



T'Owd Man's Mutterings

the time you read the most significant structures should be installed and ready to go at James Church. What can we say except well done to all who helped make it happen! picture shows the bells at Eyre & Smith before despatch - Photograph by Jon Hesp



a happy crowd of more than 40 people enjoyed being 'trained' by Hunter at the salsa workshop in April (Photo: Peter Fellows)



ISSUE 250

We are celebrating our 250th issue this month. More 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

CHURCH DIARY

St James

Church Services for August are:

Sunday 10 August Eucharist at 9.30am

Sunday 24 August Eucharist at 9.30am

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For further details, please ring the
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St James Church Open Day

This will be on Saturday 9
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Tower Trips

Bell ringing

Children's Activities

Registers on Display.

Kathryn Punchard

Village Life Church (High Street)

Sunday 10:30am Worship Service

Tuesday 2:00pm Craft Club

All our other midweek activities
are closed for the summer holidays
and will restart in September.

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

Pastor Matthew Quinn

Bonsall Dale Chapel

Thank you to all who have
supported us over the Well Dressings
and Carnival Weekend.

Sunday Services during August are at
6.15 pm All are welcome to join with us.

For information on services please
contact Judy Land on 824223

Judy Land

CHURCH NEWS



Photo by Brett Biedscheid

A Thought on Beauty

As the summer season continues, and
people are packing bags and journeying
to red hot holiday destinations, ready
to lounge by ice cold pools and gently
bake on beaches. I think about how
important it is to get a good tan over the
holiday season; we love to come back off
holiday feeling we have done our duty
when we return bronzed and freckly.

But it makes me giggle a little about what
we define as a beautiful. Today we would
all heartily agree that a summer tan, makes
us look healthy and exotic. But it was only
couple of centuries ago when a tan was
a sign of your social class. If you had a
tan, that meant you had to work outside
for living, a sign that you belonged to the
working class. My favourite example of
this (as a lover of Classic Novels) is Miss
Bingley criticizing how ugly and 'coarse'
Elizabeth Bennet looked with her tan, in
the wonderful 'Pride and Prejudice.'

But despite Miss Bingley's disparaging
opinion of Miss Bennet. Mr Darcy would
not be swayed. He saw beauty in Elizabeth
despite her freckles, because he loved her.
The reason I enjoy this interchange so
much is because it highlights something we
often forget... Beauty is not about physical
attraction, beauty is the viewpoint of
someone who loves you. It supersedes the
physical and is all about the personal. When
you love someone even their imperfections
seem beautiful... scars, blemishes and
wrinkles, things typically seen as marring
our visage... become precious as they
are unique to the one we hold dear.

I am so grateful that my wife's love is not
dependant on my physical appearance.
My beard is getting whiter, my eyebrows
unmanageable, my belly bigger and the
bags under my eyes are getting darker and
more pronounced (and the other 101 things
that come from getting older.) But love sees
through these things and remembers that
beauty is personal and not physical. It is

from the inside out, not outside in. And I
want to tell you today, that you are loved,
and you are beautiful. The bible describes
every human being as being 'fearfully and
wonderfully made.' (Psalm 139) that you
were born in to beauty and loved dearly
by God. Later in the bible humans are
described as His 'masterpiece.' (Ephesians)

We are so often told, we must look
a certain way, dress a certain way or
act a certain way to be considered
beautiful... but you are beautiful already,
because there is one who always looks
at you through the lens of love.

(Have a fantastic summer
and be safe in the sun)

Pastor Matthew Quinn

Catholic Church Services

Our Lady and St. Teresa of Lisieux

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Days 7 pm., every Tuesday Mass at
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Parish Priest: Fr. Ka Fai
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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

Weed-killing on the verges

When I was walking through the village recently, I was struck by how very beautiful the flowers looked at the edges of the roads and noted what a difference it has made since the verges have been left to grow. I was particularly aware of the variety of flowers along The Dale - lots of foxgloves and lots of bees!

Today, I opened the new edition of Mutterings and read that the Parish Council intend to ask DDDC to spray The Dale, Clatterway and Church Street.

On the 'clean-up day' recently a very good job was made of clearing the verges in a thoughtful way, i.e. removing brambles, tree seedlings, etc. This re-introduction of weed-killing feels disrespectful of the group of people who did this work. It also feels that the decision reflects a lack of awareness of the need to encourage pollinators at a time when our environment is so threatened.

Andrea Webb

Letter of Thanks

Thank you to everybody who bought our cards over the past year and thank you to Rita Baugh and the rest of the ladies of the Village Life Church craft club, as well as myself, for making them. This year we made £350 which we have shared as follows:

Senior Citizens £50

Village Hall £100

Carnival £100

Bonsall Camp £50

The Cross Repair Fund £50

We will still be pleased to take any birthday/Christmas cards off your hands which we can then recycle, along with the new cards we make for sale.

Once again, thank you to everybody involved.

Linda Cauldwell

VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

Photo by Maggie Duggins



Road Closure on 9/10 August

Following the closure of Yeoman Street in July, which caused great inconvenience for many Bonsall residents, there will be another closure of High Street on Saturday 9 August and Sunday 10 August. This is due to sewer manhole works by Severn Trent Water. However, this sign appeared at the Yeoman Street roadworks, indicating that this is where the closure may be. The sign was still there on 22 July. I can't find any information about Yeoman Street being closed again so hopefully, the sign has been put in the wrong place and only High Street will be closed.

Maggie Duggins
High Street

Bonsall Village Hall Updates

AGM: The Bonsall Village Hall Management Committee AGM is to be held 7pm Monday 22 September 2025 at the Village Hall. This is an open meeting and village people are invited to attend. New volunteers to help manage the hall are always welcome and can join us at the meeting.

Donation: The Village Hall has received a kind donation from Linda and Rita from their handmade card sales. Thank you both very much, as always, any donation helps towards the maintenance and continuing improvements to the hall.

Village Hall Autumn Fair: The Village Hall Autumn Fair will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 8 November 2025. This is a fundraising event for the Village Hall. There will be stalls, cake sales and refreshments. If you would like a stall please contact Claire Duma 07830 851083. If you could help on the day please contact Hazel Baldwin 07414 845925.

Hazel Baldwin
Chair Village Hall

Village Lunch Club

July's Lunch was held on 16 July and a lively crowd had a meal of Salmon with Hollandaise sauce, new potatoes and 3 veg, followed by delicious raspberry roulade - all very well received. The quiz and a cup of tea finished off the session.

If you would like to join us next month the date is 20 August at 12.30pm in the Village Hall. Please ring 01629826309 to book a place by Wed 13 August unless you booked in at July's meal. Please add any details of food sensitivities. We do offer take-outs if needed.

Happy Holiday whether away or at home.

Jenny March

Horticultural Show

Just a reminder to look after your garden now we have had some rain in readiness for Bonsall Horticultural Show on Saturday 13 September. Also, you could have a practice at the two cake recipes: I believe men are slightly ahead of the ladies in the results of those classes so far

If you can't find last month's Mutterings with the show details and recipes, just scan the QR code below.



Good luck!

Janet Brown
on behalf of the Bonsall Seniors

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Photos by Mark Sobey



Red Barrows

The Bonsall Red Barrows were asked to return to RAF Waddington on 12 July for their Families Day, which is for the families of the personnel of the 17 Squadron based there. It is the second time Bonsall Red Barrows have performed at the base with lots of positive feedback and an invite back for next year. In addition to the Barrows, there were displays from Battle of Britain Memorial Flight with the Lancaster, Hurricane and Spitfire. There was also an individual aerobatic display from a Spitfire, the Typhoon and the Red Arrows.

The Air Ambulance were present, along with owners' clubs for Ferrari, Lamborghini, Mini and most importantly, Triumph Owners Motorcycle Club.

A huge Thank You to all our pilots and supporters!

Mark Sobey

on behalf of Bonsall Red Barrows

Bonsall Senior Citizens and Horticultural Show

Thank you all very much for your support on our stall at the Carnival and just a reminder of the Horticultural Show in September. There is a class for children and one for adults to enter so we hope to see you all there.

Linda Cauldwell



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Derbyshire Calor Village of the Year



TOP HONOR: Chris O'Bee from Calor and Chris Adlington from Derbyshire Rural Community Council present Bonsall residents Peter Fellows and Liz Howsley with the village of the Year Award.



Some of the players from the Sunday side who 'turn up and make a team' pictured on a day when it wasn't actually raining. The following Sunday (probably the wettest on record) a game was played in that torrential downpour. How's that for enthusiasm! Join them...see Village Noticeboard

Farm Gets Fashion Fix



Gok Wan visits Bonsall - full story inside (Photo from Sam Dawley)

The Bells



By the time you read this these magnificent structures should be installed and ready to go at St James Church. What can we say except well done to all who helped make it happen! The picture shows the bells at Eyre & Smith before despatch - Photograph by Jon Hesp



Bonsall pensioners enjoying their summer outing



Bonsall Bellringers meeting at the Church on Sunday 10 July 2005. All churches were asked to join in and mark the occasion of 60 years after the end of World War 2 by ringing the bells at 5.00pm on that day



Richard Taylor and landlady Winnie Engelbreghsen auction goods at the annual Kings Head Harvest Auction (Photo from Peter Fellows)



Please let the Carnival Committee know what you liked about this year's carnival day, or what you would like to see next year. All ideas and comments can also be sent to Mutterings.

Carnival casualties: Nigel thanks to Richard for his thanks to Pete says thanks to Cath Wendy for saving me and an eucalyptus Jason



The Bonsall Arts Trail was a major success with over 500 visitors and 17 exhibitors at different venues around the village. During the weekend visitors were able to view Richard Bett working on the sculpture in the village hall playground (ably assisted George and Andrew)



Swimming success for Amy Hopkinson, Will Richards, Jacob Brinkley, Cameron Orr, Jacob Belding, Panchard, Cameron Williams, Yasobel War, Griffiths, Kyle Holmes.

T'Owd Man's Mutterings

August 2004

Greetings from the Editors.

We have reached our 250th issue this month dating back to our first issue in January 2003. We are celebrating it with a selection of previously published photographs and cover pages taken from the first half of our publishing history. Some information and nostalgia to entertain you and challenge you to recognise some of the faces! Many thanks to all the efforts of a long line of volunteers assisting us with collecting, publishing and distributing our newsletter over the last 22 years and appreciation for the continuing support of our advertisers, sponsors and loyal readership.

Here's to many more years of publishing.

The Editors

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Bonsall School Children singing at the Seniors' Christmas Party

What's On

October
Open House, Village Hall, 2-4pm
Open House, Village Hall, 2-4pm
Mobile Police Office from 2.30-3.30pm. Community policeman Andy Szepietka
Skip day 10.00-10.45am
Harvest auction, Kings Head
Open House Village Hall, 2-4pm
St James Autumn Fair, 2pm

Bonsall Field Barn Project

The Field Barn project has now completed its plan scheme and has successfully raised the proceeds for the project. The barn will be a permanent structure and will be used for the storage of the village's collection of old tools and equipment. The project has been a great success and we are very grateful to all who have supported it.



MP helps launch history walking guides



Peter Green, Chair of the History Group welcomes MP Peter M. Loughlin

South President with plenty of food

Parish Council Report for meeting on 15 July 2025

PC news:

There are still 3 spaces on the Parish Council. Please consider if you would like to join and contact the Clerk for further information. The Clerk has resigned and will be leaving at the end of September.

Spraying and overgrown verges:

Several members of the public spoke of their opposition to the continued use of glyphosates to spray the village. One person reported that she had canvassed numerous people and that while everyone agreed that the verges need to be tidied to various degrees, no one thought using the weedkiller was the right way to deal with the problem. She suggested the formation of a group of volunteers to work on clearing the verges with perhaps Residents taking responsibility for their own areas where possible. She also asked whether the lengthsman could help. She suggested to trial this for a year. Another person reported her distress at the idea of spraying, quoting evidence that glyphosates are carcinogenic. It was also noted that the verges have been sprayed on Clatterway, Church St and The Dale for the past 2 years, so it evidently did not solve the problem.

The Chair confirmed that spraying had been re-started in 2023 as the problem had grown so bad and acknowledged it is an emotive subject. Some residents had contacted councillors to say they were in favour of spraying. A detailed explanation of the situation has been received from DDDC which is quoted here:

"Although the Derbyshire Dales District Council organise the weed spraying on the highway, it is on behalf of the Derbyshire County Council who pay for it and dictate where. However, in previous years, if the local Parish Council has requested not to spray, I will instruct the contractor to avoid the area. To date, Bonsall Parish Council has tried to go without weed spraying and hand weed themselves however has recently requested we return the expected spray schedule. Saying that, if the highway inspectors see weeds developing on the highway, they would simply instruct us to spray.

In 2021 Elected Members of the Derbyshire Dales District Council banned glyphosate and tasked myself and the team with trialling alternative methods of weed removal. To date we have tried weed rippers, several sprays, foamstream, heat and salt-based products and the 22nd July sees the second trial of Nutrovolt which is a weed removal machine using electricity. You are very welcome to join me in assessing the trial.

Unfortunately, the alternatives have just as many negative impacts on the local environment without the systemic effect as well as costing a lot more than glyphosate-based products. In recent conversations with suppliers creating wildflower areas, many of them spray the sites with glyphosate to kill off invasive species, grasses and weeds to be able to create a clearer canvas to be able to focus on enhancing specific wildflower seeds.

As a team, we can only use glyphosate-based products when we are tackling invasive species however the County Council do need this as the systemic affordable way to protect our highways. Working with the contractor, I know they use direct spraying methods with specific equipment to spray directly onto growth on the highway, and they don't spray in rain or wind to stop unnecessary travel of the product". DDDC

It was hoped to include Bonsall in their Nutrovolt trial, but post meeting it has emerged that this is not possible as the trial is only happening at Derwent

Gardens. Also, it was thought some of the lengthsman's time could be spared to do some strimming of verges. The PC was clear that the village must be the driving force behind any group formed to clear verges, rather than the PC.

Park:

Sincere thanks were given to Richard Stead who has re-painted the swings as part of the Bonsall Players' decision to help with the play area.

Flooding:

It is disappointing that there has still not been a fact-to-face meeting with PLACE over flooding issues. Clerk to write again to secure the promised meetings to discuss flooding in the village.

Website:

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

The Cross:

A pre-planning application has been made so the Conservation Officer at DDDC will become involved to visit and advise.

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PARISH COUNCIL

Trees:

There are 4 trees in the park which need to be felled. The PC will seek quotes. Cllr Grover offered to produce a Tree Management Plan.

Churchyard:

A walk round will be arranged to check the churchyard and any outstanding issues which need to be dealt with.

Noticeboards:

It was reported that the History Group has kindly offered to look into replacing the posters on the noticeboards. The PC thanked the History Group for their help.

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 16 September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. If you have any issues to be raised at the meeting, please contact the clerk Julia Milverton with details by 8 September.

Clerk and Finance Officer:

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DE4 2AA. T: 07306 311451;
email bonsallclerk@gmail.com.**

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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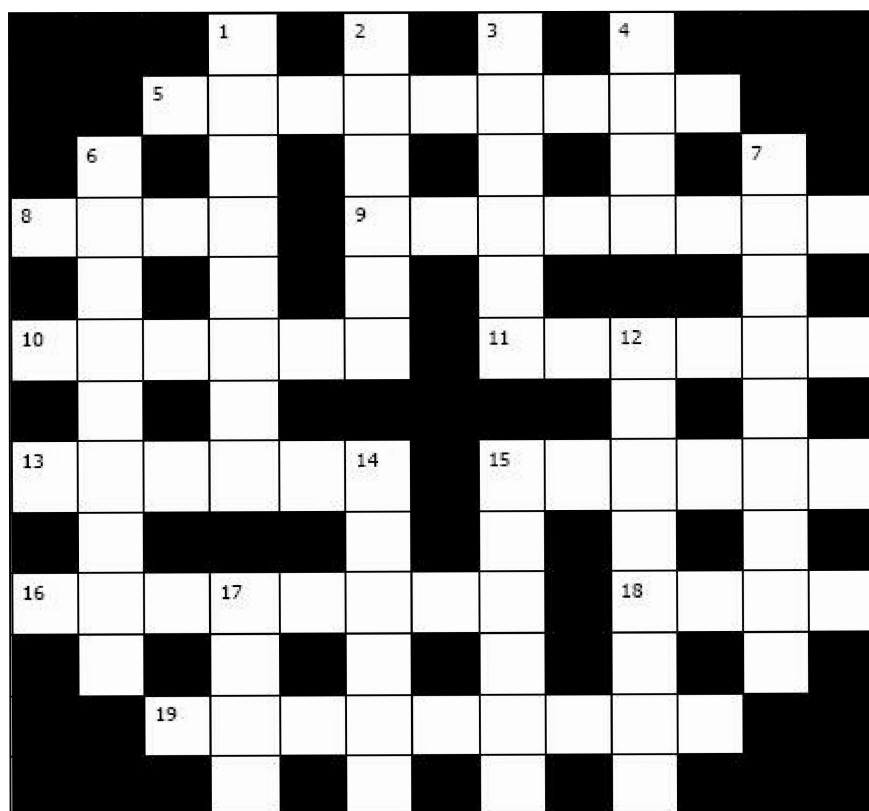


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CROSSWORD #174

by Pam McNally



NB. All clues relating to 15 across refer to the second word.

Across:

- 5. Two letters went west. Endlessly sought around and about. (9)
- 8. See 15 ac.
- 9. Small dog obstructs entertaining theatrical rendition - Punch and Judy, possibly. (8)
- 10. Even more like singer Vera on the radio? Yes! (6)
- 11. Confess about former lover - what you might do when chatting-up, hoping it might lead to an 8! (6)
- 13. Part of foot used in pets' nimbleness running back. (6)
- 15, 8 and 15 down. Nearby, both the gig-racing is on TV. (3,3,4,6)
- 16. Wood tackle, maybe - it touches balls. (4,4)
- 18. 15ac. This story could be a lie. (4)
- 19. 8 range about - but it always comes back! (9)

Down:

- 1. Sounds like sheriff intended American doom. (8)
- 2. Scrounge for every 15ac. (6)
- 3. Selfless loves - for silver-backed gorillas? (6)
- 4. 15ac. Embrace drug. (4)
- 6. Share beer for 15d. (9)
- 7. 15d. Headmaster on the phone? (9)
- 12. (NB. First letter of answer is missing) Anticipating result of an 8? (8)
- 14. A psalm regenerated lifeblood, possibly. (6)
- 15. See 15ac.
- 17. Job for 8?! (4)

Answers to crossword no. 173.

Across: 5. Perimeter. 8. Taxi. 9. Snowy Owl. 10. Female. 11. Tariff. 13. Atweel. (Scots for surely). 15. Sign on. 16. Egg Donor. 18. Tier. 19. Atrocious.
Down: 1. Heritage. 2. Tissue. 3. Report. 4. Levy. 6. Parentage. 7. Two-footed. 12. Rightful. 14 & 17. Line of Duty. 15. Strain.

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VILLAGE GROUPS & RESOURCES

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Art Club	Fiona Drake	07776 256314
	Alan David	07517 449074
Bonsall Barn Project		
	Liz Stoppard / Mike Susko	823712
Bonsall Camp		
	Matthew Quinn	07988 071682
Bonsall Energy Group		
	Chris Broome	824512
Church Bell Ringers		
	Melissa Wellbourne	826303
Church Flood Lighting	Di Moor	824376
History Group	Peter Greaves	822374
Carnival Committee		
	Rob Stevenson	07854 447354
Chernobyl Childrens' Lifeline Group		
	Chris Broome	824512
Cromford Playgroup		
	Karen or Jayne	07905 937371
Horticultural Society		Vacant
Kick-boxing		
	Hayley Capewell	07773 149935
Open Gardens	Ollie Gerrish	824498
Pigeon Club	Gordon Hardy	823549
PTFA	Claire Duma	07880 851083
Riders Club	Jane Williams	825632
School Head	Rebecca Smart	822573
School Toddler Club	Di Moor	824376
School Foundation		
	Norma Rickards (Clerk)	822257
Senior Citizens Committee		Vacant
St James	Rev Rod Prince	824707
Village Hall Committee		
	Jackie Smith	823544
Village Life Church		
	Pastor Matthew Quinn	07988 071682
Village Lunch Club	Ron Addis	826309
Wesleyan Reform Chapel (The Dale)		
	Judy Land	824223
Wilder Bonsall Group		
	Deb Smith	825228

RESOURCES

Bonsall Publications

Bonsall - a village & its history

£15 paperback, £25 hardback

Bonsall within living memory £10

80 Years of Bonsall Carnival Book £10

History Walking Guides Set of five £5

History booklets see online shop

The Bonsall Map see online shop

Available from Fountain Tearooms

More details on publications at the online shop www.bonsallhistory.org.uk

Village Hall

Cost per session (a session is a morning, afternoon or evening):

- Village organisations:

£15 - one floor; £20 - both floors

- Non-village organisations:

£25 - one floor; £35 - both floors

- Village people private hire:

£30 - one floor; £40 - both floors

- Non-village people private hire:

£45 - one floor; £55 - both floors

For information on sale of alcohol/ private bar, use of the Village Hall audio equipment, screening a film, or any other matters, please contact Jackie Smith, 07771 764366. Jaqsm@aol.com

Thank you to everyone who continues to book the village hall, and provide such a variety of events within Bonsall. Our updated and more accessible village hall now has lift access.

TRAVEL SERVICES

Assisted Travel

Derbyshire Connect transport for shopping, weekdays 9am - 4pm, booked in advance. Tel: 01335 300670 between two and seven days before travel or email: info@ashbournect.org.uk.

Derbyshire Connect Active Travel to healthcare appointments, weekdays 9am - 5pm, booked in advance. Charges vary. Tel: 03333 444125 at least 48 hours in advance or email: office@sdcs.org.uk

Bus services

216 Bus service - Matlock to Bonsall via Starkholmes Monday to Saturday. No service on Sunday or Bank Holiday.

Bonsall Uppertown 11.01, 13.01, 16.01, 18.01

The Fountain 11.06, 13.06, 16.06, 18.06
Matlock (by M&S) 10.36, 12.36, 15.36, 17.36.

(see www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables)

Taxis 822072, 813774, 826060, 07967 273237, 07815 773706

Train services 0845 7484950

Travel line 0870 6082608

Volunteer Drivers

Loreen 822067
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USEFUL NUMBERS

Health

NHS Direct 0300 311 22 33

Chemists: Wirksworth Market Place

822607; 12 Bank Road, Matlock, 57924

Dentists Matlock: 584746, 55645,

582218, 56558. Steeple Grange: 822172

Doctors: Wirksworth Hannage Brook

822434; Matlock Imperial Road 583465

Hospitals: Chesterfield, Calow 01246

277271; Derby City 01332 340131; Derby

Royal 01332 347141; Matlock Whitworth

580211.

Non-urgent advice 111

Derbyshire County Council

www.derbyshire.gov.uk

All enquiries 533190. Out of Hours

numbers: 532600 or 'Call Derbyshire'

533190 or 0845 6058058

Derbys Dales District Council

www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk

All enquiries 761100

Environmental health 761212

Tourist information

Matlock 583388

Matlock Bath 583834

Trading Standards 585858

Electricity emergencies 0800 6783105

Fire station, Matlock 582849

Gas leaks 0800 111999

Waste Recycling Centre Harrison

Way, Darley Dale 8.30 am - 6.00 pm daily.

Mobile Library 01629 533444

Monthly 2nd Fridays at the Fountain, 10.50 - 11.20 am

Police/Safer Neighbourhoods 101

PCSO's: Charles.Foster (Charles.Foster@derbyshire.police.uk) covering Bonsall, Cromford and Matlock Bath and Kirsty. Hunt (Kirsty.Hunt@derbyshire.police.uk) covering Wirksworth and Middleton.

matlock.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk.

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

Victim support 825544

Community safety 761101

Swimming

Matlock (Arc Leisure) 581322

Wirksworth 825704

Vets Matlock 582844, 581234

Wirksworth 823034

DIARY FOR AUGUST 2025

Date		Event	Venue
Fri	1	Blue and Green Bins and Food Waste Caddy	
		Breast Cancer Now fundraiser 3.30pm	St James Church
		Carnival Five-a-side Football 6pm	Park
		Carnival Lantern Parade 9pm	Park
		Carnival fireworks 9pm	Park
Tue	5	Inaugural meeting to discuss manual removal of roadside weeds 7.30pm	King's Head or other venue if closed
Sat	9	St James Church open Day between 11am-4pm	St James Church
		Road closure for part of High Street	
Sun	10	Road closure for part of High Street	
Wed	20	Village Lunch Club 12.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	22	12 noon deadline for submissions to Mutterings	
		Mobile Library, The Fountain	

Bin collection dates

August

Fri 8

Grey Bins and Food Waste Caddy

Fri 15

Blue and Green Bins and Food Waste Caddy

Fri 22

Grey Bins and Food Waste Caddy

Sat 30

Blue and Green Bins and Food Waste Caddy

Future dates

Sat 13 Sep

6pm Bonsall Horticultural Show - (Entries 9.15am-12 noon) Village Hall

Tues 16 Sept

7.30pm Parish Council meeting Village Hall

Mon 22 Sept

7pm The Bonsall Village Hall Management Committee AGM

Sat 8 Nov

The Village Hall Autumn Fair, Village Hall

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Farm Gets Fashion Fix

It's a Frame Up!



and Leigh Johnson assisting in the installation of the new b James Church (Photo by Peter Fox)



This month's picture is of Chris Brierley, Hilary Jones and Mike & Irene Lynch accepting an award on behalf of the Bonsall Film Society for the best new film society in the country. (See page 3).



Photos by Ian Daisley



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The allotment holders celebrated midsummer's day

by firing up the bread oven and enjoying alfresco hand-made pizzas



Summer in Bonsall - Carnival day, well-dressing, treasure hunt, fire picture and lantern procession, moor cricket, Open Gardens and pensioners' outing (photo credits on back page).



Residents getting stuck in at Bonsall Craft Club.



Other events over the last year: Gok Wan pays school needs a head like this! Halloween, dog show, horticulture show winner, school events, K Guardian angel' cloud over Yeoman Street.



Activities continued in 2006



The Mayor Robert Gurney in one of 20 picture groups in the village



And dog-watching with 'Horseman Street' and all its residents in 2006



Swimming football (played again in the Park)



Horticulture show



At the end of the year



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