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# T'Owd Man's Mutterings



Photo by Darren Barker

## Bonsall Players Pantomime: Robin Hood



*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 April are as follows:

Sunday 14th - Eucharist at 9.30 am

Sunday 28th - Eucharist at 9.30 am

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### Wesleyan Reform Chapel

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## FLOODLIGHTING

### Floodlighting for April

On the 2nd of the month, Sharon, Andrew and Andrew have loving memories of their mum, Marjorie Loxley, on her birthday.

The 5th of the month brings special memories of Kevin for Val, Steven and children, also Kevin's parents, Ken and Celia Baker.

Loreen, Steve, Robert and Lorna fondly think of Jack and Dorothy Malone during April.

Dorinda remembers Colin Broad with love.

Stephen, Trisha and families fondly remember Joan Gregory.

April 21st is a special day for Janet, Hayley, Laura and their families when they remember David with much love.

David and Caroline Kirkham remember David's mum, Muriel, especially on the 25th of the month; she is forever in their thoughts.

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**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.**



Photo by Ricky Moss

## LETTERS

### Greetings from Wales

I recently made a flying visit to Bonsall but sadly had insufficient time to visit all our friends.

Pete was back in Wales looking after the dog and due to his knee was unable to give her any walks – hence my speedy return.

So, this is just to say “Hello Bonsall”! We hope to visit again in the summer and hope too that you can enjoy a dry spell in the coming weeks.

As you’ll guess Wales has been wet, wet, wet but we are settling in and slowly getting the better of all the brambles.

Best wishes from

**Wendy and Pete** from Cribyn, West Wales

### Gregory family

I am looking for information on Gregory families living in Bonsall. My maiden name was Patricia Gregory and I was born (a long time ago!) in Derby. Here below is some information on dates and names.

Robert Gregory 1690-1768 who married Isobell Tomison. They had 9 children, one being my four times great grandfather Michael Gregory 1734-1796 who married Grace Blackwell. They had approximately 10 children including three times great grandfather Alfred 1781-1833. Wife was Ann Rowland.

Apparently there are still Gregorys’ living in Bonsall and I would love to find out if any are related, however distantly.

**Patricia Fairbrother**

Tel: 07585 164803

### Missing vases

The Village Lunch Club is missing six IKEA vases used for table decoration (picture below). If anyone knows their whereabouts, we would be pleased to have them back.

**Phil and Ron Addis**  
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# VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

## Bonsall Players Pantomime : Robin Hood

Robin Hood... the panto? Who knew! But this year's panto by your very own Bonsall Players sold out pretty quickly.

Robin, formerly known as Prince of Thieves, was played by the lovely Freya Land who brought a sense of humour as well as wowing us all with her solo. Tears were shed. You know who you are! Claire Land was up for playing baddie this season; a truly horrid Sheriff of Nottingham, backed up by her equally unpleasant sidekick Denchman - David Allsop, a star turn in nastiness, finally meeting his doom with Dame Dora, played with Mac's usual panache and exuberance.

The slapstick hit new heights this year; they must have got through a hundred cans of cream in rehearsals alone. Kelly Burton, Bonsall schools Class 1 teacher played Will Scarlett with just the right blend of guile and enthusiasm. "What could possibly go wrong?" alongside the group of Merry Men/Women: Leanne Hicklin, Lesley Murhall and a star turn as Friar Tuck by our resident dancer extraordinaire Sharon ... "I've forgotten to put on me pants!" .... Rowlands. Kate Humphries as Alan-a-Dale (hope I've got those hyphens in the right place) and Steve Smith from up t'Dale (well, Puddle Hill actually) brought their wonderful musical and acting talents to the stage.

All credit must go the amazing chorus: Sandra Harris, Krystina Johnson (great as the ethereal (geddit?) Mystic Reg), Sarah Price, (also a very regal, golf playing King Richard), Rachael Richardson, Erin Talking Tree Spirit Taylor, Lorraine "I need a bigger sword" Taylor, Louise Ward (who should definitely be up for a Tony award) who all, once again, displayed their versatility playing merry men, peasants, ghosts, guards and trees!

Jayne Allsop and Sarah Smith (how much glitter does one girl need) were delightful as the female leads. Rachael Richardson did a great job in directing. Big up to Mike for sound and all things 'tecchie'. Leanne Hicklin, Russell Stanley and Michaela for building and painting the set and making the Great Oak, Darren of Dronezone for videoing, and thanks, too, to Andy Elsegood for helping sort lights and Anne Young of the Fountain Cafe for stage management. Loads of people helped to run the bar and door. Thank you all.

Phew. Have I forgotten anyone? No. I don't think so.

"Oh yes YOU have!"

Hmmm.....who could it be.....

Oh. Yes!! All 316.. YES..316.....of YOU who bought tickets, left your inhibitions at the door and joined the madness that is PANTO. Your children were amazing at joining in and you adults... well.... ..

you're really getting good at playing the audience. Oh yes, you are! Well done. You raised an amazing £2400 for our school.

Cheers.

See you next year!

**Lesley Murhall**



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## Bonsall School celebrates World Book Day

On the 7 March, World Book Day was celebrated. Its mission is to promote reading for pleasure and each child is given a voucher so they can buy their own book.

Rowan, Isla and Violet very much enjoyed World Book Day. (They seem to have a lot of fun at Bonsall School!)

Rowan dressed up as Anne of Green Gables and she wore her hair in retro plaits. Rowan enjoys novels written about past times with a good ending. She is presently reading *Escape to the River Sea*, a novel set in wartime, by Emma Carroll.

Isla went as herself, but enjoyed doing the Oompa Loompa dance with Violet. It was funny and everyone clapped. She read *The Barnabus Project* by the Fan Brothers, as part of the Y6 read round. She is now reading *The Wolf Wilder* by Katherine Rundell about a Russian woman who re-wilds wolves.

Violet dressed as a character from *Willie Wonka* (Roald Dahl). She was dressed in purple with a lovely purple nose. Violet is presently reading *Wolf Girls*, a book which helps you to be brave and find your voice when you need it.

All the Year 6 read to other groups in the read round in the morning. They were able to choose their own books to read and choose their own space. They read to four different groups and said it was lovely to read to others and it gave them lots of confidence.

All the girls said they read in school every morning after Flashback (daily Maths questions).

Although most of the stories they enjoy reading are modern, Violet is reading *The Magic Faraway Tree* by Enid Blyton and

Rowan is reading *Anne of Green Gables* by Lucy M Montgomery for the second time - another old favourite.

Well done everyone!

**Karen Firth and Rebecca Smart**

## Bonsall Village Hall

Currently we consider that the Village Hall could be used more for village activities, as there are times when the hall is not booked.

There are a few groups regularly using Bonsall Village Hall including Art Group, Lunch Club, and The Parish council.

There is a good amount of availability for new groups to use the facilities.

If anyone would like to discuss forming groups or providing events/ learning opportunities, please contact us by email or phone. This could be for weekly, monthly, block sessions e.g. 6 weeks, or for special events.

Or, if anyone knows of anyone wanting to develop and run groups or hold events, please let us know as we are looking to expand the activities available.

For example, here are some ideas...Pilates, Tai Chi, Yoga, short mat bowling, gardening club, upcycling projects, repair shop sessions, ladies groups, Zumba, dance groups, chair-based exercises, youth group, craft groups, birthday parties, charity events and wedding receptions.

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**Hazel Baldwin 07414 845925**  
**Jackie Smith 07771 764366**

## Bonsall Village Lunch

The 29 March was the gathering for the Village Lunch.

We started with a fascinating short introduction and display of Maypole dancing by the students of year 3 from the school. Then followed the meal of chicken casserole with potatoes, peas and broccoli as the first course, and Clafoutis with fruit, cream and ice cream to complete things. With the tea or coffee, we had the traditional Quiz to wake up the little grey cells.

If you would like to try us out, the next meeting is on 17 April in the Village Hall at 12.30. If you are a newby, or didn't use the sign in sheet in March, please phone your name and contact details to 01629 826309 to reserve a place by April 10, when we add up the numbers! Please mention any food allergies or preferences you may have.

Best wishes

**Jenny March**

## CCLL - a Helping Hand for Ukraine (Bonsall & Derbyshire Dales Branch)

Advance notice of our annual fund-raiser event to be held on Sunday 19th May. Mount Cook Adventure Centre at Wirksworth are once again very kindly hosting the event for us. There will be lots of outdoor activities to participate in, along with stalls, craft making, a brass band and refreshments. Entrance is free. The staff at Mount Cook are wonderful people and we are truly grateful to them for giving up their time to put on all the activities, including the incredible roof top zip wire ride through the trees.

All the charity event proceeds will go towards helping families and schools in villages in the north of Ukraine close to the Belarusian border. Our charity works closely with a local community charity there, Eleon, based in Korosten, where our groups of children used to come from before the war started. There is a genuine need for our help in this part of Ukraine.

More details to follow in next month's Mutterings. Please make a note in your diaries.

**Chris Broome**

Chernobyl Children's Lifeline Branch Chairman

## Bonsall School PTFA Spring Fair

The Bonsall School PTFA Spring Fair is being held at the school on Saturday 27 April 2024, from 11am to 2pm.

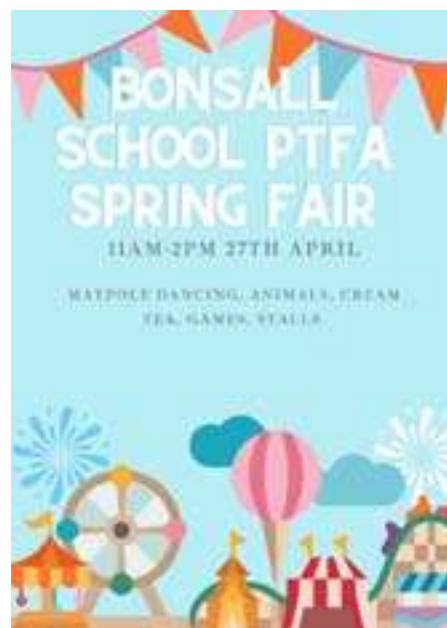
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## Bonsall Energy Group

Bonsall Energy Group (BEG) is delighted to announce that we have successfully secured a grant from the Midlands Net Zero Hub's Community Energy Fund to conduct a feasibility study, exploring in detail which renewable energy generation options would benefit the village and the parish.

The study will focus on a small number of specific options identified in the CPRE community energy vision report and selected for their potential benefit to residents. The community energy vision process was a great opportunity for people in Bonsall to think together on the future energy needs of the village, how we might contribute to decarbonisation and what role renewable energy might play. BEG is excited to now be able to take the next step - exploring and presenting real options for the village to consider.

Following a competitive tendering process, we have selected T4 Sustainability Ltd, an Ilkeston-based renewables and environment company led by John Beardmore, to lead on the feasibility work.

The study is planned to take around 9 months to complete. Wind and solar generation options will be the main focus and potential sites within the parish have initial landowner support and interest. A micro hydro scheme at Via Gellia Mills was considered out of scope for this work as the generation capacity wasn't deemed likely to meet significant local needs and it is outside the Bonsall parish boundary.

During the study, we welcome and encourage the Bonsall community to engage with us and we look forward to being able to present the findings later in the year. We will also publish regular updates in Mutterings, on our website and on social media.

As a registered Community Benefit Society, BEG would be delighted to recruit more members. The one-off subscription to join the group is £10.00. We would also welcome people from the village who would like to contribute their time - all sorts of skills and knowledge are necessary! Our working group usually meets in the Kings Head pub on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm and new members are very welcome. If you are interested in either of the above, please contact the Secretary, Pete Masters, or visit [bonsallenergy.group](http://bonsallenergy.group).

**Chris Broome**  
 BEG Chairman



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## THE VILLAGE GREEN

### Wilder Bonsall Update

The group have been busy during the last month, planting cowslips on the bank in the park and around the well at the top of the High Street which will hopefully bring some welcome colour to the village as spring finally arrives. We have also tidied up the Community Garden and sowed wildflower seeds at various locations across the village including Nether Green, on the steps leading to the church on Yeoman Street and on the bank in the park.

The group has some exciting plans for the next few months that include supporting the school with a wildflower meadow and a guided walk around the village by a local natural history photographer, alongside our regular tidying and planting in the Community Garden.

We are also working in partnership with Open Gardens and the Parish Council to make sure the village is looking its best in readiness for the Open Gardens weekend in June. A Village Clean-up day is being planned to tidy up the roads and lanes leading to the open garden venues. Everyone is welcome to join us in some nettle removal, weeding and litter picking on Sunday 19 May 11.00 am-1.00 pm. We are still planning this event and will publicise full details nearer the time, but please save the date.

The next Wilder Bonsall meeting will be on Thursday 11 April 2024, Kings Head.

**Deb Smith** on behalf of Wilder Bonsall



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Thank you.

**Julie Hamilton**, on behalf of the Mutterings Editorial Team

### Job Vacancy

Bonsall Parish Council is recruiting a part-time Lengthsman to assist our current Lengthsman. Please contact Julia at bonsallclerk@gmail.com for further details and a Job Description. Closing date for application is 15 April 2024.

**Julia Milverton**

Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer  
Bonsall Parish Council

### Bonsall Dale 1851

Who lived in the Dale in 1851 and what did they do? According to census records, there were about 20 framework knitters, 4 seamstresses, probably family members, who helped assemble the knitted garments, 5 people employed in the textile factories, 1 comb maker, and several cordwainers (leather workers). Many of the remainder were lead miners.

William Oliver was a framework knitter who lived and worked in the Dale. The tithe map of 1848 shows that he owned the land from the entrance to Puddle Hill opposite the Barley Mow up to Yew Tree Farm. This included several houses, a waste bit, a pigsty and a framework knitters' workshop. The workshop has been renovated but is still recognisable by

the long windows needed in all workshops to maximise the light. It sits next to the house now known as 'Burnside'.

One of the houses was occupied by William's brother, John. He and two of his children, were framework knitters. Another house was rented by Humphrey Barnes. Humphrey's wife was a seamstress. He and a step-son were framework knitters. Another tenant, George Statham, was a butcher.

William's daughter was a framework knitter and lived with her father. His son, Josiah, was the landlord of the 'New Inn' (now the Fountain Tearooms). Josiah was another framework knitter who was about to take on an apprentice, Alfred Godbehere.

William and his neighbour, Silas Bunting of Yew Tree Farm and the 1737 workshop, must have known each other well. Silas, his daughter and one of his lodgers were framework knitters. Silas' first wife, Maria Woodward, was a sister of William's wife, Fanny Woodard, and William was a witness at Silas' and Maria's wedding. William's tenant, Humphrey Barnes had 3 stepchildren with the surname Woodward, so more family ties.

The tithe map list of owners and tenants of each plot of land has made it possible to identify the people living around William Oliver and Silas Bunting. The census records tell us the names of all those living in the Dale but the lack of house numbers makes it impossible to tie a particular family to a particular house.

If your family records hold any more information, I'd love to hear from you to add more details to Bonsall's fascinating History.

**Jeanette Moss**

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## Parish Council Report for meeting on 19th March 2024

**Public Speaking:** Cllr Buckler mentioned that applications can be made to the Local Project Fund from 1 April and advised any application should be made early and must make a compelling case for funds. This will be added to the agenda at the next meeting.

Following discussions about the land at 48 High Street and the possibility of it being used for social housing, he talked about Community Land Trusts whereby a local community can take over land for the benefit of the community. The Chair thanks him for his comments.

**Quarrying update:** Cllr Grover reported that following the last blast from Ball Eye quarry some residents had complained of the noise and disturbance, but many others had no issues to report. He reported that David Collins from Ball Eye quarry is putting messages on the Village Matters Facebook page regularly and Cllr Grover will ask him to liaise with concerned residents who do not use Facebook. He mentioned that Ball Eye quarry seems to be doing what it can to maintain a good relationship with residents. He went on to report that there is a new ecology submission concerning Slinger and this had gone to DDDC for consideration.

**Website:** The Clerk reported that Parish Online has not copied across all the material from the old website and they say they cannot do a bulk upload so only the previous 2 years' Minutes are on the new website. Clerk was asked to copy all previous years. There was some discussion about the format of the new website. Clerk was asked to request help from Brett to keep all material from the old website. It was agreed Clerk can pay the bill. It was suggested there should be a page for relevant documents, e.g. Minutes of Quarry Group meetings, MP's letter, etc.

**Contractors:** Clerk reported that she has asked the insurance company about costs for adding contractors for BPC policy, but has not heard back as yet. Clerk to investigate further and discuss with B Also the possible need for her to have Public Liability insurance. BPC will also recruit a second Lengthsman to assist Peter Spencer. Clerk to put a notice in the Mutttings inviting interested people to apply for details and Job Description by 15th April (ready for discussion at the next BPC meeting). Cllr J Smith to put this on Village Matters. (Please see separate notice.)

**Lime trees in Churchyard:** There was a discussion about the planned work. Clerk to chase up the tree surgeon who is to do the work of cutting back epicormic growth and removing dead branches. Clerk to gather quotes for a survey of the whole

churchyard. Cllr Barry to forward details to Clerk of the tree surgeon he spoke to.

**The Cross:** Cllr Grover and the Clerk met with a stonemason to discuss repairs to the Cross. Cllr Grover has contacted various heritage bodies such as Derbyshire Historic Buildings trust and will continue to discuss the matter with them. Architectural survey to be conducted. Work is unlikely to begin before summer 2025 which leaves time for the necessary fundraising.

**Meeting with Sarah Dines MP:** Chair reported that he and Cllr Grover met with Sarah Dines together with County Councillor Dermot Murphy. She spent time walking through the village and saw first-hand the state of the roads, chatting with residents about various issues along the way.

**Light at the Cross:** The Clerk reported that National Grid had sent an estimate of £700 to disconnect the light. Clerk to check they have the correct light in mind. It was agreed that if this is indeed the cost, it would not be viable to replace the light with a solar powered one.

**Defibrillators:** Clerk reported that the overall cost to BPC so far for all the defibrillators is £300. R Taylor has confirmed that no further supplies are due until 2025 and that he and others will continue fundraising for on-going costs. The question of insurance was discussed and whether BPC should be responsible for this. Clerk to ask insurers what extra cost would be.

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 16 April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. If you have any issues to be raised at the meeting, please contact the clerk, Julia Milverton, with details by 8 April.

Clerk 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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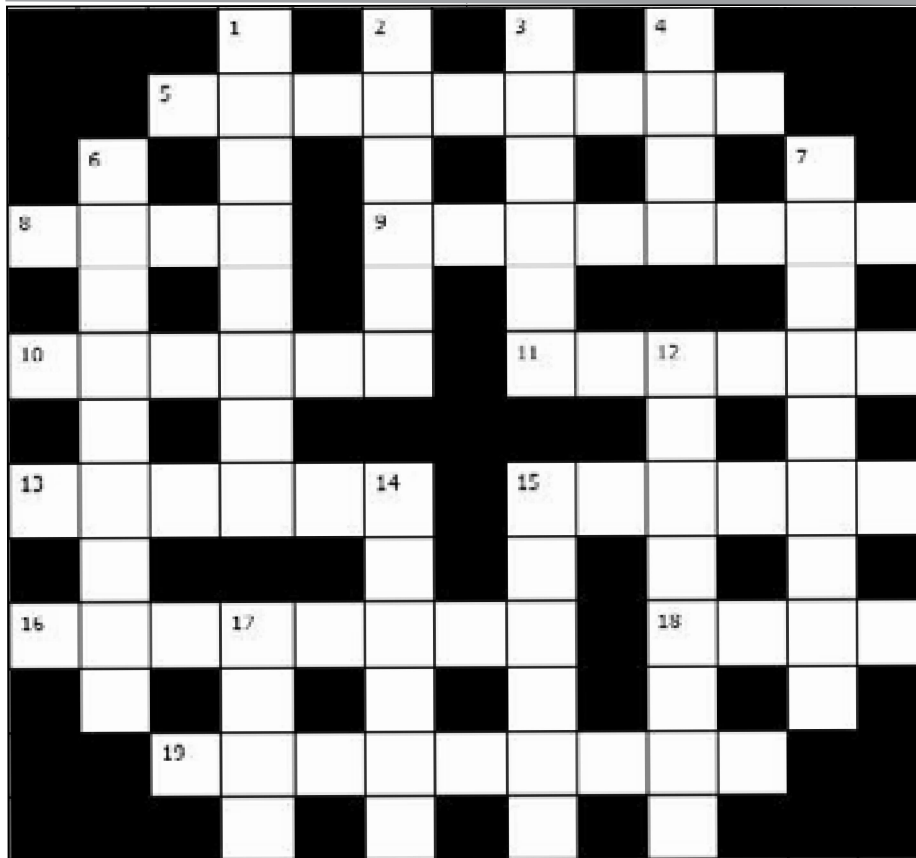
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# CROSSWORD #159



Warning! This crossword is a bit smutty, so, if you're of a sensitive disposition, don't do it! The themed questions always refer to 15 across.

## Across:

5. Half of exterior door fixed by Henry deviating from usual standards. (9)
8. (See 4 down)
9. Mixed two drugs: last if weed? grass? horse? performance? (8)
10. 15 ac. (second word). Everyone is on top of river. (6)
11. Male reproductive organ sexually transmits at first. So be it! (6)
13. I scout around for 15 (second word). (6)
15. Suitable frames. Record t.v. programme. (4,2)
16. Chaste? Almost! LOL! When squeezed, it makes your eyes water! (8)
18. Touch rejected instrument. (4)
19. Accept who is French into a Catholic church. (9)

## Down:

1. Lug French noble in race? There's on in the eye! (4,4)
2. 15 (first word). Famous footballer kisses big boobs! (6)
3. They do 15 (second word). Behold - short poem! (6)
- 4, 8, & 15 down). 15 (second word). Little Howard begat you! (4,4,6 with apostrophe)
6. Storage pace found in mixed U.A.E. school. (4,5)
7. Say, about \$1,000 debts? Shocking! (9)
12. If one's doing 15 (second word) it's best if one's in this state. (8)
14. 15 (first word). Lles? Yes! (4,2)
15. See 4 down.
17. 15 (first word). Nearly choke criminal! (4)

**Answers to Crossword no. 158.** Across: 5. Unfeeling. 8. Fete. 9. Tootsies. 10. Arctic. 11. Dactyl. 13. Sledge. 15. Belt up. 16. Escargot. 18. Fish. 19. Adulterer. Down: 1. Unheated. 2. Hectic. 3. Almond. 4. Ends. 6. Heartless. 7. Be My Guest. 12. Cold Feet. 14. Engulf. 15. Bitter. 17. AC/DC.

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## Diary for April 2024

Date		Event	Venue
Sat	1	Easter Monday	
Sat	6	Grey bins and food caddy	
Tues	9	Bonsall Arts Group, 9.30 am to 12 noon	Village Hall
		Bonsall Energy Group meeting, 7.30 pm	King's Head
Thurs	11	Wilder Bonsall Meeting, 7.00 pm	King's Head
Fri	12	Blue and green bins, and food caddy	
Sun	14	Eucharist at 9.30 am	St James Church
Tues	16	Bonsall Arts Group, 9.30 am to 12 noon	Village Hall
		Parish Council meeting, 7.30 pm	Village Hall
Weds	17	Village Lunch, 12:30 pm	Village Hall
Fri	19	Grey bins and food caddy	
		Maypole Dance Workshop, 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm	Bonsall School
Tues	23	Bonsall Arts Group, 9.30 am to 12 noon	Village Hall
Fri	26	Blue and green bins, and food caddy	
Sat	27	PTFA School Spring Fair, 11.00 am to 2.00 pm	Bonsall Primary School
Sun	28	Eucharist at 9.30 am	St James Church
Tues	30	Bonsall Arts Group, 9.30 am to 12 noon	Village Hall

## Future events

Wed 15 May	Heritage Walk with Tony Wood, 6:30pm, Lorry Park
Sun 19 May	CCLL Fundraiser, Mount Cook Adventure Centre
Sun 19 May	Wilder Bonsall village clean up and litter pick around the village, 11am to 1pm
Sat 1 June	Bonsall Open Gardens
Sun 2 June	Bonsall Open Gardens
Sat 29 June	Bonsall Arts Trail
Sun 30 June	Bonsall Arts Trail