). 151 or 500? About fifty fifty, initially. (8)
10. Each short day on summit of Nevis for 5 (last word).
11. 5 (first word). Learn about variable. (6)
13. Army on board is in state of inactivity. (6)
15. Distribute alms to No. 5 (first word). (6)
16. Steal in? Yes! (4-4)
18. 5 (last word). Lorry loses resistance and skids about. (4)
19. 5 (first word). Digger ran all over the place. (9)

### Down:

1. Leaves a group on first sight. (8)
2. 5 (last word). Able to support Brown. (6)
3. 5 (last word). Pierre's friend is in study. (6)
4. 5 (last word). Heads of Royal Opera launch Faust. (4)
6. 5 (last word). Base saint slaughtered (with a load of arrows, apparently). (9)
7. The way Paul Simon sang without Garfunkel? Honestly! (9)
12. Adoring maid showed off annulet (8)
14. Recorded payment for serious misconduct - sentence order? (6)
15. Letter in leaflets - annoying flyers. (6)
17. Seen rising in wonderful no. 5 (last word).

### Answers to Crossword No. 151

Answers to Crossword no. 151. Across: 5. Perpetual. 8. Gist. 9. Inflexed. 10 & 11 Blithe Spirit. 13. Cognac. 15. Poteen. 16. Heedless. 18. Emit. 19. Embroider. Down: 1. Ten to Ten. 2. Sprite. 3. Stiffs. 4. Sake. 6. Willpower. 7. Demi-devil. 12. In the red. 14. Cheery. 15. Pastis. 17. Dumb.

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		Five-a-side football preliminary rounds at 6:15pm on the park	
Wed	2	It's a knock out at 7:00pm on the park	
Thurs	3	Walking Treasure Hunt at 6:00pm from The Fountain	
Fri	4	Five-a-side football final at 6:00pm on the park	
		Lantern procession and fireworks finale at 9pm on the park	
Sat	5	Hen Races	Barley Mow
Tue	8	Blue and Green Bins and food caddy	
Sun	13	Eucharist at 9.30am with Rev. Rod Prince	St James Church
Tue	15	Grey Bins and food caddy	
Tue	22	Blue and Green Bins and food caddy	
Sun	27	Eucharist at 9.30am with Rev. Bob Rhodes	St James Church
Mon	28	Summer Bank Holiday	
Wed	30	Grey Bins and food caddy	

## Future events

Tue 19 Sept      7:30pm Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall  
 Sat 30 Sept      Horticultural Show, Village Hall