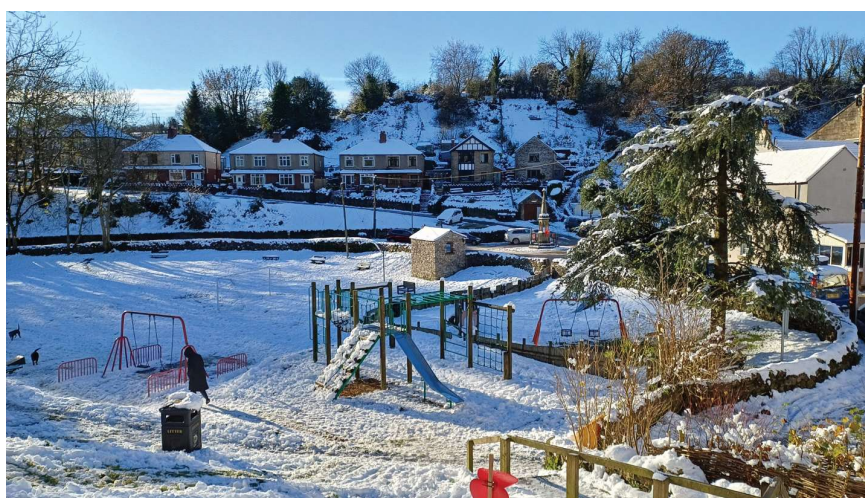




Issue 243

T'Owd Man's Mutterings

December 2024/
January 2025



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A £85 donation was gratefully received from a Bonsall resident to enable us to print colour pages in this Christmas issue. If you wish to donate too, then please contact one of the editors, or e-mail us at mutterings@hotmail.com. All donations are welcome.



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

Village Hall Autumn Fair on 9 November 2024



Photo by Ian Daisley



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CHURCH DIARY

St James Church

Services for December

Sunday 8 December 9.30am Eucharist
Thursday 19 December 7.00pm Carol Service
Christmas Day 9.30am Eucharist
The Christmas tree will be in Church for decorations in memory of loved ones from Saturday, 14 December.

Services for January

Sunday 12 January 9.30 am Eucharist
Sunday 26 January 9.30 am Eucharist

Bonsall Church Cafe

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

We offer ham, cheese and hot sausage cobs, home-made soup and cakes all at reasonable prices.

Wirksworth Team Ministry
01629 824707

Village Life Church

Special events:

Sunday 15 December
Christmas Family Service
followed by Christmas Dinner

Sunday 22 December Christmas Carol Service with refreshments

Weekly:

Sunday 10:30am Worship Service

Tuesday 2:00pm Craft Club (closed from 17 Dec-7 Jan)

Wednesday 7:00pm Life Groups (closed from 18 Dec-8 Jan)

Thursday 9:30am Prayer Meeting
7:00pm Youth Group (closed from 19th Dec - 23rd Jan)

For more information about the church, or if you need any practical help and support over the winter period please call on 07988 071682 or email us at villagelifechurchbonsall@gmail.com.

Pastor Matthew Quinn

Bonsall Dale Chapel

Sunday Services in December and January are at 2.30 pm.

Come and 'Sing your favourite carol' on Sunday 15 December.
Carol Service 2.30 pm on Sunday 22 December

New Year Service on Sunday, 5 January.

All are welcome to join with us.

Judy Land Tel: 824223

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CHURCH NEWS

Community meetings

The following is taken from the monthly newsletter of the Wirksworth Team Ministry: "Earlier this year we held a series of weekly meetings in Wirksworth, where a group of us discussed a range of issues connected with Christian beliefs and the Church. Normally, folk say never discuss religion or politics as it always ends in an argument. Well in this case, it didn't. Some of the attendees were from Bonsall. They found it to be an interesting and informative series of meetings. Because of the positive response we received, it has been decided to hold the future meetings at St. James Church in Bonsall. The meetings will be held at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of every month and will last for about ninety minutes each. Everyone is invited, not just the regular church attendees. You don't even need to be a Christian. If you turn up then we would be very pleased to see you and you can be sure of a warm welcome. It is up to you whether you put forward questions for group discussion or just sit and listen to what's said by others.

It's your church at the end of the day. Its purpose isn't just about an hourly Sunday service for a few. It's about using the building as a community meeting place where anyone can meet to share their experiences and thoughts and exchange ideas about a range of subjects connected to life in general and what part, if any, the church and matters of faith and religion can play in our lives." The next meeting will be on Tues 4 February at 7.30 pm.

Wirksworth Team Ministry

Church Article

Growing up in the late 40s and with a sister and brother born in the early 50s, our childhood days were very different from today - transport was the bus or walk, no TV, radio only, we listened to "Listen with Mother" and I was an Archers addict! After attending Chapel on a Sunday afternoon we enjoyed tea along with the Preacher and family (at least 12 of us) at Grandma Land's house on the Bankside. This was a small two up, two down cottage with an outside toilet (an earth closet) at the top of the garden

The Chapel evening service began at 6.15 pm to time with the arrival of the bus which came right to the top of the Dale. Mum, myself and my sister and brother went home on the bus, except in the school holidays when we stayed for evening service and walked home!

When we arrived home in Cromford, we got ready for bed and then Mum would read us a story before tucking us up in bed. After the evening service, when

Dad came home, he always came upstairs to say goodnight and switch off the light. So our love of books began as children and continues, as I still like to read in bed! I also have two books purchased from charity shops ready for Christmas reading, God willing.

However, I do enjoy reading the Bible and have Bible Commentary books to help me appreciate and learn more about the Bible and people whose lives are recorded in the Bible. They are just like people today, although they lived a slower pace of life with no books, modern conveniences or technology! I have been reading about Adam and Eve and temptation - "did God really say?" the serpent questioned them! And when Jesus was tempted by Satan about God's Word, He responded to Satan by referring to what the Bible says (Matthew 4 v 1 - 11). Luke in his Gospel writes "I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning and it seemed good to write an orderly account for you, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught. Luke 1 v 1 - 4. Why not read Matthew and Luke's Gospels Chapters 1 and 2 and see for yourself how Jesus came to be born in Bethlehem and the visits of the Shepherds and Magi (Wise Men)? How Jesus really is the Saviour of the World! Please let me know if you would like a Bible - I would be more than pleased to give you one as a Christmas gift that will take you through the coming New Year too. A variety of Bibles are also on sale at Cornerstone Bookshop, Dale Road, Matlock. Scarthin Books is also worth a visit!

May you know the certainty of God's love, joy and peace as you celebrate Christmas and the New Year with family, friends and neighbours. May the Lord bless you all.

Judy Land

Bonsall Dale Chapel



Photo by Maggie Duggins

FLOODLIGHTING

December

Christmas is a very special time for remembering those friends and family members who are no longer with us.

Di, Kath and Andrew remember their dad, Jimmy, on his birthday on 8 December.

Stephen and Tricia Potter remember Stephen's mum, Mary especially on 10 December.

David and Julie Allsop and their families remember their dad, Dennis, particularly on 18 of December.

Christmas Eve is when Margaret, Justin, Deb and their children remember Connor in whose memory the lighting was given and dedicated.

Ronald Loxley is remembered by Andrew, Sharon and Andrew especially on his birthday, 30 December.

January

David, Julie and their families remember their mum, Jean, especially on 2 January. The first week of January holds special memories of Harold Bunting, for Dorinda, Simon and Stephanie and their families.

16 January is when Jenny Mellor and family remember their mum, Joan.

Birthday memories on 23 and 24 January of Mum and Dad Rickards are shared by all the family at this time.

For Richard and Kath Taylor the lighting brings memories of Kath's dad and her brother, Keith on 26 of January.

Janet, Daphne and Peter have special memories of their parents, Billy and Winnie particularly on 27 of January.

Mary, Joe, Stephen and Tricia remember Arthur with love on his birthday on 24 January.

Hilda Morris' birthday on 31 January is a time when Rita, Eunice, Rachael and Danny and their families remember her.

If you would like to be included, e-mail me, please.

Di Moor dimoor2014@yahoo.co.uk

If you would like to make your donation of £15 for each memory online, the details are NatWest 60-14-15, a/c 80567622, PCC of Bonsall

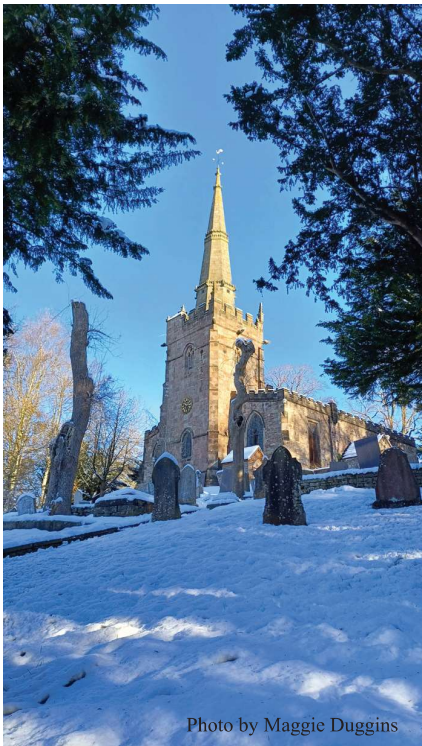


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Catholic Church Services

Our Lady and St. Teresa of Lisieux

Gorsey Bank, Wirksworth

Mass times - Sundays - 8.45 a.m., Holy Days 7 pm., every Tuesday Mass at 9.30 a.m. (No bookings needed.)

Parish Priest: Fr. Ka Fai
(01335 418902)

Our Lady and St. Joseph Church

Joseph's Street, Matlock

Mass times - Saturday reciting of rosary at 3.30 p.m. Vigil Mass at 4.00 p.m. and reciting of rosary at 5.30 p.m., Mass at 6.00 p.m., Sundays 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. (Check with the newsletter – you may need to book for weekend masses.) Week day masses - No mass on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.30 a.m. reciting of rosary and mass at 10.00 a.m., and Friday 5.30 p.m. reciting of rosary and mass at 6.00 p.m.

Confessions Saturday 10.30-11.30 a.m.

Parish Priest: Fr. Robbie O'Callaghan.

OBITUARY

On the 17 of October, we said goodbye to Sharon Stratton, wife to Peter, Mum to Clare, Daniel and Steve, and Nanny to Joe, Lewis and Sam.

Our Mum, Sharon, and Dad, Peter moved with their little dog Archie to the village in 2018 in the hope that they would enjoy a peaceful retirement, in a uniquely beautiful part of the country. What they never imagined, was that they had moved into a community that would quickly welcome them and embrace them as one of their own.

After years of demanding work as a nurse in London, Mum was a little worried that she would find retirement hard to adapt to. She was thrilled to find that Bonsall had a darts team. Mum had always enjoyed playing so she dusted off her arrows. Later she decided to give Art Club a try, and found her creative side. She quickly found life in Bonsall to be full of friendships, fun and laughter.

As a family, we would like to thank the village of Bonsall for your cards, kindness, and care. We would especially like to thank Tony and Dawn Doxey. We can't begin to express how much you helped us in so many ways. From the moment of Mum's accident in Poland, you have both been there. We don't know what we would have done without you.

In memory of our Mum, we would like to raise some money for a Charity that supports survivors of Traumatic Brain Injury. <https://sharonstratton.muchloved.mom>

Kind regards

Clare Townsend on behalf of my brothers, Daniel and Stephen, and our Dad, Peter Stratton (89 Yeoman Street)



Photo by Jackie Smith

LETTERS

Thank You

I would like to say thank you to the kind gents who salted Church Street. My carer, Ari, had driven over from Chesterfield, but could not get her car on to my drive because of the ice and snow. The same gents pushed her car onto the drive. She is very grateful, as am I.

Margaret Fellows

Message of Thanks

We would like to say many thanks to Bonsall Open Gardens for their kind donation to Mutterings this year. It is donations like this that enable Mutterings to be printed every month.

Mutterings Editorial Team

Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

To all our friends and neighbours. We are going to donate to the local food bank this year rather than send cards.

Trevor and Jane Williams

Halloween Horror Night

A big thankyou to Benji Brownlow and Clare Duma for yet again creating one of the most professional scare rooms ever for Halloween! A darkened immersive built tunnel, with real life clowns, ghouls and ghostly goings on, to terrify even the most stoic of adults! Big thankyou to Robert and Louise at the Queens Head for hosting such horror, and thanks too to the T'Owd Man Border Morris dancers. What an atmosphere the Cross had that night. Open Gardens and Collins helped to sponsor the event, but Halloween here is always run by volunteers who put in tons of free work in order to create such brilliant memories for the children and community. It is so very special. (See photos on page 15.)

Elizabeth Stoppard

VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

Bonsall School Toddler Club

The club will start again after Christmas on Monday 6 January 2025

VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

Via Gellia tree felling works 2025

Julia Milverton has sent the following information that came from Derbyshire Highways Hub:

Please find details of the proposed rolling road closure between 6 January and 1 March 2025 for A5012 Via Gellia Road, between Newhaven and Cromford.

You can view the order on this link <https://one.network/?tm=141024832>

For any queries please email TTM.mailbox@derbyshire.gov.uk

There does not seem to be more accurate dates. Maybe these will follow.

Julia Milverton
Bonsall Parish Council

Village Lunch Club

In November a very brave crowd joined in the village lunch despite the weather!! Bonsall folk don't let a little snow keep them from a delicious lunch. The menu was venison stew with red cabbage and jacket potatoes followed by sticky toffee pudding. All very much enjoyed - a big **THANK YOU** to Steve and Eileen, our cooks for the month.

Our next meeting will be the Christmas Meal on 18 Dec. It will be very important that we have accurate numbers as the cooks have decided that we can only cater for 40 covers (that included ourselves!) So, if you did not add your name to the list during the November meal, please phone 01629 826309 as soon as possible (and definitely before 11 December) to find out if there are spaces left. We need to know if you have any special food requirements and a contact number. We do offer take-outs for the housebound.

We are in need of adding to our rota of volunteer cooks. If you feel you could help in any way please contact us.

A very happy and enjoyable December to all!

Best wishes

Jenny March



Poppy Appeal in Bonsall

The Poppy Appeal for 2024 raised £805. Norma would like to thank all the Bonsall residents who gave money towards the appeal.

Thank you

Norma Marshal

Bonsall Village Hall Autumn Fair Lucky Whisky Square Draw

Thank you to everyone that purchased £1 squares on 9 November. Thank you also to both village pubs who assisted me with selling squares. The draw made £186 towards Village Hall funds.

The winning number was 154 and the 10 year Single Malt Aberlour bottle went to Mike Lynch. The runner up number was 14 and the blended bottle of Teachers Whisky went to Chris Broome.

Leigh Johnson

On behalf of Bonsall Village Hall Committee

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Bonsall Village Hall News

Autumn Fair : The Village Hall committee held the Autumn Fair on the 9 November, which is a fundraiser for the Village Hall and we are thrilled that £836.90 was made for the Hall. Thank you to the people who came and supported the event, the people and businesses who donated raffle prizes. The people and committee's other halves, who baked cakes, donated their time, manned stalls and helped in the kitchen. Good to see Judy Land, Trustee, back behind the counter and a big thank you to Leigh Johnson, Trustee, for his whiskey draw, which contributed £186 to the fundraising.

Open Gardens Donation: A huge thank you to the Open Gardens for their generous donation of £250 for the Village Hall. As with all donations, it is very much appreciated. It was a wonderful weekend to have over £1000 going into the Village Hall coffers, rather than going out. While we look for grants to support projects, the day to day running costs and annual checks have to be covered by income received either from users of the hall, fundraising events or donations.

Grant from Better Derbyshire Dales Fund: The Committee are thrilled to have received a grant of £2,500 from Better Derbyshire Dales fund to go towards purchasing a new cooker and tea urn for the kitchen. The current cooker has its limitations and is around 20 years old. We acquired it free from a generous villager and it has served us well. The luncheon club have kindly donated £100 towards the costs, but we still need to find some extra money to provide a robust and efficient cooker and tea urn for years to come. Any donations would be greatly received.

Village Hall hire rates: Reviewing the yearly running costs, the committee have agreed to increase the hire cost for a village organisation to £15 a session, a session being a morning, afternoon or evening, for the use of one floor. To hire both floors will be £20 per session. We have made no changes to the other hire rates. The new rates will commence from 1 January 2025, but we will honour any pre-paid bookings made for the year 2025. It was a decision not made lightly, but with increased running costs, we have a responsibility to ensure the money coming in, is covering the everyday expenditure. Looking at other

local Village Halls, we remain very competitive, and offer a lot for the hire charge.

Live and Local event: Please look at the information about the Live and Local event we will be hosting on Friday 7 March 2025 and look out for another fundraiser before then.

Hazel Baldwin on behalf of the Village Hall Committee

Live & Local at Bonsall Village Hall

"We need cheering up right now and this singer-songwriter is just the ticket." - Sunday Times
 ".....witty, wistful, wonderful" - Gyles Brandreth.

This has been said about Terence Blacker and his show 'Old Enough to Know Better', a musical guide to ageing with style. Terence will be bringing his show to Bonsall Village Hall on Friday 7 March 2025. So, step into the realm of timeless humour and profound insight with songwriter and author Terence Blacker as he navigates the uncharted territories of ageing in the 21st century. 'Old Enough to Know Better' is not just a show; it's a journey that resonates deeply with the audience of all ages, offering a funny perspective on the art of growing old with style.

In a world where the topic of old age constantly makes headlines, this show stands out as a beacon of relevance and positivity. Forget the stereotypes of retirement homes and rocking chairs. In 2024, growing old is anything but dull. With wit and wisdom, Terence Blacker reminds us that ageing is an adventure filled with unexpected joys and humorous twists. Praised for its wide appeal, don't miss your chance to see this funny show at your very local Bonsall Village Hall and join Terence on a journey of fun, warmth, and wisdom that will leave you smiling all the way home.

There will be a bar on the night. Tickets are available from ticketsource.co.uk

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St James Church - New Kitchen and Toilet

As many people will know, there has been a concerted effort over the last few years to raise a considerable amount of money to fund the installation of an accessible toilet and kitchen facility in the church. St James has had no running water for the past 800 years and certainly nothing by way of a useable toilet in the church.

It's with great joy and celebration that we can announce that at the time of writing, the project is nearly complete!

This has been achieved through a dedicated band of volunteers keeping 'JIMMY's Cafe' open three days per week over the last few years. Here you can buy home-made soup, cobs and fantastic cakes at a very reasonable cost. As a result of all the efforts so far, we have raised over £65,000 for the fund. A massive thank you to everyone who has baked, cooked, served and supported this over the years - and long may this continue to provide this valued service to our village and those who visit. In addition to money raised through the cafe, other events have bolstered the coffers. Namely, Rock Choir Concert, Bell Ringers BBQs at the carnival over the years, PIMS at Open Gardens, Craft Sales and Christmas stalls, and the sale of unwanted pews.

The remainder of the money has then come from generous donations and grants. We are forever in gratitude from the following grant funders: Derbyshire Dales District Council, Derbyshire Diocesan Board of Finance, Raymond Ross, Ernest Bailey, Garfield Weston Foundation, the National Churches Trust, Bernard Sunley Foundation and the Duke of Devonshire Foundation. We also want to thank the organisation who have generously donated towards the project:

Wildgoose, Slinger Mining, Collins Earthworks, Bennett Quarry and the Longcliffe Quarry.

By way to celebrate and see the finished product, please come and see for yourself on Saturday 14 December between 1pm and 4pm, when the church will be being decorated for Christmas and offering you Mulled Wine and Mince Pies by way of a thank you for all your support! (Please be aware at the time of going to press we are trusting that everything will be installed by then for you to see, but if it isn't you'll still be able to partake of the goodies and see the nearly completed kitchen even if it isn't quite finished!!)

See you there!

Caroline and David Kirkham

THE VILLAGE GREEN

Bonsall Energy Group - Community Engagement

It was great to share the findings so far from our community energy feasibility study at the village hall in October. We had such an engaged group of people in the room and the questions, comments and discussions really helped us to consider Bonsall's community energy potential from new angles. Overall, the event confirmed to us that people are supportive of the types of initiative we are developing as long as we continue to make sure that the village benefit is maximised and the impact on our local environment is minimised. However, we know that those present at the event represented only a fraction of the people who live in the village, so if anyone else would like to feed back any comments or questions to BEG we would be pleased to receive them. You can view the presentation slides from the community event and give us your views and comments on the BEG website at www.bonsallenergygroup.com. The feasibility study is due to be completed by February 2025. Another community presentation will be arranged at the village hall in March. It is hoped that the projects that appear to be the most favourable from the study will then be taken forward to the next stage during 2025, subject of course to us securing additional community energy funding. Projects that are currently looking favourable include roof solar schemes on community buildings such as the village hall and possibly the school and church along with wind turbine projects above Ball Eye Quarry and possibly at Moor Farm Quarry on Blakelow Lane. We are hopeful that the first (solar roof) project(s) might be installed during 2025 with other projects to follow on over the coming years.

Our next BEG meeting is on Tuesday 10 December in the village hall, 7.30pm. All are welcome. **Chris Broome, BEG Chairman**



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THE VILLAGE GREEN

Wilder Bonsall Update

The Wilder Bonsall group is passionate about keeping our village beautiful and well-maintained. While our name might suggest a preference for untamed wilderness, the truth is quite the opposite. Our aims are to control vegetation while fostering a thriving ecosystem, balancing the desire for beauty and nature with the need for accessible and safe pathways within the village. Many villagers fondly remember a time when Bonsall's pathways and walls were free from overgrown brambles and nettles. This is the vision that drives Wilder Bonsall. Our group believes that responsible vegetation management is crucial to achieving this goal.

Much of our work looks and feels exactly like gardening. We may choose to leave seed heads for a longer period than a traditional gardener in order to allow natural re-seeding, but our ultimate goal aligns with that of many of our villagers, which is a thriving and visually appealing Bonsall. Wilder Bonsall is not intended to replace the Parish Council's responsibility, instead the group aims to work alongside the council and the community to create a village that honours its past while embracing a future filled with natural beauty. Our vision is to create a well-kept and picturesque environment that also supports biodiversity, reminiscent of the time when the village was vibrant with life and the village looked and felt cared for.

The group has had a busy year, and here are some of our achievements:

- Planted over 150 bulbs and wildflower seeds at Nether Green, Wragg Croft and the Well at the top of High Street.
- Organised the big Village Clean Up to prepare the village for Open Gardens with over 20 villagers cutting back brambles and nettles on the Clatterway and The Dale.
- Participated in the Open Gardens (many thanks for the kind donation) with the Community Garden, Nether Green, Wragg Croft and the High St well.
- Regularly maintained the Community Garden.
- Planted fox gloves, campion and borage at Wragg Croft and the Community Garden.

We are in the process of planning an exciting programme of activities for 2025 - applying to the Community Nature Fund, running village awareness, raising events, including building bug hotels in the Community Garden and working with Bonsall School to develop a wildflower garden.

With more members of the group, we will be able to do even more to achieve our aim of controlling vegetation while encouraging biodiversity and natural beauty. So, keep your eyes on the diary page for dates of our work parties and events, and come along and join in the fun!

Wilder Bonsall Group



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PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Report for meeting on 19 November 2024

WEBSITE: The old website is no longer operational. All residents are urged to visit the new website (www.bonsall-pc.gov.uk).

PUBLIC SPEAKING: None

PARK: a) Lease: Clerk reported that she is waiting to hear from the Diocese to renew the park lease which currently expires in March. She reported that DDDC suggested they would be handing back the play area at that time. Clerk to clarify with DDDC that this should be renewed. Question of wheelchair access from Yeoman Street to be revisited after renewal of lease;

b) It was noted that there are 2 large vehicles permanently parked. Clerk to issue the standard notice informing owner of the van that vehicles without MOT cannot be parked there. Clerk to compose letter to be sent to the owner of the lorry informing them of the Council policy that vehicles should not be parked there permanently. Councillors were also concerned that there is a pile of bricks which has been left there which may cause injury to children playing and is also unsightly.

DRAINS AND ROAD CONDITION UPPERTOWN:

It was agreed that Uppertown Lane is in a shocking state. Encroachment of the verges has made the road increasingly narrow. It was agreed that the response of DCC and DDDC has been very disappointing. Clerk to report potholes and obstruction via DCC website and also to contact Green & Clean team at DDDC.

VIA GELLIA

Cllr Grover reported the dangerous state of the pavement which has still not been addressed. Mud and leaves, also potholes and lorries mounting the pavement, make it perilous for pedestrians. Cllr Grover to provide photos to Clerk. Clerk to report to DCC and Green & Clean team at DDDC.

REPAIR OF CROSS

The survey has been done and report is awaited. Cllr Grover confirmed receipt of grant from Open Gardens to cover the cost.

QUARRYING

No update. Cllr S Smith queried whether the large platform being built at Ball Eye was connected to the proposed wind turbine, but this was confirmed not to be the case.

HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT: Council voted 5:1 not to participate in this scheme.

WEBSITE: Cllr S Smith produced a report on the state of the new website. Clerk to work with Parish On-line to make alterations. Clerk reported there have been 25 users of the new website in the last 30 days.

WAR MEMORIAL: Cllr Barry reported that the railings round the War Memorial need re-painting and the light needs cleaning. Cllr Barry to arrange with P Spencer and G Hardy.

VILLAGE SIGNS: Cllr Barry reported the village welcome sign is still on the back burner. He reported that there has been extensive damage to the wall on Moor Lane owned by Hollies farm as it appears 4x4 vehicles have driven along it. Clerk to ask Highways Dept to erect a further sign at the start of the lane warning about width restrictions.

POPPIES: Cllr Barry reported he put the poppies in place for remembrance and would like to hear from villagers for their opinion of the placing of poppies.

Full details of the meetings can be found in the minutes on the new website www.bonsall-pc.gov.uk, or on the village noticeboards.

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 17 December at 7.30 pm 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 December.

Clerk and Finance Officer:

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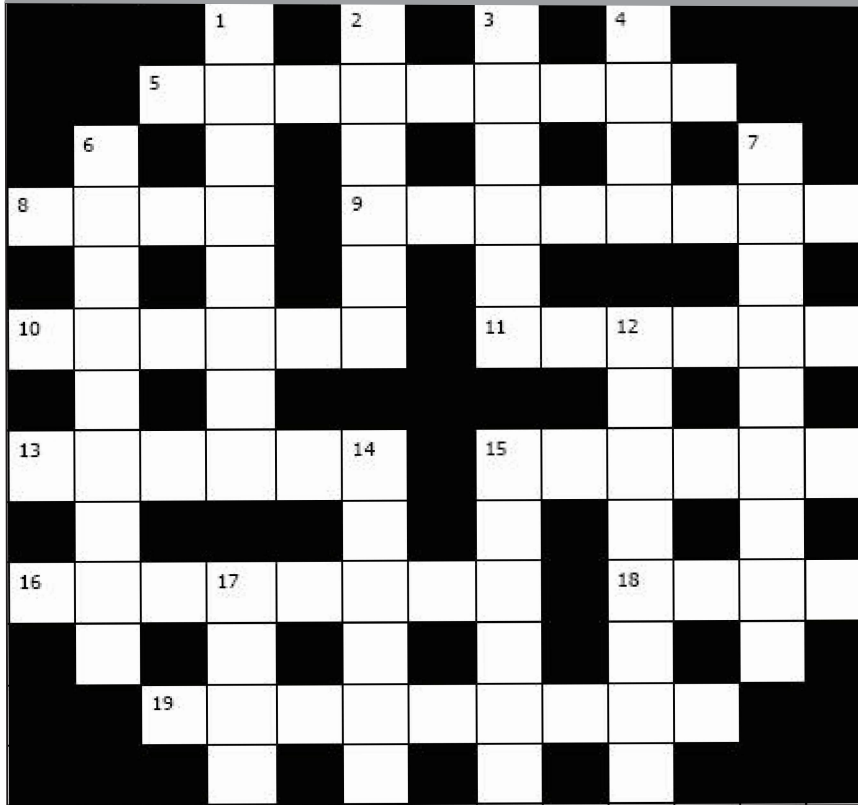
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CROSSWORD #167



Across:

- 5 & 19. Song-fantasy of Roy Keane's, initially? Yes! (9,2,3,4)
 8. Handsome Moroccan boy-friend. (4)
 9. Tricky ninth age means zilch to a Scot. (8)
 10. Looking back, yesterday, New Zealand owed roubles gleaned, initially from this disputed Russian capital. (6)
 11. German children are nicer. (6)
 13. Retreat from a hollow, sooty chimney. (6)
 15. Stuck-up Cockney? (apostrophe needed) (6)
 16. Libido or dogging? (3-5)
 18. You are in Somerset House. (4)
 19. See 5.

Down:

1. Blame a French letter (last one) with the French up five. (8)
 2. 19. (2nd word). Attempt to get to grips with death. (6)
 3. Dash in the raw, at first around Porterhouse maybe? No, the reverse. (6)
 4. Boring part of Apocryphal Bible raised. (4)
 6. 19 (2nd word). Brazen stag covers, mounting. (9)
 7. Something 19 (2nd word) found in hospital department accommodating 5, with one working. (9)
 12. Shoot up a hill quickly, at last. Futile! (8)
 14. 19 (2nd word). Blokes accept help. (6)
 15. OK Primate? (3-3)
 17. This pudding should be plum perfect, but it's no good at all! (4)

PRIZE. Deliver your answers to Pam at the Old Rectory by 5 January and the first one pulled out of a hat will win two bottles of wine!

Answers to Crossword no.166

Across: 5. Genitalia. 8. Mind. 9. Watch out. 10. Anonym. 11. Reason. 13. Prayer. 15. Mature. 16. Uncle Sam. 18. Note. Asininity.
 Down: 1. Tendency. 2. Wigwam. 3 & 8. Master Mind. 4. Wish. 6. Signorino. 7. Autocrats. 12. Attend to. 14. Resent. 15. Moment. 17. Lisp

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T'Owd Man's

Mutterings

Diary for December 2024

Date		Event	Venue
Fri	6	Blue and green bins and food waste caddy	
Fri	13	Grey bins and food waste caddy	
Tues	10	7.30 pm Bonsall Energy Group meeting	Village Hall
Sat	14	1pm - 4pm Viewing of new kitched with mulled wine and mince pies	St James Church
Sun	15	Christmas family service followed by Christmas dinner	Village Life Church
Tues	17	7.30 pm Parish Council meeting	Village Hall
Wed	18	12.30 pm Village Lunch Club Christmas Meal	Village Hall
Thurs	19	7.00 pm Carol Service	St James Church
Fri	20	Blue and green bins and food waste caddy	
Sun	22	2.30 pm Carol Service	Bonsall Dale Chapel
Sun	22	Christmas Carol Service with refreshments	Village Life Church
Sat	28	Grey bins and food waste caddy	

Diary for January 2025

Date		Event	Venue
Sat	4	Blue bins and food waste caddy (no green bin collection	
Mon	6	Beginning of rolling road closures on A5012, Via Gellia	
Fri	10	Grey bins and food waste caddy	
Sun	12	9.30 am Eucharist	St James Church
Fri	17	Blue and green bins and food waste caddy	
Thurs	22	12 noon Deadline for items for February 2025 Mutterings	
Fri	24	Grey bins and food waste caddy	
Sun	26	9.30 am Eucharist	St James Church
Fri	31	Blue and green bins and food waste caddy	

Note: Bin collection dates taken from Dales Matters Autumn 2024 edition

Future dates:

Tues, 4 February - 7.30 pm All invited to Community Meeting at St James Church

Fri, 7 March - Live and Local Event - Terence Blacker at Village Hall

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