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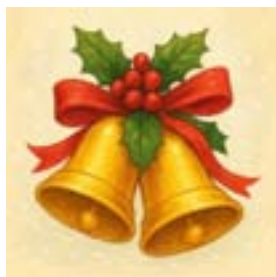
T'Owd Man's Mutterings

December 2025/
January 2026



Photo by: Maggie Duggins

*Season's Greetings
to all our readers*



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 December are:

Sunday 14 December
Eucharist at 9:30 am

Thursday 18 December Carol
Service at 7:00 pm

Thursday 25 Christmas Day
Eucharist at 9:30 am

The Christmas Tree will be in Church
for decorating in memory of loved
ones from Saturday 13 December.

Church services for January are:

Sunday 11 January
Eucharist at 9:30 am

Sunday 25 January
Eucharist at 9:30 am

Wirksworth Team Ministry

For further details, please ring the
Team Office on 01629 824707

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Refreshments are available in church
from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm on
Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays.

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sausage cobs, home-made soup and
cakes all at reasonable prices.

The Wirksworth Team Ministry

Christmas Afternoon Tea - Change of Time

We have changed the time of the after-
noon tea. It is now called the Christmas
Afternoon Tea Lunch and will be at
12:30 pm on Friday 12 December in
Church. If you would like a ticket (£10)
please let Di, Jane or me know.

Kathryn Punchard 07974304067

Bonsall Dale Chapel

All Sunday Services are at 6:15pm

Sunday 21 December
2:30pm Carol Service

Christmas

A promise fulfilled, Hearts that are
stilled by the Angel's good news:
"Fear not!" Look at the views -

A child in a manger; but this is no
stranger. Shepherds hurry with joy
to see the Lord, a new baby boy!

Wise men travel from afar, Guided
by a moving star, Fall to worship the
King, Gifts - gold, frankincense,

myrrh, they bring. Look afresh, what
do you see? Jesus, Saviour, Friend,
Immanuel, God there for you and me.

May God bless your Christmas
time and New Year with His
love, joy and peace.

Judy Land

Village Life Church (High Street)

Sunday 10:30am Worship Service

Tuesday 2:00pm Craft Club
(Closed until 13 Jan)

Wednesday 6:00pm The Gathering.
A meal followed by a short
bible study. All are welcome.
(Closes 17 Dec until 14 Jan)

Christmas Services

Sunday 7 Dec @ 5:00pm: Turning on
the Advent window, with carols and
refreshments. Donations to the PTFA.

Sunday 14 Dec @ 10:30am: Christmas
Family Funday Sunday, followed by
Christmas Dinner. All Welcome.

Sunday 21 Dec @ 10:30am:
Traditional Carol Service with
refreshments. Please Come Along.

Thursday 25 Dec @ 9:30am: Christmas
Day Celebration with refreshments.

For more information about the
church, or if you need any practical
help and support please call on
07988071682 or email us at vil-
lagelifechurchbonsall@gmail.com

Pastor Matthew Quinn

CHURCH NEWS

St James Church Memorial Service

We had a very well attended Memorial
Service for All Souls Evening on 2
November when around thirty people
came to remember their loved ones by
lighting a candle.

The new timing of the service for
Remembrance Day was well received
with thirty people attending the
service in church and more than fifty
gathering at the War Memorial, ena-
bling them to honour the two minutes
silence with the rest of the country.

Di Moor



Photo by: Di Moor

Church Article

Over two thousand years ago a royal
ruler was born- not in a palace and not
with huge fanfare, arriving not in front
of an audience of billions but quietly
in a small village in an occupied part
of the Roman Empire. He didn't fly in
from the heavens but came in the muck
and noise of human birth amongst the
animals.

When God came to earth, he was born to
a lowly girl and his fanfare came
from the angels to shepherds keeping
watch over their flocks in the fields.
The royalty of the day, King Herod,
even tried to kill the new baby king
and not many people recognised His
kingship. The bible tells us that God
humbled himself to come to earth as
a man. He made himself nothing and
came as a servant because he loved the
human race so much.

The bible tells us that:

God so loved the world that he gave
his only Son, so that everyone who
believes in him may not perish but may
have eternal life. John 3:16

God became poor so that you
can become rich. Rich now in the

knowledge of God, of his peace and his
joy, his forgiveness and his love. Rich
in the eternal sapphire-paved courts of
heaven. Have you become rich through
his poverty?

As you celebrate with parties, presents
and fun this Christmas think of that
first Christmas. Imagine the poverty
of the stable where Jesus was born and
give thanks that love came into the
world to show us all how to live.

Rev Janet Turville
St James Church

FLOODLIGHTING

December

Christmas is a very special time for remembering those friends and family members who are no longer with us. Di, Kath and Andrew remember their dad, Jimmy on his birthday on 8 December. Stephen and Tricia Potter remember Stephen's mum, Mary, especially on 10 December. David and Julie Allsop and their families remember their dad, Dennis, particularly on 18 of December. Christmas Eve is when Margaret, Justin, Deb and their children remember Connor in whose memory the lighting was given and dedicated.

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

January

David, Julie and their families remember their mum, Jean especially on 2 of January. The first week of January holds special memories of Harold Bunting for Dorinda, Simon and Stephanie and their families. 16 of January is when Jenny Mellor and family remember their mum, Joan. Birthday memories on 23 and 24 of January of Mum and Dad Rickards are shared by all the family at this time. For Richard and Kath Taylor the lighting brings memories of Kath's

dad and her brother, Keith, on 26 of January. Janet, Daphne and Peter have special memories of their parents, Billy and Winnie, particularly on 27 of January. Mary, Joe, Stephen and Tricia remember Arthur with love on his birthday on 24 January.

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

Janet, Christine, June and Michael lovingly remember their parents, Herman and Nora Martin this month.

Di Moor

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If you would like to make your donation of £15 for each memory on -line the details are Nat West. 601415 a/c 80567622 PCC of Bonsall Thank you.

LETTERS

Christmas Wishes

A very merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year to all our friends and neighbours. Again this year we will be donating to the local food banks. If anyone also thinks this is worthwhile the link is: <https://www.ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk>

Best Wishes

Trevor and Jane Williams



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

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We also receive donations from village groups such as Open Gardens, Harvest Auction, Carnival Committee and individual residents for which we are very grateful. We only just get by each year and recently we only had under £100 in the bank.

So if anyone would like to offer a donation please email us at:

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Mutterings Editorial Team

Mutterings Deliverers needed

A group of volunteers design Mutterings every month (11 editions a year) and then a copy is delivered to every house in Bonsall. We currently have 14 people who deliver Mutterings alongside a group of 11 back up deliverers. If you have a few hours spare and would like to be added to our list of back up deliverers please contact Julie Hamilton by email **Julie.hamilton@btinternet.com** or **07890610929**.

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Traffic Chaos in Bonsall

Derbyshire County Council closed the A6 from Cromford to Matlock Bath on Sunday 16 November for almost a week due to urgent Tree Safety work. A woman from Wirksworth was driving there on Friday evening when a tree fell and landed on her car. She had glass in her hands and face but was lucky not to have been more seriously injured. (The trees were on private land, not council land. The DCC were forced to remove the trees to stop other trees falling and injuring the public).

Motorists then tried to cut through Bonsall leading to traffic chaos in the village. The roads and streets were gridlocked, not helped by the Via Gellia also being closed at the same time until 17 Nov. This caused great inconvenience to residents as no proper diversion was put in place. The A6 was opened again on the evening of Friday 21 Nov.

Maggie Duggins



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Remembrance in School

I was waiting in School for my two interviewees at the end of lunch. Children were hurrying out to play. It was a lovely atmosphere: happy children with much laughing and giggling, grabbing their coats to rush out to play on a bitterly cold but bright day. Then along came Arne and Felix, happy to chat about things they had done at school.

They were keen to talk about Remembrance Day, when they had written poems and prayers about the two World Wars. Felix had written a prayer and Arne had written 3 Haikus (Japanese 3-lined poems). These, and everyone else's, had been read out in school. Their poems were then all assembled into a lovely and thoughtful display at the church. They were very proud of it! They were quite clear about who Britain was fighting although they were not in favour of wars. Arne explained that he had once met his Great Uncle who was then 98. He was in the Second World War and served in the Navy. Class 3 went down to the Cross to join in the Remembrance Service and read out their poems. They didn't sing but they joined in the Two Minutes' Silence. Judging by their chat today, that must have been quite difficult. Well done!

Karen Firth and Rebecca Smart
Bonsall School



Photos by: Rebecca Smart

New Feature - Mutterings Mutt of the Month

Submit your dog for this new monthly feature by emailing in a photograph along with their name, breed, age, and a few words about them by the next copy date to: mutterings@hotmail.com Thank you!

Candice Dosman, Mutterings Editor

This month's Mutterings Mutt of the Month



Photo by: Candice Dosman

Name: Verona

Breed: Boxer

Age: 11

About: Verona is a rescue dog from Houston, Texas and is loving her new quiet Bonsall village life. She enjoys walks, treats, snuggles and has no sense of personal space. She dislikes cats.

Owners: Candice Dosman and Gary Cain

Village Lunch Club

A merry and grateful group enjoyed a lovely lunch today. Steve presented us with a tender beef stew - thanks to Ginger Butcher of Matlock- and his flavourful red cabbage with jacket potatoes. All this was followed by a medley of three different pastries with cream and/or custard. Our next meeting will be on 17 Dec for a Christmas Meal. This is a ticket only occasion so to find out if there are places left, please contact me on 07939764046 before 10 December. With the Season's good wishes.

Jenny March

New Walking Group

Hello everyone, we're thinking of starting a new walking group in Bonsall - something we've been thinking about for years but never got round to doing it!



If you're interested in walking, talking and making new friends please get in touch and we'll take it from there. We aim to start next year with short and longer walks maybe with a pub or coffee stop on the longer walks. Please contact us if you're interested, all welcome.

Jon and Kay Ogilvie
Ogilviekay@gmail.com

Photo by: Kay Ogilvie

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Bonsall Village Hall

Autumn Fair- The Village Hall held a very successful Autumn Fair on Saturday 8 November. The fair was well attended and we raised a huge £1089, this included stall holders' fees, entrance fees, refreshments, raffle, tombola, cake and jam, books and bric a brac. Thank you to those that came to support us, the cake and jam makers, people who donated books, bric a brac to sell and raffle prizes, plus donated hamper baskets from Yali. A big thank you to Leigh for running the whisky draw which made £214 included in the final total. Thank you to Jayne, Claire, Loreen, Jane and Mark who were our extra volunteers on the day to help it all run smoothly.



Photos by: Ian Daisley

Hearing Loop - We now have a working hearing loop, which can be used for meetings, presentations, and films. There will be instructions on how to use it, but we hope to make it easy to use, so a little electrical work is required to do that.

Warm Spaces - A new winter weekly social session, offering connection, friendship and human warmth. Bonsall Village Hall will be opening its doors to welcome Bonsall residents for free refreshments, games, free Wi-Fi, books, magazines and local newspapers and an opportunity to socialise or

a space to work. Everyone is welcome from 1:30pm to 3:30pm on Thursdays from 27 November 2025 to the end of March 2026. We will not be open Christmas Day or 1 January. There will be volunteers to help with refreshments and providing games and support. The Village Hall is hosting the sessions thanks to a Warm and Welcome Spaces Grant from Derbyshire Voluntary Action, and if successful we would be happy to continue these sessions. Please see the Poster for further information.

Hazel Baldwin
Chair Village Hall

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Village Hall Autumn Fair – Lucky Whisky Squares

The draw took place at the Village Hall on Saturday 8 November 2025.

The winners were:

1. Neil Doxey (Salters Lane) square number 82 - Bottle of Tamnavulin Speyside Single Malt Whisky - winning square purchased in the Barley Mow.
2. Alistair Hamilton (Yeoman Street) square number 89 - Famous Grouse Blended Whisky - winning square purchased in the Kings Head.

The draw raised £214 towards funds. Thanks to all who purchased squares including many young village people. Also, thanks to Phil and Sue Williams and Robert and Sandra Newton who donated the Whisky. Lastly, to Mick Boam who helped me in selling squares.

Leigh Johnson

Chairman of Village Hall Trustees.

Thanks for Donation

The Mutterings team would like to say a big thanks for an anonymous donation of £100

The Mutterings Editorial Team

Poem

All That I Need

What would you like for Christmas? the family ask.

I've got everything I need, I reply.

You must want something mum?

Oh hang on, perhaps I'm ready for some new tea towels.

I've had some of these since 1986,

when dad and I got married.

Is that all? they say.

Well I've got a loving family, friends and my health, a roof above my head and food on the table.

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THE VILLAGE GREEN

Wilder Bonsall Autumn Update

The group has been busy building another dead hedge at The Well and we hope to continue constructing the hedge for a couple more metres along the bank in the coming weeks- weather permitting of course! We have been informed by Derbyshire Dales District Council that we could apply for a Cultivation Licence which would allow the group to plant flowers further along the bank towards Abel Lane. Our plans for the coming weeks are to plant some ferns at The Well and bulbs at Nether Green. Also to carry out another tidy up of the Community Garden, build a dead hedge and plant perennials and ferns in the garden.

The next work party will be held on Wednesday 3 December at 12:00 noon at Nether Green, where we will be planting bulbs. Please come and join us, we are a friendly bunch and will make you very welcome!

Deb Smith

Wilder Bonsall



Photo by: Candice Dosman

Wild Meadow Flowers

Many people have been admiring the beautiful flowers in Philip Bond's garden on Bankside. They have lasted so well throughout the summer and autumn. Thank you to Philip for brightening up a walk around the village.

Maggie Duggins



Photos by: Candice Dosman

Hungry Sparrow Hawk

This handsome bird sat on the pergola outside our kitchen window at lunchtime a few days ago, watching all the chaffinches, great tits, robins, etc

coming and going from the bird feeder. It flew away after 10 minutes, having not appeased his apparent hunger, but we are grateful that it visited!

Dave Headon

Photo by: Dave Headon



Poem

Villainous Zoo

There are thirteen villains in this poem. Vlad the Impala was stuck in a zoo With no one to play with and nothing to do.

He shared his enclosure, such as it was, With Genghis Kangaroo from Oz.

Ivan the Terrapin lived close by

With a tiny pond in which to lie.

While overhead, accompanying Vlad,

Flew Joseph Starling from Leningrad.

Up in a tree lay Alaric the Sloth,

Lolling around before nodding off.

Nearby in a stream, his eyes peering

down,

Bobbed Jack the Dipper from London

Town.

Next door but one lived Attila the Hen,

Scratching around in her tiny pen.

In an aquarium, deep underground,

A dolphin from Germany swam round

and round.

Mad monkey, Rasputin, a playful boy,

Loved to cause havoc, loved to destroy.

And rolling in mud, (a bad idea),

Pol-pot-bellied pig from Cambodia.

The beasts were looked after by Jabba

the Mutt;

He fed them and cleaned them and

played with them, but

The person who owned this motley

crew

Was Doctor Jackal from Timbuktu.

One night when Herod the Great

White Shark

Was floating around in the cold and the

dark,

He grabbed Doctor Jackal and bit him

in two.

And that was the end of this weird little

zoo.

By Pam McNally

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Report for Meeting on 18 November 2025

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

Change of email address: Please note that the clerk and councillors have all changed email addresses to gov.uk in line with other councils. The old gmail address is no longer in use.

Village Matters

Flooding: It is requested that residents contact the clerk with any flooding issues they may have knowledge of, or any suggestions of how the flooding defences can be improved. Councillors S Smith and Grover will identify further problem areas in the village and arrange a meeting with Richard Ward to discuss all flooding matters.

Meeting with park land agents:

The Parish Council are arranging a meeting to discuss the park issues going forwards.

Village Community Playground

Update: Wickstead are currently manufacturing the equipment chosen, ready to install. The date of installation will be shared once it is known.

Website: Work has been undertaken to update the website to make it easier to navigate. This work is still in progress but please visit the website to see its transformation.

Roads, Verges and Footpaths:

The condition of the road on The Clatterway was discussed. Councillors Grover and S Smith will measure the depth of the potholes and the matter will be reported to Highways.

The Cross: The Cross needs some refurbishment, and the heritage officer is involved in the process currently. Due to the age and condition of the monument, it is requested that members of the public refrain from climbing onto it. This matter is being progressed by Councillors S Smith and Grover.

Policies: Councillor Grover will produce an Internet Banking Policy once the background work has been completed.

Churchyard: The clerk has updated the burial records. The lime trees were inspected on 8 November 2025 and a report is awaited.

Interim Clerk and RFO

Arrangements: Work in relation to the transfer of information to the new email account and putting other matters in order is ongoing. The RFO is also putting the finance matters in order, and this is ongoing with documents being prepared for publication on the website.

WC and plumbing issues:

Councillors S Smith and Grover will progress this in the coming week.

Christmas Trees: Three trees to be purchased for the band stand, village hall and Uppertown.

Lengthsmen's Report: Equipment is being repaired and new PPE purchased. The grit bins were inspected and filled with the grit we had in stock. Clerk will request that Derbyshire Council re stock their bins in the village. Further grit stock is being ordered.

Finance: Councillor Grover reported that a finance meeting had taken place and produced the RFO report. The draft minutes of the Finance meeting were approved including the opening and operation of a linked deposit account.

The next Parish Council meeting is at 7:30pm on Tuesday 16 December 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 9 December 2025.

Jackie Smith (Interim Clerk)

49 Church Street DE42AE

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Email clerk@bonsall-pc.gov.uk

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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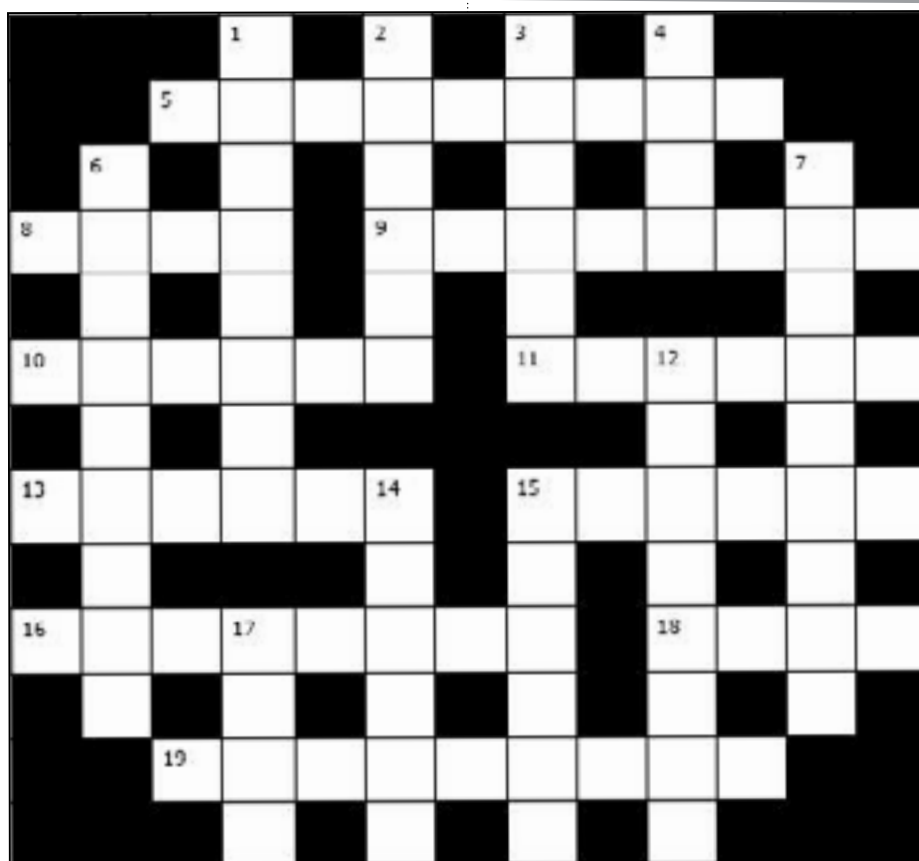
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CROSSWORD #178

by Pam McNally



References to 12 down are in the singular unless otherwise specified.

Across:

- 5 & 12 down. Losing head, little scrota swing with Chuck Berry – I saw it on TV. (9,8)
 8. See 18.
 9 & 10. Law in errant Swiss capital confused with an aged 12. (8,6)
 11. Own Scottish dog, perhaps? The reverse for one of 12. (6)
 13. You French flip flop between British and American 12. (6)
 15. What 12s do nowadays, in French city. (4,2)
 16. 12 found in Jacqui's lingerie. (8)
 18 & 8. 12. TAOC? Yes! (4-4)
 19. She warned about Nazis and every other beheaded German. (9)

Down:

1. Vegetable better cooked around 2 degrees. (8)
 2. Under water, bottom blew off. See bad result! (6)
 3. Nerp agreement? Yes! (6)
 4. Prick with large head – what a hunk! (4)
 6. Favourite food of a bitter German? (NB alternative spelling). (9)
 7. Small desk (French) to write about you. (9)
 12. See 5ac.
 14. Most crafty tells fibs in the middle of street. (6)
 15. 5. Ankle?
 17. 5. A 12 does this up. (4)

Answers to Crossword no. 177

Across: 5. Offspring. 8. Lads. 9. Lothario. 10. Madame. 11. Carnal. 13. Romeos. 15. Suitor. 16. Cressida. 18. Shag. 19. See 17. Down: 1. Offstage. 2. Isolde. 3. Erotic. 4. Inca. 6. Paramours. 7. Disavowal. 12. Reinsert. 14. Skills. 15. Starve. 17 & 19. Sons and Lovers.

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If you would like more information, please get in touch with the group's **Hon. Sec., Jane Smith on 01629 540428 or churchgates@yahoo.co.uk**

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We welcome news, views and letters on any topic provided they are attributed to an author. We review all items for obvious libellous or offensive material, but we cannot check for factual content.

Please do not send letters which are "not for publication". If you have strong feelings about what is or is not said in Mutterings, please either write to us or join the group of volunteers who enable the production of this village newsletter.

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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.

Items for sale and wanted are free to villagers and can be submitted to mutterings@hotmail.com or hand-written to 91 Yeoman Street.


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	Alan David	07517 449074
Bonsall Barn Project		
	Liz Stoppard / Mike Susko	823712
Bonsall Camp		
	Matthew Quinn	07988 071682
Bonsall Energy Group		
	Chris Broome	07988 071682
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	Melissa Wellbourn Hesp	826303
Church Flood Lighting		
	Di Moor	824376
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	Rob Stevenson	07448 875076
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	Chris Broome	824512
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	Karen or Jayne	07905 937371
History Group		
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School Foundation		
	Norma Rickards (Clerk)	822257
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 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

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

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TRAVEL SERVICES

Assisted Travel

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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)

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Bonsall Village

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Doctors: Wirksworth Hannage Brook
 822434; Matlock Imperial Road 583465

Hospitals: Chesterfield, Calow 01246
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 580211.

Non-urgent advice: 111

Derbyshire County Council

www.derbyshire.gov.uk

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Derbys Dales District Council

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Environmental health	761212
Tourist information	
Matlock	583388
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Trading Standards	585858
Electricity emergencies	0800 0568090
Fire station, Matlock	582849
Gas leaks	0800 111999

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[matlock.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.
 pnn.police.uk](mailto:matlock.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk)

Crimestoppers	0800 555111
Victim support	825544
Community safety	761101

Swimming & gymnasiums

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Wirksworth	825704

Vets Matlock	582844, 581234
Wirksworth	823034

DIARY FOR DECEMBER 2025 / JANUARY 2026

Date		Event	Venue
Wed	3 Dec	Wilder Bonsall work party - 12:00 noon	Nether Green
Fri	12 Dec	Christmas Afternoon Tea Lunch - 12:30 pm	St James Church
Tues	16 Dec	Parish Council Meeting - 7:30 pm	Village Hall
Wed	17 Dec	Village Lunch Club Christmas Meal - 12:30 pm	Village Hall
Thurs	18 Dec	Carol Service - 7:00 pm	St James Church
Sun	21 Dec	Traditional Carol Service with refreshments - 10:30 am	Village Life Church
Sun	21 Dec	Carol Service - 2:30 pm	Bonsall Dale Chapel
January 2026			
Sun	11 Jan	Eucharist - 09:30 am	St James Church
Tues	20 Jan	Parish Council Meeting - 7:30 pm	Village Hall
Thurs	22 Jan	12:00 noon deadline for submissions for February 2026 Mutterings	

Bin collection dates

December 2025

Fri 5 Dec

Blue and Green Bins and
Food Waste Caddy

Fri 12 Dec

Grey Bins and Food Waste Caddy

Fri 19 Dec

Blue and Green Bins and
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Sat 27 Dec

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January 2026

Sat 3 Jan

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Fri 9 Jan

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