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# T'Owd Man's Mutterings



Photo by Sarah Smith

## CAST OF BONSCALL PLAYERS PANTO

February 2025



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

# BONSALL PLAYERS PANTO

## Aladdin



## Jack & the Beanstalk



## CHURCH DIARY

### St James Church

Palm Sunday, April 13  
Eucharist at 9.30 am

Easter Day Sunday April 20  
Eucharist at 9.30 am

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Tuesday 2:00 pm Craft club  
Wednesday 6:00pm Life Groups  
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Thursday 9:30 am Prayer Meeting  
7:00 pm Youth Group  
(11 to 16 years - all welcome)

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Service 10:30am followed by Roast  
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**Pastor Matthew Quinn**

### Bonsall Dale Chapel

Sunday Services in April are at 6:15 pm.  
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## CHURCH NEWS

### Spring

Dear friends,  
Spring is synonymous with new life and  
we see it all around us. New lambs are  
born, spring flowers erupt into life and  
the singing birds wake us each morning.  
By the time you read this we will be just  
two weeks away from Easter, which to  
many people across the globe is the most  
important Christian festival and in the  
northern hemisphere and coincides with  
the new life of spring. And this is impor-  
tant, as Easter is a celebration of NEW  
LIFE; new life for the resurrected Jesus  
some 2000 years ago, but new life for us  
as we receive and recognise God's love  
that is that is most clearly shown in the  
life of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

## CHURCH NEWS

As always, there are many opportunities  
across the Wirksworth Team churches  
to hear the stories of Easter and to learn  
more about the new life and good news  
they are all about. You will receive a  
warm welcome when you come to join us,  
and you might hear the best news ever.  
However you choose to celebrate Easter,  
I hope and pray that it is a blessed time  
for you and those you love. As ever, many  
blessings.

**Revd Neil , Team Rector,  
Wirksworth Team Ministry**

### Snowdrops

Travelling over Bonsall Moor through  
Brightgate, I have really appreciated  
the snowdrops blossoming along the  
edges of the road. Now it is a delight to  
see the daffodils starting to bloom too.  
Brown bulbs, that seem so uninspiring  
to look at and yet within contain hidden  
treasure and the spark of life. Buried  
in the dark earth, enduring the wet, the  
cold, the frost, the snow and, unseen  
to human eyes, are putting down roots.  
After many weeks small green shoots  
begin to appear - snowdrops need the  
frost to germinate! Then the bud appears  
and in due time a beautiful snowdrop -  
"bearing a green heart, symbol of God's  
renewing love!" As we approach Easter,  
we recall the final days Jesus spent with  
His disciples. We travel through Lent,  
a time to pause and think about how  
we live - our hopes and fears, our joys  
and sorrows. We recall the last days  
Jesus spent with His disciples, seeking  
to prepare them for their futures and the  
continuing of the work that Jesus had  
begun . . . Palm Sunday, a humble King;  
Good Friday, a final meal - the Passover  
that has been celebrated for hundreds of  
years and which in Churches, Chapels  
and Meeting Places, all over the world  
is celebrated in various ways as the  
"Sacrament of the Lord's Supper" and  
Easter Sunday, the glorious resurrection,  
and the hope of celebrating with Jesus  
in heaven. The Bible is an amazing book  
from Genesis to Revelation, penned by  
many writers under the inspiration of  
the Holy Spirit, and pointing to Jesus  
in many and various ways and well  
worth taking the time and trouble to  
read as there are many translations  
available for every kind of reader.

The days are lengthening, the clocks  
change and we live in hope - For God so  
loved the world that He gave His only  
begotten Son, that whoever believes  
in Him should not perish but have  
everlasting life. For God did not send His  
Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but that the world through Him might be  
saved." John 3 v 16,17.

**Judy Land**

## FLOODLIGHTING

On the 2nd of the month, Sharon,  
Andrew and Andrew have loving memo-  
ries 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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Days 7 pm., every Tuesday Mass at  
9.30 a.m. (No bookings needed.)  
**Parish Priest: Fr. Ka Fai**  
(01335 418902)

### Our Lady and St. Joseph Church

Joseph's Street, Matlock  
Mass times - Saturday reciting of rosary  
at 3.30 p.m. Vigil Mass at 4.00 p.m. and  
reciting of rosary at 5.30 p.m., Mass at  
6.00 p.m., Sundays 8.30 a.m. and 10.30.  
a.m. (Check with the newsletter - you  
may need to book for weekend masses.)  
Week day masses - No mass on Monday,  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.30  
a.m. reciting of rosary and mass at 10.00  
a.m., and Friday 5.30 p.m. reciting of  
rosary and mass at 6.00 p.m.  
Confessions Saturday 10.30-11.30 a.m.  
**Parish Priest: Fr. Robbie O'Callaghan.**

## LETTERS

### Toads and Roads

Spring is springing and the frogs are celebrating in the ponds around Bonsall. It will soon be time for the toads to start looking for a mate too. There are volunteers who venture out each Spring to help toads avoid massacre on the roads around many villages in the UK as all wild life is sadly declining. Some villages close roads for several weeks! This doesn't happen round Bonsall but the toads still cross – they know how to cross as they've been doing it to the same pond or mere for hundreds of years, but they haven't yet learned how to avoid the traffic!! The males sit in the middle of the road where they can clearly see an attractive female waiting to cross, and then they join her, sometimes hitching a ride to defend her from other suiters.

Obviously squatting in the road is not a very bright thing to do these days, so volunteers collect them in buckets and carry them across to safety. The males are delightful little things, the females larger, swollen with spawn at this time of year. These volunteers will be out in the next few weeks, in the dark, with torches and Hi Vis, in an attempt to save as many toads as possible, not just for the toads, but for future generations. Please drive carefully; there will be children out helping.

Thank you,

**Karen Firth**



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## THE VILLAGE GREEN

### Wilder Bonsall work parties update

The snow drops and crocuses planted by Wilder Bonsall at Wragg Croft, Yeoman Street, were in full bloom when a successful work party was held there last month. Members of Wilder Bonsall made a really good job of clearing brambles and weeding the beds that border the residents parking area. The group also had a good tidy up of the Community Garden in February. This month we created a dead hedge at the rear of The Well at the top of High Street. We used dead wood from fallen trees on the roadside bank near the Well.

The next meeting of Wilder Bonsall will be held on Thursday, 10 April, 7.00pm at the Kings Head. All are welcome!

**Deb Smith**



Photos by Maggie Duggins





### LAVENDER GARDEN

*Flowers*

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# VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

## Village Lunch Club

This month villagers enjoyed a very good lunch of Boeuf Bourguignon together with mixed vegetables and mashed potato followed by Banoffee pie with fresh fruit and ice cream. Afterwards all enjoyed a nice cuppa along with Phil's ferocious quiz!!

We also heard great things of Bonsall school's Book Week activities and their participation in Science Week in conjunction with Anthony Gell.

If you would like to join us for lunch next month, we meet on April 16 at 12.30. If you didn't add your name to the sign-up sheet at the last session, please phone 01629 826309 and book a place before April 9. Numbers have to be collected so the cooks can prepare the meal. We need to know if you have any food allergies; also, we can make up a take-out if getting to the village hall is a problem.

We very much welcome any interest in joining the ranks of those who help with our events either as cooks or as helpers. We work on a rota basis so participation only comes round once in a while!

Looking forward to a Happy Easter for everyone.

**Jenny March**

## Village Hall Disco

We are having a disco in the Village Hall on Friday 25 April to raise funds for the jobs we still need to do in Church, and to be able to give a donation to the Park Restoration Fund. There will be a bar, a raffle and a hot supper. Tickets on sale now from Di, Ann, Jane, Janet and me are £10. Music by request! Whatever you want to dance to!!

**Kath Punchard.**

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## Bonsall School

Bonsall School PTFA would like to say a huge thank you to the Bonsall Players. Their pantomime this year was awesome, as usual. The generosity of this group of wonderful human beings is heartwarming. Thank you also to everyone who bought tickets and supported them in other ways. Bonsall Players donated £2000 to the PTFA from the sale of tickets.

You are all by now probably aware that the PTFA has been supporting the children of the school by purchasing resources, in particular new books for topics and free reading. The library has taken on a new lease of life and the classroom book shelves are well stocked with a wonderful eclectic mix of reading material. Most importantly, the children are benefiting and are excited when a new book order is delivered. Some are following a story series and eagerly awaiting the publication of the next novel, while others are enjoying poetry and finding out who their favourite authors are by reading different genres. There is also a range of non-fiction books covering

many topics. Whatever the children enjoy, there is something for everyone, from Reception to Year 6. To see the children using the refurbished library and having a love of books is a joy.

**Jackie Smith**

Treasurer, Bonsall School PTFA



Photos by Jackie Smith



## A Fun Competition

"Wow we had a lot of fun", said Archie and Freya (both in Year 6). One morning a couple of weeks ago, children who go to Thursday Sports Club all set off for Anthony Gell's School in Wirksworth for a fun sports hall athletics tournament. We met other schools there from Wirksworth, Middleton, Brassington and Turnditch.

"Our parents took us by car, just for the morning and we took drinks in case we got really thirsty from running. Obviously Wirksworth Juniors walked there, but so did Middleton! It would be easy walking down, but much harder walking back up!"

"We played in groups of different ages and of course we wanted to win, although it was just for fun."

"We had long-jump, ball throwing into a net, hurdles, running races and one game used a thing like a javelin to throw (not dangerous like a javelin!) We had bean bags to throw and had a little rest after each game."

Archie and Freya both knew some pupils from other schools as they both play rugby on Cromford Meadows. They both had a super time and think everyone else did too.

A high point for Archie was when his Grandad picked him up and brought Maltesers.

After the tournament they went back to school, ready for a lovely school dinner. They both enjoy the school dinners, especially the puddings.

It was a good day for all.

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## Bonsall Community Playground Update

On 18 March 2025, Bonsall Community Playground became the responsibility of the Bonsall Community and will be managed by Bonsall Parish Council.

As the playground equipment is 'average to poor', inevitably some immediate remedial work is needed.

The response from Bonsall and Saley residents has been very positive to date with ideas for fundraising and offers of help to start the refurbishment process.

Over the coming weeks more information on pricing of equipment parts and other items will be gathered, which will be shared with everyone. In the meantime, if anyone can help in any way, be it ideas for fundraising, organising events to raise much needed funds, or offers of practical help, please get in touch with the Bonsall Parish Clerk or any member of Bonsall Parish Council.

**Jackie Smith**

On behalf of Bonsall Parish Council

## Live and Local at Bonsall Village Hall

On Friday 7 March, Bonsall Village Hall hosted Terence Blacker, a performer from the Live and Local circuit. We enjoyed an evening of music and a humorous exploration of ageing with grace, or not.

Terence sent feedback to the Live and Local organisers saying we were "quite a cosy venue, comfortable and a joy to perform in." He went on to say "everyone seemed to have a good time. Nice atmosphere," so a big thank you to all the people who bought tickets and joined us on the night.

Live and Local is not a fundraising event for the Village Hall, we have to contribute £370 and 70% of any money we make over that on further ticket sales is given to Live and Local. We do however, keep any profit made on bar sales. Live and Local does provide the opportunity for us to showcase the Village Hall and put on alternative entertainment on your doorstep.

**Hazel Baldwin**

Chairwoman on behalf of Bonsall Village Hall

Fundraising event for Bonsall Village Hall

## PIE & QUIZ NIGHT

Bonsall Village Hall

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# VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

## Bonsall Players Panto

Bonsall Players performed the annual (I think I can safely say that now) village pantomime in February half term - **Adventures in Pantoland** - and what an adventure it was .....for our indomitable Chorus. Always the very backbone of panto, this year they truly excelled themselves! Belly dancing? No problem. A dance scene lifted from Mary Poppins? Bring it on! Is there nothing these people can't do? They danced and acted, and took on other roles without thinking twice: villagers, courtiers, dwarves, Londoners! Take several bows: Louise, Carmel, Lorraine, Krystina, Leanne, George, Jayne. They were, quite simply, The Best, along with a great cow (Erin and Lorraine) without which no panto would ever be complete!

Talking of animals, Louise Ward, who specialises in niche characters, played a heart-rending Tommy the Cat. Jayne Allsop was a star turn as the Poshest Queen with George Binns as Elvis... sorry.... I mean The King. Leanne Hicklin brought gravitas and distinction as the Genie. Sharon Rowlands wove magic in her beautiful costume as the Good Fairy, waving her wand with aplomb. Principal boy, Rachael Richardson, did a great job with the directing as well as dancing to Prince (among others). Principal girl was played by Kelly Burton, Bonsall school's infant teacher, with a mixture of naivety and sassiness.

Has there ever been a witchier witch and evil queen than Claire Bradley? Amazing also as the quickest costume changer, she was aided and abetted by Lesley Murhall as her unpleasant sidekick.

David Allsop played the hapless Muddles with a panache rarely seen away from the National Theatre, whilst Andrew (Mac) McClellon gave us an outrageously funny Dame.

Big, big thanks to Mike Richardson who did fabulous stuff with sound, lights and voices, and Anne Young who produced some amazing props and then carted stuff around. They both contributed hugely during rehearsals.

Big shout out to all members of Bonsall school PTFa for the very important job of manning the bar.

Oops....nearly forgot YOU. yes, YOU, the audience, played your usual part by joining in with good humour and enthusiasm. THANK YOU!

If you've never been to a Bonsall Panto, get yourself a ticket next year, because we will be back! Oh yes, we will! We

raised a huge amount of money this year which has been distributed as follows:

£2000 to Bonsall School

£270 to the Bonsall Defibrillators

£85 to Mutterings to pay for our colour photographs in this edition.

We have also been able to raise enough money to at last buy ourselves a shed! Yes, I know, but we're very excited to have our own storage space for our ever-growing number of props, costumes and scenery.

Thank you

**Jayne Allsop for Bonsall Players**

(Carnival colour photos are on pages 1 & 2, and 15 & 16, with some black and white photos on the page 14!)

## Poem

**Mr Thomas's Writing Shed**

If I was a poet like Mr. Thomas,  
I'd have a cottage by the sea, and  
a writing shed, with vistas of  
trees, the sea shore and birds.

I would sit in peace, and let my mind  
wander, and write till I was free!

The sun would shine through the  
window and feel like the breath  
of a dragon on my face.

I don't have a writing shed  
with views of the sea,

I only have a chair at the kitchen  
table with views of the garden.

The sun shines through the  
window and lights up my pages.

I'm ready to let my mind wander  
and write till I'm free!

**by Alison Higgins**

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## Peak District National Park Authority approved restructure under financial pressures

The Peak District National Park Authority has today (25th February 2025) approved restructuring proposals that have been driven by a need to reduce costs.

The Authority is facing ongoing financial pressures due to a fixed government grant that does not take into account inflation and additional pressures such as the recent increase in Employers National Insurance Contributions, the rise in the minimum wage, the ending of the government's rate relief scheme, and some external costs rising by as much as 150%.

Overall the Authority has faced a real-terms cut of around 50% over the last ten years. The continual squeeze on funding has happened at the same time as those using the National Park have increased and expectations about what the National Park should be delivering for nature, climate and wellbeing are rising.

It is only two years since the Authority last had to undertake a restructure programme. Those changes reduced senior management roles by more than half and combined several service areas whilst allowing for an investment in the Authority's statutory planning function. However, since the last round of changes the Authority has faced unprecedented financial pressures whilst the core government grant remains flat.

The changes approved include making efficiencies within important functions such as customer services and communications. There will be a reduction in the size and scope of much cherished work in the areas of community engagement, education and wellbeing, although alternative funding opportunities for priority projects are being pursued.

With the ongoing support of a philanthropic donor, some transformational changes are also being proposed for the Authority's Visitor and Cycle Hire Centres to ensure their long-term viability.

Phil Mulligan, the Authority's Chief Executive said, "We are facing a very challenging financial landscape. The approved structure changes are extremely difficult and upsetting for everyone. We are cutting or reducing some of our high profile and much valued programmes. None of us wanted to make these decisions but they cannot be avoided unless there is significantly better news from government on our funding."

## Open Gardens 2025

Open Gardens 2025 are now organising for this year's weekend event on June 7th & 8th.

Would anyone that wishes to open their garden this year please email office@bonsallopengardens.co.uk or call 07974644889 to confirm.

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**Elizabeth Stoppard**



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# PARISH COUNCIL

## Parish Council Report for meeting on 18 March 2025

**Please note:** All residents are urged to visit the new website ([www.bonsall-pc.gov.uk](http://www.bonsall-pc.gov.uk)). Also, we need another councillor – would you like to join the council? Please contact the Clerk for further information.

## News from County Council

Cllr Murphy reported on the Via Gellia project: only 50% of the trees needing removal have been taken down; the remainder will be taken down in the autumn. He also noted that the contractor has been replaced. Average speed cameras are due to be in place April-May

Cllr Murphy was concerned about the condition of the roads and will visit Uppertown Lane and Yeoman Street to see the potholes and road condition with a view to helping resolve the problem.

## Park

Cllr J Smith confirmed the play area has now been handed over to BPC. There are on-going costs to consider; for example, new bark for the climbing frame area will cost £2k, and work is needed to repair the junior slide. It is imperative to ensure the village is involved, as maintaining the play area will be a community effort and there will be an on-going need for fundraising. Bonsall Players have kindly offered to help with costs and to volunteer with work. It is hoped that other village organisations will also get involved. There will be a monthly update in Mutterings under the Village Noticeboard section. It was agreed to establish a Park Committee to cover the park, churchyard, car park and public WC's. The lengthsman will fill in the potholes in the car park.

## Wilder Bonsall

There was some debate about the insurance for Wilder Bonsall which is now in the process of being resolved. Wilder Bonsall has requested that the park bank should be trimmed in September to encourage wildflowers; it was decided this would be discussed by the new Park Committee which would then report back to BPC where a decision would be made.

## Website

The Clerk is to continue working on the website to implement changes BPC wishes to make. If anyone has feedback, please share with the Clerk for reporting back to the PC.

## Policies and Grit Bins

The new policies covering grit bins and recording of meetings were adopted, along with the new Standing Orders policy. The Clerk will work on new Code of Conduct and Financial Regulations policies.

## Finance Committee

It was agreed to establish a Finance Committee in line with the practice of other Parish Councils. This will meet in the next couple of weeks.

## Potholes and verges

It was noted that although DDDC has swept one side of Clatterway the gullies on the other side are still full of leaves. Clerk to contact Green & Clean to request that more sweeping is done and to request a meeting with the team to discuss on-going issues.

## VE Day

It was agreed to mark this occasion and at the next meeting the PC will discuss the purchase of flags, bunting etc. It was also agreed to put poppies back around the village for the occasion.

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 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 **7 April**.

## Clerk and Finance Officer

**Julia Milverton**

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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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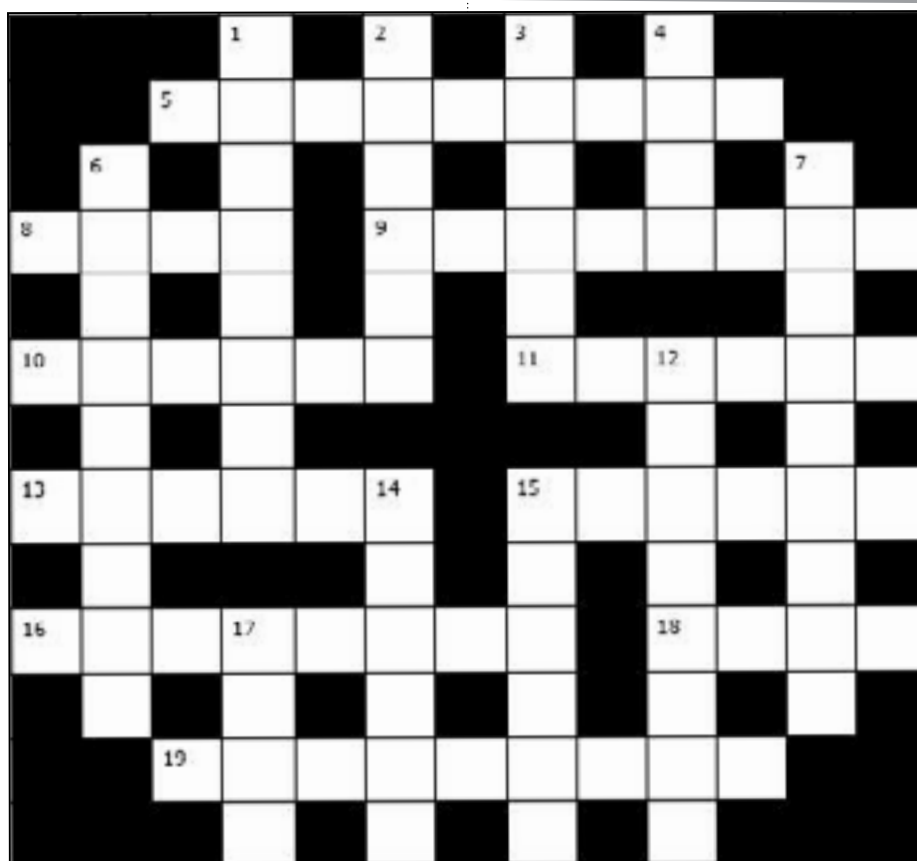


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# CROSSWORD #170

by Pam Mcinally



## Across:

5. Cross about burglar in Nottingham hotel office, at first, but he did dish out his loot to the less well-off. (5,4)  
 8. See 15.  
 9. 5's pals - drunken dudes? (5,3)  
 10. See 18.  
 11. If your ski racing finishes first in downhill, cool! (6)  
 13. Rotates knob in two directions. (6)  
 15. & 8. Potty friend of 5. (6,4)  
 16. Suffer anal risk in this country? (3,5)  
 18. & 10. Mike, help mother and iron out friend of 5. (4,6)  
 19. Make love in luxury car, cuddling short Scotsman with kilt at last? No, the reverse for one of 9. (5,4)

## Down:

1. Reduce drink, then bemoans, we hear. (8)  
 2. Am thin, reckless assassin. (6)  
 3. Fisher, bizarrely detailed arch-enemy of 5. (6)  
 4. Reptile seen in film of 5, found rising up in Crinkley Bottom. (4)  
 6. 5. could be said to have been one, as could man who saved pub! (5,4)  
 7. Curious? Naive? Heads of Lower School in news - drinking to excess, perhaps. (6,3)  
 12. Friendship in main city abroad. (8)  
 14. Sounds like charge for 7. 'It not is' is not it correctly. (6)  
 15. Loaned nothing for small structure. (4,2)  
 17. Game bird. (4)

## Answers to Crossword no. 169

Across: 5. Go bananas. 8. Calm. 9. In the bag. 10. Accuse. 11. Not shy. 13. Wheeze ('on radio' means sounds like. in this case, 'wees'). 15. Beauty. 16. Traipses. 18. Ares. 19. Teleports.

Down: 1. Dormouse. 2. Malice. 3. Hasten. 4. Race. 6. March Hare. 7. Mad Hatter ('threat = anagram i.e., 'mad' of hatter). 12. Tea Party (gunpowder is a type of tea). 14. Easter. 15. Boston (my mistake - confusing nob with knob!). 17. Ides.

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Tues	1	7.30 pm Discussion Group	St James Church
Thur	10	7.00 pm Wilder Bonsall Group meeting	King's Head
Tues	15	7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Wed	16	12.30 pm Village Lunch Club	Village Hall
Tues	22	Deadline for submissions for May Mutterings	
Fri	25	Disco & Supper at Village Hall	Village Hall

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Date		Bin Types
Fri	4	Grey Bins and Food Waste Caddy
Fri	11	Blue & Green Bins and Food Waste Caddy
Fri	18	Grey Bins and Food Waste Caddy
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Sat 3 May, Pie & Quiz Night at Bonsall Village Hall

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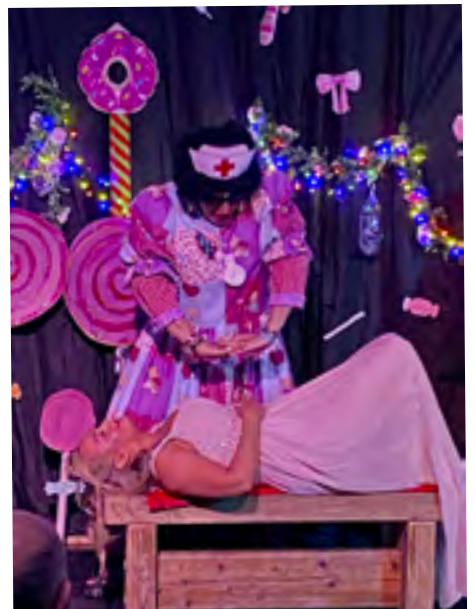
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