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# T'Owd Man's Mutterings



Photo by Adam Hill



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## FRAMEWORK KNITTING REVIVAL



*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

#### March

Sunday 10 Mothering Sunday,  
Eucharist at 9.30am

Sunday 24 Palm Sunday, Eucharist  
at 9.30am

Sunday 31 Easter Day, Eucharist  
at 9.30am

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### Village Life Church

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(Bring your own or learn something new)

Wednesday 7pm Small group (check venue)

Thursday 9.30am Prayer

(Contact us for more details & venue)

Coffee Morning

Thursday 14 March 10am till 12pm

(Drop in, all welcome)

Easter Sunday

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**Pastor Matthew Quinn**

### Wesleyan Reform Chapel

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2.30 pm on 3 Mar; 10 Mar; 17 Mar;

6.15 pm on 24 Mar Palm Sunday; 31 March Easter Sunday

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## CHURCH NEWS

### Vulnerability

I think we can agree that James Bond, would be nothing without his gadgets, and the most unsung hero in the Bond franchise is Q, who patiently teaches the overly confident protagonist, the tricks of the trade. The longest running actor, who seemed to outlast many transitions of actors playing Bond, was Desmond Llewelyn, who played Q in 17 of the 25 films. In the last scene he ever appeared as the character in, 'The World is Not Enough' he shared the 2 things he had always tried to impart to James over the years. The first was to 'Never let them see you bleed' and the second was to 'always have an escape plan.'

These sentiments are probably excellent advice for an international spy overthrowing various villainous organisations across the globe, but probably not so appropriate to the average person.

That said, the idea 'never let them see you bleed' seems to rear its head at times. We must not show our vulnerability, we must not show our pain or hurt. We must bury them deep so people will not think us flawed or weak. And it is of course true that we must be careful who we open ourselves up to, but for many we never present who we are to others, and experience relationships at a distance.

But vulnerability is a strength not a weakness. No deity in all of the world's religions would be seen bleeding. It would somehow show a flaw in their power, it would make them a lesser god. But the Christian faith shows God, taking the form of a man Jesus, willing to bleed on a cross, so that all of mankind has the means to experience friendship with God. He wanted the world to see him bleed, so that the world knew there was an 'escape plan'.

An escape from our flaws and weaknesses, an escape from fear, an escape from the hurts of our past, an escape from death. "For God so loved the world, that he gave us His one and only Son, so that whoever puts their faith in Him, shall not perish, but have a full, complete, and everlasting life".

I encourage you this Easter, to take a few moments of pause and reflection. How does the death of Jesus impact you?

Why not come along to one of the churches in Bonsall and celebrate the joy of Jesus' death and resurrection this coming Easter Weekend.

**Matthew Quinn**  
Village Life Church

## FLOODLIGHTING

### Floodlighting for March

The floodlighting this month brings special memories for several villagers. Di, Kath, Andrew, Mick and Sally have lovely memories of Dorothy particularly on 1 March. For Dorinda, Simon and Stephanie there are loving thoughts of Harold as well as Annie and Lev Weston. Pat, Sue and John remember Joe with much love on 17 March. Janet, Jason and Lisa remember Ron, especially on 28 March.

\*Apologies for an omission in the January memories 'We all remember our mum and dad, Nora and Herman Martin, with happy memories' Janet, Christine, June, Michael and families.

**Di Moor, 824376**

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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.**



## LETTERS

### Letter to Bonsall Parish Council re land adjacent to 48 High Street (See Parish Council Report)

I attended several Parish Council meetings in support of the previous proposal to deliver a small scheme of affordable homes in Bonsall. Bonsall remains one of the few villages which we have struggled to deliver affordable homes in recent years.

The land adjacent to 48 High Street was considered along with one or two other small sites in council ownership in the south of the district. The problem with single house developments is financial viability. When councils and housing associations (and private developers as well) develop affordable housing, they need a certain level of scale to make a scheme viable. When all the fixed costs associated with a construction project are applied to one property, the financial viability of the development just doesn't stack up. There are no economies of scale to spread the costs across.

For this site and the other small sites considered by the Governance and Resources Committee, the issues are the same. We simply can't pump in sufficient public money to make one unit viable. The same is also true if we tried to combine 3 single small unit schemes, we would still need 3 planning applications, 3 sets of professional fees, 3 legal fees etc. Finding a builder to take on the construction of smaller homes is also difficult, with many smaller builder firms previously going out of business and for the larger companies, there won't be enough profit to make it worthwhile.

It's disappointing I know, but we spent a lot of time trying to make these schemes work but they just aren't deliverable as affordable housing sites.

We would be happy to look at any other opportunities that come up in the village and my colleague Jeremy Mason would be happy to assist.

Kind regards,

**Rob Cogings BSc(Hons), MA, MBA**

Director of Housing  
Derbyshire Dales DC

### Listening to locals - Peak District National Park's chief executive launches new roadshows

A new series of Peak District roadshows will give local people the chance to share their views with National Park Authority chief executive Phil Mulligan.

The Meet the Chief Executive roadshows are an opportunity to speak to Phil in an informal setting and to share views, ideas, opinions and other feedback about the work of the National Park Authority or the National Park Management Plan.

Events will be held regularly, around once a month, at venues across the National Park.

Phil says: "It's very important that we involve local people in our plans – and that means getting out into communities and really listening to what people have to say. I want the Authority to be accessible to local people and for our role to be better understood. Every decision we take is welcomed by some and unpopular with others. We cannot avoid such tensions but we can aim to be more understanding and enabling where this is possible and explain the context more clearly when we have to make a decision that someone disagrees with. We know people feel proud to live in the National Park and I want them to also feel proud of the organisation that is helping to conserve and enhance the place they love."

The first four roadshows will be:

- Castleton Visitor Centre (Blueberry Café) – 14 February (2.30pm-4.30pm)
- YHA Hartington – 22 March (3pm-5pm)
- Hathersage Swimming Pool Café – date and time to be confirmed
- The Chakra Lounge, Bakewell – date and time to be confirmed

There is no need to book a place or to contact the National Park Authority beforehand, just simply drop in during the session times shown.

Phil will aim to speak to everyone who attends the events, where time and venue capacity allows. If he is unable to speak to everyone, there will be an opportunity to follow up at an alternative venue or by email.

Due to the very high volume of planning applications received each year and to allow a wide range of topics to be covered at each event, Phil will not be able to discuss specific residential or business applications. However, people are welcome to discuss broader planning and development issues, strategy and policy planning.

Further dates and venues will be announced in due course at <https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/ceo>

For more information please contact **Communications Manager Tom Marshall** – [tom.marshall@peakdistrict.gov.uk](mailto:tom.marshall@peakdistrict.gov.uk) / 01629 816293

### William Prince of Bonsall

Tracing your ancestors is a very popular hobby these days. It is often time-consuming but fun, exasperating but exciting. My brother Richard has been tracing our Cromford and Bonsall ancestors for years now and recently discovered William Prince of Bonsall. He is the elder brother of our 4 times Grandfather Thomas Prince.

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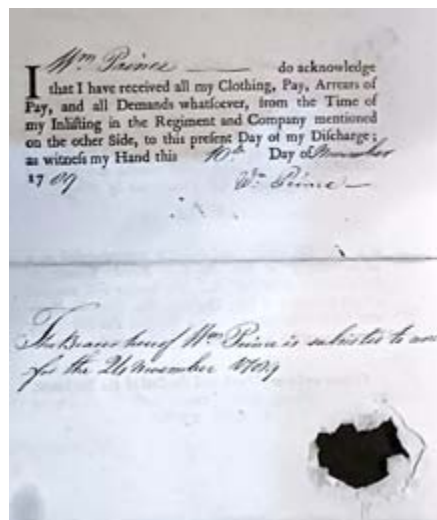
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William started work as a butcher in Bonsall but then joined the 29th Regiment of foot in 1765 as a private. (He was still a private when he retired!) With the army he served in the USA and in Canada. After 23 years of service, he was discharged from the army as 'worn out with service' and became a Chelsea Old Pensioner. He was 47 when he retired!! He died in Cromford aged 82.

### **Told to Karen Firth by Richard Kirk**

(2 photos of enlistment and discharge papers submitted by Karen Firth)



### **Bonsall School - World Day of Prayer**

Year 5 and 6 pupils will be leading an assembly in celebration of World Day of Prayer at 2.20pm on Friday 1 March. Members of the village community are warmly welcome to attend.

**Rebecca Smart**  
Bonsall School

### **Auction- King's Head 22 March at 7.30pm**

All at Bonsall School would like to thank everyone who has donated to the Mock Auction which will be held at the King's Head on Friday 22 March, commencing at 7.30pm. There has been a superb response.

There is a list of 'lots' in all copies of March Mutterings and one off bids can be made in advance, either by letting Gill Wood or Jennie Pugh know in the school office or by emailing Ann Hambly, as confirmed within the sheet. As has been said, all money raised will be given to learning resources.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in the King's Head on the evening of Friday 22 March.

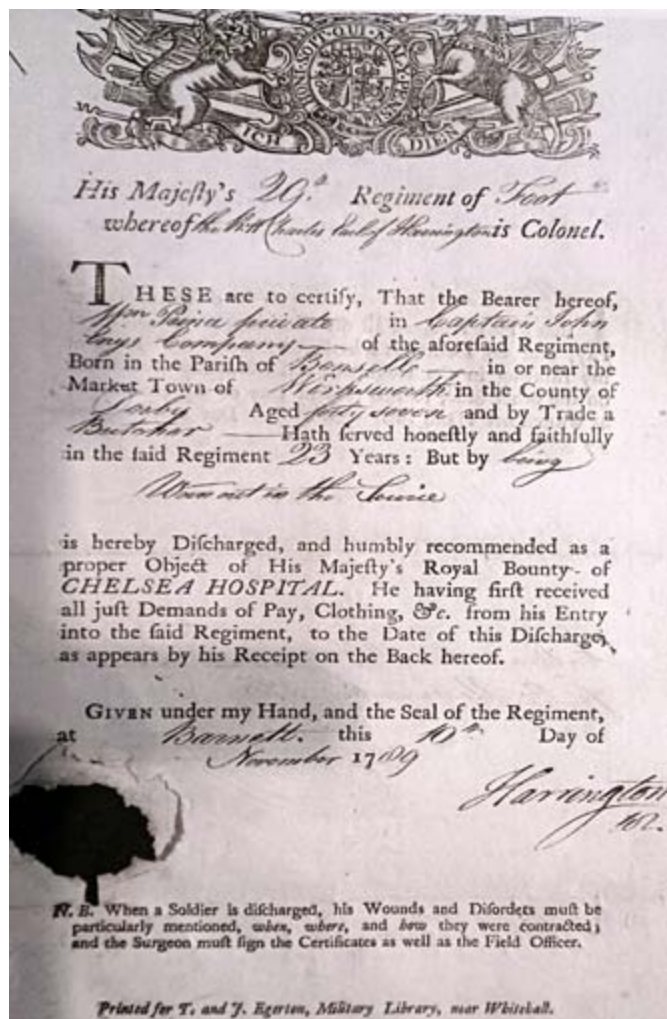
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**Jennie Pugh- School Business  
Officer** tel: 01629 822573

### **Village Lunch Club**

On Wednesday 21 February the Village Lunch people enjoyed a meal of Toad in the hole with vegetables followed by Treacle sponge with custard and then a cup of tea (or coffee!!). Brains were stretched with Linda's quiz and good conversation was enjoyed by all. If you would like to join in next month, please ring 01629 826309 by 13 March to book your place for the meal on 20 March - unless you signed up at Feb's meal. Please tell us of any special food needs you have and book a takeout if you would be unable to join us in the Village Hall.

**Jenny March/ Jon Ogilvy** on behalf of Village Lunch Club





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Photo by Jon Ogilvie

Diners enjoying the Village Lunch Club

### Bonsall Open Gardens and Barn Project

As the first snowdrops are opening, we are reminded of springtime and what summer will bring. As an Open Gardens organiser, I am aware that the 1st and 2nd of June comes around far too quickly, taking us all by surprise in fact each year!!

This year is going to be even more eventful on the Bonsall gardening scene.

I am currently working with Broomfield College students and the Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust, and together we are creating a Chelsea Flower Show type garden featuring Bonsall Moor!!

It will be complete with a field barn, dew pond, lead mine shaft, limestone way, with dry stone wall and squeeze stile as a backdrop.

The wildflowers such as giant oxeye daisies, harebells, herb robert, cowparsley, trefoil, centaury, lilac, wild marjoram, sweet cicely etc and of course our speciality, the lead loving orchids, will be planted around this beautiful vision of our historic moor. I will keep an update on progression.

The venue is at the National Exhibition Centre for the BBC's Gardener's World 13-16 June, and will feature in the tv program coverage. Hopefully this show garden will raise awareness nationwide and hopefully funds for the Bonsall Field Barn Project.

So, I have a plea, for all of those who are thinking about opening their gardens this year. I will have to have to know name and numbers by mid April time, so we can design the programmes and tickets for printing by 20 May. I will have no time after that.

Also, I am in the middle of designing and creating an exhibition at Chatsworth with the Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust, that runs from 10-23 June at the Carriage House. It celebrates 50 years of historic building restorations of this great charity's work, the town of Wirksworth being a major project in the 80's.

Of course, there will be Bonsall Field Barns included!! One of the reasons I became a DHBT trustee was to help save

more field barns (we have three in line for restoration this year).

But back to the Magical Gardens of Bonsall. The buzz and joy of our stunning and unique Bonsall Open Gardens event is enjoyable for all of those involved. Bonsall is at its finest in late spring and early summer as all the wild blossoms flower in the meadows and our gardens burst abruptly with colour.

The beauty of Bonsall, at this time, has raised vast amounts of money over the years for our village. We have to thank the farmers and landowners too who keep the landscape and backdrop to the event, so beautiful and tended always. We really

do live in an other-worldly fairy tale world here in Bonsall I often think, whilst walking the footpaths and lanes. Visitors comment on this too.

So, all garden entries are considered, even the tiny ones. Our smallest so far was 4ft x 2ft!! (it made a full colour page in Derbyshire Life magazine too!)

If anyone has any good ideas too, we are keen to listen.

our email address is [office@bonsallopen-gardens.co.uk](mailto:office@bonsallopen-gardens.co.uk)

or 83 Yeoman Street by paper note through the letterbox.

**Liz Stoppard**

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## Silas Bunting at Yew Tree Farm Bonsall Dale 1835 – 1866

Silas Bunting moved to Yew Tree Farm around 1835 and took over the adjacent 1737 framework knitters' workshop. He brought with him his wife, Maria Woodward, and his 3 children, Sarah, Josiah and Mary Ann. He was aged about 30. Sadly, that was the year that Maria died, aged only 29. The children were 6, 3 and 2. Six years later in 1841, he also lost his son Josiah, aged 9.

The 1851 Bonsall census shows Silas aged 46. He was a Master Framework Knitter making cotton drawers. He employed 5 men and 2 women. He had married again, to Elizabeth Foulk from Matlock. He now shared Yew Tree Farm, with his new wife Elizabeth; his daughter Mary Ann aged 17 and a framework knitter; his father-in-law, a widower of 84 and a retired gardener. There were also three lodgers; Mary Holmes aged 18, a framework knitter; Elizabeth Holmes aged 10, a seamstress and finally Hannah Butler described as 'a gentlewoman's assistant'.

There was land attached to the farm and it is likely that the men he employed worked on the land and lived elsewhere.

It was common for men in the 1800s to hold down 2 jobs if the money from one was insufficient to feed a large family. Silas is listed in the 1849 Post Office Directory as both a framework knitter and a farmer.

While his younger daughter, Mary Ann, stayed in Bonsall, his elder daughter, Sarah, was missing from the Bonsall census record. However, the 1851 census for Clapham, Surrey shows a Sarah Bunting born in Bonsall, Derbyshire, working as a domestic servant. She listed her father as Silas Bunting, a farmer.

By the 1861 census, the household was much smaller, with just Silas aged 56, Elizabeth aged 63 and Mary Ann aged 23. Silas was still knitting cotton drawers while Mary Ann was a seamstress.

Although there was already a drift to factory work in the 1800s, many Bonsall families maintained framework knitting as a cottage industry within the family with different members sharing the different tasks involved. Children could wind yarn on to bobbins, trained adults could operate the knitting frames and women could do the seaming to assemble the garments.

Silas died in 1866 aged 61 and is buried at St James' Church. The 1737 workshop then passed into other hands... (...to be continued).

There are still many unanswered questions about Silas and his family. Who trained him as a framework knitter? Where did he live before Yew Tree Farm? If you can help add to the story of Bonsall's framework knitters, I'd love to hear from you.

**Jeanette Moss,**  
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## Project to Revive Framework Knitting in Bonsall

The framework knitters' workshop on The Dale, dating back to 1737, stands as a reminder of our village's industrious heritage. Adam and Samantha Hill, owners of Yew Tree Farm, are developing a restoration project, targeting support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, with support already in place from partners such as The Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust, The Framework Knitters' Museum, The Heritage Crafts Association, The University of Derby's engineering and fashion departments, the last-known commercial framework knitter in the UK, Martin Green, local experts such as Jeanette Moss, and the Bonsall Parish Council. This initiative aims not only to restore the workshop but also to reintroduce the heritage craft of framework knitting that has been absent from our village for over a century.

The workshop's history is deeply woven into the fabric of Bonsall. With its familiar "ISF 1737" datestone (John and Sarah Flixon, the property's second owners), it remained active until the early 1900s, serving as a pivotal site for local framework knitters. The planned restoration seeks to address urgent structural needs while preserving the building's historical essence, including its original characteristic framework knitting windows. Remarkably, the workshop has remained largely untouched since its days of activity, with a few spare parts for knitting frames still hanging on the walls, further emphasizing its time-capsule nature.

A central feature of this project is the return of a working 18th-century knitting frame, symbolizing the rebirth of framework knitting in Bonsall. This effort is complemented by a series of planned activities aimed at engaging the community and ensuring the workshop's vibrant future. However, to respect the tranquillity of village life and manage visitor impact, on-site activities will be carefully scheduled, mostly during the tourist season, with only a few events each month:

**Heritage craft skills training:** During the restoration, tradespeople will have the chance to learn traditional building techniques, helping to preserve other historical structures in the region. This will be managed by the Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust.

**Immersive experiences:** The University of Derby is aiding in the creation of a 3D audio-visual experience, bringing to life the history of framework knitting for

online audiences.

**Historical research and education:** With the help of The Framework Knitters' Museum, Martin Green, and Jeanette Moss, the project will explore the social and industrial history of framework knitting in our village, enriching community knowledge through regular open days, history talks, and demonstrations, tailored to peak tourist times.

**Supporting maintenance:** Opportunities for short stays in the workshop will be offered, strictly limited in number to ensure they contribute to the building's ongoing maintenance costs without overburdening the site.

This approach ensures that the workshop's restoration is not just a token nod to the history of the building, but a positive development for Bonsall, offering educational and cultural benefits. The inclusion of an online platform expands the project's reach, allowing a global audience to connect with our village's heritage.

We invite anyone interested in this project to reach out to Adam or Samantha. Your support can help preserve this important part of our history, fostering pride and awareness of Bonsall's rich heritage for future generations.

**Adam Hill**  
07942359729

## BONSALL ARTS TRAIL NEWS – 29 & 30 June 2024

We have had a fabulous response from artists in Derbyshire and surrounding areas with some of our artists coming from as far as London for the Bonsall Art Trail. There will be around 115 exhibiting artists in the beautiful historic village of Bonsall. As a team we are very excited for the Trail on 29 & 30 June this year, offering a great weekend for artist and artist lovers alike, with art, street food, workshops, demos and music. Save the date and don't miss the opportunity to enjoy a weekend of culture, fun and food. There is a free 'hop on, hop off' bus again this year that will take you to all the venues in this beautiful



Photo by Adam Hill

Framework Knitting Workshop Interior

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historic village.

## Ongoing Art projects in Bonsall:

In preparation for the Art Trail Bonsall Primary School children are working on a mural in a folk-art style that will reference mindfulness and health.

Bonsall Art Club are working on a large installation in the village hall, which will highlight buildings and places in Bonsall and surrounding areas.



## Liz Welby Workshops:

We have some great workshops at the trail this year. Liz Welby is offering three half day workshops, geli plate printing, wire sculpture and metal embossing. The half day workshops are very competitively priced for your pocket. Don't miss out on this opportunity. You can get more information and book a place via <https://lizwelby.co.uk/> website and information on <https://www.bonsallartstrail.org/>.



## Wild Roots Creative Wirksworth Workshops:

Wild Roots Creative are offering both free and paid for works shops which reference the environment to include, willow weaving, felting and paper projects. Any money raised through the workshops and sales at Bonsall Art Trail will go towards supporting their regular wellbeing group 'Greenspace Community Crafts, and their regular 'Wildlife and Wellbeing Group.' More information can be found on : <https://www.bonsallartstrail.org/> and <https://www.wildrootscreative.org/courses-and-events>.

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## THE VILLAGE GREEN



## Wilder Bonsall Group

Over the dormant winter months, Wilder Bonsall has been focusing on uprooting those plants that threaten to take over if given a chance - namely cow parsley and brambles. Even though the end results look pretty rough - verges pockmarked by exposed soil and trailing roots - it should give some other less pushy species a chance to take hold, so increasing overall biodiversity. It puts me in mind of a book just published by a friend of mine ('Groundbreakers' by Chantal Lyons, check it out) which describes how wild boar, even though they might seem destructive, are actually vital for ecosystems. They provide the 'dynamism' needed to create more diverse and resilient habitats - just like Wilder Bonsall, we hope.

As spring approaches, there will be plenty of opportunities to get involved. I'm a very new member and they're a proper welcoming bunch. The next meeting is on Thursday 7 March 2024 at 7pm at the King's Head pub.

**Jacob Ashton** on behalf of Wilder Bonsall Group



Photo by Jacob Ashton



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# PARISH COUNCIL

## Parish Council Report for meeting on 20 February 2024

**Public Speaking:** K Potter (Peak Park Forum) reiterated her general concern at the lack of housing for local people in Peak Park. She compared the number available 10 years ago (123) with today (7) which is a drastic decline. Cllr Buckler said the DDDC and the National Park have set up a working group on housing in the Peak Park and is keen to provide more housing for local people. Information about plans will be shared in due course.

He asked about the recent meeting with the Green & Clean team. Cllr Grover said the meeting had been helpful in outlining the different services provided by DCC and DDDC. Cllr Buckler suggested that he should be included in any messages as this might encourage a speedy response.

L Johnson asked about the process for complaints about growth on verges. If there is any obstruction to the highway, this should be reported to DCC. He questioned whether the precept should be raised to provide funds for more work to be done by the Lengthsman if DDDC does not have the resources for more clearing.

Cllr J Smith reported that open grates have been put in on Yeoman St and this should alleviate the flooding issues.

**Chair's Announcements:** Chair announced our MP Sarah Dines will be visiting the village this weekend as a result of Cllr Grover's letter to her. She will be shown the issues around road conditions and flooding.

**Quarrying update:** Cllr Grover reported back following the informal meeting on 12 Feb and the Quarry Liaison Group meeting on 14 Feb. The sound of blasting from Balleys had been measured and was some way below the level which would be considered a problem. Residents were happy with this sound level. Blasting is planned to take place every 2 weeks. It was noted that the quarry had placed leaflets round the village to keep residents informed. Cllr Grover reported that Balleys had donated chippings to help with the potholes in the car park. (Pete Spencer has now filled them.) Balleys is hoping to cut down diseased trees later in the year. There is an on-going issue with fencing at the top of the quarry and also with a wheel wash provision. It was decided that if there are road closures again, there should be a meeting first with residents of Bonsall in order to avoid the difficulties we had recently. Clerk to write to Minerals Officer to enquire about planning permission updates.

**Slinter Quarry:** The outstanding planning application is still outstanding and waiting for consultation following a report from the ecological consultants.

**Website:** Clerk reported that the new website has been received. But there are some omissions. Clerk to query with Parish Online and Councillors to look at and comment on the new website. Clerk to check nothing is missed from old site.

**Lime trees in Churchyard:** Cllr Barry reported on further meeting with tree surgeon. Various quotes compared. It was decided to give the work to the tree surgeon with the lowest quote of £950 for removing the epicormic growth and dead branches in danger of falling. (Other quotes were £650, £55 and £825 for just the epicormic growth removal, with a further quote of £1100 for dead branch removal). Clerk to request earliest available date and arrange for road to be kept clear of parked vehicles during the work. Also, a strap will be put round the old yew by the church door to protect it. At a later date it is proposed to carry out a thorough survey of all the trees.

**Clean-up day:** A community clean-up day has been suggested for 14/15 April. BPC is happy to support this initiative and the Clerk can provide green bags for anyone taking part and arrange for their removal afterwards. BPC can also try to arrange for a road sweeper.

**Affordable Housing:** Cllr Barry asked about the vacant space at 48 High Street and why it cannot be used for social housing. Cllr Buckler confirmed the reasons given in a message from Head of Housing; it is not financially viable to build a single house. Clerk to forward letter from Head of Housing to Mutterings for inclusion in March edition.

**The Cross:** Clerk reported that she is waiting for a quote from the company which has done the work in the church. Clerk and Cllr Grover to find other companies who can carry out work on ancient monuments.

**Light at the Cross:** The cost of this was again discussed. Cllr Grover to investigate using a solar light. Clerk to ask how it would be possible to detach the light from the grid.

**Well top of High St:** Cllr J Smith said that a resident had reported that the well by Sycamore House was damaged during building work. BPC owns the village wells. Clerk to approach owners of the house to enquire about damage and repair.

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 19 March 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 March.

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## Parish Councillors

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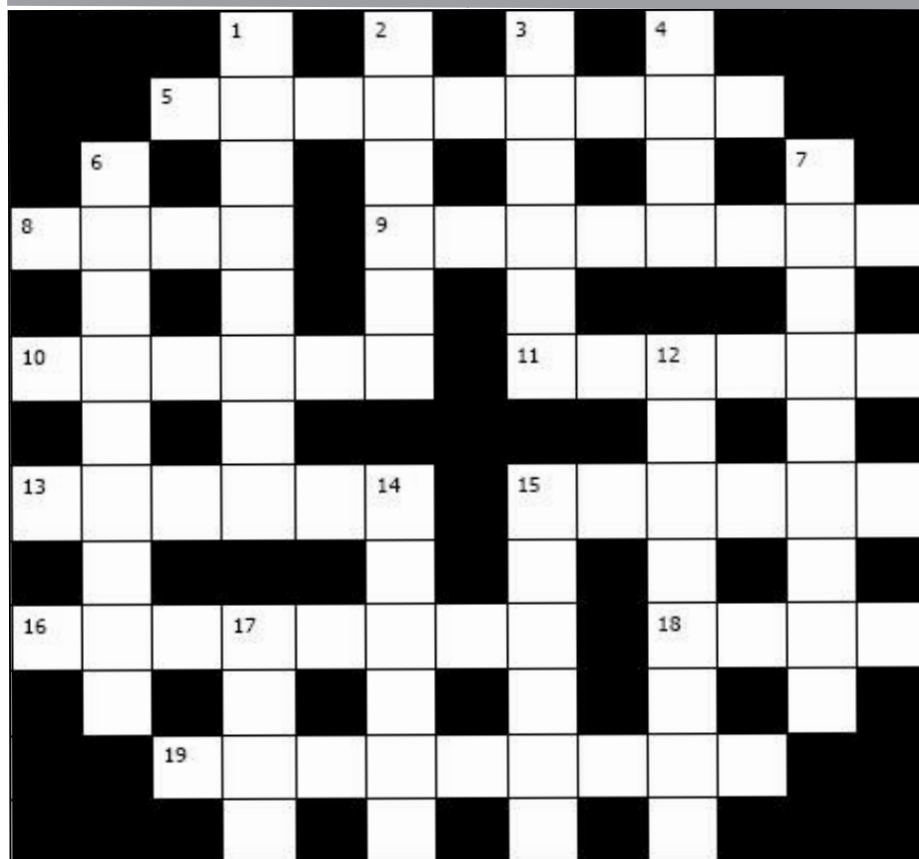
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## CROSSWORD #158



### Across:

5. 12 (first word). Topless penguin dances with elf. (9)
8. 12 (second word) crashes garden party. (4)
9. 12 (second word). Likewise, Eliot (T.S. that is) finishes with last of poems. (8)
10. 12 (first word) seen in illicit craft, heading back. (6)
11. One of 12 (second word). Day in court? No, the reverse, with top lawyer. (6)
13. Insult cricketer? Only when it's 12 (first word). (6)
15. Be quiet! Especially when you're driving down a motorway. (4,2)
16. Blemish punctures self-esteem - on top of tête of Brian from le Manège Enchanté? (8)
18. Groper smelt Molly! (4)
19. Man hesitates twice, but still plays away! (9)

### Down:

1. 12 (first word) First unaccompanied short deb at hen-do. (8)
2. Very busy man caught jerk. (6)
3. Nut discovered during final Monday. (6)
4. Send off 12 (second word). (4)
6. 12 (first word). A hand of cards consisting of 2 diamonds, 3 clubs and 4 spades? (9)
7. Broken tees, by gum! Help yourself! (2,2,5)
12. Previous charge in court for television comedy. (4,4)
14. Drown in French bay? (6)
15. 12 (first word). Lager, maybe, but not this! (6)
17. Currents that swing both ways? (2/2)

**Answers to Crossword no. 157.** Across: 5. Air-guitar. 8. & 10. Ring of Fire. 9. Insolent. 11. Whilom. 13. Tragic. 15. Stumps. 16. Lighting. 18. Disc. 19. Fleurette. Down: 1. Singeing. 2. Ignite. 3. Jigsaw. 4. Call. 6. Hit for Six (sorry, got the letter count wrong!). 7. Encompass. 12. Inundate. 14. Clique. 15. Signet. 17. Help.

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# Mutterings

## Diary for March 2024

Date		Event	Venue
Fri	1	Blue and Green Bins and Food Waste Caddy	
		2.20pm, World Prayer Day Assembly	Bonsall School
		7pm for 7.30pm, Film - On the Black Hill	Village Hall
Thurs	7	7pm, Wilder Bonsall meeting	King's Head
Fri	8	Grey Bins and Food Waste Caddy	
Fri	15	Blue and Green Bins and Food Waste Caddy	
Tues	19	7.30pm, Parish Council meeting	Village Hall
Wed	20	Noon, deadline for submissions of Mutterings articles for April Issue	
Fri	22	Grey Bins and Food Waste Caddy	
		7.30pm, Bonsall School Auction	King's Head
Sat	23	All Day, Free certified Carbon Literacy Course	Village Hall
Fri	29	Blue and Green Bins and Food Waste Caddy	

### Future dates

Sat/Sun 29 & 30 June – 10am-5pm Bonsall Arts Trail