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# T'Owd Man's Mutterings



## THE BONSCALL VILLAGE CLEAN UP TEAM

(see inside)



*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*



## St James

### Services for June

Sunday 22, Eucharist at 9.30 am

Sunday 15, There is a Team Eucharist Services at Middleton at 10.00 am

Discussion group at St James 7.30 pm Tues 3 June

### Bonsall Church Café (aka 'Jimmy's')

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.

Come and see us soon – we would love to welcome you.

### The Wirksworth Team Ministry

## Village Life Church (High Street)

Sunday 10:30am Worship Service

Tuesday 2:00pm Craft Club

Wednesday 6:00pm Life Groups & Dinner (Please contact for more information)

Thursday 9:30am Prayer Meeting

7:00pm Youth Group (11 - 16 years. All Welcome)

For more information about the church, or if you need any practical help and support please call on 07988071682 or email us at [villagelifechurchbonsall@gmail.com](mailto:villagelifechurchbonsall@gmail.com).

**Pastor Matthew Quinn**

## Bonsall Dale Chapel

Sunday services during June are at 6.15 pm. All are welcome to join with us. Please see Notice Board for other events.

**Judy Land**  
Tel: 824223

## The Fourth Man in the Fire

Growing up as a child in the 80s I had the joy of attending a Sunday School in our local church. Unbeknownst to me this was the far distant beginnings of my journey of faith with God. What I soon realised in those days, is that the bible has some great stories in it. Stories of love, violence, heroes and the age-old battle of good verses evil.

And I soon learned 2 simple truths during that time. 1) God was amazingly powerful. 2) Jesus loved me with an amazing love. Wow, how I wish I could have the simple faith of my 8-year-old self. It takes the stupidity of an adult to make God complex and to question his power and love for us.

One of the classic stories taught in Sunday Schools, that reminds us of both God's power and love, is in the Old Testament. It is a story of 3 men Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. These men were living in a country where the king had created a golden statue and proclaimed an order that all people of the nation must bow down before it or be thrown in to furnace.

These men refused to bow down to the statue, as they had a greater allegiance to God Almighty, and they would not worship an idol made by the hands of men. The king enraged, seizes them and throws them in the furnace shouting '...what God will be able to rescue you?'

And as the fire rages, the king looks in to the pit and sees 4 men. Bewildered, he asks 'didn't we chuck 3 men in? I can count 4 and one of them looks like the son of the gods.'

God was with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, he was the fourth man in the fire. He was with them in their greatest moment of trial, their greatest fear. God was with them, he walked with them, as the great psalm tell us, through the valley of the shadow of death.

Ah but this is just a nice story for children! We shouldn't give too much weight to it! But hang on... let me tell you, as I look back on my life, one thing I can say about God, is that he is always the fourth man in the fire.

I, like you, have faced situations that are just beyond me. I have faced fear, heart-break and pain. I have faced, a child with Leukaemia, I have faced falling off water-falls and being stuck in caves. I have faced severe mental illness, I have felt the loss of loved ones, I have felt lonely and unloved. I have felt lost and hopeless.

Time and again, I have faced the furnace, and called on my God to rescue me, and time and again, he is my fourth man in the fire.

**Pastor Matthew Quinn**

(If you are going through a difficult time or situation and you need any help and support, please get in touch. You don't have to face these things alone. Call 07988071682 or Email [villagelifechurchbonsall@gmail.com](mailto:villagelifechurchbonsall@gmail.com))

## St James Bonsall - News

On Tuesday 3 June Bishop Malcolm will be visiting the children in school for a question and answer session. He will then be joining us for lunch at St James Bonsall.

If you'd like to come and say hello please join us at about 2pm ish.

As always soup, cobs and cake will be available.

**Jane David for Bonsall PCC**

## Catholic Church Services

### Our Lady and St. Teresa of Lisieux

Gorse 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.**



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## Unique Threads

A new sewing group has started in Bonsall Village with the first session taking place on Monday May 12 in the Rectory Room on Church Street. Our first bird workshop was a collaged 'Blue Tit' and was led by Jackie Howard. You can see in the photo collage just how well everyone got on. Our next bird workshop will be led by Julie Leggett and we will be putting together a collaged piece using Bonda web and adding an applique owl, which will be finished in some simple blackwork.

The group is being run by two stitchers: Julie Leggett who is a local Bonsall resident and Jackie Howard. Both ladies are experienced stitchers offering to teach and guide attendees in all forms of embroidery techniques and styles. The group is friendly and suitable for all ages and abilities. The group sessions last for two hours and all materials are included. Our first sessions will be covering a series of core workshops on stitching birds. The cost to attend is £20.00 per person which covers all material costs, tuition, refreshments and homemade cake. The first session was well attended by a good number of willing and enthusiastic ladies ranging from beginners to more experienced stitchers. Feedback from the group was very good. If you would like to attend, please get in touch with us via email or telephone and let us know that you are coming, so that we can prepare materials for you.

The next session is on Monday 9 June from 7 pm-9pm, and will be held at a new venue – Bonsall Village Hall. Come along and give it a try!

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## Information regarding sending articles to Mutterings

If you wish to send in an article for publication and it includes photographs, then we advise that you please send the photographs separately rather than embed them in your article. This will ensure that the photographs are of better quality and help with the design. Thank you.

**The Editorial Team**

## Bonsall Village Hall quiz fundraiser

On Saturday 3 May, Bonsall village hall committee held a fundraising pie and quiz night at the village hall. We had another enjoyable evening testing our general knowledge and specific questions on WW2, because of the 80th anniversary on the 8 May. Bonsall Village Quizzers enjoyed tucking into a choice of pies and peas from Derbyshire Pie and Co, and beverages from the bar, which surely helped with the answers!

A big thank you to Jon Ogilvie for the quiz questions, thank you to Jon Barry as quiz master, and committee members and spouses for their help in putting on a successful evening. Thank you to Bonsall villagers who turned out and helped raise £659.

### New oven for the Village Hall kitchen.

The Village Hall has recently had a new double oven fitted. We obtained a grant from the Better Derbyshire Dales Fund and a donation from Bonsall Luncheon Club, which covered the cost of the oven and most of the additional electrical work required to fit it. We hope users of the hall find it reliable and efficient.

### **Hazel Baldwin**

Chairwoman, on behalf of Bonsall Village Hall

## Breast Cancer Now fundraiser

We are having an Afternoon Tea for Breast Cancer Now in St James Church on Friday 1 August at 3.30 pm. It's part of a national fundraising campaign. If you would like to come, please ask for an invitation. There are no set prices, just donations on the day, but it would help to have numbers for catering.

### **Kath Punchard**

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### Bonsall Carnival 2025

Plans are now well underway for the 2025 carnival. To get everyone in the mood we are looking forward to seeing even more of the fabulous underwear bunting that came out last summer so get ready to dress your house with knickers, bras, pants, boxers... whatever you want to call them. Here are some pictures from last year to remind you just how brilliant it was.

Remember the marvellous octopus lantern parade last year? We will soon begin to create the lanterns for this year and new members are always welcome to join the makers group. No previous experience is necessary and we promise lots of fun in the process. Contact Louise Stevenson at [bonsallcarnivalcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:bonsallcarnivalcommittee@gmail.com) for more details.

Our next carnival planning meeting will be at The Barley Mow on Thursday 12 June at 7pm. Everyone is welcome and we would love to see you there.

**Louise Stevenson**



### Victory in Europe day at Bonsall CE School

Two super boys from Year 6, Freddie and Alfie, discuss what they did on 'Victory in Europe Day'.

In school the children marked VE day with a Red, White and Blue themed own clothes day and a special Collective Worship. During the morning, Year 6 walked down to Bonsall Cross to remember and celebrate the people from Bonsall who fought in the Second World War.

At 11am they read a poem. Mr Johnson then read out all the names on the memorial. Mrs Marshall, School Governor, was there and it was a particularly special day for her as it was her birthday! After reading the poem, the children sang 'Happy Birthday'.

Alfie saw the name 'Gratton' on the memorial and so is sure they must be his relatives as his Mum was a Gratton from Bonsall.

The children are learning about World War 2 in their History lessons at school. Freddie had brought in a shell case to school that his great great grandfather had brought back from the war. Fred Wildgoose was a Marine who had fought throughout WW2.

The boys had learned a lot about the war: about Dunkirk, about the Blitz (they had read a book called 'When The Sky Falls In' by Phil Earle) and about how German cities were flattened by the Allies.

They talked about the Home Guard who helped to put out fires, worked with the Rescue Services and reminded people to be careful about gossiping.

Wisely, the two young boys suggested that war could be avoided if people learned to settle their differences by talking peacefully!

**Karen Firth and Rebecca Smart**

### Bonsall Energy Group (BEG) – Community Engagement Event on 14 June

There will be a presentation of the findings from the Community Energy feasibility study to residents of Bonsall and Slaley at Bonsall Village Hall on Saturday 14 June commencing at 2.30pm.

The study has been undertaken on behalf of BEG by John Beardmore from T4 Sustainability, based in Ilkeston. We would love to hear your views and comments on the range of feasible projects for our community that have come out of the study. As was mentioned in the May edition of Mutterings, we would like to develop roof top solar PV on community buildings including the village hall and possibly the school and St James' church as well as at a number of farms within the

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village. We are hopeful that these could be included as community power generators in a local energy trading club we are looking into setting up later this year. Anyone in the community would be able to join this club for an annual subscription and benefit from cheaper electricity during the times when local renewable energy is being generated and exported. Wind turbine and ground solar PV schemes have also been considered and these would be significant generators for a local energy trading club though these would of course be subject to obtaining the necessary planning approvals and securing development funding through grants, loans, share offers etc.

Come along and find out more of what may be possible and have your say in our plans for taking forward some of these exciting renewable energy projects which would benefit our community and its residents as well as reduce our carbon footprint. There will be cakes and refreshments at the event. See you there.

**Chris Broome**  
BEG Chair

## 4 week Boat Share for Sale – Narrowboat Burland

The Bonsall Boat Club was formed in 2003, following an inaugural meeting in the Village Hall. Some of those attending were experienced boaters, others were novices, and some had never been on a narrowboat but liked the idea. We decided to buy a boat with enough berths to accommodate larger families and guests and, within a few weeks, we found Burland for sale in Stoke-on-Trent. It is a 50-foot narrowboat that was professionally fitted out in 1996 with six berths (three double beds), so meeting the group's requirements.

The group currently consists of eleven families, some of whom live in Bonsall with the others in nearby villages or friends of Bonsall families.

There are three levels of shareholding: 2-week, 3-week or 4-week SHAREHOLDING FOR SALE. The capital outlay for a new family wishing to buy shares is based on a boat valuation. This cost is refunded if the shares are sold, based on an up-to-date valuation. The non-refundable running costs include the annual Canal and River Trust licence, insurance, servicing and any repairs. These are divided pro-rata according to each family's shareholding, and have averaged about £500 per year for a 2-week share, which compares very favourably with the cost of hiring. The other costs for individual families are a

toilet pumpout and the red diesel used during their time on the boat, but the cost of gas is shared by the group.

The boat is fully equipped with a gas hob and oven and all the utensils and crockery needed to cook meals on board, as well as a fridge with a small freezer compartment, a shower and toilet, and a diesel stove for heating in the spring and autumn. All you need to take with you is bedding and towels.

If you would like further information, please get in touch on 01629 540428 or at churchgates@yahoo.co.uk

**Jane Smith**  
Hon. Sec., Bonsall Boat Group



## Bonsall Community Playground Update

Pete Spencer and Gordon Hardy have made a start with the refurbishment of some of the playground equipment. They replaced the broken steps to the junior side and made a flat concrete platform at the top of the same slide, which was highlighted during the playground risk assessment. The junior swings have been raised, and new swing seats will soon be fitted to the junior swings and toddler swings, purchased with the donation given by Ball Eye Quarry.

Thank you to those who have offered help and support to keep the playground going. The existing equipment is in need of some TLC and if anyone can help with staining the tired-looking wood, jet washing, tidying

David Nutt (Managing Director) and Kevin Nutt (Director) being awarded the Family Business Award

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Andy & Sam welcome you to the  
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Sun 12- 3pm (Sunday lunches) &  
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up the rubber mats and various other immediate tasks, please get in touch.

We have left Bonsall Players mulling over the colour scheme for the metal they are painting. It will be interesting to see what they have chosen.

We have no budget for this refurbishment so if anyone can help with the purchase of the wood stain, etc. please get in touch or donate directly to the bank using the details published in last month's Mutterings.

If anyone wants to join me on Tuesdays when I visually risk assess the park and playground and litter pick, please get in touch.

**Jackie Smith**

on behalf of Bonsall Parish Council

## Kings Head

Andy and Sam would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has helped and supported us during our 5 and a half year tenure at the Kings Head. As many of you are aware we had the fire on 1 June 2024 in which we lost all of our possessions and caused major devastation to the pubs living quarters. As we are nearly a year on and no great works have taken place due to the builders set on by the insurance company, we have decided to take a step away and re-evaluate our future. Once again we thank you all for your support and a special thank you to Phil and Mandy Boam who have put us up during this time.

We have a few dates for your diary before we leave on the 7 July:

On 21 June we are welcoming back one of our favourite artists "ROB BISHOP" performing hits throughout the decades

On 5 July we are having our final karaoke party with Spot on Karaoke.

We hope to see many of you before we leave. Many thanks for everything.

**Andy & Sam**

## Poem - Thank You is Not Enough

It's a warm and balmy day and I'm in the garden, hoeing the vegetable patch.

I can hear a plane, it's not light aircraft or a jet.

I look up and shade the sun from my eyes, and there it is, banking from left then to right, so manoeuvrable, the Spitfire, as it does a flypast over my town.

My skin has goosebumps and I feel so overwhelmed and a tear leaves my eye.

I got to thinking about the war and the service men and women who were willing to sacrifice their lives,

All the people who were doing jobs to help fight the cause.

The townsfolk trying to get on with daily life, with rationing and worry for family and friends.

So I salute you all, the bravest of the brave, you helped us keep safe and some paid the heaviest price.

Thank you, is not enough.

**Alison Higgins, Wirksworth**

## Ready, Steady, SHOW!

Plans have been made to stage the next free to enter Winster Country Show on Thursday 3 July in the marquee on the playing fields behind the school. Please bring your entries between 8am -11.45am on the day with the required entry form which will be available both online at winster.org and in person at Winster Village Shop from Wednesday June 11. Judging starts at 12 noon with public entry for results, teas and cakes from 2pm.

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There are Competition Classes for all age groups. Everyone can enter as many times as they like but don't forget to write Pre School, KS1, KS2, KS3 or Adult 17 years and above on the entry form for each item.

Bakers have plenty of scope to show off their skills by entering any or all of four categories: A Celebration Cake which tastes as good as it looks; a Tray Bake cut and ready to serve; a Plain Undecorated Sponge Cake with no additional flavouring but filled with your jam of choice; a Gluten Free Cake.

If you prefer making Jams and Jellies or Citrus Marmalades we have categories for you too.

For Flower Arrangers there is a choice of three categories: A Posy of Garden Flowers in water in an undecorated jam jar; a Door Arrangement using recycled and recyclable materials; an Arrangement of Garden Foliage displayed in water without using floral foam.

Artists can enter a Framed Painting, Drawing or Collage in any medium.

Fabric crafters have their chance to shine in the Yarnwork category for knitting, crochet, weaving, tapestry and macramé. For Decorative Sewing there is another category for machine or hand embroidery and collage.

Jewellery makers can show their skills by making any item in any material.

Woodwork of any sort has a whole category of its own displaying skill, technique, imagination and craftsmanship.

Just for the younger ones in Pre School, KS1 and KS2 we have a separate class showing us what they can make on their own: a Door Decoration using recycled and recyclable materials.

Please respect the field and marquee by remembering dogs are not allowed.

Don't forget to collect your entries at the end of the show! The marquee closes at about 5.15.

**Jean Dugmore**  
**Winster Country Show Committee**

## THE VILLAGE GREEN

### The Big Bonsall Village Clean Up Result

- 23 volunteers
- 2 hours
- 50 bags of brambles

Thank you for your support, Bonsall! Our village is a little more beautiful for your help. We'll be back next year!

**Elaine Pickersgill on behalf of Wilder Bonsall**



# PARISH COUNCIL

## Report for 13 May Meeting

**New Councillors Needed:** Following the resignations of two Parish Councillors, there are still 3 spaces on the Parish Council. Please consider if you would like to join and contact the Clerk for further information.

### Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting took place prior to the monthly meeting. It was decided that in the coming year priority will be given to The Cross. Generally, it was agreed that projects and activities take too long to complete and the PC needs to look at ways at making its efforts more efficient. It is also important to attract new members of the Council.

### News from District Council

Cllr Buckler noted he had already been in touch with the new County Councillor (Cllr Hunter) to discuss the state of the roads. He confirmed that the banking hub in Bakewell is operational and will be moved to a permanent site soon. The work in Hall Leys Park, including the skateboard park, has been completed using the Local Projects Fund.

There is now 30 mins free parking in DDDC car parks. To claim your 30 minutes free parking, you are required get a paper ticket from the machine. This is so parking enforcement officers are made aware of when you arrived, helps to avoid confusion and avoidable parking fines. This offer cannot be used to top up a chargeable parking ticket, as it has been specifically created for short stay customers who will be staying no longer than 30 minutes. This offer cannot be used to top up the resident's free concession permit to allow you to park at 2.30pm or arrive at 10.30am.

### Park

There have been improvements and repairs in the playground including concreting the top of the slide and fitting new swing seats with money donated by Ball Eye Quarry. The PC will have a table at Carnival to publicise the situation about the playground. On the downside it was reported that some young people have been setting fire to exploding canisters in the car park – this is a serious fire risk.

### Website

Work continues to improve the stream-line and improve the site. If anyone has feedback, please share with the Clerk for reporting back to the PC.

### The Cross

It was agreed to set up a working group to oversee the issue of repairs. Cllr Grover will contact the surveyor again to discuss next steps with a view to applying for necessary grants. It was decided this must be a priority for the PC going forward and ensuring the repair of this important monument will become a major project which the PC hopes will involve the whole village.

### Policies

The PC adopted a new IT policy and Reserves policy. Clerk to format as necessary and upload to website. The Personnel policy is still to be completed.

### Public WC's

The lease has now been signed by the owner and the PC (the legal bill to be paid by DDDC).

### Village Shop

The Parish Council would like to thank Anne Dodds for opening and running a village shop for the past 10 years. It is with regret that that shop has had to close but totally understandable. This village asset was a life-saver during Covid, and every harsh winter. (Please note that some groceries can still be bought via the café.)

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 17 June 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 6 June.

### **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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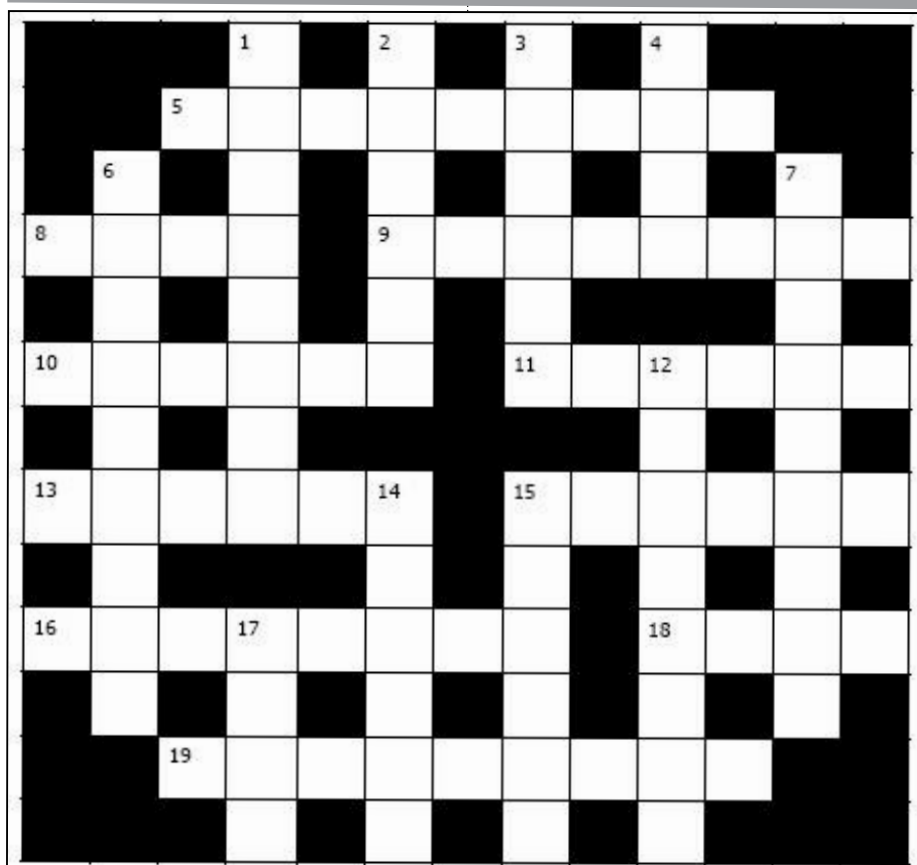
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# CROSSWORD #172

by Pam McNally



## Across:

5. After injury, lone nadger has no love for 10. (9)
- 8 & 10. OMAN, perhaps, on TV. (4,6)
9. Broadcasts holiday - using this to get away? (8)
10. See 8.
11. 8. Knight in shining armour loses interest at first. (6)
13. If there's any reason for Trump, this is it! (6)
15. Short trousers I chuck about. (6)
16. Art movement depicting immodest nudes that injure men in sado-masochistic introductions? Not at all! Quite the opposite. (8)
18. Resistance of heads of his majesty's school. (4)
19. Incorporate nude clinic, embarrassed after top client withdraws. (7,2)

## Down:

1. Brewed craft tea? It's a thing!! (8)
2. 8. Drag up old queen. (6)
3. 10 - or self-inflicted? (6)
4. 10. Seen rising in Brett's nuts! (4)
6. Surrounds 10. Steal coin at sea. (9)
7. Greek god gets rid of Eros, initially, then hides with him in my Italian 10. (9)
12. 10. Six American spies surround rocky hill. (8)
14. 10s that sound daft. (6)
15. 10 where dragons lurk? (6)
17. 10 seen rising in capital of North Vietnam. (4)

**Answers to crossword no. 171.** Across: 5 & 15 down. Victory in Europe. 8. Caen 9. Anglesey. 10. Adnexa (sorry, was the only word that would fit!). 11. Sicily. 13. Albeit (lit = drunk). 15. Eunuch. 16. Adjuster. 18. U.S.S.R. 19. First Post (sorry, should have been 5,4, not 9). Down: 1. Viennese. 2. Ottawa. 3. Bruges. 4. Nike. 6. Landslide. 7. Bellicose. 12. Conquest. 14. To Toss (again, apologies for not making it 2,4 ). 15. See 5. 17. U.K.I.P.

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# Mutterings

## Diary for June 2025

Date		Event	Venue
Tue	3	7.30 pm Discussion Group,	St James Church
Mon	9	7.00 pm Unique Threads	Village Hall
Fri	12	7.00 pm Carnival planning meeting	Barley Mow
Sat	14	2.30 pm Bonsall Energy Group Community Engagement Event	Village Hall
Tue	17	7.30pm, Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Fri	20	12 Noon Deadline for submissions for Mutterings	
Sat	21	Rob Bishop	King's Head

## Bin Collection Dates

### June

Fri 6	Blue and Green Bins and Food Caddy
Fri 13	Grey Bins and Food Caddy
Fri 20	Blue and Green Bins and Food Caddy
Fri 27	Grey Bins and Food Caddy

## Future Events

### July

Thu 3	Winster Country Show, Winster School Grounds
Sat 5	Spot on Karaoke, King's Head

### August

Fri 1	3.30pm, Breast Cancer Now fundraiser, St James Church
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