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T'Owd Man's Mutterings



Photo by: Graham Partridge



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 October are:

Sunday 12 October: Eucharist and Harvest Festival at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday 26 October:
Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.

Bonsall Church Café

Refreshments are available in the church from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays.

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The Wirksworth Team Ministry

Bonsall Dale Chapel

Sunday Services during October are at 6:15 p.m. All are welcome to join with us.

Sunday 5 October 6:15 p.m.
Harvest Thanksgiving.

Our "Harvest" comprises tins and packets that are donated to the Food Bank in Matlock.

For information on services please contact Judy Land on 824223.

Judy Land

Village Life Church (High Street)

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Craft Club

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. The Gathering.
A meal followed by a short bible study. All are welcome.

Sunday 12 October: Harvest Festival
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Followed by a meal. All donations to Jigsaw Food Bank. Come and join us.

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

CHURCH NEWS

To Autumn

John Keats wrote the poem "To Autumn" after his Sunday Walk in late September 1819. It begins "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness close bosom friend of the maturing sun; conspiring with him how to load and bless with fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run; To bend with apples the moss'd cottage trees, and fill all fruit with ripeness to the core; To swell the gourd and plump the hazel shells with a sweet kernel, to set budding more, and still more."

The Bible in Genesis Chapter 8, verse 22, speaks of God's covenant with His Creation "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, day and night shall not cease." John, a disciple of Jesus, as an old man, exiled on the barren island of Patmos, wrote "Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea." (Revelation 21 v 1). God has so much that He wants us to know of His wonderful love and care. This, however, can seem hard to believe and understand when we have troubles in our own lives, in our families and friends' lives. We may also be concerned about our nation and the world in general. But we can take comfort from what we read in the Bible "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). As the old hymn says, "What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear; what a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer. O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry, everything to God in prayer."

Maybe you too have planted seeds, grown plants, tended your gardens and even now are harvesting vegetables and fruit in abundance. I've appreciated the fruits from my neighbours, my garden, stocked my freezer and made jam too! What a wonderful world we live in, what "riches" we enjoy and what a great God I am privileged to serve; you can too! May He open our eyes and our hearts to believe all that He has in store for those who put their trust in Him.

Every Blessing,
Judy Land, Bonsall Dale Chapel

Autumn Harvest Festival

Autumn- season of mists and mellow fruitfulness as the poem I learnt at school reminds us. It is also the season when we celebrate HARVEST. As a fan of Countdown, I am always amazed at how many words I can make out of the letters of Harvest. Perhaps you would like to see how many you can make and come along to our Harvest service on the 12 October at 9:30 a.m. to see if you have found all the ones I will mention in my talk. There will be a prize for the person with the most!

The Harvest Festival is a fairly new celebration in churches and was begun in 1843, when the Reverend Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service at his church at Morwenstow in Cornwall. Victorian hymns such as "We plough the fields and scatter", "Come ye thankful people, come" and "All things bright and beautiful" but also Dutch and German harvest hymns in translation helped popularise his idea of harvest festival and spread the annual custom of decorating churches with home-grown produce for the Harvest Festival service. Many churches would also hold a Harvest Supper.

As well as being a time of giving thanks to God for the harvest of crops in our modern world we give thanks for all who help to feed us and pray for those who do not have enough food. Please do come along and join us on the 12 October at 9:30 a.m. in St James Church to share in this year's Harvest Celebration, followed by refreshments.

Rev. Janet Turville, Team Vicar
Wirksworth Team Ministry
Tel 01629 701334

FLOODLIGHTING

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

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

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

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

Donations to myself (Di Moor 824376, dimoor2014@yahoo.co.uk) or to David Kirkham or online:

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LETTERS

Thank you

I just want to say a massive thank you to everyone single one of you who came out of their way to come down to the Family Fun Day at Three Stags Heads yesterday in aid of Ashgate Hospice. It was so heartwarming to see so many of you come out and help us. The fact that we've not lived in the village for nearly 13 years and so many still came out to support shows what an incredible close-knit community you all are. It was so lovely to see so many familiar faces. The support, generosity and kindness shown by everyone who attended and supported our Fun Day has completely blown us away. A massive thank you to everyone who showed up (despite the rain showers!) and bought raffle tickets, burgers, cakes, teddy bears, hot dogs, played games on our stalls and drank so, SO much beer; to all of the volunteers and committee members. We don't have a final total yet as we're still totalling that up but needless to say we've smashed our initial £5k target...!

With thanks,

Lydia Walmsley



Photos by: Lydia Walmsley



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LETTERS

Happy 90th Birthday, Geoff!

Geoff Phillips celebrated his 90th birthday on 13 September, and we were honoured to throw him a surprise party at The Barley Mow on the eve of his milestone day. What a wonderful turn out Geoff had; he was blown away by all in attendance to the point he was rather overwhelmed! Neighbours, friends, family and community- Geoff is much loved by all, and he sure felt the love that night. Thank you Bonsall, The Barley Mow, and Anne Young for the cake! Thank you, Geoff for inspiring us, and here's to many more nights of dancing ahead!

Craig Johnson



Photo by: Sarah Smith



Photo by: Craig Johnson

Breathing New Life into 'Bert the Butcher's Barn'

One of the things that made me fall in love with Bonsall is how its history isn't something distant — it's written into the buildings we live in and walk past every day. The barn at The Cross, remembered fondly by many as Bert the Butcher's Barn, is one of only a handful of Grade II listed buildings in the village, and it has passed through many hands over the centuries.

The building has stood for over 300 years and although now a dilapidated barn, during its rich history it has been many things: the village malt house and office (owned by the proprietor of The King's Head), a warehouse, cottages for multiple loom worker's families, a parish council meeting place, a doctor's surgery, a school for evacuees during the war, even a workhouse.

When we first stepped inside, I wasn't only imagining the vision of a beautifully restored home for my family and me. What struck me just as strongly was the building's own story — a patchwork of alterations, repairs, and adaptations made by so many hands over the centuries. The somewhat wonky stone walls and propped up old beams carry the marks of those lives, and I found that mixture of history, imperfection, and character part of its charm. After learning that the barn had slipped onto the Buildings at Risk register, we knew that we wanted to be part of giving it another chapter, rather than letting it fade away.

The renovation is no small task. Wherever we can, we will be holding onto its quirks and character — using original materials and traditional methods so that it doesn't lose the marks of its long past. It's a challenge, but also a privilege: a chance to preserve a little piece of Bonsall's story and, we hope, keep it alive for future generations to use, remember, and love in their own ways.

The first is to say that groundworks start in October, so please take extra care near the gable end by The Cross.

If you have any questions, concerns—or stories about the barn's history—I would love to hear from you.

Krisi Smith (& Pod)

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Bonsall Village Hall Updates

Village Hall Autumn Fair

The 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



Bonsall Village Hall

Autumn Fair

Raffle Books
Cakes & Refreshments
Tombola Art & Crafts

Saturday 8th November

10am - 2pm
£1 entrance, includes a drink

Contact Hazel Baldwin for more information 07414 845925

For stall bookings, Claire Duma 07880 851083

Village Hall Disco

We are having another Disco in the Village Hall on Friday 7 November 8:00-11:30 p.m. There will be a bar, a raffle and a hot supper as before. Tickets are £10 pp and will be on sale soon from Di, Jane and me.

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A Poem for Bob

At heaven's gate, St Peter heaved
A melancholic sigh:
'A bouncer's job is very dull,
And I'm so sick of sky.'

'The next one up, I'll pull his leg
And have a playful tease;
I'll quiz him for the hell of it;
Oh what a jolly wheeze!'

So, when he heard the knocker sound
He turned the Holy knob.
The pearly gates swung open, and
There stood our friend Bob.

'Mr Cartwright, I presume,'
The haloed patron cried,
'Dear chap, I hate to tell you, but
We're chock-a-block inside.
'Our angels, with no cloud to spare,
Harp on incessantly,
And seraphim refuse to share
Their single tenancy.'

'As for all the humans, well
We barely squeeze them in;
They lie in their celestial beds
Like sardines in a tin.'

'Our house has many mansions, true,
Yet it's our sworn intention
To get a building permit for
A paradise extension.'

'Meanwhile, we're full to bursting, so
We're very, very picky.
I'll need to ask some questions that
You might find rather tricky.'

'If you pass this fiendish test,
This devilish diversion,
Your prize will be a Terence Conran,
Bespoke loft-conversion.'

'So, here is question number one:
Are you a loutish yob?'
'No, no, I am very courteous
And well-behaved,' said Bob.
'Are you friends with Donald Trump:
Best buddies with that slob?'
'I'm hard-wired Labour to my core;
I loathe the prick,' said Bob.

'Are you a false dissembling dude
A fickle, phoney snob?'
'No! What you see is what you get,
I'm wysiwyg,' said Bob.

'Are you a petty pilferer
Who loves to raid and rob?'
'I'm honest as the day is long;
A paragon,' said Bob

'Are you a true teetotaller,
Booze banished from your gob?'
'No, I enjoy a pint of ale
Quaffed at the pub,' said Bob.

'Do you like sentimental books,
That make you want to sob?'

'No, give me bloody butchering;
It's crime I love,' said Bob.

'Does Elvis Presley's music make
Your heart and body throb?'
'No, I'm a Brucie Springsteen buff.
The Boss is best,' said Bob.

'Are you a fan of QPR,
A really thankless job?'
'How very dare you mock my team,
You heartless twat,' said Bob.

'But, yes, I am a Superhoop;
Is that such a prob?'
'I'm proud to wear their blue and white,
So, suck it up,' said Bob.

'Oh dear, have I just failed the test
And have to dwell below?
I'd find it far too hot down there,
I'm British, don't you know?'

'Ah, Robert Cartwright, there is not
A snowball's chance in hell
Old Nick will get his hands on you,
You've lived your life too well.'

'This place? Well, it's infinity,
There's room for everyone;
I've listed what's available
On heavenlyhomes.com.'

'I'm sorry for my bit of fun,
I get so bored, you see.
I knew you'd be a shoo-in, for
I've studied your C.V.'

'You truly are the best of men,
You've done good all your life,
You've been a rock and succour to
Your offspring and your wife.'

'So welcome to Empyrean,
To all that is ideal,
Fiddler's Green, Elysium,
The Land o' the Leal.'

He's ushered through the pearly gates
To join the Good Guys mob;
Our husband, dad and colleague,
Our kin, our friend, our Bob.
By Pam McNally

Village Lunch Club

Thank you to everyone for the team work – before, during and after – which ensured the meal of roast chicken, sausages, Yorkshire pudding and vegetables with additions, followed by a summer berry cream and yoghurt pudding with shortbread was served punctually! All was good and hopefully everyone is looking forward to the next Village Lunch which will take place on Wednesday 15 October, starting at 12:30 p.m.

If you haven't signed up and wish to come, please telephone 01629 826309 before 8 October. Do remember a home delivery service is available. Looking forward to seeing everyone in October.

Ann Hambly

Nepalese School Update

In April 2024 Jane and Alan David and Chris Broome gave a presentation in the Village Hall about our trips to Nepal, during the presentation we talked about a primary school we have been supporting, located near to the village of Tamang Tol where our Nepalese friend Bijay comes from. We raised the sum of £360.00 at the event, which was to be used to buy educational equipment for the school. Bijay had agreed, on our behalf, to purchase and distribute the equipment to the school. Unfortunately, Bijay was unable to do this at the time, he was struggling to find work in Nepal and had to make the difficult decision to look for work abroad. He found out that Israel wanted to employ Nepalese people in their care sector, he applied for a job, was accepted, and since 2024 has been working in care homes, most recently in Tel Aviv. We have been in regular contact with Bijay since he has been in Israel, and told him that we needed to spend the money raised. He has now been able to do this via his father and a substantial amount of equipment, including exercise books and play equipment, have been purchased and delivered to the school. The accompanying photos show the equipment purchased and items being handed out to the children. The school and parents were all very grateful for our generosity and help. Jane, Chris and I would like to thank once again those people who attended our event and kindly made a donation to help the school.

Alan David



Photos by: Alan David

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Horticultural Show

A huge thank you to those who supported the Horticultural Show in any way on 13 September 13. It definitely proved to be a good, fun day! The entries, which were judged by members of the Women's' Institute were all so good and in the case of the decorative doll Hoover cover, so interesting. We were pleased to award a joint Prize of the Show to Krystina and Mia for their amazing decorative cakes. Much time was spent by the judges deliberating the winners of each of the many events.

Then it is thank you and well done to the Gardening Club from Bonsall School for their entries and also to Rafael for his underwater model and his prize-winning runner beans, and to Oliver for his prize-winning eggs and prize-winning photograph.

Finally, huge thanks to Dave Headon whose commitment and organisation, as always, were second to none and to Jon Barry for his ability to end the day in an entertaining and successful way as auctioneer who definitely had the ability to sell apples!!

From the potential to support future events for Senior Citizens it is of course those who attended the evening auction who must be thanked. As always, a really enjoyable event where all entries were sold and bids were generous. Thank you. We appreciate everyone's support.

Ann Hambly

Halloween Horror Nights Fundraiser

The Bonsall Halloween Horror Nights Fundraiser event will be back at The Queen's Head (beside The King's Head Pub) again this year on Halloween night, 31 October... scarier and better than ever before! Money raised will go towards Bonsall School PTFA & the Horror Nights event so we can have another event next year. Hope to see more people, please invite your friends and family. There will be a minimum donation £3 pp cash or card. Kids will get some sweets at the end of the attraction. Children under 14 must be computed by an adult.

Benji Brownlee

THE VILLAGE GREEN

Roadside Weed Clearing

Work this month has been concentrated on Clatterway and good progress is being made. A lovely stone wall is being uncovered which hasn't seen the light of day for years, maybe even decades!

Jacqueline Beardsley



Photos by: Jacqueline Beardsley

Wilder Bonsall Update

We have started our autumn schedule of tidying up our sites in preparation for winter. We began with weeding of the Community Garden and we will be at Wragg Croft on Yeoman Street on 7 October and at The Well at the top of the High Street on 15 October, both sessions will be from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Please come and join us if you can! Our next meeting of the group will be held on 27 October at 7:00 p.m. in the Kings Head (if open).

Deb Smith



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PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Report for Meeting on 16 September 2025

Councillor Vacancies: There are currently vacancies for Bonsall Parish Councillors. For further information please contact the interim clerk.

The meeting was attended by Adrian Hunter, County Councillor, and Matthew Buckler, District Councillor. The Parish Council recorded its thanks to Councillor Hunter for his work in securing the road repairs in the village. The Parish Council recorded its thanks to Councillor Buckler for the donation of £250 from the local community grant which was used to purchase new swing seats.

Flooding: Councillor Hunter has met with Slaley residents in relation to flooding issues. Councillors S Smith and Grover will identify problem areas in the village and report back to the next meeting.

Park Trees: A tree survey has been completed and 8 trees have been identified as requiring removal within the next 12 months. Openreach are requesting £1055 to look at a wire attached to a pole in the park which runs through trees which are to be removed. A meeting is being arranged between the Parish Council and the land agents for the Derby Diocese to discuss the trees issues.

Village Community Playground: The Parish Council recorded its thanks to Richard Stead and the Bonsall Players for their donation and work on the playground. Councillor J Smith has applied to the Community Resilience Fund for a grant to refresh the toddler play area. If successful there will be community consultation.

Roads, Verges and Footpaths: The Parish Council recorded its thanks to the newly formed Roadside Clearance Team for their work in clearing the verges and footpaths.

The Cross: The Parish Council recorded its thanks to Linda Cauldwell

and Rita Baugh for their kind donation towards the repairs to The Cross. This is being progressed by Councillors S Smith and Grover.

Policies: Finance Regulations, Safeguarding Policy and Council Code of Conduct 2025 were all approved. Councillor Grover to produce an Internet Banking Policy.

Churchyard: Councillor J Smith has taken over the position of Interim unsalaried Burial Clerk. She has amended the Burial Policy which will be discussed at the October meeting, together with other burial matters. She will work with Councillor Grover to ensure records are updated. The three dead tree trunks in the churchyard, one of which is rotting from the inside, need to be addressed. M Biggin would like to look at converting one of them into a woodland sculpture and permission has been granted for him to progress this. The lime trees are due to be inspected by December 2025.

Interim Arrangements: Councillor Grover is taking over as interim unsalaried Responsible Finance Officer. Councillor J Smith is taking over as interim unsalaried Clerk and Burial Clerk, until new member/s of staff has/have been appointed.

Donations at the Carnival: The Parish Council recorded its thanks to everyone who donated to the Community Village Playground fund.

Finance: Councillor Grover produced the end-of-year accounts which were included with the grant application and the reserves and income statements, together with the expenditure statement. Councillor J Smith thanked Councillor Grover for producing the finance documents required for the grant application.

Remembrance Day: Councillor Barry will represent the Parish Council at this year's village Remembrance Day.

The next Parish Council meeting is at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 21 October 2025, at Bonsall Village Hall. If you have any issues to be raised at the meeting, please contact the interim clerk, Jackie Smith, with details by 14 October.

Jackie Smith (Interim Clerk)

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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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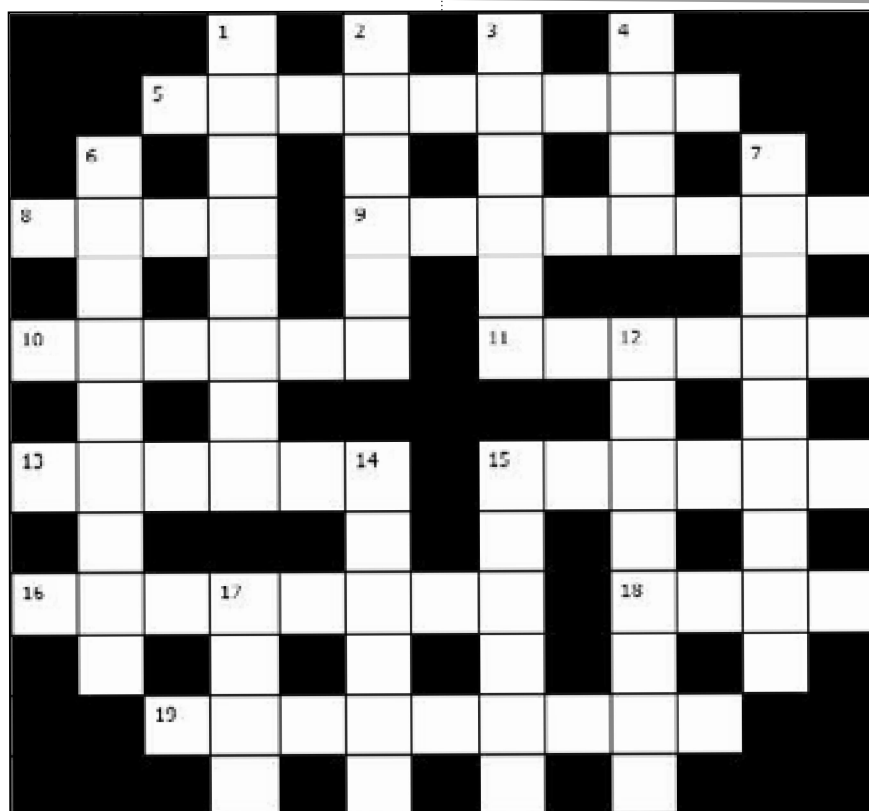
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CROSSWORD #176

by Pam McNally



Across:

5. Surrounded by loathing, corrupt, phoney officer leaves. He needs to sweet-talk and job-hunt, for example. (9)
8. 2d, (5th letter) seen in frozen ice-cube. (4)
9. European border beset by each 2d (6th letter). (8)
10. 2d (5th letter). French wine kept in billet. (6)
11. 2d (4th letter, sort of!). Cow dung loses nitrogen, but gains last of shit. (6)
13. Presaged horrific end, with murder of Elon, for starters. (6)
15. Ascend, ascend, ascend. (6)
16. Gig on 2d (5th letter)? Yes! (8)
18. Wild ox spotted in Coldharbour, USA. (4)
19. Turn ga-ga with a confused 2d (6th letter)?

Down:

1. Over-active 4d (e.g.) for 2d (6th letter). (8)
2. Article on broadcasting for Gazette, initially, leading to book and film. (6)
3. Song found in Tarzan, the musical. (6)
4. Tiny unit for a prostitute? (4)
6. Hazardous mooring on American 2d (4th letter). (9)
7. Rapturous, but not posh, flying reptile? Yes! (9)
12. Convoluted, endless route to US? Indeed! (8)
14. Affairs where I'm surrounded by pricks. (6)
15. Desperate man from old city? (6)
17. Chew erect Australian willy. (4)

Answers to Crossword no. 175

Across: 5. Razorbill. 8. Diva. 9. Disavows. 10. Anally. 11. Melons. 13. Scylla. 15. Powder. 16. Venereal. 18. Loki. 19. Annapurna.

Down: 1. Parallel. 2. Boldly. 3. A Bosom (sorry, I forgot to add 7 as the definition). 4. Olav. 6. Pinnacles. 7. Twin Peaks. 12. Low-slung. 14. Axeman. 15. Pollux. 17. Etna.

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Tel: Emma on 07464 966035.

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Please contact Julie Hamilton on 07890 610929 for more information.

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Please call Ruth Headon on 07769 725022 for information about rates and lineage. Copy for commercial advertising should be with us by the tenth of the month before you wish the advert to be placed.

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	Liz Stoppard / Mike Susko	823712
Bonsall Camp		
	Matthew Quinn	07988 071682
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	Chris Broome	07988 071682
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	Melissa Wellbourne	826303
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	Di Moor	824376
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	Rob Stevenson	07448 875076
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	Chris Broome	824512
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	Peter Greaves	822374
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School Foundation		
	Norma Rickards (Clerk)	822257
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	Jackie Smith	823544
Village Life Church		
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Village Lunch Club	Ron Addis	826309
Wesleyan Reform Chapel (The Dale)		
	Judy Land	824223
Wilder Bonsall Group		
	Deb Smith	825228

RESOURCES

Bonsall History Publications

- Bonsall - A Village & Its History** £15
- Bonsall Within Living Memory** £10
- History Walking Guides** Set of five £5
- 'A Farm in Wartime'** (Potter Diaries) £5

The 4 items above are available at the **Fountain Tearooms** or **online** with the addition of the items below, more information & contact details use QR code



- 80 Years of Bonsall Carnival Book**
- The Bonsall History Map**-Rolled/Folded
- Bonsall - A Village & Its History** £15 Paperback £25 Hardback
- History Booklets**
- www.BonsallHistory.org.uk

RESOURCES

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

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.

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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.
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Tourist information

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Police/Safer Neighbourhoods 101

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matlock.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.
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DIARY FOR OCTOBER 2025

Date		Event	Venue
Sun	5	Harvest Thanksgiving, 6:15 p.m.	Bonsall Dale Chapel
Tues	7	Wilder Bonsall. 10:00 a.m.	Wragg Croft
Sun	12	Eucharist and Harvest Festival. 9:30 a.m.	St James Church
		Harvest Festival. 10:30 a.m.	Village Life Church
Wed	15	Wilder Bonsall. 10:00 a.m.	The Well on High Street
		Lunch Club. 12:30 p.m.	Village Hall
Fri	17	Mobile Library. 10:50 a.m.	The Fountain
Sat	18	Bonsall resident Gary Cain performing. 9:00 p.m.	The Barley Mow
Tues	21	Deadline for submissions to Mutterings. 12:00 p.m.	
		Parish Council meeting. 7.30 p.m.	Village Hall
Sun	26	Eucharist. 9:30 a.m.	St James Church
Mon	27	Wilder Bonsall meeting. 7.00 p.m.	The King Head
Fri	31	Bonsall Halloween Horror Nights Fundraiser. 6.00 p.m. (approx)	The Queen's Head

Bin collection dates

Fri 3 Oct

Grey Bins and Food Caddy

Fri 10 Oct

Blue and Green Bins and Food Caddy

Fri 17 Oct

Grey Bins and Food Caddy

Fri 24 Oct

Blue and Green Bins and Food Caddy

Fri 31 Oct

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Future dates

November

Sat 8 Nov

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Fri 14 Nov

Mobile Library, The Fountain

December

Fri 12 Dec

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