



T'Owd Man's Mutterings



Snowdrops, St James Churchyard



Crocus, High Street



Purple Crocus, St James Churchyard



Cowslip, High Street
All Photos by Maggie Duggins



Cyclamen, The Dale

SPRING IS BREAKING OUT!



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 March are:

Sunday 15 March Eucharist at 9:30 am for Mothering Sunday

Sunday 29 March Eucharist at 9:30 am Palm Sunday

Wirksworth Team Ministry

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Friday 10:00 am Prayer Gathering.

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For more information about the church, or if you need any practical help and support please call on 07988 071682 or email us at villagelifechurchbonsall@gmail.com

Pastor Matthew Quinn

Bonsall Dale Chapel

Sunday Services are at 6:15 pm with visiting speakers. All are welcome to join with us.

Judy Land



Candlemas photo by Di Moor

CHURCH NEWS

Church Article

As I sit writing this article in the middle of February, I am aware of the first signs of spring. It has been a very dark, dull grey winter with little snow but lots of mist and rain. I am sure I am not the only one who is looking forward to the warmer days appearing. In the meantime, the snowdrops are out and the crocus are lighting up our gardens, and I have just seen the first heads appear on the daffodils nestled in below the cherry tree.

The days ahead will get lighter and Lent will progress to Holy Week which occurs at the end of March then we will be into the great celebration of Easter- the dark giving way to the light, sorrow to joy despair to rejoicing.

Lent is a time to take stock of our lives, a time to reflect on what is important and an opportunity to draw closer to God. A time to seek forgiveness, to walk with Christ in His own pilgrimage toward the cross and to look forward. What we seek to find, what we hope will be the end result of this journey will be personal to each of us- but God is at the centre with each one. From earliest times Lent has been a penitential time, a time for self-examination, penitence, the receiving of God's grace, prayer for ourselves and others, self-denial and recommitment, study, charity and preparation for Easter for every Christian.

Why not think about how you can move closer to God this Lent?

There will be services at St James on Mothering Sunday 15 March when we will remember all who have mothered us in any way. There will also be a service on 29 March- Palm Sunday, with a palm procession into church. Why not come along and join us.

Looking ahead into April on Good Friday- 3 April there will be Family Easter Crafts in St James- an opportunity to have fun making Easter themed crafts and refreshments. Fun for all ages.

A prayer for you to use this Lent:

O Lord you have given us your word for a light to shine upon our path.

Grant us to meditate on that word, and to follow its teaching,

that we may find in it the light that shines more and more until the perfect day;

through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

May you have a blessed and peaceful Lent.

Rev Janet Turville with pastoral responsibility for Bonsall

**Team Vicar in the Wirksworth Team
Tel 01629 701334**

Candlemas

We celebrated Candlemas in February when candles were placed around the font. A map of the world was laid on the Lady altar and candles were placed on any country where those present had particular thoughts and prayers.

Di Moor

FLOODLIGHTING

The Editors wish to apologise to Di Moor and our readers for mistakes made in the February issue for Floodlighting dates. It should have read:

February

For Richard and Kath Taylor, 2 February has loving memories of Kath's mum. Val and Steven remember Val's brother, David Evans, on his birthday 4 February. Mick Baugh is remembered by Rita, Rachael, Danny and their families on his birthday, also on 4 February. The beginning of the month is when Dr Jayme Rolls is remembered fondly as a teacher and a special friend. The 5 February is when Ron is especially remembered by Janet, Jason, Lisa and their family on his birthday.

Beryl Webster, Jenny and family lovingly remember Jack, particularly on the 12 February. The lighting helps bring fond memories of Auntie Joan to all the Rickard family around 14 February. The 20 February is when Eric Gregory's thoughts are very much of his wife, Mary.

March

The floodlighting this month brings special memories for several villagers. Di, Kath, Andrew, Mick and Sally have lovely memories of Dorothy particularly on her birthday, 1st of the month. For Dorinda, Simon and Stephanie there are loving thoughts of Harold as well as Annie and Lev Weston. Pat, Sue and John remember Joe with much love on 17 March. We all remember our mum and dad, Nora and Herman Martin with happy memories. Janet, Christine, June, Michael and families.

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Open Gardens

Open gardens is having a year off this summer. Hopefully, back next year.

We look forward to the Bonsall Arts Trail weekend.

Elisabeth Stoppard

Open Gardens Committee

Village Lunch Club

The village lunch club had to be cancelled on 18 Feb. Our next meeting will be on 18 March at 12:30 pm in the Village Hall.

If you booked for February then we will automatically book you in for March. If anyone else would like to join us please phone 01629 826309 before 11 March to book your place. Please tell us of any allergies you have. We do have a take-out facility if you would find getting to the Village Hall a problem.

See you in March.

Jenny March

Bonsall School Year 6 Geography Topic

Felix, Arne and Zach were buzzing with excitement to share their new knowledge of volcanoes. They started by telling me about tectonic plates rubbing together and the shock that that causes. They explained that the magma is pushed upwards, forces itself through a vent and blasts into the sky.

They knew many places around the world where there are volcanoes, telling me about Mount Fuji, Popocatepetl and nearly all of the country of Iceland.

They told me about the disaster which struck Pompeii over 2,000 years ago and the poor people who were caught unawares and petrified by the ash which was thrown out of the volcano. Of course Pompeii was not the only place to have a volcano. The boys told me about an ancient volcano, that was much nearer to Bonsall, in fact at the top of Ember Lane!

Some of the class made models of volcanoes at home and brought them into school to share with their classmates. Felix made one with the help of a 3D printer!

I would like to warn you but by the time you read this it will be too late. On Thursday afternoon (19 Feb) the children will be causing their models to explode with a magical mystery mixture!! I wonder if the residents of Church Street felt any tremors that day!

Karen Firth and Rebecca Smart

Bonsall School

Solar Panels

Now that a proposal to fit solar panels to the roof of the Village Hall has been put forward, Jon Barry has highlighted their undesirable visual impact. However, I also stick my head above the parapet once again and along with a few others, would like to ask some questions.

1. Great Britain produces just less than 1% of global greenhouse gases, so what reduction can we expect, and at what cost? i.e. A cost benefit analysis, or is this mere virtue signalling?

2. Where does the grant money come from? Is it from our unbearably high taxation, or is it a from levy on everyone's (even the poorest household) high electricity bill? Is this acceptable?

3. Most solar panels and wind turbines are produced in China, which is NOT a benign state. It has a 70% share of the global market of polysilicon wafers, cells, and panels for the solar supply chain. It ruthlessly exploits the environment and many people, including Tibetans and Uyghur Muslims. Trade is one way; China does not want anything we make. There are numerous examples of why China cannot be trusted, most recently the cruel treatment of Jimmy Lai and ignoring the treaty China signed with Britain regarding Hong Kong. Are we happy with this? I most certainly am not.

4. Have other sources, such as ReNew in India been explored? In the ten years up to 2010, Germany was the world's leading producer of solar panels until the Chinese aggressively subsidised production and stole that crown. EU regulations didn't help.

5. What is the predicted life span of this green energy equipment? Is it economical to recycle, or is it true that like old wind turbine blades, it can only be disposed of by burial in landfill?

6. I note that the Village Hall installation will include batteries for when the sun doesn't shine, like a winter's day. More details about these batteries should be provided. Where will they be sited? Is there a fire risk associated with this type of battery? How much room will they take up? Where are they manufactured? What materials do they include? What is their predicted life? How will they be disposed of/ recycled at end of life?

7. Ed Milliband's own department, the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, recently predicted that gas prices are likely to fall for the next ten years, and moving towards renewables such as wind and solar will lock in the high energy prices Great Britain currently suffers. Is this acceptable?

Whilst I appreciate that it is now too late for the current installation of the

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solar panels on the village hall, answers would still be appreciated. In future, consultation with more villagers through the Mutterings, as this is the primary source of village information, ought to be carried out.

Mick Moor 07974720991 mick@mickmoor.co.uk

Mutterings Mutts of the Month

Names: Stanley and Mable

Breeds: Labrador and Lhasa Apso

Ages: Stanley is 11 and Mable is 7

About: They both love lots of cuddles, kisses and walks in our beautiful village. As you can see Stanley loves his teddies.

Stanley will always stop for a tickle whilst Mable will probably greet you with a bark!!

Owner: Siobhan Haymes



Submit your dog 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

Winter Social Space 2025-2026 at Bonsall Village Hall

(funded by Voluntary Action Derbyshire for warm social spaces to promote Community gatherings).

The Bonsall Village Hall Management Committee would like to thank everyone who has volunteered and attended these events. Posters were kindly made by Jackie and Ian Daisley and are on display locally around Bonsall and surrounding villages, shops, surgeries etc. Events have been advertised on social media with reminders weekly that the village hall will be open.

We have opened Bonsall village hall for ten sessions so far since November 2025. The feedback from visitors has been very positive and we have focused on planning and providing optional activities during

the opening times. This has been alongside amazing cake, tea and coffee (thanks Hazel, Lyn and Anne for the superb cake selections). The bar skittles, dominoes, and antique games have been very popular, (thanks to Jon and Jackie). A selection of books, Magazines and local papers have been available each week.



Socialising



& Cakes!

In December we made Christmas wreaths, and in January and February have been planting a variety of seeds (herbs vegetables and a few flowers). Hopefully some of these plants can be potted out around Bonsall. Thanks Loreen, Anne, Lyn, Pam, Jim and Pat for gardening support!!!



Christmas Wreaths



& Seed Plantings

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Donations have been wonderful so we are never short of games and a good biscuit selection. Mick, Benji and Pete have been our top testers. We also now have the most adorable teapots and cafetieres (thanks to Emma and Nick). Thanks also to Claire, Siobhan, Sharon (and Fred), Wendy, George, Katherine, Jane, Richard, Renee, Nick, Alan, Linda, Rita, Jen and Tyler, Sue (and Freddy) and visiting friends and family who have also supported these events.

There are FIVE more weeks of winter social space gatherings:

Thursday 27 Feb

Thursday 5 March

Thursday 12 March (Talk organised see below)

Thursday 19 March

Thursday 26 March

We look forward to seeing you at Bonsall Village Hall.

If anyone NEEDS A LIFT please let us know and we will provide mobile numbers of volunteers who could be available to help you come and join the Thursday afternoon session. Loreen, has kindly offered along with a few other volunteers to pick people up locally.

Talk scheduled for March 2026

“COMMUNITIES AGAINST SCAMMERS”



On Thursday 12 March we have invited a speaker from Rural Action Derbyshire who will give a short talk “COMMUNITIES AGAINST SCAMMERS” during the opening between 1:30 and 3:30pm. This is an area of interest that has been discussed by visitors to the cafe. If you can't get to the talk, we will keep resources and will be happy to share information. Just let any of the committee members know that you are interested and we will share the information from the talk.

Maxine Ellis

Village Hall Management Committee

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Dog Fouling in Our Village – Let's Do Better!!

Over the past few weeks, dog fouling in our village has noticeably increased, and it's becoming a real concern. On a short walk recently, I personally picked up three piles of dog mess. Also, along just a quarter of a mile stretch of road, I counted eleven. That's not only unpleasant, but unfair on everyone who enjoys walking here, families with children, runners, other dog walkers, and those simply enjoying our beautiful village

We are incredibly lucky to live in such a lovely place. Clean, open spaces and a strong sense of community are part of what makes it special. Unfortunately, dog fouling undermines that. Owning a dog comes with responsibility. Picking up after them isn't optional, it's basic courtesy and the law. Most dog owners in our village are responsible and respectful, and we thank you. But to the small minority who are not: please do better. If you run out of bags, go back. If you forget one, take responsibility and return to clear it. Leaving it behind is not acceptable, and it reflects poorly on all dog owners.

Let's take pride in where we live and look after it properly.

Thank you.
Sarah Smith

FILM NIGHT

We are having a film night in St James Church on Tuesday 17 March. There will be Irish Stew and Pudding (£10) at 7pm followed by a Classic Irish film. You can bring cushions, blankets reclining chairs etc, or whatever makes you comfortable. No restrictions on coming and going. Tickets from Di, Jane and me.

Kathryn Punchard, Tel 07974 304067.

Bonsall Roadside Clearing

Hopefully you will agree that Bonsall Roadside Clearers made a real difference to our verges and roads last year. We have the opportunity to start much earlier in spring this year as we only began to clear in August last year. Please could those who helped in any way, try to come out and support us again in any way you can? If you didn't manage to join in clearing, please try to do a small area this year, perhaps near to where you live. We have purchased new tools which will be in the boiler room at the church. Please borrow them and return them each day so that they are always available. We will be doing a Village Walk in March to outline areas we feel need clearing first. If you would like to join the WhatsApp group please message me on 07467 234269. We are looking forward to seeing you outside and will probably return to Thursdays in the morning for a group clearing session. Thank you for your support so far and hope to see you as spring dawns.

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THE VILLAGE GREEN

TOADS on the ROAD!

As many of you already know, the Nailor Lane toad crossing is of national significance; another aspect to cherish in our lovely village. We are so lucky to live in such a special place where there is still room for wildlife. Sadly, the common toad is becoming much less common and their numbers have almost halved in a generation. Horrible for them and horrible for us and our children and grandchildren.

Researchers at the University of Cambridge speculate that road traffic is the major reason for this decline, along with fewer ponds and increased urbanisation. Many authorities now close roads during the toad mating season in an effort to slow their decline. Nailor Lane will have TOAD signs displayed and volunteers will be collecting toads and moving them to safety off the road.

Toads are their own worst enemies in many ways. The females cross the road while romantic males sit on the road, waiting to spy an attractive mate! They don't realise they are sitting targets for traffic as their minds are only on one thing!

If you've ever read 'The Wind in the Willows', you will know that Mr Toad fell in love with the new-fangled motor car. He didn't realize it might bring about his downfall.

Please slow down or even stop to avoid these magical creatures (they make the most delightful cheeping noise, like a little bird) and please take care round the volunteers. Better still, avoid Nailor Lane if you can.

Volunteers are needed for about 4 or 5 weeks. We work from dusk for about 4 hours, collecting toads in buckets and putting them safely across the road. We wear gloves and Hi Vis Jackets and carry torches. Any help is welcome, be it for an hour or for much more.

Please text Elaine on 07832383074 or Karen on 07903092276

Spring Is Round The Corner

I've just been a walk round the garden, and the bulbs are starting to grow. Can't wait for the crocus and snowdrops they really are a wonderful show. Spring is round the corner and the daffodils say summer won't be long. It's been a dark dull winter, but soon the days will be long and lighter. The sun will be shining, and the flowers nodding, bees buzzing all day long. I hope we get a warm summer, so I can sit out and watch the butterflies and bees, and wonder at all the colours in the garden that mother nature brings.

By Alison Higgins

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PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Report for meeting on 17 February 2026

Councillor Vacancies-There is currently one vacancy for a Bonsall Parish Councillor. For further information please contact the interim clerk.

Chair's Announcement-The Chair read a letter received from the Village Hall Trustees in response to questions raised regarding planning permission for the installation of solar panels on the village hall explaining that planning permission was not necessary.

Village Matters

Flooding- Councillor Adrian Hunter was in receipt of the documentation in relation to this issue and would now be raising the matter with the relevant personnel. It was noted that Yeoman Street was being resurfaced next week and there does not appear to be any liaison between the relevant departments.

Park- Trees/Land update. The Parish Council are in the process of obtaining quotes for the felling of the ash dieback trees mentioned in the surveyor's report. Cllrs. J Smith and Binns will meet to discuss the way forward in relation to the Diocese lease arrangements.

Playground- The post installation assessment and the full playground risk assessment have been completed. Four areas were highlighted for attention.

1) The wooden round steps between the 2 play areas need repairs. Cllr Spowart will liaise with Cllr Barry and the lengthsman to complete this task.

2) The stones dug into the hole in the goal mouth to be removed. Cllr Barry has already removed the stones, but the hole still remains.

3) The paths dug into the banks need to be filled back in. Cllr. Barry will look at this with the lengthsman.

4) The stones on these dug paths are a hazard and need removing: Cllr. Barry will look at this with the lengthsman.

Car Park Sign: The outline proposals were agreed, and this will be discussed at the upcoming Park Sub Committee meeting. WC plumbing update: This will be checked by a village worker.

Website- There are no issues.

Quarrying- A quarry meeting is arranged for 18/2/26 which Cllr. Grover will be attending. Bi-monthly meetings with Roy Bentley at Ball Eye Quarry have been arranged by Cllr. Grover.

Roads/Verges/Footpaths- Yeoman Street is being resurfaced and The Clatterway has pot holes. Photographs sent to Cllr. Hunter for him to progress.

Also, there was concern that, during the work on Yeoman Street, vehicles would use The Dale and there would be issues at the hair pin bend on

The Bank. Cllr Hunter will take this matter forward re the signage.

Lengthsman Update- The grit bins have been filled and the ones owned by DCC have been reported by the clerk via their portal.

The Cross- Regarding the recent damage caused by a lorry, the company has admitted liability and 2 quotes have been obtained, with further ones due to be obtained later this week. Liaison has been made with The Buildings Heritage Officer at DCC who is working with BPC in relation to the restoration work already recognised previously.

Policies- The HR policy is still progressing.

Churchyard- Permission has been granted to reduce the height of the lime trees and quotes are being obtained. It was noted that 4 ash die back trees in the lower copse were mentioned in the tree survey report of 2024 and quotes were needed to progress the felling of these.

Interim Clerk and RFO

Arrangements- Cllrs. Grover and J Smith continued to fulfil these responsibilities and work is still ongoing in relation to the processes and procedures.

Assets- Cllr S Smith produced a list and photographs of the wells in the village. Clerk to progress this with the householders in relation to ownership.

Finance- Cllr Grover produced the latest finance report for the Cllrs, which was discussed and agreed. Funding for training was noted for the new councillors' course.

Planning Applications- The Council had no objections to the following applications:

- various proposals to reduce silt accumulation at Slinger Cottage,
- change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling at Brumlea Farm,
- change of use of ancillary outbuilding to a holiday let.

The next Parish Council meeting is at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 17 March 2026 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 10 March 2026.

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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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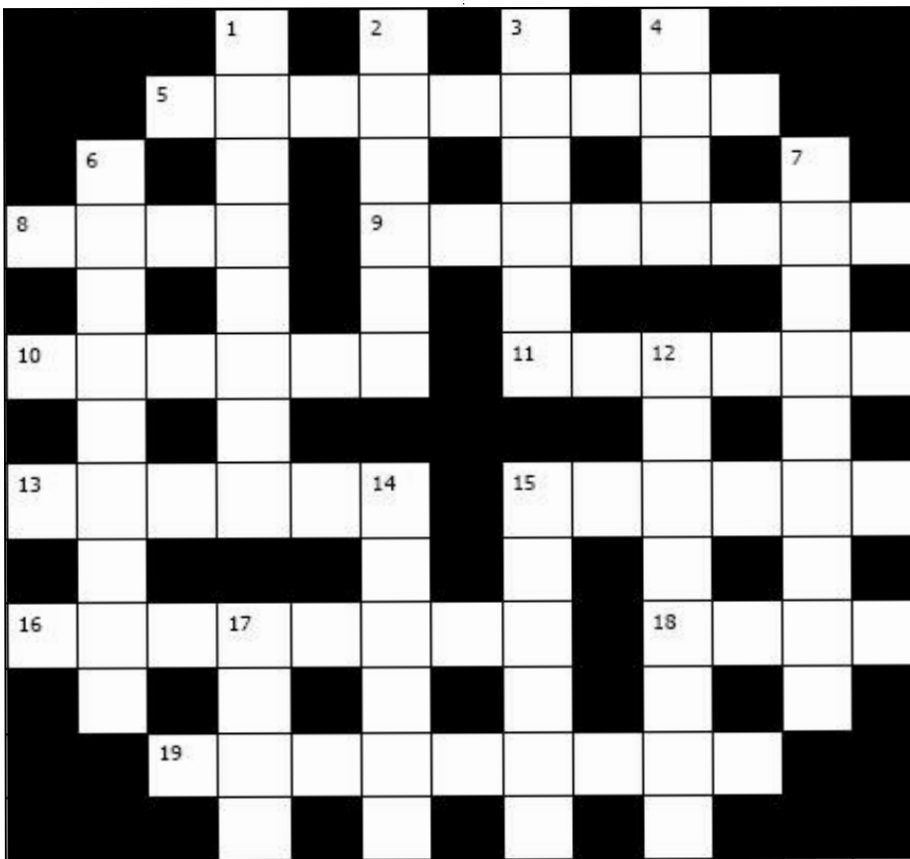


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CROSSWORD #180

by Pam McNally



Across:

- 5. Is Madame's kinky entertainment aimed at loads of different channels? Yes! (9)
- 8 & 9. Method of communication not available to a language professor at first, has endless choice. (4,8)
- 10. Those fifty corrupted parts of 8/9. (6)
- 11. Pull network components of 8/9. (6)
- 13. Arsier oddball is part of 8/9. (6)
- 15. Pelvic torture restricts element of 8/9. (6)
- 16. Number five with smouldering wood is part of 8/9. (8)
- 18. Flog off bit of 8/9. (4)
- 19. In Indian desert, Mac's smoked food might be served in one of 10's mid-range establishments. (5-4)

Down:

- 1. Pierre's lovelorn sister kisses a half-arsed vandal. (8)
- 2. Parts of 8/9. Crass cock-up supports nothing. (6)
- 3. Went up disheartened Lily passionately. (6)
- 4. Chilli masala contains some 8/9. (4)
- 6. Pam's loin is crazy about love - of horses? (9)
- 7. Shared by siblings, Kelly, maybe, defecates around London. (9)
- 12. Drink drugs - perhaps as comforter. (8)
- 14. Meandered with a doctor at the front. (6)
- 15. Poisonous flower sustains six. (6)
- 17. City house in 8/9. (4)

Answers to crossword no. 179.

Across: 5. Impartial. 8 & 9. Just Desserts. 10 & 15 D. Sticky Toffee. 11. Sorbet. 13. Yum-yum. 15. To Date (I should have said Russian yes, not German!). 16. Plum Duff. 18 & 17D: Eton Mess. 19. Isosceles.
Down: 1. I'm a tichy. 2. Hardly. 3. Stasis. 4. Cake. 6. Lustfully. 7. Attention. 12. Redeemer. 14. Mousse. 15. See 10ac. (sorry, I put 16 ac). 17. See 18ac.

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Mon	2 Mar	10:00 am Wilder Bonsall work party	Community Garden
Thu	5 Mar	Winter Social Space,	Village Hall
Thu	12 Mar	Winter Social Space, Talk on Communities against Scammers	Village Hall
Sun	15 Mar	9:30 am Eucharist for Mothering Sunday	St James
Tue	17 Mar	7:00 pm Film Night plus Stew & Pudding	St James
Tue	17 Mar	7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Wed	18 Mar	12:30 pm Village Lunch Club	Village Hall
Thu	19 Mar	12 Noon Deadline for submissions for April 2026 Mutterings	
Thu	19 Mar	10:00 am Wilder Bonsall work party	Community Garden
Thu	19 Mar	Winter Social Space	Village Hall
Sat	21 Mar	7:00 for 7:30 pm, Throne Room of the Mountain Gods plus Bar & Curry	Village Hall
Thu	26 Mar	Winter Social Space	Village Hall
Sun	29 Mar	9:30 am Palm procession in to church for Palm Sunday	St James

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March 2026

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