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# T'Owd Man's Mutterings



Photo by Leigh Pugh

## THE 2024 CARNIVAL QUEEN AND HER RETINUE

Our apologies for not including this photograph of Isla Keely, 2024 Carnival Queen, and her attendants in the last issue



*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

Sun 13th 9.30am  
Harvest Eucharist with Neil Griffiths  
Sun 27th 9.30am  
Eucharist with Nicholas Radford-Powell  
Sun 3rd NOV 6pm  
All Soul's Memorial service with Rod Prince

### Bonsall Dale Chapel

Harvest Thanksgiving Service  
Sunday 13 October 6.15pm  
All other Sunday Services are at 6.15pm

**Judy Land 824223**

### Village Life Church (High Street)

**Sunday 10.30am** Worship Service

**Tuesday 2.00pm** Craft Club

**Wednesday 7.00pm** Life Groups  
(Please email for more information)

**Thursday 9.30am** Prayer Meeting  
(Please let us know if you require prayer)

#### Special Events

Sunday 13 October at 10.30am we will be having a 'Harvest Festival' all are welcome  
For more information about the church please call on 07988071682 or email us at [villagelifechurchbonsall@gmail.com](mailto:villagelifechurchbonsall@gmail.com)

**Pastor Matthew Quinn**

### Catholic Church Services

#### Our Lady and St. Teresa of Lisieux

Gorseley 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.

Confessions Saturday 10.30-11.30 a.m.  
**Parish Priest: Fr. Robbie O'Callaghan.**

## CHURCH NEWS

### To The Unknown God

For some strange reason, with all the varied and exciting TV shows that broadcasters are creating to keep our monthly subscriptions... my children have begun a fascination with the unextraordinary, banal, daytime quiz shows. In particular, BBC 1's 'Pointless.' I think the reason for this new interest, is because they are at an age where they have a foundation of knowledge that they can use to give a 'pointless' (or at least near 'pointless') answer. It got me thinking, humans love to express knowledge. We seem to love answering questions, explaining how things work, expressing quirky statistics and even trying to explain and understand people's motives and behaviour. But sadly not everything has a straight forward answer. Especially philosophical and theological concepts. 'Why are we here?' 'What happens when we die?' 'Why do we have an innate desire for justice and equality?' 'What is morality and why does it exist?' 'Why do we seek out love when it is simply a chemical reaction in the brain?' Some have very strong opinions, from the religious to the non-religious, there are attempts to answer these big questions. And this is not a new human problem, it has and will exist for all of human history. We have questions and we want answers. Even the ancient Greek culture wrestled through many of the philosophical questions we face today. In the bible we see that Paul travels to Athens to discover their views on philosophy and religion. He saw there amongst the statues of Zeus and Artemis and the various other gods of the day, and saw a small shrine to 'An Unknown God' All their unanswered questions that were not explained through the gods they had, they would lay at the feet of the unknown God. You may be wrestling with questions without simple answers. They might be the big philosophical questions, or it might be questions of struggle. 'How am I going to get through this?' 'Is my marriage going to make it?' 'Why do I feel so alone?' Paul goes on to explain to the Athenians that the 'Unknown God' is actually Jesus. My faith in him has always helped me through the struggles of life. He has answered so many questions I have faced. He has been the anchor in storms. And if today if you are facing a difficult season in your life, or you are being confronted with an existential crisis, why not bring your concerns to feet of the 'Unknown God' and see if what is unknown, might be made known to you.

**Pastor Matthew Quinn**

## FLOODLIGHTING

Daphne and Peter Spencer were married in St. James and are very happy to celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on October 3rd.

This month Claudine Balmer and her family remember her mother, Betsy Ellison; she also remembers her brother Fred Peake, especially on 19th.

This month David, Martin, Jill and Di and their families remember mum, Doreen, and dad, Ian along with Millie, Isaac and Peter.

October 22nd has special memories of Mum and Dad Seedhouse for all their family.

Jenny Webster and all her family remember their mother and father, Joan and Keith, especially on Keith's birthday on 27th.

### Di Moor 824376

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## LETTERS

### Poppy Donations

I am sorry I couldn't let you know how much the Poppy collection made round the village last year. There was a new committee and they didn't know that they should let us know. Hopefully this year will be better and they will be better organised and will let us know and members from the village will be round selling them.

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**Norma Marshall**

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# OBITUARY

## **Irene Osborne 6 March 1950 - 3 June 2024**

The photo of Irene holding her newborn Granddaughter in February of this year sums up her joy of life and the love she had for her family.

Irene was born and brought up in Derby, she had a happy childhood and loved her Junior school, she passed the 11+ and went to Parkfield Cedars Grammar School. From her first day there she knew it was not the place for her. She disliked its very traditional academic focus, also the absence of Art in the curriculum, and she especially disliked its insistence on conformity. She left school at the earliest opportunity aged 15 and went to work as a trainee secretary at Rolls Royce and Associates. She learnt touch typing, a skill that became very useful to her as her interest in computing developed. While there her talent for drawing was noticed and she moved into the drawing office.

She moved to British Rail to train as a technical illustrator. She enjoyed this work but still needed something more creative. She enrolled on a two-year Graphic Design course, and to help support herself did a variety of part time jobs, including working in an art gallery and starting a small picture framing business. After the course she did a variety of jobs as a freelance designer working on such things as illustrative maps of Paris and for the Times Atlas. This was fine detailed work done by hand in pre computer days. Teaching was another passion and following a Certificate in Education course, she lectured at an FE college in Graphics and in later years computing.

Irene married early and although this marriage didn't last, she always said that the best thing to come out of the marriage was the birth of her son Nathan. Irene was now 40 and pleased to be free again and start a new life.

A year later I met Irene and together we did many interesting things. It became a very active life with a lot of walking and cycling trips not only here but also in Spain, France, New Zealand and America and six years ago, cycling from the bottom to the top of the Outer Hebrides and then across the Isle of Skye. Irene also learnt to ski and not only loved being in the mountains but also the thrill of mastering a new skill. Although Irene suffered with sea sickness, it didn't stop her from enjoying sailing and especially sailing in Scotland and out to the islands, once sailing with Nathan from East to West through Loch Ness and the Caledonian

canal and then down to Oban. A trip that became very memorable for Irene was when, early one morning off the coast of Kerry we pulled a drowning fisherman from the sea and got him ashore safely.

Irene enjoyed assisting in beekeeping and while living in Derby, she jarred the honey and using her own design of label she sold the honey from the front porch. Using the wax from the bees she would make candles and also sculpt the wax. This led to another change of direction, when Irene looking for another outlet for her creative energy, she decided to do a three year Applied Arts Degree at Derby University. It was here that she specialised in Ceramics which combined both her practical and creative skills. After the degree Irene went on to develop and sell her unique domestic ware, and then more figurative and experimental pieces. At the same time and having now moved into the Chapel, Irene combined both teaching and ceramics by working with Specials Needs adults at Golding House in Matlock. She also worked with residents in care homes in Derbyshire Dales.

Buying the Baptist Chapel to convert was the sort of project that Irene revelled in, and her design and creative skills went into overdrive. Irene designed and made all of the balustrades that involved forging and shaping the metal figures, this feature she called the 'silent congregation'.

Irene was always a strong woman, a woman with strong opinions, a woman with a strong moral compass, who hated deceit and lying...prone to strong political rants directed towards the radio each morning. She expressed her voice when working as a freelance Graphic designer for CND, Amnesty International and Greenpeace amongst others.

Irene had been vegetarian since she was 15. She not only loved the environment of the allotments in Bonsall but also the opportunity to be able to grow her own fruit and vegetables, and being a very good cook make full use of all of the produce.

Irene was interested in so many different things. But what became a major part of her life was when she took up fly fishing. Fishing and rivers had always interested her and so when she was bought some fly-fishing lessons she was 'hooked'. She became very interested in entomology, and in particular fly tying, not just their exquisite intricacy but also the science behind which flies attracted which fish. Irene was a member of both the Peacock fly fishing club on the rivers Wye, Lathkill and Bradford, and being very keen the Leek and District club on the river Dove, and for a while was the club Secretary. She was well



respected in fly fishing community for her fishing skills, her organisational skills and her determination to encourage more women into the sport. She was instrumental in starting a blog aimed at encouraging more women into the sport, and along with a friend organised days on the river for women to get a taste of and to learn more about the sport.

Always keen on the environment and wildlife, more recently she was active as the Treasurer for the Wye and Upper Derwent Valley Wildlife Trust, a role that she gave up when she started her cancer treatment. It was a tremendous shock when in July 2022 Irene was first diagnosed with inoperable cancer, but from the start her response was characteristic when she said 'let's face the music and dance'. In the face of challenging treatments, she adapted and changed. A competent dressmaker who made many of her own clothes she now added stylish head-wraps to her wardrobe, and complemented them with jazzy earrings. Unwilling to curtail her love of the countryside, e-bikes allowed her to continue to enjoy long rides and as recently as this spring there had been walks around Masson Hill. In her last days Irene was so pleased to be back home and surrounded by her family.

Irene loved living in Bonsall and especially in the Chapel. On 3 July a 'Celebration of Irene's Life' was held there. Around 100 people attended and £550 was collected for the charity the Macmillan Cancer

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Trust. Irene revelled in her role as Nana to Phoebe, and later to Turin and Imogen. Phoebe became very close to Irene when she and Nathan lived in Bonsall, Irene was thrilled that Phoebe had inherited her love of art and went on to study this at university. Irene also had a loving extended family of Emma, Finian, Petra and Steve with children Hazel and Roan. I would like to thank friends and neighbours for their condolences and support over the past few months. And a special thank you to Louise Stephenson our local Celebrant for her advice and the writing and delivery of the Eulogy for Irene.

**Mike Lynch**

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### Road Closure Notice

**Via Gellia – phased road closure for six weeks from 30 September to 8 November for road safety improvements**

Dear parish council clerks,

I'm getting in touch to let you know about the major safety improvements we are introducing along the Via Gellia which require a phased closure of the road starting later this month.

The route was ranked as one of the 50 most dangerous roads in England and has secured funding from the Government's Safer Roads programme.

The A5012 Via Gellia will be closed on a phased basis from Cromford to the junction with the A5015 at Newhaven for six weeks from Monday 30 September to Friday 8 November for road safety improvements. The narrow and twisty nature of the road means we have to close the route in phases to protect our workforce.

The closure, from 8am to 4pm each day, will take place in a series of separate phases to minimise inconvenience:

- Newhaven to Grangemill from Monday, 30 September.
- Grangemill to Ryder junction from Monday 7 October.
- Ryder Junction to Bonsall from Monday, 14 October.
- Newhaven to Grangemill from Monday, 21 October.
- Bonsall to Cromford from Monday 28 October.

### Why close the Newhaven to Grangemill section twice?

The work on the Newhaven to Grange Mill stretch of the Via Gellia has to be done in two phases.

The first part of the work involves sweeping the edges of the road surface to remove mud, grass etc. Our team will then return several weeks later, once any remaining mud etc has been washed away and the surface is dry, to make sure the new white lining sticks to the road surface properly.

The new white lining to the edge of the road is being applied along the entire length of the Via Gellia, to help night-time visibility and improve road safety.

Dates may change due to weather

Please note that the dates may change due to weather conditions or if members of our team are needed for gritting or snow clearing duties etc. They are an approx. guide for information.

A signed HGV diversion route will be in place using the A515, A5270, A6, Market Place Cromford and vice versa.

During the road closure, a series of road safety improvements will be installed, including:

- Preparations for the installation of 10 new average speed cameras to monitor the revised speed limits along the road, which are designed to reduce the severity of accidents.
- The speed limit west of Grange Mill will be reduced from 60mph national speed limit to 50mph. The speed limit within Grange Mill will also be reduced from 50mph to 40mph. The 40mph speed limit will also apply back along the roads leading to Winsters and Longcliffe on the immediate approaches to Grange Mill.
- The cameras will be located at the ends of the different speed zones and at locations where vehicles join and leave the A5012, with installation expected early next year. Average speeds will be monitored along the route and enforcement action will be taken if people exceed the signed speed limit. No cameras are planned on the B5056 routes.
- Improved road drainage to improve braking distances.
- New road signs to alert road users to the average speed cameras and revised speed limits, with

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a general tidy up of signage to reduce visual clutter.

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More information on One Network

You can find out more about the closure on One Network, the free to use roadworks alert service.

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Submitted by **Julia Milverton**

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If you are unable to attend the open day, new families are warmly welcome to organise a personalised tour. Please contact school to arrange a visit.

To find out about our latest activities please visit:  
[www.bonsall.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.bonsall.derbyshire.sch.uk)

We also have a small number of places available within other year groups in school. If you are interested in a place at our school, please contact us for further information, we would love to hear from you!



## Bonsall Village School

Above is an information poster regarding an open afternoon we will be holding for new families.

Kind regards,

**Rebecca Smart**  
Head teacher



## Bonsall Village Hall Autumn Fair

The Village Hall will be holding its annual Autumn Fair on 9 November, starting at 10am till 2pm. This is a fundraising event for the Village Hall. We will have craft, cake and book stalls. Raffle and tombola, plus refreshments.

Come and join us for a drink and cake and look at what the committee has been doing in our continuing program of improving the facilities at your Village Hall.

To enquire about having a stall contact  
**Claire Duma 07880 851083**

For further information contact  
**Hazel Baldwin 07414 845925**

## Bonsall Energy Group Presentation

Bonsall Energy Group is excited to invite you for a presentation and discussion on community renewable energy generation options that could benefit the village. We have been investigating rooftop solar and wind power schemes as part of our feasibility study sponsored by the Midlands Net Zero Hub.

We will share the findings so far from the project, including what we think is possible in terms of generation capacity, planning and grid connection, financing options, and how each scheme might benefit the village. Come and join us at the village hall on Saturday 26 October at 2.30pm. We'd love to hear your thoughts. There will be tea. And cake. Lots of cake.

Cheers,  
**Pete Masters**

## Village Lunch Club

Help!! We would really like to add to the rota of cooks for this event which approximately 20 villagers attend monthly. If you are new to the village or newly able to give some time to help it is a great way to meet people.

Please phone 07818329058- Sandra or 07939764046-Jenny for more information.

September's gourmet meal was a Chicken Casserole with Mashed Potatoes, mixed Vegetables and a delicious sauce, followed by Lemon tart with fresh fruit, ice cream and cream. It was yum yum!!

Two new members of year 6 from Bonsall School came to tell us about the responsibilities of being in Year 6 and the advantages and good things to come.

A quiz and tea finished of the session. Next Lunch is on Oct 16 so if you would like to join in, and didn't add your name to the sign-in sheet please phone 01629 826309 by Wed 9 giving details of any special food requirements you may have. We offer take-outs if getting to the Village Hall is difficult.

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## Red Barrows Fly Again

The Barrows find a new home. It had been a quiet day in the world famous Bonsall Red Barrows office. The barrows were in for their yearly air worthy check at Auto Engineering whilst the pilots had been stood down from flying duties. Myself and Red one were busy making paper planes in the office and doing some blue sky thinking, worked out where it was so carried on with the plane making.

Our thoughts went back to the heady days at RAF Scampton working with the real Red Arrows, so as the base was now shut and all moved to RAF Waddington just down the road, why not send a message asking if they wanted to play again. In typical MOD fashion nothing was heard for about 9 months, a pregnant pause, then an email arrived.

Said message was asking for an official invoice and they were looking forward to seeing us on the 13 July...3 weeks away.

Somehow, we won the battle of Britain and I guess this made us great.

Red 1 woke up, went into auto pilot and made the calls, by noon we had a team and practice days sorted, this is what made Bonsall great.

Now RAF Waddington is no small place, 17 operational squadrons and 3,500 people work there plus it is the home to some very secret units who play with drones for a living. And we were being let loose there. After vehicle and personal details were passed on to the RAF for vetting, fingers crossed we were good to go.

Come the great day we were off, security was tight, armed guards, vehicles searched and sniffer dogs, sniffing, in bomb proof holding areas and all our equipment checked over, when one of the guards said she was looking forward to us performing I was not sure if she was being honest or not. We all got through and then drove through the base under escort and then onto the actual operational airfield, parking on a grass area by the side of the runway opposite a Vulcan bomber with the Red Arrows lined up ready to take off later on.

The tent to our left held the RAF drone flyers with mock ups of their kit, to the right was the Royal Saudi Air Force display team who worryingly took 3 times as long to put up their tent than we did and then had to get help from the RAF Typhoon display team pilots ... I guess their skill is flying fast jets very well, which they did.

And as it was July and we were on an airfield in Lincolnshire it was freezing with a good wind whipping across the bare open land. As it was an open day by invite there were 4,000 invited guests plus RAF personnel, no pressure for the team from Bonsall then.

We set up, did 2 performances and to be honest these were some of the best we have ever done since 2009, so I now know the less we practice the better we perform and yes I was very proud of all of them and pleased we were able to bring our friends and family to the event, hopefully my 2 year old

grandson appreciated it as much as the Royal Saudi free kit he blagged from the tent next door, hats, stickers, mug etc.

On the final performance I noticed a tall important looking chap in a red flying suit in the crowd, laughing and clapping. At the end he came over, introduced himself as the CO of the Red Arrows shook my hand and said how much he had enjoyed and laughed at what we did. A true gent so the team kidnapped him for photographs which he did happily. A Day to remember. On the Monday another e mail arrived at Red Barrows HQ, would we like to perform again in July 2025. I think you can guess the answer, and yes, the female guard did turn up for our performance. Our next gig however is taking part in the Xmas light switching on in Matlock and somehow doing a performance on the park in the dark, so what could go wrong?

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## Report for 17 September meeting

### Public Speaking:

There was a discussion about the proposed sign by the war memorial requesting that people should not park in front of it. Residents questioned the lack of consultation with people living nearby and noted that residents are happy to move their cars when required. A resident questioned whether the wishes of visitors should be prioritised over that of residents. Cllr Barry reminded the meeting that the PC has no powers to enforce parking restrictions and this was intended as a request only. The Chair and Cllr J Smith mentioned complaints which had been received and mentioned the difficulty for visitors who wanted to photograph the war memorial and also for the school. Cllr Cartwright reminded the meeting that anyone is allowed to park on the public road. The Chair said the matter was on the agenda and a decision would be made later in the meeting. The PC later voted to proceed with the sign.

Cllr Grover reported that a resident wishes to put a memorial bench in the Park and the suggestion was welcomed.

### Repair of Cross:

Three quotes for a structural survey have been received. The cheapest was provided by GCA although it was unclear what the costs actually covered. Clerk to contact GCA to seek clarification and discuss with Cllr Grover. Cllr Grover summarised potential sources of funding once the extent of work is



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known. Cllrs J & S Smith wondered whether mortar repair might be possible as they had been advised by a local building firm this might be the case. The survey should confirm.

### Light at the Cross:

The Clerk reported that following the suggestion from Cllr Barry she has discovered the DDDC pays for the similar lights in Wirksworth and Cromford and she has contacted them to ask for similar service for Bonsall. Cllr Barry reported that the bulb has been changed to reduce the electricity used. Clerk to inform National Grid.

### DDC Car Parks:

Cllr Cartwright brought current consultation on car parking to the PC's attention. It was decided this is not a matter BPC can respond to, but individual responses should be given.

### Meetings:

Cllr S Smith suggested recording meetings to ensure decisions are correctly reported. Clerk to contact T Payne to ask for advice. Cllr S Smith volunteered to make recordings also.

### Weed spraying:

Clerk explained that the decision to extend spraying to The Dale (which was taken after the July meeting) needed to be recorded so residents would be kept informed.

### Parking issues on

#### The Dale:

A resident had raised the issue of parking in front of the bench at the top of The Dale, preventing people from sitting on the bench. Cllr Grover

suggested moving the bench to the side. Cllr Barry agreed to have a look and to send photos to councillors. Chair suggested a site visit prior to the next meeting, and acknowledged on-going issues with parking on The Dale.

### Vandalism:

There has been recent vandalism including notices being torn from the notice board and from BT posts, the bus stop notice, and also the new footpath sign on The Dale has been wrenched away. Clerk reported that she has told the police. There has also been vandalism in the WC's and Cllrs reported cars have been scratched. It was agreed to monitor and to ask for further police action if necessary.

### Park:

Cllr Grover wondered if the logs at the edge of the play area could be altered to allow wheelchair access from the Yeoman St side. Other Cllrs suggested this was unnecessary as wheelchair users use the bottom entrance by the car park. Clerk to ask DDDC if the alteration would be viable.

### Quarrying update:

Cllr Grover to attend meeting 18.09.24. He reported there have been many complaints in Cromford about the noise from Ball Eye.

### Well:

Chair reported that during Open Gardens there had been enquiries about the well on the High St. Clerk reported that the homeowner continues to be involved in repair work so the well is covered for protection.

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# PARISH COUNCIL

## Website:

Chair reported on-going issues with the new site, in particular how difficult it is to find documents through the search facility. Clerk to contact parish-online to discuss. Cllrs to explore new site before next meeting to identify on-going problems.

## Matters brought forward from last month

No Parking signs to be put up in front of defibrillators on The Dale and Uppertown. Planter at the Cross to be replaced.

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/), on the new website [www.bonsall-pc.gov.uk](http://www.bonsall-pc.gov.uk), or on the village noticeboards.

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 15 October** 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 **7 October**.

## 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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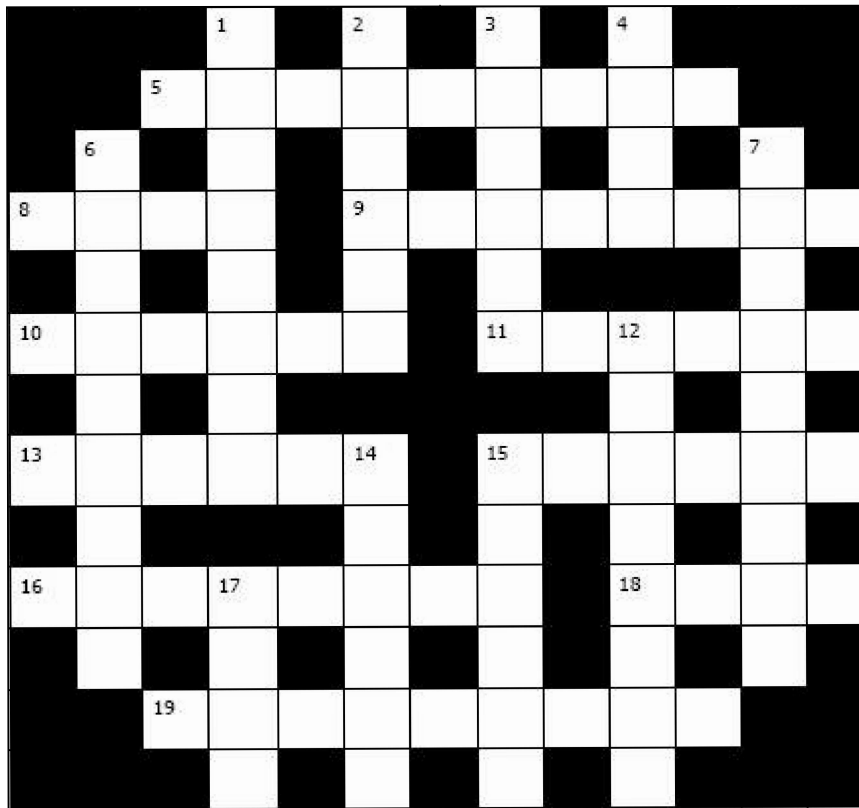


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## CROSSWORD #165



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

### Across:

5. Breathe at random - while watching this on the telly? (9)
8. Part of 5 (1st part). Big-headed, by the sound of it. (4)
9. Old queen is able - queered the French. (8)
10. A venerable man. (2,4)
11. 5 (2nd part). Dragon heading west of the French at first. (4,2)
13. What you need when you are 5 (2nd part) which is found in classiest area. (6)
15. Hi! Two around for tea? (6)
16. Sounds like a depressed beauty seen in the woods in spring. (8)
18. Delight in beating Leeds! (4)
19. 5 (2nd part). Re Wop? Yes! (9)

### Down:


1. 5 (1st part). Seven directions after one kilometre. (8)
2. 5 (2nd part). Makes tea, reportedly. (6)
3. Sailor, with paddle - first deck-hand on ship. (6)
4. 5 (2nd part). Article found in church. (4)
6. Sign in French:- three hundred and fifty English lead to part of 5 (1st part) (9)
7. 5 (2nd part). Sniggering follows Head of school. (9)
12. 5 (2nd part). I get fraud without recompense at first. Bother! (8)
14. 5 (2nd part). Terror on a railway. (6)
15. 5 (2nd part). Dyke on rising river. (6)
17. Diplomat loses nothing, resulting in ill-will. (4)

### Answers to Crossword No. 164

I think that most of you know that I, Pam McNally, write the crosswords, but last month's crossword had a play on my name. By Pam McNally was meant to appear, but it got left out, so sorry if you were mystified.

**Across:** 5. Miserable. 8. Poll. 9. Setter-up (Map is Pam backwards). 10. Unites. 11. Red-top. 13. Adonic. 15. Roadie. 16. Twisting. 18. Upon. 19. Camper-van.

**Down:** 1. Pig-Latin. 2. Census. 3. Matter. 4. Blue (royal blue and airforce blue). 6. Countdown. 7. Autopilot (it's called George). 12. Draculas. 14. Chirpy. 15. Regard. 17. Shag (a kind of down carpet, of course!)



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Tel: Emma on 07464 966035

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## A Poem: The Village Horticultural Show

It's the horticultural show and the village is buzzing. Anticipation of winning a prize.

There will be lots of fruit, vegetables, flowers, cakes, preserves and crafts on show.

The judges will have a task to judge them all.

What's in the garden to take to the show, there's a few tomatoes ripening nicely, the leeks look good, onions strung up drying are a decent size and runner beans long and slender.

I'll follow the recipe for the cake, and hope it turns out just right. Raspberry jam spread in the middle and a sprinkle of sugar on the top.

Prizes galore, onions came 2nd, tomatoes a 3rd and runner beans 1st prize.

I have a trophy to display for the year.

The cake was up against lots of competition, and failed to get a place. I'll try again next year.

Later the auction will be held, with bids fast and furious for all the exhibits that will be sold.

By **Alison Higgins (née Doxey)**  
Formally of High Street

## Murder in Bonsall (Part Two)

The trial took place later that month. Mary's lover and Addie's father, who is never named, had evidently disappeared for three years but then, according to her defence lawyer, "He came back again, and such was the extraordinary infatuation, such was the extraordinary love of the woman that he managed to seduce her again." It was a pitiable story. She was deserted by her lover, deserted by her father, and, it seems, by her sisters too. "There was nothing to look forward to but a life of degradation and starvation." Several witnesses were called to testify to Mary's depressed spirits, and it was pointed out that it is almost impossible for adults to drown themselves in two feet of water – instinct takes over.

The judge's summing-up stressed the importance of the evidence and advised the jury not to be swayed by their sympathy for Mary's predicament. The jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder, but with "the strongest recommendation to mercy." The judge had no choice but to sentence her to death, but promised that the jury's plea for mercy would be passed on. He then asked Mary if she had anything to say which would "stay the execution." She whispered that she was pregnant. The judge then empanelled a jury of twelve matrons, assisted by a medical man, to examine Mary. They left the court and returned to verify her pregnancy. His Lordship then deferred the hanging until after the baby was born.

At the beginning of August, Mary was reprieved from the death penalty. How long she spent in prison is not recorded, but she reappears in the 1891 census at her father's house. There is no mention of a ten-year-old child, so we don't know whether or not she miscarried, or what happened to the baby. James Wright died in 1913, aged eighty-eight. Mary disappears from the census after 1901, at which time she was forty-eight and living in The Dale as a servant to John Ward.

By **Pam McInally**. With extracts from 'Bonsall, a Village and its History', High Peak News and Derbyshire Times.



## Diary for October 2024

Date	Event	Venue
30 September to 8 November, Rolling road closures on Via Gellia		
Fri	4	Grey Bins and Food Waste Caddy
Fri	11	Blue & Green Bins and Food Waste Caddy
Tues	15	7.30pm Parish Council Meeting
Wed	16	12.30pm Village Lunch
Fri	18	Grey Bins and Food Waste Caddy
Wed	23	12 Noon, submission deadline for November Mutterings
Fri	25	Blue & Green Bins and Food Waste Caddy
Tues	26	2.30pm Bonsall Energy Group Presentation

## Future dates

Sat 9 November, 10.00am-2.00pm Autumn Fair, Village Hall

Mon 18 November, 1.15pm-2.45pm, Reception Open Afternoon, Bonsall Village School