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T'Owd Man's Mutterings

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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

Church Services for February are:

Sunday 11 Eucharist at 9.30am

Sunday 25 Eucharist at 9.30am

Bonsall Church Café

Refreshments are available in church from 12 noon to 3pm on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays.

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The Wirksworth Team Ministry

Village Life Church (High Street)

Sunday 10.30am Worship service (doors open from 10am for drinks)

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Wednesday 7pm Small group (check venue)

Thursday 8.45-9.30am Prayer

9.30am-10.30am Small group (Contact us for more details & venue)

Coffee Morning

Thursday 8th February 10am till 12pm (Drop in, all welcome)

Please contact us if you would like to know more about the church, events, or just to talk.

Email: villagelifechurchbonsall@gmail.com Call/text: 07988 071682

Pastor Matthew Quinn

Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel (The Dale)

Sunday Services during February are at 2.30 pm.

All are welcome to join with us.

Judy Land

CHURCH NEWS

"January brings the snow, makes our feet and fingers glow. February brings the rain, thaws the frozen lake again. March brings breezes loud and shrill, stirs the dancing daffodil." Perhaps you are familiar with this poem - The Garden Year, written in 1834 by Sarah Coleridge, daughter of Samuel Taylor Coleridge? It is surprising what comes to mind when it snows! I find it so amazing and wonderful, that we have four seasons of the year, despite "climate change" and all that is happening in our world. For me, it is so comforting to know that God is present behind the scenes, for it is His world after all. To see snowdrops starting to flower and other bulbs "pushing up" green shoots in the garden. I also have packets of seed that I anticipate planting too. In all the circumstances of life there is something to encourage our hearts and realign our thoughts, if we choose, as we watch the changing seasons of the year. There is also a parallel in our lives for we too have seasons - childhood, teenage, twenties and so on! Some of us could describe ourselves as being "mature" but maybe there is till "spark of Spring"! It is therefore appropriate that here in England, in the Derbyshire hill village of Bonsall "God bless ye", that we can celebrate the seasons and add a different dimension to our lives as we go through the year. King Solomon, as an old man, looks back over his life and pens the book of Ecclesiastes. In chapter 3 he writes, "To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven . . . Fear God (have an awe and reverence



Photo by Maggie Duggins

for God, our Father) and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of all people." God is a Father who loves and cares for us all, no matter who we are or where we live or what we have done. That is why Jesus came to this earth, that we might believe and trust in God. Hopefully some "food for thought" during February, no matter what the weather brings!

Judy Land

Bonsall Dale Chapel

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.

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FLOODLIGHTING



Floodlighting for February

For Richard and Kath Taylor, 2 February has loving memories of Kath's mum. For Wendy, Neil and their families 3 February is when they remember their dad, John, with much love on his birthday. Val and Steven remember Val's brother, David Evans, on his birthday 4 February.

Mick Baugh is remembered by Rita, Rachael, Danny and their families on his birthday, also on 4 February. The beginning of the month is when Dr Jayme Rolls is remembered fondly as a teacher and a special friend.

5 February is when Ron is especially remembered by Janet, Jason, Lisa and their family on his birthday. Beryl Webster, Jenny and family lovingly remember Jack, particularly on 12 February.

The lighting helps bring fond memories of Aunty Joan to all the Rickard family around 14 February. 20 February is when Eric Gregory's thoughts are very much of his wife, Mary.

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OBITUARY



Jean May Hardy

Jean May Hardy, 83, formally of Haydene, Clatterway Hill, Bonsall, passed away at Valley Lodge Nursing Home Matlock on the 12 January 2024.

The funeral service will be held at St. James Church, Church Street Bonsall at 2pm on Friday, 2 February 2024. All welcome. Any donations received will benefit Ashbourne Animal Ark. You are warmly invited for refreshments after the service at the Village Hall Bonsall.

The family would like to thank all relatives and friends for their sympathy and kind wishes during this time.

Paul & Peter Hardy & families

LETTERS



Belated Thank you

This is a belated apology due to December being a difficult time. I would like to thank Sam and Andy at The Kings Head and Richard Taylor, and everybody who gave towards Bill's memorial bench.

Gill Cooper



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Bonsall Maypole

Many of you will remember that a new Bonsall maypole was unveiled at the Carnival last year with thanks to the Bonsall School PTFA and Heritage Lottery Funding. In the coming couple of months we have some more maypole related events for you. The school children will all get a chance to learn more about maypole dancing's history and get to have a go at a variety of dances, children at Cromford Pre-school will have a chance to try out some dances around a mini maypole and in March there will be an opportunity for anyone who would like to try out maypole dancing, be it for the first time or to re-live old memories! The date for community have-a-go sessions will be advertised on Facebook, through the school and on posters or you can email Claire on info@maypolemovers.co.uk if you would like to be informed directly of the dates. Finally, we will be producing a booklet about maypole dancing in Bonsall and would love even more of you to come forward with stories and photographs of your memories of maypole dancing. Please send them to the email address above or talk to members of the PTFA. To get you started we have a question for you.... How many people can you name on this photograph and when was it taken? Please do get in touch with any answers!

Claire Butler

for Bonsall school PTFA
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Vacant plots on Bonsall Allotments

There are 2 vacant plots on Bonsall Allotments, both of which have been recently worked and should be easy enough to get ready for next season. One is a half plot at £40 per year and the other a quarter plot at £20. If anyone is interested then please ring me on 825591 and we can arrange to visit the site.

Penny Collier



Photo by Rebecca Smart

Bonsall School Christmas Shows

Henry and Daniel were buzzing with excitement to tell me about the pantomime in Chesterfield and the school Christmas Show. All the school went by bus to Chesterfield for a morning performance of "Aladdin" and the journey was great fun. Everyone sang on the bus. There were lots of other schools at the theatre. There was an impressive giant genie like a cardboard statue. Brian Blessed did the voice for the genie with his lovely deep voice. The Queen was played by one of the Chasers so every time she came on we all shouted, 'Time to start the chase'. When the bad characters came on there were lots of big sparks and we all shouted, 'BOO! BOO!'. There were a lot of dancers, they were very good. There were also children as back-up dancers; they were good too. Henry and Daniel were very impressed by the dancers although they confessed to being pretty good themselves!

The school play was called The Honky Tonky Donkey and we all played musical instruments. The main character was played by Alfie, a Year 5. Henry and Daniel were very impressed by how quickly he learned his lines. Vi was very good as

Mary and Isla as an animal. Daniel was the narrator and Henry was in charge of stage lights and music.

There was a Year 6 dance for the grand finale, all the year 6 girls danced behind Henry and Daniel while they were doing an amazing dance in the front. It seemed to all go very well as the parents clapped and cheered.

So a great time was had by all!

**Karen Firth and
Rebecca Smart**

Free, certified Carbon Literacy course for Bonsall residents

Bonsall Energy Group is delighted to offer people in the village a free, certified Climate Literacy course in collaboration with Change Agents UK. The course covers modules on the basics of climate change, climate equity & carbon footprints, achieving a zero-carbon future, becoming change agents and taking action.

It is a full day course and will be held on 23 March at Bonsall Village Hall. Numbers are limited, so please express your interest via the BEG website at bonsallenergy.group ASAP. Priority will be given to young people in the village and those interested in relevant careers and volunteer activities.

You can find more info on the course and Change Agents UK at changeagents.org.uk/carbon-literacy

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Barley Mow wins award

The Barley Mow has been crowned 'The Best Country Pub' at the recent Marketing Derby Food & Drink Awards'.

We were up against some stiff competition, and we were the only independent / Freehouse / owner operated pub in our category. Obviously we are so delighted to win!!!!

This is what the judges had to say...

"We were so impressed with this quirky, friendly and well regarded little pub. With the atmosphere, the commitment to use local suppliers.. for meat, wine, vegetables.. and with all the special events organised throughout the year, including free live music, free films and more, the landlord and landlady really going the extra mile to attract customers and in many ways, making it more than just a pub.."

Thanks to everyone who continues to support us... your enduring support is what really matters!

Colette & Mick

Auction - King's Head 22 March 2024- 7.30pm

All at Bonsall CE (VA) School are so pleased with the new school library and reading resources.

An Auction, with thanks to the King's Head and Richard and Kath Taylor, is taking place on Friday 22 March, commencing at 7.30pm. As before, there will be a huge variety of 'lots' which are listed on the enclosed sheets. Bids can be emailed to Ann Hambly – amwhambly@yahoo.co.uk.

A huge thankyou to everyone for their on-going support.

Ann Hambly

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Festive Market Entertainment

As part of our Christmas celebrations in Church, we held a Festive Market in December last year. We were entertained once again by the fabulous Ukewicks band who never fail to get toes tapping and visitors singing along. We hope that they will return in June this year for the Bonsall Arts Trail weekend.

Bonsall Seniors Outing

On the 19 December 2023, 47 Bonsall Seniors went for our annual Christmas outing. We apologise for the change in venue but we hope you all enjoyed the more "Christmas Menu", at the Excavator, to where you thought you were going and what you thought you were having. And then there was an added bonus of the Christmas lights in Matlock and Matlock Bath on the way home, which even we didn't know about!!

We wish you all a Happy, Healthy New Year (if it's not too late, as no Mutterings in January) and we look forward to seeing you all again on the Summer Outing.

Janet Brown on behalf of the Bonsall Seniors Committee.

Peak District National Park announces new electric vehicle charges to help drive lower emission journeys

The new EV chargers, located in some of the busiest sites across the National Park, will support zero emission journeys, while driving, for both tourists and the local community.

The new EV chargers were funded by BMW UK as part of its Recharge in Nature partnership with National Parks UK.

Through the partnership, BMW UK is also funding the Peak District National Park's 'Peaks of Health' initiative, from Spring 2024, which will support community-based health and wellbeing organisations to

make the National Park a more accessible space to walk, cycle and enjoy.

The Peak District National Park is charging forward, enhancing its accessibility to electric vehicles (EVs), with today marking the completion of the installation of five new twin charging points, funded by BMW UK through its Recharge in Nature partnership with National Parks UK.

The new EV chargers are located at Millers Dale Station, Parsley Hay Bike Hire Centre & Car Park and the Moorland Visitor Centre at Edale. Millers Dale Station and Parsley Hay chargers will be available to the public, and those at Edale will serve guests of the Fieldhead Campsite at the Moorland Visitor Centre.

These are some of the busiest locations in the National Park, increasing the availability of EV charging options for both local communities and visitors. Each EV charging point can charge two cars simultaneously meaning that more EV drivers can travel with confidence to appreciate the Peak District's picturesque views.

Alison Riley

Communications Officer

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Defra funded grants for farmers and land owners

Successful support scheme for farmers to benefit climate, nature, people and place in the Peak District's special landscape is extended for one more year. Farmers and land managers in the Peak District National Park are being encouraged to continue to apply for funding to support landscape enhancement, access and conservation work through the Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) programme. The national FiPL programme, administered locally by the Peak District National Park Authority, has been extended 12 months, to March 2025, with an extra £2.4 million available for farmers and land managers in the 2024/25 financial year. Since July 2021, the Peak District National Park has channelled £2 million to over 300 local farmers and land managers to bring benefits for climate, nature, people and place with an extra 1.2 million expected to be spent between now and April.


So far, the FiPL programme has supported 304 Peak District projects with works ranging from installing solar powered drinking troughs for livestock, creating habitat corridors for wildlife, to building a new hay barn to enable making late-cut, flower-rich hay, and planting close to 9kms of new hedgerows in the Hope Valley in association with the Hope Farmers Group. In total, 35 ponds have been

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Defra funded grants for farmers and land managers targeting climate, nature, people and place - ends March 2025



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improved or created, 5511 trees planted, 49 historic structures conserved, restored or interpreted more effectively and 80 hectares of hay meadow restored. Educational access is being supported on 8 farms and 10 new permissive paths are in place.

The works bring benefits on the ground including supporting natural flood management, reducing carbon emissions from farms, improving areas for wildlife, and enhancing landscape features and historic assets. Many projects pave the way for enhanced opportunities for farmers to draw down funding from national schemes and/or enhance their business.

Phil Mulligan, chief executive of the Peak District National Park, said: "The National Park is a living, working landscape that supports communities and businesses, and is home to a huge range of habitats and species. It's also a place enjoyed by millions of visitors and residents every year. The FiPL programme has made it possible for us to support one-off projects that benefit

nature and cultural heritage-friendly farm businesses. "It's fantastic to see farmers taking up the opportunities to increase habitats, improve biodiversity, mitigate the impacts of climate change, and provide opportunities for people to enjoy and understand the landscape and its cultural heritage. It's about investing in the environment and people to help build sustainable farm businesses that look after the landscape now and for the future."

Some standout successes of the FiPL programme in the Peak District National Park to date include significant repairs to 300 metres of Doctor's Gate bridleway which protects sensitive moorland habitat; restoration of a stone-built Victorian water header tank structure at Sheldon; and support for the creation of wood pasture projects at Baslow and Hayfield and agro-forestry farming systems at Great Longstone, Green Fairfield and Wincle. At Minninglow, access off the High Peak trail has been provided to an award winning limekiln restoration project.

Funding is available for projects which deliver for one or more of the following themes: climate – including reducing flood risk; nature – targeting nature recovery; people – including enhanced access, volunteering, and ways to discover, enjoy and understand the landscape; place – including landscape, cultural heritage and support for increasing the resilience of nature friendly sustainable farm businesses.

The National Park team are particularly interested in hearing from farmers with ideas for projects that will deliver across the themes whilst supporting the development of their business, possibly through direct sales or enabling transition to a business model that can be supported more effectively through national schemes.

A local panel including farmer representatives assesses projects to ensure they provide value for money, a legacy from the work,

and meet at least one of the scheme's outcomes and supports the aims of the National Park Management Plan.

To find out more about the support that is available, visit www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/fipl or speak to a farm adviser or FiPL officer on 01629 816200, or email: farming@peakdistrict.gov.uk.

THE VILLAGE GREEN

Wilder Bonsall Group

At our last meeting of 2023 we looked back on our achievements. We've welcomed new members. We've made progress on several areas in the village, including our much-loved Community Garden, the church steps banking in the park, Nether Green and the footpath on Yeoman Street. We've also held several litter picks over the year to reduce plastic in the natural environment. Thanks to everyone for mucking in and supporting wildlife.

Looking ahead to 2024 we discussed how we might manage some of the more challenging verges in the village e.g. Black Tor Road and the bottom of the Dale. We have written to the Parish Council to ask for help with this in the short term.

Ideas for connecting with the school and St James' were developed and we hope to get projects off the ground in the spring. Come along to our next meeting, Thursday 1 February, 7pm at The Kings Head to find out more.

Our next practical work sessions will be held in late January/early February, initially focusing on the park bank and the path on Yeoman Street. Get in touch if you would like to get your hands dirty.

Elaine Pickersgill
Wilder Bonsall member

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Parish Council Report for meeting on 19 December 2023 and 16 January 2024

Public Speaking

Two members of the public presented a summary of the Bonsall Energy Group (BEG) community energy feasibility study.

BEG was formed in 2022 with a view of seeing what interest there might be in looking at potential renewable energy projects. Council for the Protection of the Rural Environment in conjunction with BEG produced a report in late 2022 setting out a vision for Bonsall. There were a number of potential options identified for renewable energy projects including wind turbine sites. BEG wishes to take the next step of undertaking a feasibility study to look in more details at these potential options and identify which, if any, would most benefit the community and be economically viable.

In order to apply for funding, BEG has registered with the Financial Conduct Authority as a Community Benefit Society and is about to apply for a Stage 1 grant from the Midlands Net Zero Hub Community Energy Fund for a CE Feasibility Study. BEG will prioritise scheme options with the focus being on wind and solar energy along with hydro, heat pumps and retrofit solar PV and electric vehicle charging points.

Community engagement via Mutterings is on-going and public meetings sessions are planned in the coming year.

The Cross

The Clerk is seeking further quotes for the necessary repairs. It was agreed to look for grants from heritage bodies to finance the necessary work.

Condition of roads

There has been much discussion about the terrible state of the roads in the village. BPC asked that representatives of DCC should visit and Parish Councillors walked them round Bonsall. Unfortunately, their response was disappointing. They said there is no budget for re-surfacing and the only option is for residents to report potholes via the DCC website. Cllr S Smith volunteered to collate a list of all the potholes in the village and make sure they are reported on the DCC website. He suggests residents report potholes to him via the village Matters Facebook page. The Clerk has also reported the signage problems during the recent roadworks on Via Gellia which resulted in large lorries becoming stuck in the village.

Grant

A grant of £250 for Mutterings was agreed.

Lime Trees in Churchyard

There was further discussion regarding next steps. Cllr Barry will meet with tree specialist in early February to seek a perspective on

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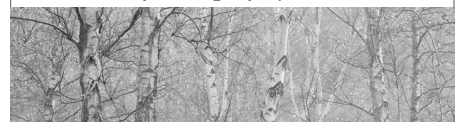
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PARISH COUNCIL

Website

Plans for a new website for the Parish Council are on-going.

Precept

Whilst there are some large up-coming expenditures (e.g. tree work in the churchyard and repairs to the Cross) the Chair was keen to restrict any increase in the precept to a minimum. It was agreed to increase it by just the inflationary level of 5%. This will add approximately £3.90 to each household's bill over the year.

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 20 February 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 **9 February**.

Clerk and Finance Officer:

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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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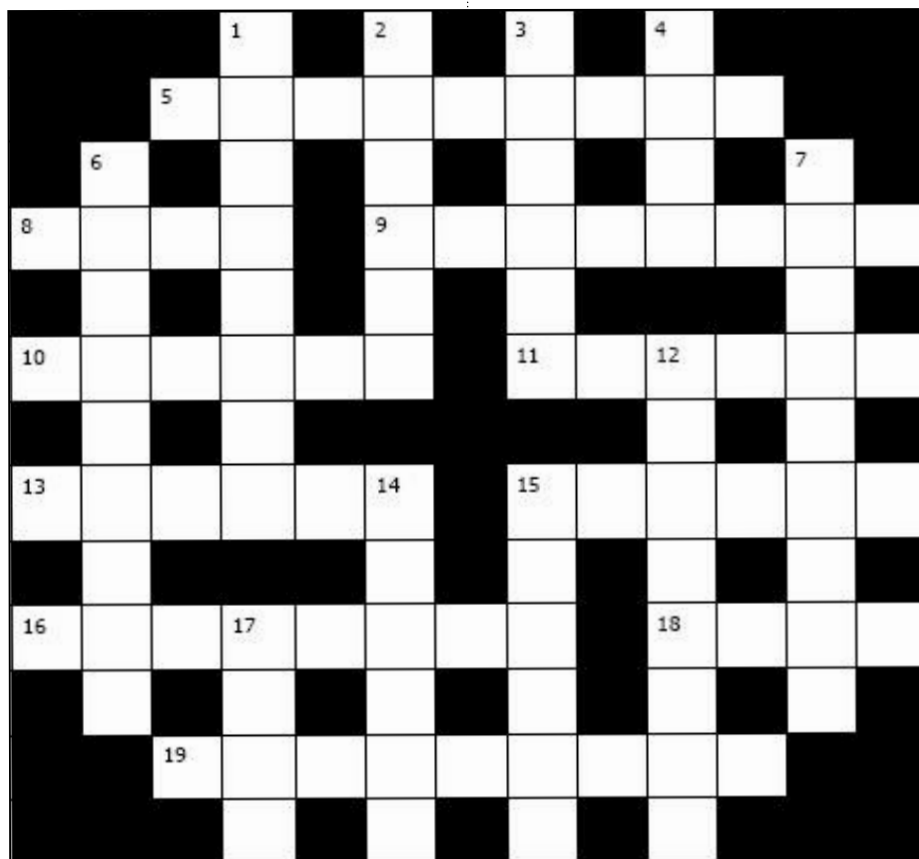
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CROSSWORD #157



The themed question for number 10 across always refers to the second word.

Across:

- 5. Broadcast air played with gut strings? Yes, but only in your imagination! (3-6)
- 8 & 10. Put the phone down with anger for cash output. (4,2,4)
- 9. Fresh in: unique books. (8)
- 10. See 8.
- 11. In the past, in the past. (6)
- 13. Dreadful jerk holds newspaper. (6)
- 15. Bamboozles The Donald, losing rook on board. (6)
- 16. Starting 10 with brightness. (8)
- 18. 8 seen in 13 sideline heading west. (4)
- 19. Flee utter horrendous ornamental motif. (9)

Down:

- 1. Ten confessing about drug. (8)
- 2. 10. Lawrence and I drink fancy gin. (6)
- 3. Was puzzle? Yes! (6)
- 4. 8 seen in radical leftie. (4)
- 6. I get short fix. Upset? Yes, very upset. (9)
- 7. 8. In French company, idiot supports politician. (9)
- 12. Drown one sister with boyfriend. (8)
- 14. 8 found in toxic liqueur. (6)
- 15. 8. Sounds like small cob. (6)
- 17. S.O.S! Inferno detailed start of purgatory! (4)

Answers to Crossword No. 156

Across: 5. Life-story. 8. Dill. 9. Inputter. 10 & 11. Little Donkey. 13. Stream. 15. Jungle. 16. Crumhorn (sorry, missed out an r in anagram). 18. Tiny. 19. Bluebeard. Down: 1. Mistletoe. 2. Petite. 3. Stupid. 4. Prat. 6. Miniature. 7. Repellent. 12. Nugatory. 14. Mooned. 15. Jennet. 17. Mule.

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| Fri | 2 | Blue & Green Bins and Food Waste Caddy | |
| Tues | 6 | 9.30 am - 12 noon, Bonsall Arts Group | Village Hall |
| Fri | 9 | Grey Bins and Food Waste Caddy | |
| Tues | 13 | 9.30 am - 12 noon, Bonsall Arts Group | Village Hall |
| Fri | 16 | Blue & Green Bins and Food Waste Caddy | |
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| | | 7.30pm, Parish Council Meeting | Village Hall |
| Wed | 21 | Noon, deadline for submissions of Mutterings articles for March Issue | |
| | | 7pm, (Adults Dress Rehearsal only) Robin Hood Panto | Bonsall School |
| Fri | 23 | Grey Bins and Food Waste Caddy | |
| | | 7pm, Robin Hood Panto | Bonsall School |
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